Facebook terms of use cause alarm

Discontent prompts reversal change, privacy questions linger

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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This is the first installment of a three-part series that will explore the recent Terms of Use controversy involving Facebook and delve into the way interaction with and opinion of the site has changed since 2004, when Notre Dame students were first able to become users.

The Consumerist, a consumer issues blog, posted a story Feb. 15 that caused alarm throughout the Facebook user community and began a stream of complaints that quickly prompted Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and CEO of the popular social networking site, to reverse a change made to the terms of use.

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Applicants Spring: 515
Applicants Whole Year: 56

\[ \text{Total Applicants} = 955 \]

INCLUDING 2ND, 3RD & 4TH CHOICE:
1554 TOTAL APPLICANTS

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Earlier this month, the Office of International Studies (OIS) invited students to participate in study abroad programs after thoroughly reviewing applications.

“Everything went on until February 6, all of our letters,” Kathleen Opel, director of the OIS, said. The OIS received 384 applications from students whose first choice was to study abroad in the fall, 515 who hoped to go in the spring, and 56 who wanted to go for an entire academic year, totaling 955 first-choice applications. Including

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STUDENT SENATE

Affleck-Graves addresses ND finances

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

In light of the struggling economy, Student Senate hosted Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves to address questions about the University’s financial situation at Wednesday's meeting.

"It is a very tough time for our country and our world," Affleck-Graves said. "We rely a lot on our benefactors, but our benefactors have a lot." Affleck-Graves said the University is down 90 million dollars in gifts and pledges from last year's number.

"This is a very significant factor for us, and we don't see it picking up," he said.

The University also relies on government grants for research funding and money brought in from auxiliary operations such as the Hammes Bookstore and the Morris Inn, both of which have down this year, he said.

Affleck-Graves said the University's most critical goal is to continue to meet the demonstrated financial aid need of every student, but he predicted students will require more financial aid next year.

The University’s budget allotted $33 million for financial aid next year, but Affleck-Graves
Hello friends =>

As I approach the last two months of college, my friends and I have been reminiscing about things we've done, things we haven't done, and things we didn't even know existed. This will be a very informative column, as far as people who know me are concerned. I tend to stay relatively active in between bouts of sleep. So take note.

Go to Quarter Dogs at least once. And by once I mean thirty or forty times. A quarter. For a hot dog. Even as a senior I've done it more than once this year. Not the healthiest midnight snack, but delicious nonetheless.

Buy men's basketball season tickets. This is the first year I've done it and I'm really happy I did. And at the very least, you get a free T-shirt. Run the Holy Half. I tried to last year, and even made it on a hummer or two. Note: DO NOT use poster paint or acrylic paint. Poster cracks. Acrylic stains. I was blue for three days. Go to Student Halls. If you've never had it, you haven't lived.

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Panel discusses feminist stereotypes
Professors address gender equality during Women's Appreciation Week

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

A panel of four Saint Mary's professors addressed feminist stereotypes Wednesday evening in the Student Center as part of Women's Appreciation Week. The panel was made up of psychology professor Bettina Spencer, communications professor Terri Russ, history and women's studies professor Amanda Littauer, and religious studies professor Stacy Davis.

The panel talked about different stereotypes against feminists including that they are all white, pro-choice, ugly and lesbians. Also, that feminism is outdated and no longer necessary.

Spencer opened the panel discussion with an overview of two types of sexism: benevolent and hostile.

Hostile sexism is a term used to describe how "positive" associations with women are used to reinforce women's gender roles, Spencer said.

"I always think of a hot dog commercial when I think of benevolent sexism," Spencer said. "In the hot dog commercial, a guy fumbles while trying to cook a hot dog — as though he is such a guy that he can't figure it out. A woman comes into the kitchen, takes over the hot dog cooking, and succeeded."

This type of commercial uses the idea that women are cooking as a positive role-re-enforcer for their gender role. Women use benevolent sexism to distance themselves from feminist stereotypes and the hostile sexism that goes along with the stereotype.

Benevolent sexism is relevant at Saint Mary's College, she said.

"Our students score pretty high on benevolent sexism scale, much higher than other colleges," Spencer said.

Russ followed Spencer's topic with an argument about equal rights.

