Bengal Bouts tickets on sale, fights to begin Feb. 15

Annual boxing tournament trying to raise money for Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh amidst bad economy

By LAURA MCCCRystal
New Writer

With a Feb. 15 preliminary round on the horizon, tickets went on sale for the 79th annual Bengal Bouts last week.

Bengal Bouts is a boxing event that raises money for the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh.

This year's Bengal Bouts team has almost 300 members, according to senior president Mark Weber.

The novice boxers began training before fall break and have been practicing since the beginning of spring semester, he said. The practices run for two hours, six days per week, and consist of conditioning plus five to 10 spars with other boxers.

"To make it through the training is really a rite of passage," Weber said.

The pairings for the preliminary round will be posted late next week, after the boxers are divided into 12 to 14 different weight classes and matched with their competitors based on their sparring records, he said.

The box office estimated selling 3,300 all-session and final round tickets as of Monday afternoon. The box office sells all-session and individual round tickets, but each boxer also sells all-session tickets, making it difficult to estimate total ticket sales, a representative from the box office said.

Weber said that the boxing club also hopes to sell tickets to the dining halls at the end of the week.

Bengal Bouts raised $50,000 last year for the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh, but that fundraising goal has become more difficult to meet for this year's tournament, Weber said.

"The economy's hitting us pretty hard," he said.

Businesses that have traditionally bought advertisement space for the tournament have decided not to do so this year because of the economic downturn, Weber said.

But Weber said that Bengal Tigers Mk. 2010 

CLC discusses off-campus task force

Council also debates possible implementation of Good Samaritan policy

By SARAH MERVOYH
News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC) continued discussing the possibility of creating a new off-campus task force that would focus on the safety and well-being of off-campus students and the possible implementation of the Good Samaritan policy at its meeting Monday.

Student body president Bob Reish said Fr. Mark Pooram, Vice President of Student Affairs and member of the task force, asked the council to discuss Notre Dame's sexual assault policy, so CLC no longer needed to discuss it.

"That still leaves room for the off-campus issue and possibility looking through the Good Samaritan policy," Reish said.

A Good Samaritan policy would protect students who have been drinking from getting into trouble if they try to get help for an intoxicated friend who is having problems.

Another issue the CLC discussed was the disconnect between the University and off-campus students, and the lack of clarity on what kind of responsibility off-campus students and the University have towards each other.

"Something that we noticed is that once students make the decision to move off campus, the University feels that is your decision... and you can be as involved or uninvolved as you want to be," said Meg MacCaughtry, Student Union Board manager. "There is a disconnect that would be really important to fix so that the University doesn't feel that once you leave, that's it."

Fr. Pete McCormick, rector of Keough Hall, said he doesn't intend on ignoring or leaving out off-campus students, but that much of dorm life does not apply to them anymore.

"I'm respecting their autonomy once they leave the dorm," he said. "It's not out of a sense of spite."

Saint Mary's to host weekend conference

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Saint Mary's students may notice an influx of guests on campus this weekend as the College hosts 115 students from other colleges and universities for the Indiana Residence Hall Organization Conference this weekend, senior Kate McInerney said at Monday's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting.

McInerney, a resident advisor in McCandless Hall, presented a co-sponsorship asking BOG to help supplement costs of the conference.

"Based on the economy and other situations, we are having issues," she said. "The problem is, at all of these schools, college students come and sleep on the floor. Since we are an all-women's college, they won't let us have guys and girls together on the floor and they told us we had to house them in a hotel."

While the hotel fees were incorporated into the price the delegates are paying to come, the College is trying to keep the costs as low as possible so every student can attend, she said.

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I lamenting a laptop

Laptops. Fun, fantastic, internet producing machines that make our lives easier. We can watch Mamma Mia on DVD, listen to that great new song by Miley Cyrus and even get a paper done (after receiving absolutely necessary extension). Sadly these fabulous activities have disappeared from my daily life because my brilliant servant, my 12" PowerBook G4, finally gave up on me after four years of faithful service.

It was spontaneous. It was somewhat expected. My little silver friend had fallen spectacularly a few months back and had a few dents on his metallic exterior. Last week, though, the screen became gray, filled with horizontal lines of various colors, and it kindly requested that I shut it down, and send it off on a burning pyre.

Instead of having my computer at my side to service my every curiosity, I was thrown into a dark mystery. I am simultaneously devoid of heat. My off-campus house was completely unheated, and it badly needed a space heater when people said that it had been there for me for four years. I lost an inanimate object to productivity, I lost an inanimate object that one guy in that one movie, you know with the hair? What is the average life expectancy of a torso? I don't know, but it is a fact that I would look up and immediately forget were gone from my life, with no substitute for "the google." I was once again unsatisfied in my search for trivial knowledge.

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Associate professor of Communication Design at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston displayed this slide during a lecture at the Snite Museum of Art Tuesday.

OFFBEAT

Man in wheelchair allegedly snatches purse

COLUMBUS, Ga. - Columbus police arrested a man in a wheelchair after he allegedly stole a woman's purse early Saturday and then spit in an officer's face.

Police said a 51-year-old man approached a 49-year-old woman who was reclining on a couch in the lobby of their apartment building with her brown purse beside her.

Police said the man took the purse and tried to get away but the woman yelled at him to return the purse and it was recovered. The man got into an elevator and went to his room but was arrested for robbery a short time later.

Two officers took the man to a medical center for treatment. Police said the man then insulted the weight of one officer and then cursed and spit in his face.

The man was charged with obstruction of an officer and was released from the Muscogee County Jail later that day.

Stabbing officers a family affair

SEVERN, Md. - Anne Arundel County Police said a man and his parents assaulted the officers. After police arrested him and two more officers arrived, police said the father pulled out a butcher knife and tried to stab an officer.

Police drew their weapons and the father laid the knife down. But police said the mother tried to grab the knife before assaulting the fourth officer.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Question of the Day: What was your favorite Super Bowl commercial?

Claire Brosnihan

"I watched the "Puppy Bowl" during commercial breaks. Seriously."

Gary Nigak

"The one where they hit the koala. Because hitting small animals is awesome."

Meghan Kibbe

"The Doritos one, because that's what I do with my snowglobes too."

Sean O'Boyle

"The E-Trade talking baby commercial, because talking babies are crazy."

Shannon Coyle

"The Polamalu commercial, because I love his hair."

Scene Writer

Szymon Ryzner

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Butts is making an effort to go beyond simply raising money for the Cross missions. This past summer, he and four other boxers travelled to Bangladesh to visit with the cross missions for the first time in Bangladesh's history.

During the two-week trip, the boxers visited schools and worked on a documentary film with a professional camera crew, and part of the project is focused on the International Summer Service Learning Program (Isslp) through the Center for Social Responsibility.

The new Isslp will send Notre Dame boxers to Bangladesh each summer, creating a more personal relationship between the boxing tournament and missions that it supports. A documentary film will be released in fall of 2009.

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Mark Weber senior president

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This past summer's efforts will form the basis for future missions.

"Twilight" will be shown the afternoon of Feb. 21 in Venue Vennet Theater in the basement of the student Center. Show times will be at 1:30, 3:20, 5:40, and 9:50.

The cost of the event is free, and tickets will be free for the first 250 people to claim.

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In other BOG news:

♦ Little 9's Weekend will be Feb. 27-28. Residence Hall Association President Maureen Clougherty said registration for the event has ended.

♦ Athletics Board Coordinator Michele Peterson announced that the movie "Something's Missing" will be shown in Lecture Hall 132 on Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. The film will be shown on campus as part of the "What I Believe" speaker series.

♦ A small film that is currently in post-production is being shown Friday night.

Pizza and beer will be served at the event.

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The co-sponsorship also asked for funds to help offset the cost of bringing in the speakers and a movie being shown Friday night.

