Former athlete starts non-profit org.

Injured football player Abdel Banda created SBIG to give back to community, move forward with life

By AMBER TRAVIS
News Writer

When Notre Dame senior Abdel Banda suffered a career ending football injury during his sophomore year he didn’t know in what direction he wanted to take his life. After some searching, he and his friend Thomas Killian, Jr., created Students Bridging the Information Gap (SBIG), a non-profit organization based in New Jersey.

Banda said he wanted to create SBIG because of the combination of hardships he endured and the fact that he has the ability to be able to give back.

"A lot of people have helped me out and they have always told me a lot that you’ve got to give to forward," he said. "I feel like God has given me a lot of gifts and I have a responsibility to give back."

SBIG plans to choose an orphanage to give funds to each year based on a needs assessment process, Banda said. Each orphanage chosen will receive adequate funding to install approximately 12-15 computers, build fully equipped facilities such as computer labs and libraries and hire full-time computer teachers in order to teach various technological skills, he said.

This year, the organization will be donating over $50,000 raised at two fundraisers held in New York City in February and March to Basco, an orphanage with about 300 children of all ages located an hour outside of Accra, the capital of Ghana, Banda said.

Banda recruited former teammate Maurice Crum Jr. to help him work with the organization while he is at Notre Dame.

Crum said he was excited when Banda told him he was going to start the organization because he thinks helping others is necessary.

"I jumped at the opportunity based on the background information of what the organization is and what it stands for," he said. "Anything that I can do to help anyone, I’m all for it." Banda agreed, saying the organization follows Notre Dame’s teachings of helping others.

"Notre Dame is always teaching about humanity and service, and we are doing it," Banda said. "The importance of service has really been instilled in me here at Notre Dame."

Banda and Crum are in the process of choosing an orphanage.


Indiana state treasurers speak on parallels between Civil War and war in Iraq

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Indiana state treasurer Richard Mourdock spoke about the opposition Abraham Lincoln’s presidency faced at the College Republican’s inaugural Lincoln Day dinner Tuesday night.

Mourdock described Abraham Lincoln as a president who succeeded in the face of challenges.

"He was a long shot candidate," Mourdock said. He was criticized for announcing that he would not uphold the anti-slavery Republican platform, saying “If I could save the Union without freeing any slaves, I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it,” he said.

He said the challenges Lincoln faced as president during the Civil War are comparable to those faced by George W. Bush and the war in Iraq.

"Every life we have lost in Iraq, all 4,000, is precious," he said. "Imagine if I could save the Union without freeing any slaves, I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it," he said.

He said the challenges of the Civil War are comparable to the war in Iraq. During the Civil War, it was 3 percent of the entire American population.

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The realities of reality TV

Normally, I'm not a fan of reality television. I find shows like "The Bachelor," "Survivor," "The Real World," and "The Hills" to be completely pointless and shallowly vapid.

The exceptions I make to this overall dislike are for shows like the "Real World/Real Roads" challenge, one of my life's ambitions is to become one of the people who sits around a table in the MTV studio and comes up with competitions like "Mexican blanket rolling" for crazy, money-obsessed people to win money. Rock of Love (Bret Michaels may be batting and old, but he's still hot) and my newfound obsession—MTV's new reality show "The Paper.

You might have guessed that I'd be slightly biased towards a reality show about the production of a student newspaper. I mean, I'm working on producing a student newspaper at the moment. And come on, when a show starts out with the words, "Journalists are the most important part of the world," what journalist with a flair for the occasional melodrama wouldn't be booked.

"The Paper" follows the staff of the Cypress Bay High School newspaper staff. Now, I'm normally skeptical about just how much reality is shown in reality TV, and while I'll admit I really think this show is scripted, I can tell you this is pretty realistic for a paper.

Let me let you in on a secret of the reality of The Observer. Sunday through Thursday there are at least 12 people in the basement of South Dining Hall putting together the paper. Since we print daily things are a bit more hurried than the newsroom shows on "The Paper." But really, it's pretty true to life that we use a ton of paper printing things to make everything perfect (at least as perfect as a bunch of students who have to go to class, do homework and write articles can).

In the first episode, which aired Monday, the race is on for Editor-in-Chief. Four junior/juniors write their applications for EIC. Only one completes her application with days left until the deadline. The other three decided they can't work unless they're under pressure, a phenomenon which I have come to expect since joining the staff of my high school newspaper.

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Each version of The Shirt from previous years hangs in the Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore in anticipation of the unveiling of The Shirt 2008 Friday.

OFFBEAT

"Would you like to superize that marijuana?"

MAGNOLIA, Ark. — Magnolia police say it wasn't the fried chicken in Savalas Vantoli Stewart's car that gave off a funky smell.

Instead, officers say they found a side dish of marijuana that Stewart hid inside of a recently purchased box of chicken during a traffic stop Friday night.

Police say officers smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the car and found it after Stewart consented to a search.

Officers said they also found several Erstady pills in Stewart's pockets.

Stewart, 33, of Waldo, faces a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge and felony drug possession charge for having the Erstady.

Blowing up 233 balloons with his nose

BLAINE, Wash. — A 13-year-old boy hopes to win a balloon-blowing record by a nose.

Blowing through one nostril at a time, Andrew Dahl inflated 213 balloons within an hour Friday — a feat that has been submitted for review by Guinness World Records.

His father, Doug Dahl, measured the balloons to make sure each was at least 20 centimeters, the minimum diameter, and his mother, Wendy Dahl, kept the tally.

At one point he asked, "Does this count as practicing my trumpet?" His mother replied, "Only if you can play that with your nose." Andrew's first attempt — 184 balloons in February — was rejected because his father tied the balloons. This time he tied them off himself.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

In Brief

The play "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus," a Christopher Marlowe play about a professor who sells his soul to the devil, will be performed April 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Archbishop Luis Augusto Castro Quiroga will deliver a lecture entitled "Awe-filled Wonder: The Interface of Science and Spirituality" on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater in Moreau Center for the Arts at Saint Mary's Campus.

The Class of 2008 is hosting a Beer Tasting event at Legends Thursday from 5-7:30 p.m. Five different beers will be sampled and food will be served. The seniors only event costs $10 at the door.

"The Shirt" will be unveiled Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Cocktails of Mike and Mike in the Morning Mike Golde will be the guest speaker. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. and "The Shirt itself" will be revealed at 6 p.m.

Fklipside is hosting "The Office" trivia night Friday at 10 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Teams of five can sign up 9:30 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnewszed@nd.edu.
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Another problem was "unruly off-campus behavior," during Senior Week in particular, she said.

The third thing addressed was promoting safety for all residents, she said.

"We might try and set something up that's like a neighborhood watch for students, and set up some kind of off-campus list serve," Falvey said.

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's were praised during the meeting for their efforts in the Rebuilding Together project this past weekend and for students' efforts in general, she said.

"They commended us -- not just Saint Mary's but Notre Dame as well and all off-campus students -- for our efforts, so far," she said. "For the efforts of the members of the CCAC for really working together. We're creating something positive, and it might not seem like it but we are making great strides."

In other BOG news:

- The Board of Trustees will be arriving on campus tomorrow and staying through the weekend, Grucelniski said.
- There will be a memorial mass for the victims on the shooting at Virginia Tech. chief of staff Lauren Theiss said. The mass is at 9 p.m. in Holy Spirit Chapel in LeMans Hall. Afterward candles will be lit and the list of the victims' names will be read.
- BOG will hand out black ribbons in the Student Center atrium during breakfast, lunch and dinner hours in memory of the victims.
- As at a part of Hunger and Homeless Awareness week there will be a "Faces of Homelessness" panel, made up of residents of the Center for the Homeless, will be held in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall on Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., said Falvey.
- BOG is sponsoring a bus trip to Chicago on Saturday. Students can get tickets at the front desk of the Student Center.
- Saint Mary's is teaming up with Indiana University-South Bend (IUSB) to hold joint community productions of their monologues, women's issues commissioner Becki Faunce said. The production will be held at 7 p.m. at the Century Center. Tickets are $10 each.
- Several sessions on salary equality in the workplace will be held in Carroll Auditorium from 1-2 p.m. on April 22 as part of the "Bringing the Gap: Reaching Pay Equity in Indiana" forum, Faunce said.
- The Center for Spirituality is bringing Dr. Barbara Flans to campus Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre in Moreau Center. For the Arts to discuss "Awe-filled Wonder: the Interface of Science and Spirituality," Falvey said. This lecture is part of the Madeleva Lecture series.
- The new BOG members will be commissioned at the Church of Loreto at 7 p.m. on Monday, Theiss said.

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It is a highly troubling U.S. Department of Justice statistic that an estimated one in every four women will be sexually assaulted during their college years. In the interest of preventing such crimes and informing students and others about resources that are available to them, Notre Dame is observing Sexual Assault Awareness Month through a number of campus programs.

