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Man drives stolen car to police station

ANDERSON, S.C. — Authorities say a man drove a stolen car to the Anderson County Sheriff’s Office to demand the return of the Associated Press

$2,000 officers seized from him during a drug arrest last June. Deputies said after they told Charles Chambers, 36, to leave Tuesday afternoon, an officer noticed he got into a car that matched the description of a vehicle stolen about three hours earlier. Another officer pulled the man over and told him to the ignition to shut it off because the vehicle’s key switch had been removed.

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Navy plans to hit failing spy device once weather conditions are right

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Wednesday that an early-morning launch is now open for it to try to shoot down a failing spy satellite.

The Navy is planning to hit the satellite with a heat-seeking missile as early as Wednesday night. But officials had been waiting for the space shuttle Atlantis to return to Earth so it would not be hit by falling debris.

"We're now into the window," a senior defense official told a Pentagon press conference minutes after the shuttle landed at 9:07 a.m. EST.

He said it will remain open until Feb. 29 or 30 and that the decision to attempt a shot will depend on conditions in the atmosphere, such as sea levels, winds and other variables.

"We're watching weather today," he said. The ground rules of the news conference were that the official could not be quoted by name.

The military will be making decisions each day on whether to proceed with an attempt or not — and criteria could change several times each day, he said.

The opportunity to attempt a shot will be available only sec­ond-by-second, each day, the official said.

The attempted shutdown was approved by President Bush out of concern that toxic fuel on board the satellite could crash to Earth, the Defense Dept. that has said.

Officials will know nearly immediately whether the mis­tile has hit the satellite, but it will take a day or two to know whether the fuel tank has been destroyed, officials said.

The military has readied a three-stage Navy missile, des­igned for the SM-3, which has been shipped to a high rate of suc­cess in a series of missile defense tests since 2002. In each case it targeted a short- or medium-range ballistic missile, never a satellite.

A hurry-up program to adapt the missile for this anti-satellite mission was completed in a matter of weeks; Navy offi­cials say the changes will be reversed once this satellite is down.

The government issued notices to aviators and mariners to remain clear of a section of the Pacific Ocean beginning at 10:30 p.m. EST Wednesday, indicating the first window to launch the SM-3 missile is expected to hit the atmosphere and would scatter debris over several hundred miles.

Adding to the difficulty of the shutdown mission, the missile will have to do better than just hit the bus-sized satellite, a Navy official said Tuesday. It needs to strike the relatively small fuel tank aboard the spacecraft in order to accomplish the main goal, which is to eliminate the toxic fuel that could injure or even kill people if it reached Earth.

The Navy official described technical aspects of the missile's capabilities on condition that he not be identified.

Also complicating the effort will be the fact that the satel­lite has no heat-generating propulsion system on board. That makes it more difficult for the Navy missile's heat-seeking system to work, although the official said software changes had been made to compensate for the lack of heat.
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The resolution passed 18-3, with one abstention, but a few senators voiced concern about how future architecture would affect the building. Fundy senator Veronica Perez said some members of her Hall Council were concerned about the size of the future buildings.

"What are we taking money from to fund these halls? I am planning on not having enough money for furniture [and things] like that," she said.

However, Bacsik said NDFS will continue to monitor the funds it spends, but would just discontinue funds it already has.

"If they're getting apples from California, now they're going to spend that same money and get apples from Michigan," she said. "It's diversifying funds from things that are local to us, and not relying on other long-distance sources to meet many of our sources and supporting the local economy."

Bacsik added that locally-grown foods may be more expensive since they come from mostly small, family-run farms. However, she said Notre Dame and other universities in Indiana will invest in the future by building a lasting relationship with these farms.

"By bonding together and getting out into the local sources, they're trying to get a long-standing relationship so they can get a quality product at a decreasing cost," he said.

Welsh Family senator Tara Schimpf raised another objection to the resolution, asking if NDFS will sacrifice food quality or selection.

"Does that mean that when we're going locally, that's a bad season for that [product] here, we're not going to have that here? Are we sacrificing quality?" she said.

Bacsik said that seasonality will affect local foods available, but NDFS will remain committed to buying fresh produce.

In addition to passing the resolution, the Senate previewed the Health and Body Image Conference, which will be held March 11-13. Brenna Doyle and Patrick Tighe, the Gender Issues Committee co-chairs, summarized the conference's itinerary and gave background information about some of the speakers.

The conference keynote speaker, Ann J. Simmon, will present "Sex, Power and the Media" on March 11 from 2:30-5 p.m. Simmon is a former fashion model and current media critic, who will discuss the consequences of corporate media.

Other speakers will give presentations on topics such as the modeling profession, pro-eating disorder Web sites, the effects of eating disorders and treatment of eating disorder sufferers. The conference will also show "Thin," an HBO documentary about an eating disorder treatment center.

Tighe said registration for the conference is free for Notre Dame students and faculty, and Doyle said students do not need to stay for the entire conference if they choose to attend.

Students will be posting sign-ups in dorms during the coming weeks. "We're hoping anyone can see any part of presentation that fits into their schedule," she said.

In other Senate News:
• Carol Hendrickson, Academic Affairs Committee chair, said she was pleased with the turnout at Monday's town hall meeting discussing the hiring of Catholic faculty. The Senate also discussed the possibility ofehiring成果转化 in students' experience: a requirement to take one class that is related to culture, and a Web site that lists cultural opportunities at Notre Dame.
• Callie Pettig, University Affairs Committee chair, said a student-faculty debate on John McCain's and Barack Obama's health care plans will take place next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Dooly Room of LaVie. The event will feature Economics Professor Bill Evans and Dr. Randolph Navari, director of the Indiana University School of Medicine in South Bend.

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Announcing the Year 2008 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2008 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame students are collecting for charities or service clubs. She said when clubs are collecting for charities or service projects, students do not always have money with them. However, this initiative would allow students to swipe their ID cards to donate money.

Multicultural Affairs Chair Niny White discussed the possibility of a cultural competency requirement in the undergraduate curriculum. She said there are three proposals for integrating culture into students' experience: a requirement to take one class that is related to culture, a requirement to take a class in an activity related to culture, or a Web site that lists cultural opportunities at Notre Dame.

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year, the student body has used Cetta as a liaison between the Board and the students, she said.

"The students have been very vocal in discussing concerns with me," she said. "Some have approached me, but I get more feedback from attending all the student government board meetings in the weeks before the trustees are here." Cetta will usher in the new student trustee in April, although there is not any official training, she said. "It's the first time other student governance board positions, there will be two trustees.

The role of the trustee is to communicate student views to the Board, she said. "I attend [Board of Governance] BOT meetings and take part in preparing reports when necessary," she said, "but the most important role is bringing a student voice to the Board."

The application process for the next Student Trustee began a few weeks ago and required a letter of intent, resume and recommendations from current juniors may apply.

Within the Board, each Trustee committee has a chair and a vice chair who lead the meeting. The Board meeting is headed by John O'Connor, the current Chair of the Board.

Since the trustees come to campus infrequently, Cetta hopes they will be pleased by the construction landscape on the Notre Dame campus.

"I know [the trustees] will be able to see some of the progress that has been made to St. Mary's Hall," she said, "and referring to the College's new academic building, scheduled to be completed this fall.

Meeting will continue into tomorrow and information will be available Monday.

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CUBA

Raul Castro inspires hope for change

Acting President promises 'structural changes' and 'big decisions' will take over Sunday

Associated Press

HAVANA — After a 19-month tryout by acting president Raul Castro, Cubans seem ready to focus on what his government will bring once Fidel Castro formally steps down as Cuba's all-powerful leader Sunday.

Their expectations, already raised by Fidel Castro's talk of "structural changes" and "big decisions" to come, could change, Cubans worry how well 81-year-old Fidel, who made it clear Tuesday that he isn't going away, even though he's stepping down as president.

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Tristees Richard Nassau said that students, University administrators and South Bend representatives all stressed the importance of continuing the dialogue that began when the ordinance was first proposed.

"I'm just concerned that we don't stifle and lose the ball game things from other points of view," said Councilmember Ann Paturage of the CCAC, which includes the University campus. "I think dialogue is the most important thing.

