"Monologues' returns to campus
Anthropology, Sociology departments co-sponsor play; performances to be followed by academic panels

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

'Monologues' returns to campus in DeBartolo 101.

By DENNIS SLATER
News Writer

Witness of Rockne crash remembered

By MEG MIRSHAK
News Writer

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES
Members discuss a possible taxi flat rate

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
Assistant News Editor

The Council of Representatives (COR) met Tuesday to discuss a plan to make taxi services in South Bend cheaper and more reliable for students.

Sophomore Gustavo Gari, the Kewanee senator and chair of the Campus Life Council’s taskforce on community relations, presented to the Council the basic ideas of a proposal that will be given to Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman at the beginning of April.

The proposal will outline suggestions, including the possibility of a flat rate for students.

"We’d like somewhere where we can involve cab companies and different parts of the administration to get something where we can all get charged a flat rate," Gari said.

Many COR members voiced concerns that cab companies charge students more than other South Bend residents. Gari said the implementation of a flat rate would help fix the problem.
INSIDE COLUMN

Rooting and Recruiting

Today is perhaps the most exciting day in college sports. At least in the off-season. Sorry, Mr. Mara, I'm not talking about playoffs, and no, Mr. Irvison, I'm not talking about praries.

I'm talking about National Signing Day.

On a day more exciting to some than Super Tuesday, grown men across the country will check their Internet browsers to see if very large and highly athletic young men across the country have signed on the dotted line with their college of choice.

Now then happens to be one such college.

After suffering through the worst season of football in Notre Dame history, Irish fans, media and recruiting analysts turn to the future, as names such as quarterback Dame Cris and receiver Mike Floyd have the potential to become the Brady Quinn and Jeff Samardzijas of the future.

Given the utter ineptitude of the 2007 campaign, the Irish faithful found themselves reduced to reveling in the schadenfreude of other programs' struggles (see Michigan- Appalachian State). That's at least how LSU's blowout loss to EU in the title game) and trading on-field trash talk for waiting till next year wages. So what if it doesn't happen? Our recruiting class is top-five, baby!

As of Tuesday night, recruiting Web site rivals.com had Notre Dame's crop of committed recruits ranked third in the nation, up there with the likes of powerhouse programs such as Florida, Alabama and Oklahoma.

Unfortunately, during the wooing, winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruiting Web site rivals.com had Notre Dame's crop of committed recruits ranked third in the nation, up there with the likes of powerhouse programs such as Florida, Alabama and Oklahoma.

Unfortunately, during the wooing, winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and dining process recruits can vacillate more than Mitt Romney dis winning and din
Committee seeks funds for Midnight Madness

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

The head of the committee for Saint Mary's annual Midnight Madness, senior Noreen Sherred, sought funds for the event at Tuesday's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting.

Midnight Madness, co-sponsored by the athletic department, is an annual night of games, food and door prizes inside the Angela Athletic Facility.

"The event brings the Saint Mary's community together and builds Saint Mary's pride," said Sherred, who is also the athletic commissioner.

This year, the event will be run by students more than in the past, she said.

"Midnight Madness is put on to service they give the community," Sherred said. "[The event] brings the Saint Mary's community together and builds Saint Mary's pride," she said.

Sherred said she is currently receiving donations for the event, which will be held on February 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the dining hall.

"We have different events from last year. We are looking forward to offering opportunities throughout the six weeks so students can take advantage and grow spiritually," Fean said.

Since one of the main focuses of Lent is penance, CM will host a campus-wide Lenten Penance service on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. After the prayer service there will be 10 priests available for individual confessions, Carey said.

The Lenten tradition of Stations of the Cross will be observed at both campuses. Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. In addition, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame will both be hosting campus-wide Stations of the Cross in March.

Notre Dame's Cross Cultural Ministries will also be hosting a Lenten Day of Reflection at Creek House on Feb. 24.

Contact Nikki Taylor at ntaylor01@saintmarys.edu
COR continued from page 1

this problem. "It’s a legitimate concern and one of the major reasons we’re exploring a flat rate," he said.

The taskforce, Gari said, is currently doing extensive research on the issue by talking to various groups in the Notre Dame Business administration, including Peercom, Notre Dame Security/Police and Card Services. The taskforce has also contacted other universities, including the University of Virginia and the University of Vanderbilt, to learn about the processes they have in place.

The list of schools we’re researching is not a complete list, but it shows a range of city sizes," student body president Liz Brown said.

Gari said Virginia’s system was particularly interesting because it allows students to swipe their student ID inside the cab and charge the fare to their university account.

In other COR News…

The Observer also discussed the possibility of making the Student Business Board a general manager voting member.

The proposal, which was put forward by Student Body secretary treasurer Kedea Gaines, was suggested by the Student Body Constitution. Though there wasn’t an office of the Rockemore informal "straw poll," where the student body secretary treasurer pulled said they would not support the proposal.

The Student Business Board is comprised of two student-owned businesses — Irish Cove and AdJava. According to the group’s Web site, AdJava is an offshoot of the Student Business Board to provide students with practical and professional experience in a business environment and offer convenient services to the Notre Dame community.

Gaines said she feels strongly that the Student Business Board manager should be added to the voting list. But for various reasons, the Student Business Board agreed with her.

Chief executive assistant Sheena Flamot said she wasn’t sure any of the issues discussed in COR would apply to the Student Business Board manager.

"I don’t really see the value of him being in COR," she said.

Junior class president Robert Zehnder said that perhaps the Student Business Board manager should be added as a voting member, but Brown said she did not see the purpose in that move. Brown also announced student government will be hosting a town-hall meeting on the University’s policy of hiring Catholic professors. The meeting must be held in Washington Hall in late February.

There will be a debate followed by a question-and-answer session exposing whether the University should continue to hire Catholic faculty members. In addition to members of the student Senate, Notre Dame faculty and administration, attendees will be mandatory for all student government members.

COR received a brief update on the student government from AfriCEN Council president Ashley Weems.

Weems said there would be no changes to the schedule of the Student Government’s "Vote Like A Christian" events and that the primary election will still be held Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Contact Joseph McMahlon at jcmcmahon@nd.edu

Play continued from page 1

was first performed at Notre Dame in 2002. More than 4,000 students attended the performance.

The play was produced by the Student Business Board in a series of readings on March 31, 2002.

"But I wanted to see it opened," she said.

She said the effort began after a student from the Rochester family offered to donate a 1932 restored Rochester Vaccum cleaner to a place to display it could be furnished.

The Chace County Historical Society purchased a building that is currently being renovated and restored and other memorabilia, according to Brown.

And while a museum might effectively cover on the story of what happened on March 31, 1931, Tom Heathman said his father's own version will also live on among those who knew him.

"I think it is the best thing that happened to him, to come to know you, to be treated and made to feel healthy — and move forward," Kil said.

"To our knowledge, it was one of the first memorial funds established to cover medical expenses for victims of sexual violence or sexual harassment," Kil said.

"If the 'Monologues' did change every year, I could see having it every year. If it didn't change much, I think it would be too overwhelming to have it less frequently." Contact more Stephanie Newsom is directing the "Monologues" this year.

Free Mardi Gras Beads while they last!

Fresh, Flavorful & Fun Food Daily Food & Drink Specials

STTRAVEL.COM
Join America’s #1 Student Tour Operators

CANCUN, ACAPULCO, JAMAICA, VEGETARIAN MENU and so much more!

www.sttravels.com

1-800-648-4849

Filling Station

Burrton’s

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Cajun • Caribbean • Southwestern

Cajuns • Caribbeans • San Tanos

Roasted Sausage

Bar-B-Que Beef

1841 South Bend Ave across the parking lot from "Killings Station - Meso American Grill is located in the Campus Center, 1841 South Bend Ave."

Contact Mary Kate Malone at mmalone3@nd.edu

CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS
WITH A FRIEND

Free Mardi Gras Beads while they last!
McCaın seizes GOP command
No end in sight for Democratic race; Clintɔn takes Calif., Obama still alive

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain seized command of the race for the Republican presidential nomination Wednesday, winning delegate-rich primaries from the East Coast to California.

During the early Democratic primaries, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama traded victories in an epic struggle with no end in sight.

Clinton won Super Tuesday in the Northeast, capturing the Arizona and Maine primaries on the strength of black support.

McCain’s own victory in the Republican race in the Golden State capped a crushing blow to his former senatorial colleague, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

“We’ve won some of the biggest states in the country.” McCain told cheering supporters at a rally in Phoenix, hours before California made his Tuesday Super. An underdog, for months, he proclaimed himself the frontrunner at last, and added, “I don’t really mind it a bit.”

