Burundi and Schmidt to compete in run-off

No ticket reaches a majority, so a winner is not determined; top two vote-getters will face off again Thursday.

By JENN METZ

The Election Committee of the Judicial Council announced the tickets Grant Schmidt-Cynthia Weber and Laura Burdick-Derek Sanchez will advance to a run-off election for the offices of student body president and vice president Monday.

In order to determine a winner, one ticket must receive more than 50 percent of the total vote. George Chamberlain, president of the Judicial Council, said:

Four thousand, five hundred and nine students participated in Monday's election, which ran from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on-line. Students were directed via three e-mail messages sent out by the Judicial Council to a Web site where they entered their netID and password to vote.

The number of students who voted in the election was "the largest turnout ever," Marcello Perez, vice president of the Judicial Council Elections Committee, told the four tickets, who were assembled in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune to hear the results.

Four thousand, five hundred and nine votes cast is approximately 54 percent of the undergraduate student body based on the enrollment numbers from fall 2008. The Schmidt-Weber ticket...

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Obama lands in South Bend, drives to Elkhart

Air Force One lands as a crowd gathers to watch

By KAITLYNN RIELY

The flight was not listed on the “arrivals” screen in the South Bend Regional Airport, but many people stood in and outside the terminal Monday morning in expectation of the appearance of Air Force One.

Several dozen onlookers gathered in front of a window on the second floor of the airport concourse in the hour before the plane arrived.

Lisa Bruni, 47, of Niles, Mich., was one of them. She was ready with her camera to capture the plane’s landing.

"It’s an historic event, and I wanted to do it," she said. "I want something to show my grandkids.”

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President Barack Obama disembarks from Air Force One at the South Bend Regional Airport on Monday morning.

For College Dems, motorcade will be a day to remember

By JENN METZ

Professors at Notre Dame have probably heard a wide range of excuses for why their students did not show up for class.

Driving in a presidential motorcade most likely isn’t one of them, but for eight Notre Dame students it’s an excuse they can use in class tomorrow.

Spencer Howard, the president of the Notre Dame College Democrats, used a few words over and over again to describe Monday’s experience, most notably "amazing" and "exciting."

"It was a very proud moment for me," he said.

The students who volunteered in the motorcade were able to spend a few minutes with President Barack Obama after his hour-long town hall meeting in Elkhart, Ind., to discuss the stimulus package. They waived by their cars while he spoke.

"Taking a picture with the president was "the...

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Green Summit sparks new ideas

Second annual conference recommends ways to make ND greener

By AARON STEINER

Making faculty pay for parking spots, creating a "cap and trade" system for print quotas and eliminating plastic bottles in Waddick’s were among the ideas suggested at Notre Dame’s second annual Green Summit Monday evening in McKenna Hall.

University administrators, faculty, staff and students attended the event, organized by various groups on campus including Greer/ND and the Office of

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Spring transfer students adjust to campus life

By JENN METZ

Eight new students enrolled at Notre Dame for this semester, while Saint Mary’s added 15 students as spring transfers.

The Notre Dame Office of Admissions received 88 applications for spring, which was a "fairly standard number," according to Catherine Linn, admissions counselor and transfer admissions coordinator at the University.

Typically, the University receives between 75 and 100 applicants, she said.

Of the 88 applicants, 14 were offered admission to Notre Dame and eight accepted. All transfer students that enrolled at the University in the spring are second-year sophomores, Linn said. Seven of the students entered the College of Arts and Letters, while one joined the College of Science.

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Fashion at ND. Or not.

My dear fellow students, I am going to be honest with you. As you walk to class, I am judging you purely based on what you're wearing. Sit down and talk for me for five minutes, and I promise I'll let it pass. But until then I am going to indulge my rapid side and silently laugh. As such, I thought I would use my time in the Inside Column to highlight some of the worst Notre Dame has to offer.

Ugg Boots: Yes girls, I've been told they are ever so comfortable. I don't much care. They widen your foot to gigantic proportions, hit that odd place on your leg that will make most girls shorter and bottom heavy, and really, can't we try a bit harder? Staid out from 50 percent of the girls on campus and wander into a shoe department during a sale. Find yourself something in leather with a bit more point to the toe. Perhaps a bit of heal? I promise they aren't the uncomfortable monstrosities you think they are. (Yes, I know just every once in awhile it snows here. Then you are free to wear whatever you like to make it across campus without spread eagling across the ground. I have worn my beloved boots a bit too far into winter and did just that in front of DeBartolo. To those of you that witnessed it, I hope it was gloriously entertaining.) Stuffing your pants into your boots. Sometimes it's pouring rain or sleet, and for the sake of not having to walk to class, I am judging you purely based on what you're wearing. Sit down and talk for me for five minutes, and I promise I'll let it pass. But until then I am going to indulge my rapid side and silently laugh. As such, I thought I would use my time in the Inside Column to highlight some of the worst Notre Dame has to offer.

Sweatpants are not really meant for your garden. We aren't giving up on life and are going to live in their parent's basements. Real pants. They are pants that have a suffix, sweatpants are not really going to be honest with you. As you walk to class, I am judging you purely based on what you're wearing. Sit down and talk for me for five minutes, and I promise I'll let it pass. But until then I am going to indulge my rapid side and silently laugh. As such, I thought I would use my time in the Inside Column to highlight some of the worst Notre Dame has to offer.

In Brief

Valentine's Day Candy Heart-grams will be sold in LaFortune today, Wednesday, and Thursday. The hearts cost $1 per package and will be delivered on Friday.

The Glass Club is having a sale of some of their products — etched glassware, jewelry, stained glass and fused glass, in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. It will take place Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Brazilian Carnival will take place Friday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in South Dining Hall. The event will include music and dance by Chicago Samba, a costume contest, samba lessons and door prizes.

The Freshman Class Council is hosting Lovefest on Friday at 9 p.m. The event will take place in Casey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library and will include free candy from the South Bend Chocolate Factory and musical performers from the Freshman class. Tickets are $5 and will benefit the American Heart Association.

The annual Edith Stein Project will take place throughout the day this Friday. The conference will address women's issues which will include coffee, a Mass, meals. Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students are invited free of charge, but must register at https://marketplace.nd.edu/cce/index.cfm.

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

SMC student VP revises constitution

Leaders discuss extending Student Center's operating hours, elections for next year

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Saint Mary's student body vice president Staci Faley has been working on revising the Student Government Constitution since the fall and announced that her team has completed one draft at Monday night's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting. The Constitution will be presented to BOG once the revisions are complete.

Faley and student body president Mickey Gruscinski are also in the first steps of extending the operating hours of the Student Center. They are looking at the Student Center hours at other, similar-sized colleges, Gruscinski said.

Looking up what other colleges have for Student Center hours, most are opened just as late as "2001," she said. Currently, the Student Center is open until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Residence Hall Association president Margaret Colby announced that Saint Mary's hosted the Western Residence Hall Organization Conference (IHBO) over the weekend. This year's conference was the largest ever.

Senior Katie Chlebda won the IHBO Directorship award, and Doug Hedges and Melina Chlebda won a four-year service plan award, she announced.

Kathy Chlebda, a member of the Class of 2011, won the first-year experience award. Chlebda was diagnosed with lymphoma in August 2006 and relapsed in January 2008. She took a leave of absence from the College after her first semester in Fall 2007.

Her story was documented by junior Taylor Flaherty.

In other BOG news:
♦Student activities board (SAB) coordinator Michele Peterson said SAB will be going to the National Association for Campus Activities this weekend. They will be previewing new consultants, musicians and entertainers to possibly bring to Saint Mary's.
♦Elections commissioner Francesca Johnson said that Student Body President and Vice president platforms have been turned in and a Meet the Candidates even will take place on this Wednesday and 6 p.m. in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall.
♦Sophomore Parents weekend starts this Friday night with a silent auction from 5-7 p.m., sophomore class president Meg Griffin said. Saturday there will be Bingo during the day, a Bake at 4 p.m. and dinner the Waterford Estates Lodge at 7 p.m.
♦Freshman class president Gina Nann announced that the Class of 2012 will have their freshman dance at the Hilton Garden Inn on April 18.

