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NCAA settles class-action lawsuit

Student-athletes can receive $2,500 in additional reimbursements under conditional terms

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

The NCAA is prepared to ease restrictions on educational expenses for current student-athletes and set aside $10 million to reimburse former athletes.

The decision is part of the settlement of a class-action lawsuit filed by former athletes who argued that NCAA limits on scholarships—which can cover only tuition, books, housing and meals—are an unlawful restraint of trade because of the billions of dollars generated through major college football and basketball. The settlement, which includes a provision to allow NCAA member schools to offer year-round health insurance for student-athletes, will not become official until a judge sanctions it and both sides give final approval.

How the settlement would affect the approximately 700 Division I athletes at Notre Dame is unclear, senior associate athletic director John Heisler said. "It would be premature to know [how it affects] Notre Dame for sure," he said. "I think it is the next step in a legal conversation that's been ongoing for some time and I don't know that we know the full extent of what the implications will be."

Former football players Jason White of Stanford and Brian Polak of UCLA, and former basketball players Jovan Harris of San Francisco and Chris Craig of Texas-Ft. Worth first filed the class action suit in February 2006. Heisler warned that the settlement reached Wednesday might not reflect the final version. "The judge has to agree to the settlement and it's going to take some time for this to shake out. And we're going to have to continue to analyze [how it impacts] us and impacts any of our athletes," he said. "I think it's just too early to know."

The suit claimed that athletes need a significantly higher amount of funding in addition to tuition, books, housing and meals than they currently receive through their athletic scholarships. Under terms of the deal, student-athletes will be able to apply for as much as $2,500 a year for up to three years for reimbursement of certain "out-of-pocket expenses," including

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S tudent Senate
Hate speech denounced in resolution

One senator opposes, two abstain from vote in reaction to racist letters, anti-gay T-shirts

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

The Student Senate passed a resolution Wednesday denouncing hate speech and stating that it "stands in solidarity with the Notre Dame gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) community. Shirts condemning homosexuality, which some students wore last semester, prompted the resolution. "While the solidarity with the community is a focus of our work, please, we hope, is proactive as well as reactive in that we're addressing all forms of hate speech and any future occurrences," Social Concerns Committee Chair Karen Keski said.

The resolution passed, with only one senator opposing and two abstaining from the vote. Although Fisher Senator Stephen Bant agreed with the Senate's intentions, he did not believe that a Senate resolution would accomplish much for the issue. Instead, he argued that giving the shirts too much attention would be counter-productive. "I think it's pretty obvious..."

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Director of GRC says campus at extremes

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

The University's Catholic character plays a major role in promoting many students to search exclusively for life partners and others to respond by rejecting committed relationships altogether, the director of the Gender Relations Center said Wednesday.

Citing Catholic character as the "framework of our values and morals," at Notre Dame, Heather Rakorz spoke about relationships and interactions on campus as part of the second installment of "Notre Dating" Wednesday. "People take relationships much more seriously here, searching for a life partner rather than simply dating in order to meet people and have a good time," Rakorz said. At the other extreme, students are fearful of this culture of dating and abstain from the process entirely or "feel pressure to be in committed, long-lasting relationships."

The problem lies in the extremes. Students' responses are "radical on either end," Rakorz said. The GRC's focus, therefore, is productive. "I think it's pretty obvious how it affects Notre Dame."

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SMC Jokes barred from Revue

Keenan's annual function opens tonight in O'Laughlin Auditorium

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

The Keenan Revue opens tonight, but it will be missing an element present in past performances.

Despite the seemingly requisite crotch thrusting and "I ac-mocking, this year's Revue will not feature jokes aimed at Saint Mary's students." In accordance with the dorm's agreement with the College to perform at the O'Laughlin Auditorium, which Revue organizers consider an ideal size, representatives of the College's student government

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No liquor, no patrons, no Casa
Unpaid taxes lead to restaurant closing

By MARCELA BERRIOS and KAREN LANGLEY
News Writers

Adios, Taco Tuesdays and half-off pitchers.

Casa del Rio, a popular off-campus eatery located at 1705 South Bend Ave., will serve its last meal tonight after a failure to keep up with tax payments prevented its owner from renewing the establishment's liquor license.

"I've been pondering it for a while," owner Jesse Arredondo, said. "It's just been harder and harder to make ends meet."

Arredondo, who opened Casa in September 2004, said he is out of the capital needed to run the restaurant. Casa will not reopen unless he finds business partners in the next few days.

The restaurant's liquor license expired Dec. 21, and Arredondo couldn't renew it because the property's taxes were not up to date, a requirement under Indiana law.

"You have to be current when you go to the renewal hearing," he said.

And without its famous drink deals—such as $1 domestic drafts on Tuesdays and half-price margaritas pitchers Sundays and Wednesdays—Casa saw an immediate drop in revenue.

"It has hurt me extremely to be without the liquor license," Arredondo said.

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By QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Eric Routen and Eric Wallace perform in last year's Keenan Revue. Shows will be held tonight, Friday and Saturday.
INSIDE COLUMN

John Locke

No, I am not talking about the English philosopher who founded the social contract theory. I am not talking about the British empiricist either. I am talking about the knife-slinging, boar-hunting, former paraplegic hero of Oceanic Flight 815. John Locke. It's been 260 days. He's been since the "Lost," Season Three finale. And yes, of course I've been counting. And tonight at 8 p.m., "Lost" is finally back.

The sole purpose of this column is to explain why John Locke is the deepest, most mysterious, craziest and phenomenal character on "Lost." — Authorities removed nearly 200 animals from an 89 frozen ferret infested home in Va. homes. Sixty-one of the live ferrets had to be euthanized because of poor health. Three cats, most of them nearly 200 animals from an 89 frozen ferret infested home in Va. homes. Sixty-one of the live ferrets had to be euthanized because of poor health. Three cats, most of them nearly 200 animals from an 89 frozen ferret infested home in Va. homes. Sixty-one of the live ferrets had to be euthanized because of poor health. Three cats, most of them

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT FOOD WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY DEEP-FRIED?

Alex Gorrell sophomore Alumni
Andrew Gatoff senior Zahn
Andrew Luttrell freshman Dillon
Hannah Ha senior Welch Family
John Strong senior Alumni
Kerry McGuire junior Welsh Family

"Buffalo, because their wings are delicious." "Twinkies." "Fish." "Fried buffalo chicken with a fried twinkie for dessert." "Dragons." "Deep-fried Taco Bell."

Students gather at the Winter Career and Internship Fair at the Joyce Center Wednesday. More than 170 employers and 480 recruiters participated in the fair. The event was open to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and other area colleges.

IN BRIEF

There will be a Blood Drive today from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. Registration is needed. To register, call 631-6100.

The Fry Street Quartet will perform tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public. The film "In July" will be shown at 7 p.m. and again at 10 p.m. tonight in the Browing Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets will cost $3 for students, $5 for faculty and staff, and $6 for general admission.

Men's basketball will play Providence tonight at 7 in the Joyce Center.

Men's hockey will play the U.S. Under-18 Team Friday at 7:35 p.m. in the Joyce Center ice rink in an exhibition.

There will be a Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Music will be provided by the Women's Liturgical Choir.

Men's basketball will play DePaul Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center. TV coverage will be on ESPN Classic.

On Tuesday, there will be an Alumni Panel for Teach for America at 7 p.m. in 100-104 McKenna Hall. To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnew@nd.edu.

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HIGH 35
ND Alert will be tested again Friday

In November test of emergency warning system, students did not receive text messages for 2 hours

Special to The Observer

ND Alert, Notre Dame's comprehensive emergency notification system, will be retested Friday afternoon. During the process, many students, faculty and staff will receive text messages alerting them to a test of the system. Those who did not receive the messages for two hours are encouraged to receive the test alert.

"Safety is of paramount importance, and we believe that time is of the essence in the face of the kinds of emergencies this system will address," said Gordon Wishon, associate provost, chief information officer and associate vice president of information technologies.

New in this round of testing, every registered cell phone user that did not receive the notification will receive a text alert. In the past, those whose text messages were not received were not sent out the text message again.

"We want to make sure that commercial areas such as the Lorraine Student Center and offices. All messages will clearly indicate that a test is under way.

Faculty and staff who have not registered emergency contact information for personal cell phones or non-University e-mail addresses are encouraged to do so.

Registration is available through the "My Resources" tab of InsideND.

Agencies ineffective, professor says

Camacho cites the ineffective agencies as the reason for his criticism.

"The ESA should be periodically and methodically evaluated to determine if it is advancing the public goals it was designed to cultivate," Camacho said. "At this time, the ESA has been modified several times since its original formulation in 1973. Neither Congress nor the Fish and Wildlife Service has necessarily worked in concert with rigorous analysis of its efficacy."

Camacho points to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as a "pioneering but ultimately defective" program. The ESA has been modified several times since its original formulation in 1973. Neither Congress nor the Fish and Wildlife Service has necessarily worked in concert with rigorous analysis of its efficacy.

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associate professor
Law School

More alum in Peace Corps

University moves up four spots on list of most represented mid-size schools

Many Notre Dame graduates are searching for a way to give back to the community through service and to do so through the Peace Corps.

Erik Janowsky, a 1987 alumnus, had an affinity for Latin America and studied Spanish throughout his years at Notre Dame, he said. He went to Ecuador as a Peace Corps member and service soon became a vocation for him.