"Rape and sexual assault are very real problems on virtually every college campus in the nation, and Notre Dame is no exception," said Ann Firth, associate vice president for student affairs. "The University's stance is clear: rape and sexual assault are unacceptable at Notre Dame and cannot be tolerated."

Firth added: "As we work to eliminate sexual violence on this campus, every member of this community shares responsibility for creating and maintaining an environment which promotes the safety and dignity of each individual. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on whether we, individually and collectively, are thinking and acting in ways that are congruent with this responsibility."

A related student group, Men Against Violence (MAV), currently is conducting a campus-wide poster campaign titled "No Matter What You Do... Be a Man Against Violence," which features male Notre Dame students from various athletic programs and student groups encouraging other men to take a pledge against violence.

Through its annual pledge drive, MAV aims to put an end to sexual assault and domestic violence in the campus community. Participants sign a statement promising to never allow anyone to be raped, abused or exploited if the act is in any way preventable, and to never commit such crimes themselves.

GROUP discusses issues with CCAC

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY and MANDI STIRONE

Student body vice president Sarah Falvey announced that she attended the third Community/Campus Action Coalition (CCAC) meeting as a proxy for student body president Mickey Grucelniski at the Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Tuesday.

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On an equivalent basis, we'd have to lose 9 million servicemen in Iraq to match that.

Murdock said that the Civil War shook the nation's resolve and the bloodiest riots in the nation's history happened the week after the Union suffered 55,000 losses at Gettysburg.

"New York said 'give it up, it isn't worth it,'" he said. "'Give it up.' Lincoln faced that every day."

Even through all of this the Lincoln and the Republican party persisted in their goals, Murdock said.

"Even in tough times, this party says freedom matters," he said. "Give it up, it isn't worth it, isn't acceptable." Rejecting this is what American exceptionalism is all about. We are the nation that believes it is (worth it)."

Indiana state representative Jackie Walorski also spoke at the dinner, drawing connections between Republican values and freedom in economic affairs.

She said individual responsibility has led her to criticize liberal health care programs.

"I'm passionate that I was raised by a mom and dad, and worked my way through college," she said. "I never had the thought that anyone owed me anything. It's a sink or swim world and I want to help people learn how to swim."

Chris Riley, chairman of the St. Joseph County Republican party said dinners like these are important to the future of the party.

"These dinners serve as important gatherings for every county to talk about Republican values," he said. "It's a tremendously important day for the Republican party."

Ed Yap, president of the College Republicans agreed saying this type of this is important for the future of the party.

"To do anything substantive, we have to create a coalition," he said. "We're inviting new members, Republicans and Democrats and members of all stripes. It's been really inspiring to see so many people come together, including the College Republicans (land) Right to Life."

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**Gift**

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2008 will be the last to have received the entirety of its education in the building, and we're excited for not only the renovation plans for the new building, but for a more vibrant portrayal of St. Madeleva to welcome visitors at the building's entrance.

Plans for the upcoming renovation have not yet been released.

Since the renovations will not be complete before the senior class leaves they will not see their actual gift before graduation, McKevitt said. The committee wanted the class to be able to see plans, however.

"We will be hosting a Senior Gift Dedication Ceremony outside Madeleva Hall immediately following the Alumni Luncheon during Senior Week," McKevitt said. "At the ceremony we hope to unveil some of the construction plans for Madeleva Hall along with a preliminary design for the new portrait."

The campaign has raised approximately $1,500 of the estimated $2,000 to $3,000 it will cost to donate the portrait, said Heather Frey, assistant director of Saint Mary's Annual Fund.

"This funding has come from individual gifts that members of the class give to the class campaign although we do other fundraisers like selling t-shirts, Karaoke Idol and Hacienda Night," Frey said. "Our goal is 100 percent participation from the class and so far we are at 34 percent."

Frey said the funds raised will be split 50-50 with 50 percent of the money going towards the portrait of St. Madeleva and 40 percent supporting the Annual Fund, which provides scholarships and financial aid for current Saint Mary's students.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

French bill takes aim at ultra-thin PARIS — It started with pro-anorexia Web sites, secretive corners where adolescents with eating disorders seeking signs of starvation. But Valery Boyer's mission didn't stop there.

Protruding ribs on catswalks, gaunt frames airbrushed to look even slimmer on magazine covers — the French lawmaker says these images are dangerous, too.

So Boyer recently drafted a bill making it illegal to promote extreme thinness or anorexia nervosa, in France's lower house of parliament agreed, joining her Tuesday in adopting the draft legislation.

While outliers may still think of the French as trim and chique, France's body shapes are undergoing a shift. The country is industrialized worldwide everywhere: flying, obesity, especially among children — and rising numbers of eating disorders.

Plane veers off runway in Congo GOMA, Congo — A Congolese jetliner with about 200 people on board crashed in thick smoke Tuesday, careening off a runway into a busy neighborhood and bursting into flames.

At least 40 passengers died and making explosive devices.

The remains of the cockpit and tail rose over the flattened fuselage,Anna Ridout of the aid group World Vision said from the scene.

Rescue workers carried about 20 bodies from the plane, many on stretchers, she said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Explosion destroys Washington house PUYALLUP, Wash. — A powerful explosion blew the top off a house where a registered sex offender described as acting paranoid had rented.

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Suicidal thoughts will become a crime on Tuesday, killing nearly 60 people and shattering the calm in Sunni-dominated areas.

The bloodshed — in four cities as far north as Mosul and as far south as Ramadi — struck directly at U.S. claims that the Sunni insurgency is waning and being replaced by Shiite militia violence as a major threat.

The deadliest blasts took place in Baqouba and Ramadi, two cities where the U.S. military has claimed varying degrees of success in getting Sunnis to turn against al-Qaida.

Many of the victims were on their way to the court, at the restaurant or in cars passing through the area.

A man identifying himself as Abu Sarmad had just ordered lunch.

"I heard a big explosion and hot wind threw me from my chair in outside the restaurant," he said from his hospital bed.

At least 68 people were killed and 72 wounded, according to hospital officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were unauthorized to release the information.

The U.S. military in northeastern Iraq gave the number lower toll, saying 35 Iraqi bodies were killed, including a policeman, and 66 wounded. It said the blast destroyed three houses and damaged 10 shops.

AP Television News footage showed many of the bodies covered in crisp white sheets and black plastic bags in a hospital courtyard while the emergency room inside was overwhelmed with the wounded.

It was the deadliest bombing in Iraq since March 6, when a twin bombing killed 68 people in a crowded shopping district in the central Baghdad district of Karrada.

The attack was also the deadliest in Baqouba since the Associated Press began tracking Iraqi casualties in late April 2005.

The U.S. military said Tuesday that attacks in Baqouba have dropped noticeably since last June.

But a series of assassinations and other high-profile attacks have occurred in and around the city this year, and American commanders have consistently warned that al-Qaida-led insurgents continue to pose a serious danger.

"Although attacks such as today's event are tragic, it is not indicative of the overall security situation in Baqouba," Maj. Mike Garcia, a spokesman for U.S. forces in Diyala province, said in a statement.

According to an AP count, at least 126 Iraqis were killed in war-related violence in Baqouba so far in 2008; the majority, 65, were killed in 10 separate bombings. At least 438 Iraqis were killed in war-related violence in the city last year, up slightly from 793 the year before.

Baqouba and Ramadi were strongholds of al-Qaida in Iraq and saw some of the fiercest fighting of the U.S.-led war until local Sunni tribal leaders fed up with the terror network's brutal tactics joined forces with the U.S. military against it last year.

The Sunni revolt, an influx of some 30,000 American troops and a cease-fire by radical Shiite cleric Muntada al-Sadr led to a decline in violence there as well as in Baghdad.

LOCAL NEWS

Acres of wetlands set for restoration TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — A joint state-county project will turn a 1,250-acre tract of Wabash River flood plains into wetlands to create a magnet for wildlife and also control floodwaters.

Gov. Mitch Daniels announced the project Tuesday before presenting Vigo County park officials with a $75,000 check that will go toward the county's land purchases for the Wabash River National Road Wetland Reserve.

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"Cavanaugh, Welsh Family and Zahn were very well represented," Paulsen said. "I'd say those three were some big leaders."

Other groups on campus got involved in the project as well. The Office of Information Technology formed a team of staff members to participate, Paulsen said. Food Services also provided boxed lunches for volunteers and catered dinner for the celebration party at the end of the day.

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The idea evolved from the plan for a Midwest college council, but Student Union Council and includes several excellent schools in the area.

"Many schools in the Midwest are there that are really up to our academic standards?" Donahue said.

The new group would be modeled off of the Ivy League's Ivy Council and would include schools as diverse as Stanford, Vanderbilt, and Princeton, she said.

Lakusta said he wants to begin organizing the group's inaugural meeting immediately because there isn't much time left in the school year.

"We want to let schools know that we plan on doing this before the summer," Lakusta said.

