ND Olympics results released

By SARAH MERVOSH

Keough, Welsh Family team wins by 1,000 points, while event raises over $4,500

LATE NIGHT OLYMPICS RESULTS

Place       Point Total
1. Keough-Welsh Family       2445.62
2. Dwyer-O'Connell-McGinn     1362.3
3. Keenan-Alumni-League       1290.7
4. Stanton-Farley             1200
5. Zahn-Cavusoglu             1192.7
6. Fisher-Pangborn             7838
7. Dillon-Lyons               7332
8. Sligh-Snell-Pasquerilla-West 714.6
10. Carroll-Badin              624.6
11. Morse-Athens               608.6
12. Sorin-Howard               560.7
13. Knott-Pasquerilla-East     384.3

The event which raised $4,599.62 did not include the donations made at the door and T-shirt sales, so the amount raised will likely decrease once that money is added.

Groups react to abortion-funds ban reversal

Right to Life Club, Feminist Club presidents disagree on Obama's decision to lift ban

By TESS CIVANTOS

In one of his first acts as president, Barack Obama signed an executive order on Jan. 23 that put a stop to the so-called Mexico City policy. The overturned policy prohibited U.S. government funding from going to clinics or groups that provide abortion-related services or that lobby for abortion in other countries.

Mary Daly, president of Notre Dame’s Right to Life Club, said, “You could just tell that they were so excited to be there playing the game and the student body was supportive of the Special Olympians."

By ROBERT SINGER

Pope Benedict XVI’s recent decision to lift an excommunication order on four radical bishops, one of whom denied the Holocaust, has focused worldwide criticism on the Vatican.

But Lawrence Cunningham, professor of Theology, supported the pope’s decision, helping to clarify the reasons for the action amid criticism from Jewish groups and liberal Catholics.

The pope’s desire to reconcile these people was good but it was handled very badly from a public relations standpoint," he said.

According to Cunningham, the four men reinstated by the pope were part of a rogue sect — the Society of St. Pius X — that had been operating without the church’s permission. Radically traditional in their views, members of this group reject religious liberty and have supported authoritarian political rulers in the past, such as General Franco in Spain and Augusto Pinochet in Chile, he said.

“The Vatican is in a tough situation,” Cunningham said. “They want these people back under the authority of the church, because they don’t want to lose control of their members.”

SMC Human Rights panel discusses peace

By ALICIA SMITH

Three panelists told first hand stories of armed conflict in the Philippines, helping Chilesan psychiatric patients, and working with refugees in Pennsylvania during a discussion on human rights Tuesday evening at Saint Mary’s.

The College’s Justice Education Department hosted the panel, titled “Speak Truth to Power, Voices for Peace and Human Rights.”

The panelists, who spoke about their experiences with human rights, included Mayla Leguro, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Andrew Masak, a senior at Notre Dame who has experience with refugee rights and immigration issues, and Laura Snider, a Notre Dame graduate student who worked in Sri Lanka as well as Chile.

Leguro spoke of her experiences in the Philippines. She comes from the island of Mindanao, and discussed the problems related to human rights found there, including conflict between various groups.

"In the island of Mindanao we have four key armed groups that are waging their own wars. The other armed groups are actually engaged in a war of power," Leguro said.

According to Leguro, there has been "armed conflict" in the Philippines since the 1970s. "The situation in Mindanao is not unique in terms of armed conflict 91 percent of the Filipino nation are refugees," she said.

By LIZ O’DONNELL

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed new Web site focused on off-campus life

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed a new off-campus Web site in their meeting on Tuesday evening.

After a recommendation made by the Campus Life Council (CLC) last year, a specific committee was assigned the task of creating a Web site focused on off-campus life.

Members of the committee who had worked on the development of the Web site were on hand to present their plans.
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Panel to discuss electric power

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"Whenever the topic of abortion came up on the campaign trail, Obama said he would enact policies to reduce the number of abortions," Daly said.

"In his first week, though, he has already allowed federal first-trimester abortions that are currently illegal in other countries. There's no way for him to go back on his promise," he said.

Mandy Lewis, co-president of Feminist Voice, said her group has no policy on abortion, but offered her own opinion.

"Feminist Voice does not take an official stance on abortion, but personally, I don’t think it's fair to cut off aid because of the abortion issue," she said.

Lewis supports Obama’s decision to ban shuttle use.

"I think abortions should be big enough so they can talk about other issues with Obama’s decision," she said.

Lewis also wrote in an e-mail: "Research shows that actually discussing the abortion problems ... is more likely to result in fewer abortions than just banning them in groups that, among other services, provide access to abortions. Obama seems to understand that concept, and we support him in his call to try to tackle the serious political problems that face him."

While Obama’s act may be an effort to solve social issues, his decision hurts the American economy, Daly said.

Economically speaking, this is a huge problem, and this right now we don’t have any money to spend anywhere," Daly noted.

President Reagan first enacted such a policy during his presidency, but it was historically been instated by Republican presidents and rescinded by Democratic presidents. President George H. W. Bush rescinded the rule in 1991, and President Clinton reinstated the rule in 1993, and President George W. Bush reinstated the policy in 2001. Critics refer to the policy as the "global gag rule" because they consider its restrictions a violation of free speech.

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and answer questions that the counsel had about the new Web site.

The website is designed to provide useful information about places and events off campus in one local area and to help students visit several Web sites.

The University Office of Student Affairs are sponsoring the Web site that is tentatively expected to be in place by March.

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Mother of octuplets not receiving donations

Associated Press

L.A. TIMES — Where is the unlimited supply of diapers, formula and baby wipes? The “free van? The brand-new formula and baby wipes? The coupons for discounts. That is maddening.