He embarked on a career in community development and eventu­ally co-founded a non-profit organization with another Notre Dame alum­num establishing a primary health care project in Ecuador, he said.

The Center of Social Concerns is responsible for informing and providing Notre Dame graduates with the opportunity to join the Peace Corps.

Students, faculty and community members interested in volunteering through the Peace Corps should contact Peace Corps Volunteer Orientation Coordinator Liz Angeles. Contact Dennis Slater at dslater@nd.edu

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Years," he said. "What was answered. I think don't think that question opportunity fund for five the student athlete additional funding for the student athlete opportunity fund for five years," he said. What happened after that, I don't think that question was answered. I think we have a ways to go before any of us have an appreciation on how it impacts any of us here."

Much of the money to be made available after the settlement would be funneled through the NCAA's existing $218 million opportunity fund.

"The biggest dollar amount talked about is the student athlete opportunity fund which is an NCAA sponsored program which basically provides funding through the conferences to the membership and that money can be used for a variety of things," Heisler said. "It can be medical in nature, it could be academic in nature, it can involve emergency sorts of things in terms of getting somebody home for a funeral if there's a death in the family."

Chris Hine contributed reporting. Information from Associated Press was reported.

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was to discuss ways in which students can find "balance in order to integrate all aspects of (their) lives," including the considerable influence of Catholic teaching here at Notre Dame, Rakoczy said.

Through increased discussion of topics often labeled "taboo" within some Catholic circles, Rakoczy said, students can facilitate a greater understanding of how Catholicism can improve rather than worsen gender relations on campus.

Just as pari- etals and single-sex dorms are a part of student life at Notre Dame, so too is Catholicism a significant and permanent aspect of the nature of the University, she said. Students must find an appropriate outlet for discussion and education in order to accomplish improvement in gender relations on campus, Rakoczy said.

Rakoczy moderat­ ed the second event organized by the Gender Relations Center (GRC) to study the effects of a Catholic education on dating.

Wednesday's dis­ cussion included large and small group activities to begin the discussion. FRIK starters are student peer educators on cam­ pus, who facilitate greater awareness, dis­ cussion and solutions to many of the gender issues on campus. Standing for "Finding Identity Relationships Equality," the FRIK starters present Catholic Christianity, where students can "engage, learn from, struggle with, and allow faith to become a part of who you are."

The "Notre Dating" series events will be held on the last Wednesday of every month through April in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge.

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International News

Final report sparesbenzil prime minister

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert emerged relatively unscathed from the final report into the disastrous handling of Israel’s 2006 war in Lebanon, even though the inquiry criticized both the government and the army for serious failings and flaws.

The report stopped short of blaming Olmert personally for what many Israelis saw as a spineless failure that emboldened the Lebanese state’s enemies. A harsher indictment could have threatened Olmert’s rule and his stated goal of signing a peace treaty with the Palestinians within a year.

U.S. warns China to relax restraints

S Matthews, the U.S. envoy to Africa called the situation “very serious, if not an emergency” in the Rift Valley pitted the Kalenjin, a Kikuyu tribe who support Odinga, against the Kikuyu, who support Mwai Kibaki.

The town of Kisumu is now almost completely ethnically cleansed of Kikuyus, and mobs armed with machete-like weapons have launched a reign of terror across western Kenya. Kikuyus have been killed, and members of the group account for more than half of the 255,000 cases over rampant Chinese product piracy and measures hindering sales of U.S.-made autos.

Kenya

Washington reconsiders aid to Kenya

Post-election “ethnic cleansing” in Nairobi has claimed 800 lives

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — The top U.S. envoy in Africa preluded a month of post-election violence in Kenya, "ethnic cleansing" and mass arrests Wednesday Washington was reconsidering hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to the country.

Frazier said neither President Mwai Kibaki nor his chief rival, opposition leader Raila Odinga, is doing enough to stop the bloodshed that has claimed more than 800 lives since the disputed Dec. 27 presidential vote.

Much of the violence has pitted other tribes, including Odinga’s go, against Kikuyu. Kikuyu are the largest ethnic group. Kikuyu have long been portrayed for their dominance of Kenya’s economy and politics, but pour Kikuyu among the Nairobi’s dwellers who have been left out of the country’s economic boom.

Frazier said the violence de­scended from a spur of a month to the western Rift Valley pitted the Kalenjin, who support Odinga, against Kikuyus.

The first wave of this vio­lence, it was primarily in the Rift Valley, and it was Kikuyus pushing out Kalenjins. But now that may be spreading toward Kikuyus pushing out Luo and Kalenjins,” Frazier told reporters in Addis Ababa. Ethiopia, was doing the lines of an African Union statement.

"What I was talking about in terms of the ethnic cleansing that I saw was an immediate aftermath of the election, it was an organized effort to push people out of the Rift Valley," Frazier said. "And in that environment, people were told to leave their homes and face the threat of death if they didn’t flee.

Frazier said he did not con­demn any people genetically.

In Washington, the State Department appeared to back away from Frazier’s characterization of the vio­lence as ethnic cleansing. "Very clearly, there’s a very serious situation, if not crisis, with respect to people being displaced in Kenya,” spokesman Sean McCormack told reporters. He said experts from the Department’s Office of War Crimes Issues were compiling information about the vio­lence but had not yet made any findings.

But he noted "ethnic cleansing, unlike genocide," is not a legal term with a set definition. "If they do document any instances of atrocities, we have to look at what next steps to take, but at this point we’re not there yet," McCormack said.

Kikuyus were the major victims of the first explosion of violence after the announcement that Kibaki had won the election, which the international community and election monitors agree was rigged.

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Local News

13-month-old shot to death in car

GARY, Ind. — A 13-month-old boy was shot to death after his mother described as a car­jacking, and police said Tuesday they have arrested a person of interest.

Kawasaki is driving with her son, Josiah, in the city of Gary Monday evening when a man forced his way into the car, police said. A SWAT team arrested a man on a failure to appear in court warrant Monday in Portage, about 10 miles east of Gary.

"Our investigators talked to that individual and will probably be talking to him again as the investigation continues," Gary Police Cmdr. Samuel Roberts said.

Roberts would not say whether police believe he was the gunman.

Giuliani bows out of race, endorses McCain

GARY, Ind. — Rudy Giuliani, who sought to make the leap from New York mayor to the White House, bowed out of the Republican presidential contest Wednesday and endorsed front¬runner and longtime friend John McCain.

"John McCain is in the most qualified candidate to be our next commander in chief of the United States," Giuliani said. "He’s a true American hero.

Once the front-runner himself, Giuliani decided to abandon the race after a dis­mal performance in Tuesday’s Florida primary, a contest on which he had bet his political fortune. Instead, McCain won and Giuliani came in a distant third.

Giuliani would not say whether police believe he was the gunman.

Giuliani recalled he had said in an ear¬lier debate that McCain would be his choice for president if he were not run­ning himself.

"If I’d endorsed anyone else, you would say I was flip-flopping," he said, mention­ing an oft-repeated criticism of McCain’s national security credentials — his record on defense matters, and election monitors agree was rigged.

Giuliani said he had no plans to continue his likely presidential run.

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Revue

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ment were present at the Revue dress rehearsal Wednesday. Both on the Board of Governance, student Senate president Kevin Payne asked Revue organizers to eliminate two roles for both junior and Mary’s students from skits. Payne said that we would object if they’re going to talk about Saint Mary’s campus and the student body in the past has had problems,” Payne said.

The writers had alternate ideas for the few scenes they guessed might be found objectionable, Revue associate director John Siegel said. The Revue is entirely student-written, acted and written.

The writers all acted under an “extensive screening process” before they made it into the Revue, which has in the past spurred complaints by audience members offended by its edgy material. “It’s their job to offend or make anyone uncomfortable,” Siegel said. “We use humor to address issues around campus and greater issues for young people in a different way.”

Keenan rector Mark Tesch says all views of the Revue throughout the reheasal were taken. “I was in the past cut skits, though the Revue is mostly the writers’ show, he said. “I never know what’s going to make people laugh and what’s going to make people angry,” he said. “Sometimes they seem trivial to me. Sometimes I can understand their concerns or objections.”

This year’s Revue differs from those of past years in the variety and quality of its skits, Siegel said. “This year they’re all very distinctive,” he said. “Across the board and it’s a very strong Revue.”

All free tickets for the Revue, which are distributed the week within 20 minutes of being made available to the student body, and Keenan residents snapped up reserved tickets for their guests.

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Hate

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that the student body supports the 6 and L community,” Bant said. “I think it does a larger disservice to the gay and lesbian community to keep bringing up this hate and keep mentioning this hate, as obviously it was a very immediate act that was done for attention, and we’re giving them attention.”

However, other senators said that the Senate should pass the resolution to show that this act should not be condoned.

“It might have been just two students but just the fact that no one has really said anything is extremely disturbing,” Howard Senator Erdina Bant said. “I believe that it is important to pass this to finally get on the right path.”

A few senators compared the T-shirt incident to the racist letters sent to three residence halls last week. O’Neill Senator Matt Mollo said the T-shirt incident is worth specifically addressing in light of the recent mailings. While the University notified the entire campus about the racist letters through an e-mail, the offensive T-shirts received much less attention.

