Ford donates $6 million to Kellogg Institute

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

University trustee W. Douglas Ford has donated $6 million to fund a new program in development that will focus on research, including some in connection with Notre Dame’s Millennium Development Initiative. The Kellogg Institute announced the creation of the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity, which will be directed by Father Bob Dowd, an assistant professor of theology specializing in African studies.

The program is designed to reflect the mission of the University at large by “channeling the incredible power of the human spirit toward service of God and the common good,” Dowd said. The new program will incorporate teaching, research and outreach in the field of development studies, Dowd said. He will allow student and faculty research in development studies to be “devoted to real problems experienced by real people,” he said.

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Braun, Reish spar in final debate

Current VP focuses on passion, experience

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Student body president and vice presidential hopefuls Maris Braun and George Chamberlain highlighted their experience and passion for the job Wednesday in an attempt to differentiate themselves from opponents Bob Reish and Grant Schmidt in the final debate before today’s run-off election. Braun and Schmidt emerged from Monday’s primary with more than 48 percent of the vote. Braun-Chamberlain placed second with 22 percent. Today’s voting — from 8 a.m. through 8 p.m. — will decide the next student body president.

Braun, who is the current student body vice president, has built a campaign around several platform ideas as well as her experience this year working with the South Bend Community School Corporation to alter significantly the proposed party permit ordinance.

Braun said she wants to improve community relations by increasing security on campus. She believes that students would be more willing to go out on the community if they felt safer on campus.

“The city ordinance proved that community relations are no where near what they should be,” Braun said.

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Dungy delivers opening address

Executive director of NASPA speaks to begin three-day conference

By LIZ HARTER
Assistant News Editor

Saint Mary’s third-annual Diverse Student Leadership Conference began Thursday with remarks by Gwendolyn Jordan Dungy, the executive director of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) in higher education.

"The theme for this year’s conference is "Diversity is not something that you are going to do today, just this conference," Dungy said. "It is something that is being planned for this institution." College president Carol Ann Musnich outlined the College's plans for diversity in her strategic plan, "The Path to Leadership 2012," which was delivered earlier this year.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Be your Valentine**

Men and women of Notre Dame. Spring Break is nearly two weeks away. We all want to be tan, fit and beautiful when we’re basking on the beach.

Though the tan will have to wait for the sun, achieving the perfect figure should be no problem. Rolls and the Rock are open seven days a week! So sign up for six boxes on the fancy Precor treadmills, climb the Stairmaster, heat everyone on Rolls tiny track, and crank those abs hard so that you have ever before.

Spring break is coming, people. And as the good Notre Dame students you are, you’ve got to be at your best. Right? Wait!

Set your elliptical level down a few digits and listen up. You’re beautiful just the way you are.

In the preface to her play, “The Good Body,” Eve Ensler urges everyone to be confident and love ourselves. We volunteer at levels of perfection at Notre Dame. Even with the snow accumulation, Notre Dame has not cancelled classes since 1929 in its mail. He says the McDonald family did own his lake. McDonald doesn’t think there is anyone left in the family to pass the property on to his children.

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OFFBEAT

**Boston man finds postcard from 1929**

**BOston** — The message on the postcard to a “Miss Margaret McDonald” was short. Its path to the intended address was much longer. Nearly 79 years after it was sent, a postcard from Yellowstone National Park’s Tower Falls arrived in a Boston mailbox recently with the one-word message. “Greetings.”

Its intended recipient had long since left the Victorian past, but he sent with a one cent stamp from Seattle earlier this year.

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**CORRECTIONS**

The Observer regrets a posting in the preface column that a professional publication is not the right one. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

**IN BRIEF**

Notre Dame women’s tennis will play Ohio State today at 2:30 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Admission is free.

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies is hosting a lecture entitled “Unsettling Accounts: Neither Truth nor Reconciliation in Confessions of State Violence” today at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center.

The film “Star Hotel” will play at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 7 as part of the “Immigration: A Notre Dame Perspective” film series.

NDB (Notre Dame Television, Chan. 53 on campus) will be broadcasting live tonight with election results, analysis and candidate interviews starting at 7:15 p.m.

There will be Stations of the Cross Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

The Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team will play Manhattan Friday at 5 p.m. in the Loftus Center. Admission is free.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is hosting its annual Black Coffeehouse Friday at 7 p.m. in the LaFontaine Ballroom. Tickets cost $6.

The Pasquerilla East Music Company (PEMCo) will perform “Kiss Me, Kate” Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Student tickets are $6.

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

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** **What is your favorite word that sounds dirty but really isn’t?**

Anne Laughlin

sophomore

McGlin

“Humdinger.”

Don Whitney

sophomore

Stanford

“Weird. You know, that cute little wrinkly flap of skin on your elbow.”

Marina Cardona

senior

off campus

“Saturated fat.”

Molly Boyle

Freshman

Pasquerilla East

“Krumkake. Some people think it’s a swear word, but it’s actually a Scandinavian dessert.”

Nicholas Chambers

senior

off campus

“Purse. It means ‘I put,’ as in, ‘I put the toy away.”

**Freshman Anne Marie Weber makes a snow angel on South Quad Wednesday. Even with the snow accumulation, Notre Dame has not cancelled classes since 1929.**

**Local Weather**

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**Thursday, February 14, 2008**
College named to Service Honor Roll

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary’s Editor

The Corporation for National and Community Service has named Saint Mary’s to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts, especially regarding disadvantaged youth. 

"Our commitment to the education of the whole person, a commitment that has been with us since our founding, remains unwavering; but the focus on the development of each student is not individualistic," College President Carol Ann Mooney said in a news release.

"We are always conscious that human beings live in community. As our Mission Statement implies, our commitment to education is not solely to or for the benefit of the individual student, but also for the benefit of the broader society."

The Community Service Honor Roll is one of the highest federal recognitions a college or university can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Saint Mary’s was one of 117 schools that received the "honor roll with distinction" award. Honorees were chosen based on several factors including innovativeness of projects, percentage of student participation, and the academic service-learning concepts offered at the school.

Four programs at Saint Mary’s were recognized, said Carrie Call, director of the civic and social engagement. These programs are under the umbrella of the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program where students mentor students from local primary schools and include the Read-a-Child program, Pen Pals program and writing clinics.

"For the CAT program alone, we had over 160 students involved in 2007, which is 10 percent of the student body," Call said. "This is very high for a single program. Our numbers are quite high actually, higher than many other institutions.

While we would love to see the numbers grow, I still feel very happy and proud of where we are now."

Chief Executive Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service David Eisner recognized Saint Mary’s commitment to service and the correlation of the whole person, a commitment to service and the academic service-learning and civic engagement fostered by outstanding leadership on campus campuses.

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The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll was launched in 2006. It is cosponsored by the USA Freedom Corps and the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development.

Call hopes the enthusiasm for service at Saint Mary’s will continue in coming years.

"It’s a nice recognition and I believe it shows we are living up to our Holy Cross tradition of educating the mind and heart."

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Student Senate

Group discusses Catholic faculty

Informing undergraduates about the hiring process key at meeting

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

The Student Senate began investigating plans to inform undergraduates about the hiring and retention of Catholic faculty and gave students an avenue to voice their opinions.

Coral Hendrickson, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, said some professors, like Kathleen Donahue and seniors Amy Meyers and Brian Boyd will speak at a town hall meeting next week and give different perspectives on the issue. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 18 in Room 103 of Belford Hall.

Meanwhile, senators have been listening to student opinions by discussing the issue at Hall Council meetings with their dorms. Senators who discussed the issue said the majority of students they spoke with did not support the use of a quota to ensure a certain percentage of Catholic faculty at Notre Dame. Howard Senator Frida Fransson said most students in her dorm did not feel Catholic faculty were crucial to spiritual life on campus.

"Basically there was pretty much a unanimous agreement that faith at Notre Dame is exercised more outside the classroom," she said.

Walsh Hall Senator Anna Ambker said she received a similar response. Although students would be concerned if there were no Catholic professors at Notre Dame, a professor’s religion did not seem to be an important factor in the classroom.

"The majority of people did not feel too concerned that we were losing the Catholic majority because they felt like our Catholic identity comes from outside the classroom, and a lot of students know which of their teachers were Catholic," she said.

Some senators recognized that alumni may disagree with student opinion and wish to maintain the tradition of having a Catholic majority among faculty. Lyons Hall Senator Kelly Kanavy said that alumni have often been wary of major changes at Notre Dame, such as making the University co-educational, and that students should still be open to new policies.