However, the coalition is far from complete. Only 15 of the 21 total seats had been filled as of Wednesday. Moreover, Indiana University South Bend was the only local school to send a representative besides Notre Dame, as both Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College did not respond to the Council's messages, said Councilmember, and newly appointed chair of the CCAC, "Buddy" Kirsits. Kirsits asked Notre Dame's student government, Student Affairs Affairs Father Mark Poorman and the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, President Bill Kirck to contact both schools before the next meeting.

"We'd like to get them on board," Kirsits said.

One development noted by several Council members was a reduction in the number of complaints they received due to local student parties. Kirsits also noted a decrease in the number of students taken to local hospitals for alcohol poisoning.

"Personally, and I can't quote any stats, I saw there was a decline in the alcohol toxicity for off-campus students.

"The offices I supervise are responsible for maintaining the disciplinary standards," Kirsits said. "Last fall, it became clear that students' off-campus behavior would not be something that is cloaked or ignored. We did note that the University for that behavior would be very low.

Members of the Common Council also attributed the decrease in on-off-campus parties to the work of student body presidents.

"We created a Good Neighbor Guide and an off-campus seminar," Brown said. "We're hoping these will be printed in mid-March.

However, although these improvements are seen as steps in the right direction, Luecke said it's important to permanently establish a respectful atmosphere.

"We feel positive with the way the meeting went, some of it perhaps because of enhanced publicity," he said. "I hope that once you establish a culture of students' respectful behavior to neighbors that it carries over.

Tim Rouse, Common Council president and co-sponsor along with Luecke of the ordinance, agreed with Luecke, adding that the future is "up to the parties. We must continue to use the forum provided by the CCAC."

"It's an ongoing dialogue, we need to keep the momentum among the whole group," he said.

One of the key aspects of establishing a respectful environment is simply getting students and neighbors together, said local landlord Mark Kramer. For the past seven years, Kramer has thrown block parties at the beginning of the year to bring students and South Bend residents together.

"It's hard to disturb their neighborhood if you've met them and you know their daughter and their son," local landlord Mark Kramer said.

Brown, however, said student parties were not the only issue the CCAC needs to address, and that security is very important as well.

"As far as student behavior goes, I think there's been some big improvements, but safety and security are big issues," she said. "That's the issue that's been prioritized by students over the past year."

Kramer said despite the fact that he has two private security vehicles patrolling his properties, there was a break-in last week at one of his properties on St. Peter's Street.

"We do whatever we can to prevent break-ins," Kramer said. "My concern is to protect student tenants and for the neighbors to have a better relationship with one another."

This, coupled with the rash of break-ins at Clover Ridge Condos over Christmas break, has sparked student fears about break-ins. "This was my main issue is break-ins," said SUB student government association president Ivan Blount. Kramer, however, is already spending about $2,000 a month on security, leading Rouse to say, "I think that shows [Kramer's] commitment to student security."

The CCAC did not discuss any specific plan for tempering the break-ins during last night's meeting.

Brown also said many students are complaining about taxicab drivers being too high, and she said she cab companies should let students know about posted rates.

"This is a big concern to students," she said. "For some reason students are having more and more problems with taxi cab drivers over the past year."

Kirsits concluded the meeting by setting the date for the next forum — Thursday, March 13, at 3 p.m. "If we approach this in the proper way, we can make this a win-win situation," he said.

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from a member of the University of Delaware's student activities office.

"The workshops on program­ming concerns were often lead by pro­fessional agents," Ross said.

While representatives from many universities were present at the conference, Notre Dame's program­ming seemed to be "very compet­itive," Ross said.

"There were very few times when we thought, 'Wow, why can't we do that?' Our line-up seemed like some of the best out there."

Philip Ross
SUB board manager


Saturday, February 23rd
Jordon Hall of Science, University of Notre Dame
9:00-10:00 am Continental Breakfast and Registration
10:00-11:25 am Lecture (Room 105), Reginald L. Robinson, Distinguished University Visiting Professor of Law and Critical Theory, Southern Illinois University (On Leave from Howard Law School 2007-2008); "Wake up! It's a Bleeping Con: Reawakening the Great Potential of Black Americans"
11:30-12:30 pm Lecture (Room 105), Verge "Brother Sage" Gilliam, B.S., Central State University, Founder of the Association of African American Role Models (AAARM); "Underground Railroad"
12:30-1:45 pm Lunch Break
1:45-3:00 pm Lecture (Room 105), Bishop Gibson Adeji, Ph.D in Pharmacology and Biochemistry, founder of Crystal Horizons Investment Group; "Vision for Victory"
3:00-3:55 pm Small Group Discussions (Rooms 105, 310, and 322)
4:00-5:00 pm Sharing of Ideas (Room 105)
5:00-10:00 pm Break
10:00 pm-12:00 am Legends presents Spoken Word Concert starring acclaimed artist Taalim Acey; also featuring ND's own Kate Washington, Matthew Tipton, Morgan Cleveland, and Christopher Stewart

Sunday, February 24th
11:00 am-5:00 pm Underground Railroad Trip to the Underground Railroad Cemetery in Vandalia, Mt. Family Farm in Paw Paw, MI; Soljourner Truth statue in Beloit College, MI; Facilitators: Sherman Amey and Verge "Brother Sage" Gilliam (RSVP to wabruda@nd.edu ASAP to reserve a seat on the charter bus. Bus leaves at 9/10 students and $20/other conference participants; lunch is covered)

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**Stimulus package to benefit businesses**

Plan contains huge tax deduction increase, bonus depreciation allowance for small companies

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The economic stimulus package that became law earlier this month contains two provisions that will help small businesses increase their capital investments and spur a huge increase in the Section 179 tax deduction and bonus depreciation allowance.

The Section 179 deduction, which allows small businesses to deduct up to $250,000 from gross receipts rather than depreciate over time the cost of certain kinds of equipment, has nearly doubled for 2008, rising to $250,000 from a maximum of $128,000. The bonus depreciation provision allows businesses of any size to depreciate 50 percent of the cost of new equipment, with the balance to be depreciated according to IRS rules.

It’s possible for a company to take advantage of both provisions, which could mean a huge tax savings for 2008.

The Section 179 deduction is limited to companies that buy less than $800,000 in capital equipment during the year, but unlike the Section 179 deduction, which expires at the end of the year, even small businesses that buy less than $800,000 in equipment in 2008 will benefit from the deduction.

It’s a pretty easy deduction to take, but there are a few pitfalls to look out for.

Foremost, according to tax attorney Barbara Weltman, is that a business can’t use the deduction if it’s operating at a loss. “You don’t get a benefit unless you’re profitable,” she said.

A business might be able to carry forward some of the costs of equipment into future years, and the process still benefit from the deduction. However, there’s no way to know now whether the Section 179 deduction will be as lucrative in future years as it is now.

Another caveat: Not all kinds of equipment can be deducted under Section 179. Typically, computers, vehicles, manufacturing equipment and office furniture qualify for the deduction. Air conditioning or heating units, or structural parts of a building like replacement windows cannot be deducted under Section 179 — but they can be deducted under depreciation rules.

Keep in mind: The $250,000 figure is an aggregate — you can buy any number of pieces of equipment to take the deduction, but once you go above that amount, depreciation sets in.

Equipment must be bought — but not necessarily paid for — and placed into service by Dec. 31 to qualify for the deduction. So the PC you put on your charge card in December needs to be in use by the end of the year, even though the bill won’t arrive until January.

It’s possible to take a Section 179 deduction for equipment that’s used part-time for business — for example, a car — but more than half its usage must be for company purposes.

Weltman noted that equipment used part-time for business and cannot be something that was just converted to company use. So if you’ve just created a home office and are using the PC you bought two years ago, the computer cannot be deducted under Section 179.

**Oil prices close above $100 for first time**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street gave up a big early advance and closed mixed Tuesday after oil prices closed above $100 for the first time and stoked fears that inflation will stifle an already troubled economy.

Soaring oil prices could bring more problems for consumers, having already made many Americans shy about shopping in recent months. Consumer spending, a key driver of U.S. economic growth, has also been shaken by falling home prices and the volatile stock market.

The index was backed off concern that rising inflation might make the Federal Reserve reconsider its bias toward keeping interest rates low to help the economy. The central bank, which next meets March 18, last month slashed rates by 1.25 percent.