The University sent an e-mail to every student denouncing the racist letters, and nothing happened with the (anti-gay) shirts,” Mollo said. “We need to stand up and address it because it no one else.”

Kossi said that in addition to passing the resolution, the Senate should take action to support the GLETSQ community and to combat hate speech. Possible events could be a dialogue series and greater involvement in "Stand Against Hate Week" in April, she said.

Academic Affairs Committee Chair Carol Hendrickson also gave a presentation about the hiring and tenure of Catholic faculty. Hendrickson said that Catholic faculty meetings will feature speakers about this topic, including a Faculty Senate member and a member of the administration though the speakers have not been confirmed.

Hendrickson presented a graph showing a projection of Catholic faculty compared to Catholic faculty, from 2006-2042, the project posed 51 percent hiring rate.

“It’s pretty obvious that we will be losing our Catholic majority far sooner than later, “ Hendrickson said.

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O’Neill Senator

"Most people are just concerned about going to class and their every day routine and not thinking about when they’re coming here or the history and the legacy of Notre Dame, ” Francillean said.

In other Senate news:

The Senate unanimously passed a resolution that proposed an amendment to the Student Body Constitution, adding a student Senate board general manager to the financial management board. Ian Secviar, the oversight committee chair, initiated this resolution.

Parker Ludwig from University Libraries spoke about the state of electronic reserves. During the past few years, about 175,000 courses used electronic reserves. Ludwig said.

Student Body Life Chair Marianna Montes said that although the University Committee on Academic Technology positively received the iTunes proposal that she and senior Patrick Finnigan gave January last Friday, legal issues delay the use of iTunes U at Notre Dame.

The administration wants to make sure that all intellectual property of our professors is properly stored and protected.

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Casa

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Though no alcohol has been sold at Casa for more than a month, its billboard still advertises the specials.

“We encourage people to come to Casa and explain [our plight],” he said. Even before the license expired, Casa was going through a rough patch. Arrendondo attributed the to the losing season of the Notre Dame football team.

With accumulating defeats at home and on the road, the fans were less willing to pay the high rates for local lodging, Arrendondo said. And local residents were unlikely to celebrate most of the season’s games with a Casa visit.

“A lot of factors, in the end, were responsible,” he said. “It’s very important to note that we simply didn’t have our economy.”

At its peak in 2006, Casa did business. Arrendondo said. On some Tuesdays, when tacos and domestic drafts were each $1, a customer could find a walk as long as three hours. Affordability and proximity were key selling points.

T’ll miss Casa del Rio," said sophomore Federico Valiente. “It was conveniently cheap and close to campus. And the food was good.”

“I guess from now on we’ll have to settle for Chipotle.” Valiente said that he and his friends went to eat at Casa last Saturday, and as they ordered their food, Arrendondo told them about the restaurant’s financial difficulties.

Senior Brad Bitterly said that ever since he moved off campus, Casa’s dollar tacos were a regular part of his diet. For him, they were quick and affordable meal.

“It wasn’t exactly high dining but the food and, most importantly, the drinks were cheap,” he said. "Perhaps the cheapness of the food made you feel like you were truly eating from a Mexican street vendor in [Mexico City].”

After Arrendondo said goodbye to Casa’s last customer tonight, he plans to share a final celebration at his restaurant with those who helped make it happen for more than three years.

“We’ll close the doors and have a couple of cocktails with our friends and family,” he said, before adding an explanation. After closing the business, I can’t serve any alcohol during business.”

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MARKET RECAP

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A plan to send $500-$1,000 rebates to the wealthiest taxpayers advanced in the Senate Wednesday after Rep. Charles Grassley of Iowa, chairman of the panel’s senior Republican congressional party, said the panel’s senior Republican congressional party, which would pump $193 billion into the economy over the next two years, "The Senate Finance Committee approved the measure, which is a bipartisan vote Wednesday, and senior aides to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and the unemployed to a House-passed economic recovery bill.

He said it could win quick approval and be ready for enactment by Feb. 15. “This cannot be loaded down,” Grassley said, “nor is it likely to sink.”

Baucus originally proposed to let even the richest taxpayers share in the rebates, saying that would attract Republican support for his measure. Grassley said that lifting what some Republican deemed “suffocating income limits” in the House plan was a key reason he was backing the bill. But Senate Democrats balked at the idea of wealthy people — including lawmakers — getting rebate checks. Baucus’ new proposal expressly bars members of Congress from getting the checks.

It also goes further than the House package in efforts to bar illegal immigrants from receiving rebates. Under the Senate measure, recipients and their spouses and children would have to valid Social Security numbers to qualify. The House bill allows that requirement, although it expressly disqualifies non-resident aliens.

In barking the bill, Grassley broke with President Bush and Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. Both have said the Senate should simply pass the House-approved stimulus measure.

Grassley told Iowa reporters that he believed the Senate would act quickly on the measure and that he and Baucus would team up to try to block further amendments to the bill.

"If Baucus and I can work together, we can keep amendments down, keep it from becoming a Christmas tree,” Grassley said.

WASHINGTON — The economy nearly stalled in the fourth quarter with a growth rate of just 0.6 percent, capping its worst year since 2002.

Wednesday’s Commerce Department report showed that the economy deteriorated considerably during the October-December quarter as worrisome signals in the housing market and hardest-to-get credit made individuals and businesses more cautious in their spending. Figures of a recession have grown, even as inflation remained elevated.

For all of 2007, the economy grew by just 2.2 percent — the weakest performance in five years, when the country was struggling to recover from the 2001 recession. The housing collapse was the biggest culprit: builders slashed spending on housing projects by 16.9 percent on an annualized basis, the most in 25 years.

The Gross domestic product report for the last quarter of 2007 came as the Democratic-run Congress and the Bush administration continued to work on a program of tax rebates and business incentives.


Market pulls back despite big rate cut

the Dorm, which had been up more than 200 points after the Fed’s decision, finished down 37.47, or 0.30 percent, at 12,442.83.

“We’re seeing profit taking ahead of the government reports on Friday,” Fullman said, referring to the Labor Department’s data on job creation and unemployment. “The market has had a really nice run-up this week, and investors are taking advantage of that.”

Browder stock indicators also turned lower. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index fell 6.49, or 0.48 percent, to 1,355.81, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 9.06, or 0.38 percent, to 2,349.00.

Government bond prices rose as the stock market pulled back. The yield on the 10-year benchmark note fell to 3.63 percent from 3.68 percent late Tuesday.

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B U S I N E S S

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Schwarzenegger will support John McCain

California governor to back Arizona senator for impending Republican primary elections

Associated Press

SIMI VALLEY — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will endorse John McCain on Thursday, giving a certain boost to the Republican presidential front-runner six days before California's high-stakes primary.

The two will appear at a news conference after touring a Los Angeles-based solar energy company and the governor will make his endorsement official, his senior aides confirmed Wednesday.

Schwarzenegger’s endorsement is yet another setback for Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who saw Florida slip from his grasp Tuesday after McCain rolled up the support of that state’s two top elected Republicans, Gov. Charlie Crist and Sen. Mel Martinez.

His strategy inlaters, Romney plans to offer himself as the conservative alternative to McCain as he pushes ahead in hopes of winning enough delegates to topple the Arizona senator when 21 states vote in the Republican contest on Tuesday.

Schwarzenegger’s move comes as McCain plows ahead toward the nomination, the only Republican candidate to have won three body contested primaries since voting began earlier this month.

“Governor Schwarzenegger is an exceptional governor and we are honored that he has decided to endorse Senator McCain, and look forward to the event tomorrow,” said Steve Schmidt, a senior McCain adviser who managed Schwarzenegger’s 2006 campaign.

The four-term senator is running strongly ahead of his competitors in California, which offers a whopping 170 delegates to the Republican nominating convention. Candidates secure three delegates for each of the state’s 53 congressional districts they win in the primary in which only Republicans can vote.

The ultimate effect of Schwarzenegger’s endorsement is unclear. The celebrity governor and former actor is universally known in the state, and his political network certainly will be helpful to McCain, who has virtually no organized effort in California after his candidacy nearly collapsed. The actor-turned-governor also is a prolific fundraiser.

But Schwarzenegger has a strained relationship with some conservatives in his own party and McCain, himself, is fighting to convince GOP rank-and-file that he’s committed to conservative values. Schwarzenegger’s nod could exacerbate concerns about McCain among the party establishment.

Breathtalizer tests not permitted in hearings

Poor performance in toxicology labs results in judge’s refusal to allow device in courtrooms

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The State Patrol’s toxicology lab has had so many ethical lapses and made so many scientific mistakes in recent years that alcohol breath test results should not be admitted at trial, a court ruled Wednesday.

The ruling by a three-member panel of King County District Court will likely make it easier for defendants in pending county cases to beat drunken driving charges and for those previously convicted on breath test evidence to appeal.

“Simply stated, without the reliable evidence that a correctly functioning breath test instrument can provide, the discovery of the truth in DUI cases suffers,” the judges wrote. “The innocent may be wrongly convicted, and the guilty may go free.”

Prosecutors can still try to win convictions based on other evidence, such as erratic driving and field sobriety tests, the improper rejection of data, mistyped or switched data and reliance on software that miscalculated data. Prosecutors can try to get breath test results admitted in cases after they have proven the lab’s practices have been cleaned up, the judges said.