"If you look back on the history of ND, or of any college, whether it is about to go co-ed or is about to start accepting minority applicants, I’m sure the alumni were up in arms about saying it’s not right, but that doesn’t mean that objectively, it’s not the right thing to do," she said. "I don’t think that what they say should deter us."

Although the senators reported that most students were not concerned about a predominantly Catholic faculty, Hendrickson stressed the importance of listening to both sides of the issue at the town hall meeting.

"It will be interesting to see what people’s opinions are once they’ve heard a really good break down of the issue," she said.

In addition to talking to student opinion about the hiring of Catholic faculty, the Senate passed a resolution supporting the installation of clocks in every classroom on campus. Hendrickson said that if both the Student and Faculty Senates pass the resolution, it will be implemented.

Paspasquar West Senator Megan Sennett said she met with Joseph Schellinger, the director of academic space management, who said it would be "very feasible" to install clocks in the older classroom buildings that do not have clocks.

Sennett added that the University would use a satellite clock system, connecting clocks in the building together and reducing the possibility of theft, because they will not work if taken off the system.

In other Senate news:

- Multicultural Affairs Committee Chair Ninny Wan discussed the progress of one of her committee’s main initiatives, a cultural competency requirement in the Notre Dame curriculum. Wan said some academic programs reported fitting another requirement into their curriculum would be difficult.
- For example, architecture students are already required to spend a year abroad, and engineering students have room for only one elective.
- Social Concerns Committee Chair Karen Koski said the Center for Social Concerns and the Kellogg Institute are hosting a symposium entitled "Solidarity in Pursuit of Authentic Human Development" on Feb. 23. A pre-symposium event to inform students about the symposium will take place Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFollette.
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Looking for solid business and accounting experience to put on your resume?

The Observer is accepting applications for a 2008-09 Business Manager and Controller. Responsibilities include preparing a yearly budget and handling payroll for a 200-person staff.

Since the Controller will take over as the 2009-10 Business Manager, Controller applicants should be sophomores, or juniors staying for a fifth year.

Both positions are salaried about six to 10 hours a week.

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BCM plans faith dialogue

Club hopes to promote communication among Christian denominations

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

In an effort to foster understanding and discuss the differences between Christian faiths, the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM), in conjunction with Notre Dame's Campus Ministry, is planning a Catholic-Protestant Dialogue and reception on Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

The discussion will feature speakers from two different Christian backgrounds. Offering a Protestant perspective will be Mark Noll, a professor from the history department. Theology professor Lawrence Cunningham will provide a Catholic perspective.

Brett Perkins, director of student resources for Campus Ministry, said the event will be divided roughly into three sections.

Each professor will present a statement of his Church's current perspective on the differences and similarities between Catholics and Protestants, followed by a summary of important doctrinal beliefs of their faith and how they differ from that of the other faith. The last portion will be left open to questions.

Perkins said he polled students from Catholic fellowship groups and invited them to address the professors during their summary of doctrinal beliefs.

"We really want to address what kinds of questions students are asking," Perkins said, adding that it is important to clarify any misunderstandings between the two faiths.

Allan Thompson, a local minister and member of BCM, said he wants professors to clarify certain issues that might often be misunderstood.

"One main area of difference between the faiths is the role of tradition, the role of scripture, and how the two interact," said Thompson, who helped plan the event.

Perkins emphasized the importance of understanding the differences and similarities between the faiths.

"How close are we to being one again?" Perkins said.

Noll addresses that question in his book — "Is the Reformation Over?" — which examines the current state of affairs between Catholicism and Protestantism.

Perkins said the event is a follow-up of the Prayer for Christian Unity events that Campus Ministry sponsored in January, where services were offered at the Basilica and featured leaders of different denominations and different faiths.

But this event, he said, is more scholarly and aimed at dialogue and understanding.

"This is more of an academic setting," Perkins said.

Perkins and Thompson sent e-mails to students and faculty belonging to Campus Ministry special interest clubs such as ISI and Four:7 to encourage people to attend.

Thompson said BCM seeks to engage students from all faith traditions. Calling its weekly meeting "The Journey," BCM aims to focus on Jesus Christ rather than one specific doctrine of a certain faith.

"It's like a metaphor for entering into a relationship with Jesus and seeing where he might take you," Thompson said.

Perkins said the event is a similar event last April. Noll said the event came as a result of his book, which examines the current state of affairs between Catholicism and Protestantism.

"I love talking to students. I love being around this place. I love being a part of this community." Digger Phelps, former Irish basketball coach

"Some people forget, and then the media says, 'He's bitter,'" he said. He is optimistic, however, that people will witness the struggle of New Orleans at least once a year. "Every August, it makes the news. Every August, there's a flash-back to Katrina."
Bush signs stimulus package into law

Legislation includes rebates for more than 130 million people, tax breaks for businesses

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The checks are in the mail, but they will be soon.

President Bush signed legislation Wednesday to rush rebates ranging from $300 to $1,200 to millions of people, the centerpiece of government efforts to brace the wobbly economy. First, though, you must file your 2007 tax return.

More than 130 million people are expected to get the cash, which comes as part of two programs. The larger is $150 billion to provide rebates to both individuals and businesses who spent money on home improvements. Obama said Wednesday that as president he would spend $210 billion to create jobs in construction and environmental industries, as he is tried to win over economically struggling voters. 

Obama announced his plan Friday night.

The measure Bush signed — a $168 billion rescue package passed with lightning speed by Congress last week — includes not only rebates for individuals but also tax breaks for businesses to spur investment in new plants and equipment. That, too, would help bolster U.S. economic growth.

The package also contains provisions aimed at helping struggling homeowners cătheterized by the housing collapse and the credit crunch, rendering them unable to afford more mortgageable apartments.

The emergency plan marked the first major international cooperation among political parties in Washington that an ailing economy during an election year would invite voter retaliation.

Bush, who called the measure a "booster shot for our economy," praised the bipartisan cooperation. "We have come together on a single mission — and that is to put the people's interests first," he said.

Who gets a rebate? Most people who pay taxes or earn at least $3,000, including through Social Security, will get a rebate. So will veterans' disability benefits. Singles making more than $7,500 and couples with income topping $150,000, however, will get smaller checks, up to the top amount for any rebate: incomes of $87,000 for individuals and $174,000 for couples.

To get any rebate, you must file a 2007 tax return and have a valid Social Security number. If you already filed your 2007 return, the IRS says you don't need to do anything extra.

Most taxpayers will receive a check of up to $600 for individuals and $1,200 for couples, with an additional $300 for each child.

People earning too little to pay taxes but at least $3,000 including elderly people whose only income is from Social Security and veterans who live on disability payments — will get $300 if single, or $600 if a couple.

The IRS will send out rebates — by mail or by direct deposit into your bank account — through the late spring and the summer. The rebates come in addition to any regular tax refund.

To pay for the rebates — which are estimated to cost about $117 billion over the next two years — the government will have to borrow more money, enlarging the budget deficit.

The Bush administration and some private economists are hopeful the rebates, tax breaks and aggressive interest rate reductions by the Federal Reserve will help the country narrowly dodge a recession. An increasing number of economists, however, believe the country has already fallen into its first recession since 2001, and they are simply hopeful the rescue package will limit the damage. Most people — 61 percent — say the economy is now in a recession, according to the AP-Ipsos poll.

"I do think this will give the economy a shot of adrenalin," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.
America. I in a lot of ways when America. looked upon by faculty and staff in a long way when it comes to Washington Post survey showed United States is a Christian, Dungy believe that everyone in the religion over another or that they seem as though they favor one race is one of the most discrimination and how they affect students. She has come more involved in the election process because they Don’t say self-identity. A transsexual person can participate in the Olympics now if it’s two years since your surgery. At the same time, 64 percent of middle school students report that they have been affected by anti-gay bullying and name-calling. Dungy said. “These students reported that they cannot learn if they don’t feel safe.” Dungy said. “They’re trying to find safe spaces for students who are questioning. This is not a safe place for them at middle schools, however it’s getting much better in high school.” Dungy emphasized that it is everyone’s responsibility to make students who are different feel welcome. “You can recruit as many students of color as you want but if they don’t feel a sense of belonging you had rather have closed your doors because, first of all, they aren’t going to stay,” she said. This is what happens to international students, you want them engaged; they come here to have an American experience. If you don’t talk to them when it’s time to eat they go to find the people who came from the same country and eat with them.” Everyone, not just the Office of Multicultural Affairs, needs to engage these students to give them a sense of belonging; Dungy said. The Diverse Student Leadership Conference will continue through Friday.

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Cupid share a dining hall dessert with. Love comes in all forms, from roommates to sisters, boyfriends and girlfriends to parents and children, fiancés to best friends.