“I think there are still a lot of worries in the market that we have this stagnant growth in the economy and higher prices,” said Richard Sparks, senior equities analyst at Schaeffer’s Investment Research in Cincinnati.

Investors likely were positioning themselves ahead of a half-dozen economic reports that could give the market further direction. Paramount will be Wednesday’s Labor Department report on consumer prices for January, which is a closely watched gauge for inflation. The Fed will also release minutes from its last meeting.

Meanwhile, new concerns that banks are facing more financial problems this year dragged the sector sharply lower — and reminded investors that the credit crisis appears far from a resolution.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 19.99, or 0.09 percent, to 12,337.22 after being up more than 150 points earlier in the session.

Broader indexes also moved lower. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index fell 1.21, or 0.09 percent, to 1,348.78, and the Nasdaq composite fell 15.60, or 0.67, 2,306.20.

But advancing issues were ahead of decliners on the New York Stock Exchange by about 9 to 7, while on the Nasdaq Stock Market, decliners had a modest lead. Consolidated volume on the NYSE came to about 3.5 billion shares, compared to 3.36 billion on Friday.

Government bonds dipped as stocks gained. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, jumped to 3.87 percent from 3.77 percent late Friday. It rose to 3.90 percent in after-hours trading.

The dollar was mixed against most major currencies.

Light, sweet crude for March delivery rose $4.51 to settle at a record $109.01 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after earlier rising to $101.10, a new trading record. It was the first time since Jan. 3 that oil had been above $100.

**Customers shop at a Stove & Barrel’s clothing store in New York. The success of the federal economic stimulus plan will hinge on whether American consumers spend their money.**

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**In Brief**

Amtrak ups security measures

**WASHINGTON** — Amtrak will start randomly screening passengers’ carry-on bags this week in a new security push that includes officers with automatic weapons and bomb-sniffing dogs, patrolling platforms and trains.

The move, intended to be announced on the railroad on Tuesday, is a significant shift for Amtrak. Unlike the airlines, it has had relatively little visible increase in security since the 2001 terrorist attacks, a distinction that has enabled it to attract passengers eager to avoid airport hassle.

Amtrak officials insist their new procedures aren’t an upswing in the Dow of passenger fears.

“On-time performance is a key element of Amtrak service. We are fully mindful of that,” said Egan Hollenbeck, the railroad’s vice president for security strategy and special operations, told The Associated Press.

No will the moves require passengers to arrive at stations far in advance, officials said. Passengers who are selected randomly for the screening will be delayed no more than a couple of minutes, Amtrak chief executive Alex Kummant said.

**Critics question FCC Chairman’s plan**

**WASHINGTON** — A Federal Communications Commission plan to help owners of rural television stations survive the transition to digital broadcasting is giving some big cable companies and of questionable value to viewers, according to critics.

FCC Chairman Kevin Martin’s plan is meant to help thousands of low-power television stations that operate on television band and offer local and on-demand on-air service to communities hold onto their viewers during the digital shift.

Critics of the stations have been upset because they say they have been largely left out of government efforts to educate the public about change.

Beginning Feb. 18, 2009, all full-power television stations in the U.S. will broadcast a digital-only signal. Anyone who gets programming via an antenna and does not have a newer-model digital set will need to buy a box that will “down-convert” the digital signal to analog.
U.S. will not build new military bases in Africa

Associated Press

Okla. attorney general goes after poultry companies

TULSA, Okla. — More than a dozen Arkansas-based poultry companies have violated state and federal laws limiting the disposal of animal waste in the Illinois River watershed, argues Oklahoma's attorney general.

Oklahoma is requesting a preliminary injunction to stop poultry companies from dropping animal waste in the 1 million acres watershed. State Attorney General Drew Edmondson maintains that

unless the court grants the request by the spring, the federal bacteria found in the waste could pose a health threat to people who visit the river valley each spring.

Edmondson told a federal judge Tuesday that waste from the birds is measured in tons and is not properly treated or diluted but dumped on the land "ostensibly as fertilizer but far in excess of agronomic needs, in the most environmentally and agriculturally sensitive watershed in Oklahoma."

The hearing on the injunction is expected to last several days and is part of an action in federal court filed by Edmondson to end Arkansas-based poultry companies' use of the Illinois River watershed for treating their waste.

"Our evidence will show that these persistent and pervasive violations of state and federal law have contaminated the rivers and springs and wells of the Illinois River Watershed with biological pathogens that have created an imminent and substantial threat to human health," Edmondson said.

Patrick Ryan, an attorney for Tyson Foods, Inc., responded that the injunction seeks to disrupt an industry that has operated successfully in the watershed for decades. He also accused the state of creating the science to suit its case.

"There is nothing more going on in this watershed than the rest of the state," Ryan said.

More than 576,000 acres of the watershed are located in Oklahoma. State and environmental officials contend that years of illegal spreading of the poultry waste, which contains bacteria, antibiotics, growth hormones and harmful metals, is killing Oklahoma's scenic lakes.

Edmondson sued the poultry companies in 2005, saying litter pollution rendered Lake Texakall in northeastern Oklahoma 70 percent oxygen dead and accused poultry companies of treating Oklahoma's rivers like open sewers. He also said the amount of phosphorous dumped on the ground in the watershed each year is equivalent to the waste of 10.7 million people.

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Kosovo

Nation embraces laid-back version of Islam

Associated Press

GNJILANE — Kastriot Sadsiku has a confession: Like a good Muslim, he was near a mosque when Kosovo declared independence. But like a good Kosovar, he was just around the corner, slipping into his favorite pub.

As minaret loudspeakers broadcast afternoon prayers, "I was having a beer," said Sadsiku, 25. "In the entire Muslim world, I think that's something that can only happen here, where our religion doesn't interfere with the rest of our lives.

Much has been made of Kosovo's status as the world's newest mostly Muslim nation. But its secular government, religious leaders and faithful have carefully distanced themselves from the slightest hint of extremism.

The Republic of Kosovo, they insist, embraces a decidedly laid-back version of Islam.

"Our Islam is 'lite' — like Coke Lite or Marlboro Light cigarettes," said Ilin Krasniqi, an imam at one of five mosques in the eastern town of Gjakova. "This is not Baghdad, and what goes on in Saudi Arabia cannot happen here."

That is not to suggest that radical Islam has not impacted Kosovo's Muslim ethnic Albanians. Last October, Agron Abdullahu, a 25-year-old Kosovo native living in the U.S. — pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring to provide weapons to five other Muslims who allegedly plotted an attack on the U.S. Army's Fort Dix military base in New Jersey. No attack was staged on the base, which is used largely to train reservists bound for Iraq.

Agmon Hayeu, the chief imam in Gjakova, said Muslims in severancy pre-America Kosovo have distanced themselves from extremist ideology or acts.

Abdullahu "was an isolated individual," Hayeu said in an interview with The Associated Press in his office, decorated with a small globe and the flags of Turkey and Saudi Arabia, where he said he was schooled in the tenets of Islam.

"The people here feel no empathy for those kind of acts," he said. "They know very well what terrorism is because they've suffered through so many terrorist acts."

"Terrorism" is an emotionally charged term in the Balkans, where an estimated 10,000 people were killed in Kosovo's 1998-99 war between ethnic Albanian separatist rebels and forces loyal to the late Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic. Albanians long have accused Serbs of terrorist acts against their ethnic kin, and Serbs victims of terrorist attacks have done the same.

But if terrorism is a relative term in Kosovo, so is "Muslim." The Ottoman Turks imported Islam centuries ago, but it hasn't saturated this society. Kosovo was Christian before, about 7 percent of its ethnic Albanians are Catholics, and a cathedral is being built in the heart of Pristina, the capital.

The late President Ibrahim Rugova was fascinated with Roman Catholicism, and there were even unconfirmed reports after his death in 2006 that he had converted.

Kosovo is not the only place with a Muslim population and secular traditions — strong secular lifestyles exist in Turkey and Lebanon, but they are exceptions. Although the conflict here pitted Albanian Muslims against Christian Orthodox Serbs, who consider Kosovo the cradle of their religion and national identity, it was a battle for turf — not a holy war.

"We've never had a Christian-Muslim conflict here," said Alhabena Hoti, 20, strolling in Gjakova beneath the flags of the U.S., Britain and Germany — all among the first to recognize Kosovo after it declared independence Sunday.