“The judges are saying, ‘If you wanna play CSI, you’ve got to make sure you can do it the way CSI does it,’” defense attorney Tod Voss said. “The science they did at the lab was so sloppy you can have no confidence in any of the results that were obtained.”

Voss said he was one of many defense attorneys around the state who helped cover the more than $225,000 it cost for experts, transcripts and other legal expenses in challenging the lab’s work before the King County judges.

Skagit County is the third in the state to reconsider the validity of the tests since reports of problems surfaced, and its ruling is the most sweeping. Skagit County judges ruled that although misconduct at the lab was troubling, there was no immediate evidence that the breath test results were invalid. In Snohomish County, judges threw out the tests in about 40 cases.
Town targets Bush, Cheney
Petition accuses president, vice president of crimes against Constitution

Associated Press

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — A town petition making President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney subject to arrest for crimes against the Constitution has triggered a barrage of criticism from people who say residents are "wackjobs" and "nuts."

In e-mail messages, voice-mail messages and telephone calls, outraged people are calling the measure the equivalent of treason and voicing never to visit Vermont.

"Has everyone up there been out in the cold too long?" said one.

"I would like to know how I could get some water from your town," said another. "It's obvious that there is something special in it."

The petition — with more than 436 signatures, or at least the 5 percent of voters necessary to be considered — was submitted Thursday and the town Select Board voted 3-2 Friday to put it on the ballot. It goes to a town-wide vote March 4.

It reads, "Shall the Selectboard instruct the Town Attorney to draft indictments against President Bush and Vice President Cheney for crimes against our Constitution, and publish said indictments for consideration by other authorities and shall the Selectboard instruct the police of the Town of Brattleboro that the Brattleboro Police, pursuant to the above-mentioned indictments, arrest and detain George Bush and Richard Cheney in Brattleboro if they are not duly impeached, and prosece or extradite them to other authorities that may reasonably contend to prosecute them?"

News of the measure made the rounds on the Internet, and soon people started calling and writing. The Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce got about 60 e-mails Monday, all of them negative, said Executive Director Jerry Goldberg.

A day later, he said, "we had three to four calls in a row that were very positive. One even volunteered to help."

The petition has no legal standing, since the town attorney has no authority to write an indictment and the police have no authority to arrest Bush or Cheney if either visits Brattleboro.

Bush has not visited Vermont during his presidency, Cheney visited Burlington in 2002, but has not been to Brattleboro. Anger at the Bush administration is hardly new in Vermont. The state Senate voted last year to support impeaching the president.

Anti-war rallies are regular occurrences, and "impeach Bush" bumper stickers are common.

Clemson University fraternity on probation
Three members charged with misdemeanors after freshman dies of alcohol poisoning

Associated Press

WALHALLA, S.C. — Three fraternity members at Clemson University were charged with alcohol-related misdemeanors after a freshman died of alcohol poisoning during an off-campus party, a prosecutor said Wednesday.

The students' activities did not directly lead to the death of 18-year-old Benjamin Garrison Sprague, prosecutor Chrisy Adams said. But the three students, all members of the fraternity Sigma Nu, face charges that include transferring beer and liquor to a minor and using fake identification to buy alcohol.

Sprague was not forced to drink at the party, Adams said.

"Ben made choices that neither his family nor he would wish he had made and he consumed alcohol in excess, and that led to his death. These boys made a mistake by providing the alcohol and having a party at an alcohol party to underage drinkers."

Sprague was pronounced dead Dec. 9 at a Sigma Nu fraternity house. He had a blood-alcohol level of nearly 0.38 percent — about five times above the legal limit for driving. Oconee County Coroner Karl Addis has said.

After Sprague's death, the Sigma Nu chapter was placed on interim suspension by the university and several other national organizations investigating the suspensions. The suspension means the group cannot hold any meetings or parties.

"We fully expect our members to abide by, uphold and support the laws of the land, including laws pertaining to alcohol purchase, consumption and use," said Brad Beachman, executive director of the Virginia-based national Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Adams said Sprague, who had recently been initiated into the fraternity last fall, had been drinking for four hours before he arrived at a party. Adams read a statement from Sprague's parents that said, "While we acknowledge Ben's mistakes, we do not hold any meetings or parties."

"Our first thoughts are with the Sprague family and continue to be with them, since this is just another sad day for their family and the Clemson family," Denny said.

The prosecutor said Jetin Patel, 19, of Spartanburg, was charged with using a fake ID to purchase beer at a grocery store. He also faces charges of underage possession of beer to a person under 21.

Matthew Rinckel, 20, of Lynchburg, Va., was charged with transfer of beer and transfer of liquor to a person under 21.

Addison Kerr, 21, of Atlanta, was charged with transfer of liquor to a minor. Kerr's attorney, Mills Ariail, said his client was hoping to be allowed to enter a pretrial intervention program, which could remove the charges from his record.

"The family, from what I understand, did not want criminal charges brought," Ariail said. "They don't want these boys to face this the rest of their life."

An attorney for Rinckel declined to comment through another lawyer in his firm, and it was unclear whether Patel and Rinckel had been at a fraternity party to underage drinkers.

Office of the President, Gender Relations Center, Gender Studies, Feminist Voice, Identity Project of Notre Dame, Men Against Violence, Progressive Student Alliance
Jesus is my co-conspirator

Why are you here? At least a few times in my career here at Notre Dame, I’ve been asked this question in maddeningly inarticulate and inquisitive, hostile and hospitable. Now, I cannot read minds and so I cannot speak for the beliefs of other people with any degree of certainty, but I think it is a fairly safe bet that if religious belief were somehow quantifiable I’d probably be considered below average, to be cautious. Living in close proximity to other people means that this gets noticed, and occasionally questioned.

I try to brush off the question with something flippant or funny, such as “The weather was too nice to say no!” or “I heard the food at the North Dining Hall was great!” but these are diversionary, not just to the questioner but to myself, the questioned. You see, I’ve been trying to explain it to myself during every day I’ve been on campus the last four years. I like it here, a lot really, I do. I’d stay another year or two if they’d let me (well, if they let me for free, but why? Yes, there are friends and fun times and all that, and I don’t mean to dismiss these crucial considerations, but recently, I think I may have come upon an answer.

Ironically enough, I was attending mass at the time. Our dorm’s priest was delivering the homily and talking about the greatest needs humans had. I found myself nodding along when the three he listed were to love, to be loved, and to find something greater than themselves. The last of these three was referred to as the main reason most people believe in a religion. I believe it is also the main criteria by which I select my favorite movies.

Sitting there listening to the priest I realized that nearly all of the movies I love involve a group of people coming together and utilizing their individual talents toward the pursuit of a common goal. The preference stretches across genres lines. My favorite war movie is “The Great Escape,” in which the inmates of a POW camp undertake an intricate escape plan, hoping to free 200 people. The effort encompasses tails, strategists, forgers, diggers and Steve McQueen. Though the plan is ultimately less than successful, the story is inspiring.

My favorite western is “The Magnificent Seven,” in which seven disparate gunsmokers take very little pay to defend a Mexican village from an evil thief. Though mentioning the comparities in an article ostensibly about religious belief might strike some as curious, I think the same philosophy might apply to either films such as “Ozanam’s Eleven” and, of course, “The Great Muppet Caper.”

The point of all this is to say, in an embarrassingly inflated fashion, that although I might not agree with very much of the dogma, I still empathize with the need for that feeling of being a part of something greater. I want to feel that there is a reason for us to be here.

The more strident atheists, like Richard Dawkins, author of the provocatively titled “The God Delusion,” and his kindred spirit Christopher Hitchens fail to see religious belief in a reasonable light, I think it is a fairly safe bet that if religious belief were somehow quantifiable I’d probably be considered below average, to be cautious. Living in close proximity to other people means that this gets noticed, and occasionally questioned.

John Everett

Kids These Days

I don’t doubt that Dawkins and Hitchens have considered these questions. My problem is that they have answered them so confidently that they seem to have moved on from them. We are here because of a random disturbance in the universe, leading eventual­ly to the creation of all life. We fall in love because our genes want us to reproduce. People are happier or sad­der than other people because of differ­­­­­­ent levels of certain chemicals in the brain. In short, Dawkins and Hitchens have dismissed the notion of a soul. The problem with these answers, however true, is that they are too cert­­­­­­ain. Religion may offer similarly pat answers, i.e., we are here because of the will of God, and we are here to do God’s will, etc., but it does not, or should not, lend itself to the same degree of certainty, as the believer is forced to ask for fur­­­­­­ther. “What is God’s will, and how do we best enact it?”

If belief is a continuum, I myself may fall closer to Dawkins’ and Hitchens’ end of it than to St. Francis’, but I don’t conceive of myself as an easily under­­­­­­stood product of natural selection and chemical imbalances. I like to think more of myself, and the rest of us, than that. And that’s the reason I like it here. As Norma Miller, a man with unc­­­­­­ertain religions beliefs himself, once said, “You can say the word soul at Notre Dame and nobody snickers.”