Students on campus are embracing the day as an opportunity to show acts of kindness, special outings and activities with friends, congratulations of love and, perhaps, engagements.

“My friends and I are going to Yesterdays in Granger for dessert this Valentine’s Day,” senior Lindsey Paulin said. Sophomore Katrina Peller also said she and some friends were going to see ‘Enchanted,” the SUB movie for the weekend, at 10.

Some students from Farley Hall are enjoying the night with friends, decorating cookies and watching movies. “You don’t need a boyfriend to celebrate Valentine’s Day,” freshman Caitlin Ferraro said. “Taking extra time for your girlfriends is just as important today.”

Men at Notre Dame are also stepping up and sometimes employing the holiday in order to confess their feelings and hope for a relationship. “I plan on asking the girl I like to be my girlfriend on Valentine’s Day,” one male student, who asked not to be named, admitted.

Another student had flowers delivered to an unsuspecting student during one of her classes yesterday, along with a note asking her to meet him at the Dome tonight.

And of course, there will be many couples, here and throughout the country, who will get engaged on this day of love. The Diamond Information Center estimates that 10 percent of the 2.3 million couples that get engaged each year, do so on Valentine’s Day.

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world, she said. “They have done more service than any generation in our past,” Dungy said. “When evaluating the nation, the first thing we need to do is look at the promise of our students.”

Dungy showed pictures of golfer Tiger Woods, actress Halle Berry and Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama to the audience and said most students she has come in contact with want a post-racial future; that is something embodied by these celebrities because they claim neither to be white nor black, but self-identify as multiple races.

“They want to look at people as people and get beyond race,” Dungy said.

She also said young people are more involved in the election process because they have realized the leadership of the country is important.

Dungy also spoke about the different aspects of diversity in education and how they affect students today.

“There’s no way we can talk about diversity and multiculturalism without talking about religion,” she said.

Recently, Dungy spoke to a chaplain about the lack of religious diversity on college campuses and asked for advice on how to change that.

A chaplain replied that public school campuses can’t make it seem though they favor one religion over another or that they believe that everyone in the United States is a Christian, Dungy said.

She added that while many believe that the Jewish faith and race is one of the most discriminated against in academia, a 2006 Washington Post survey showed that Jews were the most favorably looked upon by faculty and staff in America.

“These are the best times for America in a lot of ways when you think that we have moved forward a long way when it comes to anti-Semitism, but we don’t love all religions,” Dungy said.

Dungy also said that this is the “best worst” of times for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer and transsexual community in the United States.

“People became more accepting of it because of figures like ‘Ellen’ and ‘Oprah’, and shows like ‘Will and Grace,’” she said. “The progress being made by transgender persons is enormous. You don’t have to say you’re male or female, you just say self-identity. A transsexual person can participate in the Olympics now if it’s two years since your surgery.”

At the same time, 64 percent of middle school students report that they have been affected by anti-gay bullying and name-calling.

Dungy said. “These students reported that they cannot learn if they don’t feel safe.”

Dungy said. “They’re trying to find safe spaces for students who are questioning. This is not a safe place for them at middle schools, however it’s getting much better in high school.”

Dungy emphasized that it is everyone’s responsibility to make students who are different feel welcome. “You can recruit as many students of color as you want but if they don’t feel a sense of belonging you had rather have closed your doors because, first of all, they aren’t going to stay,” she said. This is what happens to international students, you want them engaged; they come here to have an American experience. If you don’t talk to them when it’s time to eat they go to find the people who came from the same country and eat with them.”

Everyone, not just the Office of Multicultural Affairs, needs to engage these students to give them a sense of belonging; Dungy said. The Diverse Student Leadership Conference will continue through Friday.

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The WTO denounced China's tax practices

GENEVA — The World Trade Organization on Wednesday issued its first official condemnation of Chinese commercial practices, siding with the United States, the European Union and Canada in a dispute over car tariffs.

The WTO found that China was breaking trade rules by taxing imports of auto parts at the same rate as foreign-made finished cars, according to a copy of the ruling's conclusion obtained by The Associated Press.

In the sweeping decision, the three-member WTO panel ruled that Chinese tariffs in 2007 and 2008, which the panel found to violate the terms of a 1995 WTO ruling, amounted to a tax of 87.9 percent on auto parts. The panel found that the tax rate had been systematically applied to specific parts, not as a tax on finished cars, as the WTO had ruled.

The panel also found China's measures applied to like domestic auto parts and were found to be in violation of WTO rules.

The WTO panel ruled the Chinese measures accorded to China, according to a copy of the ruling's conclusion obtained by The Associated Press.

The WTO's findings in the case will be reviewed by the WTO's dispute settlement body, which will issue a final ruling on the case.

Scientists developing alternate power

WASHINGTON — Retail sales posted a surprising rebound in January following a dismal December, according to a report from the Commerce Department, but economists warned that the increase in sales was unlikely to last.

Retail sales increased by 0.3 percent last month, after falling by 0.4 percent in December, the Commerce Department reported.

Consumer spending is closely watched by economists because it accounts for about 70 percent of the economy, and economists were concerned that the January increase was not a sign of sustained recovery.

BOSTON — Someday, your shirt might be able to power your iPod — just by doing the normal stuff expected of a shirt.

Scientists have developed a way to generate electricity by putting fabrics that produce power simply by being stretched, rustled or ruffled by a breeze.

The research, described in Thursday's edition of the journal Nature, combines the pressure of ultra-small nanotubes with the elegant principle known as the piezoelectric effect, in which electricity is generated when pressure is applied to certain materials.

The piezoelectric effect has been understood at least as far back as the 19th century, it is getting creative new looks now, as concerns about energy supplies are inspiring quests for alternative power sources.

Yahoo battles Microsoft for News Corp.

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo Inc. is discussing a possible Internet partnership with media conglomerate News Corp., its latest effort to repel Microsoft Corp.'s efforts to acquire its business or pay a better offer from the unsolicited suitor, a person familiar with the situation said Wednesday.

The specifics of the proposed joint venture haven't been worked out, according to the person, who didn't want to be identified because the talks are considered confidential.

Both The Wall Street Journal and a prominent blog, TechCrunch, reported that News Corp. is interested in folding its popular online social networking site MySpace.com, and other Internet assets into Yahoo — and that talks between the two companies were under way.

News Corp. owns The Wall Street Journal.

News Corp. and a private equity firm reportedly would buy significant stakes in Yahoo as part of a complex deal designed to boost the Sunnyvale-based company's market value above Microsoft's initial bid of $44.6 billion, or $31 per share.

A Yahoo spokesman said the company continues to "carefully and thoroughly" evaluate alternatives that will enrich its long-term shareowners. Yahoo's board reportedly is meeting again Wednesday to consider the company's next move.

News Corp. spokesman Terri Everett declined to comment on the Yahoo talks.

Yahoo shares climbed 31 cents to close at $29.88 Wednesday while Microsoft shares gained 62 cents to $32.96. News Corp. shares slipped 10 cents to finish at $19.93.

Based on Microsoft's current market value, its cash-and-stock bid for Yahoo now stands at $29.50 per share, or about $44 billion.

Yahoo rejected Microsoft's offer Monday, insisting that its Internet franchise is worth more money. Microsoft has held firm so far, calling its original "full and fair" while threatening to launch a hostile takeover attempt.

"What's unclear now is whether Yahoo is just trying to get a higher offer or if the company really doesn't want to sell to Microsoft," said Peter Falvey, a technology investment banker with Revolution Partners.

Although News Corp. Chairman Rupert Murdoch unequivocally said during a conference call last week that his New York-based company isn't interested in an outright acquisition of Yahoo, he didn't rule out the possibility of a deal involving MySpace.

When asked whether he might renew the previous discussions with Yahoo about a MySpace alliance, Murdoch replied, "I think that day has passed, but you never know.