"We're Muslims, but we're not terrorists," added Linda Kastrati, an 18-year-old student.

Stephan Schwartz, executive director of the Center for Islamic Pluralism, a Washington-based think tank, contends Kosovo will become a model of religious pluralism in Europe: "Albanians, although Muslim in their majority, are fanatics only about their appreciation for America. Albanian Islam is moderate, and constitutes a bulwark against radicalization of European Muslims," he said.

"I don't think there's any other Muslim country in the world where there's so much Christian missionary activity that goes on undisturbed," Schwartz added.

Kosovo's conflict drew only a smattering of mujahideen — Islamic fighters from the Arab world — unlike the 1992-95 Bosnian war, where they came by the thousands to aid their Muslim brothers.

There has been speculation that Kosovo, which has always enjoyed staunch backing from Washington, might give the U.S. a rare Muslim friend and some leverage in its effort to contain Islamic extremism. But intense U.S. engagement in Bosnia did little to endear America to the wider Arab world.

"America is not necessarily going to get a lot out of the Muslim world with this," Schwartz said.

Outside Gjakova's main mosque, the crowd of young men includes some with long, wiry beards and short trousers. But they are quick to eschew the strict Wahhabi interpretation of Islam followed by al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

For more about the Center for Islamic Pluralism, go to: www.cisn.org.
Last week, the circus came to Washington. And even Clemens wished it never happened. Waxman told lawmakers. "I'm sorry we had the hearing. I regret that we had the hearing. And the only reason we had the hearing was because Roger Clemens and his lawyers insisted on it."

Waxman had good reason to regret the hearing. While the hearings did, of course, embarrass Clemens and McNamara, the childishness of the representatives may have been the most shameful of all. Member by member, the House Oversight Committee embarrassed itself. It was embarrassing that Representative William Clay of Missouri used part of his five minutes of questioning to ask Clemens whom he was going to represent in the Hall of Fame. Even Clemens had the good sense to realize how silly the question was, and told Clay he'd pretend it was never asked.

Another Congresswoman told Clemens that she was "sure" he was going someplace considerably more prestigious than Cooperstown: Heaven. Still another showed four pictures of Clemens, suggesting he did not see a difference in his size over the years, and asked him about his workout regimen. If that doesn't cut to the truth of the issue at hand, I don't know what does. It was embarrassing that Rep. Tom Davis claimed that a medical question for Clemens resembled "a new definition of lynching." Sure, some Congressmen were unfairly harsh, but lynching? I'd guess there might be a lynching victim or two who questions whether a white man who is practically asked for his autobiography in his way to join the Great Almighty shares their pain.

But worst of all, it was embarrassing to watch the frivolous idiocy into which the hearing devolved. The committee seemed to break down along party lines. Republicans seemed to believe Clemens, Democrats sided with McNamara. Many analysts immediately suggested that this could stem from Roger's Republicanism. Clemens did, after all, prominently note that Bush 41 contacted him before the hearing to offer his support.

But watching the hearing progress, another explanation seems more likely. Rep. Henry Waxman, the Democratic chairman of the committee, and Rep. Elijah Cummings, another senior Democrat, both indicated their anti-Clemens beliefs early in the hearing. In doing so, Waxman and Cummings sounded remarkably arrogant and self-importan.

Cummings, for one, scolded Roger in a tone normally reserved for misbehaving kindergarten children. And in the House office building halls, I overheard Waxman making a joke about Clemens ability to pay for his RFI using insurance after the hearing began. Republicans, then, fell into line as anti-Waxman and anti-Cummings. And, as such, they were almost all anti-McNamee and pro-Clemens. It is not until the Republicans were predisposed to believe a Texas telling half-truths (at least, not in this case...). It's that they needed to stand against Democrats no matter the issue, especially when the Democrats seem as Napoleonicly arrogant as Waxman did.

It is an embarrassing display of the divisive partisanship that plagues Washington today. Even hearings about the credibility of witnesses and the role of steroids in baseball run along an apparently immutable flash line. Whether the topic is immigration, healthcare, tax cuts, or yes, baseball players, partisanship in Washington has overwhelmed any reason.

But the fact that this sort of partisan-ship about Clemens only exists in Washington — while I don't have any hard numbers, I tend to doubt that a vast majority of Republican voters believe Clemens while a vast majority of Democratic voters don't — suggests that partisanship on many issues isn't endless in our country, but of our government. The pettiness of Washington has created the bitter, inefficient politics that dominate today.

We learned something from this hearing: Our politics are more divided and divisive than we are. At a certain point, we can blame petty politicians for the partisan state of our politics. If they agree about baseball, they'll disagree about anything, no matter how much citizens outside Washington are willing to cross party lines. Yes, Roger Clemens and Brian McNamara brought the circus to Washington. And they exposed a whole lot of crazies along the way.

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Tragedy: a time of God’s absence or presence?

There are times that a Christian community gathers — as the Notre Dame community recently did in honor of Timothy Aber and Conor McGrath — when I become aware of a silence. It creeps in between the hymns and prayers that lead us through the cracks of our everyday existence. When every one stops their faithful assurances of God’s presence and closeness and protectiveness, there is always just silence. And out of the silence there is a near-certain question: God, are you really here?

There are times in life when I do not stop to ask that question. I have no need to. My niece was born, and my brother and his wife invited me into the delivery room for her birth. No one necessarily had presence there; there was a little awkwardness on my part, but it was assuredly non-theological presence. A young man who has been a slice of wrestling with a vocational decision about the priesthood says to me, “I feel like I’ve been chasing and chasing, but God isn’t here. God is here, but drawn close. One of the seniors on the basketball team has a room with an acceptance letter from his long-shot first-choice graduate school. No more natural time to say a prayer of thanksgiving. A married man asks for a marriage and how his wife may be able to help him. I am able to talk about his growing addiction to pornography. Clearly, the Holy Spirit is at work.

I am hopeful, many moments like these when God’s real presence comes back to me. I can’t help but remember a time of joy or healing that there is little room left for doubt. Scripturally, I think of the time Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain and is transfigured before them. His clothes begin to glow with intense and divine light. Finally, the lack of the human tradition appears next to him. A voice peaks from the clouds, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am pleased. Listen to him." (Loosely translated) Sometimes, God draws quite close indeed. God’s Presence is here, has drawn close indeed. God’s Presence is present, present.

And then, there are times like Tuesday, God was so nearly there. In the library in the Eucharist, in the community. But, for me, it becomes much more a matter of the possibility of the absence of God, the possibility that in the end, we will all alone with our silent prayers and not the best of them. Yet I also believe, the void is not entirely empty. From deep within, a something whispers in the void. It is hardly something to call a quick fix, or an all-purpose cure for the loneliness that we embrace. One catches the barest hint of it in the familiar story from the Gospel.

The scene is the seeming antithesis to the Transfiguration, that moment of pure and certain joy at the presence of God. Again, Jesus ascends a mountaintop, again taking aside just Peter, James, and John. It is the Mount of Olives, immediately after the Last Supper. Judas had left the table to set Jesus arrest in motion. An unspeakable tragedy awaits. And Jesus, knowing this, and perhaps remembering the intimate closeness of his Father at the Mount of the Transfiguration, attempts to recreate the experience, ascending the hill alone with the same three disciples. He needs to feel that intimate presence again, for the meaning of his life and ministry is about to be questioned, then ended. The void beckons.

As the ceremony of his Passover meal with the disciples ends, as the taking and hymn-singing recede, Jesus hears the silence. It calls for him. And he ascends the Mount of Olives to meet it. He begins to pray, alone, but desperate for God’s Presence to break the silence.

What can we say happens next? He leaves no step-by-step guide on how to find God in this silence. In fact, he seems to feel the Absence in the silence to a most intense depth. He weeps and sweats. He pleads for relief. But nothing goes white. No heroic figures appear. Perhaps most frightening, no voice of his Father is heard and Peter, so willing to abide in the place of the transfigured Jesus, is found asleep.

Perhaps this is what we celebrated Tuesday night.