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Letters to the Editor

In his Viewpoint column ("True diversity..."), Jan. 29, Greg Yataora argued against affirmative action, claiming that "all blacks and Hispanics are disadvantaged." In fact, when they marry and form stable families, they are more likely to be in the top 10% of all classes. I don't have a clue about all those who I have heard have trouble finding a job or the like. I'm having some trouble understanding this claim.

There's the suggestion that "stable families" are the key to achieving middle-class status — a claim that would undeniably debunk almost immediately after St. Louis of the 70s. More fundamentally, Yataora seems to be assuming that being disadvantaged or advantaged is a girl last year. "So-called "thieving" student body. I stole a traffic cone and put it in the garbage. I'm no thief...except for that time that I took a "No Trespassing" sign while trespassing through other people's refuse, I think that's a little wasted energy. Some calculate that out of his backpack, and help serve at the funeral of an elderly parishioner this week from your own educational past, this place which has an unparalleled future for all humankind. It also reminds us that we are on "the way," just as the Bible described the followers of Jesus in the early Church. Now, I know this isn't "the Catholic University Smart." You don't need to be told to read with a buddy; declaring a no-home-schooling night could be fun, but probably inadvisable; and you don't have uniforms to dress down from. That which makes all Catholic School unique also makes Notre Dame unlike any secular school anywhere: community ties connected by a commitment to a common faith in Jesus Christ simply live differently. And when all the newly matriculated students cascade out of here each May after Commencement weekend, so very many of them begin, in small ways and large, to "light the way." The experience of sharing faith and life here in a Catholic community that prays, mourns and rejoices together will lead you to seek out parishes to pray in, proceed to serve in ACE schools, motivate you to choose Holy Cross Associates or Farm of the Child or Covenant House; and compel you to bring, through your faith, a much heightened level of ethical behavior to whatever your chosen career path. Maybe you remember Catholic Schools Week from your own educational past or maybe not. But think about all the kids around South Bend and all over the nation who are celebrating, praying, participating in fundraisers, dressing down, and learning what it means to "light the way." Maybe all of us here, at this place which has an unparalleled opportunity to be a light of hope and wisdom and courage, could take a deep breath, pray Father Hesburgh's prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit," and live as a light.

The right to skip

In response to Will Guappone's suggestion that "we must accept bad behavior from politicians" ("Truth, lies and politicians," Jan. 29), I say stop hiding behind your cynicism and recognize that voters have a real choice in this election.

It's true that no candidate is perfect, but when one campaign is engaging in bitter, divisive and patently false attacks while the other calls for inclusion, positivity, and a new way forward, platitude like Guappone's insistence that politics is dirty straight up hurts our democracy. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are running fundamentally different kinds of campaigns, and this year's there's no need to accept lies and meanness as part of the game. Just stop making excuses and choose what is possible — leadership that may not be perfect, but that all Americans can be proud of.

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Top 5 Things that won’t happen in ‘LOST’ this year

5. There will be no romantic tension between Jack/Sawyer and Kate.

4. The survivors will set up a "confessional" so they can record and vent their feelings about the others to a camera.

3. Everyone will survive.

2. All problems will be solved — daddy issues, marital struggles, revenge schemes.

1. The Harlem Globetrotters will parachute onto the island to play a pickup game with the survivors.

LOST: SEASON 4 PREVIEW

By TAE KANG
Scene Writer

Tonight the best show on television returns after an eight-month hiatus. Having contacted a freighter 80 miles offshore from their island, it seems that the survivors of Oceanic Flight 815 will finally be rescued and be allowed to return home, whether that be Sydney or Los Angeles. But this is “Lost" and only a fresh set of mysteries and challenges await our characters.

From the intense first minutes of seeing the aftermath of the plane crash onward, “Lost" has always been a show that has pushed the boundaries of our imagination and expanded its mythology. It taught us that "even heroes have secrets.” It has inspired conversations about the significance of numbers (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42), polar bears, and ultimately, "Where are these people?" The show has changed the landscape of television. If you’re watching a show about a multi-ethnic cast with superpowers who are seemingly all connected, thank “Lost.” If you’re downloading your favorite episode of "Grey’s Anatomy" on iTunes, thank “Lost.” The show about the incredibly flawed survivors on an island who come into contact with giant smoke monsters and mysterious figures named Jacob most likely did whatever your favorite show is doing first.

Despite winning an Emmy for its first season, “Lost” came under fire especially in the third season by critics and fans alike. Season 3 focused greatly on The Others, especially the manipulative Ben and love-torn Juliet and this
look screen time away from fan favorites like Hurley and Locke. Also, the decision to air the first six episodes long before the last 16 episodes was a controversial one. Some felt the creators had no plan for the storyline and only answered questions with more questions.

With this, the producers announced the show would end after three more seasons and they began to satisfy many a quenching mystery. In the latter half of Season 3, "Lost" regained its original form and began to show quality episodes, one after another. This culminated with the season finale that shocked and surprised the haters (who took back their harsh words about their show) and completely changed the storytelling narrative of the series.

While "Lost" excites viewers with cliffhangers and intrigues them with mysteries and philosophical dilemmas, it is ultimately the characters and flashbacks that are the heart of the show. Their dilemmas on and off the island and inner-demons drive the show forward. From the heroin-addled former rock star to the Korean couple to the former torturer for the Iraqi Republican Guard, it is the depth of the characters that navigates "Lost." The viewers see that heroes are not always so perfect and villains are not always so clear-cut.

With Season 3's thrilling conclusion, there lies the whole new mystery of who the people are on the freighter and the promises that these new characters are even more frightening and dangerous than The Others.

The producers have compared each season to a chapter of a novel, which they unwrap and tell. I compare it to a five-course meal at a fine restaurant. The procedural shows like "Law and Order" or "reality" TV shows are like a Happy Meal at McDonald's compared to "Lost." They fill a basic need, but go no further and are not truly satisfying. No other show is as complex, deep, and intense as "Lost." It is ultimately a tale of survival and suffering, pain and redemption of the human experience. Live together, die alone.

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Pitt men topple Nova; Hoyas dominate Red Storm

Lady Panthers extend winning streak to 11 games; top-ranked Huskies trounce South Florida, remain unbeaten

Hoyas forward Vernon Macklin defends Red Storm forward Anthony Mason Jr. during Georgetown's 74-42 win Wednesday.

Pittsburgh — At the same point of the game in which Pitt unloaded a 16-point first half deficit in a recent win over the No. 18 Panthers bounced back to beat Villanova 99-57 on Wednesday night.

Young scored 15 points and finished off the pivotal 22-3 run that began with 13 minutes remaining by blocking Corey Stokes' outside jumper, grabbing the ball and scoring on a breakaway dunk while being fouled. Young completed the three-point play to make it 99-41, then celebrated by pouting out his chest and pointing at himself as if to say, "Hey, did you see that?"

Young, who is averaging 18 points but was held to 11 by Rutgers, felt it was a play worthy of some showing off.

"The block and the three-point play summed it up," Young said. "I felt I was real energetic after that. With that block, I felt like I was coming out of my slump."

Scottie Reynolds scored 26 points, but Villanova (13-3, 3-5 Big East) — ranked 19th when it beat Pitt 64-63 at home on Jan. 6 — lost its third in a row. The streak is the Wildcats' longest since they dropped five straight in the 2003-04 season. They have lost four of six overall.

Georgetown 74, St. John's 42

Georgetown and St. John's are two of the foundation programs of the Big East Conference. They are about as far apart as two teams can get right now whether it's on the scoreboard or in the standings.

The sixth-ranked Hoyas handled St. John's worst Big East loss ever Wednesday night. Their victory looked like a first-place game as far as the way we know we could have played and didn't," Moore said.

Renee Montgomery added 21 points for the Hoyas, but was the only other UConn player in double figures. She called it a bad win.

"We were turning it over, not getting a shot at all," she said. "On defense, we weren't getting all the way to the rim. Maybe we were getting offensive rebounds, but we weren't doing the things that we can control. That's when it's bad, when the things you can control, you do bad at, then that's when you have trouble."

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Women's

UConn 71, South Florida 48

Maya Moore called it perhaps the worst game Connecticut has played all season, and the top-ranked Huskies still won by 23 points.

Moore scored 21, and UConn (17-3, 7-0 Big East) beat Florida on Wednesday night, giving the Huskies 20 wins for the 15th consecutive season, and putting Moore in double digits entering each conference game.

That's the longest streak for a UConn player since Diana Taurasi scored in double digits in 31 consecutive games between Feb. 19, 2003 and Jan. 27, 2004.

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Pittsburg — At the same point of the game in which Pitt unloaded a 16-point first half deficit in a recent win over the No. 18 Panthers bounced back to beat Villanova 99-57 on Wednesday night.

Young scored 15 points and finished off the pivotal 22-3 run that began with 13 minutes remaining by blocking Corey Stokes' outside jumper, grabbing the ball and scoring on a breakaway dunk while being fouled. Young completed the three-point play to make it 99-41, then celebrated by pouting out his chest and pointing at himself as if to say, "Hey, did you see that?"

Young, who is averaging 18 points but was held to 11 by Rutgers, felt it was a play worthy of some showing off.

"The block and the three-point play summed it up," Young said. "I felt I was real energetic after that. With that block, I felt like I was coming out of my slump."

Scottie Reynolds scored 26 points, but Villanova (13-3, 3-5 Big East) — ranked 19th when it beat Pitt 64-63 at home on Jan. 6 — lost its third in a row. The streak is the Wildcats' longest since they dropped five straight in the 2003-04 season. They have lost four of six overall.