"The money to be shown here on campus and everyone can go see it so it will benefit the entire campus," McNerny said.

After the co-sponsorship was passed, student body president Sarah Falvey talked about the women honoring Women banquet held in late February.

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Military commander rejects comparison to Vietnam

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The top U.S. military officer cautioned Monday against comparing the war in Afghanistan to the Vietnam War, citing terrorism as the "clear and present danger" and saying an abrupt withdrawal is likely to result in a "tragic mistake." "Afghanistan is much more complex," said Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mullen, who has addressed terrorism in Afghanistan, said that a task force dedicated to civilian resources. "We run into this particular issue every year, and we've found out that people want to get help for their friends because they want to get help for their friends because they don't want to get in trouble," Falvey said.

Carroll Hall rector Jim Lewis said he is concerned that the policy ignored more fundamental issues.

"It would also like to see a little more talking (that says), You are helping because it's the right thing to do and somebody's life is going to be saved. "As a Catholic university, there has to be some kind of educational piece. We don't want people not to get in trouble."

Research assistant Diane D'Auria said the fact of the matter is that students do worry about getting in trouble.

"When it comes down to it, students do think that way. I mean, nobody wants to get caught anyway's safety to get hurt, some sort of policy should be brought in. But not just because you want to get yourself in trouble, but because you don't want things to happen, [if students do feel like they are not doing that, and that's something they don't act on it, someone's going to get a message,]" Falvey said.

Reish said he will email CLC members what he sees as the main issues that were discussed and that members should respond with their top three choices to decide on the new task force.

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Security will also toss vehi­

cles that are considered traffic violations.

In the past few months each time problem every winter when the leaves become slow-moving, the parking spaces are not clear.

"During warmer weather, when the lines are visible, it's a lot easier for people to enforce parking rules," Mullen said. If students see a parking violation they like security to address, however, they can still call the Security department at 574-284-5000.

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**Patrol investigates quota allegations**

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** President Barack Obama plans to nominate Sen. Judd Gregg as commerce secretary, according to a White House official, though he would keep his seat out of Democratic hands.

"I have made it clear to the Senate leadership on both sides of the aisle and to the governor that I would not leave the Senate if I felt my departure would cause a change in the makeup of the Senate," Gregg said Monday in a statement. The White House confirmed the Gregg choice on the condition of anonymity because the announcement had not yet been made.

New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch confirmed the "understanding," stopping just short of promising to appoint a Republican or an independent to serve out the remaining two years of Gregg's term.

The deal would keep Obama his top choice for a task aimed at steering the nation out of recession. Republicans get to keep Gregg's seat for two more years, allowing 41 Senate seats they need to fill模糊 majority; this is not an issue in the past. **And Democrats, who control 56 seats and caucus with two independents, stand a better chance of flipping Gregg's seat into their ranks in two years by his rookie replacement or an empty seat than Gregg himself.**

"The White House tried to stay out of the back and forth. But officials did nothing to squash the expectation that Gregg would succeed me, the post." "Obviously, the president would have great respect for Senator Gregg, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Monday. "I'm not going to get into it, but there are some reasons why we're not there." Getting to a deal took days of negotiating after it became known last week that Obama was considering appointing the former Budget Committee chair­man from New Hampshire to his Cabinet.

Gregg would become the third Republican in the Cabinet, if confirmed. The others are Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

The deal spares Gregg blame for delivering Democrat-complete control of the Senate and a re-election campaign in Democratic-leaining New Hampshire.

Lyleth's agreement, meanwhile, shares up his bipartisan credentials at a time when he's confronting a decades-old budget crisis at home.

The Republican expected to be named to Gregg's seat is Ronie Newman, who served as Gregg's chief of staff during his time in the House. Newman is a veteran of the Reagan White House. Under the deal, he would not run in the 2010 election.

**Kent. officials rate FEMAs response to storm**

Associated Press

EDDVILLES, Ky. — In the first real test of the Obama adminis­tration's handling of a disaster, Kentucky officials are giving the federal government good marks for its response to a deadly ice storm.

Yet more than 300,000 resi­dents remained without power Monday and some areas had yet to see aid workers nearly a week after the storm, a fact not lost on some local authorities.

"We haven't seen FEMA. They haven't been here," said Jaime Green, a spokeswoman for the emergency operations center in Lyon County, just 95 miles northwest of Nashville, Tenn.

Federal authorities insisted they responded as soon as the state asked for help and promised to keep providing whatever aid was necessary.

FEMA has been under the microscope since the Bush adminis­tration's botched response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, which Barack Obama and other Democrats made a favorite topic on the presidential campaign trail. FEMA is now reorgan­ized and strengthened after that, and it has avoided the onslaught of negative feedback Katrina generated.

The agency hasn't been tested the same way it was after the huge 55 deaths nationwide. And while it is also still cracked in some areas, the kind FEMA has traditionally been successful han­dling.

The Kentucky disaster will be closely watched, said Richard Syves, professor of political scien­ce at the University of Delaware, particularly because Obama has promised the top FEMA officials, many of whom must go through Senate confirmation.

"It's perceived not to be han­dled very well, or if there's a sense that there's insensitivity at the federal level to the plight of people, then people President Obama has appointed to senior positions in FEMA may be asked to come and run their own confirmation hearings," said Syves, who has written four books on federal disaster policy.

Beshare asked Obama for a disaster declaration to free up federal assistance Thursday, two days before the Obama issued it hours later.

Truckloads with supplies began arriving at a staging area at Fort Campbell, Ky., on Friday morning, said Mary Hudak, a spokesperson for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

On Saturday, Beshare ordered all of the state's Army National Guard to move into action to distrib­ute supplies, many of which came from FEMA.

Beshare has consistently praised Obama, a fellow Demo­crat, for the attention he's given the biggest natural disaster to hit his state.

"We have had tremendous and quick response from President Obama and his administration," Beshare said Monday. "I don't think any of our folks that have dealt with disasters before ever recall as quick a response as we've seen last Wednesday." Trina Sheets, executive director of the National Emergency Management Association, based in Lexington, Ky., said that from what she heard, FEMA's response has been very good so far. Her group represents emer­gency management directors from all 50 states.

The state's declaration request for an emergency was turned around very, very quickly by FEMA and the White House," said Sheets, who just had her power restored Monday after four days without it. "And President Obama has spoken with the governor of Kentucky on several occasions throughout the event.

Sheets said she hadn't heard any complaints so far about the federal response. "FEMA and the Kentucky National Guard are doing everything they can to get things back up and running." Sen. Jim Bunning said.

By Monday, FEMA officials were checking in on supply distri­bution points in some rural areas. FEMA official Don Daniel stopped by to ask emergency man­agement directors in Grayson County, who had criticized FEMA's response in the past, to provide information.

Amaya said Calhoun guaran­teed that agents at the 15-person station would not be penalized if they didn't make the target.

T.J. Donner, president of the National Border Patrol Council — which represents close to 15,000 Border Patrol agents nationwide — said he wanted to see a fair and impartial investigation and appropriate punishment if the allegations were true.

Immigrant advocates said they worried such quotas could be driving agents to make arrests in heavily populated areas far from the border to keep up their numbers. Some have been send­ing monitors to day labor centers with video cameras to document the activity and have called for a march on Saturday to protest the increasing trend.

Emilio Amaya, executive direc­tor of the San Bernardino County (California) Border Patrol Council, desig­nated whether the Border Patrol might be bolstering efforts inland because of a recent decline in traffic across the Mexican border.

"They have been very visible," said Emilio Amaya, who is non­profit provides legal services to immigrants. "This was not an issue in the past."
American U.N. worker as he rode to work shock and dismay at the rare attack in a Cruiser was found rammed against a wall, which begins on Friday, the State Iranian people through educational and cultural exchanges that began while President George Fajr International Badminton Tournament, the 12-member team — eight female players and four coaches and managers representing sports, artists, academics and professionals. The 32-member team — eight female players and four coaches and managers representing USA Badminton — will be in Tehran from Tuesday until Feb. 9 to participate in the Iran Fair International Badminton Tournament, which begins on Friday, the State Department said in a statement.