“I think it’s a calamity,” said untuk donations. It’s a disaster. It’s a disaster,” said about it in terms of something

And now, just as he was doing his best Bob Knight impressively doing a free-throws, Suleman’s handlers have said that a high demand for spots

Welsh Family had a total of 2,465.62 points, leading the next best team, Duncan-O’Neill-McGill, by over one thousand points. The Keough-Alumni-Lewis team came in third place, Beven said.

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“We had a history of doing well in this event. It’s a tradition that the team that won it last year that around the dorm really look forward to,” Podbelski said.

Mooresville, said the Notre Dame team had put up a good fight for the first time, saying they were really working with a number of coins the year that happened again,” Podbelski said, but who said that for a week after Late Night Olympics jars were put out, there were very few Assistance doors for people to donate money.

Overall, it was a great night. The Notre Dame sticks, and it’s important that we stick together for a great cause and really showed their support for the St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital and Special Olympics,” Beven said.

Fawzi Barchah, a Hamas spokesman in Gaza, said the Palestinian group has no interest in a truce deal to a release of Israeli hostages.

Hamas remains committed to the process of reconciliation with Fatah. Hamas is keen on working with Fatah to renounce violence. Both the Palestinian Authority and Hamas agree on the need to end this conflict.

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IRAN

Iran launches first satellite of its own

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran sent its first domestically made satellite into orbit, the government announced Monday, a key step for an ambitious space program that worries the U.S. and other world powers because of the same rocket technology used to launch ballistic missiles.

For nearly a decade, Iran has sought to develop a national space program, creating a buzz among international leaders already concerned about nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

The telecommunications satellite — called Omid, or hope, in Farsi — was launched late Monday after President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gave the order to proceed, according to a report on state radio. State television showed footage of what it said was the nighttime liftoff of the rocket carrying the satellite at an unidentified location in Iran.

A U.S. counterproliferation official confirmed the launch and suggested the technology was not sophisticated. Speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence gathering, the official said it appeared it "isn't too far removed from Spunik," the first Soviet orbiter launched in 1957.

The TV report praised the launch as part of festivities marking the 30th anniversary of the 1979 Islamic revolution that toppled the U.S.-backed Shah and brought hard-line clerics to power.

In a year in which Ahmadinejad faces a tough election battle to stay in power, the launch provided a symbol of national pride to hold up even as falling oil prices batter the economy and the hard-line leader's popularity.

As it seeks to expand its influence in the Middle East, Iran touts such technological successes as signs it can advance despite U.S. and U.N. sanctions over its nuclear program.

The launch touched off concern in the United States, Europe and Israel as falling oil prices batter the economy, and the U.S. military spokesmen, alleged Jassim was in contact with top leaders of Ansar al-Sunnah in Diyala, the last foothold of major Sunni insurgent strength near Baghdad. The group is one of the factions with suspected ties to al-Qaida in Iraq.

Al-Moussawi said Jassim "confessed to recruiting 28 female suicide bombers who carried out terrorist operations in different areas." He gave no other details on the locations or dates of the attacks.

In the video played for reporters, Jassim described how she was approached by insurgents to urge women to carry out suicide attacks. She said her first assignment was to Hoda, a nickname meaning mother of Hoda.

NATIONAL NEWS

Blagojevich says he's misunderstood

NEW YORK — Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich (thuh-GOH'-uh-vich) tells David Letterman he keeps thinking he'll wake up and people will realize "this is just one big misunderstanding."

The ousted governor showed up Tuesday for a taping of "Late Show with David Letterman." He laughed with the audience when he walked onto the stage, then watched him on several television talk shows.

Letterman joked that the more Blagojevich talked, the more people believed him. "The more the host said to himself, "Oh, this guy is guilty," the audience laughed.

Disease kills bats in northeast

WOBURN, Mass. — A mysterious and deadly bat disorder discovered just two winters ago, something that spread to at least six northeastern states and scientists are scrambling to find solutions before it spreads across the country.

White-nose syndrome poses no health threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations diminish too much, it could become a threat to people, but some scientists say that if bat populations dimin...
Minn. ballots disputed again

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The judges in Minnesota's Senate election trial threw a Republican Norm Coleman off his high horse on Tuesday, opening the door to adding nearly 5,000 rejected absentee ballots to a case that Democrat Al Franken leads by just 225 votes.

It wasn't a total victory for Coleman, who had wanted the judges to look at about 11,000 such ballots. He also has to prove that the absentee ballots are unfairly rejected, and it's likely that Franken would gain votes from the a majority of them.

But his attorneys had said the absentee ballots were the only means of overturning the court's decision, and they cheered the ruling.

"This is a victory for thousands of Minnesotans whose rejected absentee ballots will now be properly reviewed in this election," Coleman attorney Ben Ginsberg said in a prepared statement.

While the judges limited Coleman's field of potential new votes, they allowed many more ballots than Franken had wanted. His attorneys had argued Coleman should be limited to about 650 — the specific figure given in his initial Jan. 6 lawsuit.

The judges, however, ruled that the Jan. 6 filing laid out additional categories of ballots that should be examined.

The judges also wouldn't look at two categories of rejected absentee ballots: those where it appeared the voter had met the legal requirements, and those where it was unclear whether the voter had been properly notified of the law through no fault of their own.

The judges agreed to consider 4,797 rejected absentee ballots because Coleman, his attorneys said, was the number Coleman said in a Jan. 23 filing met one of those two conditions.

In a separate order later Tuesday, the judges made clear to trial at each questioned ballot was wrongfully rejected or left uncounted.

Coleman's attorneys say they're ready to offer individual evidence that all or most of those categories were unfairly rejected — strengthening the possibility that the trial could last several months.

Ginsberg said the 4,797 ballots were "always the universe of ballots we thought should be examined because they are valid." He said they never expected the rest to be brought into the count, but "we were willing to bring them here so everyone could see that."

Coleman has his own pile of 771 rejected absentee ballots he wants considered, but his legal analysts aren't expected to make his arguments on those motions until after Coleman rest his case.