Georgetown 74, St. John's 42

Georgetown and St. John's are two of the foundation programs of the Big East Conference. They are about as far apart as two teams can get right now whether it's on the scoreboard or in the standings.

The sixth-ranked Hoyas handled St. John's worst Big East loss ever Wednesday night. Their victory looked like a first-place game as far as the way we know we could have played and didn't," Moore said.

Renee Montgomery added 21 points for the Hoyas, but was the only other UConn player in double figures. She called it a bad win.

"We were turning it over, not getting a shot at all," she said. "On defense, we weren't getting all the way to the rim. Maybe we were getting offensive rebounds, but we weren't doing the things that we can control. That's when it's bad, when the things you can control, you do bad at, then that's when you have trouble."

Pittsburgh 72, Villanova 63

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Bulls forward Melissa Dalembert and guard Jazmine Segueda try to stop Huskies forward Maya Moore in UConn's 72-48 win.

Walker dominated the inside and finished with a game-best 23 points and nine rebounds in her return to Philadelphia, leading the Huskies to a 72-63 victory over Villanova on Wednesday night.

"It feels good to get this win in my hometown," said Walker, a standout at University City High. Mallorie Winn chipped in with 18 points as Pitt withstood a tough second-half challenge and extended its winning streak to 11 games, the team's longest since opening the 2006-07 season 12-0.

Xenia Stewart added 14 points, and Shavonte Zellous had 13 for the Panthers who propped for 87-48 in their sixth straight overall and eighth in their past nine games.

"We're much better than last year, but if you look at the wins and losses you wouldn't know it," Villanova coach Larry Perretta said.

Villanova, which has taken half its shots from beyond the arc and entered the game shooting 34 percent (201-for-588) from 3-point range, has lost four of its last five and six of eight.

"We're much better than last year, but if you look at the wins and losses you wouldn't know it," Villanova coach Larry Perretta said.

"It's a tough loss to live, but it is the only way for us to compete with these teams because, athletically, we have a tough time matching up," Perretta said of his team's dependence on the 3.
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Plaxico's prediction offends QB Brady

Associated Press

PHOENIX — 23-17

Just 17 points for the potent Patriots. A certain MVP quarterback thinks that's a Super-sized deficit.

Tom Brady scoffed when told Wednesday that New York Giants receiver Plaxico Burress claimed New York will beat Brady's undefeated New England team in Sunday's Super Bowl.

"We're only going to score 17 points?" Brady said before chuckling about it. "OK. Is that playing defense? I wish he had said 45-42 and gave us a little credit for scoring more points."

Considering the Patriots set an NFL record by scoring 599 points, Brady's 50touchdown passes were the most ever for one season, and Randy Moss broke Jerry Rice's mark with 23 TD catches, Burress might have been a bit chintzy.

The last time the Patriots played the Giants in the season finals, New England ruled from 12 points down in the third quarter to win 38-35. The Patriots have not scored fewer than 20 points in their 18 victories, and the last time they put up only 17 was Dec. 10, 2006 — a 24-17 loss at Miami in their last regular-season defeat.

Even if the Giants' defense performs at its peak, it's still doubtful New England will score only 17 points. "I know they have confidence," Brady said. "They are the NFL champions." "I learned a lesson early in my career: No matter what you say during the week and God knows we say a lot this week — we're going to be focused on going out and winning this game. We're confident, but I don't think we share our thoughts with everybody."

Burress did. And when he showed up 33 minutes late for the Giants' media session Wednesday morning, there was speculation the wide receiver was trying to avoid the spotlight. Turns out Burress was spending time with his 1-year-old son and family at breakfast, claiming he was unaware so many people wanted to interrogate him about his prediction.

Even if the Giants' defense proves to be focused, Brady said, surrounded by at least as many TV cameras, microphones and notebooks as Brady was two hours earlier. "Nobody wants to lose." "All this is entertainment," added Burress, who was held out of practice Wednesday because of an ankle injury that has plagued him all season. "It's sports, and sports are entertainment. So 23-17 is the prediction I made, but the game still has to be played."
Freshmen help Rebels snap slump vs. Vanderbilt

No.1 Memphis wins 15th consecutive road game; Spartans beat Illini, reach best 21-game record in school history

Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — The rest of the Southeastern Conference might want to take notice of Mississippi’s Eniel Polynice.

The small forward relentlessly drove to the basket for 18 points Wednesday night in the Rebels’ 74-58 match-needed victory over Vanderbilt and rendered Shan Foster, one of the SEC’s top scorers, ineffective.

“Polynice was better off the dribble than we were about getting in front of him and he was a great finisher,” Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings said. “He had six layups in the first half and five came against one guy.”

That one guy was likely Foster, though Stallings didn’t want to identify the player after he made the comment. But Ole Miss players were well aware of the score after Polynice’s tough all around game.

He finished with five assists, four rebounds and two blocks and sealed the game with a steal and dunk with about three minutes left. As important, he held Foster, the SEC’s top scorer, to about 10 points.

Stallings said. “He had six layups in the first half and five came against one guy.”

Robert Dozier scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half, and Calvin Brock each scored seven points and a couple other players had six points.

“Are we getting better? We got better today,” he said. “We foul them, and they make two. Then we come down, drive to the basket, get fouled and don’t make free throws we need.

"I wish it wasn’t the same story, but it’s been like that all year for us.”

Illinois reserves Mike Tisdale and Calvin Brock each scored seven points and a couple other players had six points.
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Watching on Philadelphia's bench with a rare fourth quarter off, Samuel Dalembert felt like an investor following his hot stock tip skyrockets on the scrolling ticker.

Philly piled up the points — 30, +31, +41, +7.

Milwaukee totally crashed.

"You want to see how far you can hold them down," Dalembert said. "We gave them no life at all."

Andre Iguodala scored 18 points and Andre Miller had 14 to lead Philadelphia to a 112-69 victory over the Bucks on Wednesday night, the 76ers' largest win in more than 25 years.

"This is one we need to forget about," said Bucks coach Larry Krystkowiak.

The Sixers, who won for only the fourth time in the last 15 games, hit a pair of milestones in the rout: This was their largest blowout victory since defeating Atlanta 132-85 on April 12, 2002, and the Sixers recorded their widest margin of victory in 12 seasons at the Wachovia Center.


"Oh really?" said Iguodala, his eyes widened. "It shows we just kept playing."

Thaddeus Young scored 14 points for the Sixers, who ended the month with a 4-4 mark. Not great, but enough for rebuilding Philadelphia to find itself on the brink of a playoff spot. Coach Maurice Cheeks has tried to squash blossoming talk of a postseason push and instead worry only about winning a nice slate of home games leading into the All-Star break.

Counting the win against the Bucks, the Sixers play seven of eight at home before the break.

Cheeks said before the game his goal for the semi-homestand was to win all seven. Well, they're off to a nice start after punishing the Bucks for all 48 minutes.

"That was a great game for us from start to finish," Cheeks said.

Royal Ivey scored 17 for the Bucks, who were without leading scorer Michael Redd for the third straight game because of a left knee strain. Mo Williams had 14.

The Bucks haven't won on the road since winning at Philadelphia on Jan. 8. They are only 5-23 on the road, including an 87-80 loss at New Jersey on Tuesday. They also matched their lowest point total of the season.

There wasn't much fuel in the tank," Krystkowiak said.

"There wasn't much they could call up... or I knew they're tired, but we need to get our energy up, rest up and get our feet back under us."

Magic 107, Heat 91
The score suggests that it was just another Orlando Magic blowout victory over the woebegone Miami Heat.
A victory, yes. A blowout, well, not exactly.

Beno Udrih had 27 points and 12 rebounds, Rashard Lewis scored 19 points and the Magic needed 12 consecutive points in the final quarter to pull away and beat the undermanned Heat Wednesday night.

"Glad to have that win," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "Scary game."

Dwight Howard scored 16 points with 13 rebounds and Maurice Evans added 13 points for the Southeast Division-leading Magic (29-18), who have won the last eight meetings between the Sunshine State rivals.

Ricky Davis scored 21 points, while Luke Jackson and Chris Quinn added 14 apiece for the Heat, who played without Dwyane Wade (iliac), Shaquille O'Neal (hip) and Udonis Haslem (ankle). Not surprisingly, given the lineup depletion, Miami trailed most of the way in what became its 17th loss in the past 18 games.

But that didn't mean the Heat couldn't make things interesting.

"We all knew that it was going to be tough because those guys they've got nothing to lose," Turkoglu said.

"It was a game. And the diminished figures for the third time in four games."

Andray Blatche 12 and Jamison 11. The Wizards were without forward Caron Butler (hip flex-or) for the second straight game.

The Wizards, who had won seven of 10, were out of this one early. Toronto scored the game's first 12 points before Stevenson made a 3-pointer.

The top pick in the 2006 draft, Bargnani reached double figures for the third time in four games.

"If he continues to do that, this team is going to be a lot better," Bush said.

Juan Dixon had 12 points and Carlos Delfino added 11 for Toronto, which finished 13-of-18 from 3-point range. The Raptors are the NBA's best 3-point shooting team, making 42.3 percent from beyond the arc.