In the competition that counted the most, the Arizona senator had 561 delegates, nearly half of the 1,191 needed for the nomination — and far ahead of his rival’s biggest state, California.

Even so, Romney and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee stayed in the race.

Neither Clinton or Obama proclaimed overall victory on a Super Tuesday that sprawled across 22 states, and with good reason. Obama won 13 states and Clinton took Arizona and Samoa. But with victories in New York and Massachusetts, the former first lady led narrowly in the early tabulation of delegates for the night.

Moisoi was so close that although Obama won the vote count it was likely to be hours before it became clear whether he or his rival had captured a majority of the state’s 72 delegates.

The Democratic caucuses in New Mexico remained unsettled.

“I look forward to continuing your campaign and our debate about how to leave this country better off for the next generation,” said the former first lady, looking ahead to the primaries and caucuses yet to come.

Obama was in Chicago, where he told a noisy election night rally, “Our time has come. Our movement is real. And change is coming to America.”

Polling place interviews with voters suggested subtle shifts in the political landscape.

For the first time this year, McCain ran first in a few states among self-identified Republicans. As usual, he was running strongly among independents. Romney was getting the votes of about four in 10 people who described themselves as conservative.

McCain was winning about one-third of that group, and Huckabee about one in five.

Overall, Clinton was winning only a slight edge among women and white voters, groups that she had won handily in earlier contests, according to preliminary results from interviews with voters in 16 states leaving polling places.

Obama was the convincing overwhelming majority of votes cast by blacks — a factor in victories in Alabama and Georgia.

Clinton’s continued strong appeal among Hispanics — she was winning nearly six in 10 of their votes — was a big factor in her California triumph, and in her victory in Arizona, too.

McCain, the early Republican frontrunner whose campaign nearly unraveled six weeks ago, won in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Missouri, Delaware and his home state of Arizona — each of them winner-take-all primaries. He also pocketed victories in Oklahoma and Illinois.

State drops plan to privatize hospitals
INDIANAPOLIS — The Family and Social Services Administration has dropped a plan to privatize three state hospitals, thawing new uncertainty into its future care for chronically mentally ill patients.

Less than five months after FSSA officials announced Tuesday that it had signed a federal agreement with Indiana needed a new way of delivering care to chronically mentally ill patients, the agency had warned that the federal agreement with Indiana needed a new way of delivering care to chronically mentally ill patients, and it had left patients to fend for themselves.

For the past 2 years maintained that the best way for the hospitals to run was to work with local nonprofits to take over their operations. However, in a Jan. 24 letter to the leader of the Richmond group, he said the state needed to revamp its system of care for mental patients.

Local News

State drops plan to privatize hospitals

CHAD

Cease-fire reached after hundreds die

Corpses of more than 10 military and civilian victims were sprawled across Avenue Mobutu, a main thoroughfare. The charred hulks of two tanks and several pickup trucks, used by both sides in the fighting, littered the streets.

Most downtown shops and buildings have been looted. Further from the center, the state broadcasting station and the parliament building were stripped by rampaging looters.

The Presidential Palace, which backs onto the Chari River, was off limits, the entrance blocked by tanks and tree limbs. Presidential Guards patrolled outside.

Chad Red Cross officials said hundreds of civilians have died, most from bullet wounds. The officials, who were driving around looking for wounded, said they were too scared to give their names.

More than 1,000 people have been wounded, the International Committee of the Red Cross said.
Twins
continued from page 1

The U.S. Geological Survey National Earthquake Information Center said 30 percent of Pisco was destroyed during the two-minute earthquake.

"When I visited the areas hit hard after the earthquake, people were sleeping on the streets and plazas because even if their houses had survived, they could crumble at any moment," Rivas Dreyfuss said.

She hopes the silent auction raises money for the victims.

"We are hoping people will begin to bid on [Rivas' photographs] for this charity," Rivas Dreyfuss said.

Her father's photographs had previously been displayed in Lima's National Museum and during China's world-famous Pingyao international photography festival in 2006.

"So whatever the photos end up going for, it will be a steal," Rivas Dreyfuss said.

Pefu Criolla will begin at 6 p.m. today at the Hesburgh Center Main Hall. Peru Days will run until Feb. 13 when the silent auction ends. That same day, there will be a screening of the film "Dias de Santiago" in the Hesburgh Center auditorium. Filmmaker Josue Santiago will present the movie and answer questions.

Contact Dennis Slater at dslater@nd.edu

Peru
continued from page 1

obtained his permission to organize the exhibit and auction the prints. The display and the silent auction—which starts today and ends Feb. 13—are part of Peru Days, a celebration of the country's culture put on by the Kellogg Institute and a group of Peruvian students.

Peru Days expands on last year's Peru Day — also organized by the Kellogg Institute—to educate the campus community about "the richness of Peruvian culture, of course, about its delicious and varied cuisine," Rivas Dreyfuss said.

"Very few people know much about Peru and its three totally different regions in the coast, the Andes and the Amazon jungle so we wanted to teach people," she said.

She and fellow student coordinator Claudia Barbachan helped plan tonight's Pefu Criolla, an event with free food, music and demonstrations on Afro-Peruvian dancing. The areas most affected by August's earthquake—the cities of Chirihu and Pisco—and are also the birthplaces of this form of dance and music, Rivas Dreyfuss said.

Currenty, there are approximately 24 sets of twins enrolled at Notre Dame, Saracino said. The Admissions office always hopes to be able to give good news if possible to both twins applying for admission—but never at the expense of lowering admission standards, Saracino said. And in cases like the Hollandes', where twins are indeed split up, he suggested the option of transferring into Notre Dame later on.

"Each student ends up where they are supposed to be, whether that is Notre Dame or some other school," Saracino said.

And that also applies to the dorms they may end up living in.

"We do not encourage twins to live in the same dorm together, but rather we try to put them in the same housing lottery as every other student," Saracino said.

Contact Ann-Marie Woods at awwoods@nd.edu

SRI LANKA

Rebels killed in major military offensive

Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka—Government troops launched an offensive Wednesday against rebel fortifications in northern Sri Lanka, destroy ing 30 bunkers and killing 12 Tamil Tiger fighters, while air force jets bombed a meeting of the separatist group's leaders, the military said.

The attacks were part of an escalating operation against the rebels' de facto state in the north. President Mahinda Rajapaksa's government has promised to destroy the group by the end of the year and end the long-running war in this Indian ocean island nation.

In the fighting Wednesday morning, troops backed by artillery, mortar fire and tanks crossed over the front lines south of rebel-held territory about 5:15 a.m. and attacked a string of Tamil Tiger bunkers, said military spokesman Brig. Utaka Nanayakkara.

After about an hour of fighting that killed 12 rebels, the troops returned to their positions, he said.

"We don't want (the Tamil Tigers) to get organized in the first line of defense so they would start troubling us," he said. "We wanted to give them maximum damage and maximum destruction."

Two hours later, air force jets bombed a meeting of rebel leaders northwest of Kilinochchi, the main town controlled by the Tamil Tigers, Nanayakkara said.

"We w anted to give them a warning that they would start troubling us," he said. "We wanted to give them maximum damage and maximum destruction."

But they have to be close [in terms of academic performance]."
Wednesday, February 6, 2008

**Market Recap**

**Dow Jones** 12,265.13  -370.03

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Stocks</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AMEX</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NASDAQ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NYSE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S&amp;P 500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nikkei (Tokyo)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTSE 100 (London)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NASDAQ 100</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Treasuries**

| 10-YEAR NOTE | -1.34  -0.06  3.58 |
| 3-YEAR BOND | -0.73  -0.25  4.42 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE | -0.50  -0.10  2.64 |

**Commodities**

| LUSTRE CRUDE ($/bbl) | -1.61  88.41 |
| GOLD ($/troy oz.) | -19.10  1,890.30 |
| PORK BELLY ($/lb) | +0.10  93.00 |

**Exchange Rates**

| YEN | 106.55 |
| EURO | 0.683 |
| CANADIAN DOLLAR | 1.0072 |
| BRITISH POUND | 0.5098 |

**In Brief**

Stocks fall as investors sense recession

NEW YORK — Wall Street plunged Tuesday, driving the Dow Jones industrials down 379 points after investors saw an unexpected contraction in the service sector as evidence the economy is headed into recession. It was the Dow's biggest percentage drop in almost a year.

"It is the reality that punters in stocks in January returned to the news that the service sector shrunk last month for the first time since March 2003. The report from the Institute for Supply Management wiped out the nascent optimism about the economy that had sent stocks surging higher in the past few days," said David McCormick, the department's undersecretary for international affairs, said that the market turmoil would be a top item on the discussion agenda at the Saturday meeting among the G-7 countries. Those nations are the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada.