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Octuplets mom treated at a Beverly Hills clinic

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The mother of octuplets was implanted with those embryos at a Beverly Hills fertility clinic run by a well-known — and controversial — embryologist, according to state records and discussions over the ethics of implanting numerous embryos in a woman who already had six children.

Camrava, 57, would not comment on the issue, but told reporters outside his clinic on Rodeo Drive that he had granted an interview to one of the television networks. When asked to provide more detail, he said, "Watch the news."

Without identifying the doctor, the Medical Board of California said last week that it had issued the Camrava case to see if there was a "violation of the standard of care." The medical board said Monday it has not taken any disciplinary action against Kamrava in the past.

In the NBC interview, Suleman did not identify her doctor by name, but said that she went to the West Coast IVF Clinic in Beverly Hills — of which Kamrava is director — and that all 14 of her children were conceived with help from the same doctor.

In 2006, Los Angeles TV stations KTAL ran a story on infertility that showed Kamrava treating Suleman and discussing those embryos at a Beverly Hills clinic. It is co-hosted by Notre Dame's English Department and Creative Writing Program. The interdisciplinary festival kicked off with an open-mic night for students on Sunday from 7-9 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center ballroom.

On Monday, the conference featured a panel discussion, "Women in International Literary Culture: Korea and Mexico," and was a primer of Kim Hyeyoon, a prominent Korean Writer, and Laura Solfrazano, an emerging Mexican poet and editor.

Two translators, Don Mee Choi and Jen Hofer, poets and anthologists, were joined by women's and women's Korean and Mexican writing, respectively, also were present.

Hyeyoon wrote three volumes of poetry since 1981, teaches poetry at the Graduate Institute and has won many prominent Korean awards. Choi has worked as Hyeyoon's translator and will publish her first book next year.

Hyeyoon spoke about the history of Koreans, including a depiction of the myth of the first Korean. She also discussed the role of women in Korean myths. A primary purpose in such stories was to give birth to a son, they then disappeared from the story completely. However, in stories involving shamans' rituals, women played a more prominent role.

Hyeyoon also described the various types of Korean poetry, those written by upper-class men in traditional Chinese script and poems created by women that told of daily life. In Korea, those poems were passed down orally. She also discussed the roles that such poetry played in society, the influence they had on her own work.

Solfrazano has published three books and currently teaches writing in Guadalajara, Mexico. Hofer is the translator of a large amount of prominent Mexican poetry.

Solfrazano discussed her book of poetry, "Labo de Labio," which translates as "Let the Mouth Talk Up Well." She described the book as "an experiment in language."

"Labo de Labio" has been published four separate times since Solfrazano wrote it and has been translated into Spanish and into English. The reading takes place at 5 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

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Each ticket carried its presidential candidates as president of the residence hall. Schmidt, who lives in Knott Hall, and Sanchez, who resides in the dormitory, Burdick received 862 Caravan votes. McLaughlin received 85 Siegfried votes and Lennon received 157 votes.

Peretz told the Burdick-Sanchez ticket that the opportunity to have the runoff election would mirror the four years of service involved in RHA and Ballard Council during their junior and senior years. Madeleine Nies-The Observer.

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Barack Obama

U.S. President

Obama said he still remembered the stories of people he met from Northern Indiana when he campaigned in Elkhart.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Controversial bishop removed

BUENOS AIRES — The bishop whose rehu­bilitation by the Vatican sparked outrage because of his denials of the Holocaust has been removed as the head of an Argentine seminary, his superiors said Monday.

The ultraconservative Society of St. Pius X, which is trying to reconcile with the Vatican, announced it had dismissed Bishop Richard Williamson as director of the La Feja seminary and distanced itself from his views.

Williamson’s views about the Holocaust created an uproar last month when Pope Benedict XVI urged reconciliation and that of three other bishops consecrated by the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre.

Lefebvre founded the Society of St. Pius X in 1961 in opposition to the liberalizing reforms of the Second Vatican Council, particularly its outreach to Jews.

That created an uproar last month when Pope Benedict XVI urged reconciliation and that of three other bishops consecrated by Richard Williamson as director of the La Feja seminary and distanced itself from his views.

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama pressed Monday night for a broader and more massive economic recovery bill, using the first prime­time news conference of his presidency to warn that a failure to act “could turn a crisis into a catastrophe.”

With the nation falling deeper into a long and painful recession, Obama defended his program against Republican criticism that it is loaded with pork­barrel spending and will not create jobs.

“The plan is not perfect,” the president said, addressing the nation from the East Room of the White House. “No plan, I can’t tell you for sure that everyone in this plan will work exactly as we hope, but I can tell you, we’ve completed a re­flection that a failure to act will only deepen this crisis as well as the pain felt by millions of Americans.

When the stimulus bill passed the House, not a single Republican voted for it. On Monday, $38.8 bil­lion version of the legisla­tion cleared a crucial test vote in the Senate by a 61­­39 margin, with all three Republican senators opposing it.

Obama said the federal government was the only power that could save the nation at a time of crisis, with huge spending outlays and tax cuts that he con­cluded could save or create up to 4 million jobs.

In a crucial moment, with the private sector so weakened by this recession, the federal gov­ernment is the only entity left with the resources to jolt our economy back to life,” Obama said.

Rejecting criticism, he said that 90 percent of the jobs created by the plan would be in the private sec­tor, rebuilding crumbling roads, bridges and other aging infrastructure.

“When the plan that ultimately emerges from Congress must be big enough and bold enough to meet the size of the economic chal­lenge we face right now,” Obama said.

Again and again, he stressed that the economy is dire straits.

“This is not your ordi­nary, run of the mill recces­sion,” he said. Obama said the United States aims to avoid the kind of economic pain that Japan endured in the 1990s — the “lost decade” when that nation showed no economic growth.

“My bottom line is to make sure that we are sav­ing or creating 4 million jobs,” he said, and that homeowners facing foreclo­sure receive some relief.

While Obama stressed the economy in the opening minutes of the news confer­ence, he also faced ques­tions on foreign policy, and was asked how his admin­istration would deal with Iran, a nation accused by the United States of sup­porting terrorism and purs­uing nuclear weapons.

The president said his administration was review­ing its policy toward Iran “looking at places where we can have constructive dialogue.” He also said it was time for Iran to change its behavior.

“My expectation is in the coming months we will be looking for openings that can be created where we can be sitting across the table to face to face,” Obama said.

He said that Iran must understand that funding terrorist organizations and pursuing nuclear weapons are unacceptable.

On the economy, Obama took a swipe at Republicans for criticizing the stimulus bill as wasteful. He pointed out that he inherited the current economic crisis and a doubling of the national debt from eight years of the Bush administration.

Yet, he also acknowl­edged that some compo­nents of the bill would not create jobs, as GOP critics have complained. While such spending plans might be worthwhile, he said, “those programs should be out of this.”

AUSTRALIA

Death toll rises in Australian wildfire

Associated Press

WHITTLESEA — Disaster teams found charred bodies on roadsides and smashed cars — signs of the futile attempt to flee raging wildfires fed by 60 mph winds, recorded lightning and drought that caught even fire­savvy Australians by sur­prise.

As the death toll rose Tuesday to 173 in Australia’s worst wildfire disaster, authorities Thursday that 400 blazes were caused by arson led police to declare crime scenes in some small western rural towns, Victoria police said.

The fires near Melbourne in southeastern Australia destroyed more than 750 homes, left 5,900 people homeless, and burned 1,100 square miles of land, the Victoria Country Fire Service said.

Whole forests were reduced to leafless, charred trunks. Farmland was sins. In some spots, the scale of the disaster shocked a nation that endures deadly forest fires every few years. Officials said panic and the freight­train­speed of the walls of flames proba­bly accounted for the unusually high death toll.

“It was very quick and disastrous and took everyone by surprise,” said Jack Barber, who with his wife, a neighbor, six cats and a dog sought refuge with five other people on a cricket field surrounded by trees in Kinglake.

“All around us was 100-foot flames ringing the oval, and we ran where the wind wasn’t. It was swirling all over the place,” he said.