Donahue said Notre Dame still has to find willing participants, corporate sponsors and modes of transportation.

"You need to turn into salesmen and get the next group of months and sell your soul to the project," Class of 2009 president Joey Brown said to Lakusta and Donahue.

Many COR members expressed concerns over Notre Dame's ability to attract other high profile colleagues or student organizations to this new council when they will have to travel across the country.

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If we want to consider ourselves an elite Catholic institution, then we could establish a national Catholic council," Brown said. "But at the same time I'm afraid it would just be seen as just the Catholic schools dealing with Catholic issues instead of a national conference."

Lakusta echoed Brown's sentiments adding that the council should not be founded based on a spirit of exclusion.

"The ability to talk about the issues that affect everyone is really awesome and if it be a shame to exclude someone who had the same issues just because they aren't Catholic affiliated," he said.

In other COR news:

♦COR also reviewed the budget for student government for the 2008-2009 academic year. The entire budget totals $477,499.86, which is significantly less than last year's budget of $659,439.39.

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Venezuela approves oil taxing law

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela moved Tuesday to take a greater cut of windfall oil profits, approving a 50 percent tax on foreign oil companies when crude tops US$70 a barrel.

The tax, which would rise to 60 percent when the average monthly price for benchmark Brent crude exceeds US$100, is expected to raise an estimated US$9 billion annually, Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said in a speech in the Rose Garden.

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Venezuela, "because their opportunities to turn a Venezuelan oil industry magazine PetroleoYV, said "urgent to create this law," Ramirez said.

Bush to propose climate change strategy

WASHINGTON — President Bush, stepping into the debate over global warming, plans to announce on Wednesday a national goal for stopping the growth of greenhouse gas emissions over the next few decades.

In a speech in the Rose Garden, Bush will lay out a strategy rather than a specific proposal for curbing emissions, White House press secretary Dana Perino said Tuesday. She did not disclose details of his announcement and would not say whether the president would propose any kind of mandatory cap on greenhouse gas emissions.

The president wants every major economy, including fast-growing nations like China and India, to establish a national goal for cutting the emissions believed responsible for global warming.

In his remarks, Perino said, Bush will articulate a "realistic intermediate goal" for the United States.

Officials push for airwaves sale to aid public safety

WASHINGTON — Republicans on a congressional panel Tuesday said the Federal Communications Commission should re-auction a block of public airwaves to the highest bidder and turn the proceeds over to public safety professionals to fund a nationwide emergency communications network.

The idea was raised as the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on telecommunications and the Internet heard testimony on why a plan aimed at using public airwaves and private microwave spectrum to create an interoperable nationwide emergency communications network failed to lead to an agreement to construct the wireless broadband network.

The recently completed auction of a portion of the public airwaves, while raising a record $19.1 billion, failed to attract a bidder.

"With consensus, Congress could pass a law to use proceeds from the commercial re-auction for the public-private partnership," Barton said.

The Commerce branch forces all five members of the Federal Communications Commission as well as key figures in the behind-the-scenes negotiations that failed to lead to an agreement to construct the wireless broadband network.

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Disasters like Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, revealed limitations of the nation's emergency communications networks, like the inability of police and firefighters to communicate with one another.

Ideally, a new network would help solve the interoperability problem and allow emergency personnel of many of the advances in wireless technology that are available to commercial users.

The FCC approved the emergency communications plan last summer. Under the plan, the FCC set aside about one-sixth of the recently auctioned airwaves. The "D block" would have been combined with a roughly equal portion of spectrum controlled by a public safety trust to create a shared network.

The winning D block bidder, in exchange for use of the public safety spectrum, would build the network and make a profit by selling access to wireless service providers. But the block failed to attract a bidder.

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell, D-Mich., said he was "presently unravelled" by suggestions that the block should be auctioned for "purely commercial use" and the proceeds handed to public safety.

"At this moment, I consider such an approach to be an admission that we are not serious about attaining true interoperability," he said.

PLANE CRASH

Airlines face merger challenges

Delta-Northwest merger could mean higher prices and fewer flight options

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Getting hitched might be the right move for Delta and Northwest. But for beleaguered air travelers, it's a culprit in an era of higher fares, fewer flights, more confusion at the airport and even more crowded planes.

The merger would set off a wave of airline consolidation. And while the effects would ripple through the industry because the combinations could take months to get regulatory approval, industry observers say get ready anyway for fewer carriers in the sky.

"It's no industry that works," said Mark Cooper, director of research for the Consumer Federation of America, who lobbied Congress against a bid by US Airways for Delta.

"We're now getting to the point where there are so few carriers left, and they still can't make money," he said.

Mergers, combined with a recent spate of airline bankruptcies, mean passengers in many cities can expect fewer flights to choose from, and they'll be packed even fuller than they are now.

Greater demand for remaining seats translates into higher ticket prices.

"There's no doubt in my mind fares are going to go up," said Rick Seaney, chief executive of FareCompare.com, which tracks changes in airline ticket prices. "Consumers are deflating themselves if they think that's not the case."

Peter Schiff, president of brokerage firm Europa Pacific Capital, said the changes would put air travel out of reach for Americans of modest means.

"Although many Americans have come to regard affordable air travel as a birthright, from a global perspective it remains the province of the wealthy," Schiff said.

That could mean more headaches for travelers already reeling from a string of cancellations due to stepped-up scrutiny of safety regulations by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The merger announcement by Northwest Airlines Corp. and Delta Air Lines Inc., which would create the world's largest airline, has already ignited talks among other airlines as they seek to bulk up to combat rising fuel prices in a slowing economy.

Continental Airlines Inc. executives told employees Tuesday that the airline wants to remain independent — but warned "the landscape is changing" and said it would consider its "strategic alternatives."

The executives did not say what they might consider, but Continental has held talks with United Airlines in the past.

United CEO Glenn Tilton issued his own statement to employees Tuesday in which he called industry consolidation "one of the changes necessary" for the industry to get to sustained profits.

"We will participate in consolidation when and if it is in the right choice and provides the right benefits for employees, customers and shareholders," Tilton said.

A Continental-United pairing would create an airline even bigger than the Delta-Northwest offspring, which will keep the Delta name if approved by regulators and shareholders give their blessing.
Financial death by government

This is the last column for the Observer that I will ever write. Seeing as how I do not even get up much these days, I have no excuse for not making my point a lot more time. When I finally get to actually finish this column, it seems I get to deal with the most important political issue facing the country: the impending financial demise of the US Federal Government.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's 2007 "Long-Term Budget Outlook" begins with this seemingly innocent statement: "Significant uncertainty surrounds long-term fiscal projections, but under any plausible scenario, the federal budget is on an unsustainable path that is, federal debt will grow much faster than the economy over the long run." The last time I heard an understatement of this magnitude was when I told my friend that latching the Barker pole isn't a very good idea.

The main reason for the coming financial meltdown of the US government will be its rising Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, particularly the last two. There are two major drivers of increased spending. First, per capita Medicare enrollees have increased 2.4 percentage points faster than per capita GDP over the last 30 years, meaning the percentage of GDP spent on health care will continue to increase. Secondly, the baby boomers are nearly eligible for Medicare, which will dramatically increase Medicare and Social Security spending. Four months ago, the first baby boomers claimed Social Security benefits, and they will be eligible for Medicare in less than three years. The proportion of the US population over 65 will grow from 12 percent to 19 percent by 2040, while the proportion of adults from 20 to 64 will fall from 60 percent to 56 percent.

Currently, Medicaid and Medicare spending accounts for 4.1 percent of US GDP and makes up about 20 percent of the federal budget. The CBO projects that this will increase to 12.5 percent of GDP in 2050 and 19 percent of GDP in 2082. 19 percent of GDP is roughly equivalent to the amount that the entire federal government will spend this year. Assuming that federal government revenue maintains its historical average of 20 percent of GDP and discretionary spending maintains its average of just 10 percent, there would be a deficit of 22.5 percent of GDP in 2050 and 35.4 percent in 2082. To put this in perspective, the US current record setting deficit of about $400 billion is less than 3 percent of GDP. Interest payments alone on the national debt would consume 13.6 percent of GDP by 2030. A vicious cycle would result in which the government would issue ever larger amounts of debt to meet its ever higher interest payments. But what would large persistent deficits mean to the US economy?

Consistent budget deficits adversely affect the economy because they absorb the nation's savings and reduce capital investment, thus making US workers less productive. Real wages, which typically follow productivity, would stagnate or fall. Capital would become scarce and interest rates would rise. The CBO estimates that the reduction in the capital stock would reduce real GDP in 2040 by 13 percent and 25 percent by 2050 compared to what it would have been in 1995. In short, the US government would enter another Great Depression caused entirely by excess government spending. The CBO says that this bleak scenario probably understates the risk to economic growth because this model assumes people do not anticipate future changes in debt. Consequently, the United States' destruction would unfold much quicker. If investors expected a crisis, they would pull their money out of US securities, causing ever higher interest payments. But what would large persistent deficits mean to the US economy?

