Santorum discusses ‘war on terror’

Former senator calls conflict’s label inaccurate

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group approves 2008-09 treasurer

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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Fashion is new form of expression for feminists

Modern women use style to make statements

By ELIZABETH KELLY
News Writer

The feminists from "The Feminine Mystique" era were intentionally everything but feminine, but that attitude has evolved, the director of women’s studies at Oakland University said Tuesday.

In a lecture titled "Gathering Storm of the 21st Century," Santorum, a Republican from Pennsylvania, blasted the government for misidentifying the enemy and urged the audience to accept the notion that America must fight alone.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Orioles magic

Right now in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., my beloved Baltimore Orioles are beginning Spring Training. Most fans see this time as one where every team has a chance to win because, until Opening Day, every team is in first place. Even Cubs closer Ryan Dempster thinks that the “lovable losers” will win the World Series — and some Cubbies fans even believe him. I have my own bold prediction to make for the 2008 season: The Orioles will suck. Baltimore’s young talent is still a few years away from developing — if it ever does — and its “veteran leadership” consists solely of Kevin Millar. The O’s have no pitching (rotation or bullpen), no solid cleanup hitter and a few glaring holes on defense. This quick note on Millar, who many people call a “great clubhouse guy,” “All that means is that he can’t hit, can’t catch and can’t run, but, boy, he sure is funny.”

Sad the Orioles will be is not a novel notion this year, just as it has not been any of the last 10 seasons. The real reason I am writing this is because this annual 162-game suckfest has influenced my development at least as much as anything else in my lifetime. I still pine for the Orioles to succeed every year, anticipating each game with youthful exuberance. I love to see the O’s play at Camden Yards, going as often as possible, but often brood silently as I watch them miserably fail. But now the Birds have scammed me. Incompetent ownership, absurd free agent signings and overall poor play have crushed my spirit, leaving me a bitter, jaded fan. The on-field failures of my other favorite teams this season — Irish football and the Baltimore Ravens — I can look past; there is hope on the horizon for both and I can see it. Not for the Orioles. It seems as though they get some sadistic pleasure in losing, and they enjoy passing their pain onto their slowly dwindling loyal fan base. They tease fans with early successes, bringing up near-miss seasons, before weather fans back into the fold before ruthlessly tearing them down after the All-Star Break — if not sooner.

And yet I continue to support them. Maybe it’s stupid or crazy to keep cheering for them now, but for as long as I can remember, I have supported the Orioles; baseball and the O’s was not a part of my youth, they helped define it. I like often tell my girlfriend, even though I love her, the Orioles will always be my first true love, the kind of love you can never let go — no matter how hard you try.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Jay Fitzpatrick at jfitzpa@nd.edu.

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IN BRIEF

ND women’s basketball will play South Florida tonight at 7 in the Joyce Center.

The Gender Relations Center is presenting the Notre Dame panel discussion tonight at 9 in the Coleman-Morse lounge. The discussion will address how competition and perfectionism affect gender relations at Notre Dame.

The Bengal Bouts quarterfinals will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Tickets are available at the Ticket Office.

The film “The Diving Bell and the Butterfly” will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Thursday at 7 p.m.

University President Father John Jenkins will appear on “Office Hours,” hosted by senior Bob Costa, Thursday at 9:30 p.m. on NDtv, channel 33 on campus cable. The episode will also be available online at www.ndtv.net shortly after it airs.

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

The film “I’m Not There,” which tells the story of legendary singer Bob Dylan at different stages of his life and with different actors in the lead role, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Friday at 7 p.m.

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

OFFBEAT

Theater group to auction toilet seats

ROYAL OAK, Mich. — A community theater group in Royal Oak is lifting the lid on its latest fundraising plans. The Detroit Free Press reports toilet seats ornately decorated by artists will be auctioned March 20 to raise money for Stagecrafters.

A public preview is Wednesday at the Baldwin Theatre.

The seats’ names include “Royal Flush,” for one with playing cards, and “Bottom of the 9th,” for another with Detroit Tiger stripes.

Development Director Lesley Phillips says most of the seats are functional.

Marshals looking for suspect fnd gators

DAYTON, Ohio — Dayton police and U.S. marshals called for backup from animal control when they found two alligators instead of the suspected probation violator they were after.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Joshua Hillard said the authorities went to a home Monday morning with an arrest warrant for a man accused of violating his probation in a drug trafficking case. Hillard said people in the house said the suspect wasn’t home but invited the officers in.

That’s when they found the gators, one about 2 feet long and another about 5 feet. Animal control was summoned, and an exotic animal expert arrived to snatch up the reptiles.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.
Groups seek funding for New York City trip

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Members of the Intercultural Learning Community Program (ILCP) and the Center for Women’s Intercultural Learning asked the Board of Governance (BOG) for funds Tuesday to send 24 Saint Mary’s students to New York in April to explore Ellis Island.

“...We are going to a lot of things that are important to America but there are also a lot of things that are internationally significant,” ILCP member and president of the German club Sarah Davenport said.

The program hopes to expose students to places of cultural identity of the United States, like the United Nations headquarters and Ellis Island, said Davenport and fellow ILCP members Meghan Ferrara, Karolyn Wojciech, Kelley Fitzgerald and Jeanne Choquehuanca.

The trip is scheduled for April 4-6, but the group is still searching for money to pay for it. They are hoping to change the plan to hold a raffle for a Saint Mary’s sweatshirt and sell hot chocolate to help raise money. The group is hoping to raise the money in order to “see the richness and the culture New York has to offer,” Ferrara said.

In other BOG news:

♦ Student body president Kim Hodges said there will be a Chicago Bus Trip on March 15. Students interested in going must pre-register with BOG.

♦ The Student Activities Board (SAB) will be having breakfast in Le Mans Hall on March 10 said SAB president Cassie Callon. Panera bagels and juice will be served.

♦ Women’s Appreciation Week will be March 10-14, said Abby Hinchy, president of the Student Diversity Board (SDB). The board will be giving out 500 flowers in honor of the week, in addition to showing a movie.

♦ Theology on Fire will be held tonight at 8 in the Student Center Lounge, said Mary Frantz, Campus Ministry commissioner.

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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 salaries, about six to 10 hours a week. Please contact Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu or Kyle West at kwesti@nd.edu if interested.
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Fashion
spent several years interviewing young women across the country, Reger came to the conclusion that this trend—which she describes as “oppositional fashion”—is making an important statement for contemporary feminism.

Reger noted that the feminist movement of the 1960s and 1970s “looked at fashion as a form of enslavement” and viewed conventional concepts of femininity and sexuality as something created by patriarchal society. In her research, however, she found that contemporary feminists “are now reclaiming the feminine as something powerful.”

She suggested that the trend is a backlash against the 1960s feminist stance on sex. Reger said some contemporary feminists complain that earlier feminists “made feminists so repressed and uptight that feelings of sexuality had been totally destroyed.”

Women who were a part of the feminist movements of the 1960s and 1970s often have trouble understanding this trend among contemporary feminists, viewing current fashion statements as a step back in the fight for women’s rights, Reger said. Others may trivialize contemporary feminist fashion as “just playing with clothes.”