A News Corp. stake in Yahoo might hinge on whether the two sides can agree on how much MySpace is worth.
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Braun and Chamberlain listed their most important goals as: community relations and sustainability. Braun discussed helping to change the attitude of off-campus attitudes, which would help both community relations and student safety. "I think there is an impression that when you move off-campus, you are a transient member," Braun said. She said that focuses were formed with that goal in mind.
Reish and Schmidt have been attending ordinance committee meetings for the past few months in order to understand the proceedings and progress made by outgoing student body president Liz Brown and Braun.
"Showing the Council members as well as other city officials that, hey, we're here and you know who to talk to," Reish said.
Reish strongly emphasized having a presence at the Community/ Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meetings and suggested having CCAC members come to student government meetings as well.
While Braun and Chamberlain noted their passion and experience, Reish and Schmidt tried to add to that an ability to recognize a variety of student concerns.
"One thing that separates, not only that we are passionate, we are willing to look at all issues," Reish said.
Braun and Chamberlain opened the debate discussing their plan to create student legal services. These services would offer students legal council from alumni, third-year law students or lawyers in the community at a discounted price.
"This would help students try to navigate something they wouldn't have to do on their own," Braun said.
Braun and Schmidt emphasized the work they have been doing to obtain student discounts off campus.
"It's never been done at Notre Dame and it is something different," Schmidt said. "It allows you to get out into South Bend.
Two the pairs then discussed their academic initiatives and how they hope to accomplish them.
Reish and Schmidt argued for an online syllabus database that would allow students to review the requirements of a course before signing up, and they said they would work to reinstate the "Last Lecture Series," which allows professors to offer a talk as if it were their final class period.
Braun and Chamberlain presented their idea for student-initiated courses. These courses would allow student to apply for funding, teach the material, and give them a wider global perspective in that particular area," Chamberlain said.
While academics and community relations dominated the forum, gender relations — in regards to same sex and opposite sex relations — became the focal point. Both parties discussed the importance of the issue as early as freshman orientation.
Chamberlain wanted to improve Freshman Orientation by emphasizing the relationships of students on their own floors and dorms.
"We hope we can improve gender relationships in that way and make it a little less awkward, and make 'Frosh-O' a little more comfortable for students," Chamberlain said.
Reish and Schmidt offered a different approach.
"We want to focus not only gender issues between different genders, but with same sexes," Reish said.

Bob Reich
student body presidential candidate

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projects that address real issues. "We said that issues that are respectful of our partners, such as the people of Nnindye and Buhiri," Dowd said.
The Ford Program will support its inaugural event, a student-organized symposium on human development, on Feb. 23 with the Center for Social Concerns and the Kellogg Institute. Notre Dame and Uganda Martyrs students will present their research on human development at the symposium, which was organized by seniors Sara Snider and Joel Steiner and will be hosted at the Hesburgh Library for International Studies. Ray Offenheiser, president of Oxfam-USA, will deliver the keynote address, Dowd said.
While the Ford Program will open additional opportunities to Notre Dame undergraduates, Notre Dame students are just a small part of the program's mission. "Through the Ford Program, we aspire to build a transnational and interdisciplinary alliance of students, faculty, development practitioners and policy makers that will be devoted to promoting respect for human dignity for a long time to come," Dowd said.
In other news of donations to the University, Richard Notebaert, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, donated $10 million to the Graduate School, the University announced Monday. The Notebaert donation will go toward the creation of Graduate School fellowships, which will provide merit-based financial aid to doctoral candidates.
The Notebaert fellowships will provide doctoral candidates with full tuition, health insurance, and a generous stipend, according to a University press release.
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Police hunt for psychologist's killer

Man entered office and stabbed doctor repeatedly before escaping

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Police hunted Wednesday for a man who entered a psychologist's office with a bag of knives and a meat cleaver, backing her to death so savagely that blood splattered the walls and floor and the entire room was torn apart.

A colleague who responded to the victim's screams was seriously injured, and investigators were trying to determine whether the attacker was a patient at the clinic. Three knives were recovered at the scene, including a 9-inch knife and the cleaver, which was apparently bent from the attack, police said.

Kathryn Faugheny's office was in shambles: Furniture was overturned, shelves tore and blood was on the walls and pooled on the floor. She suffered 15 stab wounds, including a gash to her head believed to be from the cleaver, police said.

The condition of the room was that of a fierce struggle, police spokesman Paul Brown said.

Investigators do not know the name of the suspect. Authorities released a sketch of a building, middle-aged man believed to be the killer along with surveillance videotapes of the attacker entering and leaving the building.

He left behind two bags that contained bizarre clues, authorities said.

A roller suitcase was filled with adult diapers and women's clothing, including bloomers and slippers, and a smaller second bag was filled with eight knives, rope and duct tape, tools apparently not used in the attack, police said.

Believing the killer might have been in the attack, authorities issued alerts to area hospitals and looked through Faugheny's computer files for clues. They also examined surveillance footage to see whether he had been to the office prior to the attack.

The attack rattled residents of the affluent neighborhood. They feared a violent slasher was in their midst. It also shook the mental health care community and raised questions about safety protections at therapists' offices.

"Everyone in the building is very nervous, because we know that this person is loose. It's very frightening," said Linda Shinbach, a professor at the university's School of Social Work. "It's very frightening," said Linda Shinbach, a professor at the university's School of Social Work. "It was possible the suspect knew where he was going. Surveillance tapes show the suspect deliberately leaving the luggage by the basement door before walking out.

"I have had a shocking impact on the whole New York community," Shinbach said.

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The attack happened Tuesday night in a 13-story apartment building on East 79th Street, in a bustling neighborhood just blocks from a major hospital complex, police said.

The suspect, carrying the two bags and dressed in a three-quarter-length green coat, knit cap and gloves, breezed past the building's doorman, saying he had an appointment with Dr. Kent Shinbach, a 70-year-old geriatric psychiatrist who worked in the same office suite as the victim, according to police.

The suspect walked into the suite waiting room, where a patient was sitting. He then walked out to see Shinbach, and at some point went into Faugheny's office and started to attack her, police said.

"It wasn't clear how long the struggle continued before Shinbach heard Faugheny's screams and ran to help. The traumatized female patient, who was in Shinbach's office during the attack, was being questioned by authorities.

The suspect apparently didn't recognize Shinbach when he opened the door and said, "She's dead," referring to Faugheny, who was lying behind her desk, police said. He then attacked the psychiatrist, stabbing Shinbach and pinning him to the wall with a chair before stealing $90 and escaping through a basement door.

Shinbach was in serious condition at New York Hospital with slash wounds on his head, face and hands.

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What do Wii really need?

During what seemed like the 27th snow day of 2008 this past Monday, I found myself very tempted to invite my children to write this column for me. Stuck inside (again), unwilling to brave the -17 degree wind chill when there wasn’t even enough snow to play in, I engaged in a recurring conversation throughout the day about why they really need—excuse me, NEED—to have a Wii. “Please write 650 words, plus or minus, on what it means to NEED something,” I could have said. Of course, they would have immediately responded, “If we do it, can we get a Wii?”

To their credit, they are remarkably tolerant of their parents’ reluctance to even attempt to keep up with what they see as the basic NEEDs of any 21st century family (although our seventh grader is already hinting that he would at least like a “decent one”—read, “not like yours and Dad’s”).

Smack in the middle of this first week of Lent, I have been thinking about both the gospel we heard last Sunday as well as the one we will hear this coming Sunday. They could not be more different: Last week, a hungry and vulnerable Jesus sparred in the desert with the devil, hurling scripture passages at him until he seemingly gave up and left. This Sunday we will find a dazzling, transfigured Jesus on a mountain with Elijah, Moses, and the completely awestruck Peter, James and John.

These two readings together quite fit—awestruck Peter, James and John. Transfiguration, leading them naturally to wonder, “So then, now who am I?” Peter, James, and John certainly would have asked themselves, “Who IS this Jesus?” after experiencing the Transfiguration, leading them that the needs the devil dangles before him. We would do well to hold both these readings in our hearts as we move through Lent (and beyond). The devil told Jesus, “Just say the word and you’ll have bread from these stones,” but Jesus could see the reality behind the needs the devil wanted to convince him to grab. They would lead him not to fullness of life with God, but to death. We also must examine if what we think we need leads us toward, not away from, our waiting, inviting Lord. The promise of easy results, allure, power, or status enlists us toward illusions, like those shimmering pools which continuously elude the grasp of the parched desert traveler, that remain nothing but false gods.

Peter, James and John thought he knew Jesus, but in the moment of the Transfiguration they saw him more fully revealed. How could this event do anything else but turn upside down not only what they thought of him, but also their understandings of themselves? The question, “Who am I?” would have taken on a whole new light. And they, like us, would find the answer to that question in the choices that made up their and our daily lives. What does it take to follow Jesus, the more and more fully we understand him? As we become the people we are meant to be, what do we need? We apostles seemed to find—as we might, too—that as they discovered who they were becoming, and the more closely they followed and imitated the person of Jesus Christ, the less urgent and numerous their other needs became.