For three hours, we dodged the wind.”

Firefighters battled more than a dozen blazes that burned out of control across Victoria state, although conditions were much cooler than Saturday. Forecasters said temperatures would rise later this week, posing a risk of flare­ups.

Blazes have been burning for weeks across several states in southern Australia, common for time of year. But the worst drought in a century in the south had left forests extra dry, and Saturday’s temperature was 117 degrees, the relative humidity was 7 percent, and the wind was gusting to 50 mph.
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Sustainability.

Green President and Office of Sustainability Director Rafael Diaz said the event drew a larger, different crowd this year.

"The way people were talking about was students taking the president —" he said, going "out of the recycling campaign, was really special."

Diaz said that was too easy to see the people along the side of the road were waving, and there were hurrying right now," Howard said, "I'm really excited. We passed schools, and the town," Diaz said. "It was really special."

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Senate advances economic stimulus

$838 billion bill moves toward passage despite strong Republican opposition

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

BRIEF

Obama hits prime-time airwaves

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama pushed for his emergency economic stimulus with an urgent one-towhich Monday, addressing the nation in the first prime-time news conference of his presidency after taking his campaign directly to recession victims in hard-hit Indiana.

"Doing nothing is not an option," Obama warned during a town hall meeting in Elkhart, Ind., where unemployment has passed 15 percent.

Speedy passage of legislation to pump federal money into the crippled economy, once seemingly assured with bipartisan support, has become in what may be Obama's most difficult job. The White House is calculating that numbers like Thursday's 140,000 job losses in Indiana could help the Democrat on the trail.

Agreement reached with Madoff

WASHINGTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday announced an agreement with disgraced money manager Bernard Madoff that could eventually force him to pay a civil fine and return money raised from investors.

The partial judgment, which renders permanent a preliminary injunction that froze Madoff's assets after his arrest in December, must be approved by the judge overseeing the case in federal court in Manhattan.

The civil proceeding is separate from the criminal case against the former Wall Street giant, who is accused of bilking $50 billion from investors in what may be the largest Ponzi scheme in history. Madoff was arrested on Dec. 11 after allegedly confessing to his sons that he had stolen from investors for years.

Federal prosecutors have asked a judge to take the ball of Madoff, who has been confined to his Manhattan penthouse under house arrest, to trial, but Madoff, who has not been indicted, is widely expected to eventually enter into a criminal deal with prosecutors in which he would plead guilty in exchange for some form of leniency.

In Brief

WASHINGTON — An $838 billion economic stimulus bill passed the White House narrowly advanced to the Senate Monday on strong Republican opposition, and Democrats were supposed to deliver the legislation for President Barack Obama's signature within a few days.

The vote was 61-36, one more than the 60 needed to move the measure toward Senate passage on Tuesday. That in turn, will set the stage for possibly contentious negotiations with the House on a final compromise on legislation the president says is desperately needed to tackle the worst economic crisis in more than a generation.

The Senate vote occurred as the Obama administration moved ahead on another key component of its economic recovery plan. Officials said Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner would outline rules on Tuesday for $500 billion in bailout funds designed to help the financial industry as well as homeowners facing foreclosure.

Monday's vote was close but scarcely in doubt once the White House and Democratic leaders agreed to trim about $100 billion from the bill.

As a result, Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania broke ranks to cast their votes to advance the bill.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., battling a brain tumor, made his first appearance on the Senate floor since suffering a seizure on Jan. 31, but did not provide further details.

Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., a Democratic leader who has been an advocate of the $50 billion bailout for the auto industry, also declared he was prepared to hold the Senate in session into the Presidents Day weekend if necessary, and cautioned Republicans not to try and delay final approval.

He said passage would mark "the first step on the long road to recovery."Moments before the vote, the Congressional Budget Office issued a new estimate that put the cost at $838 billion, an increase from the $827 billion figure from last week. Ironically, the agency said provisions in the bill intended to limit bonuses to executives at firms receiving federal bailout money would result in lower tax revenues for the government.

"This bill has the votes to pass. We know that," conceded Sen. John Thune, a South Dakota Republican who has spoken daily in the Senate against the legislation.

As if to underscore its prospects for passage, a prominent and powerful business group, issued a statement calling on the Senate to advance the measure.

"Even so, in the hours before Monday's vote, Republican upstarts attacked it as too costly and unlikely to have the desired effect on the economy. "This is a spending bill, not a stimulus bill," said Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn.

Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., ridiculed the bill. "The emperor has no clothes! Someone has to say it. I'm referring to this additional bailout, this spending bill that spends everything we've got on nothing and we are sure about." All 36 votes in opposition were cast by Republicans.

The two remaining versions of the legislation are relatively close in size — $838 billion in the Senate and $819 billion in the House, and are similar in many respects.

SEC's Thomsen leaving position

WASHINGTON — The top cop at the Securities and Exchange Commission has left the government less than a week after receiving an angry dressing-down before Congress over the agency's failure to detect a massive alleged fraud scheme.

The SEC said Monday that Linda Thomsen is leaving to pursue opportunities in the private sector, but did not provide further details.

She has been the agency's enforcement director for more than a decade, most recently since May 2005, under two previous SEC chairmen.

Mary Schapiro late last month became SEC chairman, and it's not unusual for new heads of the agency to replace the enforcement director. But Thomsen became a lightning rod for criticism over the SEC's failure to detect the stunning $50 billion Ponzi scheme allegedly run by money manager Bernard Madoff, despite red flags raised to the agency staff by outsiders during the course of a decade. The announcement of her departure came a few days after Schapiro outlined new actions intended to strengthen and streamline the agency's enforcement efforts.

Thomsen was front and center at a Feb. 4 hearing by a House subcommittee investigating the Madoff affair and the enforcement breakdown at the SEC. She was put on the defensive by lawmakers and forced to defend the SEC's position that she and other officials couldn't have publicly disclosed the matters because of an ongoing investigation by the agency's inspector general.

A replacement for Thomsen wasn't named. Speculation centered on Herbert Khuzami, a former federal prosecutor who is managing director and general counsel of investment firm Deutsche Bank.

Khuzami didn't immediately return a telephone call to his office by Monday. SEC spokesman John Nester declined to comment.

Thomsen, who was the first woman to hold the chief enforcement job at the SEC, had been deputy enforcement director before taking the top spot. As enforcement director, she led the SEC investigation of fallen energy giant Enron Corp., which began in late 2001, and a number of other high-profile cases.
Bengal mission bouts

Charles E. Rice

Right or Wrong

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"We are being overrun by rats that have come into the jungle and little because of the flowers and seedlings of the bamboo. They are destroying the crops of the people. And a group of 41 elephants has destroyed crops, banana trees and has made homes in a number of villages. And now it is the time of drought. The poor are suffering from food, with very little food surviving on wild roots and new bamboo plants as their daily food, and they cannot afford the school fees for their children. They come to us everyday asking money for food and treatment or medicine. I am sorry for telling you the present situation of our people, but as a pastor I think and feel for them and I just needed to share with someone.

Those lines, in a recent letter from Fr. Rohi Gomes, CSC, to Fr. Tom Smith, CSC, tell you more about the need for Bengal Bouts than I ever could. Since 1931 the Bouts have become the largest single contributor to the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. Now the relation has moved to a new level. Last summer, Boxing Club President and boxers Tomas Castillo, Patrick Martin, Luuk Robinkowski, Mike Lee and Patrick Ryan raised money to go to Bangladesh with Professor William Donurama and cinematographer John Klein. "We made a film, "Strong Bodies Fight," depicting the realities of the mission. The premiere will be on campus on the Navy weekend in November."See www.worldhondagoods.org: A student service project in Bangladesh may result in the effort. More about the film and project in a future column.

Since 1854, Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters have labored in Bangladesh, especially among the tribal people in remote areas. Of the 140 priests and brothers and the 70 sisters now in Bangladesh, all but 19 are Bangladeshi. The country has more than 140 million people in an area the size of Wisconsin. 89.7 percent are Muslims, 9.2 percent are Hindus, with the rest Buddhists, Christians and others. The nationwide per capita income is $1,400, but the ultra-poor served by Holy Cross have far less. When you go to a basketball game at the JACC and drop $3.00 for some ice cream creation, you will spend what would feed a family of four among those ultra poor for almost a week. In 2008, the Bouts contributed more than $50,000 to the mission, a comparatively huge sum.