Reger, however, said the women who make full use of their clothes and bodies to express themselves—and in the process redefine ideas of femininity and sexuality—are doing something significant.

“In politicizing fashion, the body has become a sign of resistance,” Reger said.

She told the audience about a photograph taken at the 2004 March for Reproductive Rights, in which the two women are shown topless—with the exception of two carefully placed stickers promoting abortion rights.

“They want you to look at them in a certain way,” Reger said. “Where they’re drawing your eye has a political message.”

But because of the tendency to ignore the reality of contemporary feminists “oppositional fashion” as a form of protest or expression, several sociologists believe the feminist movement is dead, Reger said. But Reger believes the movement is “very much alive,” even though modern feminists may not organize in the same ways they did 40 years ago.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rebels attack buses, bomber kills 8

BAGHDAD — Insurgents targeted passenger buses north of Baghdad on Tuesday, as a suicide bomber killed at least eight people west of Mosul and gunmen seized 21 men traveling through Diyala Province.

The latest bloodshed highlighted the slow-going, punch-counterpunch U.S.-led campaign against al-Qaida in Iraq, more than a month after Iraq's prime minister said he expected the fight for Mosul to be decided in days.

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IN THE NEWS

Power plant shutdown affects 3 million

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No one was injured, and the shutdown was expected to last about six hours, according to authorities.

Authorities said there were no safety concerns at the nuclear plant and were working to pinpoint the outage cause. While many areas were hit hard, most of the outages were brief and only a few hundred thousand people lacked electricity for the evening commute home.

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Storms ravish Southeast, kill two

ST PETERSBURG, Fla. — A major snow storm spread heavy snow across the Great Lakes region Tuesday and fired up violent thunderstorms that knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses in the Southeast.

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LOCAL NEWS

Antiterror official returns to Purdue

INDIANAPOLIS — The head of Indiana's Department of Homeland Security is resigning to return to Purdue University, the governor announced Tuesday.

J. Eric Ditze has been the agency's executive director since March 2005, when Gov. Mitch Daniels combined the emergency management and homeland security functions into a single department.

Daniels named Joe Wainscott, director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, as Ditze's replacement.

The change of heart came after the performance.

Kim's absence, saying: "I have yet to see the president of the United States at one of my concerts. Sometimes a statesman is too busy." Former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry attended the performance and called it a "historic moment," remembering how close the countries came to war in 1994 amid a crisis over the North's nuclear program.

NORTH KOREA

Orchestra's visit brings hope for better ties

PYONGYANG — The New York Philharmonic's unprecedented concert could herald warmer ties between the Koreas and the United States.

After three encorecs, some musicians said they were moved by the outpouring of tears as the audience waved fondly.

Between horn fanfares and the flourish of the conductor's baton, some of the U.S. and North Korea found common ground in a concert Tuesday that spanned American and Korean musical traditions.

Whether the feeling lingers after the music will depend on the North's compliance with an international push to rid it of nuclear weapons.

After the New York Philharmonic played the last notes of the folk song "Ariang," the adoring audience sized and applauded enthusiastically, waving to the musicians.

Orchestra members some moved to tears — paused with their instruments and waved back, an emotional finale to the concert that was the highlight of the Philharmonic's 48-hour visit.

The enraptured crowd drew music fans who have shown the security improvement has helped to cool anxiety among Koreans and turned vot­ ers' focus to economic problems at home.

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Islam already," he said. Santorum also said moderate Muslims would be the people most important to engage and debate the radicals.

With the discussion of the "war on terror" permeating the country, Santorum said that American people need to educate themselves on the actual enemy. Santorum said there are three issues that need to be addressed more: the distinction between the two warring cultures, the origins of the conflict, and the question of what leaders need to do about the conflict. He defined the enemy as radical jihadists — in religious terms because they define themselves in religious terms.

"I think the way to do this is to talk about the fundamentalism of America," he said. "If you bring about a Crusade, as they believe, I think that fundamentalism is all there is."

Santorum said the way to engage the jihadists is often portrayed as a "brave moderate" and "bravo moderate" response. Santorum said the way he sees things is that we need to have a "radical" response to the "radical" enemy.

"The problem is how do we deal with this enemy, how do we define this enemy, and how do we work with the rest of the world," he said.

Santorum said that the distinction between the two cultures is in the perception of time and importance. America is a brand new baby, he said. "They are in a holy war. They are in a holy war." The American people will not sustain this war unless they know that they are fighting a holy war. "And they don't."

Santorum said the most profound difference between the American and Islamic cultures is in the perception of time. The culture we're dealing with has a different perspective of time and importance. America is a brand new baby, he said. "As a result of us being so young, we happen to think we're really important, really special." The way the two cultures look at problems is also important in the religious jihad.

"We think we can deal with problems and deal with them quickly. The ancient world is different. They look at problems differently — they have much more patience in dealing with enemies. The jihadis count the youngness and the impatience of America," Santorum said.

Santorum answered his third question on the origin of the conflict and the differences by looking at the lives of the two cultures' respective central religious figures — Jesus Christ and the Prophet Muhammad. While Jesus was a peaceful leader who "never wars," Santorum said, Muhammad established a kingdom, killed by the sword and enacted laws believed to be divine — to govern the kingdom.

"The jihadis think they have an easier time looking at Muhammad as a role model for acts of violence than they do the United States. The United States have a reason to fight," he said.

Santorum said the fight against the jihadists is best viewed in terms of the distinction between Sunni and Shiite Muslims. "For the distinction most Americans who follow foreign affairs should know, but don't.

After Muhammad's death, many elders wanted to elect among themselves a new leader. Others believed the leadership should remain within Muhammad's bloodline. The former group became the Sunnis, while the latter became the Shiites.

The majority Sunnis attempted to purge Islam of the Shiites by killing off the ruling descendants of Muhammad, who took the title of "Imam." After the death of the 11th Imam, who most Shiites believed to be the last descendant, the Sunnis thought they were victorious. But in Shiite tradition, a 12th Imam, the Mahdi, revealed himself as the burial of his predecessor and then went into hiding. Many Shiites, who make up the majority of Iran's population and political leaders, believe the Mahdi will eventually return either at the end of the millennium. Santorum stressed that the United States has no role in the resurrection of the leaders or the Mahdi.

"The problem is how do we solve this with people with in the Islamic world," he said. Santorum said that the United States can create space for moderate Muslims to engage theologically the ideology of the jihadis. And we need to condemn those who are pseudo-moderates who condemn the violence but support the theology. Santorum also said that America must not only be educated about the jihadis but also on itself and what is at stake.

Santorum also said that the jihadis believe that America is their manifest destiny, that America must not only be educated about the jihadis but also on itself and what is at stake. "This is America's hour," Santorum said. "Like Britain in 1940, we are alone. Completely alone. We will not have anybody at our side. Just us. Just those who hold on to the tenets of Western civilization, those who have a reason to fight."
**Economists fear stagflation returning**

Toxic mix of rising prices and slowing economy could be on the horizon, experts say.