Faithpoint
Dillon Hall
Feb. 19

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Domenclature

In my third year of being a part of the Notre Dame community, I have been fortunate enough to attend several different types of Notre Dame and Holy Cross boys. Living with three roommates, and having close friends at all three of the schools, as well as a former Alumni Hall “dawg” as a brother and a senior Saint Mary’s friend, I have observed and experienced many different situations and viewpoints on dating.

Unfortunately, it seems that the general conceded idea of that particular time of the year is something of a lost art form within our wonderful community. While I realize many girls are indeed making a decision to seek a relationship here, I feel that there is a real possibility that she won’t even catch the barest hint of it. Honestly that whole “I’m not sure what to do” thing will most likely come out as a cute and actually work for you.

The boys are not the only ones at fault here. There are also the girls. Some girls, with no reason to believe otherwise, seem to make sense. Enter the silence. Behold, my betrayer is at hand. Perhaps this is what we celebrated Tuesday night.

Tragedy — a time of God’s absence or presence?
Scene Writer accessible, fun, and unpretentious band struggling through growing realized sound, and newcomers release a debut album with a fully-realized sound, and newcomers Vampire Weekend have done exactly that. Instead of sounding like a new band struggling through growing pains, Vampire Weekend feels it knows exactly what it's doing. The band has mixed together such disparate genres as punk, ska, chamber-pop and African rhythm into an accessible, fun, and unpretentious package. The band is having fun mixing and matching these styles. What has resulted is the most listenable indie rock record in a long time. Each song on the album has a different feel, but they all fit into the established style that Vampire Weekend has created. The track "Mansard Roof" sustains an atypical rhythm for the entire song while string samples and guitar interludes flow in and out of the mix and lead singer provides the singing style much akin to that of a Jamaican pop artist. The song "MW9" begins with a harp-like stringed instrument and string segment that sound much more fitting for a Wes Anderson film than anything else. "A Punk" sounds like a song an accomplished classical orchestra would put out at the height of their powers. "Wakelet," perhaps the most impressive song of the album, the band combines everything they know into a sonic crescendo that leaves the listener absolutely breathless. The band already sounds like they've been making pop songs for years.

The lyrics could be called a weak point, but to be honest, it is not their goal to be deep lyrics. They have catchy lyrics that ultimately don't mean much, but they do fit well within the sound that the band has created. "Vampire Weekend" sounds like the future of pop music but is also a product of the present. As the world gets more and more connected, it is only natural that our music will become more of an amalgamation of international styles. Other countries have been influenced by popular American music for years. Hopefully Vampire Weekend will lead a new generation of applying world music genres to American pop-rock.

But where Vampire Weekend succeeds the most is that he band used its innovation to make a fun, listenable record. Other innovators in the genre are almost too experimental and only appeal to avid audiophiles, but Vampire Weekend created a new fresh that's accessible to everyone. This is the first release of the year I can see myself listening to and enjoying months down the line. It's the kind of music in which the 100ths ones that contain "the Moment", that magical portion of the song that grabs you and refuses to let go, forcing you to be a fan of the band forever. No, it's in the last 80 seconds of "I've Underestimated My Charm (Again)" where the song jumps back yet another 20 years to the 1960s, transform in the kind of sublime pop that Brian Wilson could only dream of writing. The music ends there, leaving the listener wondering what exactly this band would be capable of if they recorded a full-length album Please download the "Wizard of Ahhs" EP. The whole thing is fine on the bands Myspace, and the songs are just too good to pass up. Black Kids show off a youthful exuberance in the music they play, something not seen very often. The music is pure pop, with a heavy '60s influence, but without the stigma normally attached. Their popularity is only going to increase, so if you start listening now, you can look cool in front of all your friends. The music is both fantastic and free, so there's no reason to ignore Black Kids for another second.

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By CAITLIN FERRARO
Scene Writer

Billed as just another romantic comedy
with a silly title, "Definitely, Maybe" was
definitely a pleasant surprise.

A great ensemble cast, smart dialogue
and a creative storyline make
"Definitely, Maybe" a worthwhile film. It's a watchable romantic comedy that
avoids the usual cliches. There are no overly sentimental moments that ruin
so many other films of the genre.

After his daughter Maya (Abigail Breslin) has an impromptu sex ed class, she
wants to know if she was an accident, and soon-to-be-divorced Will
Hayes (Ryan Reynolds) obliges Maya with a mostly true version of how he
met her mother. Will decides to change all of the names of the women in his
narrative, which creates a "mystery love story" (as Maya dubs it) for her to
uncover. But more than the story of how he found and lost love, it is the
story of Will's life. As the story evolves how he found and lost love, it is the
heart of this film are the three women that Will has an unconventional relation­
ship with her much senior professor (Kevin Kline) in April (Isla Fisher), the
apologetic redheaded copy girl who quickly becomes Will's friend. Will
tells the story of his love life in his daughter Maya (Breslin).

It is his best performance to date as he
captures the essence of an idealistic kid working on the '92 Clinton campaign.
He has a great combination of charm, comedic timing and good looks. But
the true heart of this film are the three contenders to be Will's wife.
Possibilities range from Emily (Elizabeth Banks), the blonde college
sweetheart who worries the big city will change her man, to Summer Hartley
(Rachel Weisz), the sultry brunette writer who has an unconventional relation­
ship with her much senior professor (Kevin Kline) in April (Isla Fisher), the
apologetic redheaded copy girl who quickly becomes Will's friend. With
most romantic comedies, the path to the film's conclusion is
apparent and predictable, but the case
is not so with "Definitely, Maybe." All
three women have merits, but also flaws, allowing them to be worthy candidates
as a Mayas mother.

It also helps that Banks, Weisz, and Fisher's characters are not
stale imitations of women. Instead, they are interesting and
independent which makes Will's choice and the
viewers' even harder. Reynolds acts as the per­
fect foil for these spunky women. Fisher particularly shines
and is able to create a character distinct from her infamous portrayal of Gloria in "Wedding Crashers." Her quirky, talkative, free-spirited April is a
wonderful offset to Reynolds' one-track-minded Will. Also, Kline is a
scene-stealer as the drunken, womanizing Professor Hampton Roth.

Will Hayes (Reynolds) reminisces of his
love life with his daughter Maya (Breslin).
The film could not have come out at a
better time because in addition to a
Valentine's Day release, it is also a
whiff of nostalgia of the Clinton days.
Will and his coworkers must navigate
the rocky waters of Bill's affair with
Gennifer Flowers and his unsuccessful
definition of "is."

"Definitely, Maybe"

Definitely, Maybe

Universal Pictures

Director: Adam Brooks
Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Abigail Breslin, Elizabeth Banks, Rachel Weisz and Isla Fisher

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Paul leads Hornets over Mavs in Kidd's debut

LeBron tallies second straight triple-double as Cavcs beat Pacers; new point guard Williams shines in Nets victory over Bulls

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul had 30 points, 11 assists and a career-high nine steals, spilling Jason Kidd's debut with Dallas and lifting the New Orleans Hornets to a 104-93 victory over the Mavericks on Wednesday night.

Kidd, acquired Tuesday from New Jersey, looked out of sorts at times, committing six turnovers.

Meanwhile, Paul's dazzling performance on both ends of the floor and the enchanted crowd on its feet, raining down chants of "M-V-P!" for their own All-Star point guard while his banner offering similar sentiments dangled from the upper deck.

Kidd, who had practiced only twice with his new team, finished with eight points and five assists.

While Paul dribbled surgically through Dallas' defense, Peja Stojakovic and Bobby Jackson shot with precision from the perimeter, combining for eight of the Hornets' 10 3-pointers as the home team built a 37-22 lead at halftime.

Stojakovic made three 3-pointers on 11-of-15 shooting while Jackson hit five and wound up with 17 points. David West also scored 18 for New Orleans, despite playing with foul trouble in the second half.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 31 points. Reserve Jason Terry scored 14 points and Erick Dampier added 11.

Paul, whose nine steals tied a franchise high, scored 19 points in the third quarter, when he hit all seven of his shots, including a pair of 3-pointers, to help New Orleans surge to an 11-point lead.

New Orleans began to pull away when Stojakovic hit a jumper and Paul followed with an open 3 after Kidd got tangled up with two other players and fell. Soon after, Paul fed Hilton Armstrong inside for a three-point play, then Paul rapped a 10-2 run with a pull-up jumper with just over a second left in the third quarter to give New Orleans a 75-64 lead heading into the final period.