Meanwhile, Franken attorney Marc Elias said, "We're prepared to go forward with the universe they've defined." Elias said he believed the judges would find that most of the 4,797 had been properly rejected.

It's not clear how the absentee ballots will be examined. Ginsberg said Coleman's lawyers are prepared to offer evidence on each one if necessary.

Ginsberg said the rejected absentee ballots are new subject to review weren't cherry-picked from areas that favored Coleman. Elias said he was skeptical of that claim: "I don't just put it this way — it was a list compiled by the Coleman campaign," he said.

Meanwhile, in testimony at trial Tuesday, the attorneys sought to show that different Minnesota counties applied different standards to rejecting absentee ballots — the heart of the dispute. The attorneys have sought to present a form standard on absentee ballots.

The Vatican moved quickly to counter Merkel's suggestion.

The pope's thinking on the subject of the Holocaust has been expressed very clearly," the Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi said during that visit to a synagogue during his first visit to Germany as pope in April. He visited in Auschwitz in 2006 and his remarks during last week's general audience.

"I hope that the memory of the Shoah leads humanity to recognize the power of evil when it conquers the heart of men," the pope said, repeating the pope as saying, "May the Shoah be a lesson for all, against ambition, against denial or reductionism."

Lombardi said that during the audience "the pope himself clearly explained the purpose of lifting the excommunication, which has nothing to do with any legitimation of positions denying the Holocaust, which were clearly condemned by Benedict."
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### In Brief

**US auto sales plunge to 26-year low**

DETROIT — Consumers frightened by the prospect of losing their jobs stayed away from auto showrooms again in January and sent U.S.-based truck sales falling 33 percent, a familiar refrain for the struggling industry but an unwelcome start to a critical year for U.S. carmakers.

Devastated by an economy in which few people have the spare cash to buy a car or can obtain the financing to do so, Chrysler’s domestic sales for January were less than half what they were a year earlier.

Sales fell 49 percent at General Motors and 40 percent at Toyota and Nissan’s sales each fell at least 30 percent.

“How many ways can you say disaster?” asked Aaron Bragan, an auto industry analyst with the consulting firm HIS Global Insight in Troy, Mich. “That’s across the board. It’s not unique to one company.”

**Wells Fargo cancels Vegas junket**

WASHINGTON, Wells Fargo abruptly canceled Tuesday a pricey Las Vegas casino junket for employees after a torrent of criticism that it was misusing $25 million in taxpayer bailout money.

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lives. And so I give you: Microcosmos —
How 8th Graders Can Teach Us How Not To Live.

Let’s first look at Blair and Jenna.
Blair is your average, run-of-the-mill
cowboy who lives and works on his fami-
lly farm. Jenna is a big-city cosmopolitan
(Arlington, VA — the biggest of the big
cities). And the two fall in love. Now first of
all, you know this isn’t going to work out for these star-crossed lovers. They’ll
only be together for two weeks at camp and
they come from families ideologically
ly at odds with each other. The farmer
and the cowman should be friends, but
the cowboy-farmer and the debater —
Heaven forbid! As futile as their relation-
ship appeared, though, Blair and Jenna were making it work.

Making it work, that is, until Blair
decided it was over. He pulled Jenna’s
best friend aside and told her to tell
Jenna she never wanted to see Jenna
again. This was on the last day of camp.
Jenna’s friend faithfully reported the
news and Jenna cried from heartache until her parents came to pick her up at
5 p.m. Blair and Jenna — separated forever.

So what can we learn from this first
case? Men don’t know how to handle
relationships. Blair didn’t commit this
foul because he’s innocent, naive, or 13.
He acted this way because this is the
easiest way for a guy to get out of some-
thing he shirked responsibility to
remove himself from culpability and feel-
ing bad. I see my guy friends do similar
things all the time. Like when my friend,
who for the sake of argument we’ll call
Friendly-Pants, decided that he wanted to
break up with a girl but couldn’t do so
face to face so he just stopped talking to
her.

Blair and Friendly-Pants share the
trait that all men share. We have an
inability to confront the necessary.
This may seem counterintuitive to the
men’s-opinion that has built up around
such figures as John Wayne and
Clint Eastwood. But every time one of
these actors actually did something
direct and it was probably only to
clearly avoid doing something else that
would have bothered him emotionally.
Remember, John Wayne built him an air-
port and put his name on it so he
could fly away from his feelings.

Now let’s shift our evolving drama and
look at Sammy and Jimbo. Sammy is a
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early on decides that he is better than
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party; everyone thinks Jimbo is a jerk.
Then one night Jimbo decides to steal
Sammy’s letters from his girlfriend.
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I cannot speak for the rest of the students, but I have noticed that some of them have been seen dissociating while climbing the stairs of DeBartolo. I get it, you don't want to hide behind bulky jeans or sweaters, but it's not the same old story.

Wear a skirt, a top that doesn't reveal your b****, or something you feel comfortable with your supportive underwear!!! This will help to give that perfectly bodyline showcasing your hourglass figure or your dromedary's digit. Ladies, give those boys a good reason to look at your backside.

Thank you for your consideration.

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By STEPHANIE DePREZ
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On Friday the 13th, one of TV's best writers will return. Joss Whedon, creator of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Angel" and "Firefly" returns with his next show, "Dollhouse." Starring Eliza Dushku ("Buffy"), the show centers on a group of "Actives," people who have voluntarily donated five years of their life to the Dollhouse, a safe, secret community full of people committed to fulfilling your wildest dreams. The catch? They don't know what they're doing it for. Clients request a fantasy, ranging from love to adventure, and the Actives (or Dolls) are implanted with memories that will help carry out and hold clients participate in their mission. When the mission is complete, the Dolls memories are wiped clean.

