Suspension recalls past cases, raises questions
High-profile nature of McAlarney marijuana incident brings debate to new level

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

"The bad news is everyone involved," Prentkowski said. "It involves athletes as some kind of litmus test for the school or program." But despite the extensive media attention McAlarney received, he certainly isn't the first student athlete to get in trouble with the University. Like its students, Notre Dame's varsity athletes face disciplinary action from the Office of Residence Life and Housing on a regular basis.

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### Hodges makes College history
Junior becomes first black student body president at Saint Mary's

By KATE ANTONACCI
New Editor

Junior Kimberley Hodges arrived at Saint Mary's College in the fall of 2004 wanting "to be the first at something," a goal she quickly accomplished when she became the first black student to join the College's softball team. But last week's victory in the student body president race marked an even bigger first for Hodges and for the College — she became the first black woman in the school's 157-year history ever to hold the position.

"Going into it, I knew it — that there had never been an African American student body president. And I just thought, 'Hey, this could be really cool to be the first,'" Hodges said. "But beyond that I felt really blessed to know I was the best candidate despite my color."

After what she called a "crazy" run-off election where she was "going against two great leaders," Hodges — a first generation College student — made history.

"(African American students) have run before and they've lost...to my knowledge there hasn't even been a class president who has been African American," Hodges said.

Dining Halls to replace 40,000 stolen objects

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Nearly 40,000 items — ranging from dinner plates and utensils to coffee cups and bowls — have been stolen from both North and South dining halls this year alone, said Dave Prentkowski, Director of Notre Dame Food Services.

At a cost of about $25,000, approximately 11,000 spoons, 8,000 knives, 4,000 forks, 6,000 coffee cups, 5,000 plastic cups, 1,500 dessert plates, 1,500 brown bowls, 3,000 blue bowls and 2,500 dinner plates will need to be replaced due to theft this year.

The trend has remained steady over recent years, Prentkowski said, even after the dining halls began to offer Styrofoam cups and plastic spoons for take-out items during September of 2005. He said that the addition of those options has helped — but not solved — the problem.

There was a significant increase in theft several years ago when both dining halls allowed book bags and back packs to be brought inside the cafeterias in response to problems of theft occurring in the library while students ate, Prentkowski said.

Students who choose to steal and are caught "loading up their backpack with cups or sandwiches" often face disciplinary action from the Office of Residence Life and Housing, he said.

"I think it's [sometimes] a matter of convenience...other times I think it's intentional," Prentkowski said.

Part of the problem, he said, is that students may not know there are plastic spoons available and will instead walk out

Senior works at homeless shelter
Summer Service Learning Project popular choice for internships

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

For Notre Dame senior Sheldon Dutes, last summer was anything but ordinary. For two months of the respite between spring and fall semesters, Dutes worked in Kansas City, Kan., serving homeless men, immigrants and children.

Dutes participated in the Center for Social Concern's (CSC) Domestic Summer Service Learning Project (SSLP), a program which hopes to draw over 200 participants again this summer.

SSLP Director Andrea Shappell said.

Eight weeks of Dutes' summer were spent on his SSLP assignment serving at the Shalom House, a shelter for homeless men. Dutes said that the experience pushed and challenged him from the start.

"I went in with a sort of ideal...
Magical phone calls

When my little sister, Evelyn, turned three last year, my mom called from home with a special request: Could my roommate call Evelyn and pretend to be her favorite Disney princess, Cinderella? I understand how cheesy this sounds. I get that some people think that encouraging children to hold unreal beliefs does them a serious disservice. However, anybody who lives over half way across the country from their little siblings knows that you do what you can—even if it means awkwardly asking your freshman year roommate to be a Disney character. Fortunately, my roommate quickly agreed, found her inner princess voice, and called to wish my sister a “magical” birthday and to inspire her to be the best princess she could be.

Last weekend, Evelyn turned four and I had to ask a similar favor. Evelyn no longer preferred Cinderella, but she would love it if Belle and Ariel could give her a call. My current roommate and some of our other friends readily expanded on this, and when the end of the night, Evelyn had reminisced with Jasmine about her pet tiger, Raja, and Flounder. Snow White had told her that her gift would soon be in the mail. We carefully plotted so that when Evelyn answered the phone, the princesses were already on the line. If she knew that I was involved, it would ruin the pretense (at least that’s what we thought).

Later that night, Evelyn hurriedly told me about her presents (and shamed me for not sending one). Suddenly, her voice grew really excited and she anxiously asked me if she could talk to Snow White. Somehow, she had discovered that she was associated with the princesses. That’s when I realized that either my sister thinks that I go to college in a castle and hang out with a bunch of Disney princesses, or, as another friend suggested, she knows it’s all pretend and just chooses not to care. Knowing Evelyn, it’s probably a little bit of both.

After laughing with my friends over their princess impressions, I found myself admiring Evelyn. She did not waste any energy analyzing her phone conversations. If she had, she could have noticed that half of the princesses had the same voice. She may have realized that at some point, when I accidentally took the phone too soon, she was really talking to me when she thought she was still chatting with Belle. Sure, if she had thought about it a bit more, she may have seen through the real. In this situation, though, if she had seen the real, I think she would have missed the point.

Maybe in this case the real is a matter of interpretation. Despite its less-than-enchanting exterior, Pangborn Hall might really be a castle. And in my opinion, Evelyn really did talk to some princesses on the phone. Cheesy? Yes, but at least I can claim that it runs in the family.

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**Question of the Day:** What celebrity do you most revere?

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| *Tom Cruise. The smile.*
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Gwendolyn Oxenham, the 2006 Sparks Prize winner, reads from her book "Essence Game" in the Hospitality Room of Reckers. The University’s creative writing program sponsored the 2006 Master of Fine Arts graduate’s visit.

**In Brief**

Tener Mark Beaudet performs a faculty recital with mezzo-soprano Karen Lykes and pianist Timothy Cheek at Leighton Concert Hall, DuBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 8. Tickets are $3 for students.

The Winter Career and Internship Fair will be held Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Field House.

Sabine MacCormack, the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C. Professor of Arts and Letters Chair, will deliver the lecture "The Worlds of José de Acosta (1540-1600)" Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in Room C-163 of the Hesburgh Center.

The student group, Pasquerella East Musical Company (PEMCO), proudly presents "Ragtime" on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. "Ragtime" will also be playing Feb. 3, 9 and 10. Tickets available at LaFontune box office and are $6 for seniors and $8 for adults.

The Late Night Olympics will be held from Friday at 9 p.m. to Saturday at 4 a.m. in the Joyce Center. The event raises money for St. Joe County Special Olympics.

The Notre Dame Scrabble Club is hosting a Scrabble Tournament Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the LaFontune Ballroom. There is an entry fee of $50.00. There will be different divisions for players of all skill levels.

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

**Offbeat**

Western screech-owl moves into home

EGINE, Ore. — Saws buzz and carpenters hammer mallets, set up ladders and run an air generator. A1 doesn’t give a hoot. The brownish Western screech-owl showed up at Laura Fenimore’s house as she began adding what will be her new great room.

"I thought the construction noise, the dog or the power tools would scare him off, but the next day he comes right back," said Fenimore, 50, a lawyer who works from home.

But it seems Al is hardy to have around. He doesn’t make a mess, he isn’t noisy and he helps with rodent control.

When she moved into her house in 2000, Fenimore spent a couple of years building mice, and hired exterminators who showed them into burrows in her backyard.

Bears helmet breaks on statue of lion

CHICAGO — An effort to honor the NFL Champion Chicago Bears beat a snag. "Ragtime" morning when a huge football helmet broke as it was being placed on one of the lion statues that stands guard outside the Art Institute of Chicago.

It seems the frigid weather, often referred to as Bears weather in Chicago, may have been to blame. "They’re made of Fiberglas and (one) broke," said Art Institute spokesman Chad Lee.

Some theorize the broken helmet had nothing to do with the weather at all.

"I think the lions got swollen heads since we won," joked Gary Heitz, project manager for Chicago Scenic Studios Inc., the company that made the helmets.

*Information compiled from the Associated Press.*

**Local Weather**

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SUB proposes reforms

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Student Union Board (SUB) manager Patrick Vassel proposed amendments to sections in the constitution relating to budget structure and spent time outlining the SUB budget with agents on tight schedules.

"Raising it to ten (thousand dollars) would make a big difference to us," Vassel said. "It's more just being able to have a little more flexibility within our own organization."

While the oversight mark may be low for SUB, other members pointed out that it suits other student government's money," he said.

Vassel agreed, saying that he doesn't "want that money to disappear... it just doesn't need to be under SLB."

In other COR news:

- Student body president Lizi ChapPELL announced the Community Summit will take place on March 2. Letters will be sent to local leaders and there are plans to further network with other universities in the area. She also encouraged members to attend the Notre Dame Eating Disorders Conference, set to take place next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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Graduates see diploma flaws

SPElling error in 'chairman' prompts Registrar's office correction

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

As the seniors of the class of 2007 begin their final semester at Notre Dame, visions of having a diploma in hand are fast approaching. For the graduating class of 2006, however, the certificates verifying the completion of their undergraduate studies were slightly flawed.

The diplomas that were distributed for August 2005 and May 2006 contained a spelling error in the word "chairman."