**Administration defends Bush's budget**

WASHINGTON — U.S. and global financial markets are continuing to adjust to a period of prolonged turmoil and the Bush administration is closely monitoring developments, two top Treasury Department officials said Tuesday.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, testifying before the Senate Finance Committee, said the administration has been closely watching capital markets since a severe credit crisis hit in August, roiling markets around the globe.

"While we are in a difficult transition period as markets reassess and reprice risk, I have great confidence in our markets," Paulson told the committee. "They have recovered from stressful periods in the past and they will again."

Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke will be in Tokyo this weekend for a Supply meeting of finance ministers and central bank presidents from the Group of seven major industrial economies.

David McCormick, the department's undersecretary for international affairs, said the market turmoil would be a top item on the discussion agenda at the Saturday meeting among the G-7 countries. Those nations are the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada.

"Administration defends Bush's budget"
Support the bouts

Are they nuts? 237 students returned from Christmas to go into training for the Bengal Bouts. In addition to endless push-ups, sit-ups, running, etc., they invite the rearrangement of their own facial landscapes. No, they are not crazy. Let me tell you why. A family of four among the ultra-poor served by the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh would live for at least a week on the $3.87 we usually spend for a latte at Starbucks. In 2007, the bouts contributed $60,000 to those missions. The Holy Cross Brothers had a boxing program at Notre Dame in the mid-1930s, but the Bengal Bouts began in 1931, with all proceeds going to the missions as they have every year since then. Bangladesh has 140 million people in a country the size of Iowa. It is 83 percent Muslim, 10.5 percent Hindu and 0.5 percent Christian. The per capita annual income is $1,470. Holy Cross missionaries came there in 1854. There are 145 Holy Cross priests, seminarians and brothers (133 of them Bangladeshis) and 70 Holy Cross sisters there. They run two colleges, eight high schools and 10 parishes as well as other apostolates. In addition to political violence and corruption, they have to deal with the effects of Cyclone Sidr last November 15, which killed at least 5,000 people, injured 40,000, destroyed or damaged 1.2 million homes and 1.6 million acres of cropland and killed 1 million livestock.

The missions depend on the Bengal Bouts, according to Father Tom Smith of the Holy Cross Mission Center. The needs include: basic sanitation, clean water, safe shelter, electricity, etc. In Khalippur Parish, 20 villages of poor tribal people need for each village a latrine, costing $25 each and a tube well at $150 each. St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Srimangal needs to repair seven one-room primary schools of mud-wall or thatched shelter, electricity, etc. In Khalippur Parish, 20 villages of poor tribal people need for each village a latrine, costing $25 each and a tube well at $150 each. St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Srimangal needs to repair seven one-room primary schools of mud-wall or thatched shelter, electricity, etc.

The toughness of the program is largely the doing of Tom Saddler, a Columbus developer who runs practices guaranteed to reduce the number of participants. Tom describes the practices as “character building.” Those who survive tend to agree. “The boxing alumni,” notes Tom, “say that what they remember above all about Notre Dame is the Bengal Bouts and the resulting friendships.” Tom and the other head coaches — Chicago attorney Terry Johnson and University pilot Pat Farrell — are former Bengal champs and volunteer their time. The assistant coaches include Sweet C. Robinson of the Buchanan Police Department, former boxers Ryan Buns, Chip Farrell, Thad Naqui, Judge Roland Chambers and Father Brian Daley. Jimmy Rogers, of RecSports, doubles as coach and supervisor.

The emphasis is on safety, with no serious injuries in 77 years. The toughest program, according to Jesse Brawer, Patrick Naquin, Judge Roland Chamblee and University pilot Pat Farrell, is the financial, sparring, equipment and other problems. They organize, they solve problems and they leave no doubt in anyone’s mind that if they faltered, the operation would descend into chaos. They share the view expressed by Melanie when asked why she gave so much time to this. “One word,” she said. “Bangladesh. When I graduate, I want to know that I did something special here that helped real people in real need.”

The Bouts will be held in four sessions, all in the Joyce Center. Feb. 25 and 28 at 6:30 p.m., March 11 at 7:00 p.m. and the finals on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. The first two sessions will have two rings operating simultaneously. A “seasoon ticket,” at $10, will admit you to all sessions. Admission on Feb. 25, the preliminaries, is free.

One final word, from Father Louis Crague, who runs the Nevin Clinic for the Sick Poor in Dhaka: “So many sick people are coming to us from the city slum area, the budget is always in the red. Most expensive is our care for cancer patients. We never have enough to care for all the sick who come. The patients can offer very little. Please pray for us so that we can do something good for the poor and needy sick people and show God’s kind- ness and mercy to them. Please support the Bengal Bouts. They are fun to watch. And they are one of the very best things we do at Notre Dame.

Professor Emeritus Bice is on the law school faculty. He can be reached at 574-633-4415 or at rick@nd.edu.

“The view expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
U-WIRE

Vote for bears

The incredible story of 2008 thus far and not likely to be dethroned in terms of newsworthiness unless an event of overwhelming importance transpires in the next 11 months. Presidential candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton hugged. Politicians rarely hug. As we know, they are not normal people. And normal people hug quite a bit. Appropriately in stores and inappropriately in church. These candidates, in fact, are more like bears. Both are ferocious, and both will leave you alone if you play dead. You could think of delegates as two hunky bears like Hillary and Barack were after me.) Yet again, even as an easy comparison can be drawn between these officials and bears, we see the same delineation. Bears hug, politicians don’t.

After drilling into my brain for answers, something told me politicians embrace for reasons akin to those of large mammals that lust after honey, run at surprisingly high speeds and protect their families swift-paw.

My understanding of the academic literature on bears hugging is admittedly limited, yet persistent thought and reading have led me to three reasons to share, three reasons that bears hug.

As we move from reason to reason, I will evaluate whether these are plausible explanations for the warm display of these two politicians.

First, bears have reported in several surveys that they hug to crush the bones of humans. One researcher, Frances Skalayehw, probed a community of bears on why its members dissemble human anatomy in this way. The reason given? Unfocused anger.

I suppose this theory is somewhat credible. We have seen both Hillary and Barack deface the other in recent news. Perhaps they wanted to crush human bones because of unfocused anger. Neither was strong enough — or unfocusedly angry enough — to do this, so scratch that possibility.

Second, researchers have discovered at least 25 bear religions (as opposed to hare religions, such as the Christian Nudists). In seven of these religions, hugging is a ritual believed to build kind habit and informed doctrine. For a bear, kind habit is spraying insecticide for the community. Informed doctrine is defeating into a river. I doubt this possibility, frankly. Neither candidate could ever be privy to the technique involved in poison spraying. I also doubt either would be willing to defecate in a river or able to recognize one, whichever comes first.

Third, research has established a theory where bears hug each other to display affection. This affection can be genuine or pageantry, planned or spontaneous, heartwarming or awkward. In this way, bears are like humans.

Having established politicians are not normal people and as this final reason links the behavior of bears to that of normal people, I reject this notion. So unfortunately, despite promise and a well-oiled theoretical engine, I cannot say the obvious connection between politicians and bears can illustrate why Hillary and Barack wrapped their suit-clad bodies around each other.

This column originally appeared in the Feb. 5 edition of The Reflector, a publication of Mississippi State University.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

A compelling argument for McCain

After eight long years under President Bush, there’s hardly a face in the Republican field that wouldn’t represent a welcome departure from the status quo. Among these candidates, however, Sen. John McCain stands out for his pragramism and political courage.

In years of public service, McCain has repeatedly taken bold stances unpopular within his own party, reaching across the aisle to like-minded Democrats in the process.

His work on campaign finance reform demonstrated real bipartisan leadership, and we applaud his unequivocal opposition to the use of torture on terror suspects. In calling for the closure of the facilities at Guantanamo Bay he takes a position even many Democrats find too hard to market, giving us some hope that he has the backbone to salvage the rotting remains of U.S. moral authority abroad.

The senator’s staunch defense of the war in Iraq — occasionally bordering on outright enthusiasm — is unsettling to those who found the venture misguided from the get-go. That said, his position is typical of the Republican candidates, and we can at least trust McCain as a veteran and former POW to prioritize the best interests of U.S. troops when formulating military strategy.

In the realm of economic policy and on social issues such as abortion we have additional disagreements with the senator — and every other viable Republican in the race. But our concern is mitigated by the reasonable belief that as president McCain would respect the limits of the office, allowing the legislature and judiciary to provide the input Bush has consistently ignored, manipulated and suppressed.