The story was born out of a lunch scene between Dushku and Whedon. He was looking for a new project, and she was looking for more acting challenges. The idea was that within the world of the show, writers will return. Joss Whedon, creator of "Firefly," also had the Friday night kid-of-death slot at Fox, and it was cancelled after 13 episodes. Even though the DVD sales convinced Universal to pick it up for a movie release, Whedonophiles are a small but mighty Internet force who have relentlessly promoted the show as far as the MySpace can see.

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"DOLLHOUSE" FRIDAYS 9 P.M. FOX

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TN's new series, "Trust Me," has all the potential: two leading men with plenty of comedic experience, the advertising office setting that sent "Mad Men" rising and offers the chance to comment on our own times, and the promise of witty dialogue that doesn't quite ring true.

"Trust Me" is a look into the lives of professional wine-tasters who work business advertising at the Rothman Green & Vehr Advertising Agency. Starring Eric McCormack of "Will and Grace" as Mason and Thomas Cavanagh of "Ed" as Conner, the show focuses on these two friends and their life as an advertising firm. Mason's long time dynamic is upset by Mason's promotion in the first episode, making him Conner's boss. The two friends are a classic set-up of contrasts, with Mason being the more settled and methodical half of the pair, and Conner more childlike. Mason is also moreurnee.'

Unlike most pairs of this sort, there are few physical differences between the characters, which is refreshing. Sarah View and Jason Durr help fill out the cast as Monica and Potter. The character is meant to unbalance the duo and provide the feisty female character every series needs, by Krajcik - Her character is so,next year, when ABC picked up the show to save it from certain demise. Talk has swirled that this will be the final season, but "Scrubs" creator Bill Lawrence has suggested a possible ninth season without himself and star Zach Braff. Lawrence has promised that no matter what happens, he will continue to be happy to see other favorite quirky character. Sbarra of great guest stars as the new Chief of Medicine. Cox played in prove the most intriguing yet.

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NEW AND WHAT'S BACK

"LIE TO ME" WEDNESDAYS 9 P.M.

By CAITLIN FERRARO

New on FOX this year is the hour long drama series "Lie to Me" which follows the story of Dr. Cal Lightman (Tim Roth) a deception expert who, you guessed it, can tell when people are lying. He helps uncover the truth for those who need it, including the FBI, local police, lawyers, corporations and individuals. The show is inspired by a real-life behavioral scientist and premiered on January 21st. The real expert is Dr. Paul Ekman, who can read clues fixed on the human face, body, and voice to expose deception. He uses the same techniques as he analyzes a criminal's face, body, voice and speech. He reads his subject's feelings to help solve cases. While on the job he faces skepticism from law enforcement officials, but he is usually correct. However, outside of the office, Lightman's ability can be a curse because he is constantly aware of how other people perceive him. The show is a riveting and entertaining mix of twists, turns and conflict. Dr. Lightman, together with his team, forms the Lightman Group and they act as human polygraph machines. Lightman and his partner Dr. Gillian Foster (Kelli Williams), a gifted psychologist, run the Group. Together they have impeccable insight of human behavior. Booth, a Quantim Tarantine favorite, and Williams of "The Practice" fame made a dynamic duo. Rounding out the team is the lead researcher, Tom (Brendan Hines) as the lead researcher. Loker is uncomfortable with the excessive amount of lying by the witnesses on the job and decides to try "radical honesty." Of course, being brutally honest causes trouble. Then there is the "natural," Ria Torres (Monica Raymund) the newest member of the Group who has an innate ability to read people.

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"BURN NOTICE" THURSDAYS 10 P.M.

By MICHIELE FORDICE

With a smart script, plenty of action, and great characters, "Burn Notice" is a great show to take a break with. Fast-paced, funny and weird, this show demands and offers plenty of entertainment.

The show is all about what a spy does after being burned - instantly cut off because he's been marked as unreliable and left in a city with no assets, free unless he tries to leave. Of course, for former spy Michael Weston (Jeffery Donovan), being just the beginning, as he tries to discover who is after him. Eventually, he is contacted by Carla (Monica Raymund) the newest member of the Group who has an innate ability to read people.

The second half of season three held some twists, taking the show from intriguing to absurd. The second half of season three is already showing much more promise. One of my favorite scenes is the episode where the writers introduced the idea of a character out of their setting. By immersing itself in the fashion show, the "Burn Notice" soundtrack of Miami, the show gives a voice to the city Michael is stranded in.

"Burn Notice" loses nothing over the mid-season break. Two episodes in, the series has not lost any momentum. The show ended last fall with Michael being thrown out of his second floor apart ment by an explosive rigged to his front door. He is soon picked up by Carla and told to search for the person who tried to kill him, as several of their operations suffered the same fate. Likely to be the focus of the rest of the season, Michael accepts this task with more willingness than usual, curious to discover the true complexity of Cal Lightman's enemy. The show-promises to match its first season.

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"HEROES" MONDAYS 9 P.M.

By KAITLYN CONWAY

"Heroes" returned to Fox Monday night to an audience who wasn't surprised they wanted to continue watching the show. Previously in season three, just about every character underwent major changes and acted completely contrary to their previously established traits. The show was rapidly losing popularity, as the writers turned everything we had known and loved about the show upside down. Tuning back in to the series for the continuation of the season was a risky task, but one that ended up being worth it.