National News

Sailors trained to ward off pirates

PORTLAND, Maine — With an alarming number of tankers and cargo ships getting hijacked on the high seas, the nation’s maritime academies are offering more training to merchant seamen in how to fend off attacks from pirates armed not only with cutlasses and flintlocks but automatic weapons and grenades.

Colleges are teaching students to fistfight their attackers, to throw a grappling hook or use a knife, and to high-pressure water hoses and illuminating their decks with floodlights.

Mom of octuplets recieves offers of help

A woman who became one of the longest-living octuplets in the U.S. is being treated with offers for book deals, TV shows and old Hollywood roles from women with high-pressure water hoses and illuminate their decks with floodlights.

Octuplets: A whole new twist on multi

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is sending a women’s badminton team to Iran this week as part of a broad bid to engage the Iranian people through educational and cultural exchanges, the State Department said Monday. Amid a wide-ranging review of U.S. policy toward the Islamic Republic, the trip is the new administration’s first foray into such exchanges that began while President George W. Bush was in the White House. Past exchanges have involved athletes from other sports and artists and performers. The 32-member team — eight female players and four coaches and managers representing USA Badminton — will be in Tehran from Tuesday until Feb. 9 to participate in the Iran Fair International Badminton Tournament, which begins on Friday, the State Department said in a statement.

Newest Cabinet member approved

Holder becomes first African-American attorney general in nation’s history

WASHINGTON — Eric Holder was confirmed Monday as the nation’s first African-American attorney general, after supporters from both parties pulled their votes to avoid a presidential veto and easily overcome Republican concerns over his commitment to fight terrorism and his willingness to back the right to keep and bear arms.

The vote was 75-21. Holder’s chief supporter, Sen. Patrick Leahy, said the confirmation was a fulfillment of civil rights leader Martin Luther King’s dream that everyone would be judged by the content of their character.

“Come the right side of history,” said Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Holder becomes the only black in President Barack Obama’s Cabinet. Three other African-Americans were named to top administration positions, but are not Cabinet secretaries. Holder was a federal prosecutor and judge and the No. 2 Justice Department official in the Clinton administration. Even critics conceded that Holder was well-qualified, but they questioned his positions and independence.

The debate turned partisan in its later moments, when Leahy, expressed anger that a few Republicans had demanded a pledge from Holder that he wouldn’t prosecute intelligence personnel who participated in harsh interrogations. Leahy singled out Texas Republican John Cornyn as one who wanted to “turn a blind eye to possible law-violations.

“His contrasting positions from 2002 to 2008 make me wonder if this is the same person,” Cornyn said. “It makes me wonder what he truly believes.”

Cornyn and Sen. Tom Coburn said Holder was hostile to the right of individuals to own guns, despite a Supreme Court ruling last month affirming the right to have weapons for self-defense in the home.

Holder said at his confirmation hearings: “I understand that the Supreme Court has spoken,” but he added that some restrictions on guns could still be legal. Holder’s confirmation will trigger reviews — and changes — to the most controversial Bush administration policies, from interrogation tactics to terrorism trials and warrantless surveillance.

Those are some of the known issues. Even Holder doesn’t know what he’ll find when he looks at secret memos in the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel.

Holder also will have to rehabilitate a department that under President George W. Bush was criticized for being out of control in hiring police officials and bringing U.S. attorneys. He’ll have to decide whether to prosecute Justice Department officials who may have violated the law in some of those policies and tactics.

Holder also could reverse Bush’s orders to former aides not to testify before Congress on their private advice discussions on the U.S. attorney firings.

To the satisfaction of Democrats andconsternation of some Republicans, Holder told his confirmations hearing, “Waterboarding is torture.” The statement about an interrogation technique that simulates drowning was an important signal of a policy change from Bush’s view that the tactic was legal and not torture.

England

London shut down by snowstorm

Associated Press

LONDON — It was barely a blizzard, but it still shut down the city that beat the blitz.

The biggest snowfall to hit London in 17 years idled the city’s trademark red buses and Underground trains stranded thousands of airline passengers, and raised the vexing question of why a predicted winter storm caught authorities so unprepared.

Transit officials had nearly a week to get ready, but they failed to keep things running normally in the capital, which was buried under more than four inches of snow overnight and another four inches in the afternoon.

Londoners who needed to get somewhere often found they couldn’t unless they were willing to walk for miles.

“Taxis are no point in going to work today,” said office worker Caroline Samuel, 36, after waiting for an Underground train that never arrived. “I’m going home.”

All five of the capital’s airports briefly shut down — with nearly 900 flights canceled throughout the day and thousands of passengers stranded.

An international flight skidded off a runway at Heathrow, causing no injuries.

The city’s extensive bus network was completely closed for most of the day and many trains simply didn’t run.

Colonial traffic jams clogged roads because of fender benders and more serious accidents.

London’s Ambulance Service’s operations director Richard Webber said the authorities had put the department under severe pressure, adding that it would respond only to calls from people with life-threatening injuries or illnesses.

Some people straggled on cross-country skis to get around, others spent the day sledding with their kids. Problems extended to France and Ireland as well, with airports in both countries reporting numerous delays and cancellations and motorists facing icy hazards.

Mayor Boris Johnson conceded that London lacked the plows and other equipment — mostly because buying it is a gamble with big snowfalls so rare here.


Unusual procedure used to donate kidney

Doctors remove organ through vagina in 'easier than childbirth' operation to reduce pain, scarring and recovery time

Associated Press

Baltimore — Surgeons removed a woman's kidney through her vagina so they could get at a cancer-infected piece of tissue, an unusual operation they hope will encourage others to donate because it reduces pain, scarring and recovery time.

Doctors at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine said donor Kimberly Johnson, 48, and her niece, Jennifer Gilbert, 23, were both doing well following operations Thursday. "It was easier than childbirth," said Johnson, who has three children.

Transvaginal kidney removals have been done before to remove cancerous or nonfunctioning kidneys, and other diseased organs have also been removed through mouths and other orifices. However, such operations are removed laparoscopically, through small keyhole incisions.

But hospital officials think this may be the first time a donor kidney was removed through the vagina.

The operation left three pea-size scars on the Lexington Park woman’s abdomen, one hidden in her navel. Surgeons hope the procedure will make donors more likely to become donors, said Dr. Robert Montgomery, chief of the transplant division at Johns Hopkins, who led the team that performed the surgery. "Mrs. Johnson said the operation was less painful than gall bladder surgery and she is recovering more quickly than Gilbert’s father, who gave his daughter a kidney 12 years ago.

Gilbert, of Baltimore, needed the first transplant because a cancer-infected piece of tissue destroyed the kidneys she was born with. She needed the second after her body began suffering chronic rejection.

Johnson, an assistant sales manager for a St. Mary’s County newspaper, said she was able to get out of bed Thursday night, the same day the kidney was removed.

Quicker recovery and less pain are the key benefits of the new technique, Montgomery and Dr. Anthony Kalloo, the director of the Division of Gastroenterology at Johns Hopkins and a pioneer of the method of using natural orifices for organ removal.

Kalloo said more than 300 such surgeries have been performed worldwide, mostly gall bladder and appendix removal through the mouth, anus and vagina. Kalloo said there have been some resistance in the medical community because of concerns, for example, that stomach acid could leak into the abdominal cavity in operations where organs were removed through the mouth.

Dr. Jhadan Karol, a urologist and director of the Cleveland Clinic’s Center for Fertility and Reproduction, and Robert Surgery, is among those concerned about contamination. He was not involved in Johnson’s surgery.

"We are more concerned about infection having the kidney passing through a contaminated area and then going to another patient who is immunocompromised," Kalloo said.