So do my children really NEED a Wii? No, no ones does. But for countless complicated reasons, ranging from the plain old fun of it through to the ways millions of marketing dollars can make us feel like our Wii-less lives are incomplete and inadequate, on some days they do believe they need one. The tricky part, as they figure out their own answers to “Who am I?” and “What do I need?” is to help them recognize how inseparable these two questions are, one from the other, and the impact they have on our lives of faith. Maybe we get a chance to ask them of these two questions are, one from the other, and the impact they have on our lives of faith. Maybe we get a chance to ask them of these and hearts, they ask us two critical questions for Lent: “Who am I?” and “What do I need?” is to help them recognize how inseparable these two questions are, one from the other, and the impact they have on our lives of faith. Maybe we get a chance to ask them of these two questions are, one from the other, and the impact they have on our lives of faith. Maybe we get a chance to ask them of these and hearts, they ask us two critical questions for Lent: “Who am I?” and “What do I need?”

“I am I,” I suppose, is an evolving question—perhaps it’s better to ask ourselves, “Who am I becoming?” Either way, however, we can always at least begin to answer by going back to question No. 2, “What do I need?” Peter, James, and John certainly would have asked themselves, “Who IS this Jesus?” after experiencing the Transfiguration, leading them naturally to wonder. “So then, now who am I?” We’ve given up everything else in my life to follow him, what do I need now?” Jesus himself challenges us to ask ourselves, “What do I need?” as we watch him deflect all the “needs” the devil dangles before him.

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Letters to the Editor

Respect the educated

In Garv Caruso’s recent letter to the editor, (“Deserting the Democratic Primary,” Feb. 12) he discussed the constituencies of support for Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. He described one pocket of support, the highly educated liberals, as “the upscale elite Starbucks... wing of the party.” In saying this, he is marginalizing part of Obama’s support. I think it is important to remember that the constituency of Barack’s base is the highly educated, but Caruso, being a Hillary supporter, dismisses this base entirely when he calls describes them as such. He does this, not realizing that he is insulting the liberal community of Notre Dame. As Domers, WE are the highly educated, and we know what higher education looks like, because it looks like us. But Caruso implied that to be a highly educated left-leaning person, we are the coffee connoisseurs who hold conversations with the baristas behind the counter at Starbucks. Part of writing for newspapers is removing your own bias from your article, and Mr. Caruso isn’t doing this, and as a result he is disrespectful to those of us who do support Obama.

Daniel Tostado
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Feb. 12

Conservatism?

In response to the Greg Yatarola article (“Are you a fascist?”), Feb. 8, I must say that I feel he is completely missing the point. You refer to conservatism as the opposite of fascism, and in principle, you may be correct. In principle, conservavtism is, in a general sense, the advocation of caution regarding rapid change. In the political arena, again in principle, it espouses limited government and decentralization.

The rub here, unfortunately, is what policies the Bush administration has enacted under the banner of conservatism. You refer to those who compare our current regime to that of Nazi Germany as "morons," while criticizing liberal advocacy of gun control as Hitler-esque. You go on to claim that the only thing the "conservative" Republican party wishes to take away from Americans is the right to "abortion on demand." If only that were the case. This Bush White House has fostered a culture of fear and restricted more individual rights than any administration in the last half century. It has sold us on things like the Patriot Act, the restriction of Habeus Corpus, and torture of political prisoners in the names of "freedom" and "liberty." It has grown the size of our (supposedly limited) federal government to record proportions, advocating spending north of $3 trillion in 2009, all while cutting the tax burden for the top 5 percent of earning Americans and saddling future generations with the bill. We were misled through (intentionally?) false intelligence into believing that Iraq was in possession of WMDs and an immediate threat to our national security. Meanwhile, Al Qaeda continues to build support in places like Pakistan and Saudi Arabia with little to no diplomatic action on the part of our government.

All in all, over the last eight years our federal government has ignored domestic issues, fiscal responsibility, our dependence on fossil fuels and our global reputation in order to play Cowboy in the Wild, Wild Middle East. It is this foreign policy, not some fundamental hatred of "freedom," that has stirred up such a strong distaste for America around the world and especially in the Middle East.

In conclusion, Mr. Yatarola, I would ask that you take a step back and look at the bigger picture. Yes, there are ignorant people on the left, just as there are ignorant people on the right, and the "Bush is Hitler" pundits are, admittedly, more than slightly off the mark. You are correct in stating that conservatism is the political opposite of totalitarianism, but please, take a moment to look at the current state of this president and the current size of the federal government, before you completely dismiss claims of Bush totalitarianism.

Tim Flannery
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I’m no fascist

Regarding Mr. Yatarola’s article, (“Are you a fascist?”), Feb. 8) I find myself personally quite offended by some of the generalizations offered in his extreme argument that the modern left is a borderline fascist movement. In particular, his assertion that “abortion on demand is what’s most important to most of the far left” is, to me, pigeonholing and generalizing to the extreme.

I am not writing with a fistful of my own mud to sling back at Mr. Yatarola. Instead, I offer an alternate view of the left. In my view, American liberals, spearheaded by the Democratic Party, hold first and foremost the ideal of tolerance and respect. We believe that all individuals are critical to the preservation of our great society. I share Mr. Yatarola’s annoyance with the constant invocation of Nazism and fascism — but I find it equally ridiculous from every quarter. To be honest, what frustrates me even more is the constant referral to abortion in every political stance and debate.

Can’t we move beyond these generalizations? Let’s respect the life of all people by putting them into little boxes and misconstruing their priorities. I’m sorry, Mr. Yatarola’s observations have led him to this extreme conclusion. As far as I’m concerned, in the end, the only way to resolve this is to answer the question, no, I’m not a fascist. I’m a liberal.

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In defense of caucuses

I am writing in response to Mr. Caruso’s article, (“Deserting the Democratic Primary,” Feb. 12) and as a student who comes from a state that uses the caucus system in our nominating process, I implore him and his candidate, Hillary Clinton, to please stop critiquing our political process after it does not yield the outcome they desire.

Over Christmas break, I went back to my home state of Iowa and was bombarded by mailings, telephone calls, visits to my home, and any other means necessary to convince me to caucus for Hillary Clinton. This I have no problem with, in fact, I rather enjoy it. What I do have a problem with, and what I hope and suspect is true in other caucus states, is when a candidate puts time and energy in campaigning and garnering caucuses-goers, and then turns around and writes off the process and the people no problem with, in fact, I rather enjoy it.

The process is superior and more “representative” than a caucus because it is an all-day process (which may actually be a valid argument) and it is in private. However, what they fail to mention (and often times misrepresent) is that a caucus does not force one to stand up and share an opinion, nor is it a negative way to run a primary process. It certainly allows one to stand up and defend their candidate and share with others the reasons and grounds why they have chosen a certain candidate. If Mr. Caruso has attended a caucus, he would know that each candidate’s constituency is given the opportunity to be heard if they want, and in the end, the collective group comes to a decision on which candidate is viable, usually based on the beneficial and legitimate reasons given by the caucus-goer.

What primary-supporters like Caruso and Clinton fail to mention is the fact that a caucus is an efficient way to have issues heard, debated, and leaders subsequently chosen from the preceding discussion. What they fail to mention is that the privacy of a primary allows for voters to flip votes, blend, guess, or vote for candidates on the basis of hair, name, or other ridiculous qualities. While it is every citizen’s right to vote and support a candidate for any reason they choose, this is the risk a private primary poses. I’m not claiming that primary voters are ill-informed and prone to voting on a whim, I’m just asking that Mr. Caruso campaign and Mr. Caruso not write off caucuses-goers that have already had their voices heard in Iowa, Nevada, Maine, Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, Washington, Nebraska, and Washington D.C., and those that will eventu­ally in Wyoming and Hawaii.

Mrs. Clinton and her supporters have repeatedly made comments about their opinion of caucus states, and since Nevada, she has all but ignored those states that have caucuses when campaigning. This is coming from the candidate who will likely fight tooth and nail to “have the voices of Floridians and Michiganders heard” when it comes time to tally delegates, nevermind the fact that she has already publicly said things to the effect that she doesn’t really value the voices of the people in the 13 states and one district listed above. Instead of disparaging the process, the Clinton campaign should call it like it is. They simply haven’t gotten the job done in a majority of caucus states.

While I’m at it, could I request of The Observer some political party? Could we at least have a couple other candidate views published in Viewpoint instead of the usual Clinton-Return-to-Glory-Fridays we get with Caruso’s column?

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Feb. 12

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SCENE STAFF REVEALS ROMANTIC COMEDIES THEY HATE

"You've Got Mail" (1998)
The idea for this movie is brilliant. Let's have the audience watch Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks send e-mails to one another for two hours.

I feel sorry for the people who actually said, "Hey, let's go pay good money to watch two people send e-mails." If you really want to watch somebody send e-mails for two hours, go sit outside a cyber-café and watch some college nerd jam the world's inboxes with spam; it might be less brain-numbing. Fortunately, I rented this romantic abomination and watched it at home, keeping my proximity to the bathroom close for when I inevitably got the urge to throw up.