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Arizona Cardinals in Sunday's Super Bowl. Housing charms of "here we go Steelers!" pushed through the crowd as they waited for the team to make its way along the route. "We're going to tell the school we had fewer -- Steeler fever," 12-year-old Rachel Russell said, excusing her absence from school before leading a Steelers chant. Naming the city Sixburgh for the day, Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl made his way through the parade alongside quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, both filming the crowd that painted a gray yellow sky with twirling Terrible Towels. Fans filled parking garages, skyscraper windows, balconies and even trees to get the best view of the team they love and possibly find shelter from the sporadic flushes and tempera­tures that lowered in the mid-20s. "It's never too cold to watch the Steelers," said Annette Morey, 47, who drove from the Pittsburgh suburb of Mars with her children, Louise, 12, and Lucas, 10. "We didn't have a good day, we had a great day. It's historic," Lucas said, a Super Bowl XLIII hat perched atop a blue ski mask, a matching T-shirt squared over his jacket. Even police got into the spirit, waving Terrible Towels from atop buses as they led the parade. Coach Mike Tomlin followed behind in the back of a red convertible, while players holding video cameras cheered and waved from the back of pickup trucks. Tomlin couldn't stop smile­ing as he was greeted on stage at the end of the parade route with thunderous applause. "What do you say to this?" Tomlin asked the massive crowd. "Steelers Nation, we love us all speechless, man, we just appreciate the love. How about the Steelers? How about the greatest fans in the world? How about number six? Thank you, we love you guys."
Torre assures new book doesn't bash Yanks

Returning to Big Apple for book signing, former Yankees manager claims "The Yankee Years" is as honest as he can be

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A veteran of baseball's biggest stage, Joe Torre had his lines well rehearsed.

No, he didn't write anything concerning the Yankees.

No, he didn't trash the clubhouse code.

On a snowy day in Manhattan, the former Los Angeles Dodgers manager was in town Tuesday for his first signing session for "The Yankee Years," co-written by Sports Illustrated's Tom Verducci. Fans stood in line on Fifth Avenue, and the queue snaked around the corner, halfway to Madison Avenue as people waited to meet the man who still refers on Fifth Avenue, and the Sports Illustrated's Tom signing session for "The Yankee Years," co-written by Sports Illustrated's Tom Verducci. Fans stood in line on Fifth Avenue, and the queue snaked around the corner, halfway to Madison Avenue as people waited to meet the man who still refers on Fifth Avenue, and the Sports Illustrated's Tom

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He did two sessions with reporters before the signing: print and radio first, then television. He did an interview with NPR and another with Bob Costas that will air Thursday on the MLB Network, ESPN is scheduled for Wednesday.

His lines were smooth and similar. His most striking line came when referring to fans at Dodger Stadium.

"Never once did I say, 'You're the best in the world,' because the Yankee fans, there are no fans like the Yankee fans. They are unbelievable," Torre said. "Yeah, they're passionate in Los Angeles, and they grew over the course of the year. But the experience at Yankee Stadium with playoff games, they'll never forget it, it was just a dupe that." Torre made light of the fact that some in the Yankees clubhouse have referred to Alex Rodriguez as "A-Fraud." "There's no question bitter things happen, but when I left it was more of a sense of relief." Torre said.

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MLB

Selig to take wait and see approach on MLB salary cap

MLB Commissioner Bud Selig speaks after Game 5 of the World Series Oct. 27 in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig says the economic structure has come a long way and still could use some tinkering.

And while the man who bought the Milwaukee Brewers from Selig's family, Mark Attanasio, has suggested as many franchises as possible on April 1st, Selig said Tuesday during a seminar with students at Marquette University's law school, "There's no sense in me sitting over there and the solution, Selig isn't ready to take a stand on an issue that might call it parity.

Whatever economic tweaks to the game might he foreclose," Selig said, "I will sit up and notice that.

"Our job is to give hope and faith to the franchise owners that they will be able to live."

Toward that end, Selig praised measures baseball has taken to help teams in smaller media markets compete with bigger markets, such as revenue sharing and a luxury tax on teams with lofty payrolls.

Selig used Tuesday's hour-long session with students to make the case that baseball is stronger than ever despite increased competition from an ever-expanding universe of entertainment options.

"No, no regrets," Selig said. "I would like to believe that's a lie. We've got three more years to read it," he joked.

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AC Milan hopes to keep English superstar

Associated Press

MILAN — David Beckham has the support of AC Milan's coach and management if he wants to get out of his Los Angeles Galaxy contract to stay in Italy.

Beckham is halfway through a three-month loan with Milan that will end on March 8, and he's told the Italian media he's enjoyed his return to Europe more than he expected. While he respects the five-year contract he signed with Los Angeles in 2007, Beckham said playing for Milan was "something special."

The Galaxy has reiterated that it wants Beckham, who has two goals in five games, back when the loan ends.

But Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti, who has been surprisingly impressed by Beckham, would like the English midfielder to remain at San Siro.

"Nobody can tell what will happen after March 9," Ancelotti told Sky TV Italia. "He wants to stay here, he has not hidden that fact, but it is a problem between him and LA Galaxy. As a club, we cannot get into this matter."

"Beckham has given a new push to the team in terms of quality and enthusiasm," Ancelotti added. "He has given the team something extra and certainly if he stayed it would make it easier to win the scudetto (the top Italian league title)."

Beckham has had such an impact that he was included in Milan's 25-man roster for UEFA Cup games against Werdener Bremen, on Feb. 18 and 26.

"I am realistic about his future," Ancelotti said. "I know that he will be with us until March 9, that is for certain, so we will have to make the most of him during his time here.

"He has given the team all his quality, by his work rate, his talent, his assists and the goals he has scored. He has made an unexpected contribution."

"It is evident that our will is permanent transfer. There is hope, but contracts have to be honored. If the Galaxy want to start negotiations we will be happy to try, but they are right, the agreements are clear — on March 9 Beckham must return to America."

In January, he played in a lucrative friendly with Hannover, and was expected to play some part in a friendly against Rangers in Glasgow on Wednesday.

"(Beckham's marketing appeal exists) and we understand it following the many requests we have received to play friendly games, but it is not only his presence which attracts other clubs," Galliani said. "We have a group of stars."

LeBron James is just one of them.

\[\text{AC Milan midfielder David Beckham reacts during a game against Lazio Tuesday Feb. 3.}\]

\[\text{After Kobe's royal performance, Knicks brace for King James}\]

Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — The scoring record at Madison Square Garden lasted more than 24 years, even withstanding a famous challenge from Michael Jordan.