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| CANADIAN DOLLAR | 0.9820 |
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**IN BRIEF**

Down up on IBM's $15 billion buyback

**NEW YORK** — Wall Street reversed earlier losses and rallied Tuesday after IBM approved a $15 billion stock buyback, suggesting to investors that there are still some companies out there with a healthy financial muscle. The Dow Jones industrial average rose more than 110 points. IBM Corp., one of the 30 companies that make up the Dow, said the buyback will boost its earnings for 2008 past Wall Street's prior forecasts. Shares of Big Blue vaulted $4.30, or 3.9 percent, to $114.38.

The buyback news followed two dismal economic reports: core wholesale prices shot up more than expected last month and that consumer confidence is waning. The data reinforced worries that the United States is suffering from stagflation, a state where the economy loses steam.

"The market is kind of overcoming negative news, which is potentially a next step toward higher prices," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "At least in the short-term. It's a nice nice change here."  

**Writers Guild approves new contract**

**LOS ANGELES** — Members of the Writers Guild of America have overwhelmingly approved a new contract with Hollywood studios that increases pay for shows offered on the Internet, the union said Tuesday. The deal was endorsed by 93.6 percent of the 4,000 votes cast in Los Angeles and New York. "This contract is a new beginning for writers and unions," said Patric M. Verrone, president at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "At least in the short-term, it's a nice nice change here."  

**House prices still falling nationwide**

NEW YORK — House prices may still have a long way to fall. Even after much of the nation, home values are dropping — even those backed by solid mortgages — and banks are repossessing more every day. Most experts say the dive won't hit bottom for another year and only then after excess inventory is sharply reduced and credit markets improve.

More government intervention may be needed, too, if the free market system doesn't work quick enough. "The housing value crisis is spreading and deepening," said David Abromowitz, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress. "It has gone way beyond subprime borrowers stretched too far with bad loans and now has clearly extended into the housing markets more broadly."  

U.S. home prices dropped 8.9 percent in the final quarter of 2007 compared with a year ago, according to the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index released Tuesday. That marked the steepest decline in the index's 20-year histo

Meanwhile, the narrower office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight released Tuesday that national prices dipped 0.3 percent in the fourth quarter, the first annual decline in 16 years. Eleven states posted declines in values for the year, while prices in nine states appreciated more than 5 percent.

The OFHEO index is calculated using mortgages of $417,000 or less that are bought or backed by government-sponsored mortgage companies Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. That excludes properties bought with some of the riskier types of home loans or homes in more expensive markets like California and the Northeast.

"We reached a somber year-end for the housing market in 2007," said Robert Shiller, one of the archivists of the S&P/CASE-Shiller index. "Home prices across the nation and in most metro areas are significantly lower than where they were a year ago. Wherever you look, things look bleak."  

"Maybe things won't be so bad. Stock prices rose for the day, continuing a recent mini-rally. And Federal Reserve vice chairman Donald Kohn said in a speech that he doesn't expect the recent elevated inflation readings to persist. "But the recent information on prices undermines the need to continue to monitor the inflation situation very carefully," he added.

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"The observer Business"
Smile continued from page 1 world that contribute to these efforts with funds and volunteers.

During November and December last year, Doe and the 14 other members of Operation Smile held a cookie sale, the biggest fundraiser in the club's history, and raised about $2,000. "We sold cookies in LaFortune and by going door to door," Doe said. "Students sold to friends, family, and dorm mates...we also did not hurt that it was Christmas time."

The club hopes to repeat that success when it holds a second Christmas time. "It is so rewarding to see all of the money we raise go directly to those who need it," Doe said. She also encouraged students to join the club to help make "a tangible difference in the lives of children around the world." "It's so rewarding to see all of the people who want to win. She said anybody interested in being one of the best smiles on campus should e-mail her.

Doe became involved in Operation Smile because she believes in "the power of a smile," she said.

The Notre Dame chapter of Operation Smile began in 2003 with then-student Dan Musick.

Contact Laura Lisowski at llisowsk@nd.edu

The club plans to find 5-10 people on campus with a "fantastic" smile, take their picture and it above a collection bin in LaFortune, Doe said. Students will donate money to the person they want to win. She said anybody interested in being one of the best smiles on campus should e-mail her.

Candidates may be nominated by faculty, staff, or fellow students.

For a nomination form, please visit our website at: http://osa.nd.edu/programs-and-links/dennymooreaward.shtml

Nominations are due by Tuesday, March 11, 2008.
Associated Press

**Wildfires across the state**

"It's still hot here," said Robert Lee Superintendent Aaron Hood, who sent his wife and two children to nearby San Angelo overnight while he assisted in evacuations. "You can still smell the smoke and smell the fire. If the high winds get up again, we just have to be ready."

He said some homes burned in the smaller communities of Silver and Edith near the E.V. Spence Reserve.

On Tuesday, fires were stoked by winds up to 50 mph.

Three firefighters were injured in a truck accident. David Abernathy, an incident commander with the Texas Forest Service, said Monday he was aware of at least two dozen separate fires across the state and expected there were "many, many more that we don't know about" until local fire departments report in.

"We had so many fires that there is no possible way to have enough firefighters for that many fires," Abernathy said. Texas had the same conditions that you might expect in Southern California with some of their Santa Ana winds. The right conditions came together. It's extremely rare for us to see that."

Some fires were likely started by wind blowing down power lines, he said.

Four firefighters were injured in Archer County, about 200 miles northwest of Robert Lee, when two fire trucks collided head on after one swerved around a car that pulled out onto the road, said Becky Purser, the county's emergency management coordinator. Jeffery said two firefighters in West Texas were treated for smoke inhalation Monday.

While residents were allowed to return, schools remained closed Tuesday.

Associated Press

**Suicide bomber kills high-ranking general**

ISLAMABAD — A suicide bomber on Monday killed the Pakistan army's Surgeon General, the highest-ranking military officer to die in an attack since President Pervez Musharraf joined America's war against terrorism.

The strike was a reminder of the extremist threat just as Musharraf resists pressure to step down.

A presidential spokesman on Monday dismissed suggestions Musharraf himself survived an "extremist" attempt Monday to kill him.

"He was not injured," presidential spokesman Sheikh Rasheed Ahmad told reporters. "He is in a safe place, whether it is the army or civilian home." The spokesman would not say where Musharraf was. Ahmad would not confirm reports that Musharraf's daughter was together with him when the bomber struck.

Musharraf's office said he was unharmed.

The bomber was thought to be a female explosives expert and had been training at a militant camp in Afghanistan.

Pakistan army's Surgeon General, Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said Baig was the most senior army officer killed in an attack since Pakistan sided with Washington after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Musharraf himself survived at least three attempts on his life before he retired as army chief in November.

Abbas said it was unclear who was behind Monday's attack.

The government blamed "extremist elements" who were "damaging the cause of Islam" and spoiling Pakistan's international reputation. Authorities will "not let the perpetrators succeed in their evil designs," caretaker Prime Minister Mohammedmian Soomro said.