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The spirit of The Holocaust lives

In response to “Abortion not a Holocaust,” Apr. 15. I would like to point out that the word “holocaust” can be used to describe any mass killing or destruction. Only when capitalized does it specifically refer to the sadistic and brutal killing of innocent defenseless life in the extermination camps, save those who are still dying in our abortion clinics.

As a lifelong practicing Catholic, a Notre Dame alumnus and the parent of a current Notre Dame student and quite likely another one come September, I am, frankly, troubled by the current controversy over The Vagina Monologues as played out in this paper, and more recently, on the pages of The Wall Street Journal.

If the University was to take any action, it must be to ban all films that convey a message that could be deemed inconsistent with Church teachings? Is it to scour the library and purge it of all books that could be similarly construed? It seems that the vocal opponents of The Vagina Monologues are advocating a kind of modern day bonfire of the vanities. I did not send my kids to Notre Dame to be inoculated in the faith. That has been my job and my wife’s for the past 18 years. I sent them to Notre Dame to receive an education both within the classroom and without. If that education is to serve them once they enter the world, then it must include exposure to all manner of thought, even those with which I and the Church might strongly disagree.

If I have done my job, if the seeds of faith have been properly sown and cultivated, then faith will stand rooted even when exposed to competing ideas. If I have not, then no amount of censorship, for that is what we are talking about here, will keep that faith from withering. I applaud Fr. Jenkins for his courageous stand on this issue.

Richard F. Ricci (L’82) alumnus law school class of 1982 April 15

Abortion and The Holocaust

In his April 15 letter to the editor (“Abortion not a Holocaust,” Apr. 15) Florian Plocek objected to the use of the term “holocaust” in reference to abortion in the United States. I am quite familiar with the phenomenon by which modern Germans, and as an old vestige of the Anschluss, Austrians, of all ages feel compelled to express guilt over sins committed half a century ago by other people. But this does not make Mr. Plocek’s specific protestations any less absurd.

In all fairness, several of Mr. Plocek’s statements are correct: Legal abortion is not the result of centuries-old animosity towards Jews that resulted in the industrialized extermination of Jews throughout Europe. Rather, it is the result of centuries-old Enlightenment attitudes that have resulted in the lucrative industrialized extermination of 48 million people in the last thirty-five years (the nation’s leading abortion provider grossed over $1 billion in 2007). Again, Mr. Plocek is correct in saying abortion (an act) is not comparable to the gas chambers (a place), if for no other reason than by virtue of the old “apples and oranges” maxim. But when you compare the end result of the two idealized, that difficulty resolves itself. Mr. Plocek’s further statement, “the Holocaust is not comparable to any other event in human history,” almost defies categorization. Perhaps it simply reflects an ignorance of the fact that mass murder is neither a unique nor a new event in human history (e.g. Stalin killing over 20 million people). The Nazis have no monopoly on evil and the Germans no monopoly on responsibility. So the Nazi murder of 12 million Jews and other people, while horrible, hardly rises to the level of being beyond comparison.

American law endorses the right to kill unborn children as a fundamental liberty and an intrinsic element of the American dream. Mr. Plocek objects to our referring to abortion as a holocaust because he knows the scars Europe still bears from Nazism. He should thus be at least be sensitive to the similar wounds, not yet closed over, that abortion has left in American society. The Nazis killed millions who thought they were safe in their homes and communities. We continue to kill millions who ought to be safe in a place far more sacrosanct: the womb. So people will continue to refer to abortion as the holocaust of our time because we know all too well that John Paul II was correct: “A nation that kills its own children in a nation without hope.”

Paul Krog law student of campus April 15

An embarrassment to education

Wow. It is a bi-monthly pleasure to get a laugh out of Mr. Yatarola’s column (“Let’s talk about alcohol, baby,” Apr. 15) and to talk with my classmates about how poorly thought out his opinions generally seem to be, but today’s column really is preposterous. “I’m not suggesting it’s good to go through high school...”

That is embarrassing for the University and embarrassing for the education system. God help him if he ever gets brought up at parent-teacher conferences. I would hope any teacher worth their certificate wouldn’t hold opinions like this. Maybe the education system in this country needs to be a “waste” if people like Mr. Yatarola were kept out of the classroom and off the editorial page.

Matt Smylie graduate student off campus April 15

No girls allowed

This is in response to the question posed by Alex Calabrese (“Girls in the Glee Club,” Apr. 15) in her letter: No.

Megan Grebe junior Welch Family Hall April 15

University’s mission is to educate, not indoctrinate

As a lifelong practicing Catholic, a Notre Dame alumnus and the parent of a current Notre Dame student and quite likely another one come September, I am, frankly, troubled by the current controversy over The Vagina Monologues as played out in this paper, and more recently, on the pages of The Wall Street Journal.

If the University was to take any action, it must be to ban all films that convey a message that could be deemed inconsistent with Church teachings? Is it to scour the library and purge it of all books that could be similarly construed? It seems that the vocal opponents of The Vagina Monologues are advocating a kind of modern day bonfire of the vanities. I did not send my kids to Notre Dame to be inoculated in the faith. That has been my job and my wife’s for the past 18 years. I sent them to Notre Dame to receive an education both within the classroom and without. If that education is to serve them once they enter the world, then it must include exposure to all manner of thought, even those with which I and the Church might strongly disagree.

If I have done my job, if the seeds of faith have been properly sown and cultivated, then faith will stand rooted even when exposed to competing ideas. If I have not, then no amount of censorship, for that is what we are talking about here, will keep that faith from withering. I applaud Fr. Jenkins for his courageous stand on this issue.

Richard F. Ricci (L’82) alumnus law school class of 1982 April 15

Are you not entertained?

Write your own Viewpoint column

Contact Kara at kking5@nd.edu
Scene & Heard: Listening to Mariah Carey a Lifestyle

A friend of mine recently said to me, "I never went through a Mariah phase," to which another friend quickly responded, "It’s not a phase. It’s a lifestyle." I have never heard devotion to Mariah Carey summed up so well. I have been an active Mariah Carey fan for 13 years — active meaning I’ve bought her albums, read her interviews and watched MTV all day long to see her music videos back when the network still played them. I was in fourth grade when she released “Daydream” and it was like I hadn’t been a music fan before that album. My mother bought me the cassette tape (I didn’t own a CD player until a year later), and I remember sitting in my room by my boombox, learning the words to “Always Be My Baby” using the lyrics on the cassette’s cover (I wanted to get her “do do doo dum’s” just right). Wasn’t it great that Mariah always including the lyrics? I liked Mariah a lot. She was super pretty, she had hair that I could only dream of and she had an advanced vocabulary. I’ll be honest. I had no idea what “inevitably” meant until I heard them in “Always Be My Baby” and asked my mom for their meaning. Now we have waited another three years for “E=MC2” and I have to say that it’s pretty fantastic. This album has plenty of her new sound, but sometimes I miss pre-“Honey” Mariah, and this album gives you some of that too. I never saw “Glitter,” nor did I listen to the accompanying album. I loved Mariah too much to ruin any image I had of her with something that I was aware was rubbish. I saw her little popsicle incident on “TRL” and was sad to see my favorite pop star falling. Worse yet, people seemed to be getting enjoyment out of her downfall. The year was 2001, six years before Britney Spears shaved her head, and we were getting a taste of what was to come in the new decade with the media attention, speculation and backlash that surrounded Mariah Carey. She suffered from exhaustion, was dropped by her label and released a “comeback” album too soon with 2002’s mediocre “Charmed Bracelet.” I bought the album, listened to it once, stored it away and prayed that this wasn’t the end of the songstress who gave me “Daydream.” “The Emancipation of Mimi” was worth the three-year wait. “We Belong Together” became one of her new signature singles and Mariah was back. This was Mariah’s real comeback album and it marked the return of the Voice. Now we have waited another three years for “E=MC2” (which means “Emancipation of Mariah Carey to the second power.”) I had to say that it’s pretty fantastic. This album has plenty of her new sound, but sometimes I miss pre-“Honey” Mariah, and this album gives you some of that too.

“Touch My Body” became Mariah’s 18th number-one single, surpassing Elvis’ record, and putting her in second place behind The Beatles’ 20 number-one singles. Mariah could tie or even surpass the Beatles’ record with “E=MC2” and since she can’t break up with herself she could just keep on going. At 38, Mariah is one of the greatest recording artists in history and she looks just as fabulous as ever. Children born when I first fell in love with Mariah will be starting high school next year. Maybe “We Belong Together” is for them what “Always Be My Baby” was to me. Needless to say, I hope their love for Mariah isn’t just a phase because mine is definitely a lifestyle.