New Orleans widened its lead to 17 in the fourth quarter, when Jackson made two of his 3-pointers and Dallas began to look tired and miss shots.

Neither team led by more than six during an intense but sometimes sloppy first half during which both teams turned the ball over 11 times.

Nowitzki and West each scored 14 points and Erick Dampier added 11 assists, and the Mavericks beat the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday night.

Brown was most impressed that James got the triples-down to back-to-back nights on the road. He had 26 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists in Tuesday's loss at Houston.

"LeBron — what can I say?" got out loud on this night. "I don't care how manydouble-digit violations," Brown said. "This guy is terrific. He just does everything out on the floor.

James said he takes pride in doing it all.

"I just go out and try to play my game," he said. "My game is not just go out and score. It's about getting others involved and helping each other on the defensive end.

James had 10 points, seven rebounds and three assists in the final 12 minutes.

The fourth quarter was virtually even until James went up for a rebound and landed on Inguinal ligaments. Howard was called for a foul, and Indiana coach Jim O'Brien got a technical for disagreeing with the call. Cleveland made two of three free throws to take a 99-94 lead.

Larry Hughes followed with a 3-point play at 1:59 to go. Granger responded with one of his 30, but Indiana got no closer.

"I'm going to get us in the best position to make plays in the fourth quarter, either if I'm handling the ball or playing off the Kidd made an immediate con­tribution to the team in his season debut, finding Josh Howard for a basket in the first half. However, he sometimes looked out of sync with his new teammates, who pulled him aside after unfruitful possessions and pointed out instructions.

James had problems had to do with Paul, who set a screen on Kidd for steals in a ball with seven.

Cavaliers star LeBron James passes around Pacers forward Jeff Foster on Wednesday in Cleveland's 106-97 win.

The Hornets have been hamstring cramped up. By then, Williams and Jefferson had dominated the extra period on both ends of the floor, helping the Nets to their 13th straight home victory over the Bulls.

The Nets traded Kidd, who led them to two NBA finals appearances, along with Antoine Wright and Malik Allen to Dallas for five players, two first-round picks and cash. With Harris, the centerpiece of the deal from New Jersey's end, unavailable for perhaps two more weeks with a sprained ankle, Williams will get a chance to run the team for a while.

"It felt good to go out there and not have to look over your shoulder after every mistake you make," Williams said. "With Jason there, you make a mistake and you probably come out. You know now that the coaches and your teammates have confidence in you.

Trenton Hassell, DeSagana Diop and Marcus Fizer all made their Nets debuts, with Hassell averaging 18 points over two games and usually getting just over a minute left in regulation. Keith Van Horn, who hasn't played since the end of the 2005-06 season, met with coach Lawrence Frank early Tuesday but may not play at all for the Nets.

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In BRIEF

Clemens will not appear at Disney celebrity weekend

Roger Clemens has pulled out of an ESPN sports personality weekend at Disney Hollywood Studios. The decision comes a week after Clemens gave testimony to a congressional committee about his alleged use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Clemens says in a statement Wednesday, "I believe my current participation could be a distraction." ESPN spokesman Josh Krulwitz says ESPN "made the point that him being involved would be a newsworthy event," and his decision to withdraw was made in the past 24 hours.

Clemens had agreed to participate in "ESPN the Weekend" before the release of the Mitchell Report.

The withdrawal came after Clemens and his former trainer, Brian McNamee, offered widely conflicting testimony to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Feb. 13.

Raiders cornerback arrested at home on battery charges

BIRMINGTON, Ala. — Oakland Raiders cornerback Fabian Washington was released on bond after being arrested at the Florida home he shares with his girl­friend and charged with domestic battery.

The Manatee County sheriff's department said Washington, 29, was arrested on August 24 in a domestic dispute that resulted in injury.

Rodriguez says he was tested 9 or 10 times in 2007

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez sat in the first-base dugout at Legends Field, surrounded by the usual circle of cam­eras, microphones and reporters. He knew the scrutiny will only increase.

In his first session with reporters during spring training, Rodriguez talked about baseball's drug-testing program and made a curious state­ment.

"Last year, I got tested 9-10 times," Rodriguez said. "We have a very, very strict policy, and I think the game is making tremendous strides."
Hockey

Hurricanes defeat No. 5 Duke for first time in 45 years

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Looking to bounce back from their first loss of the season, the Miami-Hurricanes beat Duke (No. 4 ESPN/USA Today, No. 5 AP) for the second time in 45 years.

"It's a special win," Hurricanes coach Frank Haith said. "I told the team that as long as we played together, we could get this done." Miami (16-7, 5-4) beat Duke for the first time since the first game in the series Dec. 21, 1962. The Blue Devils had won all 10 games since.

"We've been too good all year to have whatever it is holding us back as a team," Haith added. "We're definitely going to find out what it is and address it. Our season is not going on a downward spiral." Miami guard Jack McClinton reacts after draining a jumper in the final seconds to lift the Hurricanes to a 92-90 upset of rival North Carolina on Thursday, February 21, 2008. McClinton finished with a game-high 36 points and 13.3 rebounds in the overtime victory over the Tar Heels. McClinton sank three free throws in the final 41 seconds to make the Tar Heels look bad.

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Woods rallies for win in match play

Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Tiger Woods was running out of holes, but not hope.

He had never fallen three holes behind and come back to win in match play as a professional, and his predicament looked particularly dire Wednesday when he took a penalty drop in the desert to lose another hole against J.B. Holmes with five to play.

What followed was a charge that had Woods pumping his fists and Holmes shaking his head.

"You're playing the best player in the world, 3 up with five to play," Holmes said. "I just said, 'Don't do anything stupid. Make him beat you.' And he did. What do you do?"

Woods won four straight holes with three birdies and a 35-foot par putt to produce another stunning rally in the desert, this one allowing him to escape in the first round of the Accenture Match Play Championship.

The last time Woods played, he shot 31 on the back nine of the Dubai Desert Classic to rally from a four-shot deficit to win. In the high desert north of Tucson, he played the back nine in 30 for a 1-up victory.

"For some reason, momentum just goes your way," Woods said. "You just get on a run. Sometimes the run is early in the round, sometimes middle or late. It just so happened the last two rounds, it was late. But at least it happened today. At least I had a run of play going good enough to win the match unless I had a run."
Despite tragedy, L.a. team prevails

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Less than 24 hours after star point guard Shannon Veal collapsed on the court and died, her teammates at Glen Oaks High School finished what she started — winning a playoff game amid emotional support from the LSU women’s basketball team, among others.

"It was hard, it was hard not to see that No. 25," Glen Oaks High School coach Harold Boudreaux said, referring to Veal’s jersey number. "But I give it to my kids. They came out. They held their composure. What more can you ask for?"

Glen Oaks’ heart opponent Helen Cox 62-40 in the regional playoff game that had been suspended the night before when Veal, 17, collapsed just before halftime. An autopsy on Tuesday indicated Veal’s death was the result of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy — a thickening of the heart muscle — according to the East Baton Rouge Parish coroner’s office.

Veal had just hit two free throws, when she signaled she needed a breather. Before Boudreaux could replace her, the talented point guard collapsed and died.

"It’s the kind of thing I’ll always look back but it was just seconds," Boudreaux said earlier Tuesday. "She was guarding a player and just keeled over. You could hear her heart hit the floor."

Paramedics arrived in minutes Monday night. They began CPR and used a defibrillator as the heart muscle — according to the pathy — a thickened of the heart muscle.

"We went in there and congratulated them and let them know we knew their heads up," LSU center Sylvia Fowles said after the game. "I’ll be hard to get over, but they’ve got to keep looking forward because that’s what (Shannon) would want them to do."

Fowles said she remembers Veal attending basketball camps, and LSU guard Quiana Chane said she remembers Veal as an avid fan of LSU basketball.

"She came to all the LSU games and she and her mom used to be out there getting autographs," Chane said. "The least we could do is come out here and show our support."

Starkey and Mayes were at Monday’s game to scout Veal.

"She wasn’t just a good player. She was an outstanding young lady," Starkey said. "She was one to try to play college basketball somewhere. She was that good. You hate to lose anybody that young with so much potential."