Suicide bombers have struck repeatedly in Rawalpindi, where the army has its headquarters, in recent months, mostly targeting security forces. A gun and suicide attack also killed opposition leader Benazir Bhutto as she left a campaign rally in the city on Dec. 27.

Bhutto's party finished first in Feb. 18's parliamentary elections, while supporters of Musharraf were trounced, prompting some opposition leaders to call for him to resign.

The Bush administration appears to want Musharraf to continue in office even as it shifts its focus to his successor as army chief and the next government.

However, Sen. Joe Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who met Musharraf after observing the election, said Sunday he would advise the president to seek a "dignified" removal from office.

"I firmly believe if they [political parties] do not focus on old grudges — and there's plenty in Pakistan — and give him a graceful way to move, then it could happen," Biden, a Democrat, said on ABC television.
Last month, the Washington Post reported that suicides among active-duty military personnel have reached their highest level since 1980. It was also reported last month that the U.S. is not prepared for a catastrophic attack on the country. The suicide rate among soldiers and America’s lack of preparedness for a national emergency are both symptoms of a larger problem: our overseas commitments have stretched our military too thin. Redeployments and longer stays in war zones are putting increasing amounts of mental and physical stress on the servicemen in our armed forces, and our two-front war has left much of our military equipment incapable. Clearly, our current military policy is unsustainable.

Thus, it is no surprise that all of the leading presidential candidates have called for an increase in the size of our military. Hillary Clinton has called for increasing our military by 80,000 troops, Barack Obama, although pledging to remove all combat brigades from Iraq within 16 months of his presidency, believes that our military should be enlarged with 65,000 additional forces in the Army and 27,000 in the Marines. Joe Biden says that, despite the fact that John McCain doesn’t give a specific number for a troop increase, but one can only imagine how many more troops we’ll need to carry out his planned 100-year occupation of Iraq and “bomb, bomb, bomb Iran” military adventurism.

The leading candidates feed us feel-good proposals for a larger military, but they seem to be overlooking the feasibility of their plans. In 2005, the Pentagon announced plans to increase the size of the Army by 30,000, but by the end of the year the Army had had the worst recruiting year in three decades. How do Obama, McCain and Clinton expect to add 100,000 troops to our military when we can’t even increase it by 30,000? In 2006 and 2007, the Army got back on track and met its recruiting goals, but only because it enlisted a larger percentage of applicants with low test scores and it recruited more soldiers who require a waiver for felony convictions. The Army wants 90 percent of its recruits to have high school diplomas, but only 79 percent of last year’s recruits did. Lowering standards to increase enlistment can cover shortages for a brief period of time. But if done for too long, the quality of our armed services will suffer.

Finding adequate replacements for our military will be a daunting task, so I’d like to offer up the following four-part plan to any presidential candidate who wishes to adopt it as his own.

1. Reintroduce conscription.
America’s youth have become too apathetic, and most college students will graduate feeling unfulfilled having never burned their draft cards, marched on Washington for the Main Building or smoked weed while listening to Bob Dylan. It’s time to revitalize a true spirit of patriotism and ‘loyalty to petrified opinions never yet broke a chain or freed a human soul’.

2. Increase immigration. McCain has received a lot of flack from conservatives for his amnesty-granting comprehensive immigration plan, but this plan is a surefire way to increase the size of our military. Open our borders, let immigrants in, and then send them to the Middle East.

3. Outlaw abortion. If our politicians want more pieces for their war games, our country has to stop killing our babies before the chess match even starts.

4. Reduce our foreign military commitments. This is probably the most radical part of my plan. Not including the 250,000 troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, we currently have 300,000 troops stationed in 120 countries around the world. I don’t know why we have 1,300 troops in Belgium and another 1,200 in Senegal, which makes me suspect that they could be put to better use elsewhere. We also maintain 36,000 troops in Germany and 33,000 troops in Japan even though these countries are two of the world’s top-five economies. I realize there’s a possibility that Hitler will return, but I also think that Germany and Japan can afford to take care of themselves. Finally, let’s put a stop to any further military entanglements. Ahmadinejad might be insane, but he’s easier to deal with than the anarchic terrorists that would replace him if we were to overthrow Iran’s government and attempt an occupation.

Our military is currently in shambles from over expansion. Our personnel are worn out, our equipment is damaged and America’s has been left unguarded. Instead of quoting rhetic about an increasingly large military, our presidential candidates should be reconsidering the role of our foreign troop commitments and start making promises to bring home as many as possible.

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Quote of the Day

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Mark Twain

author
U-Wire

Nader presents third option

It's deja vu all over again. On NBC's "Meet the Press," Ralph Nader announced his decision to make a run for the White House. Again. The self-proclaimed independent has tried and failed to do so four times already, and apparently, he's not intimidated by the heated race.

To say the least, the Democrats aren't jumping for joy over the news. The last few times he's tried to make a run, Democrats cried waterfalls over his siphoning votes away from their candidates, namely Al Gore in 2000. Nader himself said it was the Democrats' fault their candidate failed to establish a platform that could mix the Republicans' chances.

Democrats are already on the offensive. John Pearce, the director of Ralph-dentrun.com, said on the website, "We continue to strongly believe that any one's agenda. In this case, that means helping elect Republicans." Pearce and others hope a Sen. Barack Obama nomination will make Nader more invisible than he was in 2004, thereby staking the claim that a Nader m ore invisible than he was in 2004, thereby staking the claim that a Nader candidacy in the U.S. two-

would falter to the Republicans as a result of yet another Nader intrusion. As Pearce suggests, only the power of the one candidate operates on a narrow ideological base. The progressive community demands real change to turn this country around and a candidate who agrees with their politics.

Americans shouldn't have to compromise their political integrity simply because the candidates operate on a narrow ideological base. The progressive community demands real change to turn this country around and a candidate that embodies that mentality.

It's your choice between two candidates whose outlook is, at the end of the day, only marginally different. It's John Jackson or Jack Johnson. Do you give people what they want, or do you agree with their politics?

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It's John Jackson or Jack Johnson. Disagree with both? Then tough shit, you're out of luck.

Nader was never siphoning votes. He's giving people what they want - a candidate who agrees with their politics.

In our current political atmosphere, change is not easy to come by. It's more than just a word that a candidate can use to get his supporters riled up at a rally. John Nichols of The Nation explained, "Nader is running for the same reason he has run in the past: Because the likely nominees of the two major parties do not begin to meet the standards that might reasonably be asked of progressive contenders in 21st-century America."

I'll admit, rather reluctantly, that I voted for Nader in 2004. I was young and easily duped by what I thought were the possibilities of American democracy. All it takes is one vote, right?

His stark progressivism seduced me only four years ago and he's slowly starting to do it again.

In the simplest matter of understanding, he's like Ron Paul minus the radical libertarianism. He's slightly more temperate than Dr. No but still remains radically different from his political counterparts.

His platform revolves around deconstructing the delimiting control of corporatism. In compliance with philosophers such as Leo Tolstoy, he believes rampant corporatism is simply a form of under-the-table fascism, where the public's interests are continually subverted by the needs of the market.

It's most likely too late, however, for Nader, and his chances at the Oval Office certainly fall under the "slim to none" category.