Mitt Romney’s history of growing businesses and bridging the party divide is appealing given the impending economic downturn. Unfortunately, it is accompanied by an equally lengthy record of complete reversals on a range of issues, indicating a shallowness and political opportunism that make McCain seem all the more appealing.

As for Mike Huckabee — his tendency to confuse the Bible for the Constitution rules him out as potential leader of a country whose diversity and international commitments demand a far broader ideological understanding.

We are wary of the some of the senator’s policy preferences, but deeply respect his character and record of principled argument.

Vote McCain for Republican nominee for president.

This column originally appeared in the Feb. 5 edition of The Daily Californian, a publication of The University of California at Berkeley. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Wednesday, February 6, 2008

**THE OBSERVER**

**SCENE**

**NEW BREED OF HIGH-POWERED WOMEN NAVIGATE "LIPSTICK JUNGLE"**

By CASSIE BELEK

Assistant Scene Editor

Carrie, Miranda, Charlotte and Samantha are the women of the past as "Sex and the City" grows up in Wendy, Nico and Victory of "Lipstick Jungle" — the new hour-long NBC series based off of Candace Bushnell's book of the same name. The show's premise say it all: They're not looking for Mr. Big. They are Mr. Big. "Lipstick jungle," which premieres Thursday at 10 p.m., follows three high-powered New York City women as they balance family, friendship and careers. It goes beyond "Sex and the City" as it focuses less on the politics of sex and more on the everyday struggles of working women. Brooke Shields stars as movie executive Wendy Mealy, Kim Raver stars as editor in chief Nico Reilly and Lindsay Price stars as fashion designer Victory Ford. Much like in "Sex and the City," the central component of the show is the characters' friendship, something they lean on to get through just about everything. "Lipstick Jungle" is a departure from "Sex and the City" yet it still draws inspiration from its predecessor.

"The women are a little older, a little wiser but sort of equally as flawed," NBC development executive and Notre Dame alumna Katie O'Connell said by phone Monday. O'Connell, who developed recent dramas "Chuck" and "Bionic Woman," convinced Bushnell to bring "Lipstick Jungle" to NBC. "I knew Candace and I had read her book over the summer and I loved it and I thought that it lent itself so cleanly to a television series," O'Connell says.

O'Connell got the ball rolling on the series two and a half years ago when she started a development department for NBC in New York City. After hearing that Bushnell had almost closed a deal with another network, O'Connell sent the "Sex and the City" author a giant basket of lipsticks and had a fortuitous run-in with her at fashion designer Cynthia Rowley's wedding. In the end, O'Connell convinced Bushnell that NBC was the network for "Lipstick Jungle."

Bushnell isn't the only big name attached to the project. The most notable leading lady is Shields, the popular star who had another series with NBC in the late 1990s — "Suddenly Susan." O'Connell first met with the actress about "Lipstick jungle" when she was starring as Roxie Hart in "Chicago" on Broadway. By the time the show was ready to cast for the pilot, Shields was pregnant, but thanks to the pushing back of production, she was able to do the series after all. "She's always loved the book and she's always been kind of the prototype for us for the Wendy character," O'Connell says of Shields.

O'Connell also praises executive producer Timothy Busfield, who has acted in series such as "30-something" and "The West Wing" and is a co-executive producer of both "Without a Trace" and "Ed." "I think he's really captured a tone that I haven't seen in television in a long time," she says. It's a tone that Busfield has said he brings from "30-something" and it's a tone that, according to O'Connell, sets "Lipstick jungle" apart from new ABC rival "Cashmere Mafia."

The two series have already drawn endless comparisons even as they try to set themselves apart from one another. "Cashmere Mafia" comes from the creative mind of Darren Star, who created a cultural juggernaut with Bushnell in HBO's "Sex and the City." O'Connell recognizes that the shows are rather similar on the surface, but she adds: "Our cast is completely different, our tone is a little bit more grounded and it feels a little bit more relatable."

As an NBC executive, O'Connell says that she relates to the struggles of the characters in the show, which she says is one of the reasons that she has been so involved in the development of the series. "What we've endeavored to do is really explore for each character a robust personal life and a robust professional life," she says. Wendy, Nico and Victory get through their professional and personal lives in each episode through the strength of their friendship. "It's really a celebration of successful women and the benefits that come with and also the challenges that come with that," O'Connell says.

Starting tomorrow, three new fashionistas will navigate the jungle of New York City with careers, friends and family, and they'll do it wearing perfect lipstick and stiletto heels. They just won't need Mr. Big.

Contact Cassie Belek at chelek@nd.edu
NEW SPRING TELEVISION

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

The writers’ strike may have extended into the cold winter months, but that doesn’t mean the networks don’t have any new scripted programming left. The following are the mid-season replacements offering a break from game shows and reality programming.

“Eli Stone,” Thursday, 10 p.m. (ABC)
Premiere Date: Jan. 31
Starring: Johnny Lee Miller, Victor Garber and Loretta Devine
Summary: Eli Stone (Miller) has it all. He works for a top San Francisco law firm and he’s engaged to the boss’ beautiful daughter. But when he begins to have visions of George Michael singing “Faith” in his living room and is diagnosed with a brain aneurysm, he has to figure out if he’s sick or if he’s a prophet being guided to take certain cases.

“Welcome to the Captain,” Monday, 8:30 p.m. (CBS)
Premiere Date: Feb. 4
Starring: Fran Kranz, Chris Klein, Jeffrey Tambor and Raquel Welch
Summary: The new sitcom focuses on the life of former writer hot shot Josh Plug (Kranz) after he moves into a famous old Hollywood apartment building, the El Captain. His life becomes intertwined with the eclectic group of residents who dub their home, “The Captain.”

“Knight Rider” (NBC)
Premiere Date: Feb. 17
Starring: Justin Bruening, David Hasselhoff and Will Arnett (voice of KITT)
Summary: In this new version of 1980s series “Knight Rider,” Bruening stars as Mike Traceur, the estranged son of original lead Michael Knight (Hasselhoff). Hasselhoff will make a cameo in the two-hour pilot. KITT (Arnett) has been upgraded and now includes additional features such as xenon headlamps with infrared night vision and self-regeneration and damage repair.

“Unhitched” (FOX)
Premiere Date: March 4
Starring: Craig Bierko, Johnny Sneed, Shaun Majumder and Rashida Jones
Summary: The new comedy focuses on a group of friends who find themselves newly single and starting over in their 30s. Familiar face Jones (Karen of “The Office”) is the divorce lawyer of the three guys in the show who moves into the brownstone next to Gator (Bierko) when she herself gets dumped.

“New Amsterdam” (FOX)
Premiere Date: March 4
Starring: Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Zuleikha Robinson and Alexie Gilmore
Summary: Dutch soldier John Amsterdam (Coster-Waldau) obtains immortality 1642 after saving the life of a Native American girl. Amsterdam will not become mortal until he finds his one true love. In the present day, Amsterdam lives as a New York City homicide detective and a recovering alcoholic who has seen all his family and friends die over the centuries.

“The Return of Jezebel James” (FOX)
Premiere Date: March 14
Starring: Parker Posey and Lauren Ambrose
Summary: In this sitcom, Sarah (Posey) is a successful children’s book author who decides she wants to have a child. When she discovers that she cannot carry her own baby, she turns to sister Coco (Ambrose) to carry it for her. The estranged sisters move in together and turn Coco’s childhood imaginary friend, Jezebel James, into a new children’s book.

Contact Cassie Belek at cbelek@nd.edu
Newcomer Gasol leads Lakers to easy victory

Williams pushes Bucks to comeback win over Grizzlies; 17-0 fourth-quarter run helps 76ers snap losing streak

NBA

Williams scored 22 points and led a fourth-quarter rally to help the Bucks snap a three-game losing streak with a victory over the Grizzlies on Tuesday in Milwaukee's 102-97 win.

Williams scored 32 points and led a fourth-quarter rally to help the Bucks snap a three-game losing streak with a victory over the Grizzlies on Tuesday in Milwaukee's 102-97 win.