I'm not sure which was worse, the accentuation of Tom Hanks' receding hairline, or that anyone could believe that an Internet dating scenario could end up with any result other than some creepy 40-year-old getting arrested for posing as a younger man to seduce a high school girl. What ever happened to handwritten letters?

-Mark Witte

"Failure to Launch" (2006)
Matthew McConaughy is poison to romantic comedies and his 2006 vehicle with Jessica Parker is no exception. There is little to love and little to laugh at in this miserable movie. Surprisingly, McConaughy has the more sympathetic character this time since Parker's character essentially tries to justify prostitution. This romantic comedy contains one big mystery that is never fully explained: Why hasn't McConaughy's Tripp moved out of his parents' house yet? That's a pretty big handwrittten letters?

-Cassie Belek

"She's All That" (1999)
It's a favorite among our generation, but when you watch "She's All That" when you're not 12 years old, you get a whole new impression of the romantic comedy. Let's just say that it doesn't exactly hold up almost 10 years later like "10 Things I Hate About You" does. The acting is painful, the performance art is scary and "Sixpence None the Richer has lost its charm. The choreographed group dance at the prom is pretty spectacular, but why is Anna Paquin in this movie again? The girl won an Academy Award at age 11. And how about this line for the romantic climax: "I feel just like Julia Roberts in 'Pretty Woman.' You know, except for the whole hooker thing." Oh Lacey Boggs, you sure know how to woo your man.

-Cassie Belek

"Over Her Dead Body" (2008)
If the ghost of your boyfriend's dead fiancé hovers over you when you're about to get it on, does that somehow become creepily reminiscent of necrophilia? Though I can't quite put my finger on it, something about the new Eva Langoria Parker flick is just not right. Perhaps it's the bad acting. Maybe it's the original plot line. Or, most likely, the basic premise of a love triangle, in which one or more members is deceased, is just plain wrong. However you look at it, this film is destined to be on our list. Might as well get it over with.

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"Must Love Dogs" (2005)
In an attempt to combine the celebri-ty-force of '80s teen stars, "Must Love Dogs" unites John Cusack and Diane Lane on screen. But this middle-aged couple essentially tries to justify prostitution. This romantic comedy contains one big mystery that is never fully explained: Why hasn't McConaughy's Tripp moved out of his parents' house yet? That's a pretty big handwrittten letters?

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"She's All That" (1999)
It's a favorite among our generation, but when you watch "She's All That" when you're not 12 years old, you get a whole new impression of the romantic comedy. Let's just say that it doesn't exactly hold up almost 10 years later like "10 Things I Hate About You" does. The acting is painful, the performance art is scary and "Sixpence None the Richer has lost its charm. The choreographed group dance at the prom is pretty spectacular, but why is Anna Paquin in this movie again? The girl won an Academy Award at age 11. And how about this line for the romantic climax: "I feel just like Julia Roberts in 'Pretty Woman.' You know, except for the whole hooker thing." Oh Lacey Boggs, you sure know how to woo your man.

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"Fever Pitch" (2005)
"Fever Pitch" is directed by the Farrelly Brothers and it stars Jimmy Fallon and Drew Barrymore. That should be the reason you need to avoid it like the plague. The directors haven't helmed a remotely decent movie since the late '90s and nothing truly good since "Dumb and Dumber." Jimmy Fallon is a bloat on everything he touches. Drew Barrymore is more boring than an "American Dad" marathon. Not a good combination, so the results were not unexpected.

A date movie about an obsessed Red Sox fan is not appealing to anyone outside Boston, and probably not even there. If you have seen this movie, you are either extremely brave or unforgivably stupid. Either way, it's a 100-minute exercise in suppressing your gag reflex. "Fever Pitch" will make you want to swear off cinema forever, move to Cheyenne, Wy. and begin plotting the downfall of everyone involved in making this travesty of a movie.

-Ryan Itaflf

"50 First Dates" (2004)
"50 First Dates" is Adam Sandler at his worst. With the success of "The Wedding Singer" to back them up, he and Drew Barrymore teamed up for an absolutely horrible film. Sandler plays a Hawaiian bum who spends his time showing vacationing women a good time. Barrymore is a sweet but unfortunate victim of constant amnesia. Every day she wakes up and thinks it is the same day, the day she got in a car accident, in which one or more members is deceased, is just plain wrong. However you look at it, this film is destined to be on our list. Might as well get it over with.

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**Scene**

**Film, television writers back to work after 100 days on strike**

**TV series prepare to resume production, but movie studio executives caution awaiting Screen Actors Guild negotiations**

Associated Press

LOUIS ANGELES — Writers have a reputation as master procrastinators, yet they eagerly faced the blank page Wednesday as Hollywood studios prepared to get back to life after a punishing 100-day strike.

One day after the Writers Guild of America and major studios reached a tentative deal, writers on idled TV shows were back at the studios, reviewing projects with executives or pestering their agents to set up meetings. Agents were pitching, producers were assessing how to readjust to work on projects, and the little guys who keep the dream-factory engines running were just glad to be back at work.

"It's back to school with all the reduplication of 'Do you remember how to do your job? And did you forget the characters' name?'" said Eddie Gorodetski, a writer for "Two and a Half Men." "I want to forget all the strike stuff and just make people laugh.

"We, like every other writer in town, have a million calls in to our agents and managers to see what's next," said Brian Sazay, who with partner Gregg Bossen had sold a sitcom pilot to Fox before the strike began Nov. 2.

Despite the relief, however, was caution: The Screen Actors Guild could go on strike again at any moment.

"Heralding that the strike is over is a half-truth," said executive producer Pam Veasey, outlining a story premise. "The story is over, but there are still so many questions that we have to answer about the Screen Actors Guild." Writers for "CSI: NY" were back in their offices Thursday, though they couldn't formally return to work until Friday.

Under such a tight deadline, the writing crew had little time to readjust to work after so much time off.

"It was like we were all sent to a real world summer camp for three months, but now we're able to come home," said "CSI: NY" writer Samantha Humphrey. Added colleague Peter Lenko: "We want to deliver something good to thank the audience for sticking with us.

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Writers for "CSI: NY" were back in their CBS conference room in Studio City, tossing around ideas for two episodes they need to write from scratch in the next two weeks. "About half the time, they need to come up with a new story," Wilson said.

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**The Pillowman**

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You play the role of Katurian, the protagonist of "The Pillowman." What can you tell me about his character?

Iwanski: a very simple, very mundane person on the outside. He works at a slaughterhouse in some unnamed totalitarian dictatorship. He's kind of funny in a dark way since he was a kid, is writing these stories. It all started when his parents cultivated this environment for him of writing stories and being creative and so he's written about 400 of these stories, only one of which has ever been published. And they're not great literary masterpieces, but they're kind of like gruesome Grimm Fairy tales, even more gruesome than the regular ones. What is great about them though is that you can see his environ­ menal and social background in some extent. They're all self-consciously stories about sto­ ries... But the real other facet to him comes out in his relationship to his sister, who is very mentally disabled. He tells her all these stories and she's his only audience.

I've heard rumors that this is one of Martin McDonagh’s darkest works to date, and even considered by some to be the darkest black comedy ever written. What are you hoping an audience member expect from the show?

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Katushka, who has written four screenplays and directed two independent films but is not a guild member, worked as an actor on Adam Sandler's upcoming comedy "You Don't Mess With the Zohan" as an agent who Torches Morin, a partner in the Brant Rose Agency, said studios will have huge backlogs of "spec scripts" — finished screenplays writers shop around on the open market — to choose from.

"In a way, it really benefits the studios. They'll be able to sit back and have the pick of what they want," Morris said. How long takes before its business as usual in Hollywood is anyone's guess. But it appears John Ridley, whose credits include "Undercover Brother," expects one constant to quickly resurface: That talent writers and studios are chomping at the bit. It's no different than if you fast all day today, the next morning you'll be hungry. Everybody's hungry, but it doesn't mean everyone's going to get fed.

"Writers, and I include myself, are the writers of the films and plays of the world," Ridley said. "I'm sure the first day back, somebody's already saying, 'Where's lunch?' And the producers are saying, 'Oh, they're whining about lunch again. We're back. It's really over.'

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Toronto trumps New Jersey for second time this season; Ginobili scores 46 points as San Antonio defeats Cleveland

Grizzlies forward Rudy Gay posts up against 76ers forward Andre Iguodala during Philadelphia's 102-88 win Wednesday.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The All-Star break is coming at the worst possible time for the Philadelphia 76ers. They would much rather keep playing.