Paul's grassroots campaign (which has undoubtedly failed to get him a Republican bid despite its strength) was brewing for well over a year. He had a surprisingly effective marketing team that knew how to spread the word through e-outlets and motivate younigons from across the nation to spout "Ron Paul '08!" like it was their job.

But, perhaps Nader is in the game for the same reasons as Paul — to spice things up a bit, to bring to the forefront issues that would otherwise escape the askew perspectives of American politics and our unchecked media machine.

As Nichols suggests, Nader is "quite rational in his awareness that he will not be sworn in as president on Jan. 20, 2009." He's there on principle.

While I probably won't vote for Nader again, his participation in the race is a righteous personal journey that's unfurled since his first presidential bid in 1992. A crusade, if you will, to show that progressives can still have a say in our country's affairs.

Get the help you need

My name is Tara Gilbride, and I would like to share a secret with you in recognition of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week. I have an eating disorder.

Now I would like to share another secret: I am not alone. An estimated 25 percent of college-aged women are affected by some form of disordered eating. This means that here at Notre Dame, approximately 1,000 women are affected. The problem with this statistic is these women are not getting help. And eating disorders carry a stigma.

Tim Strube  Daily Trojan

No one should have to go through the pain of an eating disorder alone. It takes a lot of courage to ask for help in treating an eating disorder without the help of a doctor or counselor. Women are not getting help. And eating disorders carry a stigma.

The "midterms" comic published on Monday actually hurts the opposite group that it intends to. It makes Notre Dame students look ignorant and arrogant. Notre Dame is a big fish in a little pond: South Bend. Outside of South Bend there are much bigger ponds that Notre Dame would feel much smaller in. Remember that and stop trying to instigate a debate that isn't even valid and has been beaten into the ground. Not to mention one that I truly believe the majority of this community does not want to have.

If The Observer's mission is to serve the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, then I suggest it start promoting the shared and unique aspects of both schools that we are all proud of, and stop encouraging material that turns this community against itself.

Liz Froehlke  junior  Holy Cross Hall  Feb. 26

Offensive comic strip demeans women

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Do you have a say in our country's affairs?

This column first appeared in the Feb. 26 issue of the Daily Trojan, the daily campus newspaper of the University of Southern California. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

End the chant

Dear Notre Dame student body:

While attending the Syracuse game this weekend, I came to the realization that it is absolutely necessary to end the "suck it" cheer debate and the cheer altogether. I don't find it morally reprehensible, or even disrespectful to the opponent. I just think it's stupid. The last time I uttered the phrase, it was during pro wrestling in seventh grade. I could be wrong, but I believe we're more clever than this.

Ryan Barb senior  Holy Cross Hall  Feb. 26

Please remember to recycle the Observer...
Scene’s Top Video Picks

JJ Ross’ Dunk
Judging from the crowd’s reaction, apparently JJ does this two or three times a game.

Apple Soundtrack
Someone with too much time on their hands makes a song using the computer presets from a Mac. Way better than you would imagine.

Papelbon Learns Spanish!
The man catch pitch, and we know the man can dance — but it appears he can’t speak Spanish all too well.

Parkour Soccer
Even if you aren’t a fan of the beautiful game, you will admire the skill of these guys passing the ball back and forth — while doing front hand springs ... on a bridge.

Gmail Painting
Ever thought about painting your dorm room to look like a giant mural of Google’s Gmail? Just in case, you should watch this.

Star Wars According to a 3-Year-Old
In case the mysteries of the galaxy far, far away are just a little too confusing, you can have them explained to you by this 3-year-old girl.
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BRITISH SEA POWER'S
latest lacks emotion

By MYCHAL STANLEY
Scene Writer

With the title of its latest album, British Sea Power asks the world a simple question: "Do You Like Rock Music?" Well, British Sea Power, most people do. But they might not be so sure if they like your rock music.

See, rock music is supposed to be more than just the music. It's a state of mind. It's a way of life. It's an attitude. Everyone knows that, but British Sea Power seems to have forgotten that when it made one of the most boring and derivative rock albums in recent memory.

Well, it's all right to be a little derivative. Every good act is borrowing from someone else. Even The Beatles made their share of covers, and the Fab Five sure didn't invent the genre. They just fit it to themselves — made it their own — and by doing so, they made it better.

This is not trying to say that British Sea Power should be The Beatles. But honestly, what's the point in trying your hand at an honest rock album if you're not going to inject your own personality and emotion into ideas that you stole from other acts?

In this album, there are echoes of The Arcade Fire, U2, The Pixies, among others. And that's OK! Really, it is. These are great bands, and any band worth its weight in salt water would be honored even to be mentioned in the same sentence as these bands.

But the problem here is that the sounds are stolen from these bands are not changed at all. BSP doesn't apply them to a new aesthetic. They don't give them better arrangements. They don't treat them well in your hands, care for them, and nourish them. No, in BSP's hands, these stolen sounds die because they have no heart.

Don't get mad. This is not saying BSP doesn't play them well. In fact, BSP is a very technically proficient band. All the instruments are played well. The production is solid. It all sounds fine, but it's just all so empty — so cold.

Take the song "A Trip Out," for example. This song was everything this album could be: short, punchy and fast-paced. It's a fist-pumper to be sure, and it's a good rock song. But instead BSP buries it in the middle of the album, and starts out with what sounds like an Arcade Fire demo tape and a bloated, formless, shapeless blob of a song that tries so many rock song clichés, that it just breaks down under the weight.

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Marion's big night helps Heat snap 11-game skid

Turkoglu chips in 17 points in the fourth quarter to seal win over Nets; Howard picks up 50th double-double of season

Associated Press

MIAMI — For one night, it all worked. Half-court alley-oop passes, 3-pointers in transition, even the occasional lucky bounce off the grille.

The Miami Heat still have the worst record in the NBA. But they looked terrific Tuesday night.

Shawn Marion scored 24 points and 14 rebounds. Udonis Haslem added 17 and the Miami Heat used a huge third quarter to beat the Sacramento Kings 107-86 and snap an 11-game losing streak.

“We know we’ve had it in us,” a visibly relieved Heat coach Pat Riley said. “I don’t know where it’s been. But tonight, we played extremely well. We just played a complete game for 48 minutes.

“I feel like a mosquito in a nudist colony,” Riley added. “I just don’t know where to start.”

Dwyane Wade finished with 15 points and nine assists for the Heat, who won for just the second time in their last 28 games and did so in style, with their largest margin of the season.

Miami held Sacramento to 10 points in the first 14 minutes of the third quarter, a Heat franchise record. The Heat had a 31-11 edge in points in the third quarter, the largest margin of the season.

Sacramento missed its first 14 shots of the third quarter, not getting anything from the field until Rudy Gay finally scored with 8:41 to play. But once the Kings scored, they ripped off 11 points in a row.

By then, Miami was in full control.

“That probably is about the worst we’ve played all year,” Kings coach Reggie Theus said.

The guys were not focused on winning,” coach Stan Van Gundy said. “He gets the opportunities and he comes through when we have put the ball in his hands in those situations.