The needs are pressing. Fr. Alex Rabanal, CSC, in St. George's Parish in remote Marimannag, has 50 children, grades one through five, and two teachers in his boarding school. The children have no money and no books because they live far away. Fr. Alex needs money to feed those kids.

Catholic Parish in Mymensingh diocese, a hilly area where the water is pura for at least half of the year. Fr. Shusenio Gomes, CSC, needs at least 50 tubewells, at a cost of $3,500, to relieve the disease caused by the bad water.

Futima Rani Parish in Bandarban is in a very poor and remote, forested area. Holy Cross has served it since 1967. The priests always carry medicines to treat the many adults and children afflicted with malaria and dysentery. They also have the rare and elephant problems described above by Fr. Gomes, the parish: He needs about $4,000 for a badly needed dispensary.

The list of needs could go on and on.

The Bengal Bouts are literally a lifesaving event. The tour is run by the boxers themselves, under the supervision of Rich O'Leary and Jimmy Rogers of RecSports. The captains are Mark Weber, Mike Lee, Kris Perez, Dan Rodgers, Luuk Robinkowski, Diego Villalba, Brian de Splinter, Patrick Burns and Chris Rugliari. Tom Siddes, Chicago attorney Terry Johnson and University president Pat Farrell are the head coaches. The assistant coaches include Sweet C. Bishom of the Buchanan Police Department, Mike Hurley, former boxers Ryan Baus, Chip Farrell, Thad Naquin, Judge Roland Chambell, and Father Braide Dalse.

Dr. Jim Moriarty oversees the medical and safety programs which has prevented serious injury for 78 years. Emergency Medical Technician Terri Engel attends every speaking session along with EMTS Erica Duley, Sean Bradley and Steve Serbalk, along with Bonnie Chow, Bert Williams and Myitha Eaton of RecSports whose official title, on their T-shirts, is "kidding" "professional rescuers.

The real indispensable, however, are the managers, Kelly Garvy, Katherine Johnson, Ashley Munch, Calle Jones, and Megan Bolfl. They not only keep impeccable quarrelling, advertising, equipment and other records. They are the brains of the outfit, day to day.

Without them, things would grind to a halt. And they know why they do it. The work is challenging, the people are great," said Ashley Munch, "but most important, is that they really want to "give back," to help the poor on those missions.

The Bouts will be in four sessions at the Joyce Center: Preliminaries on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 5 p.m.; Quarterfinals on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 6:00 p.m. Semifinals on Thursday, Feb. 26th at 6:30 p.m., and Finals on Saturday, Feb. 28th at 7:00 p.m. General admission is $5 for the first three sessions and $7 for the Finals.

The all-season General Admission pass is $10.

"The Bengal Bouts," said Fr. Tom Smith, CSC, director of the Holy Cross Mission Center, "are a vital support as our Holy Cross community seeks to show God's love and compassion to the hungry and sick and offers hope through education efforts throughout Bangladesh." Beyond that, the Bouts are fun to watch. If you go once, you'll be hooked. Please support them.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Proper channels**

Pope John Paul II bestowed upon the Knights of Columbus the title of "the strong right arm of the Church" and the Notre Dame Knights are proud to do our part in defending the Church and the Holy Father. However, all statements made on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Council 1477 must be approved before publication by the Council's officers and board of trustees. As the statement published yesterday was not approved through the proper channels, we would like to clarify that the Viewpoint was not an official statement by the Knights of Columbus Council 1477 and should not be regarded as such. It is not the Council's position that people who question the Pope's leadership do not belong at this university; rather, we affirm that any discussion regarding the Pope's decisions should be carried on with the respect due the Successor of St. Peter.

**Cocoa Krispies**

Since moving from Keenan to Duncan, the number of times I've visited North Dining Hall can be counted without the use of toes. This is mostly because of location. I enjoy the superior pasta stir fry and fajitas at North, the layout and atmosphere at South, and generally just eat at whichever is cleanest. I never realized how little reason there is to go in North (and) until I moved south. However, this past Thursday, I found myself in the Library (true in itself) and decided to head over to North for dinner. It was nearly 8:00 so I didn't have to deal with the massive dinner crowds, and after getting penne with tomato alfredo at the pasta bar I went for some milk. Much to my surprise, right next to the milk dispenser was the single most amazing breakfast delicacy ever created: Kellogg's Cocoa Krispies.

When did this happen? They certainly weren't there last semester, and they have yet to show up in the now incredibly inferior South Dining Hall. I don't want to hear from you non-purists that go for Cocoa Pebbles and Cocoa Puffs. Cocoa Krispies are the real deal. They don't get soggy quickly and the taste is unbeatable. It feels so good when they hit your lips! Anyway, I filled two bowls and was suddenly in a Got Milk commercial (all 4 dispensers out of skin —扣除 is to blame) I settled for 2% and had one of the best dinners yet at Notre Dame. I appreciate the cereal survey administered every year, and I hope this inequality of cereal distribution can be corrected.

On a related note, they have Crispex in the lines at NDH but not at Grab & Go, and they have it at Grab & Go at SDH but not in the lines. What's up with that? On an unrelated note, the tray carousel at SDH should run in the other direction. Counter-current systems are more efficient. PS — my girlfriend, Sara Lewis, wishes everyone to know she's not at all concerned about cereal equality. Thank you.

Trey Griffith
sophomore
Fisher
Feb. 9

Noah Franzke
junior
Duncan
Feb. 8

**Tradition never graduates**

It seems the administration has lost its way. This year, we have witnessed an unprecedented change in student life at Notre Dame. The Dillon Pep Rally: canceled. The Alumni Wake: canceled. The Fisher Zoo: canceled. And to be sure, those events that have been canceled this year are an enormous part of that tradition, a part of which you remember fondly years from now. When you take away that tradition, you take away what makes student life here great. The saying "tradition never graduates" is true. Tradition just gets banned by ReLeaf.

Troy Griffith
sophomore
Fisher
Feb. 9

**A defense of criticism**

In Monday's viewpoint, it was asserted that criticizing the Pope is "ridiculously and offensively arrogant." It was stated the college students do not have the right to question the authority of the Catholic Church. This opinion could not be any more wrong or dangerous. If you take a group of 18-22 year olds who are making the transition from home life to real life, and tell them never to question or criticize, you create the kind of stagnant mind that this nation and world ultimately want what the college experience should be about? We are not only on a search for knowledge, but a search for identity. That identity may not please everybody, but a body with an intellectual reputation as great as Notre Dame's should not be bothered by that. If you are unwilling to accept criticism and different beliefs, perhaps this isn't the university for you.

Tim Ryan
freshman
Keenan
Feb. 9

**"Defense" intellectually offensive**

I consider myself a devout Catholic. I go to Mass every week, try to follow the teachings of the Church, and confess my sins when I err in this effort. I was, however, deeply disturbed by the article entitled, "A defense of the Pope," by Lee Metzger, which appeared in Monday's issue of the observer. Mr. Metzger's article was a blatant ad hominem attack that did more to damage the stature of those who support the Church than to edify it. Rather than addressing the arguments made by those who are disappointed in the Pope's judgment, Mr. Metzger fell back on the age-old argument of, "Yeah, well you're stupid." In the article, he implies that because the Pope has more experience and education than the students here at Notre Dame, his position must be correct, and the students' position must be incorrect. But while the Pope's experience and education certainly makes him more likely to be correct, it does not, in and of itself, prove his point. Certainly sometimes even the wisest men can be wrong, and even the fool sometimes speaks sense. The individual's education and reputation have no bearing on the merits of his or her argument. Mr. Metzger also seems to imply that he is somehow entitled to make these ad hominem attacks, or at least speak from a position of relative esteem. I believe that any great organization of the faithful is unique and an organization of the faithful is unique and an organization of the faithful is unique. By arguing that you are the Knights you magically gain some kind of deeper insight into matters of faith. If Mr. Metzger and his fellow Knights really wish to defend our Church and her leaders, I wish them well in their endeavor, but I would encourage them to address the arguments of those who attack the Church, rather than simply saying "shame on you."