Andre Iguodala had 29 points, eight rebounds and eight assists as the 76ers won their fifth straight and completed a perfect home-and-away before the All-Star break with a 102-88 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday.

"It's unfortunate that the All-Star break is coming now," Sixers coach Maurice Cheeks said. "But it is here and we have to think about where we are and where we're trying to get to."

Samuel Dalembert added 16 points and 12 rebounds and Andre Miller had 14 points and 11 assists for the Sixers, who improved to 23-30. Philadelphia has also defeated Washington, Miami, the Los Angeles Clippers and Dallas on its home court since Feb. 5.

The 76ers are in a three-way tie for seventh place in the Eastern Conference with New Jersey and Atlanta. "It's just a position to compete for a spot," Iguodala said of the playoffs. "We need to get better and understand that we need to get better as a group."

Hakim Warrick and Rudy Gay scored 23 points each for the Grizzlies (14-34), who dropped their fifth straight game in Memphis, in last place in the Southwest Division, 9 to 42-0 on the road this season. Kyle Lowry contributed 15 points and Mike Miller had 13.

"We're going through some tough times right now," Memphis coach Mare Iavarini said.

The Sixers scored the first 11 points of the third quarter — five by Iguodala — for a commanding 66-45 advantage. Philadelphia went on to hit seven straight field goals en route to a 78-60 lead.

Memphis eventually went on an 11-2 run, including eight points by Warrick, and got within 92-86 on a thunderous dunk by Warrick with 4:08 remaining. But Philadelphia responded with back-to-back baskets by Miller and Iguodala for a 96-86 advantage with 2:45 left.

Since we traded Pas (Gasol), it's a matter of everyone stepping up," Warrick said. "It's not just one player who's going to fill his shoes. We all have to step up together and he determined. We can't afford any lapses."

Raptors 109, Nets 91

Some in the media believe it was a battle that would send Kidd to Dallas, and the All-Star point guard agreed it would have been this game.

But the trade hit a snag when Dallas' Devean George blocked it by not wanting to give up his "early Bird rights," a provision earned by being in his second season on his second contract with the Mavericks.

"Right now it is what it is," Carter said. "I'm not a GM. I can't do anything about it or I'd have to block it already."

Life without Kidd did not look pretty for the Nets, who never trailed and tram by as many as 29 points. "It's been a very emotional day," Nets coach Lawrence Frank said. "It was hard. I wish we could have won, but you've got to give Toronto credit. It's been a crazy day."

It was a crazy night for the Nets, who entered the fourth quarter tied with the Spurs, who began the final period down by four.

"I'm just happy he's on my team," Tim Duncan said. "He's unbelievable when he gets rolling like that. The funny part is, I've seen him do it before."

Following Ginobili's hot hand, the Spurs went 7-of-8 on 3s and shot a blistering 78 percent (14-of-18) in the final 12 minutes. Even when San Antonio was off, the Nets couldn't hold the Spurs to less than 20 points in a game which wasn't too often, the Spurs out-handed the Cavaliers to loose balls.

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Last season's Rookie of the Year scored 26 points for the Cavs, who went ahead 91-89 on James' 3-pointer with 5:57 remaining.

That's when Ginobili, who also had eight assists and five rebounds, began taking target practice.

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Oak Hill Condos for Sale. Students will love living here and parents will love knowing their child is looked over the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday. Andre Iguodala during Philadelphia's 102-88 win Wednesday. Grizzlies forward Rudy Gay posts up against 76ers forward Andre Iguodala during Philadelphia's 102-88 win Wednesday.

Antoine Wright all inactive and center Jamaal Magloire didn't look good in New Jersey, the Nets had just nine players available.

Suns 112, Cavaliers 105

Manu Ginobili is planning a trip to Las Vegas during this weekend's NBA All-Star break. Alert the rockers, monster truck drivers, black-jack tables and pit bosses. Watch out. This guy's on a serious roll.

Ginobili made a career-high eight 3-pointers and scored a season-high 46 points as the San Antonio Spurs, back on the floor where they won the NBA title last season, beat the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

Knocking down shots from every corner of the floor, Ginobili made 4-of-4 3-pointers and scored 18 points in the fourth quarter to rally the Spurs, who began the final period down by four.

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**MLB**

**Twins trade Vargas to Nets**

- The Minnesota Twins traded left-handed pitcher Jovani Vargas to the Brooklyn Nets.

**Flemens denies alleged 2001 steroids use**

- Former New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens denied using steroids in 2001, the focus of a federal investigation.

**Clemens testifies to Congress**

- Roger Clemens testified before a House committee on drug use in Major League Baseball.

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- Quinn denies alleged New Year's Day altercation

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- Goodell stands behind decision to destroy tapes

- NFL commissioner Roger Goodell defended destroying Spygate tapes.

**Associated Press**

- Clemens and McNamee testify to Congress

- Former Yankee pitcher Roger Clemens and former personal trainer Brian McNamee testified before a House committee on drug use.
DAYTONA BEACH — Tucked away in the back corner of the garage, far from the overwhelming attention surrounding NASCAR’s biggest stars, a world-class group of drivers went overlooked in their quest to make the Daytona 500.

It was a surreal scene: A former NASCAR champion, a two-time Daytona 500 winner and a Formula One star.

Dale Jarrett, Sterling Marlin and Jacques Villeneuve were lighting to make the 500. None were guaranteed a spot in the season-opening race, and all must race their way into the 500 field in one of Thursday’s two qualifying races.

Only four spots are available. And for all of them, it could be their last chance for the Daytona 500. Jarrett will retire next month, Marlin is running a partial schedule and Villeneuve needs sponsorship to run a full season.

“I haven’t really allowed myself to think in the direction,” Jarrett, a three-time Daytona 500 winner and former series champion, said Wednesday. “We need to stay in a positive frame of mind in that we are going to be able to race our way in. It would be disappointing to say the very least, because this is going to be my last opportunity at Daytona. So I want to be involved in it.”

Only the two fastest drivers in last week’s time trials — two-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson and two-time Daytona 500 winner Michael Waltrip — are locked into Sunday’s race.
Associated Press

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008

SPORTS

Los Angeles — With two weeks to go before the Accenture Match Play Championship, Tiger Woods says he is fine.

"I'm not worried at all," Woods said Wednesday. "I can't wait to get out there and play."

Woods leads by four in the world rankings and is among the favorites to win the Accenture Match Play Championship, which starts Thursday at the Desert Mountain Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"I'm going to go out and have fun and enjoy myself," said Woods, who has won the past two Accenture Match Play titles.

"I know I can win," he said. "I'm really excited about the week."

Woods has won six tournaments this year, including the Farmers Insurance Championship and the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill.

"I'm just trying to keep enjoying this year," he said.

"I'm just trying to play well and have fun."
Pitcher describes secret steroid use

Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado Rockies reliever Matt Herges says he's actually glad he was implicated in the Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball because it led him to do some soul-searching and clear his conscience over his "dirty little secret."

"I didn't used to be this way, but I'm at the point where I know what I did was wrong 100 percent, no excuses, no justification, no rationalization. I screwed up and I crossed the line," the 37-year-old pitcher told The Associated Press in an interview from his home in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Wednesday.

"I feel like I've been shown mercy in all of this," Herges said. "If I'm not standing naked in front of the world with my big secret, I'd still be holding onto it, hiding it. It would still be eating at me. It's not fun by any stretch holding onto something like that, so secretive, so dirty. I'm grateful it's out there. I'm freed a little bit, a lot actually."

Herges first base coach Glenallen Hill, who was also implicated in the Mitchell Report, and Herges broke their silence on the matter Wednesday by issuing written apologies for using performance-enhancing drugs. They said they would work to make sure impressionable young players don't make the same mistakes.

They issued their statements on the same day Roger Clemens and his former personal trainer, Brian McNamee, testified before Congress about drug use in baseball.

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**High School Basketball**

School refuses female ref

Officials investigating decision not to allow woman to call boys games

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas activities officials are investi­ gating a religious school’s refusal to let a female referee call a boys high school basketball game.

The Kansas State High School Activities Association said referees report­ ed that Michelle Campbell was prepar­ ing to offici­ ate at St. Mary’s Academy near Topeka on Feb. 2 when a school official insisted that Campbell could not call the game.

The reason given, according to the referees: Campbell, as a woman, could not be put in a position of authority over boys because of the academy’s beliefs.

Campbell then walked off the court after a brief exchange with Putthoff, the referee who was to have worked the game with her.