The views expressed in Scene & Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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I sold.urns with Strong Album

Review: E=MC2 a Winning Equation

By CHRIS HINE

In 2005, Mariah Carey released "The Emancipation of Mimi," which garnered three Grammy awards and became the biggest-selling album of 2005, with 5.8 million copies sold. Even though it included the classic hit "We Belong Together," most of "Mimi" was hit or miss, with some bomb hits (club singles) and a flurry of slack, but still others that missed the mark.

On Carey's long-anticipated follow-up, E=MC2, she stuck close to the formula that made "Mimi" such a success—a mixture up-tempo R&B and catchy mid-tempo ballads—but this time around, she's made an album that is listenable from beginning to end.

The album opens with a song destined to invade the airwaves this summer. "Migrate" (with T-Pain) features a bouncy beat and a chorus that'll be stuck in your head for days. Though the lyrics are nothing more than an ode to partying, the melody is infectious and Carey's voice provides enough sultriness to make it a runaway hit.

The next two tracks, "Touch My Body" (Carey's 18th Billboard No. 1 hit) and "Cruise Control," continue the run of pleasant, upbeat tunes, though the album picks up steam with track four, "I Stay in Love."

"I Stay in Love" is this album's "We Belong Together." It's a gorgeous mid-tempo ballad that features an outstanding performance from Carey. The theme is a common one in Carey's songs, not being able to let go of a former lover, but this time around, she's made an album that is listenable from beginning to end.

On "I Stay in Love," Carey continues a trend she began with "We Belong Together." No longer is she singing the majority of her songs in her upper register. Rather, she sings in a lower key, and in a full voice. Melodically, Carey is singing more words per measure, and it's a good thing. It requires Carey to cut down on her melisma, for which she has been widely, and rightfully, criticized in the past. Basically, the technique of melisma means the singer has a tendency to turn one note into five and fluctuate his voice up and down the scale dramatically. The effect is an annoying warbling sound that expresses little emotion. Since she's singing more words per measure, she has no time for melisma if she's going to sing all the words.

On E=MC2, Carey has cut down on the melisma and conveys more emotion using the lower portion of her voice. This is evident on the songs Carey wrote with Jermaine Dupri, who collaborated with Carey on a number of songs in the past, including "We Belong Together," "Always Be My Baby," and "Shake It Off.

"Love Story," "Thanks for Nothing," and "Last Kiss," provide this album's best melodies and strongest vocals for Carey. But the high point of the disc is the Young Jeezy collaboration, "Side Effects." With lyrics such as "it didn't stop / no one was there / couldn't be real / had to keep quiet / once in a while / put up a fight / but it's just too much / night after night," Carey gives her audience an in-depth look into her former marriage with music mogul Tommy Mottola, who helped launch her career in the early 1990s. Never has Carey put out such a confessional and moving record that also easily applies to any repressive or dam­aged relationship. With this song, Carey is able to pull off a tough accomplishment for any singer; make a song of high quality that is both universal and deeply personal.

Carey closes the set the same way she closed "Mimi," with a gospel-tinged vocal acrobatic exercise. "I Wish You Well" contains Bible quotes and a choir and Carey's voice sings with a tone that one might hear at a spiritual gathering. "Party Monster" is a gorgeous mid-tempo ballad that features an outstanding performance from Carey. The theme is a common one in Carey's songs, not being able to let go of a former lover, but this time around, she's made an album that is listenable from beginning to end.

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E=MC2

Label: Island

Recommended Tracks: "Side Effects," "I Stay in Love" and "Migrate"

U.S. #1 singles on the Billboard Hot 100

* 1990: "Vision Of Love" (4 weeks)

* 1990: "Love Takes Time" (3 weeks)

* 1991: "Somebody" (12 weeks)

* 1991: "I Don't Wanna Cry" (2 weeks)

* 1991: "Emotions" (3 weeks)

* 1992: "I'll Be There" (2 weeks)

* 1993: "Dreamlover" (6 weeks)

* 1993-1994: "Hero" (4 weeks)

* 1995: "Fantasy" (6 weeks)

* 1995-1996: "One Sweet Day" (15 weeks)

* 1996: "Always Be My Baby" (6 weeks)

* 1997: "Honey" (3 weeks)

* 1998: "My All" (1 week)

* 1999: "Heartbreaker" (6 weeks)

* 2000: "Thank God I Found You" (1 week)

* 2005: "We Belong Together" (14 weeks)

* 2005-2006: "Don't Forget About Us" (2 weeks)

* 2008: "Touch My Body" (2 weeks, 50 fir
Habs shut out Bruins to take 3-1 series lead

Briere breaks out of slump, Philadelphia explodes for six goals to claim 2-1 advantage against Caps

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Bruins are learning the hard way what the Canadiens knew four months ago: 20-year-old goalie Carey Price would be outstanding in the playoffs.

The rookie posted his first playoff shutout, 17-year-veteran Peter Bondra had a goal and lateral in the second period, and Montreal moved within one win of advancing to the best-of-seven series with a 1-0 victory over Boston on Tuesday night.

Price is 1-5-4 since general manager Bob Gainey traded goalie Cristobal Huet to Washington on Feb. 26. And he's allowed just seven goals in his last seven games.

"He's been playing really solid since I've been here," Canadiens goalie coach Guy Carbonneau said. "I think from that point on, Bob knew he would come through in the playoffs. He's been everything we expected and keeps getting better."

The Canadiens, the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference, lead the first-round series 3-1 and can wrap it up at home Thursday night.

The teams played evenly for much of the first two periods. Third-period goals by Bondra and Mladen Stojiljkovic gave the Canadiens a 2-0 lead, which they managed 27 shots but just one in the last seven minutes.

"I couldn't even write down on paper the effort the guys put in defensively in the last 10 minutes," Price said. They were helped by a Bruins team that made too many passes and failed to connect on a lot of them.

"We were all around the net," said Marc Savard, whose overtime goal won Game 3 in Boston. The rebounds were there, but just couldn't put them in.

Carey, trying to become the third rookie goalie to lead the Canadiens to a Stanley Cup, followed Ken Dryden and Patrick Roy, stopped two solid bids in the second period before Briere scored.

At 10:55 he got in front of Glen Murray's point-blank shot. And 6 minutes later, he stopped a shot by Glen Metropolit from the top of the crease as the Bruins swarmed around the net.

"He's a great goalie," Carbonneau said. "He's poised."

The rookie faced just one shot in the third period and got the rebounds and pushing them out to the side.

The Canadiens, who have trailed just once in winning 10 of 11 games against the Bruins this season, went ahead mid-way through a power play after Andrew Ference was sent off for tripping.

"It was just kind of a bunch-up in front of the net and I guess (Alex Kovalev) went down, and I can see you," Ference said. "But, also, you have to score to win a hockey game."

Andre Kostitsyn skated behind the Boston net and fed the puck just in front of the crease. It was deflected out to Briere, who beat Tim Thomas.

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The Flyers celebrate Scott Hartnell's goal in the first period of their 6-3 victory over the Capitals Tuesday night.

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The Cubs game starts in half an hour.

Yeah.

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Nothing from Gander.

We can please whack something else! For Now.

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Mets manager Willie Randolph, center, escorts Rachel Robinson, left, widow of Jackie Robinson, and Robinson's daughter Sharon, right, after a ceremony celebrating Jackie Robinson Day at Shea Stadium in New York Tuesday.

MLB celebrates Jackie Robinson Day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rachel Robinson walked past cheering construction workers and into the Jackie Robinson Rotunda for the first time, stood on a balcony above the 160-foot wide floor and was awed as she gazed at the 70-foot high arches.

"It's like walking into a cathedral in a way," she said. "I love St. Peter's in Rome, but I don't know if I can compare this to St. Peter's.

On the 61st anniversary of the day her husband broke major league baseball's color barrier, more than 330 players, managers and coaches — including entire teams — wore Jackie Robinson's No. 42 to celebrate the Hall of Famer's accomplishments. The center of the celebration was at Citi Field, the New York Mets' $800 million ballpark under construction adjacent to Shea Stadium. The Mets unveiled designs for the rotunda, which will contain eight huge pictures of Robinson and have an 8-foot statue of his number in Dodger blue.

It will be the central entrance for the ballpark, which opens in 2009, and the Mets estimate 30,000 fans per game will pass through.

"People will say: 'I'll meet you at 42.' Everyone will know where that is," Mets owner Fred Wilpon said, lovingly putting his hand on the back of Rachel Robinson, still spry at age 85.

But even as her husband's legacy was being memorialized in stone, brick and terra cotta, a study was released that said blacks made up only 8.2 percent of major league players last year, down from 8.4 percent in 2006 and the lowest level in more than two decades. The figure was 19 percent as recently as 1996 according to Richard Lapchick of Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports.

"I'm very disappointed by that fact," Robinson said. "Competition from other sports is certainly a big factor but there are many factors. We've got to work on it in terms of getting younger players into the game, and getting communities behind the programs.