Christopher White
sophomore
Dillon
Feb. 9

**Write a letter to the editor!**
By ANALISE LIPARI

Scene Editor

On Sunday, students at Notre Dame and local Mary's will have the chance to see a performance by one of the most versatile groups in contemporary classical music.

The Turtle Island String Quartet, who won a Grammy last year for their crossover album "A Love Supreme," will arrive at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Feb. 15th for an afternoon of genre-bending, string stylings. The group is scheduled to appear with jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut to perform their "Icons" program.

Yo-Yo Ma has called the Quartet "a miffed voice that truly breaks new ground," and the Quartet's Web site quotes the St. Louis Post-Dispatch as saying, "It must have been like this when Beethoven was taking Vienna, by storm — the exhilaration of seeing the future of classical music unfold before your eyes and ears."

No doubt listeners in the Leighton Concert Hall will enjoy the afternoon's touring program, which is set to excite audiences with its multifaceted approach. "Icons" was designed by the quartet as the latest in a series of cross-genre musical ventures, and will reinterpret both classic and contemporary pieces. "Icons" will blend the music of Brahms' piano quintet with strains of gospel, while bluegrass influences like Flatt and Scruggs and Bill Monroe will interweave with names like John Coltrane, Miles Davis and Duke Ellington.

Founded in 1983, the Turtle Island String Quartet has grown in fame and prestige over the years for its ability to blend, refashion and revolutionize chamber music for strings. The group consists of four members: David Balakrishnan on the violin, Mads Tolling on the violin, Jeremy Kim on the viola and Mark Summer on the cello. It was Balakrishnan who first conceived of the Quartet while earning his master's at Antioch University in Ohio. Eventually, the group would expand from its humble university roots to become one of the most influential string quartets in American classical music today.

The "Icons" program is only one example of the Quartet's ability to cross and blend different genres while retaining its classical core. The group has experimented with music styles as diverse as Indian and Latin American, and has experimented with swing, funk, rhythm and blues, folk, hip-hop and more. The group also has made multiple albums with various labels, and their film, radio and television credits include Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion" and "National Public Radio. Even the name of the Quartet, "Turtle Island," draws from diverse influences — the image derives from a creation myth commonly found in Native American folklore.

Students interested in exploring more of the Turtle Island Quartet's music can explore any of their more than a dozen recorded albums. Highlights include "A Love Supreme" (2008), which takes a raucous, energetic approach to the music of John Coltrane, and "4+Four" (2006), the group's first recording with the Telarc label. "4+Four" ranges from European Jazz to the Beatles, and is a collaborative effort between the Turtle Island Quartet and the Ying Quartet.

The afternoon's additional performer, Cyrus Chestnut, is a high-profile American jazz artist in his own right. An alumnus of Boston's prestigious Berklee College of Music, Chestnut has toured with such artists as Wynton Marsalis and the Betty Carter Trio. Chestnut has also recorded or performed with a variety of contemporary jazz, pop, R&B and gospel artists, including Betty Midler, Isaac Hayes, Chick Corea, Dizzy Gillespie and others. Interested listeners can check out Chestnut's latest album, 2006's "Genuine Chestnut," or his 2007 album "Cyrus Plays Elvis" before the show.

"Icons" will take place on Sunday, Feb. 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall. Tickets cost $38, $30 for faculty and staff, $25 for senior citizens and $15 for all students. For more information, visit performingarts.nd.edu.

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By EMILY LESTRANGE

"New Wave" Don't be surprised if you hear orchestral music ringing throughout campus this weekend. Czechoslovakian music is taking South Bend by storm.

On Wednesday night, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will host a performance of the world-renowned Czech Symphony Orchestra. Although highly influenced by other Czechoslovakian composers, the Orchestra's repertoire also includes works by Beethoven and Mozart.

Since 1924, the Czech Symphony Orchestra has been one of the most prominent symphony orchestras in the world. At the peak of the era of Communism, the Czechoslovakian government prevented the Orchestra from touring foreign countries, particularly those that stood against the principles of communist countries. The birth of the Czech Republic in 1993 and the end of communism allowed the group the freedom to perform as they please. Since then, the Orchestra has found success touring in many countries, including Europe, Japan and Taiwan.

The Orchestra performs many pieces by 18th century Czechoslovakian composer Leos Janacek, famous for pioneering new patterns of chord spacing, was very influential in the lives of Bedrich Smetana and Antonin Dvorak, two other Czechoslovakian composers showcased by the Orchestra. However, while the Czechoslovakian heritage is highly influential to the Orchestra, it does not prevent the musicians from exploring the works of other composers.

One of the most famous performances the Orchestra has given was in 2006 at the Rudolfinum Hall in Prague. Prague was also home to the Orchestra's performance in the Contemporary Musical Festival during the same year. Other notable showings include various international festivals in Australia, the Netherlands, and Italy. This year the Orchestra's 2009 American Tour includes four-weeks of performances in California, Massachusetts, and Florida. In addition to the Orchestra's appearance at Notre Dame, a standard stop on the tour.

The Czech Symphony Orchestra is led by Maestro Theodore Kuchar. Kuchar has been the Artistic Director and Musical Conductor of the Orchestra for the last 15 years. Best known for his role in recording over 90 discs of orchestral music in the last decade, Kuchar recently assumed his role as conductor during the Orchestra's performance of Smetana's work in a three-disc recorded special. As put by Classics Today, "Theodore Kuchar is an extremely exciting and talented conductor, and his take-no-prisoners approach works very well in this colorful music."

Kuchar also holds the title of Principal Guest Conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra of the Ukraine, and has frequently been a guest conductor of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra. World-renowned violinist Jennifer Frautschki will also be present Wednesday night. In 2008, Frautschki toured with the European Concert Hall Organization in the Rising Stars series, debuting in forums including London's Wigmore Hall and the Salzburg Mozarteum. As "The Chicago Tribune" wrote in a recent article, "The young violinist Jennifer Frautschki is molding a career with smart interpretations of both warhorses and rarities."

As listed on the DeBartolo Performing Arts Website, the performance of the Orchestra will include many violinist pieces, including Smetana's "Ma Vlast" and other works by Felix Mendelssohn, and Antonin Dvořák. The performance also includes a short intermission.

The Czech Symphony Orchestra can be seen on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall. Ticketed admission is required. Tickets are $48 for students, $38 for faculty/staff, and $15 for all students. For more information, visit performingarts.nd.edu.

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THE CZECH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Comes State-Side

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Scene Writer

**Great Lake Swimmers: Lost Channels**
**(MARCH 31, NETTWERK)**

*What's Known:* A 12-song track list is on the band’s website and Stereogum is previewing one of the record’s tunes.

*Why Care?:* This little known group of bearded Canadians produces a style of melodic folk reminiscent of Neil Young and early Mark Kozelek, aka Red House Painters.

**Golden Bloom: TBA**
**(SUMMER, UNSIGNED)**

*What's Known:* Notable friend of Guster, Shawn Fogel, will team up with a new group of buds and have a record out by this summer. After rifling through hundreds of mailed-in singles and albums, a "Spin Magazine" intern really liked an indie pop song called "Doomsday Devices." A well-compensated "Spin Magazine" staff writer took the assist and featured Golden Bloom in a piece highlighting little known bands.

*Why Care?:* Unsigned bands barely exist anymore outside of college bars and high school garages. Plus, "Doomsday Devices" is quite good.

**The Decemberists: Hazards of Love**
**(MARCH 24TH, CAPITOL)**

*What's Known:* The aborted rock-opera’s first song is all over the web. The 17-song track list has already been released. Also, the group’s wordsmith frontman, Meley, has been dishing all sorts of dirt on Twitter.

**The Observer SCENE**

**TOP FIVE ALBUMS TO ANTICIPATE IN 2009**

**Wilco: TBA**
**(SPRING, NONESUCH)**

*What's Known:* America's rock band once again returns to using the studio as an instrument to construct their seventh album to date and second with the current lineup. "The Colbert Report" debuted "Wilco The Song."