"That is the concern we have and we are going to monitor the outcome in that regard."

In Johnson’s case, Montgomery said the entire female structure placed into her abdominal cavity through a tiny incision protected the donated kidney from contamination by bacteria and other germs that come in through the vagina.

Johnson was chosen because she has had a hysterectomy, which made the operation easier, but the procedure could be used to remove other women’s ability to give birth, he said.

More than 78,000 people are on the national waiting list to receive kidneys from deceased donors. The need is increasing as diabetes and obesity rise, threatening to further lengthen a wait that can last years.

In 2007, more than a third of the 16,629 kidneys transplanted in the U.S. came from living related donors.

"We think she’ll be probably back to her normal activities within a week or two," the transplant surgeon said.

Recovery from laparoscopic surgery typically takes several weeks, without which greatly reduces the inconvenience of donating and we’re hoping that will encourage more people to donate.

Kimb Johnson, who donated a kidney to her niece four days earlier, poses for a portrait at a relative’s home Monday.

Announcing the Year 2009 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Furter believed a genuine gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2009 annual competition for travel in support of verified research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not exceeding $1,000 and of sufficient cover all expenses. Music, dance, and theater; and art and visual students are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of study in Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be a student in a degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

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Letters to the Editor

Of insults and T-shirts

For the past four years, my friends and I have attended every home hockey game that was not scheduled during a break in addition to many away games. This Friday, we arrived to the game against Michigan an hour before game time, as per usual, only to find that the game was sold out. After hearing multiple people complain that it was advertised online that the doors would open at 7:05, I was a bit confused, and still am, as to why the student section was filled before the doors were set to open.

In addition, when I arrived at the JACC, there was a line of about 30-40 students, waiting to get into the game, completely oblivious to the fact that they would not be gaining admission. The ushers, who clearly saw the line out the door and chose to do nothing about the students standing outside in the 9 degree weather which felt like -2, it wasn’t until a friend told the ushers that they should probably let the students know the game was sold out before they decided to do anything about the freezing students.

Not only was the student section sold out an hour before the game, but it was not necessarily sold out to true fans. Many of the seats were given to students who went to the game strictly to get free t-shirts. Upon walking back from the JACC, students were seen in LaFortune with their free hockey t-shirts, odd since not only was the game not over, but it had yet to start. This problem could easily have been fixed simply by collecting the students’ tickets on the way out and reissuing them, but the ushers refused to do this or even enter the game with the used tickets. I know multiple people that have used this method. I find it interesting, that the ushers actually told us that this had never been allowed, when many of the students standing outside had done this before themselves.

Notre Dame students are not stupid, and we do not appreciate being lied to. After four years of being a loyal fan to the Notre Dame hockey team through good and bad, I am insulated that I was turned away from a game — by ushers that didn’t have the decency to tell students the game was sold out until they were forced — because of students that just want to get a free shirt. When students are standing in line outside, tell them the game is sold out. And don’t go to sporting events to get free stuff and then leave. It’s insulting both to the team and to the true fans.

Jamie Engel
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Lyons
Jan. 30

Boss goes wrong

Back in 2004, fans witnessed what they would have considered the most offensive Super Bowl halftime show of all time. But now, Bruce Springsteen has tainted the Super Bowl halftime show yet again in a greater extent than Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake ever could have planned...err, experienced. Even though the Boss’s wardrobe was functioning perfectly fine, he could easily be accused of gratuitous “crashing” which was much more graphic than necessary for the Super Bowl halftime show. What is supposed to be a show that one can watch with the family turned into a disgusting yet offending pole dance of sorts in which Bruce Springsteen made numerous lewd gestures unbefitting a renowned star who supposedly has class. He is providing an awful role model to other singers and performers, but more importantly, senior citizens. To whom are our seniors to turn when they wish to see much more family-oriented halftime shows such as those starring the Jonas Brothers, Wiggles, or even Hannah Montana (hopefully she still won't be dating someone, who, in so to get a free shirt. When students are standing in line outside, tell them the game is sold out. And don’t go to sporting events to get free stuff and then leave. It’s insulting both to the team and to the true fans.

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Raytheon is (not) unwelcome

Almost boys and girls, we here at the University of Notre Dame have just enjoyed yet another successful career fair! And you know what that means... that’s right. Another letter protesting Raytheon's presence at the fair ("Why is Notre Dame involved in the arms trade?" Feb. 2), which expresses new thoughts that haven’t already been repeated several times. So let’s look at some of the points they felt compelled to make.

1. "Mr. Jenkins left us with an understanding that his administration would take the issue seriously." It’s a good thing that taking an issue seriously means the exact same thing as taking action or making changes. If it didn’t, it would be clear that Fr. Jenkins does not do all at care for the students or the University.

2. "It’s time for Raytheon to serve a narrow conviction that places national self-interest and violent military power above the calling... of human solidarity and concern for the common good." They inherently contradict what we as a university community have placed as our true mission. I completely agree. Placing our own national self-interest and defense above the University’s own concerns is completely uncalled for. It’s a good thing Notre Dame doesn’t have a popular motto (such as “God, Country, Notre Dame.”) that places our own country’s concerns ahead of those of the University.

3. "For Raytheon, the more war and insecurity the better." Weapons manufacturers really should learn to make profits outside of when weapons are needed. That’s why, everyone’s happier! Plus, it certainly isn’t the case that the weapons Raytheon and other companies supply our country with discourage attacks from foreign enemies. If a display of power did protect us a little bit (which is, of course, unrealistic), then we might actually promote the manufacturing of weapons in some cases. Absurd.

4. "But in August 2006... nine men...occupied a Raytheon office and were detained for trespassing. On June 11, 2008 a jury released the entire group in a unanimous verdict." I am proud to know that we have a jury that was able to release these poor detained men, while neglecting the fact that they were occupying private property on which they had no right to be, and the fact that they would not peacefully leave when asked to do so. Those men certainly were lucky that jury came along.

5. "We call on the Career Center and the University administration to examine more closely who we allow onto our campus to recruit our students." If, as mentioned earlier, Fr. Jenkins doesn’t realize that "consider" and "act" mean the same thing, maybe these groups will.

Well, that’s five undeniable points our writers have made in opposition to Raytheon’s presence here on campus. It is very important that Raytheon no longer shows up at ND, so that NO student can try to join Raytheon and do their part in making sure weapons companies act in an ethical manner. Finally, it just so happens that "Currently, Raytheon is the world’s fifth-largest weapons manufacturer." Coincidence? You decide. See you all next time.

Brian Conway
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Feb. 2

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Zahm
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Goals worth one point

I grab one Observer everyday with lunch. My favorite section, as it is for many people, is the Viewpoint. In the past, there have been many articles I’ve disagreed with, some I’ve laughed at, and some that just made me wish I couldn’t read. But yesterday, for the first time, I came across an article which was, to say the least, just wrong. I am of course talking about Tim Schumle’s "Surely you jest." (Jan. 30) article. To summarize, Tim believes we should add more hockey leagues instead of lengthening the sole inter­ball hockey season. Being a player myself, I feel that the season is a little short and it is also true that the game times are ridiculously late at night. However, Tim’s opinions on interball hockey were not the reason for my alarm yesterday. It was instead, his assertion that Alumni’s hockey team managed to beat Zahm’s very best Wednesday night. Now, I am fairly cer­tain it was Zahm winning the entire game until Alumni trickled a puck into the net with 30 seconds left. While I understand that a 1-1 tie to the reigning league champs may have felt like an “awe-inspiring defeat” to an Alumni fan, it was, in fact, still at tie. Therefore, I suggest Tim rewrite his viewpoint, focusing on reasons for why a last minute goal in interhall hockey should now be worth two points.

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Scene’s Best of You Tube
Dane Cook on Catholic Mass

Try to keep a straight face on Sunday, just try.