"It was a transposition of two small letters under the signature of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in the word 'chairman'... you could hardly see it," Assistant Registrar David Kil said.

The error was first brought to the attention of the University after the May 2006 commencement ceremonies when a graduating student noticed the spelling mistake, Kil said.

"As soon as we found out about it, the Registrar's Office did not hesitate to notify the mistake. It was in the students' interest that we acted with haste," Kil said.

"You can hardly see the word 'chairman,' but we decided that if it was our child, we would not want it..."

David Kil assistant registrar

"I was...delighted that at no cost to myself, I received an extra diploma that for all intents and purposes as good as the first."

Amelia Vogelheim alumna

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with a stainless steel spoon while eating a cup of yogurt.

Other times, a student steals "to stick up their dorm room," Prentkowski said.

For junior Emma Pineda, though, dining hall theft isn't "right," she said. She can understand why some students do it.

"It's convenient to steal — for grab 'n go, or for cereal in your room... you need a spoon," she said.

And with no one watching some of the time, sophomore Erica Sanchez said that, even though it isn't acceptable to steal, sometimes it can just be a joke.

In some cases, a student's ID number will be specially flagged in the card services system, Prentkowski said. When that student's card is swiped at the dining hall entrance, a notice appears stating that the student has previously committed a theft of dining hall property. As a result, they are not allowed to carry their book bag inside, he said.

"Ultimately, [the cost] ends up being passed on to the students, through room and board costs," Prentkowski stated.

Food Service's annual budget is in the process of being submitted for next school year, he said, and will include estimates to cover the cost of replacing stolen items.

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1st vision of making a differ­ence," Dutes said. "By the third day, I wanted to go home."

That third day was disrupted by the violence of a substance above on site, Dutes said. Still, he was able to move past the incident and continue to help those less fortunate.

In a neighborhood that almost "always led the five o'clock news, never for anything posi­tive," Dutes said he worked with the center's staff to help the 25 men who stay each night. The Shalom House is a shelter in a part of the national Catholic Worker House organization.

Cooking, cleaning and paint­ing were some of the jobs assigned to Dutes, in addition to his daily task of cleaning the three shower stalls used by the residents daily. As a part of the experience, Dutes said he left anything excessive — from his iPod to laptop — at home, work­ing to "better empathize with the community I was serving."

"It was definitely a humbling experience," Dutes said of the work.

He spent time with the men at the site, who arrived at 4:30 p.m. each day and had to leave by 8 a.m. each morning, sleeping in what "looked kind of like an old hospital ward.

Whether playing a pick-up game of soccer, starting a game of chess or simply listening, Dutes said he learned a great deal from those he served.

"They weren't homeless for the reasons we often think they are homeless," he said.

Some were born into poverty and others had been hit by mis­fortune. But some of those he worked with even had advanced degrees, Dutes said.

The Shalom House caters to immigrants, Dutes said, and that helped him to see the plight of migrants in a new light.

"The experience deepened my understanding of the immigration debate," he said.

In addition to his work at the Shalom House, Dutes said he spent time at a neighborhood learning center, tutoring children in first through eighth grade.

Dutes said the whole experience was well worth his effort and "very rewarding."

"To see that they are no different that we are" was especially important to Dutes.

Shappell said there are important benefits to both those participating and those receiv­ing services.

"Many students find these eight weeks as a spark to con­tinue to be engaged in... a social issue, either as a career, as a volunteer or as board members for organizations," Shappell said.

The SSLP program places students in approximately 200 sites around the country with the help of Notre Dame Alumni Clubs in area cities each sum­mer, according to Shappell.

Participants spend eight weeks immersed in a poverty experience, with "the opportunity to address the injustice of poverty," while earning three theology credits, he said.

Types of work vary from community to community, as chosen by the local Alumni Club, which also arranges for housing and food for participants.

"Many sites relate to persons who are homeless... and many involve working with children, but there are also sites who address the needs of isolated people, youth in the juvenile justice system and even envi­ronmental projects," Shappell said.

The program, often called an internship, provides students with supervised experience in a specific profession, including sociology, psychology, architecture, business, law and social work, Shappell stated.

In addition to earning three credits — which can now apply to the CSC's new Catholic Social Tradition minor — students receive a scholarship for the fall semester after participating in the program.

"All SSLP students receive the $2,300 scholarship," Shappell said. "The AmeriCorps Educational Award of $1,000 is also available for those students who do not plan to participate in a two-year post-graduate service program."

Shappell stated that there will be information sessions for the program held on Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in the CSC building class­room. All students are welcome to attend, she said, even if they are not sure they want to apply. Past participants will speak at all sessions.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuela seeks defense missiles
CARACAS — Venezuela plans to obtain air defense missiles and bolster strategic sites such as oil refineries and major bridges against any air strikes, a top military adviser to President Hugo Chavez said Tuesday.

Gen. Alberto Muller said Venezuela is looking for surface-to-air missile systems from Russia or another country to defend "strategic points in the country."

"They are for air defense," Muller told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "They could be for a potential war."

Chavez, a close ally of Cuban leader Fidel Castro, has repeatedly warned against a possible U.S. invasion, and his government is bolstering military defenses in Venezuela, one of the world's largest oil exporters. American officials insist they have no such military plans, but Chavez insists Venezuelans must be ready just in case.

Russia's Interfax-Military News Agency reported Tuesday that between 10-12 Tor-M1 missile systems could be supplied to the South American country.

Shiite pilgrims ambushed, 58 dead
BAGHDAD — Bombers struck Shiite worshipers near the shrine of Imam Hussein, one of the large assault on Ashoura ceremonies. With an Israeli airstrike on Gaza town of Khan Younis. The bloodshed took place despite height­ened security so in­ tense at the main­ venue, extremists chose targets in smaller cities where safety measures were less stringent.

National News

Doctor accused of aiding terrorists
NEW YORK — A doctor accused of pledge­ ing to treat al-Qaida members can be prosecuted because he acted as material sup­ port to terrorists under federal law, a judge said Tuesday.

Dr. Rafiq Abdus Sabir, an Ivy League-edu­ cated doctor, had argued it was unconstitu­tion­ al to prosecute a doctor for providing medical services.

He was arrested in May 2005 at his home in Indianapolis, accused in a plot to assis­t terrorists—organized along with a New York jazz musician, a Brooklyn bookstore owner and a former Washington, D.C., cabdriver. Sair had pleaded not guilty and remained jailed while awaiting trial.

He was charged with conspiring to provide medical support or resources to a terrorist organization on or about October 31, 2000. Earlier Tuesday, the jury saw notes from another reporter. He hopes for an end to the infighting that has left 36 dead people in five days.

The killing of a Hamas military leader, Palestinian-combined with an Israeli airstrike on a smuggling tunnel fol­ lowing a suicide bomb­ ing—underscored the fragility of any lull in Gaza's bloodshed.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Hanifan of Hamas called for a total halt to the violence.

"The past few days were differ­ent and the number of dead is paid in blood," he said in Gaza. "Everyone is facing a difficult situation, let's maintain this calm... or everything collapses again, and then everyone will be held responsible.

Previous truces between Hamas and Fatah mili­ tants in Gaza have quickly collapsed into new fighting. The two sides would comply with all the terms of the current agreement, such as hand­ ing over all those involved in killings and abductions.

Late Tuesday, the two sides began releasing hostages and fighters hand­ napped over the past few days and weeks. Hamas and Fatah gam­ men have used prior deals to stop more fighting.

On Tuesday morning, the streets of Gaza were calm, as radio stations loyal to Fatah and Hamas debated. Hamas played national songs instead of factional music and stopped inciting their supporters against their rivals.

Having an enduring truce fell in the afternoon after a Hamas gunman was killed in the southern Gaza town of Khan Younis. Hamas officials blamed the shooting on Fatah mili­ tants, and Hamas sup­ porters took to the air­ waves, saying those behind the campaign against that must be targeted.

However, Hamas officials said they would not retali­ ate. Both Fatah and Hamas say bringing suspects to trial is crucial to main­ taining the truce.

"If the killers remain in the streets, the cycle of bloodshed will not stop," said Maher Mekdad, a Fatah spokesman. "Families of victims will take the law in their own hands, and revenge will rule," he said.

The truce agreement did nothing to resolve the underlying power struggle between Hamas and Fatah that has fueled the fight­ ing. The two sides have been at odds since Hamas defeated Fatah in legisla­ tive elections a year ago, divid­ing power in the Palestinian government.

President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah, elected separately two years ago, has urged Hamas, which faces international isola­ tion because of its anti­ israel ideology, to join Fatah in a more moderate coalition. He hopes a soft­ er platform will help end a crippling international aid boycott imposed after Hamas' victory and allow him to resume peace talks with Israel. Coalition talks have bro­ ken down and appear unlikely to resume soon, though both Saudi Arabia and Egypt have offered to mediate.

Even if the truce holds, it does not necessarily mean peace for Gaza after a Palestinian suicide bomber from Gaza killed three people in the Israeli resort city of Eilat on Monday.

Early Tuesday, the Israeli army bombed a tunnel it said was meant for use by Gaza militants for another attack. No casualties were reported. In the past, militants dug such tunnels to attack Israeli army outposts and other targets.