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“Wow. Wow,” Artest said, when asked about the third quarter.

“They came out and took that third quarter of mine away. None other way when you’ve got a good chance to win the game.”

Indeed, it was a rare easy night for Miami, who enjoyed a 20-point lead at one time this season. The Heat led Charlotte by as many as 29 for 107-110 victory.

Sacramento still has slim play-off hopes in the loaded West, but has dropped two straight and faces the Heat, who won for just the second time in their last 28 games and did so in style, with their largest margin of the season.

Miami held Sacramento to 10 points in the first 14 minutes of the third quarter, a Heat franchise record. The Heat had a 31-11 edge in points in the third quarter, the largest margin of the season.

Sacramento missed its first 14 shots of the third quarter, not getting anything from the field until Rudy Gay finally scored with 8:41 to play. But once the Kings scored, they ripped off 11 points in a row.

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“When you have a couple going in, you always feel hot,” Turkoglu said. “By the way, that wasn’t a fadeaway 3. That was my normal 3. It was a tough shot though. Like I said, it always feels good and you always think it’s the
HOUSTON — All-Star center Yao Ming is out for the season with a stress fracture in his left foot, a stunning blow to the surging Houston Rockets.

General manager Daryl Morey made the announcement Tuesday, hours before the Rockets put their 12-game winning streak on the line against the Washington Wizards.

Yao was having a terrific season, averaging 22 points and 10.8 rebounds per game. "It is not an injury we feel we can play with," Rockets team doctor Tom Clanton said. "I've made the recommendation that it be treated surgically and we are working with him to get other opinions just to be certain that that is indeed what should be done."

If Yao chooses surgery, Clanton said, it would involve placing screws across the bone to hold it together. The second option would be to treat it with a cast and crutches. Both options involve a healing time of about four months.

Clanton said he would not expect Yao to be able to play this season at any point.

"It's a pretty big swing from a high to a low, how we were playing," Morey said. "We feel like our supporting cast is superior to when we played without Yao in the past. We remain ready for the challenge ahead."
Pats’ Colvin among newest cuts

New York Jets cut three former starters; Vikings trade Williamson

Associated Press

Linebacker Roosevelt Colvin, who played on two Super Bowl-winning New England teams but was plagued by injuries throughout his time with the Patriots, was released by the team Tuesday.

Colvin, who went out with a foot injury after 11 games last season, was signed as a free agent from Chicago in 2003. He missed 14 games in 2003, then played all 16 games the next three seasons, registering 207 sacks in those seasons.

The Patriots also cut linebacker Oscar Lua, who missed all of 2007 with a knee injury after being drafted in the seventh round last April.

With the free-agent deadline three days away, several teams cut players to create more cap room.

Wide receiver Eddie Kennison was released by Kansas City after seven seasons there. The Chiefs’ top wide receiver for most of that time, but was limited last season by hamstring and shoulder injuries to only eight games, was released by Kansas City last season by hamstring and shoulder injuries to only eight games, was released by Kansas City.

Kennison, re-acquired in 2004 in a trade with Tennessee, never developed into an impact receiver. In four seasons in New York, he had 141 catches for 2,062 and seven touchdowns. He saw limited action last season, catching just 19 passes for 232 yards.

Dyson, signed as a free agent from Seattle in 2006, had five interceptions in two seasons with the Jets, but just one in nine games last year as a back-up. He started every game at left cornerback until he was injured in Week 15 of the 2006 season, and was then replaced by rookie Darrelle Revis in 2007.

Dyson, bothered by a foot injury throughout training camp, was inactive for six games and didn’t play in the Jets’ last five games.

Clarke struggled as the replacement for Pete Kendall, starting 14 games at left guard last season. He may have sealed his fate when he was beaten by Richard Seymour on Kellen Clemens’ first pass against New England in Week 14. Eugene Wilson intercepted the ball for a touchdown, and the quarterback missed the rest of the game and the following week with a rib injury. Clarke was inactive the last two games.

In a deal that won’t be official until the start of the 2008 free agency season at midnight Feb. 29, Minnesota agreed to send disappointing receiver Troy Williamson to Jacksonville for a sixth-round pick, according to someone familiar with the trade. Williamson was the seventh overall pick in the 2005 draft.

San Francisco re-signed linebacker Roderick Green shortly before the veteran pass-rusher who played on two Super Bowl-winning New England teams but was plagued by injuries throughout his time with the Patriots, was released by the team Tuesday. Green spent parts of the last two seasons with the 49ers.

Cincinnati re-signed receiver Antonio Chatman and defensive end Jonathan Fanene. Chatman agreed to a two-year deal rather than become an unrestricted free agent. Green spent parts of the last two seasons with the 49ers.

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Indiana holds on for narrow victory over Buckeyes

Hoosiers beat Ohio State for first home win under interim head coach Dan Dakich; freshman guard finishes with 17 points

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Dan Dakich thinks Indiana basketball should be about the players. One day soon, it might be again.

Not yet.

The Hoosiers’ high-profile coaching change again overshadowed basketball Tuesday night, and Indiana fans showed Dakich with a victory stroll after No. 12 Indiana beat Ohio State 72-69 — even though Dakich didn’t think he deserved it.

“This isn’t about my stamp or anything like that,” he said afterward. “This is about these players and what they had in front of them before last Friday.”

At stake for the Hoosiers (24-4, 13-2 Big Ten) is their first possible outright Big Ten title since 1993, a high seed in the NCAA tournament and, of course, a sentimental finish for former coach Kelvin Sampson, who resigned amid NCAA allegations of five major rules infractions on Friday.

Dakich was chosen his interim successor and after avoiding a potential player boycott Saturday, won at Northwestern. But after 410 career games as an assistant coach on the Indiana bench for Sampson and Bob Knight, Dakich found himself in new territory Tuesday night. He was greeted with a standing ovation when he walked onto the floor and heard loud cheers when public address announcer Chuck Crabb called his name during pregame introductions.

It was a stark contrast to the torrent of boos Sampson heard during the previous three games at Assembly Hall, and changes were evident all around.

Kent Benson, a star on Indiana’s undefeated national championship team in 1976, made his first appearance of the season after promising not to come back to Assembly Hall until Sampson was gone.

“They made the right decision getting rid of Sampson,” Benson said. “He should have never been here in the first place and now we can move ahead with the integrity and character that Indiana basketball is all about.”

Little changed on the court, though.

Arm on Bassett scored 23 points, hitting four 3-pointers to lead Indiana. Eric Gordon, the Big Ten’s top scorer, finished with 17 points and six rebounds despite shooting just 4-of-16. D.J. White added 16 points and eight rebounds despite fighting cramps and Indiana won its fourth straight, all coming since the university released the NCAA report on Feb. 13.

Several players again wore the initials “KS” on their sneakers, but the crowd was filled with images of the tumult that has rocked this storied program over the past two weeks.

One fan waved a sign that read “Dan Dakich 4 Prez.” Others held placards that read “KS” and “If you ain’t cheating, you ain’t trying.” A woman even caught looking ahead, voicing her opinion for Dakich’s successor by waving a sign in front of Ohio State’s Thad Matta near the end of the halftime break. It read “What’s The Matta? Hire Thad.”