The All American Rejects’ Cover of “Womanizer”

“It’s because we can just do it better than Britney.” You decide...

Demetri Martin’s “Jokes With A Guitar”

Perhaps the best 15 minutes you will spend this week.

Mitch Hedberg’s “Sesame Seeds”

“There’s got to be some sesame seed glue out there!”

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Lula’s:
More than a Restaurant

By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

Lula’s opened as an independently owned coffee shop in the spring of 1995, two years after the current owner, Steve Egan, graduated from Notre Dame. Since then, Lula’s has hosted Irish Music Mondays, Slam Poetry Tuesdays, acoustic sets from local musicians, and various readings through Notre Dame’s Creative Writing Program.

As construction continues on the new Eddy Street Commons, Lula’s demonstrates a great example of existing Location: Notre Dame/South Bend/Hyde Edison hall’s. Neither is bad, but community relations. Egan describes Lula’s as “more, less not to sample than a restaurant — a cultural gathering place that promotes community and provides a creative outlet.”

For almost fourteen years, Lula’s has provided a starting point for students looking to get off campus and into the community. Located on Edison Rd., in between the Bunker and the Softball Field, Lula’s is the easiest and closest off-campus eatery for an on-campus student to visit. In warmer weather, the walk would take about an easy 30 minutes.

Much of Lula’s appeal is its accessibility for those who need to study off campus. Providing free WiFi, users are only asked to cede key tables during busy lunch hours if necessary. The restaurant does fill up quickly, but outside of lunch students will find mostly peace and quiet, with easily obtained snacks and drinks.

The atmosphere is hard to pin down, coming off as something between a stripped-down Starbucks and a hole-in-the-wall bar. Neither hipster nor corporate, it’s not uncommon to see a professor and student sitting next to an older couple as a group of undergrads argue over Trivial Pursuit (Lula’s has a cabinet full of board games sure to liven the most dull of dates). The tableware was presumably from 14 years’ worth of thrift stores and garage sales, but that’s not a result of lack of effort.

As for the food, almost everyone who has been has a dish to recommend. A standard favorite is the hummus with warm fresh pita and blue corn chips. This homemade dish is completely different, the texture, and body than the dining hall’s. Neither is bad, but hummus lovers would be remiss not to sample Lula’s roasted red pepper take on the dish.

The soup has never been a disappointment, paired perfectly with fresh pumpernickel bread. Lastly, the sandwiches and wraps are noteworthy. Egan’s four recommended dishes for first-timers are well-chosen: the house salad, the turkey brie sandwich, the veggie sandwich and the artichoke chicken spinach wrap.

Lula’s recently added the Laguappe Menu (Cajun for something extra, like the 13th in a baker’s dozen). The new menu includes more wraps and salads, and also a breakfast sandwich.

One of Lula’s best features is its service. First-time diners might be put off by the clear-your-own table policy, but it almost seems right, after such friendly table service. Orders are placed at the register, where the chalkboard menu is changed frequently, and the food is brought right out to the table.

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Jeff Tweedy Delights Kalamazoo

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On the night of Thursday, January 29th 2009, Jeff Tweedy took the stage at the State Theatre for his first show in Kalamazoo as a professional musician. With five guitars behind him, Tweedy suspended his air and began his solo show with a rendition of the Woody Guthrie-penned, "One By One.

The guitar played gently and Tweedy sang as if the words were his own. No longer the wide-eyed Belleville 20-something who cut his teeth on punk and traditional country, the father of two solemnly echoed his forebearers' words, "One by one, my hair is growing gray/One by one, my dreams are fading fast.

Recently returning from New Zealand, Tweedy appeared to be as healthy as he's ever been. Sometimes noted for his lack of patience on stage, the benevolent Wilco dictator remained in good spirits despite many inappropriate shout-outs from a few over-serve individuals among the over 1,000 fans on hand. Tweedy's 20-song set was both eclectic and—

Reaching all the way back to "Uncle Tupelo's Anodyne," Tweedy played at least a song from every Wilco album as well as his own. To say it was a "foo" tune, a "Sky Blue Sky" bonus track, a "Yankee" side, a Radiohead cover and four new songs.

Highlights of the set included Tweedy's two most overtly sociopolitical songs. In "The Ruling Class," Tweedy vocally sang "Yeah he's back Jack, shootin' smack, find him if you wanna get down." After a rousing reception of applause, Tweedy smiled asking the crowd, "Do you like songs about Jesus' smoking crack, do you?" Wilco staple 'Spiders' arrived as a slowed down version of the usual avant-garde guitar bravado.

Cheers were shouted, albeit maybe inappropriately, as Tweedy provided a bit of caustic commentary, "Spiders are filling out tax returns/ Spinning out webs of deductions and melodies/ On a private beach in Michigan." Much to the delight of Wilco's rabid fan base, four contenders for the anticipated Spring 2009 release were played. Originally debuted on The Colbert Report, "Wilco The Song" left fans smiling with its "Summertime"-esque bearing.

"I Will" sounded even better than the full band version performed at Neil Young's Bridge School Benefit, while the newly debuted "Solitaire" left something to be desired. Tweedy relieved many fans when he conceded "Don't worry, that won't be on the new album."

The best of the bunch was the introspective "Everlasting Everything," which can be found on YouTube already. Lyrically, the song contains typical Tweedy beauty, revealing itself as a love letter from an unusually sure narrator.

The first encore began with a shocking rendition of Radiohead's "Fake Plastic Trees." Although the Chicagoland troubadour cannot produce the same falsetto as his British counterpart, it was a delight to hear America's brilliant front man playing homage to the band across the sea.

The second and final two-song encore concluded sans public address, witnessing Tweedy remembering his days as a member of the cult worshiped Saint Louis band Uncle Tupelo. Audience members filled the aisles to get as close to the stage as possible as their idol and friend shouted sentimentally above his own guitar, "Everything cuts against the tide, when you're by my side."

It was a fitting ending to a show, which featured the most amiable and accessible Jeff Tweedy seen, well, ever. Although a bit of the mystery is lost with Tweedy's new found happiness, fans can only find hope in the recent displays of positivity from their favorite songwriter. Bearded Canadians, "Great Lake Swimmers" provided a suitable opener. Their brand of melodic folk accompanied by sparse instrumentation was a pleasant surprise for many audience members.

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Senior Writer

Walking into the Beuel Mainstage Theater in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) this weekend, many people were simultaneously excited and unsure about the dance company's, Diavolo's, performance. Excited, because the company is known to be outstanding, but at the same time unsure of what to expect.

The DPAC Web site said that Diavolo "propels the modern, technological World, every night." Despite the thousands of people leaving the set except one man, who stood on the top. The aura of the dance was reminiscent of a New York City street — despite the thousands of people sliding on and off the set but the transformation, bringing the theme of the show full circle.

The second piece was called Tete en L'Air, which is French for "head in the sky." The theme of this segment was the isolation people feel with the modern world. Each dancer was dressed in a business suit and a hat that partially covered their eyes. The set was a large staircase positioned in the center of the stage. The dancers ran up and down the stairs, crossed around them sideways, and even did backflips off the top of the set into the arms of a few fellow dancers.

The aura of the dance was reminiscent of a New York City street — despite the thousands of people on one hand, and on the other to have the time to acknowledge one another. Similarly, the dancers carefully refrained from making eye contact with one another to portray this sort of isolation. The effect of the ending was both powerful and ominous. All the dancers left the set except one man, who stood on the top. The lighting was dark and the man's fedora was over his eyes. He falls backwards off the top of the stairs "Only one man" is the words we are left with.

The final piece was set on a ship that rocked back and forth — harder at the crescendos, and slower during the more sensitive movements. This was the first piece to offer a significant amount of synchronization between the dancers — first between the men, and then the women, but the abstract nature of the show was certainly not lost. The dancers were constantly sliding on and off the set but the transitions were so smooth that one would not even notice the men were gone. The second piece ended as a female dancer reaches into black smoke in total isolation, bringing the theme of the show full circle.