Robinson also announced the Jackie Robinson Foundation will open a Jackie Robinson Museum in the Tribeca section of Lower Manhattan and that half of the $75 million cost has already been raised for the museum, projected to open in 2010.

In Brief

Thome fined for actions, suspended for one game

NEW YORK — Jim Thome of the Chicago White Sox was suspended for one game Tuesday and fined an undisclosed sum by Major League Baseball for "inappropriate actions" during a game against Detroit last week. He was ejected for arguing a call after he struck out.

Thome said he would not appeal and would serve his suspension Tuesday, when the White Sox were home against Oakland. He said he was due for a day off anyway.

"You get caught up in the situation, emotions. No grudges, you move on," Thome said in the clubhouse before the game against the A's.

Thome was ejected in the fifth inning last Friday following a third-strike call by plate umpire James Hoye. Replays showed the 3-2 pitch borderline low.

Jones seeks trade, holds off on application

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Suspended Tennessee Titans cornerback Pacman Jones said Tuesday he's delayed filing a possible trade request with the NFL until a possible trade is worked out.

Jones told the Michael Irvin Show on ESPN Radio that he had planned to make the leap to the NBA.

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Quentin, in a 2-for-17 skid, and walked Joe Crede before Cabrera before getting out of trouble. Quentin then hit Paul Konerko leading off the fourth and walked Joe Crede before Quentin, in a 2-for-17 skid,
turned on a belt-high fastball. He flipped his bat and watched as
the ball sailed deep into the left-
field seats, his second homer giv-
ing the White Sox a 3-0 lead.
"I'm trying to get more consist-
ent," Quentin said. "I'm trying
to not give away at-bats. I feel
like I'm doing all right doing
that."
Crede chased Eveland in the fifth with a single that drove in
Jermaine Dye, who had single-
counted to second on a throwing error by third baseman
Donnie Murphy.
The White Sox were without
Jim Thome, who was fined and
suspended for one game for
evamentoy arguing a called third
t amazed at district during a
game against Detroit last week.
He decided to serve his punishment
rather than appear in part
because he was not scheduled to
play, anyway.
Angels 7, Rangers 4
Gary Matthews Jr. snapped out of a slump with a tiebreaking
three-run double, and the Los
Angeles Angels rallied to beat
Texas Tuesday as the Rangers
ended their first four of the season with their third
straight loss.
Matthews was in a 3-for-27
slide before his double to left-
center in the sixth inning off
Jepsen. (0-1) brake 2-4 all the.
Rupe took over to start the sixth for Kevin Millwood , who
left after pitching due to a
bruised left shin sustained when he
was hit by a batted ball in the
second. The Rangers said
Millwood came out because his
leg started to stiffen up on him.
The problem didn't appear to be
serious.
Rupe walked two batters and
allowed a single, with a sacrifice
bunt in between, before Matthews cleared the bases.
Darren Oliver (1-0), like Matthews a former Ranger,
throw a 3-2-3 scoreless innings in
relief of starter Dustin Moseley .
Francisco Rodriguez worked the
ninth, overcoming two walks for
his fifth save in six chances.
There was no indication that
Millwood was hurt after a ball
hit by Maicer Izturis ricocheted
off the pitcher's left leg and
rolled to first base, where Ben
Braski kicked it up and
tagged the bag for an easy out.
Millwood was even smiling when
manager Ron Washington came
out to check on him.
Millwood was also hit on the
throwing hand by a batted ball,
when he reached up attempting
to grab a ball in the fourth that
turned into a groundout. That
play came between a single by
Gary Matthews Jr. and a
double by the same contact
by Garrett Anderson and Casey
Kotchman 's two-run homer.
Millwood then snapped another
comebacker by Izturis for an
out before allowing three
straight singles, the last by
Chone Figgins driving in a run.
Vladimir Guerrero and Anderson had consecutive dou-
bles in the fifth to tie the game at
4.
The Rangers finished their first
homestead 2-4, sweeping a dou-
bleheader from Baltimore for their
only victories. They swept in a three-game set by
Toronto and lost both games in
the short set against the Angels,
who dropped two of three to
Texas in their first homestand.
IU’s Senderoff hired at Kent St.

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Rob Senderoff can’t change his past or what happened at Indiana, he’s only looking forward.

Senderoff, involved in a phone-call scandal that led to Kevin Sampson’s resignation and NCAA scrutiny at Indiana, was hired Tuesday as an assistant at Kent State, returning to the school where he spent four years before joining Sampson’s staff.

“I couldn’t be happier to be back,” Senderoff said.

Last October, Senderoff resigned from his job with the Hoosiers amid a university investigation that he broke NCAA rules by making illegal phone calls to recruits. The investigation led to Sampson accepting a $750,000 buyout in February.

Months after Senderoff stepped down voluntarily at Indiana, an NCAA report said Sampson and he knowingly participated in three-way calls with at least three recruits. The report said Senderoff initiated those calls.

The Feb. 8 NCAA report accused Senderoff of providing “false or misleading information” to the NCAA and failing to abide by its expected ethical standards for honesty. “We wouldn’t have moved forward if I didn’t do anything wrong. I’ve learned from my mistakes,” Senderoff said, “and I’m looking forward to moving on to the next chapter.”

Indiana will have a hearing in front of the NCAA’s infractions committee in June, and Senderoff said he will participate. Sampson and IU officials will also be present.

“I hope it closes the book on it,” he said. “Whatever the NCAA says, I will follow. I was here (at Kent State) for four years and I never had a problem and always abided by the NCAA rules compli­ance. … I’m not going to say I didn’t do anything wrong. I’ve learned from my mistakes.”

Last season was the first time in 13 years that Senderoff wasn’t coaching. He missed it terribly, and is looking forward to being back in the gym and on the bench. Senderoff, previously worked at Kent State from 2002-06, when he was hired by Sampson, will be an assistant under Geno Ford, who recently took over the Golden Flashes after Jim Christian left for TCU. Ford and Senderoff worked on Christian’s staff together.

Kent State athletic director Laing Kennedy said Senderoff said Senderoff was grateful for the chance to restart his coaching career.

“I’m coming back to a place where everybody knows who I am,” he said. “I can’t wait to get started and to work with Geno again.”

Kent State has become one of college basketball’s elite mid-major programs in the past decade. The school has posted 10 consecutive 20-win seasons and has made the NCAA tournament field four times since 2000.

Senderoff began his coaching career at Albany before becoming a graduate assistant at Miami of Ohio from 1995-97. He also worked at Fordham, Yale and Towson before coming to Kent State.

IU Men’s Basketball

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Associated Press

They have improved a lot over the course of the season." Saint Mary’s strength continued in its singles matches as the team won four of the six matches. No. 1 Gebert defeated Oles 6-0 in one match before Oles dropped out of competition for the day. Gebert moves their record to 8-8. No. 2 Hurley won their fourteenth match of the season in 6-0, 6-2 defeat of Walus, putting her at 14-2. At No. 3 singles, Reed lost 6-1, 6-2 to Edison, moving her to 7-8. No. 4 Jessica Kostinski was defeated as well for Saint Mary’s, losing 7-6; 6-1 to Milender, putting her at 6-9. No. 5 Rubino beat Julia Horn 6-4, 6-2 for her seventh victory of the season, moving her to 7-8. Freshman Laura Arnold won at No. 6 singles over Frey in a 10-8 tie-breaking third match after losing the first match 6-2 and winning the second 6-2.

"I think this win will boost our confidence for the upcoming matches," Hurley said. "We’re playing really competitive teams, and this win will help.

Rubino outlined the goal for his team’s next matches very simply.

“We need to keep our momentum going,” he said. Next up for Saint Mary’s is a home match against conference foe Adrian at 3:00 p.m. Thursday.

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Belles stay hot in win over Bethel

By MEAGHAN VESELIK

Saint Mary’s (7-9) grabbed its seventh win of the season yesterday, 7-2 at home against cross-town rival Bethel College (10-5).

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Saint Mary’s (7-9) grabbed its seventh win of the season yesterday, 7-2 at home against cross-town rival Bethel College (10-5).

“It’s always nice to beat a cross-town rival,” Belles coach Chuck Rubino said. “We played excellent doubles, which really got us going. And in singles, Laura (Arnold) made a nice comeback after losing her first match and winning the tie-breaker.”

The Belles kept up the momentum from their 8-1 win over Tri-State this past weekend as they swept the doubles division. Leading Saint Mary’s was the No. 1 duo of sopho­more co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley, who defeated Belles’ Bev Oles and Jade Walus 8-2. Gebert and Hurley move their record to 8-8, 4-1 MIAA. No. 2 pair of sopho­more co-captain Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed made up for their loss this past week­end as they defeated Sherra Milender and Lindsey Dixon 8-3, putting them at 6-8 as a pair. At No. 3 doubles were fresh­men Jessica Camp and Francia Pulski, winning 8-5 over Carrie Edson and Serena Frey for their second match as a pair, moving them to 1-1.