Cold spell hits Central Indiana
INDIANA — A Christmas Eve cold front is getting hit this week with some of the coldest weather of the season, most days bringing high tempera­ tures well under freezing.

Although most forecasts call for no signifi­ cant accumulation of snow, salt trucks and plows from the city and state will be on the roads, especially the bridges and overpasses that freeze more quickly.

Not since a week­ end storm in late December — when nighttime lows were in the teens, and even down to 7 degrees on Dec. 8 — has Central Indiana experienced milder weather this cold.

PENALTE

Gaza cease-fire starts after 36 killed

Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ismail Hanifan announces a cease-fire between rival factions Hamas and Fatah at a press conference in Gaza City Tuesday. Solution to the infighting that has left 36 dead people in five days is not clear.

A local trucker by the name of Iman Younis, a former Washington, D.C., cabdriver, has pleaded not guilty and remained jailed while awaiting trial.

He was arrested in May 2005 at his home in Indianapolis, accused in a plot to assist terrorist organizations along with a New York jazz musician, a Brooklyn bookstore owner and a former Washington, D.C., cabdriver. Sabir has pleaded not guilty and remained jailed while awaiting trial.

During the testimony, said Libby identified the source whose identity she had agreed not to reveal. She since left the courtroom for the first time.

Her appearance at the trial filled the court­ room seats for the first time since the trial opened.

The hearing focused on allegations that the White House for years has micromanaged the government's climate programs and has close­ relationship with a New York advocacy group that has been pressured to play down global warming, especially the bridges and overpasses that freeze more quickly.

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A hot Falkland Islands village is the only place in the world with a U.S.-style government and military base.

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Hodges said.

Hodges was admittedly a dif¬
ter type of candidate.

"I'm not Catholic. I'm not the
typical "what people would
view Saint Mary's as being" type of student," Hodges said.

"But I live my values and when
you do that, you truly push
diversity. When you truly defy
diversity, it's far beyond ethnic¬
ity and race."

Although Hodges will be tak¬
ing on a new title, she is cer¬
tainly not a beginner at
addressing issues of race and
diversity on the Saint Mary's
campus.

As the student diversity board
vice president this year, Hodges
was active in recruiting
black students to the College.
Her interest was peaked when
she realized that there was
only one black student in the
class of 2009. She marched
into the office of Dan Meyer,
the vice president of enroll¬
ment management and said,
"We need to do something
about that."

Meyer agreed and began to
work with Hodges to do "what
was necessary."

"I went to high schools
throughout Chicago and
recruited, I did multi-cultural
calling. I said, 'You need to
apply.' And I turned in at least
50 applications [for students of
diverse backgrounds]," she
said. "And I did more calling
after students were accepted to
make them come to Saint
Mary's."

Hodges' hard work resulted in
another first for the College
—a record-high number of
black women in the freshman
class.

There were four black girls
from my high school alone and
we made history with 13 black
students [in the class of 2010]," she
said.

Her role on the Student
Diversity Board (SDB) — which
Hodges said has had black and
Hispanic presidents — is one
that Hodges cannot take on
again.

"I know that we'll have stu¬
dents next year that will step
up in my position, but I'll
always be a loud mouth and a
huge voice for Saint Mary's
wherever I go," she said.

Still, the goals she set out to
fulfill on the SDB remain high
priorities for Hodges. Though
diversity was not an issue
addressed on her presidential
platform, Hodges plans to con¬
tinue her efforts during her
term.

"I'm a huge advocate on our
campus," she said. "I find
[pushing diversity] to be some¬
thing that we'll have to do."

And throughout her three
years at Saint Mary's, Hodges
has recognized a need for such
an advocate's presence. She
said she has had many conver¬
sations with young women of
color of the College's campus
who do not think they fit in.

Luckily for those students,
their feelings she under¬
stands well. Hodges came to
Saint Mary's from Seien Academy, an all-girls college
preparatory school in South
Holland, Ill., where she was
'president of everything you
can name."

Though she called the school
a "mini-Saint Mary's," there
was one distinct difference —
it was at least 90 percent black.

So when she arrived at Saint
Mary's to find that she was just
one of just three black stu¬
dents in her class, she "wanted
the job."

Hodges prayed and decided
to stay at the College, recogniz¬
ing her importance as one of
only a handful of black stu¬
dents on campus. Instead,
Hodges propelled herself to
find her purpose at SMC, which
she found relatively fast. At the
start of her second semester
freshman year, she was elected
to the first year board.

"It's funny because freshman
year I was like, 'I'm going to be
campus. I'm president of every¬
things. Literally. She lives on
the inter-cultural floor in
Regina Hall and shares a room
with her sister Krisle, a fresh¬
man."

Next year, Hodges imagines
her duties being a bit more
'structural' than in years past
— focusing on issues of pro¬
gramming and retention. She
said that she will not be able to
do as much grassroots work as
she is used to.

Rather than traveling to local
high schools and meeting with
potential black Saint Mary's
students, Hodges will use her
new position of leadership to
"make sure that diversity is not
just in our student body, but
also in our faculty."

"We have literally one hand¬
ful of [black faculty members].
We just had a few leave," she
said.

Hodges is inspired by the
Saint Mary's diversity initia¬
tive, which states that with the
hiring of faculty and staff there
must be at least one multi-cul¬
tural or diverse candidate
before the hiring actually
occurs. As student body presi¬
dent, Hodges said she will be
part of that hiring committee.

Hodges lives, breathes and
sleeps thinking about diversity
issues — literally. She lives on
the inter-cultural floor in
Regina Hall and shares a room
with her sister Krisle, a fresh¬
man."

"It's amazing because we
have people from all different
nationalities — some from
Bulgaria, from China, some
African American and some
main-stream Saint Mary's stu¬
dents."

Since her victory last week,
Hodges has received "tons of
emails" from different people
in the administration, who she
didn't "even know were routing
for me."

And Hodges' family was just
as excited. Her sister was "cry¬
ing and praising God" with her
once the announcement was
made. Her mom came to South
Bend the night before with her
pastor from back home.

"They were ridiculous. Of
course they were excited," she
said. "I feel like with my par¬
ents, they know that I'm kind
of always involved and always
active."

Hodges appreciates all the
support she can get. While she
said the student body president
"is for the students of course,"
she acknowledged that some¬
times in order for goals to be
fulfilled, alignment with the
administration is essential.

"For me to have that support,
my job will be so much more
meaningful," she said.

And when Hodges takes
office on April 1, she will be
sure to hit the ground running.
"Everything that we put on
our platform we will definitely
accomplish. If we needed to
do them tomorrow, we could," she
said. "I am almost positive that I
can deliver that, if not before
the first semester is over."

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Bernanke receives high marks

After tough start, new Federal Reserve chairman runs economy effectively

**MARKET RECAP**

**Week's Performance:**

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**Market Climb:**

- **Anheuser-Busch:** +2.11 or +11.2%
- **Nasdaq:** +243.84 or +7.7%
- **New York Stock Exchange:** 9,206.39 or +0.66%
- **S&P 500:** +1,428.82 or +8.20%
- **Nikkei (Tokyo):** 17,456.69 or -8.30%
- **FTSE 100 (London):** 6,242.00 or +2.10%

**Treasury Yields:**

- **10-Year Note:** +32.0, 4.875%
- **30-Year Bond:** -0.35, 4.982%
- **S&P DEP RECEIPTS:** +0.52, 142.79
- **Motorola:** +6.94, 19.58

**Commodities:**

- **Gold ($/Troy oz.):** +1.10, 650.20
- **S&P 500:** +6.24, 5.56
- **Euro:** 0.7710
- **30-Year Bond:** 0.00, 0.00

**Strategists:**

- **Brief:**
  - **Bernanke:** More than rank to funds
  - **Wall Street:** Skilled communications are critical because all that is needed to keep the economy on track is improving the central bank’s communications with Wall Street and Main Street.

**In Brief:**

- **Wyeth and Merck share prices fall**
  - **Tobacco** - Shares of drug makers Wyeth and Merck took a bit Tuesday after disappoiting earnings reports, but for different reasons: Wyeth missed analysts’ expectations by a wide margin, while Merck’s profit plunged due to ongoing legal and restructuring costs.

- **Merck** surprised some analysts by boosting its reserve for litigation over withdrawn painkillers for a second straight quarter. That charge and others cut Merck’s fourth-quarter profit by 38 percent despite higher revenue volume.

**Exchange Rates:**

- **Yen:** 121.6750
- **Euro:** 0.7710
- **Pound:** 0.5095
- **Canadian:** 1.1794

**Federal Reserve Board Chairmen Ben Bernanke stands in headquarters board room in Washington Friday, ready to discuss economy at meetings Tuesday.**

**Strategists:**

- **Bernanke** is more of a teacher than a preacher, said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial. "He is more a behind-the-scenes guy. He speaks more plain English, using football analogies and things like that. But the jury is out on whether that is the right way to go or not."

- **Fed’s Interest rates**
  - **Near zero:** Ben Bernanke was faced with one dissenter, Jeffrey Lackner, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va. Lackner had wanted to boost rates, while the rest of his colleagues voted to leave them alone.