Veal, a 5-foot-9 junior, was the district MVP. She was averaging 14.8 points, 5.2 assists and two steals.

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy is the most common cause of sudden, unexpected death among young athletes, according to Dr. Kim Edward LeBlanc said. "The condition makes it difficult for blood to leave the heart, but it is difficult to discern."

"It is rare enough that there is no recommendation to screen for it," LeBlanc said.

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Bosh scores 40 in win over Magic

Associated Press

Toronto — The Raptors want to fine-tune their aggressive approach in the second unit that’s all about space. "They look pretty good going 14-for-16 from the field and 11-for-11 from the foul line — and Jose Calderon had 19 points and 13 assists, as the Raptors won 127-110 win Wednesday.

Raptors center Chris Bosh shoots over Magic center Dwight Howard.

Associated Press

A dozen years after he retired, Tom Lasorda is coming back to manage the Los Angeles Dodgers.

In spring training, that is. The 80-year-old Hall of Fame manager will guide a split squad of 15-20 players for eight games through March while Joe Torre takes the other half to China for a two-game exhibition series.

"There is no one else in the game of baseball like Tommy Lasorda," Torre said Wednesday. "He's excited about it. I thought it was a great idea. He's such a fan favorite. Knowing his enthusiasm for the game, I know he'll embrace it."

This really is a very, very special honor."

It is the Dodgers' final spring training in Vero Beach, Fla., and Lasorda has long been heavily favored Cuban national team. They treated me well."
**Men's Swimming**

Team in second after first day of Big East

By ELLYN MICHALAK

Sports Writer

Notre Dame finds itself in second place after one day of competition in the Big East tournament at the Nassau County Aquatic Center in East Meadow, N.Y.

After finishing last year's championships only 4.5 points behind winner West Virginia, the Irish went into today's meet looking to take back the title they have won three of the last four years.

Sitting in second place out of eleven teams with 68 points, only Louisville remains in front of the Irish with a point total of 74.

Irish coach Tim Welsh said he was very pleased with the day's results.

"I thought we got off to a great start, and I thought the guys swam very well tonight," he said. "Today we were just getting big toe in the water, and we are now looking forward to the rest of the events. I thought they swam great, with everyone racing and setting a university record!"

The Irish captured first place in the 200-yard medley relay.

The team, comprised of sophomore John Lyle, freshman Joshua Nosal, sophomore Andrew Hofflan and sophomore Mackenzie LeBlanc, set a school record with a time of 6:32.45 and also earned an NCAA B-cut time.

During the race, the Irish were trailing first-place Louisville, but eventually pulled ahead to place first in the race. Two members of the above quartet, Lyle and Hoffman, helped set the previous school record during the 2007 Big East meet. Along with current senior Ted Brown and current junior Jeff Wood, they achieved a time of 6:32.67.

The Irish also claimed fifth place in the 200-yard individual medley relay, gaining 28 points in the process. Hoffman, senior Andrew McKay, junior Jeff Wood, and sophomore Amywren Miller, and junior McKay set the new Notre Dame school record with a time of 1:38.87 in the race.

Tomorrow's qualifying matches begin at 10 a.m. Those who meet the qualifying times will compete for points in the final heats at 6 p.m.

Coach Welsh hopes his team performs just as well tomorrow.

"One of the beautiful things about swimming is you don't win by making someone else lose," he said.

"You win by swimming fast. The emphasis is on having every person go as fast as they can. We aim to swim our races as fast as we can and think that we swam them right."

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**ND Women's Swimming**

Irish lead conference meet

By JARED JEDICK

Sports Writer

The women's swimming team jumped out to a roaring start on Wednesday at the Big East championship, finishing in first place after day one of competition with an overall score of 111 points at the Nassau County Aquatics Center in East Meadow, N.Y.

"It was a great overall team effort," assistant coach Joel White said. "Every single person focused and did their part.

Close on their heels was Pittsburgh, with a combined score of 97. Pittsburgh was the only Big East team to defeat the Irish this season in a dual meet.

Connecticut (80), Louisville (78) and West Virginia (77) rounded out the top five after three events.

The Irish performed well in the relays, which are crucial to winning the overall title for the championship because they are worth double the points of individual events in the final standings.

The 200-yard medley relay team of senior Caroline Johnson, freshman Sam Maxwell, freshman Amywren Miller, and junior Christa Biggins set a new Notre Dame record with a time of 1:40.84. This was only good enough for second place, however.

But any time you are not winning the race with that time," White said. "It was a little disappointing to not win the race with that time." He added that the team dropped to third by the end of the relay.

"It was a great overall team," White said. "Any time you are competing on having every person go as fast as they can. We aim to swim our races as fast as we can and think that we swam them right."

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"Kristin's playing better and better. She looked really good in practice today," Louderback said. "She's been playing great doubles, and we're looking to her into some singles."

Although the Irish did not take their last three opponents lightly, Louderback said the last weekend had a different level of competition. "After playing three last week where we were favorites, we're happy to be underdogs again," Jay Louderback, Irish coach.

Louderback said. All three of Duke's wins in the dual season were over ranked opponents.

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Belles senior guard Allison Kessler dribbles past a Bulldogs defender during Saint Mary's 74-63 win over Adrian on Wednesday. Kessler broke the all-time Saint Mary's scoring record in the game.

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four teams in the MIAA will get home-court advantage in the first round of next week's conference playoffs.

Luckily for Saint Mary’s, it began the game on a 15-3 run and never surrendered the lead. The Bulldogs did manage to bring the score to 19-14 with 7:26 left in the first half, only to see the margin swell back to 10 points with 1:25 left. The Belles entered the locker room with a 35-29 lead.

The second half saw much of the same, with Saint Mary’s getting the usual solid contributions from their starters. Kessler, who went 4-for-16 from the field but scored 22 of her game-high 31 points from the free-throw line, was backed up by junior forward Erin Vexrom’s 20 points and 14 rebounds.

The Bulldogs got within four on their first possession of the second half, but again the Belles rallied for a 14-point lead with six minutes to go in the game. Despite a late Adrian rally to get back within six points, Saint Mary’s held on for the important win.

"I'm just happy to be a part of it. I've only been here for two years and Allison started this her freshman year," Henley said. "It's not something we really talk about, it being an individual honor in a team sport, but this team really relies around her and we’re proud of her. We were especially glad she could get in front of her home fans."

The record broken, the game won, Kessler and the Belles now have to look ahead to their next game.

"We really needed this win and Saturday is a must-win for us because then we'll play the first round of conference at home," Kessler said. "At this point we control our own destiny, and we are focused on beating Olivet.

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Hear the cool sounds of the 50th annual collegiate jazz festival

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Starting @ 8am

Irish sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu prepares to serve during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over Ohio State on Feb. 14.
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we haven’t played in a while, but we’ve seen them on TV, so we know them pretty well,” Kurz said.

The last meeting between the two squads at the Joyce Center was on March 5, 2005. The Panthers won 82-75 and dominated inside, scoring 56 points in the paint.

Kurz was a little-used freshman at the time.

“T he guy who was a little used game from the bench,” he said. “They just murdered us on the backourt.

The Irish and Panthers are No. 1 and No. 2 in the conference respectively in rebounding.

“They pride themselves on defense and rebounding,” Kurz said. “It will be key for us to rebound as a team.”

Injuries have been a factor in the 2008-09 season. Guard/forward Mike Cook is out for the season because of a knee injury and forward Jared Veldkamp has also been slowed because of a knee injury he suffered in a 65-64 win over Duke on Dec. 20.

Kurz, who grew up near Cook, said it will be strange to play for the Panthers without his friend in their lineup.

“I’ve known him since seventh grade,” Kurz said. “I’ve played against him many times.”

Point guard Levance Fields had been slowed because of an injury for Pittsburgh. He played 20 minutes on Friday in a 72-54 loss to Marquette, his first action since a Dec. 29 loss to Xavier.

Irish coach Mike Brey said he expects Fields to be near 100 percent for Pitt’s game.

“I’m s afe to predict that he’s going to be a lot healthier than he was last Friday,” Brey said.

In the absence of Cook and Fields, the Panthers will be led by forwards Sam Young and DeJuan Blair, who combine for nearly 30 points per game.

“If you’re going to beat Pitt, you have to defend your paint,” Kurz said.