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Women's Lacrosse

Laxers out for revenge against Commodores

By ANDY ZICARELLI  
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Forgive the Irish if they experience a bit of deja vu. At this time last season, Notre Dame was sporting a 10-3 record, a spot in the national rankings and was coming off of a win over No. 9 Georgetown. But a loss to Vanderbilt in their next game was the beginning of the end for the Irish, coach Tracy Coyne said.

"That was the beginning of the three-game slide for us last year," Coyne said. "We went to Vanderbilt and lost. They were really fired up for the game."

Fast forward to this season, as the Irish (10-4, 3-1 Big East) currently hold the No. 10 spot in the national polls. They are coming off of a win over Georgetown, this first in the program's history in Washington, D.C., and the same Vanderbilt team stands in their way this year. This time, Coyne thinks her team has the makings to defeat the Commodores.

"It is really an important game," Coyne said. "Our goal is not off in the distance, it is right there. I think that we are really focused, especially after the last disappointment of last year. We are in the exact same situation we were in last season, except now we have the knowledge of what we did last year."

Coyne has said all season that the team's goal is to win the Big East conference and make a run toward the national championship. A win on Wednesday would go a long way toward those goals.

The Irish come into Wednesday's game riding a wave of momentum. After falling to No. 1 Northwestern last Wednesday, 16-2, the Irish closed out their five-game road trip at Georgetown, a place where the Irish had never won in program history. Thanks to a great team performance, the Irish were able to break their streak and notch a historic 10-8 win. The win closed out the road trip which saw the Irish go 4-1 and beat two top-10 teams. Coyne was quick to mention the defense as a reason for the success.

"I think the defensive unit gave huge performances in the big wins at Duke and Georgetown," Coyne said. "We have relied on the attack in other games, but the defense really set themselves apart on the road trip."

The stellar play of the defense is a welcomed sign for the Irish, who relied on their potent offense earlier in the season, but now seem to be coming together for the stretch run. Also important was the atmosphere in which the game was played, one which Coyne called a "championship atmosphere."

The Irish will take on the Commodores at home on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

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SMC Softball

Mourning Belles win two

By LAURA MYERS  
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Saint Mary's (16-7, 6-2 MIAA) won two games Tuesday, but suffered an important loss Sunday.

Assistant coach Don Miller passed away Sunday night. A doubleheader originally scheduled for today will be played Friday so the team can attend the visitation tonight and the funeral Thursday morning.

On Tuesday night, the team swept a doubleheader at Albion, which had been postponed from Saturday due to bad weather.

"The most important thing we did was step up to honor our late coach," head coach Eric Sullivan said. "He was such a huge part of our program, and we thought two wins would be a fitting tribute to the softball excellence he helped create."

The Belles won the first game with a score 5-2. The team jumped out to an early 3-0 lead after the third inning, and never relinquished it.

Sophomore Ashley Peterson, the Belles' most consistent offensive player, went 4-for-4 with three doubles and a home run. Junior Calli Davison pitched all seven innings, bringing her record to 8-6.

"Calli had a great day pitching, and our outfield made some fantastic plays," Sullivan said of game one.

In game two, the Belles scored out a 7-6 win in extra innings. The Belles scored three runs in the third inning to take an early 3-1 lead, but the Britons tied it 4-4 in the seventh frame.

"The Britons were full of energy and didn't give up, even after losing game one," said Sullivan.

Each team tackled on an extra run in the eighth. The Britons scored one more-in the ninth, but the Belles answered with two more in the bottom of the inning. Sophomore Maureen Healy scored the winning run on a wild pitch.

Coyne took the win in the game as the Belles closed out their five-game road trip at George-town, a place where the Irish had never won. The Belles swept a doubleheader over the weekend against Adrian on Saturday and at North Central College Sunday.

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as a battle tomorrow and go from there.

The reasons behind the win were consistent pitching and manufactured runs once the Irish faced a deficit.

Freshman pitcher Cole Johnson didn’t quite get the start he wanted as a pair ofinheritors to third produced a pair of base runners to start the game. After sophomore Aaron Dudley hit a sacrifice fly to center, both runners advanced and things looked bleak for the Irish early on with just one out.

Junior Josh Collier picked up an RBI with a ground out fielder’s choice to first base.

With a potential run now 90-foot away, junior-second baseman Jeremy Barnes made a play off of an errant bounce on a ground ball savvy a run, putting the Rockets up 1-0.

The Irish seemed to mount a threat in the bottom of the third with two outs with a little help from Rockets second baseman Tim Krocheck. After senior shortstop Brett Lilley walked, sophomore David Mills reached first on an error by Krocheck on an errant throw. With sophomore A.J. Pollock at the plate, Notre Dame was in prime position to tie the game up. The centerfielder grounded out the middle, but Krocheck made up his mistake with a nice grab and then dive to second to get Mills out on a force at second.

The Irish did get their tying run, however in the fourth frame with a one-out rally. After Barnes flared out to right, senior outfielder Ross Brezovsky got a free pass putting an Irish runner at first.

Junior first baseman Casey Martin, in the starting lineup because junior Evan Sharpley doesn’t face fences, hit a fly ball that bounced just fair, allowing Brezovsky to reach third on the double.

Sophomore right fielder Billy Bockford hit a sacrifice fly to right field. Senior Dan Tidman then cruised towards the fence, then gunned the ball to home. Brezovsky, with some adsage base running, beat out the throw at the plate, knotting the game up at one. Junior starting pitcher Ryan France got out of the inning with a ground out from freshman catcher Cameron McConnell.

Just one frame later, Notre Dame got all the insurance it would need with a three-run inning.

Freshman pitcher Matt Kuna entered the contest for the Rockets to start the inning, and got roughed up in his only inning of work. Freshman third baseman Greg Sherry reached second with a double as his fly ball became an error allowing the Rocket center and right fielders.

Lilley then picked up an RBI single to right, but Sherwood committed an error allowing the shortstop to advance to second base.

Mills then executed a sacrifice bunt, moving Lilley over to third. Pollock then walked putting runners on the corners.

The sophomore center fielder took off early, allowing him to reach second on Barnes’ RBI fielder’s choice throw in Lilley.

Brezovsky then stepped to the plate and delivered an infield single on a pitch that allowed Pollock to score from second base. Kuna then closed out the inning with a Bockford ground out.

Johnston allowed two more base runners the entire contest, and was relieved by fellow freshman Brian Dupra in the sixth frame. Johnson finished with five innings pitched, three hits, an unearned run and three strikeouts.

The right-hander took command of the game allowing only a pair of hits in his four innings on the mound.

The Irish added a pair of scores in the seventh, securing the victory. Pollock hit a dribbler to the pitcher but beat it out with his speed. Barnes then doubled off the centerfielder to bring the sophomores across the plate. After Brezovsky grounded out to second, Barnes advanced to third and Sharpley was intentionally walked, bringing Bockford to the plate.

The right fielder hit a sacrifice fly that brought in the last run of the contest and raised the Irish lead to five.

After the contest, Schrage was impressed with the Irishmen pitching duo.

"I thought our pitchers did tremendous today," he said. "When you look that over, only (five) hits you get up on it...it's a good confidence builder hopefully for Dupra. Cole's been pitching really well. It was a perfect day for him to pitch with the wind blowing out, we wanted a sinkball guy starting. After the first inning I thought he settled in and he did a great job. That's what he's capable of and hopefully that will get him some confidence and get him going."

The Irish return to action today at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago against Northern Illinois at 6 p.m.

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Freshman pitcher Cole Johnson delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's 8-1 win over Toledo yesterday.

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starts during springtime and spring is a time for renewal. And that's what this is about: renewal," Schrage said. "We haven't had a lot of good weather this year but we're hoping tomorrow night Mother Nature cooperates and we're able to raise a bunch of money for the scholarship fund." And while Mathey and his team will be part of the healing process tonight, many of them have not fully recovered themselves.

"It's just unbelievable, horrific when you think that some thing like that can happen and then it happens to you," Mathey said. "A lot of our freshmen were imparted a little more than some of the older guys. Many of them went home because that's where their comfort zone was.

The coach said most of the upperclassmen on the team chose to continue the season, which was delayed by four games because of the tragedy.

"Some of the older guys have got more connections here and they stuck around," Mathey said. "None of the team was involved in the incidents as far as being in the classroom or being in any of the classrooms near there, and I guess that's the best we as a team could have hoped for."

Still, Mathey said, it was at least two days after the incident before any of his players began to comprehend what had happened. On February 24, the school held a memorial service for the fallen victims in the Northern Illinois Convocation Center.

"On the Sunday after, there was a vigil and (15,000) people came. It was so touching," Mathey said. "It marked the time when we could finally start healing as a team and as a university."

For Notre Dame's part, Irish coach Dave Schrage spent three seasons as the head coach at Northern Illinois. Schrage said he was stunned by the tragedy and asked long­ time friend Mathey if there was any type of aid Notre Dame could give his former school.