**NEW YORK - Consumers can finally get their hands on Microsoft Corp.’s long-delayed Windows Vista, but unlike the mid-night rushes retailers saw with the recently released video game consoles, stores saw only a trickle of early adopters Tuesday.**

**Retailers around the world held special midnight events Monday or opened early Tuesday to meet the Vista operating system and Office 2007 business software went on sale in 70 countries. Some stores, including a Best Buy in midtown Manhattan, brought in extra employees to handle pent-up demand for Vista.**

**At a CompuTea in San Jose, Calif., David Keller, a 40-year-old information-technology consultant from Jacksonville, Fla., was among the first in line to pick up a new Hewlett-Packard Co. laptop at midnight (3 A.M. EST).**

"I’ve been waiting and waiting, and I’ve been using my personal laptop for work—it’s not working well," he said. "This is a big deal for me. I’ll hopefully get the better performance that I need, and I won’t have to go through the trouble of upgrading later."
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fairly regular basis. The numbers "I think with athletes, when you get in trouble, it's usually report- ed," said former coach and former football player who was suspended for four years. "This stuff happens pretty fre- quently." In 2000-01, 92 disciplinary cases involving varsity athletes were brought to the University, according to statistics provided last fall by the Office of Residence Life and Housing. That is 1,246 incidents that year, putting athlete-related cases at 7.5 per- cent.

In 2003-04, 79 of 1,074 discip- line cases involved varsity ath­ letes - a similar frequency from the year earlier, at 7.4 percent. The 2004-05 year saw a drop in the proportion of athlete-related cases, down to 4.7 percent. Varsity athletes were involved in 48 of 1,019 cases handled by the Office of Residence Life and Housing that year.

The statistics are for the number of incidents, not the number of individuals, meaning they don't account for repeat visits. Director of Residence Life and Housing Jeff Shoup declined to comment and said he is not responding to The Observer's requests for informa- tion.

During each of the three years, the football team accounted for the most incidents: 22 in 2002-03, 22 in 2003-04 and 15 in 2004-05. The football team roster usually has around 100 players. Men's basketball, which usually has 14 players, had three cases reported to the Office of Residence Life and Housing in 2002-03, three in 2003-04 and two in 2004-05.

High profile scrutiny now... While the numbers help put the McAlarney situation into context, add one to men's basketball, 2006-07 — this is different, one coach said.

It's about the starting point guard, for one. And it involves marijuana.

Blue and Gold Illustrated writer Bill Kelm said the McAlarney case added to Notre Dame's recruiting coordinator from 1994-97 and the coordinator of football operations from 1998- 2000, said he couldn't remember the last reported case involving a Notre Dame athlete and mari­ juana. Neither could Coffey, who runs the NDNation message board. "Usually when something like that happens, my experience is Notre Dame doesn't usually come out and say, it's because of drugs," said Coffey, who graduated from the University in 1991, started NDNation in 1999 and published "Echoes on the Hardwood: A History of Notre Dame Basketball" in 2002.

Chmiel noted that not all athlete drug usage is reported. Notre Dame's drug testing program ran­ domly selects student athletes for hair testing and, when testing for anabolic steroid use, conducts urine testing — sometimes ran­ domly, sometimes at the student's discretion.

The University's program "func­ tions independently from, but works in conjunction with" the NCAA drug-testing program, according to athletic department policy.

Former Notre Dame football player Reggie Brooks, who gradu­ ated in 1999 and now works for the Office of Information Technology, said athlete drug use is nothing new. "Oh, ah, yeah," he said when asked if he knew fellow athletes who smoked marijuana when he played for Notre Dame. "It was present back then — and it was... and then...

The last incident of this magni­ tude involving the men's basket­ ball team, Coffey said, was proba­ bly the dismissal of Doug Gottlieb, in 1996. Gottlieb — a prized recruit who now works for ESPN Radio — was accused of stealing his friend's credit card. He was gone before his sophomore year.

That was off-season, however. In terms of high profile in-season cases, Coffey mentioned Mark Stevenson, who was arrested in December 1987 in connection with a shoplifting incident. In January, he was arrested on minor in possession charges and suspended from four basketball games. That spring, coach Digger Phelps dismissed Stevenson from the team, but said he would be allowed to return under scholar­ ship for his senior year.

Stevenson, a 1985 McDonald's High School All-American, was sus­ pended at Dequette.

A more recent incident took place in October 2000, when basket­ ball player Troy Murphy, Iere Marzute and Tom Timmerman were among 147 individuals cited for minor in a tavern during a raid of Fraternity's Buck's

But beyond basketball, there have been multiple high profileincidents involving Notre Dame athletes. In early 2002, football players Lawrence Crawford, Justin Bish, Donald Dykes and African Elan were dismissed from the University following accusations of raping a female Notre Dame stu­ dent in an off-campus house.

Coffey also referred to Cooper Rojo, the Notre Dame football player who was expelled in 1999 after accusations of sexual assault surfaced. Rojo transferred to West Virginia, and Coffey said there was controversy when the Mountaineers came to play Notre Dame during the 2000-01 season, since Rojo had been banned from campus.

The fallout

The McAlarney debate — specifically, questions surrounding University policy — has yet to die down.

"You don't want to see a school bend rules for an athlete, but often times a high profile case like this can be used to evaluate rules for student athletes or non-ath­ letes," Coffey said.

Brooks called McAlarney's mari­ juana possession a "fairly ego­ nious mistake," expressed concern that those in sports were receiving preferential treatment. For McConnell, who said the University denied his request to receive a year of community serv­ ice instead of suspension for an unspecified offense, there has been no preferential treatment. Whatever perceptions exist of how Notre Dame treats its athletes, he said there's no escaping the inevitable.

"I don't know any athlete — or a non-athlete — who has gotten out of real life," he said.

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in "a dramatic telling of the melting pot that was present at this time in America," Masterton said.

All the groups are different, but each aspired to some version of the American dream, he said.

"We want to break open this idea of the American dream and how it is very central to immigrants coming to America and what that means in the 100 years after the show takes place," Masterton said.

Ragtime is the most ambitious show PEMCo. has produced since it was started ten years ago, Masterton said in a news release, and the first show they have produced that lends itself to further academic discussion.

Senior Jack Calcutt, the director of Ragtime, wanted to put on this show when he applied for the position last February, Masterton said.

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Super Bowl XLI is this weekend. My apologies to all you Superfans out there, but I do not have much invested in this year’s Super Bowl contenders. I do, however, have much more interest in the trend food and entertaining commercials that are synonymous with Super Bowl Sunday. Those commercials, as we all know, come with a hefty price tag. This year, advertisers must be willing to shell out over 2 million dollars for a 30-second spot during Super Bowl XLI. Companies such as Pepsi and Budweiser willingly hung over the cash knowing that their advertisements will bring in more money and prosperity to the company.

That price tag, however, pales in comparison to the cost of a political campaign. To even be considered a candidate in the 2008 presidential election, presidential hopefuls must be willing to fundraise at least 100 million dollars. As a result, candidates (and their loving lobbyists) are wasting little time. It is not even February of 2007 and contenders such as Obama and Clinton are already campaigning in Iowa in an effort to raise money for a much-needed race. The more candidates collect money from lobbyists and big corporations, the more loyalty and favors candidates must be willing to pay once elected.

While I anxiously await my favorite pre-game meal consisting of homemade Italian sausage sandwiches, a side of chips and Tostitos chips accompanied by a few chucks at a Budweiser commercial, I decided I should be more concerned about the condition of our country than the never-endingsea of debater features that were featured on Super Bowl Sunday. And although its okay that we succumb to companies’ advertising and their 2 million dollar ads do not go to waste on Sunday when I pick up a twelve pack of Pepsi at Martin’s, it is not okay that candidates are falling for big companies and lobbyists traps. Once elected, congressmen and women are spending a majority of their time in office paying back favors and passing legislation that benefits those that supported their campaign. The American people, therefore, are left out in the dust. While we may be concerned about those Bears fans and their unhealthy obsession with football and Polish sausage, we should take time to consider the unhealthy obsession political candidates have with money and its effect on the well being of America.

Every day politicians are out collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars from lobbyists and big industries, even when the next election is two years away. With every passing day, candidates are accumulating funds as laws and legislature that affect the well being of Americans fall to pass or even be discussed. Former Senator Alan Simpson (D-Wyoming) admitted to the failure of elected officials, stating in a recent Boston Globe article, “When we were spending so much time raising money, we simply could not devote quality time to thoughtful decisions and work.” He lowered the substance of our job.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Expanding the student support

Saturday’s halftime show featured the Notre Dame Band’s drum section. They ran through their cadences and did their usual great job, but it was a missed opportunity to improve crowd participation at the event. The student section has some specific cheers that accompany some of the cadences. The drum line’s performance was an opportunity to educate the crowd about how to emulate what the students do during certain cadences. Why not try to expand the cheers to the rest of the arena? This shouldn’t be hard. Send cheerleaders to different sections during TV timeouts, have the leprechaun briefly explain what’s happening over the PA system, and instruct those sections to do what the cheerleaders do. It wouldn’t take long to get the arena waging arms and chanting along with the students — 11,000 participating instead of a couple of student sections would help make the JACC more intimidating.