After enduring the circus-like environment of the past two weeks, the Hoosiers just wanted to play basketball.

“We love coach Sampson and we wish he was out there with us,” Bassett said. “But we’re right up there at the top of the Big Ten and we can’t do nothing but get used to it.”

The Buckeyes made that very clear in Tuesday night’s physical slugfest.

Kosta Koufos scored 21 points, Evan Turner had 13 and Jamar Butler and Othello Hunter each had 12, not quite enough to pull the upset. Ohio State (17-11, 8-7) has now lost three straight and five-of-seven, but fought back from a dismal opening to nearly pull the upset.

Indiana guard Eric Gordon puts up a shot past Buckeye center Kosta Koufos in a 72-69 Hoosier win Tuesday.
Penguins beat Islanders allowing 52 shots

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — If the Penguins are going to stay hot when giving up 52 shots, just think how good they'll be when Sidney Crosby and Marian Hossa are passing the puck to each other.

On the day the Penguins won the trade deadline sweepstakes and acquired Hossa from Atlanta to play with Sid the Kid, Ty Conklin said the show.

Conklin made an eye-popping, career-best 30 saves Tuesday night in the Penguins' 4-2 victory over the New York Islanders.

"Sometimes shot charts aren't indicative of the game necessarily," a humble Conklin said.

Tyenyi Malkin and Jeff Taffe scored first-period goals for trade-depleted Pittsburgh, and Conklin in the second period, coming up in December after Marc-Andre Fleury injured an ankle. Conklin has gone 5-0-2.

Pittsburgh jumped over Ottawa and is just one point behind New Jersey for the lead in the Eastern Conference and Atlantic Division.

"I haven't seen a goalie steal a game like that this year," Penguins defender Ryan Whitney said. "He is probably our MVP since Sid went out, he and Malkin. It's not something we want to have to make a habit of though." 

Just hours after the Penguins made the biggest splash by acquiring Hossa for forwards Colby Armstrong and Erik Christensen, Pittsburgh pulled out a win despite being outshot 52-26.

Frans Nielsen scored on Conklin in the second period to get the Islanders within 2-1. Trent Hunter hit the crossbar less than 2 minutes into the third, and New York dropped its second straight following a six-game winning streak.

"We thought if we kept pressing them, we'd score some goals and take over the game, and we didn't do that," forward Brendon Sutton said. "It just wasn't our day. We just have to remember what we did for six games in a row."

Pittsburgh went 2-for-4 on the power play, compared to 1-for-9 for New York, on the outside of the Eastern playoffs.

"I'm not really sure we played our best game," Conklin said.

"We had a good meeting," coach Michel Therrien said. "Who is fresh goes on the ice."

"It was like pickup hockey," Martin Brodeur said. "I don't know if there's any reason to shake it up." 

Boston beat the Ottawa Senators, who also had a pro-game talk amid specialization that more changes are in store.

"There's any reason to shake it up."
NCAA Men’s Basketball
Vandy upsets UT, win streak now at 7
Commodores 18-of-18 at home this season

This time, the Commodores had a sellout crowd making it even louder than what the Vols faced from a bigger group in Memphis’ FedExForum. In Memorial, sound just rolls off the cinder block walls and back onto the floor, and one sign summed up the Vols’ fate: "Enjoy Second Place Next Week."

The combination of the travel and quick turnaround left the Vols exhausted, and it showed in the first half as they hit only eight of 34 shots, too often shooting away from beyond the 3-point line where they hit only 5-of-17. They finished 20-of-61.

Wayne Chism, who had 18 points and 18 rebounds when Tennessee beat Vandy in Knoxville 80-60 last month, had four points and four rebounds.

Vanderbilt led 31-28 at the break after nearly blowing a 14-point lead in the opening half. The teams swapped the lead four times with three ties before Alan Metcalfe’s 3-pointer broke a 43-all tie with 14:20 left, and Vandy never trailed again.

Tennessee stayed close enough to keep sending Vandy to the free throw line and pulled within 72-69 on Chism’s dunk with 7.5 seconds. But Ross Neltner got the ball past the Vols’ pressing defense, Foster threw it up court to Keegan Bell. The Vols fouled him with 1.8 seconds left, and he missed both attempts. But a late throw at the basket went deep into the seats after the buzzer.

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Vanderbilt forward Shan Foster celebrates with the home crowd as he walks off the court after the Commodores’ 72-69 win Tuesday.

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Volunteers found out being No. 1 can be tougher than beating No. 1.

Shan Foster scored 32 points and No. 18 Vanderbilt knocked off Tennessee 72-69 on Tuesday night — a day after the Vols moved into the top spot in the rankings for the first time in school history.

The Vols (25-3, 11-2 Southeastern Conference) beat then-No. 1 Memphis on Saturday night 66-62 on the western edge of Tennessee for their ninth straight victory to earn that spot themselves, then had to travel back to the middle part of the state to defend then-No. 1 ranking for the first time.

Vanderbilt (24-4, 9-4) has hosted the No. 1 team nine times in its 56 years at Memorial Gym, and the Commodores improved to 6-3 overall in those games with victories in the past four, including then-No. 1 Florida last year. The Commodores also now have won all 18 home games this season and 31 of their last 32.

Jermaine Beal added 17 points and Alex Gordon 11 as Vanderbilt won its seventh straight. The Dores moved into a tie with Kentucky for second in the SEC East, a mere game behind the Vols with three to play.

Chris Lofton led Tennessee with 25 points. Tyler Smith, playing with the flu, had 11 points and a career-high 17 rebounds.

The Commodores celebrated by high-fiving classmates as they walked and skipped between the student section and the campus officers keeping them off the court.

These rivals separated by less than 200 miles hadn’t played in Nashville with both ranked since 1968. Vandy won that game also.
Belles beat Olivet in MIAA tourney

By GRIFFIN DASSATI
Sports Writer

A five-point lead wasn’t good enough for Saint Mary’s Tuesday. The Belles went into the locker room with a 23-20 lead over Olivet in the first round of the MIAA tournament and ended with a 71-62 win. The Comets held the Belles to 33.3 percent shooting from the field in the first half. The Belles emerged from the locker room hungry for a win. But Belles coach Jenn Henley said the talk in the locker room didn’t go much beyond basic strategy: “The biggest thing was that we wanted to get into the paint to score,” Henley said. “We wanted to execute our two-man game and get to the foul line as much as we could because that’s what we’ve been doing all season.”