The Observer accesses classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nome Dnee office, 301 South Dehner. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nome Dnee office, 301 South Dehner. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.
CollegeSwimming.com  
NCAA Men's Swimming Top 25  

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>rank</th>
<th>team</th>
<th>points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Texas</td>
<td>300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Arizona</td>
<td>295</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Stanford</td>
<td>294</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Michigan</td>
<td>271</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Auburn</td>
<td>254</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Florida</td>
<td>251</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Tennessee</td>
<td>241</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Indiana</td>
<td>236</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>217</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Virginia</td>
<td>211</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>California</td>
<td>212</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Florida State</td>
<td>191</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Ohio State</td>
<td>179</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>North Carolina</td>
<td>171</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Virginia</td>
<td>166</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Penn State</td>
<td>151</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>Texas A&amp;M</td>
<td>138</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>134</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>Northwestern</td>
<td>129</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>Missouri</td>
<td>113</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>SMU</td>
<td>101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>Harvard</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>Louisiana Tech</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>Ohio State</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>BYU</td>
<td>58</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CollegeSwimming.com  
NCAA Women's Swimming Top 25  

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>rank</th>
<th>team</th>
<th>points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Georgia</td>
<td>293</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Stanford</td>
<td>291</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Florida</td>
<td>270</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Arizona</td>
<td>271</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Auburn</td>
<td>260</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Texas A&amp;M</td>
<td>256</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Tennessee</td>
<td>239</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Arkansas</td>
<td>229</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>218</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Virginia</td>
<td>209</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Michigan</td>
<td>193</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>North Carolina</td>
<td>186</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Penn State</td>
<td>174</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>SMU</td>
<td>173</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>UCLA</td>
<td>157</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>ASU</td>
<td>148</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>Texas</td>
<td>131</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>LSU</td>
<td>118</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>Indiana</td>
<td>118</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>114</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>Missouri</td>
<td>114</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>Florida State</td>
<td>92</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>Virginia Tech</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>Washington</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>UofC</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

MIAA Women's Basketball  
Standings  

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>rank</th>
<th>conference</th>
<th>overall</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Hope</td>
<td>10-0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Albion</td>
<td>8-3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Calvin</td>
<td>8-4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Olivet</td>
<td>6-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>SAINT MARY'S</td>
<td>5-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Adrian</td>
<td>4-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Alma</td>
<td>4-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Tri-State</td>
<td>3-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Kalamazoo</td>
<td>1-10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

around the dial  

NCAA Men's Basketball  

Connecticut vs. Syracuse  
7 p.m., ESPN

Duke vs. North Carolina  
9 p.m., ESPN


clemens denies steroid use in testimony

WASHINGTON - Roger Clemens spoke under oath for about five hours to congressional lawyers Tuesday, and said afterward that he did not use performance-enhancing drugs.

"I just want to thank the committee, the staff that I just met with. They were very courteous," Clemens said after emerging from the offices of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

"It was great to be able to tell them what I've been saying all along - that I've never used steroids or growth hormone," the seven-time Cy Young Award winner and former New York Yankee said.

Clemens, wearing a pin-striped gray suit, did not take questions from reporters, carrying a black briefcase and accompanied by two attorneys, Clemens headed to an elevator to exit the building.

Someone down the marble hallway at the Rayburn House Office Building yelled out the pitcher's nickname, "Rocket!" That drew a quick wave of a hand from Clemens as he stepped into the wood-paneled elevator.

Clemens, 45, ranks eighth in major league history with 354 career wins. He put off retirement yet again in 2007, returning to the Yankees in June and going 6-6 with a 4.18 ERA. His closed-door, sworn testimony on Capitol Hill came one day after his Yankees teammate and workout partner, Andy Pettitte, gave a deposition to committee staff for 27 hours.

Both players' interviews are part of preparation for a Feb. 13 hearing, a public session expected to focus on allegations made in the Mitchell report by their former trainer, Brian McNamee. McNamee said that he ejected Clemens more than a dozen times with human growth hormone and steroids in 1998, 2000 and 2001.

"I look forward to being here, I guess in this room, next week," Clemens said in his 25-second statement after the deposition.

He has chosen various ways to strongly deny what McNamee said, including a taped TV interview, a live news conference and, repeatedly, through his lawyers.

Tuesday's deposition was the first time Clemens addressed the allegations under oath - meaning it also was the first time he faced legal risk if he were to make false statements.

In Brief

Arkansas asks NCAA to let Mallett play in '08

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas will ask the NCAA to allow transfer quarterback Ryan Mallett to play immediately for the Razorbacks without sitting out a year.

Mallett transferred from Michigan after Rich Rodriguez replaced retiring coach Lloyd Carr.

"After visiting with Ryan and his parents, we feel that it is appropriate to file a waiver in this case based on extenuating circumstances," Arkansas athletic director Jeff Long said in a release.

"While the outcome of the waiver request is uncertain, we feel strongly that as an institution we should offer our full support to Ryan and his family in this process."

The 6-foot-7 Mallett, who played in 11 games for the Wolverines last year, has three years of eligibility remaining. Mallett appears well suited to a pro-style offense, but Rodriguez's offense works well with a more mobile quarterback.

Packers sign McCarthy to five-year contract

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers signed coach Mike McCarthy to a five-year contract that runs through the 2012 season.

"We have accomplished some of our goals over the past two seasons, but there remains much left to be done," McCarthy said in a statement. "I am excited by the opportunity to meet those challenges and someday return another Lombardi Trophy home to Green Bay."

McCarthy, who had a year left on his original three-year deal, reportedly agreed in principle last month to the new contract, which is worth about $4 million per season.

"Mike brings tremendous passion, work ethic and structure to his position," general manager Ted Thompson said. "These are the traits we saw in him when he was hired, and we're very happy for the success we have had under his guidance."

Pats' Anderson pleads not guilty to possession

LOWELL, Mass. — New England Patriots defensive back Willie Andrews pleaded not guilty to drug possession Tuesday, hours after authorities said they found him with a half-pound of marijuana.

Andrews was released on personal recognizance after entering not guilty pleas during his arraignment in Lowell District Court.

According to authorities, Lowell police responded to an anonymous caller who believed to be marijuana, District Court.

Andrews was released on personal recognizance after entering not guilty pleas during his arraignment in Lowell District Court.
Giants celebrate Super Bowl win with parade

Associated Press

NEW YORK — On a day for jumping and whooping it up, Michael Strahan showed the throngs of jubilant fans just how it's done. New York Giants style.

The star defensive end fires up his team — a wildly improbable NFL champion — with a leap where he calls "stomping you out.

And with that, Strahan jumped skyward on the podium at a Super Bowl rally Tuesday, baring his knees to his shoulders. "We would like to extend this to every other team in the NFL and particularly for the last team we defeated, the New England Patriots," he said, his teammates standing behind him. "Because you know what we did to you? We stomped you out!"

Manning and Strahan were joined by the entire Giants organization in a parade through the "Canyon of Heroes" before hundreds of thousands of fans, many decked out in Giants blue, to celebrate one of the city's greatest sporting triumphs.

Two days after the Giants won the title with a 17-14 victory that ended the New England Patriots' perfect season, fans gathered at City Hall Park after a ticker-tape parade to watch their team get the keys to the city.

And those fans, umbrellas raised in a light rain, made a plea to Strahan, who is contemplating retirement. "One more year?" came the chant as soon as he placed his hand on the podium.

Strahan said, "Well see." Eli Manning, the MVP of the Super Bowl, said the team was proud to "bring the championship back to New York City."

"It's been an unbelievable journey," he said. "One more year?" Strahan said. "We'll see."

Giants quarterback Eli Manning holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy in the Super Bowl parade in New York Tuesday. Manning was the MVP in New York's 17-14 win over New England Sunday.

And with that, Strahan jumped skyward on the podium at a Super Bowl rally Tuesday, baring his knees to his shoulders. "Because you know what we did to you? We stomped you out!"

After the Manhattan lovefest, the team took buses back to New Jersey, where it was met by a crowd of more than 20,000 fans at Giants Stadium. The crowd saved its loudest cheers for coach Tom Coughlin, who emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receiver David Tyree emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

"The Giants may not be perfect but no one is, at least not this year in the NFL," Bloomberg said, taking a shot at the Patriots' 18-1 season.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receiver David Tyree emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

And with that, Strahan jumped skyward on the podium at a Super Bowl rally Tuesday, baring his knees to his shoulders. "Because you know what we did to you? We stomped you out!

Manning and Strahan were joined by the entire Giants organization in a parade through the "Canyon of Heroes" before hundreds of thousands of fans, many decked out in Giants blue, to celebrate one of the city's greatest sporting triumphs.

Two days after the Giants won the title with a 17-14 victory that ended the New England Patriots' perfect season, fans gathered at City Hall Park after a ticker-tape parade to watch their team get the keys to the city.

And those fans, umbrellas raised in a light rain, made a plea to Strahan, who is contemplating retirement. "One more year?" came the chant as soon as he placed his hand on the podium.