Kevin O’Neill
alumnus
Class of ’76
Jan. 29

Re-evaluated marijuana policy needed

The decision regarding Notre Dame point guard Kyle McAlarney’s future was released Tuesday afternoon. The sophomore, who was arrested for possession of marijuana after a game in late December, was dismissed from school and will be eligible to reapply to Notre Dame for summer sessions. Many will probably be up in arms over the apparent mugging of a familiar campus figure, but the real issue is not this one case, but rather the University’s policy on marijuana that has been in place for years. Not only does Du Lac claim that being caught with any marijuana is a violation worthy of expulsion, they actually back it up. Kyle is not the first student to be suspended after his first marijuana offense and not the first to be suspended for possessing an amount so small that it would generally result in a slap on the wrist as far as the law is concerned. I know Notre Dame is not Berkeley, and I’m not proposing that it should be. but when a university’s policies regarding marijuana are significantly stricter than the law’s, there is something seriously wrong. The United States laws regarding marijuana were drawn up during a time when knowledge about drugs was so limited that films such as “Reefer Madness” (a 1936 film in which people who are high on marijuana are depicted as sex-crazed murderers) were taken seriously, and that has not changed much since. While the country’s marijuana laws are strict, Notre Dame’s policies blow them out of the water. In an environment where binge drinking is practically encouraged, one offense for possessing marijuana, a significantly less dangerous drug, will almost certainly result in expulsion without guaranteed readmission, throwing your future was released Tuesday afternoon. The sophomore, who was arrest­ed for possession of marijuana after a game in late December, was dis­missed from school and will be eligible to reapply to Notre Dame for sum­mer sessions. Many will probably be up in arms over the apparent mugging of a familiar campus figure, but the real issue is not this one case, but rather the University’s policy on marijuana that has been in place for years. Not only does Du Lac claim that being caught with any marijuana is a violation worthy of expulsion, they actually back it up. Kyle is not the first student to be suspended after his first marijuana offense and not the first to be suspended for possessing an amount so small that it would generally result in a slap on the wrist as far as the law is concerned. I know Notre Dame is not Berkeley, and I’m not proposing that it should be. but when a university’s policies regarding marijuana are significantly stricter than the law’s, there is something seriously wrong. The United States laws regarding marijuana were drawn up during a time when knowledge about drugs was so limited that films such as “Reefer Madness” (a 1936 film in which people who are high on marijuana are depicted as sex-crazed murderers) were taken seriously, and that has not changed much since. While the country’s marijuana laws are strict, Notre Dame’s policies blow them out of the water. In an environment where binge drinking is practically encouraged, one offense for possessing marijuana, a significantly less dangerous drug, will almost certainly result in expulsion without guaranteed readmission, throwing your future was released Tuesday afternoon. The sophomore, who was arrest­ed for possession of marijuana after a game in late December, was dis­missed from school and will be eligible to reapply to Notre Dame for sum­mer sessions. Many will probably be up in arms over the apparent mugging of a familiar campus figure, but the real issue is not this one case, but rather the University’s policy on marijuana that has been in place for years. Not only does Du Lac claim that being caught with any marijuana is a violation worthy of expulsion, they actually back it up. Kyle is not the first student to be suspended after his first marijuana offense and not the first to be suspended for possessing an amount so small that it would generally result in a slap on the wrist as far as the law is concerned. I know Notre Dame is not Berkeley, and I’m not proposing that it should be. but when a university’s policies regarding marijuana are significantly stricter than the law’s, there is something seriously wrong. The United States laws regarding marijuana were drawn up during a time when knowledge about drugs was so limited that films such as “Reefer Madness” (a 1936 film in which people who are high on marijuana are depicted as sex-crazed murderers) were taken seriously, and that has not changed much since. While the country’s marijuana laws are strict, Notre Dame’s policies blow them out of the water. In an environment where binge drinking is practically encouraged, one offense for possessing marijuana, a significantly less dangerous drug, will almost certainly result in expulsion without guaranteed readmission, throwing your
LATEST DAY OF ‘24’ MAINTAINS MOMENTUM FROM EARLIER SEASONS

By MARCELA BERRIOS

To the delight of millions of viewers, federal agent Jack Bauer — compellingly embodied by Kiefer Sutherland in Fox’s heart-pounding “24” — may be having the longest day of his life, again.

However, far from losing its momentum, the suspenseful anti-terrorism series returned to the water coolers and online discussion boards with the explosion of a nuclear device in California, the death of a familiar face and the introduction of Bauer’s molested brother.

While the first five episodes this season were intriguing, they failed to spellbind viewers compared to the first handful of episodes last season, which were unforgettable.

To the show’s credit, the bar was set incredibly high in the very first episode of season five. Very few plot twists could shock viewers with the same intensity as the assassination of the president and ticking for Sutherland and his co-stars.

The innovative and ambitious storytelling model has glitches, however. Bauer’s ability to drive across downtown Los Angeles during the rush hour in less than 10 minutes remains unpoppable, but viewers wink at it because “24” is, after all, a work of fiction.

This work of fiction, nonetheless, has its home run with interpretations and representations of threats and scenarios that could easily come to pass within the White House or the C.I.A. or Osama Bin Laden’s lair.

The first episode of the first season — completed before the 2001 World Trade Center attacks — ends with the explosion of a commercial airplane for terrorism purposes.

The second season finds Bauer desperately racing against time to keep the United States from declaring war in the Middle East minds with erroneous information and fabricated intelligence.

In the fifth season he delivers America from the dangers of a rogue president.

The list of similarities between the scripts of “24” and the headlines in The New York Times carries on — but more Americans learn national security protocols from television rather than newspapers because through Bauer they experience firsthand the urgency of the threat, the burden of protecting the country and the agony involved in the obligatory sacrifices.

Unlike many of his fictional contemporaries, Bauer’s heroes are driven by habit and obligation.

He may be resourceful and delight viewers with memorable quotations — including “You are going to tell me what I want to know. It’s just a matter of how much you want it to hurt.” — but Bauer is not a gallant hero and his story is never formulaic.

Bauer defeats his enemies every season but where one is eliminated, five emerge — and his enthusiasm for law enforcement dwindles.

His efficient media opera thrives on his resolve and his viciousness — which viewers condone in Bauer’s circumstances but often condemn in Guatemala.

He fights for democracy and the safety of little children but his only rewards are a murdered wife, an estranged daughter, a drug addiction and a legion of enemies on every continent and in Washington.

Therein the series also distinguishes itself from its predecessors.

The West Wing in “24” is different from the sugarcoated one known to Martin Sheen’s supporters, where a compassionate president and his dedicated personnel make difficult decisions to protect the voters.

The Washington known to Sutherland’s supporters is plagued by conspiracies, ulterior motivations and betrayals.

Palmer’s own Cabinet removed him from office because they had different agendas and last season, President Charles Logan (Gregory Itzin) supplied nerve gas to Russian extremists in an elaborate scheme to create an opportunity to increase American military presence in central Asia and consequently access the oil reserves in the region.

Monday’s episode reminded viewers of the duplicity in Washington when agendas collide, as White House chief of staff Lemieux (Peter MacNicol) coerced one of his dissenting colleagues into resignation to implement without hindrance his draconian proposals against Middle Easterners in response to detonation of the nuclear device in the West coast.

Next week the writers will continue to bring racial profiling into the Counter-Terrorist Unit (CTU) and Bauer’s mission — as if confronting the treacherous mockery in the Bauer clan and local facing ticking nuclear bombs were not enough to drain the man’s strength.

It might take a few more weeks before viewers can digest the revelation of Bauer’s wicked brother — the ultimate criminal puppet master last season.

This news may score with the viewers who also watch “Days of Our Lives,” but for those who eagerly await ingestious and credible plot twists, the story line is disappointing.

The ratings have steadily increased since the series premiered in 2001, breathing an army of assorted followers that range from U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney to novelist Stephen King to Sarah Michelle Gellar (“the Vampire Slayer”).

They will all keep watching, hiding their nails and anticipating the next jaw-dropping cliffhanger.

So Fox stuck with “24” during the NFL coverage. A non-fiction act of God, “24” was in doubt.

Network executives had to get their signature show dealing with real-life terrorism worked around at work on Tuesday morning, or the show scheduled for 2001 to an audience in studio four-place Fox.

So Fox stuck with “24” for their ratings and to finish the season two, which become at least equal.

Throughout, an army of observers and show watchers continue to claim viewers continued to watch, as the show and ratings soared, producers portrayed terrorist attacks of recent did result in only 7 percent of the condemned President would become president. The show would turn away without correctly correct the “Russian separatist” on the issue.

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ACTION THRILLS

By KEN FOWLE

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The death of Los Angeles this season already surpassed the 12,000-mark, but it’s only noon on Bauer’s watch, which means he’s angry and facing many more hours of rampaging and opportunities to indulge his trigger-friendly finger.

“The only reason you’re still con­scious is because I don’t want you carry you,” Bauer grows in the fifth season. America can only hope he gives her more unforgettable quota­tions before he shoots.

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Winter 2007 Career and Internship Fair

Winter career and internship fair employer presentations

chance of a lifetime
meet employers before the fair on Wednesday, January 31

Intersport, Inc
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in 140 DeBartolo
Intersport is an Emmy Award-winning creator, producer and distributor of original sports programming content, and an industry leader in sports hospitality and event marketing. The Chicago-based Intersport's list of media partners includes ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, FSN and the Speed Channel.