Washington's Roger Mason called Toronto's shooting "phenomenal," but Antawn Jamison said the Raptors benefited from easy looks.

"You can ill afford to have them shooting open jump shots like they did tonight," Jamison said. "They get a numerous amount of open jump shots and they converted them."

Toronto has won a season-high six straight at home and eight of 11 overall.

"More than just the 3s, it's the way we moved the basketball," Toronto coach Sam Mitchell said. "We rebounded a whole lot better, we kept our defense like we did Tuesday night. The difference is we shot the ball much better and we rebounded better."

Stevenson led Washington with 16 points. Mason had 14, Andray Blatche 12 and Jamison 11. The Wizards were without forward Caron Butler (hip flex-or) for the second straight game.

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The Raptors led 28-23 after the opening quarter.

"We just couldn't get it going," Jamison said. "We didn't communicate. I'm disappointed with our performance defensively."

A 3-pointer by Mason cut it to 36-32 with 7:36 remaining in the second, but that was the last time the Wizards were close. The Raptors pulled away with a 17-2 run over the next four minutes, capping the spurt with 3-pointers from Bargnani, Dixon, a hook shot by Rasho Nesterovic and a 3-pointer from Dellino, forcing Washington to call timeout trailing 53-34.

"It executed very well," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "We tried different adjustments and we just didn't do it. We didn't do enough to close out people on the perimeter and when we did, they still made shots."

76ers forward Reggie Evans dunks against Bucks forward Charlie Villanueva during Philadelphia's 112-69 win on Wednesday.
Kovalchuk injured, Thrashers end five-game losing streak; Red Wings score in third period to come back against Coyotes

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Jean-Sebastien Giguere and the Anaheim Ducks began the longest continuous road trip in team history with a thud. Brian Rolston, Marian Gaborik and Mikko Koivu scored less than two minutes apart in the second period as the Minnesota Wild beat the Ducks 4-1 on Wednesday night in the first game for both teams following the All-Star break.

First-year coach Randy Carlyle said.

Chris Pronger said. “We’re a skating game,” defenseman Chris Pronger said. “We’re a skating team that has to support one another, and when we don’t we’ve got a lot of holes.”

This marked the start of an eight-game, 15-day road trip for the Ducks, who added last season’s leading scorer, Teemu Selanne, to the team on Monday. The Finnish Flash, who scored 48 goals last season’s, was back with the team after a six-game winning streak. The Ducks, whose lone goal came from Corey Perry, have scored five goals during the trip.

“It never hurts to get good players,” Ducks coach Randy Carlyle said.

Giguere, who dominated the Wild in playoff series in 2003 and 2007, had a rare Minnesota meltdown early in the second period while the Ducks defense collapsed.

Giguere was going down on a shot by Brian Rolston, but the puck was deflected by Francois Beauchemin and went into the top corner of the net 82 seconds into the period. It was Rolston’s fourth goal in four games and sixth in nine.

Anaheim, which got another shaky performance from Giguere, lost its fourth straight after a six-game winning streak. The Ducks, whose lone goal came from Corey Perry, have scored five goals during the trip.

“Some of those guys,” Ducks coach Randy Carlyle said. “You can’t keep them off the ice. Their general manager and coach Don Waddell said.

“He was determined to come out and at least test it,” he said.

Kovalchuk was leveled by Jarkko Ruutu 3:21 into the second period. The collision left Kovalchuk laying on the ice in obvious pain in front of Atlanta’s bench before he limped to the locker room.

Atlanta’s Steve McCarthy immediately followed the collision by crashing into Ruutu and then punching the left winger while having him pinned against the boards in front of the Thrashers bench.

Wild winger Branko Radivojevic jumps as he attempts a shot against Ducks goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere during Minnesota’s 5-1 win Wednesday.

Red Wings 3, Coyotes 2

The Detroit Red Wings waited until the third period to strike, and that was good enough.

Nicklas Lidstrom’s goal with 7:28 left completed a comeback and lifted the NHL-leading Red Wings to their fifth straight win, win over the Phoenix Coyotes on Wednesday night.

It was the sixth goal for Lidstrom, who also had two assists. Henrik Zetterberg and Tomas Holmstrom also scored. Pavel Datsyuk had three assists, and Chris Osgood made 32 saves. The biggest stop came on Shane Doan’s breakaway with 30 seconds left.

Martin Hanzal and Ed Jovanovski scored for Phoenix and Ilya Bryzgalov stopped 36 shots.

Lidstrom beat Bryzgalov, who was screened by Holmstrom, with a slap shot with 7:28 left.

“I was aiming on the blocker side. There were two or three bodies in front of the net and I knew Holmer was one of them,” Lidstrom said. “I just tried to pick the blocker side corner. If Holmer’s not there, he’s probably going to see the puck and make the save.”

But Osgood still had to foil Doan, who got behind the Red Wings defense and was in alone from the blue line.

“I just tried to stay up as long as I could,” Osgood said. “I tried to get everything low so he couldn’t slide underneath me.”

The Coyotes led 2-1 after two periods.

“Were a little bit rusty at the start. They had some jump on us,” Lidstrom said. “I think it helped their cause by playing (Tuesday). They got their legs going. It took us a while to get ours. Then we took the game over and created a lot of chances.

**NHL**

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Belles drop game to Olivet
Comets catch fire in second half, defeat struggling Saint Mary’s

By GRIFFIN DASSATI  Sport Writer

Despite all five starters scoring in double figures, Saint Mary’s and the Belles continued Wednesday when the Comets lost 80-70 at Olivet.

Coming off back-to-back conference losses to Calvin and Hope, Saint Mary’s (8-10, 4-6 MAIA) entered the game needing a win to get back on track in the MAIA.

The first half looked promising, especially when two free-throws by junior guard Katie Bashid pushed the Saint Mary’s lead to 21-13 with 10.13 left in the first half. But Olivet chipped away at the lead, and the Belles clung to a 33-31 lead at halftime.

The Comets tied the score at 42 on a 3-pointer by sophomore guard Nykole Pfeff and followed that up with another try, this time by junior guard Sarah Mangold with 13.67 to go in the game. Olivet got up by as many as six, at 55-49, with 10:15 to play.

Twice the Belles cut the margin to just a single point — first on a Newsom three to bring the Belles’ 74-71 win over Tri-State on Jan. 19.

As a group, the Belles’ starters had their best offensive output of the season. Junior guard Meghan Comaty led all scorers with 17 points, including 14 in the first half. Guard Allison Kessler with 15, sophomore forward Anna Kammrath with 14, junior forward Erin Newsom with 13, and Bashid with 11. Kammrath and Newsom also came up big on the boards, pulling down 10 and nine rebounds, respectively. But no bench players from Saint Mary’s scored, and Olivet’s reserves totaled 35 points.

Close behind Comaty were guard Nykole Pfeff with 10, senior forward Anna Kammrath with 9, junior forward Erin Newsom with 13, and Bashid with 11.

Saint Mary’s sophomore Anna Kammrath lines up a free throw in the Comets’ 74-73 win over Tri-State on Jan. 19.

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Politician refuses to appear with Tyson, Mike

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Associated Press

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Zuma’s statements prior, during and post rape trial reveal his patriarchal beliefs and a history of violence against women.

The 41-year-old boxer, who is widely seen as the best in the world, was once called "the baddest man on the planet," but that image was tarnished by revelations of sexual misconduct.

Zuma has been accused of raping a woman he met at a hotel on airport land, which was a private estate.

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ND Women's Tennis

Irish look for fifth straight win over Michigan

No. 23 Wolverines have dropped first two dual matches

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has won four straight matches against Michigan.

Tonight, they'll look for a fifth.

The No. 9 Irish travel to the Varsity Tennis Center in Ann Arbor, Mich., to face the No. 23 Wolverines.

Irish coach Jay Louderback is 16-3 in this rivalry—which he says always charges up his team.

"Being Michigan, our kids are always up for it," Louderback said.

The Wolverines are coming off back-to-back 7-0 losses at the hands of Vanderbilt and Kennesaw.

"They've had two or three three-set matches, and they're young," he said.

"They've entered the dual season second on Michigan's all-time winning percentage list, at just under 75 percent of their matches. She won 18 of 21 dual matches last year and went undefeated in Big Ten play. Overall, Louderback is pleased with his team's preparation, but he knows that playing on the road against a good indoor team will be challenging.

"We had a great week of practice, but they've got good indoor players who hit the ball really big," the coach said.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Michigan 18-5.

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shut them down on defense, especially in the full-court press.

"Their zone man-to-man was something that gave you a little more open in the middle," Lechlitner said. "And then in transition is when I just kind of try to do a little more for myself, either finding other people or finding my pull up jumper."

Although it managed 85 points, Notre Dame shot only 43 percent from the field — and only 36 percent in the first half. The Irish forgot how we attacked offensively."

"Once they started pressing, it changed the game," Friars coach Phil Seymour said. "It changed our approach as to how we attacked offensively."

In the second half, however, the defense disintegrated. Notre Dame gave up 35 points in the final 20 minutes and allowed Providence to shoot 12-of-26 from the field. "The defense in the second half was as bad as we've played all year," McGraw said. "When you're not containing the ball, they're scoring."