Now LeBron James can seize it from Kobe Bryant after just two days.

Of course, he'll need to score 62 points.

"We set the bar up high for him. He'd have to play really well," New York coach Mike D'Antoni said Tuesday.

Still, based on Bryant's 61-point performance, the Knicks brace for a visit Wednesday from James, who loves playing in the Big Apple just as much and authored his own 50-point masterpiece here last season.

The NBA's two best players, appearing two nights apart, made it look easy.

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"Last night Kobe made a lot of tough shots," Knicks center David Lee said. "I'm sure LeBron will probably do the same things and we're going to need to play our best ball."

Bryant shattered Bernard King's record of 60 points at the present Madison Square Garden, set on Christmas 1984. Jordan had the top performance by a visiting player, scoring 55 points in 1995 shortly after ending his first retirement.

James also is on the list of 50-point scorers at MSG, the Garden, finishing with 50 in Cleveland's 119-105 victory over New York on March 5, 2008. Like Bryant, he was treated to raucous ovations and "MVP!" chants during that game — along with a fan coming on the court to meet him when James exited for good in the final minute.

"And just like Bryant, he always talks about his passion for 'the world's most famous arena.'

"Every time I come here, it's like a warm feeling just because you know the history," James said in November, before his first visit this season.

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Marquette stays undefeated in Big East play

Associated Press

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Jerel McNeal scored 26 points and No. 8 Marquette beat DePaul 76-61 on Tuesday night for its 12th straight victory, matching its longest winning streak in seven years.

The Golden Eagles (20-2, 9-0) went back ahead by 11 early in the second half. McNeal took a 30-12 lead midway through the first half behind a scoring start by McNeal. Third in the Big East in scoring with a 19.7 average, McNeal had three 3-pointers during that stretch and scored 11 points.

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OLYMPICS

 Phelps could face drug charges

Associated Press
COLUMBIA, S.C. — Olympic superstar Michael Phelps could face criminal charges as part of the fallout from a photo that surfaced showing the swimmer smoking from a marijuana pipe at a University of South Carolina housing party.

A spokesman for Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, who is known for his tough stance on drugs, said Tuesday the department was investigating.

"Our narcotics division is reviewing the information that we have, and they're investigating what charges, if any, will be filed," said Lt. Chris Cowan, a spokesman for the agency.

The photo first shown in British tabloid News of the World on Sunday was snapped during a November party while Phelps was visiting the university, according to the paper.

Phelps, 23, and his team have not disputed the photo's accuracy. Phelps has issued a public apology, acknowledging "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment" after the photo appeared.

One of Phelps' agents, Drew Johnson, said Tuesday authorities had not contacted the swimmer. "So we really can't speculate," he said.

Last fall, Phelps was introduced to large applause at South Carolina's football game with Arkansas. He met with players and visited with Gamecocks coach Steve Spurrier, who gave Phelps one of the ball as a keepsake.

Phelps also spoke at a university class on sports' role in society. Where exactly the party occurred isn't clear. The university said its police have no evidence it was on campus, and city police said they won't pursue criminal charges unless more information comes forward.

The Richland County sheriff can pursue charges as long as the party was in the county, the spokesman said.

"The bottom line is, if he broke the law, and he did it in Richland County, he's going to be charged," Cowan said. "And there's no difference between Michael Phelps and several other people that we arrest for the same type of charge everyday."

Under South Carolina law, possession of one ounce or less of marijuana is a misdemeanor that carries a fine up to $200 and 30 days in jail for the first offense. Possession of paraphernalia is a $500 fine.

The Richland County sheriff's office had long sought to fight drug crimes. He rose from part-time officer to captain of the narcotics division in the early 1990s, after the television series "Miami Vice" made its splash.

Lott played the part well. He wore stylish suits and had long hair then. He drove a Porsche seized from a drug dealer and even worked undercover with federal agents in Florida.

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While most people may focus on the "swimming" aspect of the Notre Dame swimming and diving squad, the Irish divers have also been making noise this season, helping the team towards a 13th consecutive Big East title.

Former Chinese national coach Calming Xie, currently in his 31st season with the Irish, has led his divers to both All-Americans awards and Big East Championships. Calming has also earned some accolades himself, being named Big East Diving Coach of the Year five times.

"In Big East competition, the only other team are the 3-meter springboard divers" Calming said. "But our winter swimming divers have been doing very well, winning many dual meets with some big competition from Northwestern and Michigan State.

This year is no exception, with two outstanding divers leading the way for Notre Dame in the pool and on the springboards.

Sophomore Heidt Grossman and junior Natalie Stitt have been leading the Irish all season.

"Natalie and Heidt both have potential to win the Big East, and both qualify for NCAA diving Championships," Calming said. "I believe they will do very well at the conference championships this year."

ND WOMEN'S DIVING

Divers doing their part to help squad

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

At the recent Shamrock Invitational, the Irish divers navigated through a strong field of competition from West Virginia, Denver and Michigan State to help the team improve to 6-2 on the season.

In the 1-meter dive, Grossman took first place with a score of 98.70, followed closely by Stitt, who earned a mark of 97.23 to take second place. The results were similar in the 3-meter, where Stitt placed first with an impressive 307.05, and Grossman snagged second with 291.10.

These are just two more excellent performances added to a multitude of wins and top-three performances that the duo has racked up throughout the regular season, including Big East Championships.

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NFL

Raiders plan to keep Cabo as head coach

Associated Press
OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders retained head coach Tom Cable on Tuesday, officially retaining the interim designation from his title more than five weeks after their season ended.

Cable went 4-8 after replacing Lane Kiffin with the Raiders (5-11), who have lost at least 11 games in six consecutive years. Cable, Kiffin's former offensive line coach, rallied Oakland to back-to-back victories to end last season.