The Field Museum
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in 125 DeBartolo
The Field Museum is an educational institution that provides collection-based research and learning for greater public understanding and appreciation of the world in which we live. Its collections, public learning programs, and research are inextricably linked to serve a diverse public of varied ages, backgrounds and knowledge.

Advertising, PR, & Marketing Panel
8:00 - 9:30 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo
Participating Organizations:
- Hill and Knowlton - One of the world's five largest public relations firms, Hill and Knowlton has 71 offices in 40 countries, including 19 in the United States. Currently employing 1100 people, the firm provides both public relation and lobbying services to local, multinational and global clients.
- Porter Novelli - Porter Novelli is a leading, global PR and lobbying firm. With employees working in nearly 60 cities, Porter Novelli manages more than a dozen global programs for clients such as Wyeth, Gillette, Qualcomm and Dow, coordinating global and regional strategy and execution.
- Starcom Media - Starcom Media is a global media buying and planning agency with offices in 77 countries around the world. Experts in the areas of online, video game advertising, mobile and many other future-focused mediums, SMG still provides an industry benchmark through its award winning core product.

additional employer presentations

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The Diversity Reception
is a networking event designed to allow students to connect and build relationships with organizations that embrace and promote diversity.
Faculty and Staff are encouraged to attend!

Thursday, February 1st
The Diversity Reception Noon – 2:30pm precedes
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comic relief in its series standards.

A bomb exploded in Valencia, Calif., forcing closed doing orders with NBC. A terrorist activity so far has been identified as an Islamic terrorist organization in the wake of a plot by the terrorist group "Chechen rebels," but no storm brewed from the premise.

Season 3 was the least of all, perhaps the most partisan. "24" was in the middle of a tight re-election campaign with its sleazy opponent, Senator John Keeler. Though Palmer was identified as a Democrat in the first season when he initially ran for election, Season 3 remained conspicuously absent of political party references. But as President Bush ran a close race against John Kerry — whose name's first six characters are identical to the first six characters of Palmer's foe — Season 3 played on the real presidential race. The show created an official campaign logo for Keeler with the same features as Kerry's signature stamp — blue background, white font, a white star and multiple wavy red lines.

But more than just partisan politics, hot-button issues of counter-terrorism run deep in "24." In 2005, Adam Green of the New York Times wrote a 1,300-word column for the Sunday paper largely bashing "24" for its depiction of torture and, in his view, its seeming face-value acceptance of its use. But in the evaluation of torture, Green and others miss a central theme of "24" throughout the past four seasons — immoral means sometimes achieve results, and villainous characters sometimes make righteous decisions. Howard Gordon, one of the show's executive producers, has defended the program countless times over the past year, as "24" tries to eliminate situational certainty and create spheres of insecurity and confusion of right versus wrong.

In Season 3, for instance, CTU agent Gael Ortega is found to be smuggling information to the Salazar brothers — the season's main antagonists — and is tortured by CTU's regional director beforeagent Tony Almeida reveals that Ortega is part of a long-planned second-choice strategy to bring down the Salazars.

Much like in the debates over the show's ramifications for Muslims in the past and present, the debate over the depiction of torture is understandable from the perspective of a television critic.

While "24" has been a sparkplug for controversy, the show has been even more a magnet for second-guessing.

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Sutherland displays diverse talent in film, TV

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Kiefer Sutherland has garnered many awards, including an Emmy in 2006, for his role as anti-terrorism agent Jack Bauer in Fox's runaway success, "24." He has won several awards amongst numerous nominations. Most notable among them include the 2002 Golden Globe for "Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series — Drama," the 2006 Emmy for "Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series" and a pair of Screen Actors Guild Awards for "Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series" in 2004 and 2006.

In a career that now stretches more than three decades, the younger Sutherland began acting as a teenager and made his first movie appearances as a teenager in the early '80s. He appeared in a series of roles for the decade and enjoyed his breakthrough as the bully Ace Bauer repeatedly displayed on cell phones in "24," giving the show an even more realistic sense of danger and personal vendettas.

Sutherland has been recognized by media outlets for his work on "24," and won't become pigeonholed. Though he may always be associated with the anti-terrorist role, Sutherland has already proven that he is capable of other roles, like Sean Connery's James Bond. Sutherland's Jack Bauer will always be his most immortal role — but unlike Connery, Sutherland doesn't have to prove himself as an actor after "24" ends.

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ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE

Network TV takes page out of Hollywood's book

By SEAN SWANEY
Assistant Scene Editor

ABC's "Lost" exemplifies successful serial television programming, which gives audiences talented actors, smart writing and cinematic visual style.

The effort that goes into making a single episode of this type of show is immense, with several days of 14-hour shoots necessary for one episode of "24." This sheer amount of work causes very few serial shows like "24" to succeed, but when they do, the result is television as immersive and captivating as the movies.

Contact Sean Sweany at ssweany@nd.edu
**BROWNING CINEMA**

**Heaven (2002)**  
Directed by Tom Tykwer  
R, 96 minutes  
Thu, Feb 1 at 7 pm and 10 pm  

**Shut Up and Sing (2006)**  
Directed by Barbara Kopple  
R, 99 minutes  
Fri, Feb 2 at 10 pm  
Sat, Feb 3 at 10 pm  
Sun, Feb 4 at 4 pm  

**Iraq in Fragments (2006)**  
Directed by James Longley  
NR, 94 minutes  
Kurdish, Arabic, and English languages  
with English subtitles  
Fri, Feb 2 at 7 pm  
Sat, Feb 3 at 7 pm  

**Babel (2006)**  
Directed by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu  
R, 142 minutes  
Japanese Sign Language, French, English, Spanish, Japanese, Berber, and Arabic languages with English subtitles  
Thu, Feb 8 at 10 pm  
Fri, Feb 9 at 7 and 10 pm  

**Divan (2004)**  
Director PEARL GLUCK will be present for discussion  
Directed by Pearl Gluck  
NR, 77 minutes  
Sun, Feb 11 at 4 pm  

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Arenas scores 36 as Wizards down Pistons

LeBron-less Cavs clobber Warriors; Kobe-less Lakers fall

Associated Press


The win kept the Wizards ahead of the Pistons atop the Eastern Conference and gave the teams a split of the four-game season series, leveling the first tiebreaker should they finish the regular season with the same record. Washington beat Detroit twice in five days, including a 99-96 win on the road Sunday.

But the Wizards left the court anxious for news about Jamison, who sprained his left knee after colliding with teammate Rasheed Wallace late in the basket during a fast break with 6:29 to play in the first quarter.

Jamison, who entered the game with 19.7 points and 8.1 rebounds, did not return and was to be re-evaluated after the game. Jamison hyperextended the same knee against Boston last season and didn't return, but was not the same knee that required surgery two years ago.

He participated in practice last week to rest the knee, but was supposed to return with two best games of the season: 35 points against Detroit and 34 points against Boston on Sunday.

Jamison would be difficult to replace if he's out for any extended period — he, Arenas and Caron Butler form the N.B.A.'s highest-scoring trio at a combined 70 points per game — and the Wizards had to face Boston without him Tuesday to win for the seventh time in eight games.

Washington shot 61 percent in the first quarter, led by 19 points midway through the second, then held off the Pistons after Detroit pulled within single digits in the fourth. Arenas, who scored 14 points in the final period, converted a three-point play with 1:44 to play to rest a 90-88 deficit.

The Pistons made one final push, due largely to the Wizards' three missed free throws in the final 30 seconds, but Tayshaun Prince then missed a three-pointer that would have cut the lead to two.

Stevenson, picking up the slack for Jamison, scored 15 points on 7-for-8 shooting. Butler finished with 13.

Chauncey Billups scored 24 points, Prince had 19 points, and Richard Hamilton and Rasheed Wallace finished with 15 apiece for the Pistons, who ended up outshooting the Wizards 52 percent to 49 percent.

Cavaliers 124, Warriors 97

Sasha Pavlovic scored a career-high 24 points filling in for the injured LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers rolled without their superstar, extending the Golden State Warriors' longest winning streak.

James missed his second game in three contests and was never with a sprained right big toe, an injury road game that isn't going to improve without rest. Cleveland's medical staff advised James to take a night off and there's a chance he could miss a few more games.

The Cavaliers didn't need James against the Warriors, scoring a season-high in points with their most balanced attack in nearly 13 years. They improved to 8-2 in games in which All-Star forward has missed because of injuries during his career.

Donnell Marshall added 15 points, Zydrunas Ilgauskas 12 for the Golden State while giving the Cavaliers to overtake leading 8:30 Sunday.

This one was over early as the Cavaliers built to a 15-point lead after 1:24 of play and never let the Warriors get inside double digits the rest of the way. Searching for a advantage from his point guard, Cavs coach Mike Brown replaced Steve Snow in the starting lineup with rookie Daniel Gibson, who finished with 12 points, two assists and two turnovers in 25 minutes.

Pacers 103, Celtics 96

Jamaal Tinsley scored 21 points against the Indiana Pacers beat Boston on Tuesday night to hand the Celtics their 12th straight loss. Jerome O'Neal added 25 points and eight rebounds for the Pacers, who won for the fourth time in five games.