Strahan said, "Well see." Eli Manning, the MVP of the Super Bowl, said the team was proud to "bring the championship back to New York City."

"It's been an unbelievable journey," he said. "One more year?" Strahan said. "We'll see."

Giants quarterback Eli Manning holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy in the Super Bowl parade in New York Tuesday. Manning was the MVP in New York's 17-14 win over New England Sunday.

"The Giants may not be perfect but no one is, at least not this year in the NFL," Bloomberg said, taking a shot at the Patriots' 18-1 season.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receiver David Tyree emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

"The Giants may not be perfect but no one is, at least not this year in the NFL," Bloomberg said, taking a shot at the Patriots' 18-1 season.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receiver David Tyree emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

And with that, Strahan jumped skyward on the podium at a Super Bowl rally Tuesday, baring his knees to his shoulders. "Because you know what we did to you? We stomped you out!"

After the Manhattan lovefest, the team took buses back to New Jersey, where it was met by a crowd of more than 20,000 fans at Giants Stadium. The crowd saved its loudest cheers for coach Tom Coughlin, who emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receiver David Tyree emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

," he said. 

"The Giants may not be perfect but no one is, at least not this year in the NFL," Bloomberg said, taking a shot at the Patriots' 18-1 season.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receiver David Tyree emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

And with that, Strahan jumped skyward on the podium at a Super Bowl rally Tuesday, baring his knees to his shoulders. "Because you know what we did to you? We stomped you out!"

After the Manhattan lovefest, the team took buses back to New Jersey, where it was met by a crowd of more than 20,000 fans at Giants Stadium. The crowd saved its loudest cheers for coach Tom Coughlin, who emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receiver David Tyree emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

"The Giants may not be perfect but no one is, at least not this year in the NFL," Bloomberg said, taking a shot at the Patriots' 18-1 season.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receiver David Tyree emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

And with that, Strahan jumped skyward on the podium at a Super Bowl rally Tuesday, baring his knees to his shoulders. "Because you know what we did to you? We stomped you out!"

After the Manhattan lovefest, the team took buses back to New Jersey, where it was met by a crowd of more than 20,000 fans at Giants Stadium. The crowd saved its loudest cheers for coach Tom Coughlin, who emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receiver David Tyree emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

"The Giants may not be perfect but no one is, at least not this year in the NFL," Bloomberg said, taking a shot at the Patriots' 18-1 season.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receiver David Tyree emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.
ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish edge BYU in first home match

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

The No. 19 Irish (2-2) opened their home schedule with a 4-3 win over BYU (2-5) Tuesday in front of a large crowd at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Notre Dame got the ball rolling by taking the doubles point.

"We knew going into it that BYU was winning doubles points," Irish captain Brook Buck said. "So that point was crucial, and it got our momentum going."

After the pair of Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Rielley took their match 8-3, Buck and doubles teammate Kaily Krauskopf and Tefft sealed the doubles point for Notre Dame with an 8-5 victory. Buck and Tefft are now 4-0 for the dual season.

No. 88 Colleen Rielley fought to keep momentum going as each won handily in two-set singles victories to put the Irish ahead 3-0 for the match.

"Colleen Rielley did well under pressure knowing we needed one more win to clinch the victory," Buck said.

No. 64 Buck and No. 82 Katie Potts were both up set in long, three-set matches after the Irish already had the match wrapped up.

The chance to seal the match fell to No. 62 Ciobanu, and the sophomore delivered with a hard-fought victory, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

"Colleen was the clincher," Buck said. "She had a close match, and she fought off five set points. She did well under pressure knowing we needed one more win to clinch the victory.

But Notre Dame responded. The chance to seal the match fell to No. 88 Colleen Rielley, and the sophomore delivered with a hard-fought victory, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

"Colleen was the clincher," Buck said. "She had a close match, and she fought off five set points. She did well under pressure knowing we needed one more win to clinch the victory."

The Irish were pleased with their overall effort but have no time to rest on their laurels.

"It was a good start to an intense week of tennis," Buck said.

The Irish now look to the National Team Indoors in Madison, Wis. at the end of the week.

Contact Dan Masterton at dmastert@nd.edu
Cavs continue hot play with win over Celtics

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 33 points and barely missed a triple-double as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat Boston for the second time this season, downing the Celtics 114-113 on Tuesday night.

James added 12 assists, nine rebounds and five steals to pace the Cavaliers, who improved to 15-4 since Dec. 25 and handed the NBA's best road team just its fifth loss away from home. Cleveland also beat the Celtics in overtime on Nov. 27.

For a change, James, who leads the league in fourth-quarter scoring, didn't have to do it all by himself down the stretch. Zydrunas Ilguvakas added 21 points, Larry Hughes had 18 and seldom-used Ira Newble had 15 for Cleveland. Also, guard Daniel Gibson made a big steal in the final minute to help the Cavs hang on.

Ray Allen scored 24 points and Paul Pierce 19 for the Celtics, who were again without Kevin Garnett. The All-Star center missed his fourth straight game with an abdominal strain sustained on Jan. 25, and is likely to sit out Friday's game in Minnesota, his first visit back there since the Timberwolves traded him to Boston last summer.

For three quarters, a matchup between two of the East's top teams looked more like one between two up-and-down outfits. Boston's defense as offense was scarce. But with the game on the line in the fourth quarter, both teams tightened things up. The Celtics pulled to 97-96 before James drained a 3-pointer and drove the lane before feeding Ilguvakas for a dunk. Gibson then scored on a circus-like scoop shot in the lane and James hit a jumper to put the Cavs up 106-94 with 4:43 left. Boston couldn't cut it to two as Kendrick Perkins scored on a three-point play and Pierce drained a 3.

Rajon Rondo made a jumper and two free throws as the Celtics pulled within 110-108 with 1:48 remaining. But on Cleveland's next possession, Boston's defense was so concerned about stopping James that the Celtics let Newble, who needed four stitches to close a gash over his right eye in the first half, drive the baseline for a dunk.

Pierce's basket got Boston within two, and the Celtics had a chance to tie it but Gibson stripped Rondo and Ilguvakas made two free throws with 16.6 seconds left to put Cleveland ahead 114-110.

James Point dropped a 3-pointer for Boston at the horn to close the scoring.

Already playing without Sasha Pavlovic (sprained foot) and Anderson Varejao (sprained ankle), the Cavaliers lost forward Drew Gooden early in the third with a strained right groin.

Gooden hurt himself while crashing the boards, grabbing a rebound and dunking over an unsuspecting Allen.

Celtics' top team looking more

Associated Press

Like one between two up-and-down outfits, Boston's defense as offense was scarce. But with the game on the line in the fourth quarter, both teams tightened things up. The Celtics pulled to 97-96 before James drained a 3-pointer and drove the lane before feeding Ilguvakas for a dunk. Gibson then scored on a circus-like scoop shot in the lane and James hit a jumper to put the Cavs up 106-94 with 4:43 left. Boston couldn't cut it to two as Kendrick Perkins scored on a three-point play and Pierce drained a 3.

Rajon Rondo made a jumper and two free throws as the Celtics pulled within 110-108 with 1:48 remaining. But on Cleveland's next possession, Boston's defense was so concerned about stopping James that the Celtics let Newble, who needed four stitches to close a gash over his right eye in the first half, drive the baseline for a dunk.

Pierce's basket got Boston within two, and the Celtics had a chance to tie it but Gibson stripped Rondo and Ilguvakas made two free throws with 16.6 seconds left to put Cleveland ahead 114-110.

James Point dropped a 3-pointer for Boston at the horn to close the scoring.

Already playing without Sasha Pavlovic (sprained foot) and Anderson Varejao (sprained ankle), the Cavaliers lost forward Drew Gooden early in the third with a strained right groin.

Gooden hurt himself while crashing the boards, grabbing a rebound and dunking over an unsuspecting Allen.
Recruits continued from page 20

involved the recruits with the inner workings of the program, informing them via email with the day-to-day operations of the team.

Nearly a year ago, the Irish received their first commitment for this class from Mike Golic Jr., son of former Irish defensive lineman Mike Golic. They received their latest commitment from Deion Walker on Jan. 5. In between, Weis gained a slew of top commitments, including scout.com’s No. 1 tight end Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota wide receiver Michael Floyd, California quarterback Dayne Crist, Oregon defensive end Ethan Johnson, and Chicago linebacker Daruis Fleming, all slated to attend Notre Dame in the fall.

Last season, the Irish had three early enrollees — quarterback Jimmy Clausen, running back Armando Allen, and cornerback Gary Gray — who began attending the University last spring season. This year, only one recruit, offensive lineman Trevor Robinson, decided to enroll early.