Raiders owner Al Davis interviewed a handful of candidates for the job, but never seriously inclined to replace Cable, valuing his organizational loyalty and leadership. Davis spoke to New York Giants offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride and Green Bay assistant head coach Winston Moss before sticking with Cable, the former Idaho head coach who joined the Raiders in 2007.

Cable, who was to be announced at a news conference on Wednesday, will bring some stability to a coaching staff that's already undergoing wholesale changes every year. Cable has long been a candidate for defensive coordinator Bob Ryan (Cleveland), offensive coordinator Greg Knapp (Seattle), special teams coordinator Brian Schneider (Southern California), running backs coach Tom Rathman (San Francisco) and linebackers coach Don Martindale (Denver).

Before Wednesday's news conference, the Raiders had a few more new assistants and retaining several others, Oakland notably picked veteran offensive assistant coach Paul Hackett to be Al Marcus Italians' quarterbacks coach.

With a head coach finally in place, the Raiders can get on with preparing their coaching staffs. They're also deep in preparations for the draft, in which they have the seventh overall pick.

Cable went 11-35 in four seasons in charge at Idaho from 2000-03 in his only previous experience as a head coach before Davis promoted him to replace Kiffin, who was fired Oct. 7 after 11 games. Cable, who represented Oakland at the Senior Bowl in Alabama last month, has argued that keeping him would bring stability to a club already on its fifth head coach since 2003.

But several key assistant coaches who finished the season under Cable's leadership already have left Oakland. Defensive coordinator Bob Ryan was named defensive coordinator Bob Ryan (Cleveland), offensive coordinator Greg Knapp (Seattle), special teams coordinator Brian Schneider (Southern California), running backs coach Tom Rathman (San Francisco) and linebackers coach Don Martindale (Denver).

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Dunnichay are the only upperclassmen. Along with Lex, fellow sophomores Wesley Villaflor and Nathan Geary and freshman Sean Redemaker make up the contingent of underclassmen.

"It really hasn't been a challenge to lead these guys," Buffin said. "They are all hard workers and come into practice with a good attitude everyday. It's been easy being captain of this year's team.

The talent on the team fosters competition amongst them, as the divers are constantly shifting their order according to the finish in meets. Buffin believes that this competition has helped the team succeed.

"I think that one of the main reasons for the success of the team this year has been the level of competition in practice," Buffin said. "The guys on our team are very talented and when some of your biggest competitors are right in front of you everyday, it really keeps you motivated to get better each practice. We are each others' biggest fans and also our biggest competitors — it is a great dynamic.

"As the season approaches its end, the Irish diving squad does not plan to cool off. "We have two or three more points left this season," Buffin said. "First we will head to the Big East Championships — we always want to take five of the top eight spots at this meet. It's pretty high bar to meet, but I believe we can get it done.

The Irish compete at the Big East Championships, they will compete in the NCAA Zone meet, which Buffin thinks will serve as great experience for the younger divers. Finally, the team is looking to wind one or two divers to the NCAA Championships at the end of March.

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Bruszesewski was 7-of-13 with 14 points and six boards and Solomon went 6-of-11 with 14 points and four rebounds off the bench.

"They kept us in the game at times," McGraw said of her forwards. "They did what they could do and the guards just shot poorly as a group. All of them. They all had a bad shooting day. I thought we could have gotten better shots, but we didn't."

After Notre Dame fell behind by nine at halftime Bruszesewski helped the Irish mount two comebacks midway through the second half, bringing the team to within one and three points, respectively, before fellow and Stewart regained control and brought the score back up again.

McGraw said that defense once again was the biggest problem her team must correct in order to end this skid for good.

"It's all about defense," she said. "It's pride in our defense, it's heart. It's all defense. If we want to win, we've got to play defense.

Although the defense has been a point of emphasis all season, the Irish have struggled under their own basket late, allowing 78 to Rutgers, 67 to Kentucky and 75 to Marquette before giving up 82 points to Pittsburgh Tuesday night.

McGraw said she does not know how she plans to fix the defense before Notre Dame's next game, Sunday at home against DePaul.

"We're gonna watch film tomorrow (Wednesday) and decide that tomorrow," she said.

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something that hasn't, or won't happen with this year's squad, according to senior Zach Hillesland.

"I think it's a good point of comparison to see the psyche of this team compared to the psyche of that team because that team was falling apart a bit at certain places," Hillesland said. "I think, looking at our guys, everyone seems like he's still on board and everyone's ready to go. So, this group is ready — they're mentally tough and we're going to go out and keep fighting."

And why is this team able to avoid this internal disruption that happens when teams fall short of expectations?

"I think as a group we're closer and have a better line of communication between everyone on the team between the players and the coaches," Hillesland said. "Everyone's on the same page. We know what has happened, we're going to be honest and up-front with it."

"We know what we need to do and there really isn't any bucking or behind-the-back finger-pointing."

Part of that honesty is recognizing that Notre Dame isn't going anywhere unless it plays defense and rebounding well. Against Pittsburgh Saturday, the Panthers made fools of the Irish on the glass, outrebounding Notre Dame 49-39, with 22 of those coming as offensive boards. DeJuan Blair had 22 by himself. So far in Big East Play, Notre Dame ranks 14th in rebounding defense. This has been a point of emphasis as Notre Dame prepares for Cincinnati.

"They pose some problems with an athletic front line that we've had problems with keeping people off the backboard," Bray said. Cincinnati is led by guard Deonta Vaughn, who averages 15.3 points per game. But if the Irish can contain Vaughn, it won't mean much if they can't rebound. If they can, Notre Dame may finally turn the page on a brutal first half Big East play.

"I think we're ready to do it," Almarioy said. "No one likes to lose, and five in a row puts you at the point of God-wit. I think we're ready to do it. I think practices have gone very well, with good over-confidence in the matter of us translating that over to the game."