Al Jefferson led the Celtics with 15 points and 17 rebounds. It was his 20th double-double of the season.

Indiana, the worst shooting team in the league, shot a season-high 53.6 percent from the field.

The Celtics are two losses short of breaking the franchise record for consecutive losses. They can tie the mark of 13 Wednesday at home against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Gerald Green hit a three-pointer to cut Indiana's lead to 100-96 with 26 seconds left.

Tinsley made the second of two free throws with 25.7 seconds left to push the lead to five, then he made two more free throws with 8.9 seconds remaining to end the threat.

Boston led 30-24 at the end of the first quarter, but the Pacers outscored the Celtics 26-13 in the second to take a 52-43 lead at halftime. Indiana shot 61 percent in the first half, includ­ing an 11-for-15 effort in the second quarter.

Knicks 99, Lakers 94

Playing without the suspended Kobe Bryant, the Los Angeles Lakers' late rally fell short in their season-high third straight loss, to the New York Knicks on Tuesday night.

Eddy Curry had 27 points and nine rebounds and Stephon Marbury scored 22 points for the Knicks, who led most of the game but never pulled away. David Lee grabbed 13 rebounds and Jamal Crawford added 17 points.

Bryant was penalized one game without pay earlier Tuesday for hitting San Antonio's Manu Ginobili in the face late in the Lakers' overtime loss to the Spurs on Sunday.

Without his 28.4 points per game, the Lakers shot only 43.5 percent and lost for the fourth time in five games.

Lamar Odom had 25 points, nine rebounds and six assists for the Lakers. Vladimir Radmanovic added 18 points and nine boards and Smush Parker scored 14 points.

The Lakers trailed by seven with 1 1/2 minutes remaining, but closed to 96-94 on Radmanovic's 3-pointer with 45 seconds left. Curry made two free throws 10 seconds later, and after Maurice Evans' three-pointer rattled out, Los Angeles got the ball back after Jamal Crawford turned it over.

However, Jared Jeffries blocked Brian Cook's 3-point attempt and New York put it away with three more free throws.

It was a rough way for the Lakers to start an eight-game Eastern trip, their longest since playing eight straight on the road from Dec. 9-20, 1999. Bryant will be back Wednesday when Los Angeles visits Boston. He hoped to Tuesday, seeking an immediate hearing at the league office during the afternoon since he was already in New York. But that request was denied, since normal NBA policy is for the player to serve his suspension and hope to get his money back later if he wins his appeal.

Bryant and the Lakers were surprised by the penalty, and the fans at Madison Square Garden were humbled themselves.

There were mostly boos when Bryant's absence was announced during pregame introductions.

WASHINGTON guard Gilbert Arenas, right, drives to the basket during the second quarter of the Wizards' 104-99 victory over the Detroit Pistons Tuesday night.
Updated at 11:35 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007

**Women’s Basketball**

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**In Brief**

**Brazilian star Ronaldo to join Italian team AC Milan**

**DURHAM, N.C. — A critical hearing in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case has been postponed until May as the new prosecutors continue to study evidence.**

Prosecutors from the state attorney general’s office met with defense attorneys and the judge for about two hours Tuesday. It was the first meeting between the parties since the state took over the case this month from embattled District Attorney Mike Nifong.

Lawyers said afterward that a planned Feb. 5 hearing where the accuser was expected to appear would be rescheduled for May 7.

"We will use this time to continue reviewing the case files, talking to the many people involved in the cases, and making sure that all discovery responses have been requested to properly," state Attorney General Roy Cooper said in a statement.

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**Heisman star Kobe Bryant sits on the bench during the third quarter of Sunday’s 96-94 loss to the Spurs. Bryant was suspended one game by the NBA after his arm hit the back of Spurs forward Manu Ginobili’s head following a shot.**

Kobe suspended for striking Ginobili

NEW YORK — Kobe Bryant was suspended one game without pay by the NBA on Tuesday for striking San Antonio’s Manu Ginobili in the face.

With his Los Angeles Lakers in New York to play the Knicks, Bryant requested an “immediate hearing” with the league office to appeal the suspension. But his request was denied because he would have had to choose from standard procedure, from an appeal to the NBA disciplinary panel for on-court actions. He denies having the right to an appeal at a later date. If he were to win that appeal, he would get his money back.

Bryant’s absence left the Lakers without their leading scorer when they opened an eight-game road trip.

“I’ve been waiting to play here. It’s always been a fun trip. I’ve always been looking forward to playing in front of these fans,” said Jackson, the league’s chief disciplinarian for on-court actions.

Certainly, in theory, given the fact that the Lakers were in New York, we could have heard an appeal. But again, we never have, as it’s not part of our process,” said Stu Jackson, the league’s chief disciplinary panelist.

The play occurred in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter of the Lakers’ 96-94 overtime loss to the Spurs on Sunday.

“It’s just unintentional,” Bryant added. “I felt horriﬁbly about it. It’s just basketball, it happens.”

Jackson disagreed, and offered the NBA’s explanation on a conference call.

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**NFL**

Super Bowl QBs take different roads to Miami

Associated Press  
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Just to sort of chill.

Once he hits the locker room to get ready for the biggest game of his life, Urlacher will eat a couple of chocolate chip cookies, preferably chocolate chip. He’ll read his pregame routine by listening to some music.

Then at game-time, with millions watching, he’ll step onto the finely manicured grass at Dolphin Stadium and stare across the field at one of the NFL’s greatest running back duos, Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James.

But he will be making hand signals, pointing and instructing his teammates where to go on every play, he’ll be a润滑油 between the two marquee players — the two central characters — of the Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Bears.

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Bonds inks deal to remain a Giant

 Slugger will make $15.8 million as he chases Aaron in 2007

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds never wanted to leave the Giants. They have been his team for more than a decade. They were the team of his late father and also his godfather, Hall of Famer Willie Mays.

A federal grand jury is investigating whether Bonds perjured himself when he testified last year before a perjury grand jury investigating him regarding his behavior and what would happen if he were to be indicted.

The club announced the deal, which took significant time to finish after the sides agreed on financial terms Dec. 7 on the last day of baseball’s winter meetings.

Now, the 42-year-old Bonds can focus on the upcoming season. He has hit 734 home runs, 22 from breaking Hank Aaron’s career record, and he plans to play beyond this year if he fails to set the mark in 2007.

"I think I’ll be around until I’m 100, or at least try to," Bonds said.

Before the contract was completed, Bonds had to pass a physical and the parties had to work out complicated language regarding his behavior and what would happen if he were to be indicted.

A federal grand jury is investigating whether Bonds perjured himself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution case that he hadn’t knowingly taken any performance-enhancing drugs.

"I knew things would work out. This is where I always wanted to play and always loved to play," Bonds said. "The city of San Francisco is what I love. The people in San Francisco are who I love. There's no better place for me to be. This is my history. The people in San Francisco deserve it all."

On a conference call late Monday night, Bonds was asked why it took so long for his contract to be completed.

"I was on a skiing vacation," he said, laughing. "It didn’t take any time. It’s normal procedure."

As part of the deal, Bonds’ trainers — Harvey Shields and Greg Oliver — will no longer be in the clubhouse, where they previously had their own lockers next to Bonds’ space.

"I have no problems with it," Bonds said. "(Oliver) and Harvey will be with me, just outside the ballpark."

Shields and Oliver will no longer be on the Giants’ payroll and they won’t be permitted in restricted areas in any big league ballpark.

If they were to make road trips, it would be on Bonds’ dime or their own, two baseball officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Bonds underwent X-rays and many other tests from multiple team doctors Monday.

The seven-time NL MVP waved and smiled as he left the stadium and then quickly drove away with agent Jeff Borris.

Giants outfielder Barry Bonds watches the flight of the ball after hitting a home run against Seattle June 16, 2006.

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The Irish didn’t make a field goal and had to deal with the suspension of its starting point guard and has its most experienced big man hobbling.

Not bad for a team that couldn’t win on the road. Not bad at all.

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Irish guard Russell Carter holds the ball in the first half of Notre Dame's 103-91 win over Syracuse Tuesday.

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three-pointers in the first half.

The Orange (15-7, 4-4 Big East) answered with a 9-2 run to cut the Irish lead to two, but Syracuse's defense could not stop the red-hot Irish, who played without starting forward Rob Kurz (sprained ankle). Falls, forward Ryan Ayers and guard Jonathan Peoples each connected from beyond the arc to increase Notre Dame's lead to 43-30 with 6:13 left in the half.

"If we didn’t have anything in transition we were really smart offensively. We only had two turnovers at half-time," Brey said. "We didn’t force anything in transition. On the road, in the past, we had done that."

After missing their first three attempts beyond the arc, the Irish connected on 10 of their next 14, forcing Syracuse out of their traditional 2-3 zone and into a man-to-man defense. Despite the adjustment, Notre Dame was able to score 18 points off Syracuse turnovers and ended the half leading 61-42.

"Notre Dame is a very good shooting team and we had to play them man-to-man," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said in his post-game press conference. "It was very disappointing."

Halftime did little to cool down the Irish.