Although the Irish widened their lead in the second half, their defense lapsed in intensity and lost focus near the end of the game. "Our post defense was particularly bad," McGraw said. "And we just quit playing at the end. They were just trying to get the ball back to try to score."

Providence 11-19, 1-6 Big East has 14 players on its roster, but only eight traveled to the game because Friars forward Trinity Hull, who had eight points on 2-for-5 shooting, has a stress fracture. Seymore had to practice with his team so there would be enough players.

You should have seen me, I was screaming, man, it was pretty bad," he said, laughing.

While McGraw had her gripes about the game, she was happy with the conference win.

"Every win is really critical for us right now," she said. "We're thinking, 'This is the game we have to win to get a bye in the first round of the big east tournament.' We've got a brutal schedule, and we've got to be ready for it. And tonight we weren't ready."

Notes: ♦ Notre Dame will participate in the inaugural Women's Basketball Coaches' Associations' "Think Pink" initiative during their Feb. 10 game against No. 14 Pittsburgh in the Joyce Center. The players will wear pink warm-up shirts and shoelaces for the game, which will be broadcast on ESPN2 at 2 p.m. The first 750 fans will receive a "Think Pink" T-shirt.

In addition, McGraw has pledged to donate $10 for each rebound her team grabs to the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation.

♦ Allen was named a midseason candidate for the John R. Wooden Award, given annually to the national player of the year. The Big East led all conferences with six players on the 20-player list.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1. City (6)
2. Class (5)
9. Lyndsay Skaggs's Ann (6)
14. Onion stew (6)
15. Neutrinu captain (8)
16. Allergic expansion (8)
17. Explanation of this puzzle's theme (9)
20. Single-seat instrument (6,8)
23. American or Delta route (5)
29. Schambert admiral of W W 1 (5)
29. Adolescent outburst (5)
25. Decreasing the
30. Director of the budget and became US vice president (13)

DOWN
1. Discharges (7)
2. An inventor's middle name (7)
3. Flaub, say, as muscles (7)
4. Tobacco smoke component (7)
5. On which an arachnid is performed (7)
6. Unvanished (7)
7. Experts at CPR (7)
8. Heathen's partner (7)
9. Lady from south of the border (7)
10. Changes tones (7)
11. "Sao John" (8)
12. Ignominious amount (9)
13. Not just casually (9)
18. Yellow (8)
19. You can use as a bany funny this way (9)
24. Access lore (8)
25. Inspiration (9)
26. Norse goddess married to Balder (8)
27. Time to close a bar, maybe (9)
28. "I and II" in I. M. Pei's (8)
29. They chase flies (8)
30. Herrman who wrote "Wuppertal" (8)
31. Exit's opp (4)
32. "You can see them at nesting" (9)
33. Tenure tune (5)
34. For access to a celler (5)
35. Inspiration (5)
36. Norse goddess married to Balder (5)
37. "Howdy Partner" (9)
38. A 1977 song (9)
39. "Howdy Partner" (9)
40. Shower or a desk (5)
41. Monument valley sights (5)
42. "Spaced out" of the Bible (8)
43. Fish orders (6)
44. Tube watchers (6)
45. "Beginnings of souls" (5)
46. "Beginning for metric" (5)
47. "Bar B-Q" (9)
48. Language organ (5)
49. Tube watcher* (6)
50. "Beneath the surface" (8)
51. Site of July 1944 (5)
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Khleo Thomas, 19; Wilmer Valderrama, 34; Christian Bale, 34; Phil Collins, 57

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Don't take anything for granted this year. You have the drive, stamina and work ethic to pull off whatever you want to pursue. Your desire and energy to complete what you start will take you the distance. Be proud and fear nothing and you will win the respect and admiration of others. Your numbers are: 7, 18, 21, 27, 36

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are probably overcommitting to something someone said or did. For the moment another environment that will take you out of your current situation and give you time to think. Helping others will stabilize you: 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Setting idle, waiting on someone who won't budge is a waste of time. Go it alone and you will accomplish more in the end. Don't let others control your life. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put everything you got into a plot you've wound to develop. You will have what it takes to make things happen and the imagination to help you deliver your idea with great effectiveness and confidence. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look at the existing possibilities and you will see that a few minor changes can be to your advantage. Take note of what close friends, children and family tell you. Sometimes it's the encouragement you receive that makes the difference. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Calm down and keep your thoughts to yourself. Ob­serve rather than letting your emotions or judgment cause you to make a costly mistake. Don't let someone else get away with something that you don't agree with — talk matters through rationally. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be busy today. You can make per­sonal space, quip your look or change your lifestyle or your job with success when the time is right. Back off or do something else for another time. Enjoy your solitude and pockets of personal time. Don't wait for something that is easily how you should regard what's being said to you. Put your time into developing something that interests you. Children, travel and learning will still play a role in your life today. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep things low key or you may find yourself in a predicament that will slow you down or leave you vulnerable. Stand up for your rights but don't want your time going. Do what's best for you, not someone else. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not too much will go unnoticed, so be care­ful what you say and do, especially around friends, neighbors and relatives. You will be limited if you exaggerate. Backtracking may be required but it isn't likely to help you smooth things over entirely. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Give and take will work out splendidly for you today. You will have the momentum of a giant when it comes to finances, legal matters or settlements. You get what you take when it comes to subtle changes that will affect your position and make you a star. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You know what you want, so don't waste time pacing around the issues that concern you. Money is in the picture but will come to you through a most unusual source. Be grateful for what you receive and生まれ for what you deserve. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are giving and gentle. You are unusual, thirsty for knowledge and dedicated to making the world a better place. You see a door, a Good Initiative and a low risk. 3 stars

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**Unsatisfied**

Irish struggle early, relax late in 31-point blowout over Friars

By BILL BRINK

Sports Writer

It wasn't pretty, and it came against a team with only three bench players, but it was a win nonetheless.

Junior guard Lindsay Schrader had 15 points and nine rebounds, and No. 2 Notre Dame overcame a stagnant first eight minutes to beat Providence 85-54 Wednesday. The Irish forced 29 turnovers in the win.

Despite a sluggish start, five Irish players scored in double figures, the sixth time the team has reached that milestone this season.

Senior guard Charel Allen had 12 points, six rebounds and six steals, and backcourt classmate Tulyah Gaines added 10 points and four takeaways. Freshman forward Devereaux Peters and sophomore guard Melissa Lehman added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Lehman dominated Providence’s injury-depleted guards. She ran around and shot over them on offense and

Irish forward Luke Harangody shoots in Notre Dame’s 91-74 win over Cincinnati on Jan. 15. The Irish host Providence tonight.

**Men’s Basketball**

Coming back to the JACC

ND seeks 32nd straight home win tonight against Providence

By CHRIS KHORLEY

Sports Editor

It seems like Notre Dame’s home winning streak has been stuck on 31 games for a long time.

The Irish (14-4, 4-2 Big East) haven’t played a home game since their 91-74 win over Cincinnati Jan. 15, but they have a chance to win their 32nd straight at the Joyce Center tonight against Providence at 7.

“It feels like we haven’t been home in a while,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “I think that will energize us.”

Notre Dame, currently in second place in the Big East, is 1 1/2 games behind conference leader Georgetown. The team is coming off a 90-80 win at then-No. 18 Villanova last Saturday.

The victory, which was the first conference road win for the Irish, featured a lineup shift. Brey inserted junior forward Zach Hillesland into the starting lineup in place of junior Ryan Ayres.

The switch paid off.

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**ND Women’s Basketball**

Irish guard Tulyah Gaines drives to the basket in Notre Dame’s 81-64 loss to Connecticut Sunday. The Irish defeated Providence 85-54 Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

**Men’s Tennis**

Team rebounds from first defeat of season

After losing to No. 1 Virginia, Irish take down Michigan State

By KATE GRABAREK

Sports Writer

After suffering its first loss of the season to No. 1 Virginia Sunday, No. 13 Notre Dame defeated Michigan State 4-3 Wednesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish won despite dropping the doubles point. Michigan State won two of the three doubles matches.

Spartan seniors Nick Bink and Adam Monich defeated senior Sheeva Parbhoo and junior Brett Helgeson 8-4 in the first doubles match.

"Michigan State is very good at one and two doubles," Bayliss said. "We usually rely on our one and two singles players and had to today as well."

Spartan junior Alex Forger and sophomore Billy Gardner defeated senior Andrew Roth and freshman Stephen Havens 8-5 at No. 2 doubles.

"Havens is a great ball striker," Bayliss said. "He still has a few things to learn strategically, but he is making significant strides overall."

The Irish doubles teams salvaged one match with freshman Tyler Davis and junior Santiago Montoya defeating junior John Allare and freshman John Stratton 8-6.

In singles action, the Irish took charge and clinched the match.

Parbhoo lost a tough match to Rinks 6-4, 6-6, 6-2, while Helgeson easily defeated Forger 6-1, 6-4.

Bol took another tight match over Allare, winning in three sets, 0-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Stephen Havens fell in tough match to Monica 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. Fellow freshman David Anderson defeated junior Scott Rasmussen 6-3, 6-2 in the second match finished, and Davis also pulled out his singles match 6-1, 7-5.

Bayliss said Michigan State’s serving put the Irish on their heels.

"They were able to get a lot more first serves in," Bayliss said of the recent doubles struggles. "We didn’t get

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