After Connecticut’s 66-60 win over DePaul Tuesday, Notre Dame fell into fourth place in the Big East, half a game behind the Huskies.

The top four teams get a bye in the conference tournament next month.

If the Irish can beat Pittsburgh, they will draw even with Connecticut and be half a game behind Big East co-leaders Georgetown and Louisville.

Brey said the regular season championship hasn’t entered the team’s mindset yet.

“We want to be in position for a bye in the Big East tournament,” he said. “That’s about as deep as we’ve gotten as far as big picture.”

For Pittsburgh, tonight’s game represents an opportunity for both conference and national advancement.

The Panthers dropped out of the Top 25 after their blowout loss to the Golden Eagles on Feb. 15.

The loss also dropped Pittsburgh to seventh in the Big East.

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Irish coach

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Note:

• Irish great Austin Carr will be honored at halftime of tonight’s game for his induction into the College Basketball Hall of Fame.

Carr played at Notre Dame from 1966 to 1971 and averaged 24.5 points per game during his varsity career. He set the NCAA Tournament record for most points in a game with 61 against Ohio University in 1970.

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have persevered and are four- year players that have made the commitment to becoming great people and on and off the ice,” said Jackson, who inherited the Notre Dame program following Van Guilder’s freshman season.

“It’s the kind of guy who plays all four years of things the right way. He’s a committed athlete, a committed student, he represents himself and our program with a lot of class, and he’s just a very mature young man — the kind of guy you feel comfortable with being in the public arenas or representing us on campus in every aspect of how he behaves and represents himself.”

When Van Guilder reflects on Notre Dame experience, the dramatic goals or big-game wins aren’t the things that come to mind. He has become actively involved in community service, thanks in part to a tougher course load because of his summer school enrollment, but mostly due to an inner drive to give back.

“T hey get all this free time, so we might as well go out there and help a kid,” said Van Guilder, whose 23 points is good for second-best on the Irish squad.

“My favorite part is that we each have a kid we read to every Wednesday, and to see the little guy’s progress ... he loves seeing us there, and it’s fun when you actually see the impact you make on someone’s life.”

Junior right wing Erik Condra, who lived with Van Guilder as a freshman when Van Guilder’s roommate left after first semester, praised not only Van Guilder’s ship ability, but also his willingness to be one of our better offensive players, but also defensively.”

“T hey’re a proud program.”

Van Guilder played a large role in that transition, playing in every game — 150 — in his Notre Dame career, he is just three games shy of breaking the mark set by 2006 grad

That tells you about his dura- bility, his conditioning, and his work ethic — and a good one at that. Much like that of many who have made the mark set by 2006 grad

And that they have, ever since Notre Dame’s most impressive player, brings what he calls “a calming presence” to his role as the team’s captain and recognized leader.

“I don’t show much emotion when I’m really excited or really down; I try not to get too extreme either way,” Van Guilder said. “I’d like to be the calming influence on my team­ mates when things are getting crazy and you’re on the road and it’s not going your way.”

That role has been one of Notre Dame’s most important this up-and-down year, especially following a campaign in which the Irish were ranked No. 1 for much of the regular season.

“It is a lot different than last year, when it was a smooth ride all the way through and all the hoopla and all the hype was just going to be our way,” Van Guilder said. “This year’s only going to make us a better team, better players and better people for it, but it’s def-initely been a bigger challenge.”

Van Guilder said that growing up in a hockey family — and a good one at that. Much like that of many who have made the mark set by 2006 grad

Though being called upon to fulfill duties on the defensive side of the puck and in penalty kill minutes, Van Guilder has also played in every game during this up-and-down year, with which he approaches the game reflects his willingness to do what it takes —or how much potential.

“T heir passing ability for the game is second to none. His whole life is hockey,” Condra said. “His work ethic is kind of the key of the other guys. He came in here and wasn’t the highly sought recruit, but he ended up making his way and doing very well for himself, and he’s relied upon not just to be one of our better offensive players, but also defensively.”

And that is the kind of guy that I look back on as a player and a good one at that. Much like that of many who have made the mark set by 2006 grad

“T hat summarizes my whole career here,” Van Guilder said. “You get up there and play against those guys my freshman year, and coming back and beating them for the third time in a row last season, and for the champi­ onship, was just awesome. That was the highlight of my career — so hopefully I’ll replace that this season.”

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ND has not beaten Pittsburgh since 2003

By CHRIS KHOREY

No. 21 Notre Dame has won 34 straight games at home, but the Irish haven't beaten Pittsburgh anywhere since 2003.

One of those streaks will end tonight at 7 p.m. when the Irish host the Panthers at the Joyce Center.

The last time Notre Dame beat Pittsburgh was on Feb. 9, 2003, when all of the current Irish starters were still in high school. The No. 10 Irish took down the No. 4 Panthers 66-64 in the final seconds.

Notre Dame (19-5, 9-3 Big East) has not faced Pittsburgh (19-6, 7-5) since Jan. 4, 2006, a 108-97 Panther victory at the Petersen Events Center in Pittsburgh.

Irish senior captain Bob Kurz said he and his teammates have followed the Panthers closely despite not facing them on the court.

"It's the only Big East team we've never played," Kurz said.

*two things will end tonight...the 34 game win streak...and...the 3-0 series streak with the Panthers*

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish face three top-20 teams on Tobacco Road

By DAN MASTERTON

The No. 15 Irish (6-4) head to North Carolina to see if Tobacco Road can play more than just basketball.

The stretch of three straight top-20 opponents starts today at 5 p.m. when Notre Dame takes on No. 8 Duke (3-0) at the Sheffield Tennis Center in Durham, N.C. The Irish play No. 19 Wake Forest (2-1) Saturday and No. 5 North Carolina (6-3) Sunday.

The Irish have never beaten the Blue Devils at the Sheffield Tennis Center in four tries.

"We know we're going to have a tough match. They're the No. 1 team in the country," Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

though the Irish have won the last two matches, both on neutral courts. Duke leads the all-time series 12-2. The Blue Devils are hot right now, coming off a 4-3 upset victory over No. 6 Florida.

Reigning ACC Player of the Week and No. 38 singles player in the country, sophomore Elizabeth Potkin, won the decisive three-set match to complete the upset for Duke. The Blue Devils' singles attack is deep, also featuring No. 16 Fillah Nze, who is 3-0 in singles play for the dual season and No. 13 Beka Tsilinszka.

Duke also boasts a top-10 doubles pair in No. 6 Amanda Granson and Melissa Zang. They will square off with Notre Dame's top pair of Brook Burt and Keely Teffli, No. 3 in the nation.

Irish senior Mark Van Guilder dribbles past Huskies junior guard Jarvis Nichols during Notre Dame's 108-62 win over Northern Illinois on Dec. 8. McAlarney averages 15.1 points per game this season, heading into a home game tonight against Pittsburgh.

HOCKEY

Van Guilder shows class on ice

By MATT GAMBER

Coaches and teammates recognize long ago the class with which senior captain Mark Van Guilder handles himself on the ice, in the classroom and in the community.

Now, so is the rest of the country.

Van Guilder, a right wing from Roseville, Minn., has been named one of 10 national finalists for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award (Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School award) — a testament in four years of dedication to a program he has helped redefine, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

"That award is about guys who..." Jackson said.

SMC BASKETBALL

Kessler sets all-time point record in win

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI

Allison Kessler only shot 25 percent from the field in Wednesday's 74-63 win over Adrian, and yet with 433 left in the first half, coach Jennifer Henley called a timeout so Kessler could get a standing ovation from the home crowd.

That's because Kessler had just sunk a free-throw for her 13th point, giving her 1,534 points for her career and breaking the Saint Mary's all-time record previously held by Jennie Taubenheim.

After the game, Kessler said the record had been on her mind coming into the game, but it wasn't the only thing.

"I was just thinking that I wanted to get it over with so I could move on and not have it hanging over my head anymore," she said. "It was really great that they took the time out to recognize it, but at the same time I was more worried about winning the game."

Modesty aside, Kessler was right to be concerned with the team's performance. Coming into Wednesday's contest, the Belles (11-12, 7-8 MIAA) were in a four-way tie for fourth in the MIAA among Alumna, Olivet and Adrian. The top