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

**SMC seeks conference win**

Battles will try to rebound after blowout loss to rival Hope

By BOBBY GRAHAM  
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Coming into last Saturday’s matchup against Hope, the Belles had generated a considerable amount of momentum. After winning the first three games of a grueling four-game road trip, including a home win over time victory against Calvin, Saint Mary’s was tied with the Hope in the nationally ranked Dutch for fifth-best in the season in the MIAA conference play and a shot to go head-to-head in the regular season crown. However, despite the Belles’ hot streak and strong showing, the Belles suffered a tough loss to Hope on Saturday, April 4. With their conference ranking at stake, the Belles will try to turn the page and get back to their winning ways this Saturday when they travel to Grand Rapids to face Calvin. The Belles’ trip to Calvin will be a test of their conference championship ambitions. If the Belles can bring their winning ways to Grand Rapids, they will show that they are not yet out of contention for the conference title. The Belles’ game against Calvin will be a crucial matchup in the conference race. With only two games left in the regular season, the Belles will need to win both games to stay in contention for the conference title. The Belles will be looking for their third straight win and will be hoping for a strong performance from their starters.

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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Over-Zellous**

Senior guard nets 29 for Panthers, ensures Irish skid continues

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Pitt guard Shavonte Zellous made sure that Notre Dame would not get out of its current funk, scoring 29 points in 31 minutes to lead the Panthers in their 82-70 win over the Irish. The loss was Notre Dame’s fourth in its last six games. “Muffet on the losing streak,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in a phone interview with The Observer Tuesday night. Zellous, the Big East leader in scoring, was one of four Panthers in double figures Tuesday night. Guards Xeniia Stewart and Tanisha Harrison each put up 17 points and forward Shalaya Scott added 11 for Pittsburgh in the win. "I thought Pitt came out ready to play. It was an important game and they came out like they wanted to win," McGraw said. "They played harder than we did. Everybody for them stepped up and had a great game. They did what they needed to do, they rebounded, they scored." Similar to Notre Dame’s most recent loss — a 78-68 home defeat at the hands of Rutgers its opponents got an early lead with a 3-point shot. Zellous and Stewart each nailed a trey in the first 40 seconds of the game. Pitt stayed hot from beyond the arc all game, finishing 7-of-12 from 3-point land. Zellous was 4-of-5 and Stewart was 2-of-3. On the other end of the court, Notre Dame’s shooting struggles continued to show up in a big way, especially in the backcourt. Guards Melissa Lechlitner and Lindsay Schrader combined to shoot only 6-of-26 during the game. The one bright side for the Irish, McGraw said, was the way they forwards Becca Brzusewski and Erica Solomon. Irish freshman forward Erica Solomon, left, goes up for a layup during Notre Dame’s 78-72 win over Michigan State on Nov. 29. Solomon and the Irish fell to Pittsburgh 82-70 last night.

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**MEN’S DIVING**

Led by Bulfin, Irish divers make their mark

By MIKE GOTTIMER  
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Although the Notre Dame men’s swimming and diving team has experienced its ups and downs throughout its 6-6 season, the Irish have seen remarkable consistency from its divers. In four meets since the start of 2009, the Irish have yet to lose either their top or 3-meter diving events. Forwards at the 3-meter, Tom Bulfin swept at least the top three spots in six of their past eight diving events against ranked opponents, four against teams now in the top-10, offered no respite, no easy wins, and in fact, no wins at all. "You know, I think after each loss, we’ve been trying to turn the page while getting something different," Irish guard Kyle McAlarney said. "But I think the losses have got to forget about all that and you’ve got to just go out and play.

Notre Dame’s matchup Wednesday at Cincinnati represents Notre Dame’s best chance at a win since the Irish downed Seton Hall on Jan. 10, a win Irish coach Mike Brey said seemed like it was "last season." But Brey said just because Cincinnati may not have the number next to its name doesn’t mean you can automatically put one in the win column for Notre Dame. "You can’t fall into the trap where just because Cincinnati’s not in the top-10, you’re no, you’re not," Brey said before practice Monday. "The Bearcats posted a 65-57 win over Georgetown last week, but Villanova blew them out Sunday, 71-50. For the Irish to beat the Bearcats, they’ll need to play well in every facet of the game for 40 minutes, something they haven’t done in their current slump. "We’ve done stuff in spurts and then just kind of, one important play, important team, important game," McAlarney said. "We’re still able to get, which was evident in the Marquette and UConn game," McAlarney said. "A loss to Cincinnati would not mean the end of Notre Dame’s season, but it would make the road the NCAA Tournament a lot tougher. Brey and Notre Dame’s seniors were in a similar situation three years ago, when Notre Dame couldn’t buy a win, and suffered heartbreaking loss after heartbreaking loss, failing to make the NCAA Tournament. Each defeat wore on the team’s chemistry and psyche,

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Hoops squad looks to get back on track vs. Cincinnati

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Ever since Notre Dame’s loss to Louisville on Jan. 12, the Irish have been trying to turn the page, and start a new chapter, a new winning streak. Too bad the pages have been glued together, no clear way to accomplish the goals that they set for the season conference championship. With their overall no longer in their hands, Saint Mary’s (11-8, 9-4 MIAA) looks to help themselves out as much as they can as they face conference opponent Olivet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The Belles will need to play well in nearly two weeks should offer the squad a nice change of pace in the countdown to the MIAA conference tournament draws closer. Including Wednesday’s matchup against Olivet, Saint Mary’s has already played their next few opponents and haven’t been on top. With a combined record of 4-1 against those teams, winning out is a possibility. Throw in a Hope loss, and the race for the regular season conference championship would heat up once again. In order to make sure they don’t lose their second straight, however, the Belles will need to rejuvenate their game on the boards. In last Saturday’s loss to Hope, Saint Mary’s was outrebounded 57 to 45, allowing the Flying Dutch 30 second chance points. Another strong outing from freshman Jessica Genta, who broke through with 12 points last Saturday, would also help the Belles’ cause.

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