*Why Care?:* Possible album tracks "Everlasting Everything" and "You and I" sound like they could belong on "Planet Waves," while "Wilco The Song" is the best pop song the group has produced since "Heavy Metal Drummer."

**Band of Horses: TBA**
**(TBA, SUB POP)**

*What's Known:* Well, nothing, except that the band’s in the studio and will have an LP out in '09. Ben Bridwell and the boys gave fans a nice surprise on their Myspace page. Milwaukee blogger Muzzle of Bees caught the hint and word spread.

*Why Care?:* 2007’s "Cease To Begin" was a late-year surprise which ended up on just about everyone's best-of list. If the new album is anywhere as good as the one before it, look for Band Of Horses to make an even bigger splash in critical circles.

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North Carolina's Jessica Breland, center, fights off Duke's Karima Christmas, right, during their game in Chapel Hill, N.C., on Monday night. The Tar Heels knocked off the Blue Devils 75-60.

"It was like a nightmare," Hatchell said.

For the Tar Heels, Rashanda McCants helped the Tar Heels finally start looking like themselves again. The senior scored 19 of her 22 points in the second half to help North Carolina beat No. 4 Duke 75-60 on Monday night, continuing the Tar Heels' recent dominance in the series. Jessica Breland added a career-high 23 rebounds for the Tar Heels (21-3, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who trailed by 12 points in a first-half performance filled with missed shots and turnovers. But North Carolina dominated the next 18 minutes -- and another 15 in the second half -- with a 54-38 rebounding advantage against the Blue Devils (19-3, 7-2 ACC) and the 13th win in the last 14 games for the game.

"I told them, 'Keep the tempo up, keep pushing it,'" Hatchell said of her halftime speech. "And we did play better in the second half. It's not always pretty, but it's exciting. And it's fun.

McCants marked the offensive turnaround, hitting 8 of 9 shots after the break and adding 15 points in the second half -- just 1-4 from the floor in the first half.

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### A-Rod admits to steroid use in Texas

New York — Alex Rodriguez admitted Monday to using banned drugs, the biggest name yet to acknowledge he couldn’t resist the temptation to juice up during baseball’s Steroids Era.

The admission came two days after Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site that Rodriguez was among 104 names on a list of players who tested positive for steroids in 2003, when testing was intended to determine the extent of steroid use in baseball. The results weren’t subject to discipline and were supposed to remain anonymous.

Rodriguez said he alone was to blame but then accused one of the Sports Illustrated reporters who broke the story of collecting "nonsense."

"When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day," Rodriguez said.

"And I did take a banned substance and, you know, for that I’m very sorry and deeply regretful. And although it was the culture back then and Major League Baseball overall was very — I just feel that — You know, I’m just sorry. I’m sorry for that. I’m sorry for fans. I’m sorry for my fans in Texas. It wasn’t until then that I ever thought about substance of any kind."

Rangers owner Tom Hicks said the admission caught him by surprise.

"I feel personally betrayed. I feel deceived by Alex," Hicks said in a conference call. "He assured me that he had far too much respect for his own body to ever do that to himself. I certainly don’t believe that if he’s now admitting that he started using when he came to the Texas Rangers, why should I believe that it didn’t start before he came to the Texas Rangers?"

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**NCAA Men’s Basketball**

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### NHL

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Clemmensen records shutout in Devils victory

Parise’s two goals lifts New Jersey to a 3-0 victory over New York; Rangers handed season-high fifth straight loss

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Scott Clemmensen made 27 saves in posting his first NHL shutout in nearly five years, and Zach Parise scored twice to lift the New Jersey Devils to a 3-0 victory Monday night over the skidding New York Rangers.

The Rangers have dropped a season-high five straight.

Clemmensen held the Rangers off during five fruitless power plays, including two that were shortened by New York penalties. The Rangers are 0-4-1 in their past five games and are sliding closer to the postseason cutoff line in the Eastern Conference. There are closer to then that they are to the Devils, who lead them by eight points in the Atlantic Division.

Bobby Holik had the first goal and Parise scored in the 32nd this season into an empty net for the Devils, who had lost two consecutive at home.

Henrik Lundqvist was solid but not good enough. He stopped 28 shots after sitting out Friday night’s 10-2 loss at Dallas with the flu.

The Devils took a 1-0 lead 8 minutes into the second period when a pair of former Rangers teamed up. Brendan Shanahan, playing against New York for the first time since he signed with New Jersey last month, fed a pass in front that was shoved between Lundqvist’s pads by Holik.

Shanahan spent the previous two seasons with the Rangers and wanted to return, but he grew tired of waiting for New York to clear salary cap space and offer him a contract. Once he opened negotiations with other teams, the Devils brought him back to the club that made him the No. 2 overall pick in the 1987 NHL draft.

Holik, also in the first season of his second stint with the Devils, was with the Rangers for two seasons before his contract was bought out by New York after the 2004-05 season.

New York’s Brandon Dubinsky was sent to the penalty box for holding to give New Jersey its second power play. Parise needed just over a minute to put it away for his first career, 1-0 lead. His first goal was his 15th this season.

Clemmensen recorded shutout in New Jersey’s 3-0 victory.

Rangers allow 10 goals in 6 games

The bigger problem against the Devils, as has been for much of the season, was the Rangers’ lack of offense. They have scored only five times during their skid and are averaging under two goals over the past 12 games.

Steelers unaware of Roethlisberger’s injury

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers have no knowledge that Ben Roethlisberger played the Super Bowl with two broken ribs, as the quarterback told a Web site.

According to SI.com, Roethlisberger said his fractured ribs did not show up on X-rays taken before he led the Steelers to a 27-23 win over Arizona on Feb. 1, but were revealed only during a MRI test he had last week.

"Luckily, in the game, I didn’t take any big hits to make “em hurt,” Roethlisberger told SI. "But I knew all along there was something wrong. There wouldn’t have been anything that could have been done about fractured ribs anyway. It was just suck it up and play. Roethlisberger did not miss any practices before the Super Bowl, although a pool report from the Wednesday practice said he attempted during the middle of the workout to stretch his torso. He missed one practice during the week before the Super Bowl because of what the team said was a back injury.

“T’ll probably be a whole lot to say,” Steelers spokesman Dave Lockett said Monday. “Ben was fine to go. He was cleared to play. He didn’t miss any practice because of something he was worrying about.”

The Steelers said it would have been difficult for Roethlisberger to play any better than he did in leading the decisive 78-yard drive that ended with a precision throw on 6-yard touchdown pass to Santonio Holmes with 32 seconds remaining. Several plays before, Roethlisberger — leading his sixth game-winning drive of the season — hit Holmes on a 40-yard completion.

Roethlisberger did not mention any possible injury during post-game interviews.

It is uncertain if the validity of Roethlisberger’s claim will be proven. NFL teams do not routinely release reports on players undergoing MRI or other medical tests during the season, and Roethlisberger isn’t due back in Pittsburgh until offseason workouts begin in April. By then, any problem that occurred before or during the Super Bowl might not show up in tests.

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**NCAA Men's Basketball**

Young's performance lifts Pitt over WVU

No. 4 Pitt wins fourth consecutive game despite minimal contribution from star center DaJuan Blair

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Both of No. 4 Pittsburgh's losses came after physical excellence. DaJuan Blair got into foul trouble. When Blair was pulled with less than five minutes gone after drawing two fouls against West Virginia, the Mountaineers were more than encouraged.

So was the alarm. Even with Blair sitting out for all but 16 minutes, the Panthers seized the lead in a first-half run Monday night and went on to beat the Mountaineers 70-59 behind Sam Young's 20 points and an overwhelming advantage in rebounding.

Young followed up a 22-point game in Pitt's 79-67 win at West Virginia two weeks ago, making seven of 12 shots and adding seven rebounds. Levance Fields had 13 points and seven assists to help the Panthers (22-2, 9-2 in Big East) win their fourth in a row and sixth in seven games.