"I was there as a coach for three years and the shootings or being in the building that was right across the street from my office," Schrage said. "I just called [Mathey] to make sure everything was okay. I just asked, 'Hey, is there anything we can do to raise money for this group?' And we came to an agreement to play a game."

And while it is just a game, both coaches agree that tonight will be extremely emotional for those close to the victims.

"It's going to be a tough night for the families," Schrage said. "I'm not sure how many are coming or what but hopefully everyone can make some money for them."

Mathey said Notre Dame and the Huskies were instrumental in planning tonight's contest.

"Notre Dame has been simply outstanding throughout this whole thing," Mathey said. "Coach Schrage and [Irish assistant coach Scott] Lawler and the [Notre Dame] administration were so great in helping us out."

The teams hope to draw a big crowd from the Chicago area for the matchup.

"From what I understand, Northern Illinois is a pretty big following from the Chicagoland area," Mathey said. "I'm really interested to see how much red and how much green there is in the stands." Schrage, who grew up near Chicago, echoed Mathey's sentiment.

"We got a great alumni group (around Chicago). Hopefully we can get some of our fan base and we could do something like this every year," Schrage said."

Still, after defeating Toledo 6-1 Tuesday, Notre Dame takes a nine-game winning streak and a 22-9-1 record into the contest. Meanwhile, Northern Illinois moved to 13-16 with a win over Akron Sunday.

"We want to go out and just hopefully give Notre Dame a good game for both teams playing in a pro ball­ park," Schrage said. "The emotions will be high. We come on a streak but I'm sure the Irish will be ready as well."

And might Northern Illinois have some type of intervention beyond the baseball element of the game on its side?

"Well, that doesn't usually happen against Notre Dame," Mathey laughed. "But we'll see."

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other hand started off ice-cold, and were only able to heat up later in the game. The cold night seemed to affect both of the team’s shooting as the first half took almost 45 minutes by itself.

However, in the second half, both teams were able to pick up the scoring as well as their intensity. Despite being down 11–9, Haranobody’s Offspring was able to make a comeback and held a 20–18 lead with the ball and a chance to win the game. The ball was stolen, however, and it to Catch A Predator capitalized, with Tim Wallace hitting a jumper. Wallace hit two more shots after tough defensive stands by To Catch a Predator, and they took a 21–20 lead.

Haranobody’s Offspring tried to bring the ball down the court to extend the game a little bit longer, but Mike Manny made a great play on the ball, and forced a steal. He then passed to Tim Long who hit a jumper from the free throw line to win the game.

To Catch A Predator was propelled by Tim Wallace who had 13 of his team’s 22 points as well as Mike Manny who played excellent defense all game long while contributing four points.

No. 15 The Dark Knights ... and Nate were in a zone (in the first half), and so we were able to get more open looks,” said captain Mike Crocker, a computer engineering graduate student of the Engineering Giants. “Then they switched to man-to-man, and they play a tough man-to-man. That was probably the biggest difference — that, and in the second half, we just did not shoot as well.”

Crocker said the reason for his team’s loss was simple. “We had to play very well to win, and we didn’t play as well as we needed to,” he said.

No. 10 The Delivery Boys 21, No. 22 Muhammad All Enterprises 8

The Engineering Giants jumped out to an early first half lead by utilizing their height effectively. They also were helped out by the wind, which impacted some shots from The Dark Knights ... and Nate, but the determined 15 seed went on a little run to take an 11–9 halftime lead.

The second half opened with three straight buckets from The Knights, who were on their way to dominating the last 20 minutes of the game. Shots from senior captain Milo Dodson were key in the victory.

“The wind played a good factor in our shot, but we kind of just had to adjust our game to take lay-ups as opposed to just taking jumpers,” Dodson said. “We also got offensive rebounds and put-backs by (senior) Nate (Prochaska). He definitely carried us down-low as well as (senior) Leo (Ferris) getting easy lay-ups and just playing physically.”

The Knights’ defense was also integral to their win. “First, (The Dark Knights ... and Nate) were in a zone (in the first half), and so we were able to get more open looks,” said captain Mike Crocker, a computer engineering graduate student of the Engineering Giants. “Then they switched to man-to-man, and they play a tough man-to-man. That was probably the biggest difference — that, and in the second half, we just did not shoot as well.”

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No. 11 Mathletes 21, No. 22 I Can’t Believe We’re So Butter...SPRAY! 14

This contest started off on a slow pace as baskets were not dropping for either team until the Mathletes exploded from a 3–2 score to an 11–2 halftime lead.

In the first half, we were getting good looks, and we just couldn’t convert,” I Can’t Believe We’re So Butter...SPRAY! captain Rick Loesing said. “They were using their athleticism, and they were pushing the ball on us pretty well. We were playing good defense, but they were converting on their shots. We just couldn’t hit ours.”

The No. 22 seed came out of halftime poised to make a comeback. At first, it seemed like the Mathletes could not put I Can’t Believe We’re So Butter...SPRAY! away in a game that got immediately more competitive. Loesing said, “We started getting warmed up at the end of the first half, and then we started feeling good in the second half.” Loesing said. “We kept getting open looks, and we just started converting. However, at that point, it was too late. They were still shooting well, and by that time, it was over.”

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The Juice’s junior Rich Wallach lays one in during his team’s win over Strictly Business yesterday.

and junior Pete Leonard buried some nice jumpers from the backcourt, and senior Fritz Shadley played well on the inside. But it was too little, too late as the teams were trading buckets down the stretch. “They were a really good team — definitely our closest game yet,” Mathletes captain Peter Kelly said. “We’re just really a strong group. We complement each other pretty well. Camouflaging was tough to see, but I caught him sometimes.”

Loesing was resigned about the loss. “We started getting warmed up at the end of the first half, and then we started feeling good in the second half,” Loesing said. “We kept getting open looks, and we just starting converting. However, at that point, it was too late. They were still shooting well, and by that time, it was over.”

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ND wins ninth straight on the arms of freshmen pitchers Johnson, Dupra

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Chalk up another one in the win column for Notre Dame.

The Irish (22-9-1, 10-2 Big East) made it nine in a row and 15 of their last 17 with a 6-1 win over the Toledo Rockets Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

When asked about the mood in the locker room following the winning streak, Irish coach Dave Sehrage played with the superstitions regimen embodied within baseball.

"Shhhhh," he joked, mocking the mention of the winning so his players wouldn’t hear him. "We’re just a confident group right now. We really are. We’re playing well. We’re not looking too far ahead. We’re just taking it slow. It’s an old cliché, but we’ve got a game tomorrow to play and we’re going to take that no matter what..."

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SOFTBALL

Irish strike out 13 times, manage one hit in shutout loss

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s offense got off to a good enough start at No. 13 Northwestern Tuesday night, when junior third baseman Linda Koshan ripped a two-out single in the first inning. Unfortunately for the Irish, they didn’t get much else after that.

Wildcat pitcher Lauren Delaney didn’t allow a hit after the third inning, when Northwestern took a 1-0 lead. The Wildcats improved to 24-13 this season and six of the 22 students shot in the incident died.

North Dame will face off against Northern Illinois tonight at U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox, in a benefit for the NIU February 14 Scholarship Fund. The foundation will distribute scholarships to deserving students in the name of the victims of the shooting.

A lot, according to Northern Illinois coach Ed Mathey.

"The book about baseball is it..."

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

The Juice down football coach Brown’s team

By PETER REISENAUER and PAT O’BRIEN
Sports Writer

It seemed at the beginning of the game that Strictly Business would be able to run away with the game, when they pulled out to the early 4-1 lead, but The Juice methodically picked away at the lead, and was able to take a 9-8 lead.

The score at halftime was Strictly Business leading 11-10.

The Juice came out swinging in the second half and took a 14-11 lead. Strictly Business mounted a comeback, however, scoring the next few points. The game of runs continued with the next four points coming from The Juice. The Juice finished Strictly Business off after they let them travel to within 20-19.

The Juice was led by Mike Bednarczyk who scored nine points for his team, while also scoring the last two points of the game. Corey Fitzpatrick was also instrumental in his team’s victory pulling down multiple rebounds and blocking a couple of shots as Strictly Business tried to pull even.

To Catch a Predator vs. Haranomaly’s Offspring

In a matchup that featured an incredibly slow start and an exhilarating finish. To Catch A Predator was able to come out on top of Haranomaly’s Offspring 22-20.

The game started out with To Catch A Predator hitting four of its first six shots but being unable to score for a while after that. Haranomaly’s Offspring, on the other hand, did not have a lead throughout the game. The Juice down football coach Brown’s team

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The teams started against each other, using tough defenses that both offenses had trouble adjusting to, until they both started to make their outside shots. Strictly Business, led by Irish linebacker Kerry Seals, who was able to score the first four points for his team, and score nine of his team’s 19 points overall.

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