"I said, ‘If Michelle has to leave, then I’m leaving with her.’" Putthoff said Wednesday. "I was disappointed that it happened to Michelle; I’ve never heard of anything like that before.

The Activities Association said it is considering whether to take action against the private religious school. St. Mary’s Academy, about 25 miles northwest of Topeka, is owned and operated by the Society of St. Pius X, which fol­ lows older Roman Catholic laws. The society’s world leader, the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, was excom­ municated by Pope John Paul II in the late 1980s.

Gary Musselman, the association’s executive director, said the organiza­ tion will not make a decision until it confirms whether St. Mary’s Academy has a policy of not allowing female ref­ er e  es to work boys basketball games.

If that is indeed the school’s written policy, Musselman said, the associa­ tion could take action against St. Mary’s Academy from the list of approved schools and take away its ability to compete against the association’s 300 members and affiliates.

St. Mary’s Academy is among 30 schools on the list that are not association members but compete against schools that are. Musselman said St. Mary’s Academy plays one or two games per season against member schools but has no more scheduled this school year.

He said if removed from the approved list for next school year, St. Mary’s Academy still would be able to compete against approved schools that are not members of the associa­ tion.

Musselman said the associa­ tion hopes to resolve the mat­ ter sometime this week. He said he sent a letter to the school’s principal, Vincente A. Griego, the day of the incident but has not heard back from him.

Putthoff and other support­ ers of Campbell said they believe state activity officials will handle the situation properly.

Campbell did not return phone calls seeking comment.

However, she told The Kansas City Star that she was “dum­ founded” by the incident and that she is not angry at the school. She said she does not want the situation to go any fur­ ther than it already has.

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MLB

Giants prepare for 2008 season without Bonds

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The San Francisco Giants of 2008 are all about Matt Cain, Tim Lincecum and Barry Zito. They are the ace, the star and the closer, respectively. Not that they will mention hard-nosed center fielder Barry Bonds. In fact, he is a cast of youngsters eager to get their chance with nothing left to lose.

Bonds, the home run king of the All-Star game, well, that’s all history.

"It’s the post-Bonds era," Rowand said Wednesday.

Bonds’ reign was limited to 280 innings since he was a rookie.

Santeria, the two-time Al. Cy Young Award winner, received a $137.5 million, six-year con­ tract from the New York Mets after they acquired him in a trade with Minnesota.

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Indiana Basketball

**Indiana coach investigated for ‘major’ violations**

Associated Press

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"There are a lot of differences from their No. 1 to No. 6 singles players," Louderback said. "They're a lot like us in that respect."

None of Ohio State's singles players is nationally ranked, but the doubles pair of Angela DiPastina and Christian Keesey is No. 33 in the country.

"They have a great No. 1 doubles team that did great at Notre Dame's 5-2 win over North Carolina on Feb. 16, 2007. DI Pastina and Keesey upset Dame's 73-67 win over Connecticut on Saturday."

Second round match. The Irish said, referring to DePastina and Kelcy Tefft's win at the ITA National Championships in the nationals, Louderback is No. 33 in the country.

"They've got a great No. 1 and they're excited to play at home. Having three in a row here will be good," Louderback said.

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"T here's not a lot of difference from their No. 1 to No. 6 players, and they'll need to improve as the No. 1 pair of Buck and Tefft lost twice last weekend, with the Irish dropping the doubles point in all three matches.

The Irish look to rebound and correct those weaknesses in front of their home crowd. The match with the Buckeyes begins a three-game home stand over the next four days.

The Irish won their only home match earlier this year and feel they have an edge playing at home. "We had a pretty good crowd last time, and the kids are excited to play at home. Having three in a row here will be good," Louderback said.

The Irish look to increase their lead in their series against Ohio State at 3:30 p.m. today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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"Minus the loss, I feel we played great tonight, especially in this tough of an atmosphere. It was like a tournament game atmosphere here," Harangody said by phone. "I thought we played really well. Things just didn't go well for us down the stretch."

Throughout the second half, Connecticut did not let the Irish mount a significant run — Notre Dame's biggest lead after intermission was 65-60 with 10:14 to play.

After Harangody hit a layup with 7:44 left, Connecticut's defense clamped down, allowing Notre Dame a lone field goal the remainder of the game. The Huskies had a hard time scoring, but a dunk from guard Doug Wiggins after a rejection by forward Gavin Edwards at the other end got the crowd on its feet and gave the Huskies momentum.

"It just feels like we had this one the whole way and we couldn't pull it out," Harangody said. "They're a great team and it's an intense atmosphere to play here, especially on campus. So it was a good test for us."

At 8:20, the Huskies weren't spectacular from behind the arc. But most of their 3s came at critical times.

Early in the first half, a basket by Jackson gave Notre Dame an 11-to-advantage. A tip-in by Connecticut guard Craig Austrie and consecutive 3s from Austrie and Price quickly erased that lead. Later in the half, Connecticut double-dipped again.

This time, Wiggins and Price hit from 3-point range to cut into an eight-point Notre Dame lead and stop a 9-2 Irish run.

In the second half, after a Kyle McAlarney three gave Notre Dame a four-point lead, Austrie answered to keep the Irish from gaining momentum.

McAlarney, who scored 32 in Notre Dame's 73-67 win over Connecticut on Jan. 7, netted a 12 this time on 4-for-14 shooting. Jackson finished with 13 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

Harangody, who shot 5-for-23 against Connecticut's 7-foot-3 center Hasheem Thabeet in the teams' earlier meeting, found ways to score Wednesday against the taller — but slower — Thabeet.

Harangody produced a fair amount of points posting up and finding his way around Thabeet, but he also knocked down a few mid-range jumpshots and even beat Thabeet off the dribble.

The Big East player of the year candidate scored Notre Dame's first eight points of the game and first 12 points of the second half. He finished 13-of-24 from the floor and tied his career high with 16 rebounds.

"The coaches were working with me to change it up and taking him inside and outside," Harangody said. "I did a good job of that and when he came up and I just drove up the lane."

Notre Dame will hit the road again to face Rutgers on Sunday. The Scarlet Knights are tied with South Florida for last place in the Big East with a 2-10 conference record.

"It was a good game and we fought hard," Jackson said of Wednesday's loss. "But we can't dwell on it because we have a big game against Rutgers."
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Irish shoot down Golden Eagles at JACC

Ballsers finish with big edge inside paint

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Assistant Sports Editor

All the progress Notre Dame had made defensively against Pittsburgh on Sunday looked lost early Wednesday night against Marquette. The Irish were down by six at the second TV timeout, and appeared lost. But things finally clicked, and the Irish didn't look back.

A defensive switch led to a 21-1 Notre Dame run, and the Irish stormed past the Golden Eagles 99-76 at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame used a box-and-one defense to shut down Golden Eagles guard Kristal Ellis and a good transition offense to pull away from Marquette.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she made the defensive change after Ellis had made three early 3-pointers against her squad.

"Ellis was the one person we were concerned about guarding. We didn't get close

Irish senior guard Tulyah Gaines attempts a fade-away jumper during Notre Dame's 81-64 loss to Connecticut Jan. 27. Gaines had 22 points in a 99-76 win over Marquette Wednesday.

Team gets big effort from Gaines in victory

For a 5-foot-7 guard, senior Tulyah Gaines played awfully well in the paint.

"Gaines' 10 field goals Wednesday in Notre Dame's 99-76 win over Marquette, nine of them were layups. Gaines sliced her way to the basket all night on route to a season-high 22 points. "She really drew the ball well today," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We kept talking about how we needed to drive and attack the basket, and she really did everything we needed her to do."

The Irish outscored the Golden Eagles in the paint 52-24, but the points didn't come from only the post players.

"We were getting layups from our guards," she said. "It wasn't like our post players were getting

And the Irish outscored the Golden Eagles 52-24 in the paint, thanks seven straight misses from the floor.

"We still had a good chance," Irish guard Tory Jackson said by phone after the game. "They gave us every opportunity in the world to come back and take the lead or just tie it. We just couldn't seem to knock down some shots at the end."


"Our guards," she said. "It wasn't anything we didn't have."

"They've been good matches, and we've been fortunate to come out on top," Louderbak said.

"Ohio State is solid. They just have not played high-ranked teams yet," Louderbak said. "They're well-coached, and we always have clean matches with them."

The Irish had the all-time series against Ohio State, 15-3, and have not lost to the Buckeyes in 18 years. Notre Dame's dominance is representative of the strength of the program, but Louderbak recognizes that things could have gone either way.

"We've been lucky and won some tight ones," Louderbak said. "They've been good matches, and we've been fortunate to come out on top."

This year's Ohio State team is deep. Its No. 3 through No. 6 singles played

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