The Belles came out on fire in the second half, jumping out to a 16-2 run fueled by three straight three-pointers by junior guards Katie Hashian and Meghan Conaty and senior guard Alison Kessler. The run put the game all but out of reach for the Comets, who didn’t get within single digits of Saint Mary’s until there were 55 seconds left in the game. The Belles succeeded in getting to the paint — the team shot 31.9 percent from the field in the second half and went 4-10 from 3-point range. Kessler again led the Belles in scoring with 23 points to bring her season total to 520, breaking her own single-season scoring record of 497, set last year. Rashid and sophomore forward Anna Kammrath each tallied 10, and junior forward Erin Newsom scored eight and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Saint Mary’s will face undefeated Hope on Thursday, the No. 1 team in the Division III Coaches’ Poll. The Belles most recently lost to Hope 82-73 on Jan. 26. Despite the loss, Henley said the team is looking forward to the game. “I thought we played them well at home, but that was so long ago,” she said. “They’re still the No. 1 team in the country and they’re still undefeated, so we have our hands full. But I like how we’re playing and I think it’s anyone’s game.”

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VeNard played in 29 of the team's 36 games in Jackson's first year as coach — missing the first three due to a stress fracture — and participated in only 17 the next season. Jackson said injuries were always the main reason VeNard was not starting.

"By the time he got back, somebody else had been playing real well," Jackson said. "So it was hard for him to get back in the lineup. It wasn't a matter of him not playing well."

So far this season, VeNard has played in every game for the Irish. He credited his newfound durability to an extra 10 pounds he added in the off-season, bulking him up to 198 pounds.

"This year, I came in much heavier and more in shape than I ever have," VeNard said. "I think the extra weight definitely helped me." Also, VeNard has been putting the puck in the net more than ever before, notching five goals on the season after only scoring two career goals in his first three seasons.

"He's got a deceptive shot," Jackson said. "Sometimes he's erratic, but he can shoot the puck."

VeNard said his offensive production is about luck, rather than skill.

"I was just going out there, putting my head down and shooting as hard as I can," VeNard said. "I think it might be more or less out of luck. I don't think about scoring goals when I go out there, but it sure has been fun."

Fellow senior Brock Sheahan said VeNard's main role is not as a sniper, but as a leader.

"He's done a really great job showing guys how to be a great guy on and off the ice," Sheahan said.

Jackson echoed Sheahan, saying the senior was a great role model for younger teammates.

"He's just a level-headed young man," Jackson said.

VeNard's leadership abilities extend off the ice. He is president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, a group that serves as a liaison between the administration and student-athletes.

"It's actually really important and it's a great honor for him," Sheahan said. "He's always honest for making us out in the community."

VeNard's executive role, however, doesn't dilute his image as the go-to guy on the team.

"It's always fun to give him a hard time about it, calling him 'Prez' or 'El Presidente,' that kind of stuff," Sheahan said. "It's always fun giving it to him."

Faced with the task of rallying the team that has faced poor play in recent weeks, VeNard is optimistic about the upcoming games.

"We never faced this type of adversity last year," VeNard said. "My message to the guys is to just stay positive. Stay positive with each other and stay positive with yourselves."

As VeNard's experience at Notre Dame shows, positive thinking can pay off.

"VeNard's gone through some really tough times here that other players might not be able to deal with, dealing with injury after injury," Sheahan said. "He's shown that he's a very good defense­man and I'm very impressed with what he's done."

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said, "And instead of getting nothing for [Fedorov], they got a good hockey player." The Russian center, who won the Hart Memorial Trophy for the NHL's most valuable player in 1994, has 469 goals and 663 assists in his career. He is fourth in points, goals and assists in Detroit history.

The Capitals currently sit in 11th place in the Eastern Conference and are five points behind the Philadelphia Flyers, who occupy the final playoff spot. The Blue Jackets are in a similar position in the Western Conference, sitting at 11th overall and five points behind the final playoff berth.

The Capitals drafted Ruth (6-foot, 201 pounds) in the second round (46th overall) of the June 2007 Entry Draft. Prior to the draft, Central Scouting ranked Ruth as the No. 11 draft-eligible North American and 32nd among all North American skaters.

Jackson said there was a good chance that Don Boyd, the Blue Jackets' director of player personnel, was on hand at last weekend's Notre Dame-Ohio State series because Boyd's son, Peter, is a freshman forward for the Buckeyes.

Fedorov left the Red Wings in 2000 for Anaheim. He played two seasons there before moving to Columbus in 2005.

Fedorov was drafted by Detroit in 1989 while he played for the Red Army club team in Moscow. He defected from the Soviet Union in 1990 and captured the Goodwill Games in Seattle in 1990 and caught a plane to Detroit.

Ruth has one goal and two assists in 33 games this season and a plus-13 rating. Last season, he was an alternate captain for the under-18 U.S. national team.

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just go get the ball sometimes," Hillesland said. Notre Dame leads the league in rebounding margin (4.8 in conference play) and total rebounds with 43.6 per game, and forward Luke Harangody is first in conference with 11.9 boards per game. Even though Syracuse, who's second in rebounding margin, out-rebounded Notre Dame 51-33 on Sunday, the Irish aren’t worried performances like that will be a trend. The team has worked to correct the problems they had against the Orange.

"When we get beat on the boards, I think the guys on the perimeter — myself, Ryan [point guard] Tory [Jackson] — we lose our guys because [losing out] isn’t really a priority for us but it should be," McGrady said. "But when we’re really boxing out and everyone is boxing out their own guys that’s when we out-rebound teams and that helps out our big guys a lot.

Few would have guessed the Irish would lead the Big East in rebounding, considering the Irish don’t have a skyscraper in the middle like Georgetown’s Roy Hibbert or Connecticut’s Hasheem Thabeet and they play a lot of 2-3 or 1-2-2 zones — defenses that make it harder to box out the opponents.

"It's something we enforce in practice when we're in zone, to block the guy out in your area," McGrady said. "Sometimes you just need to go get the ball, Harangody and Kurz, Hillesland — they can just go get the ball sometimes," he said.

Once Kurz or Harangody grab a defensive board, they’re looking right away for Jackson who’ll take off down the floor. Hillesland, meanwhile, has the quickness and the ball handling ability to take it the length of the floor himself. But when both Jackson and Hillesland are dribbling in transition, they try to get an open look for McGrady before the defense can get set to guard him.

"That’s the No. 1 priority when I’m pushing the ball is I try to get Kyle easy looks because he shoots such a high percentage and its such a weapon that when we’re in transition I try to find him for an open look," Hillesland said. "Whenever I get the ball, I know [I’m looking for him] because he springs down the line and tries to spot up at the elbow-extended or the wing."
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Young and old
Injury-free VeNard leads on and off the ice
By SAM WERNER
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Irish senior Dan VeNard moves the puck up the ice during Notre Dame's 2-2 tie with Ohio State Feb. 23.

It may have taken Dan VeNard three years to find a regular spot in the Irish lineup, but now that he has, he's making his presence known.

After being shuffled in and out of the lineup, mainly due to injuries, the senior defenseman from Vernon Hills, Ill., has finally found a regular spot on the Notre Dame blueline.

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Devereaux Peters is out for the rest of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament and freshman Berca Bruszewski underwent surgery for a broken hand.

"I'm so proud of this team and of what we've accomplished because last year we had three road games in a row — against ranked teams — and went 0-3," McGraw said. "And we had the same situation this year, and we go 2-1, and we played really well at Rutgers."

The Irish take on the Bulls with a much smaller bench than they had at the start of the season. Freshman

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