Part of Weis’ success recruiting this season came as a result of learning from his mistakes in the past.

After losing multiple prospects last season just before Signing Day, Charlie Weis instituted a policy that said he would revoke scholar-ship offers from recruits who gave their verbal commitments to the Irish, then took scheduled visits at other schools. Hunter chose to take an official visit to Florida, and Weis subsequently revoked his scholarship offer.

The rest remained committed to Notre Dame, giving even the most despairing Irish fan hope for the future.

Contact Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu

SMC BASKETBALL
No. 5 Belles set to host rival Alma

Team hopes to pick up second straight conference victory

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s broke is MIAA losing streak Saturday with a 10-point victory over Adrian College. The Belles will look to continue their success against conference rival Alma tonight. The fifth-place Belles (5-6 MIAA, 9-10 overall) kick off a stretch of five home games at 7:30 in the Angela Athletic Center.

Looking three consecutive conference games wasn’t the statement Saint Mary’s wanted to make to the rest of the MIAA during the last three weeks. After losses to third-place Calvin and the nation’s No. 1 Division III team, Hope, Saint Mary’s lost its third contest in a row to Olivet Jan. 30.

Against Adrian, the Belles came back in the second period after being down 31-28 at the half. The Belles shot 42.3 percent for the half, with junior Erin Newsom scoring 10 points in the first seven minutes of play. Katie Rusch, another junior, chipped in eight points in the half and 14 overall.

“I thought our team played a great second half against Adrian on Saturday,” Belles coach Jenn Henley said. “And I am expecting to build upon that performance as we face Alma.”

The Belles’ concentration is on enhancing their defense.

“We continue to focus on improving our overall team defense while controlling the boards,” Henley said.

Saint Mary’s has been outrebounding opponents by an average margin of 41-37.4 per game, but Adrian pulled down just as many rebounds as Saint Mary’s on Saturday. Looking ahead to its game against Alma, Henley has outlined additional goals for her team.

“We have been working on ways to score on the inside to prepare for Alma,” Henley said. “They are a strong team that will show us a lot of different looks defensively.”

This season, Saint Mary’s has been scoring an average of 67.2 points per game while Alma has been averaging 58.3 points per contest.

Alma stands at seventh place in the MIAA, two spots behind Saint Mary’s. In their three meetings last season, the Belles defeated the Scots by scores of 72-60, 66-58 and 66-54.

“The game against Alma will be another great MIAA matchup,” Henley said.

Contact Meaghan Veselik at mves010@nd.edu

Notre Dame verbal commitment Anthony McDonald walks back to the huddle during a game in his senior season.

Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole
Are Diversity and Inclusion on Your Agenda?

Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole

Are Diversity and Inclusion on Your Agenda?

Friday, February 15 at 12:30 pm

Little Theatre, Saint Mary’s College

Free and open to the public.

Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole has a long and distinguished career as an educator and as a humanist. Her work as a college professor and president, her published works, her speeches, and her community service consistently address issues of racial, gender, and all other forms of discrimination.

Much of her work in the interest of equality and social justice is now centered in her role as the Chair of the Board of the Johnnetta B. Cole Global Diversity and Inclusion Institute, founded at Bennett College for Women.

Dr. Cole is the Chair of the National Visionary Project. She serves on the board of the Africa University, in Mutare Zimbabwe, TransAfrica Forum and the United Way of America.

In addition to her 32 honorary degrees, Dr. Cole has received numerous awards including the TransAfrica Forum Global Public Service Award, the Redcliffe Medal, the Essence Rosewell Y-M-K Award, the 2001 Alex Lee Transcultural Award for Community Service from United Way of America, the Joseph Prize for Human Rights presented by the Anti-Defamation League, The Amsterdam Human Rights Award from the World Congress of Women, and the Distinguished Service Award for Meritorious Achievement from the City of Washington, D.C.

President Emerita of both Spelman and Bennett College for Women.

Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole

Are Diversity and Inclusion on Your Agenda?

Friday, February 15 at 12:30 pm

Little Theatre, Saint Mary’s College

Free and open to the public.

For more information contact:
Office of Multicultural Affairs
Tel. (574) 284-4721 Fax (574) 284-4550

Download registration form at http://www1.saintmarys.edu/dmc

No Registration Fee – Online Registration Available

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

The Observer • SPORTS

page 17
Irish senior defenseman Brock Sheahan controls the puck during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Bowling Green on Nov. 20.

Sheahan continued from page 20

at this level, and hopefully in moving to the next level. That's just the way I play, and that's the way the game should be played — hard and physical.

As important as the protection he provides for Irish goaltender Jordan Pearce is the role he has acquired as a mentor to freshman defenseman Teddy Bush, a second-round NHL pick and one of Notre Dame's budding stars.

"We've become pretty good friends all the ice, which is interesting for a guy five years younger than me," Sheahan said. "It's pretty unique having a relationship with a guy who I think is going to be in the NHL some day.

"He can be a leader for years to come on this team, even as a sophomore (next year), and that's something I'll tell him as I'm moving on — just make sure he keeps working and carrying on the Notre Dame tradition."

After the Irish won only five games in his freshman season, Sheahan has seen his squad's win totals more than double in each of the past two years, from five to 13 as a sophomore, to a school record 32 last season.

"We were here in that transition period, so we definitely got to see the program transform into more of a powerhouse, nationally-prominent program," said Sheahan, one of Notre Dame's five seniors. "Our class, along with the senior class from last year, had a big part in changing the culture of the program and the expectations of the players, and that's my biggest memory, too.

"Those with whom he shares that memory realize both the impact Sheahan makes on a daily basis and the imprint he's put on the team and program."

"He's fired up every day, and he brings it in practice every single day," senior forward Evan Rankin said.

"When you have a guy who's one of your leaders, a captain, and he's coming out every single day in practice like that, it means a lot in you want to give that extra effort, too.

As much of an impact Sheahan has had on the Notre Dame program, Jackson has returned the favor to the defenseman.

"Ever since Coach Jackson has been here, it's been about doing all the little things to the best of your ability — little things in practice like doing push-ups after you miss the net," Sheahan said. "I hope to carry that over into every aspect of life, and hopefully that helps me as a person — just doing the right things and good things will happen."

Contact Sam Werner at swerner@nd.edu

Hall continued from page 20

Saturday.

The Irish, who lead the conference in rebounding margin, will have an advantage in the frontcourt against Seton Hall — mostly because of leading scorer Luke Harangody.

The sophomore forward is averaging 24.4 points in conference games, including 28 per contest during Notre Dame's current three-game winning streak. Harangody has also pulled down double-double rebounds in six of eight conference games.

Although the sophomore, who is the reigning Big East player of the week, has been Notre Dame's offensive leader, he doesn't feel an obligation to score all the time.

"I wouldn't say I feel pressure at all," Harangody said. "There are other guys on the team that will pick it up."

What Seton Hall lacks in frontcourt play, the Pirates make up for with shooting from their guards. Guard Brian Laing leads the Pirates with 19.3 points per game; he scored 24 against the Hoyas to keep the game competitive.

Three other guards — Eugene Harvey, Jeremy Hazell and Jamar Nutter — average double-figure points per game. Against Louisville on Jan. 19, Hazell scored 29 points and hit eight 3-pointers.

Last time Notre Dame played a team that could shoot as well as Seton Hall from the outside — a 90-80 win over Villanova on Jan. 26 — the Irish used a 1-2-2 zone to try to keep the Wildcats from getting good looks.

Harangody said the team is practicing several defenses to use against the Pirates, but he wouldn't go into specifics.

"We went over a couple things yesterday at practice," he said. "We'll probably start off in man and see what happens."

Notre Dame is 1-2 in true road games this season, although the atmosphere in Newark's Prudential Center probably won't reach the animosity the Irish saw in games at Marquette, Georgetown and Villanova.

The Prudential Center is five miles from Seton Hall's campus and is not known for being an intimidating venue. However, the game is sold out, something that rarely happened when the Pirates played at the larger Continental Airlines Arena, four miles from their campus.

Note:

High school junior Jack Cooley of Glenview, Ill., orally committed to play for Notre Dame beginning in the 2009-10 school year.

Cooley, a 6-foot-8, 210-pound forward, has been compared to Harangody. Cooley also had scholarship offers from Illinois and Wisconsin.

Contact Chris Khorey at ckhorey@nd.edu

Best Value in Town
Come See Why!

- Indoor/Outdoor Tennis and Basketball
- Free Tanning
- Heated Pool
- Relaxing Jacuzzi
- Gated Community
- Community Business Center
- No Application Fees for Students
- Close to everything... far from ordinary!