The performance was outstanding, and there was no one dancer that stood out more than another. The irony of the show was that despite its theme of isolation, people in the modern world, everyone num bered necessitated an extraordinary amount of teamwork and trust from the dancers. And there was an apparent constant uncertainty about what they would do next that was intriguing to watch. "We put it together like a puzzle," Heim said. There's an unknown zone every night.

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NBA

Mavericks down Magic for third straight win

Wade tallies 32 points and nine assists in win over Clipper; rookie Mayo scores 33 to lead Memphis over Wizards

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points and six rebounds, Jason Terry had 23 points and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Orlando Magic 105-95 Monday night for their third straight win.

Josh Howard and Jason Kidd added 13 apiece for the Mavericks, who held Orlando to 3-for-20 shooting from 3-point range.

Dwight Howard had 33 points and 11 rebounds, and Hedo Turkoglu scored 18 as the Magic ended their three-game winning streak. But that wasn’t the worst news of the night for Orlando.

All-Star point guard Jameer Nelson left the game in the third quarter with a dislocated right shoulder. He was scheduled to have an MRI on Tuesday.

And Dallas took advantage in his absence.

Terry’s 3-point play capped a 19-6 run as the Mavericks turned a tight game into a blowout, going ahead 75-57 in the third quarter. Dallas started fast in the fourth, using a 19-6 run to put them ahead 54-47. Dallas’ perimeter defense was stellar, holding the Magic to 1-for-7 shooting from beyond the arc in the first half.

It wasn’t as easy early in the game.

Muscling through Mavericks at will, Howard nearly had a double-double by the end of the first quarter: He had 12 points and six rebounds, powering the Magic to a 27-25 lead.

But even Howard wasn’t perfect.

He was rejected by the rim on an alley-oop attempt from Howard in the first quarter, falling to the floor after mishandling his position under the basket. Josh Howard was able to keep the Mavericks in range early, scoring 10 points in the first quarter.

Heat 119, Clippers 95

Dwyane Wade had 32 points and nine assists, Michael Beasley scored 30 and the Miami Heat snapped a two-game losing skid by beating the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night.

Beasley scored 15 points, Udosias Haslem added 13 and Showering came in his first back up after missing five straight with a strained left groin — finished with 11 points and seven rebounds for the Heat, who improved to 15-3 when scoring more than 100 points this season.

Josh Randolph, back after missing 19 games with a sore left knee, scored 21 points for the Clippers, who’ve lost six straight and 20 of 22. Marcus Camby and Eric Gordon each added 12 for the Clippers, who had beaten Miami by a single point in each of their last two meetings.

But Miami controlled this one from the start, never trailing by more than three points in the early going and holding the lead for the game’s final 33:33.

It was the most points Miami scored at home since beating Utah 121-83 on March 14, 2000.

Although the Clippers are the league’s worst record — both teams are now 19-38 — this game had significance for Miami.

The Heat were coming off losses to Indiana and Dallas. And with a road trip to Eastern Conference rivals Detroit and Philadelphia starting Wednesday, it’s not the ideal time for a midseason swoon, particularly with five teams, already jostling for the No. 4 playoff seed.

So Wade and Chalmers went to work early, setting the tone. They combined for 16 points in the first quarter as Miami built a six-point lead, and the Heat — buoyed by 56 percent shooting in the third quarter — started the second quarter from Beasley — eased into the break with a 56-47 edge.

It got dicey, though, late in the third.

The Clippers held Miami to only two field goals in a four-minute stretch down just 77-70 with 3:08 left in the quarter after a pair of free throws from Howard. Right on cue, Wade took over, leading a 13-3 run that ended the quarter.

He hit a pair of 3-pointers and scored nine points during the spurt, and after Haslem hit a jumper with two seconds left, the Heat carried a 90-73 lead into the fourth.

Grizzlies 113, Wizards 97

Rookie O.J. Mayo matched his career high with 33 points to lead the Memphis Grizzlies to a win over the Washington Wizards on Monday night, their first win in nearly a month.

Ruby Gay scored 23 and Marc Gasol added 22 points and 11 rebounds for Memphis, which ended a 12-game losing streak — the team’s longest since dropping 13 in a row to start the 2002-03 season.

The Grizzlies had not won since beating Dallas 102-82 Jan. 4.

Antawn Jamison had 29 points and 13 rebounds and Caron Butler scored 21 for Washington, which failed to record its second two-game winning streak of the season.

Memphis led for much of the game, but did pull away until a 19-2 run to finish the second quarter, uniting Gay scoring nine straight points as the Grizzlies ended the quarter with a 94-81 lead.

The game was Memphis’ highest scoring mark of the season, and the Grizzlies’ eight turnovers capped a season-low.

Miami guard Dwyane Wade drives against Clippers guard Fred Jones Monday in the Heat’s 119-95 victory in Miami.

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Knight interested in Georgia job

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Bob Knight could be ready to return to coaching and Monday said Georgia would be a desirable destination.

"We would have the wherewithal to recruit and be able to compete with anybody," Knight told ESPN on Monday.

Knight, who resigned as the Texas Tech coach almost one year ago, said he would return to the sideline if offered the right situation.

One problem, Georgia hasn't said if it is interested in Knight.

Athletic director Damon Evans is heading the Georgia search after firing Dennis Felton on Thursday. Evans ultimately will make a recommendation to University of Georgia president Michael Adams.

Adams' friendship with NCAA president Myles Brand could become a factor. As the president at Indiana, Brand fired Knight.

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Dick Vitale, ESPN college basketball analyst, said Georgia should make the hiring a top priority.

"I don't even know if he would take a job but I know Georgia has a lot of positives going for it in the scenario there and I think he'd be interested, I really do, but I can't speak for Bob Knight," Vitale said in a telephone interview.

"To me it's no contest. If Bobby Knight is interested in Georgia basketball it's no contest," Vitale said. "He's so good I'd come with him as an assistant. I'd be his chauffeur."

Evans named assistant coach Pete Hermann the interim coach for the remainder of the season. Evans, returning from the Super Bowl on Monday, did not return a phone message. He said Thursday he would use a search firm to help assemble the pool of candidates.

The 68-year-old Knight is the all-time winningest men's major college coach with 902 victories in 42 seasons and four NCAA tournament berths. The Red Raiders to five 20-win seasons and four NCAA tournament berths. The Red Raiders advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2002 but won only one other NCAA tournament game under Knight.

In Brief

Perez, Mets reach three-year preliminary agreement

NEW YORK — Oliver Perez and the New York Mets reached a preliminary agreement Monday on a $36 million, three-year contract.

The deal is subject to the pitcher passing a physical, two people familiar with the talks said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the agreement wasn't final. The physical is scheduled for Tuesday.

New York had offered Derek Lowe — another client of agent Scott Boras — a $36 million, three-year contract, but Lowe accepted a $56 million, four-year offer from Atlanta.

In addition to Lowe, the Mets also hold talks with agents for Tim Redding and Randy Wolf, and agreed with Redding on a $2.25 million, one-year deal.

With the agreement, the Mets' projected rotation includes Johan Santana, John Maine, Perez, Mike Pelfrey and either Redding, Freddy Garcia or Jon Niese.

Tax returns reveal Selig's salary to be $17.5 million

NEW YORK — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig made more than all but three of his sport's players in 2007. Selig received a raise of about $3 million to nearly $17.5 million that year, according to Major League Baseball's latest tax return.

His compensation was listed at $17,470,491 for the 12 months that ended Oct. 31, 2007, according to the return, which is available at guidestar.org. That was up from $14,515,071 in the prior 12 months.