Alex Ruoff scored 17 points and Devin Ebanks 16, but the Mountaineers (16-8, 5-6) lost their sixth in seven games against ranked Big East teams — mostly because they were outrebounded 39-23 as their own top two scorers got into foul trouble. Ruoff fouled out with 7:18 to play and Da'Sean Butler, averaging 17.8 points, was held to 4 points in 18 minutes.

"It was a strange game — their guys were more into foul trouble and two of our best were in foul trouble," Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said, referring to Blair and Jermaine Dixon. "But we played through it."

The Panthers didn't do that in losing earlier to Louisville and Villanova, but Blair's foul woes proved insignificant in a fourth consecutive home win over West Virginia.

"That was one of our goals to get him and Young in foul trouble, that's what happened in their losses, Blair's gotten in foul trouble," Ruoff said. "We did that, but we didn't do a good job of taking advantage of it, plus me and Da'Sean did a terrible job of getting in foul trouble ourselves."

The 6-foot-7 Blair was coming off a 32-point, 14-rebound game against DePaul on Saturday and was averaging 24.2 points and 14.7 rebounds in his previous three, but didn't score until getting Pitt's first two baskets of the second half. He finished with eight points and nine rebounds in 16 minutes.

Pittsburgh, known for its defense and not its offense, scored 90 points or more in six games against ranked opponents. That wasn't going to happen against West Virginia, which came in leading the Big East with a 61 points per game defensive average, and the Panthers maintain top that's one of those things you don't want to have happen and he's got to learn from it.

Pitt, 15-0 at home this season, swept the basketball version of the Backyard Brawl for the second time in three seasons despite only making 4 of 13 from 3-point range.

**College Football**

UT's Kiffin guilty of recruiting violations

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee notified the NCAA it found a Southeastern Conference commissioner recruiting violations — the Volunteers' own Lane Kiffin.

Kiffin was reprimanded by SEC commissioner Mike Slive on Sunday for falsely accusing Florida's Urban Meyer of a recruiting violation.

In letters to the NCAA and SEC, the Volunteers' athletic department said the secondary violations occurred in January. One violation occurred when nine prospects on an official visit to the school participated in a mock press conference at Neyland Stadium's media center.

Another violation occurred when a fog machine was used as a recruit entered the field at Neyland Stadium during his official visit on Jan. 9.

Under NCAA recruiting rules, such activities are prohibited and can result in a fine, loss of practice or a loss of official visits.

Tennessee issued letters of admonishment to Kiffin and recruiting coordinators Ed Orgeron and to and provided the staff with a review of NCAA recruiting policies. Neither the NCAA nor the SEC has issued any punishment.

"They understand that they must ask questions of the compliance office about anything 'creative' regarding campus visits," the Jan. 26 letter said.

The violations were first reported Monday by The Knoxville News Sentinel.

Tennessee's coaching staff believed the mock press conference was allowed because it was done in public. They thought the use of the fog machine was allowed after seeing it used at other universities.

Kiffin, who was introduced as Tennessee's new coach on Dec. 1, said Meyer broke recruiting rules by phoning wide receiver prospect NuKonnos Richardson as he was making his official visit to Tennessee. Doings so would not constitute a violation of either NCAA or SEC rules.

South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier questioned whether Kiffin broke rules by contacting a recruit before being cleared by the NCAA to do so. Kiffin assured fans that he had been notified by the NCAA that he was cleared before making his first phone call.

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Pittsburgh's Sam Young, right, defends West Virginia's Da'Sean Butler in the first half of their game Monday night.
Bobcats hammer lowly Clippers
Hornets fall to Mayo, Grizzlies without top three players

Associated Press
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Walk into the Charlotte Bobcats’ locker room and there are several stalls with white stickers covering the names of the previous occupants.

The newest addition to coach Larry Brown’s ever-changing roster made a first impression worthy of a permanent name plate.

Vladimir Radmanovic, buried on the bench with the Lakers, scored 13 points and hit three fourth-quarter, 3-pointers in his Charlotte debut Monday night, helping turn a close game into a rout in the Bobcats’ 113-97 win over the weary Los Angeles Clippers.

“Another guy who can hit shots,” point guard Raymond Felton said. “That’s going to help our offense, no question.”

Ermeka Okafor had 19 points and 10 rebounds against the unimpressed Bobcats, who were missing starters Gerald Wallace, Boris Diaw, Haja and Baja Bell (groin).

So two days after he was acquired for underachieving Adam Morrison and reserve Shannon Brown, Radmanovic was pressed into action without the benefit of a practice with his new teammates.

The 23rd player to suit up for Charlotte this season — an NBA veteran who had never played with four rebounds and provided a mediocre performance with outside shooting the struggling Morrison didn’t provide.

He showed up an early air ball, but eventually got comfortable in the fourth quarter. After Baron Davis’ jumper cut Charlotte’s lead to 68-59, Radmanovic hit a 3 in the corner to make it 68-61.

“It was definitely nice to be out there and help the team win,” said Radmanovic, who had 17 points and seven rebounds.

The Clippers couldn’t take advantage of a team forced to use odd lineups composed by the absence of forward Lewin Howard, whose sore toe flared up following Sunday’s loss to Miami.

Brown started DeSagana Diop at center and moved Okafor to power forward. Radmanovic, who wasn’t sure he’d play before the game, checked in late in the first quarter and initially appeared lost.

Less than a minute later, the small crowd began to stir as Sean May took off his warmups and jogged to the scorer’s table. The injury-plagued former first-round pick hadn’t played since Dec. 11 because Brown demanded that he lose weight.

“Sean May!” one fan near the boards, outrebounding the Hornets 46-38, including 20 offensive rebounds, 23-8 advantage in second-chance points.

The Hornets weren’t the only ones short-handed, though. Memphis was missing second-leading scorer Rudy Gay with a left hip bruise, along with starting forward Darrell Arthur (family reasons) and reserve guard Kyle Lowry (tackle sprain).

The Grizzlies, who led by 12 in the second half, still held an 11-point lead late in the third. But the Hornets got back into the game with 38 seconds to go in the quarter, when guard Toney Douglas scored six of his 13 points to trail by one.

Memphis center downhill and had been out of the Bobcats’ rotation before getting shot off the backcourt by the buzzer as he was being knucked to the floor.

Memphis, 8-21 this season, had won four of five to pull even at 7-7 in the Western Conference.

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Hornets guard Raymond Felton, left, drives against Clippers guard Eric Gordon during their game in Charlotte Monday night.

By ERIC PRIEST
Sports Writer

The Bobcats don’t expect to run roughshod over the Pelicans, but they hope to take advantage of a night when New Orleans’ top two players are sitting out.

New Orleans is without point guards Chris Paul and Jarrett Jack, who were both injured in Tuesday’s 102-99 loss to Utah.

Pelicans forward Peja Stojakovic scored 23 points to lead the Hornets, who were without their top three players in Chris Paul, Tyson Chandler and David West. Paul and Chandler were out with injuries, while West was suspended for the game after his flagrant foul against Minnesota’s Mike Miller on Sunday.

Charlotte’s lead to 67-63, adding a 3 to top put 81-74 early in the second half, scoring New Orleans struggled from the field, connecting on only 29.2 percent of its shots.

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round, putting them at No. 12 overall.

Leading the Irish this season is senior attack Jillian Byers, who enters the 2009 season first all-time in goals (179), points (225) and sev­enth in assists (46) at Notre Dame. However, Byers isn’t new in the position of team leader. She is the first Irish player to ever score 50 or more goals in a season three times and also have 66 or more points in a season in three consecutive years.

She had the most goals (67) and points (81) on the Irish squad at the end of the 2008 season, ranking her No. 14 for points and tied for seventh in goals in the nation. Byers also holds the school record for 52 draw controls and was a unanimous selection for the third year in a row on the preseason all-Big East team. The senior has also been a selection on the all-IWLCA second team and a unanimous selection on the first team all-Big East each of her past three seasons.

Joining Byers as a unanimous selection on the preseason all-Big East team is sophomore midfielder Shaylyn Blaney who completed her freshman season fourth on the team in scoring with 43 goals and had 52 points and nine assists. Blaney had the sec­ond-most goals and points for a Notre Dame freshman, falling to Byers’ 54 and 78 in 2006.