Castle Point Apartments
18011 Cleveland Rd. South Bend, IN 46637
Phone: (574) 272-8110 Fax: (574) 272-8114
www.cppj.com

Turtle Creek Apartments
272-8110 Fax: (574) 272-8114
www.turtlecreek.com

So close to campus you can hear the shouts and see the lights

Furnished Studio Apartments
One Bedroom Apartments
Two Bedroom One Bath Apartments
Two Bedroom One and a Half Bath Apartments with Fenced in Patio

TURTLE CREEK AMENITIES
- Tan for FREE at Fun Tan
- Heated Pool and Hot Tub
- Pet Friendly
- On Site Security

1710 E. Turtle Creek Drive
South Bend, IN 46637
Phone: 574-272-8124
Fax: 574-273-6921
www.LiveTurtleCreek.com

Note:

High school junior Jack Cooley of Glenview, Ill., orally committed to play for Notre Dame beginning in the 2009-10 school year.

Cooley, a 6-foot-8, 210-pound forward, has been compared to Harangody. Cooley also had scholarship offers from Illinois and Wisconsin.

Contact Chris Khorey at ckhorey@nd.edu

The Observer • SPORTS
Wednesday, February 6, 2008
THE OBSERVER

The Observer is now accepting applications for new cartoonists. Contact Maddie Hanna at mhanna1@nd.edu

Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jennifer Jason Leigh, 48; Christopher Guest, 47; John porch, 46; Roger-Mitchel, 60

Happy Birthday: A special outlet will enable you to work toward your personal goals. The energy at hand will allow you to let your emotions free and to trust your instincts. If you push yourself too far, you will end up suffering a bit of a burnout that will hit you during a time when you need to shine. Take the initiative and you will find yourself in a powerful position that will not be easy for many years to come. People might see you as a leader and look to you for advice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't wait for things to develop. Position yourself so you can handle whatever comes your way. Someone you purk may be trying to play you, don't let your friends, colleagues, or kids. All stars.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Take care of your personal and social needs. There may be a few things you should change or clear up. Get any matter out of the way that concerns government agencies, large corporations or institutions. Love is in the air. 3 stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can work with a friend and meet your goals. You are confident, you can handle whatever comes your way. Someone you trust may let you down, so be careful who you trust. 4 stars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a closer look at your personal and social needs. There may be a few things you should change or clear up. Get any matter out of the way that concerns government agencies, large corporations or institutions. Love is in the air. 3 stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be emotional, loyal, and an ideal for a friend or someone today. Don't make a promise you won't keep or to someone you have no control over. As long as what you do and say comes from the heart, you will build a solid base and a strong relationship. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a break and do something nice for yourself. A little pampering or time spent with others can turn your life into a new one. Comfort and attitude will enhance your personal image and make you want to try new things. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Expect new opportunities, new things and, most of all, a few experiences that will give you greater perspective on your future and your personal life. Do not get distracted if someone close to you doesn't support you. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let the people closest to you cause you upset. They are not trying to be difficult for you. You may not like their family, but you must please yourself. Take a deep breath and proceed to the finish line. You want to be happy. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Explore the resources you have and you may find a way to do something that you had never done before. Financial matters, dedication and organization are key themes this week. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stand your ground and you will get what you want. Your determination and resistance will be what counts. Don't let anyone who is negative stand in your way. Now is the time to show your true self. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a step back and look at the situation that interests you. Trying something different will build a lead of new friendships and the encouragement of more positive partners or hobbies. More confidence and potential possible. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your personal life mysterious and focus on what you can offer professionally. If you can be totally flexible, you can improve the people you are dealing with, and therefore gain more control. 4 stars

Birthday Notes: You like to be in the lead, to think outside the box, and to see what you can do without feeling that you are doing it on your own. You are determined, aggressive and strong-willed.

Eugenia's Web site: astro-aide.com for fun, eugenia last.com for confidential consultations

Jumbles

HENRI ARNOLD

MIKE ARGIRION

Jumbles: Unravel these five Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four letter words. A T C U I

OATAR

NEKF

SAWUR

DOHOKE

ANS: TO

Yesterday's Jumbles

BYLAW HAREM FORRET CAMPER

A good place to find a date -- A PALM TREE

The Observer to subscribe to The Observer, mail this form to The Observer, P.O. Box 779, Notre Dame, IN 46556 along with a check for:

$120 for a full year
$65 for a semester

Name

Address

City_ State_Zip

For answers, call 1-800-285-5656, $1.49 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-615-5854.

Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday Crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS. For answers, call 1-900-285-5656, $1.49 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-615-5854.

THE OBSERVER

To subscribe to The Observer, mail this form to The Observer, P.O. Box 779, Notre Dame, IN 46556 along with a check for:

$120 for a full year
$65 for a semester

Name

Address

City_ State_Zip

For answers, call 1-800-285-5656, $1.49 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-615-5854.

Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday Crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS. For answers, call 1-900-285-5656, $1.49 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-615-5854.

THE OBSERVER

To subscribe to The Observer, mail this form to The Observer, P.O. Box 779, Notre Dame, IN 46556 along with a check for:

$120 for a full year
$65 for a semester

Name

Address

City_ State_Zip

For answers, call 1-800-285-5656, $1.49 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-615-5854.

Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday Crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS. For answers, call 1-900-285-5656, $1.49 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-615-5854.

THE OBSERVER

To subscribe to The Observer, mail this form to The Observer, P.O. Box 779, Notre Dame, IN 46556 along with a check for:

$120 for a full year
$65 for a semester

Name

Address

City_ State_Zip

For answers, call 1-800-285-5656, $1.49 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-615-5854.

Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday Crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS. For answers, call 1-900-285-5656, $1.49 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-615-5854.
**FOOTBALL**

**Good news, bad news**

Irish prepare for National Signing Day

By CHRIS HINE

Sports Editor

National Signing Day — the day die-hard fans have longed for since Notre Dame’s season of record-setting futility began — is finally here.

During a season that saw the Irish start 0-4 for the first time in school history and finish a dismal 3-9, the prospect of nabbing a top-tier recruiting class buoyed fans weighed down by depressing performances on the field.

And barring a rush of last-minute defections, fans should get their wish.

Notre Dame has the second best class lined up, according to scout.com. It has third-best according to rivals.com and No. 1 according to Tom Lemming of CSTV.

Irish coach Charlie Weis, doing his best impersonation of Illinois coach Ron Zook, managed to recruit well in a year when his team failed to perform. Luckily for the Irish, they received 18 of their 22 verbal commitments before the regular season began and managed to prevent all their prospects, aside from defensive tackle Omar Hunter, from backing out of their commitments.

Over the course of the season, the Irish coaching staff

see RECRUITS/page 17

**HOCKEY**

Jackson calls Sheahan a ‘warrior’ on the ice

By SAM WERNER

Sports Writer

As the old saying goes, you don’t get a second chance to make a first impression. When he met Irish coach Jeff Jackson for the first time in May 2005, current senior defenseman and alternate captain Brock Sheahan didn’t need one.

“When I first came in here, it wasn’t difficult to pick out the guys who I thought could help us build our identity as a program, and Brock was one of those guys from day one,” said Jackson, who took over after Sheahan’s freshman season when former coach Dave Poulin resigned. “That’s because he has great intensity, a great work ethic, a great desire to become a great player, and I could tell immediately that he’d be one of the guys to try to build the culture around.”

Sheahan, a native of Alberta, Canada, has lived up to Jackson’s lofty expectations, emerging as a vocal leader, an elite blue-line defender and a gritty, hard-nosed player for the Irish.

“I’m extremely proud of Brock and what he’s done, and I don’t know if there’s a better defensive player in the CCHA,” Jackson said. “He’s not the biggest man, but he plays extremely well. He has no fear, he consistently will physically pay the price, and he’s smart with the puck.”

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish get set to battle Pirates

Squad looks to snag away win against Seton Hall in N.J.

By CHRIS KHOREY

Sports Editor

Life in the Big East doesn’t allow for much downtime.

After two wins in three days over Providence and DePaul last weekend, No. 21 Notre Dame travels to Newark, N.J., to take on Seton Hall tonight at 7.

The Irish (16-4, 6-2 Big East) sit in second place in the conference, 1 1/2 games behind first-place Georgetown. But with Louisville (7-3) and Connecticut (16-3) hot on Notre Dame’s tail, the team can’t afford to slip up.

The Pirates (15-7, 5-4) enter tonight’s contest in a three-way tie with Pittsburgh and West Virginia for seventh place in the conference after losing 73-64 to the Hoyas on...