MLB's contribution to Selig in his benefit plan was $461,540, an increase from $480,999 in the previous return. He got $422,790 in expense account and other allowances, up from $410,603 in the previous fiscal year.

In 2007, the only players who received higher cash compensation were a trio of the Yankees: Alex Rodriguez at $23 million, Derek Jeter at $22 million, and Jason Giambi at $21.5 million.

Philps' sponsors stand by the Olympic swimmer

MIAMI WOLVERE — Michael Phelps doesn't seem to be in much hot water with his sponsors despite being photographed inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

From apparel company Speedo to luxury Swiss watchmaker Omega, several sponsors are standing by the 23-year-old swimming phenom — at least for now — and have accepted his public apology. Other big companies, like Visa Inc., Subway and Kellogg Co., aren't talking yet.

Experts say if Phelps doesn't stick to the straight and narrow, he could hurt his chances at future endorsements. And there's no guarantee he won't be dropped quietly once the furor dies down.

Phelps, who won a record eight gold medals at this summer's Olympics in Beijing, acknowledged "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment" after the photo appeared Sunday in the British tabloid News of the World.
NBA

Lakers' center Bynum to miss 8 to 12 weeks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Los Angeles Lakers center Andrew Bynum will miss eight to 12 weeks after tearing the medial collateral ligament in his right knee.

The diagnosis Monday was a relief to Bynum, who initially feared he might be out for the season. Bynum was hurt in the first quarter of Saturday night's win at Memphis when Kobe Bryant drove to the basket, missed the shot and crashed into Bynum's leg.

"It's better news than I expected to hear because of the shot that I took," Bynum said before the Lakers played at the Knicks on Monday night.

Still, it's hard for the Lakers to forget what happened last season, when Bynum was also supposed to be out eight to 12 weeks with a knee injury. The 7-foot, 285-pound center bruised a bone in his left knee and briefly dislocated his kneecap in mid-January.

Instead of returning in time for the playoffs, he missed the final 46 games of the season and underwent arthroscopic surgery May 21 to remove cartilage debris and smooth some rough spots on the underside of his kneecap.

Without him, the Lakers lost in the NBA finals.

Bynum, who was carrying but not using a crutch, noted the eerie similarities between the two injuries. But he's confident one aspect will be different: This time, he'll be back when expected.

Bynum hopes his comeback occurs closer to the eight-week mark, which would give him about 10 games to prepare for the postseason. Twelve weeks would mean the playoffs had already started.

Bynum's injury isn't expected to require surgery, and he plans to rest for a week or two before beginning rehab.

Bynum is the Lakers' third-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder, averaging 14 points, 8.2 rebounds and 1.9 blocks. Like last season, the injury came as he was stepping up his play. In the five games before he was hurt, he was averaging 26.2 points, 13.8 rebounds and 3.2 blocks and shooting 62.3 percent from the field.

"It's disappointing to him because he again is starting to play like last January exceptionally well, starting to exert his influence on the games," coach Phil Jackson said.

NHL

Ottawa fires coach after just 48 games

Associated Press

OTTAWA — Craig Hartsburg lasted less than one season with the unraveling Ottawa Senators, who suddenly have a revolving door behind the bench.

Unable to turn around a team that reached the Stanley Cup finals in 2007, Hartsburg was fired as coach Monday after just 48 games into a season in which the Senators have the NHL's third worst record.

The Senators made their first trip to the finals two years ago and now are likely to miss the playoffs for the first time in 13 seasons.

The decision to replace Hartsburg with Cory Clouston was made by general manager Bryan Murray, who Ottawa lost 7-4 at Washington on Sunday. Hartsburg signed a three-year contract in June.

"We've made another coaching change and now we have to watch the players over the next period of time and decide who stays and who doesn't stay to help us go forward," Murray said. "There will be judgements made before the trading deadline."

The 39-year-old Clouston, promoted from the AHL's Binghamton Senators, is the team's fourth coach since Ottawa lost in five games to Anaheim in the 2007 finals. He was given a three-year contract. Murray returned behind the bench for the final 18 regular-season games (7-9-2) after he fired first-year coach John Paddock in February.

"We kept hoping there would be some change in our performance, which didn't seem to be taking place," said Murray, who coached the club to the finals before taking over at GM. "We just weren't making any progress. We're struggling to keep up."

Ottawa (17-24-7) is 13th in the Eastern Conference, 14 points below the playoff cut-off.

The latest coaching change was made less than a week after team owner Eugene Melnyk held a news conference to say he still believed in his club. Talk of a potential switch surfaced in December while the world junior championships were in Ottawa.

Murray's job was also rumored then to be in jeopardy.

Melnyk responded by saying he had "made no decisions with respect to personnel changes," which was hardly a vote of confidence.

The momentum of the finals appearance carried into last season when the Senators won 15 of their first 17 games.

Since then, they have had a losing record and barely managed to hang on for a playoff spot last spring. The Senators were swept out of the first round in four games by Pittsburgh.
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**SPORTS**

**NCAA Men's Basketball**

**No. 1 UConn routs No. 5 Louisville**

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Connecticut fans weren't exactly comfortable at No. 1. Jeff Adrien scored 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds and the Huskies celebrated their opening-round win in a three-game run to the Final Four with a 69-63 upset of No. 5 Louisville. Tuesday, February 3, 2009

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**NHL**

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Associated Press

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Tressel finds support despite big game woes

Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith went to Tressel last summer and offered to bump the coach’s salary $1 million to make him the highest-paid coach in the Big Ten. The raise means Tressel, as of last Sunday, is making $3.5 million per year.

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — On the driver side door of a pickup truck parked in a suburban drive­ way is a magnetic sign that says, "Fear Tressel".

The plastic looks as weathered and beaten as the sentiment.

Some Buckeyes fans are no longer convinced that Jim Tressel is all that fearless. Sure, he still wins 80 percent of his games, has a 7-1 record against Michigan, is all that fearsome. Sure, he still is among the most famous, and highest-paid, residents of Ohio.

But in just over two seasons, stunning losses on the national stage to Florida, LSU, Southern California, Penn State and Texas — three of those in major post­ season games — have left a vocal minority of fans questioning their ultra-successful coach and his game plans.

Make no mistake, though, Tressel still has the confidence of his bosses.

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"I think when you rely on one player, if they have a bad game, you can lose," she said. "We have a lot of people who can step up."

The last time the two teams played, Pittsburgh upset then-No. 9 Notre Dame in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament on March 9, 2008. Then-senior center Marcedes Walker scored 18 points and had 13 rebounds.

Erica Williamson will need to contribute in a big way against Notre Dame, McGraw said. "She's shooting the ball pretty well, she's rebounding pretty well, she's got a big body in there," McGraw said. "I think we'll hope that Erica can have a good defensive game against her, because she's a big body in there," McGraw said. "She's shooting the ball pretty well, she's rebounding well. We've got a lot of work to do to contain her."
Big East
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Marquette (19-2 overall, 8-0 Big East)
The Golden Eagles look poised to make a run at a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. They got their losses out of the way in non-conference play and look like a strong bet to earn two byes in the Big East tourney.

Notre Dame (12-8, 3-6), Georgetown (12-8, 3-6), Seton Hall (11-9, 2-6), South Florida (7-14, 1-7-1), Rutgers (10-12, 1-8), DePaul (8-14, 0-9)

Louisville, meanwhile, is still in the mix. The Cardinals would like a win at Marquette on Sunday to keep the heat on John's and Notre Dame in the Big East mountain, but the team doesn't have a lot of wiggle room to lose the remaining.

The Ultra-rough part of their schedule is done and they have a chance to rack up some league wins in the remaining.

John's and didn't exactly blow them Wednesday and has been coming on strong lately. Don't be too surprised if the Wildcats—who have spent most of the season outside the top 20—swop in and capture a double-bye for the conference tournament. In addition to the win over the Panthers, Villanova crushed Cincinnati Sunday. Louisville, meanwhile, is still in good position despite the loss to Connecticut. The Irish will look to average their road loss to Louisville when the Cardinals come to the Joyce Center next week.