A jump shot by forward Ryan Ayers gave Notre Dame a 79-55 lead with 10:51 left in the game. Even though this was Notre Dame's final field goal of the game, solid free throw shooting down the stretch helped the Irish stave off a late Syracuse run.

The Irish shot 30-of-36 from the charity stripe for the game, led by point guard Tory Jackson's 11-of-14 performance.

"We should be doing that from the foul line," Brey said.

Syracuse guard Eric Devendorf did not help the cause for the Orange, shooting 0-of-11 from the field.

Syracuse's defensive pressure stifled Notre Dame and allowed the Orange to cut the Irish lead to 90-79 with 3:07 remaining. The Orange would double-team the first Irish player to touch the ball inbounds while Jackson, Notre Dame's main ball handler, waited around half court for passes that never made it to him.

Notre Dame adjusted by moving Jackson up into the front line of Syracuse's pressure and was able to break the press with forcing Syracuse to foul. The Irish drained 13 of their next 14 free throws to seal the victory.

Jackson finished with 19 points and seven assists. Harangody contributed a team-high 23 points and 13 rebounds while Hillesland added 14 points, 10 boards and six assists. The big men also combined to shoot 11-of-12 from the line.

"Harangody and Hillesland look like All-Americans instead of first-year players," Boeheim said.

Carter scored 14 points while Falls poured in 16 points with most of those coming in the first half when the two combined for eight three-pointers.

Syracuse forward Demetris Nichols had 29 points while forward Terrence Roberts added 20.

"Notre Dame hits the road again to take on South Florida Saturday. The Irish defeated the Bulls 82-58 last Saturday at the Joyce Center."

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last faced the Belles in early January. Saint Mary’s (8-10,
7-4 MIAA) struggled from the floor, hitting only 31 percent of its shots on route to a 82-
63 loss at Olivet.

Saint Mary’s recent success gives the Belles hope against a talented Olivet squad.

“We have become better shooters as a team,” Belles
coach Jennifer Henley said. “But we have got to shut
them down. We have our hands full.”

The Belles will need a well-rounded effort to avoid a
repeat from their last contest against the Comets. In the first game against Olivet, jun-
ior guard Allison Kessler scored 30 points, recorded three of her 13 steals and 15 from the
field, but the rest of the team only made 25 percent of their shots.

“These kids are starting to see what it takes to take pressure off Kessler,” Henley said.
We still need to work for her help.

The Belles have worked on rebounding and defense this practice week to gain a
physical edge.

“If there’s no reason we should be out rebounded with
our size and speed,” Henley said. “We’ve been working on
closing out so there aren’t any wide-open shots from the
help side. [Olivet forward Stephanie] Smith hit wide-
open threees last time we played.”

Today’s matchup will be one of youth versus experi-
ence. Olivet has seven seniors and two juniors on their ros-
ter. The Belles are a much younger team, with only two
sophomores and one junior.

When the Belles have been successful this year they have
received help from freshman center Anna Kammrath,
freshman guard Patty Duffy and sophomore forward Erin
Newcombe. It is when Saint Mary’s relies solely on upper-
classman — primarily Kessler or senior point guard
Bridgett Lipke — that the team struggles.

Newcombe was key in Belles’ victories over Alma and Tri-
State last week and was named MIAA player of the
week Jan. 21-28. In those two games she averaged 22
points, including her career high of 30 in Saturday’s win
against Tri-State. On Saturday Newcombe posted her
third double-double of the season and is now averaging
11.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per contest.

“Erin has really improved this year,” Henley said. “I think her biggest improve-
m ent has come on the defen-
sive end.”

Henley noted that Newcombe’s accomplishments were especially impressive considering that she runs
cross country for Saint Mary’s. The basketball sea-
son and the cross country season overlap, as cross-
country competition inter-
feres with the beginning of the basketball season.

“We get her time and she has to work twice as hard
to just catch up,” said Henley.
Saint Mary’s and Olivet face
off at 7:30 p.m. in the Angela
Athletic facility.

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look to score. I think they
are trying to score.”

Freshmen guards Lechlitner and Barlow along with fresh-
men center Erica Williamson have been crucial to the
team’s success this season. McGraw hopes they will con-
tinue that success against the Panthers.

Against Big East opponents, Barlow has aver-
aged 9.3 points per game while Lechlitner has
8.2 points, 3.4 assists and only one turnover per
game.

“They’ve been playing great, all
three of them,” McGraw said of her freshmen. “We
outscored Connecticut’s bench, and we’ve outscored a
lot of teams’ [benches] that we’ve played. I couldn’t be
happier with how the freshmen are coming along, so
hopefully they continue to play well and keep getting
good minutes.”

Williamson plays a different role for the Irish this season
than her fellow freshmen, as she comprises one-half of
Notre Dame’s center tandem with junior Melissa D’Amico.

The duo averages a com-
bined 16.4 points per game and
11.5 rebounds per game, helping provide the Irish with a
strong presence in the post.

But against Pittsburgh, the Irish will see a tough opposing
center — Marcedes Walker. Walker averages 14.9 points
and 8.8 rebounds this season to go with her 18 blocks.

“I expect a little bit more [from the cen-
ters],” McGraw said. “I think we
got a good double-
double in most of the
games, and then we	tapered off with Marquette and Connecticut.
So we need to get back to
where we’re getting twenty points and fif-
teen rebounds between the two of them.”

Walker is one of three play-
ers for the Panthers scoring in
double figures, with

sophomore guards Shavonte Zellous (19.6) and Xenia
Shugart (12.5) also making the list.

“They have three big scor-
ers. So we’re going to be test-
ed again, as we were at
Connecticut and I think we
handled that well,” McGraw said. “Hopefully we’ll be able
to identify the shooters and be able
to find them, and get to
keep Walker off the boards.”

But for McGraw the key to the game will be to correct
the team’s offensive struggles:

“I just think we feel good
about the offense in terms of
execution,” she said. “I think
we have to set better screens and
work to get a really good shot so
that everybody feels that we
are accomplishing something.
We’re executing, the shots just
aren’t dropping.”

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may have to juggle things around to awesome someone you care about. Emotional matters will dissuade if you aren't willing to back down at this time. Compromise and choose your battles wisely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will have to choose whether you fool your fans or ask your friends to follow. Have sympathy is under what you're plotting...you'll need it, too. Your message must be in sync. massage.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Aggression may not be the way you handle matters but, today, you will need to pull a little extra behind your ideas and actions. Problem with someone you work with can be worked out but not if you back down. Change will be necessary.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A business step or meeting will pay off. You will have the upper hand and be able to put a deal you've been working on to rest. Don't feel yourself, however, into thinking the work is done.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let your emotions direct your vision, causing you to make a poor decision that will influence your future. Present to take a rather internal approach to get to where you want to go. It's an element of surprise that is required.

SCORPIO(Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be far better with acquaintances than you will be with close friends and family. Can run on the road and make your meals. Present and promote today and you will prosper - but don't offer more than you have to.***

SAGITTARUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Talk is cheap, but if done properly, it can get just what you want. Use your imagination and paint a scenario that is attractive to others and you will win a position that will help you get ahead. Change will come to you if you have presented your case well.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may feel pulled in two different directions emotionally. Start your case rather than letting your steps levels increase. A romantic relationship can turn into something very special.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Now is a good time to take care of matters that are affecting your work. So much will depend how you present yourself to others today. Be sure to step within the boundary set by society if you want to rival.****

PISCES (Feb.. 19-Mar. 20): Focus on something you want and work on it. A chance to develop a creative idea you have is possible. Children can influence your decision. Don't get angry with someone who is in trying to help you.****

Birthday: You are independent and sensitive to the words of others. You can take advantage of any situation that arises. You are quick and intelligent and have great vision. You are charismatic and popular.

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**Men's Basketball**

**Orange juiced**

61 points in the first half propel Irish to win at Carrier Dome

By Chris Hine

Notre Dame forwards Luke Harangody and Zach Hillesland each had a double-double as the Irish exploded for a 61-point first half, snapped their season-long road losing streak and defeated Syracuse 103-91 Tuesday at the Carrier Dome.

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Irish forward Luke Harangody, left, pulls down a rebound in front of Syracuse center Darryl Watkins during the first half of Notre Dame's 103-91 victory at the Carrier Dome Tuesday.

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**SMC Basketball**

**Belles to face rival Comets**

Saint Mary's carries three-game win streak into Olivet rematch

By Dan Cooper

The Belles look to extend their three-game win streak to four games today and get some revenge for a lopsided loss to Olivet earlier this season as well.

Saturday's win at Tri-State may have been just the confidence boost the Belles needed as they prepare to face rival Olivet.

The Comets — who are 9-8 overall and 6-4 in the MIAA — had no trouble when they

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**N D Women's Basketball**

**Pittsburgh concludes three-game trip for ND**

McGraw "feels good" about team's psyche despite dropping two consecutive games

By Jay Fitzpatrick

Despite having lost back-to-back games for the first time this season, Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw remains confident in her team's ability to perform well tonight at Pittsburgh at 7 p.m.

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Irish guard Melissa Lechlitner, right, goes up for a shot against a Syracuse defender in Notre Dame's 83-55 win over the Orange Jan. 20 at the Joyce Center.