She was chosen as a first team IWLCA all-West/Midwest Regional selection and took second team all-Big East honors last season. She was selected to the Big East all-tournament team after scoring five goals in the loss to Georgetown for the championship.

The Irish have a third pre­season all-Big East selection, senior defender Shannon Burke. Burke wrapped up her junior season as a selection on the second team IWLCA all­West/Midwest regional team, and a Big East defensive play­er of the week, finishing fourth in the conference with 1.56 caused turnovers per game.

She contributed offensively and defensively for the Irish with career highs in goals (8), assists (3) and points (11) offensively, while going second on the team for ground balls (30), second in draw controls (31) and led the team in caused turnovers (32) defen­sively.

Notre Dame faces tough competition from the start, playing four-time defending champion No. 1 Northwestern in their home opener on Feb. 28, and adding Louisville and Cincinnati to its Big East schedule.

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Fehr: players had no prior warning of tests

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Fehr denied allegations that his No. 2 official gave players advance notice of drug tests and defend­ed the baseball players’ union against criticism that records of the anonymous survey should have been destroyed in 2003.

Questions about the 2003 testing intensified after Sports Illustrated reported last week­end that Alex Rodriguez was one of 104 players who tested positive that year. Rodriguez admitted Monday to using banned drugs.

Fehr, the Major League Baseball Players Association’s executive director, said there was just an eight­day span between the initial receipt of the test results and notice that a federal grand jury was seek­ing them as part of the BALCO investigation into performance­enhancing drugs.

Fehr said the union first received test results on Nov. 11, 2003, that the results were finalized two days later and that players were notified the following day, a Friday.

"Promptly thereafter, the first steps were taken to begin the process of destruction of the testing materials and records,” Fehr said. “On Nov. 19, how­ever, we learned that the govern­
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everyone else. But there is a battle for the No. 4 spot in the conference, which will give a team two byes in the conference tournament. The top eight get a bye, the top four get two. Here are the standings:

The best: No. 3 Connecticut (23-3, 9-0)

The schedule is favorable. No. 3 really got by No. 4 Nicholls and Andersen to hold off the Manorites. In the O'Neill, but it was not enough (15-8, 7-2), No. 22 Notre Dame (17-5, 6-4), No. 25 Providence, Syracuse and Delaware (13-10, 3-7), West Virginia (11-9, 2-7)

The middle: Rutgers (13-8, 5-5), Marquette (13-10, 4-6), St. John's (12-11, 5-7) and South Carolina (20-6, 7-5)

Talk about a slip. Rutgers has lost three of its last five (although it did beat Notre Dame in that stretch) and needed double-overtime to take down Georgetown Saturday. St. John's has junior guard Ephiphanny Prince, who is third in the conference with 20.5 points per game, as well as 6-foot-4 senior center Kia Vaughn. It's tough to count them out yet.

The Gaels had a little slip of their own, losing four of five last season. Senior forward Angel McCoughtry became the school's all-time leading scorer. Villanova comes to town tonight.

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The halfway decent: St. John's (15-7, 3-6), Cincinnati (13-9, 3-6), Providence (9-13, 1-6), Seton Hall (15-4, 3-7)

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The really good: No. 10 Louisville (21-3, 8-2), No. 12 Pittsburgh (17-4, 7-2)

The Cardinals were 15-1 in their last 16 games before they lost in West Virginia 79-70 at home Saturday. Losing to the team that recently placed in the conference at home shows they're beatable — but they're still dangerous. Senior forward Angel McCoughtry is fourth in the Big East in scoring with 19.9 points per game. The Panthers face Rutgers Wednesday.

The pretty solid: Villanova (15-8, 7-2), No. 22 Notre Dame (17-5, 6-4), No. 25 DePaul (15-8, 6-4)

The Wildcats have also won seven straight and beat Seton Hall on the road Saturday. They face Marquette and then travel to Pittsburgh. Senior forward LaSiae Korus is fifth in the Big East in scoring with 18 points per game. Notre Dame has lost four of its last seven, but after Louisville and Connecticut, the rest of its conference schedule is favorable. Notre Dame plays South Florida, Providence, Syracuse and West Virginia, all in the bot-

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The Irish ended the regular season tied for first in the Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) with Denver and Ohio State, with each team sharing an identical 5-1 record. Notre Dame then defeated Quinnipiac and Ohio State in the inaugural GWLL tournament to become conference champions.

The GWLL earned unprecedented success last season, with three teams qualifying for the 16-team NCAA Tournament for the first time ever. The Buckeyes and Irish advanced to the tournament quarterfinals, also the first time two teams from the conference had made the final eight.

The Irish defense, which ranked No. 5 nationally last season, will be led by all-conference senior Regis McDermott. The defenseman started all 17 games last season and helped Notre Dame hold opponents to 7.04 goals per game.

On offense, the Irish will look to another all-conference selection, senior attack Rian Hoff. The captain will be looking for his third straight 40-goal season after leading Notre Dame with 41 last year.

The Irish offense returns three of the top four scorers from last year's team, which was ranked No. 3 nationally with 12.09 goals per game. Junior Grant Krebs netted 56 goals, second on the team, and senior Duncan Sweazy tallied 22.

Joining McDermott as captains for 2009 are seniors Peter Christman, Scott Rodgers and Dauve Malera.

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The Irish last season and recorded career highs in goals, assists, and points. The senior netted several key goals for Notre Dame in 2008, scoring the winning goal against Albany and in overtime over Colgate in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Rodgers will be looking to fill the shoes of graduat- ed All-American goalkeep- er Joey Kemp. The Wannagh, N.Y. native has played in seven career games and carries a 5.73 goals-against average.

The Irish face a tough schedule that includes four NCAA Tournament teams from last season — Loyola, Ohio State, Denver, and North Carolina.

Notre Dame begins its season Saturday against Loyola in Atlanta. The Irish open at home Feb. 28 against Dartmouth.

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Tough shoes for team to fill

Irish start play Saturday after an historic 2008 season

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No. 11 Notre Dame is ready to take another shot at the national title this spring as it takes on Duquesne in Pittsburgh Saturday. The Irish had a history-making 2008 season with a record of 12-7, 4-1 in the Big East. They finished second in the Big East as they fell 15-14 in triple overtime to the Georgetown Hoyas. Notre Dame can now advance to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth time in the program’s history, but its season was cut short by a 15-7 loss to defending champion Connecticut.

Second-half surge gives Shamrocks title

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

McGlinn claimed a 41-33 victory over Pasquerilla West after a stellar second half Monday night in the women’s Interhall championship game. From up-off and an early 3-pointer, Pasquerilla West took over the first half, and maintained a lead it kept well into the second half. "In my opinion, we were definitely the better team, but McGlinn was very aggressive," Pasquerilla West junior guard Lindsey McMahon said.

"They rebounded well, and played as a team."

The tide of the game started to turn right at the half, as McGlinn’s talented guard was fouled just as the buzzer went off and the scoreboard turned red. She made her shot but missed the free throw, pushing the score to 16-13, still in Pasquerilla West’s favor, but close enough to keep the Shamrock’s hopes elevated, which changed the entire dynamic of the second half.

"I thought we were slow tonight though," McMahon said. "We never got into our rhythm, and our shots were just not falling at all."

Then changed up its offensive strategy and the Pasquerilla West defense was unable to stay with them. With four minutes left in the second half, the Shamrocks were up 33-30 when a breakaway drive by Pasquerilla West’s center gave the Weaahos one last attempt to challenge the bold offensive

Playing to rest

ND still has a chance at two Big East byes

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Notre Dame’s close win over DePaul Sunday came in a timely fashion, because two of the next three teams it faces will put the heat on the Irish. The Fighting Irish had lost four of six heading into Sunday’s win and better hope they can create momentum. Angel McCoughtry and No. 10 Louisville come to the Joyce Center Wednesday, and on Feb. 22 Notre Dame travels to Storrs to throw its best at undefeated No. 1 Connecticut.

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