The Middle of the Pack: West Virginia (15-5, 4-4) Cincinnati (14-8, 4-5)

Both of these teams beat Georgetown in the past week, improving their stock while sending the Hoyas reeling. The Irish face both of these squads in the next few weeks and would actually love to win their "middle-of-the-pack" label.

The Mighty That Have Fallen:
Notre Dame (12-8, 3-6), Georgetown (12-8, 3-6), Seton Hall (11-9, 2-6), South Florida (7-14, 1-7-1), Rutgers (10-12, 1-8), DePaul (8-14, 0-9)

Both the Irish and the Hoyas looked like potential top-10 teams in the beginning of the season but they have now dropped into the dregs. either receiving votes" category. Even worse news? Neither team is receiving too many votes. The Irish garnered just seven in the AP rankings and four in the ESPN/USA Today poll. Also, since Georgetown has fallen similarly, Notre Dame's win over the Hoyas no longer looks nearly as good.

The Bottom of the Barrel: St. John's (12-9, 3-6), Seton Hall (11-9, 2-6), South Florida (7-14, 1-7-1), Rutgers (10-12, 1-8), DePaul (8-14, 0-9)

At least the Irish can still look forward to games against three of these five bottom-feeders. Still, they already lost to St. John's and didn't exactly blow DePaul or Seton Hall out of the gym.

Needless to say, the Irish must rack up some league wins in the next few weeks. But they no longer have any excuses to lose. The ultra-rough part of their schedule is done and they have a bunch of winnable games remaining.

Notre Dame can still scale the Big East mountain, but the team will have to do it with wins over week opponents serving as oxygen and a few signature victories as its Sherpa.

Note:
An Irish coach Mike Brey said before practice Monday that his starting lineup against Cincinnati will be Luke Harangody, Luke Zeller, Zach Hillesland, Kyle McAlarney and Tory Jackson. This is the third different starting lineup for Notre Dame in the last four games.

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Lake Superior (9-13-1, 8-8-1-1, 15 pts)

Last week: 2-0, won 4-2 vs. Michigan State.

Next week: at Michigan State.

Key stat: 12 third-period goals allowed.

Notre Dame, with seven, has allowed fewer goals in the final two games than the two teams that played the Irish. That's has helped them stay in games as evidenced by their six ties which include two against the Irish.

Northern Michigan (9-13-4, 6-10-4, 13 pts)

Last week: 6-5, won 4-3 at Western Michigan.

Next week: vs. Bowling Green.

Key stat: 15 third-period goals. The Irish have defeated the Mavericks to finish fourth, but Northern Michigan has scored fewer third-period goals than every team but Michigan State. The Mavericks have allowed just nine goals in the first period, however, which is best in the league.

Western Michigan (7-15-6, 4-11-5, 14 pts)

Last week: lost 4-3 vs. Northern Michigan.

Next week: at Nebraska-Omaha.

Key stat: -16 special teams over the last week. The Irish are No. 2 in the league.

Bowling Green (9-16-3, 6-13-0, 13 pts)

Last week: lost 2-0, lost 3-2 at Miami.

Next week: at Northern Michigan.

Key stat: 3.6 goals allowed per game. The Falcons are the only team who has held the Irish without a goal in CCHA play. They are also second-worst in penalties and have allowed 21 power goals each.

Bulldogs rank No. 3 in all specialty teams net (power-play goals against) and 16, thanks mostly in part to the league's worst 29 power goals (of which 24 came in a loss to No. 15 Ohio State). Ohio State and Ohio State are second-worst in killing penalties and have allowed 23 power goals each.

Ferris State (11-11-6, 8-4-4-1, 21 pts)

Last week: won 7-1, tied 1-1 (won shootout 2-1).

Next week: vs. Michigan State.

Key stat: 89 percent of penalties killed. The Bulldogs rank No. 3 in all specialty teams net (power play percentage, penalty kill percentage, and special teams net). Miami is the only other team in the top three of each category, as the RedHawks rank second in each.
ND Women's Basketball

Stop the leader

Zellous and red-hot Panthers await ND

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Notre Dame found its stride on defense Saturday against Cincinnati. And just in time, too, because tonight the No. 19 Irish face senior guard Shavonte Zellous, the Big East's leading scorer, and the No. 22 Panthers at the Peterson Events Center.

Zellous averages 23.8 points per game, second in the conference, and just dropped 31 in a home win over Marquette on Jan. 30. She was also recently named to the Wooden Award watch list. Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said Zellous will get her points and that the Irish don't have a defender who can guard her.

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Men's Tennis

Young squad still learning

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

If Notre Dame was a teenager, it would be going through its awkward stage.

But growing pains are to be expected on a team composed almost entirely by a talented group of freshmen and sophomores not used to playing at such a high level.

"This is a process," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Learning to compete is as much a learned skill as anyone's strokes and shot-making."

The team is led by senior Brett Helgeson, ranked No. 20 on the squad's only upperclassman. Nine freshmen and sophomores are expected to see action in the next two games in hand over Marquette on Jan. 30. The Irish lead the Big East and expect to get a shot at a top-25 opponent.

Hockey

No. 2 Irish still lead CCHA, but playoff race heats up

By MATT CAMBER
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Notre Dame may have lost its 20-game unbeaten streak and its No. 1 national ranking, but the No. 2 Irish still hold a two-point lead with two games in hand over CCHA rival Miami.

With Miami next - Notre Dame included - having eight games left in the 28-game conference season, the league standings are taking shape.

The top four teams in the final standings receive a first-round bye in the conference tournament, and with three teams within a point of each other for that No. 4 seed, that race is certainly one to watch.

The next four teams will each host a best-of-three series starting March 6, so the fight for the No. 8 slot will also heat up in the coming weeks as the bottom four look to move into position to host a first round series.

No. 2 Notre Dame (20-4-3, 14-3-3-3, 34 pts)

Next week: vs. Bowling Green (17-8-3), 1 p.m. at Compton Family Ice Arena.

No. 3 Ohio State (23-6), 7:05 p.m. at Compton Family Ice Arena.

No. 4 Miami (22-5-4, 13-4-3-3, 32 pts)

Last week: swept by Miami, 6-1 and 5-2.

Next week: vs. Ferris State (22-6-1), 7:05 p.m. at Compton Family Ice Arena.

Men's Basketball

In Big East, no rest for weary

No conference wins in three weeks, but team gets easier track

By FRAN TOLAN
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The good news is the toughest part is over. The bad news is the easier part is also pretty darn tough. It almost seems like the Irish didn't have a defender who could guard her.

In Big East, no rest for weary.

Next week: at Ohio State (17-7), 1 p.m. at Value City Arena.

Fencing

Both teams defeat Penn State at Northwestern

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The No. 1 men (17-0) and the No. 2 women's team (17-2) combined to go 22-0 at the Northwestern Duels this weekend, knocking off seven ranked opponents in the process. Both squads posted victories over top-ranked Penn State teams during the Evanston, Ill. event.

The men, who finished the weekend 9-0, turned in wins over Johns Hopkins (23-4), Northwestern (20-7), Cleveland State (24-3), No. 10 North Carolina (21-6), Wayne State (24-3), Detroit (24-3), Lawrence (27-0), No. 3 Ohio State (15-12) and Penn State (14-13), who currently are tied with the Irish atop the USFCA poll.

On Saturday, the men's team, ranked 14th in the nation, set the tone for the Irish. Holding a narrow 13-12 lead late in the match, Notre Dame head coach Janusz Bednarski made a late substitution, placing sophomore Jacob Osborne into the lineup. After falling behind 4-3 in a match that needed five touch-ups to win, Osborne picked up two quick touch-ups to

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