"The feminist argument is about equality," Russ said. "It is about people having the same rights as everyone else. We spend our time worrying about being an ugly feminist instead of worrying about paying more health insurance than men as we get older or making 77 cents to the dollar that men make."

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Funds created for pro-life activities

Special to The Observer

A fund has been established in the Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture to support pro-life activities within the University and beyond its campus.

The efforts supported by the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life will particularly concern issues arising from the plight of human life in its earliest stages, from conception to the early days of infancy.

According to David Solomon, W.P. and H.L. White Director of the center, "There are currently a number of different forces in the academy, as well as in the broader culture, that make it difficult to focus on the many threats to human life on that stage, from conception to the early days of infancy."

Christian thought at one time that they had defeated infanticide and its advocates, and driven it back into the darkness from which it had come, but infanticide now has influential and respectable defenders at the heart of many of our greatest universities. The bioethics establishment in this country and in Europe is largely committed to pro-choice positions and many of the countries that have traditionally staunchly opposed liberalization of abortion laws have changed their position under the pressure of modernizing influences.

The current focus in the public sphere on narrowly economic matters has destroyed the sense of urgency many have felt about life issues in the past. We know that many evil and dreadful practices have sprung into existence when good people are distracted by economic distress."

The fund will be administered by a committee chaired by Solomon. Its members will be Daniel McInerney and Elizabeth Kirk, associate directors of the Center for Ethics and Culture.

Rev. Wilson Miscamble, C.S.C., professor of history at Notre Dame; and O. Carter Snead, associate professor of law at Notre Dame and former chief counsel for the president's Council on Bioethics.

According to Kirk, "We want to educate Notre Dame students and others in the rich intellectual tradition supporting the dignity of human life, specifically in its beginning stages, and to prepare those students, through personal witness, public service, and prayer to transform the culture into one where every human life is respected."

As examples of the sorts of activities the fund will support, Kirk mentioned transportation and other costs of student participation in the annual Right-to-Life March each January in Washington, D.C., the expenses of the undergraduate and Law School student Right-to-Life clubs, essay contests and academic competitions encouraging scholarship on pro-life issues, and sponsorship of lectures and seminars on campus.
Charity event raises funds for Riley’s
Dance Marathon committee holds third annual designer jean sale

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY

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Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon committee held its third Charity Denim event in the lower level of the Student Center, giving students the chance to shop and donate to Riley’s Children’s Hospital at the same time.

Event Fundraising Co-Chair and sophomore Kelly Minor was in charge of planning the event.

“The event is really big this year because we are doing it for Riley’s Children’s Hospital, and our committee wanted to give back to the community,” Minor said.

For a $1 donation at the door, close to 100 students were able to sift through shirts and the over 500 pairs of designer jeans. Ten percent of each sale is donated to Riley’s Children’s Hospital.

Since the designs are from last season, jeans that are normally $100 and up can be purchased at much lower prices. The prices range from $15 to $100 depending on the brand.

Brands included William Rast—Justin Timberlake’s new line as well as Seven For All Mankind, Vans, and many others. Minor said, “I think people would really like the idea of being able to come when Maura Clougherty, senior and organizer of the event, was chosen for her Facebook page online last year.

Charity Denim events are organized all over the country, Minor said. The committee contacted Steve Price, founder of Charity Denim, who brought the jeans and other clothes to campus.

Applications for Dance Marathon were also available at the event. So far, the group has collected over 50 names for dance, which will be April 3-4.

If applicants are able to provide 15 addresses, they will then be given a T-shirt with the Riley Children’s Hospital emblem on it. The addresses will be used to send letters asking for donations to Riley’s Hospital, senior and Campus Marketing Chair Meg Varty stated.

Varty got involved in the group last year after participating in the event both her freshman and sophomore years.

“I wanted to get involved because it was for a good cause, it was year long, and it’s fun,” she said.

Dance Marathon has also activities planned throughout March to help raise money for the event. Organizers will be holding Salon Night in the base­ment of the Student Center March 3, senior Sarah Voss said. Also, they will be holding events at Snuck in Shakes and Max and Erma’s. Portions of the sales will be donated to Riley’s.

This year, the committee is continuing to raise the bar. “Our goal is to stay above Purdue and raise over $100,000,” Minor said.

The committee also launched a new Web site, www.smcdm.org, where any­one interested in donating will soon be given the opportunity. Minor said.

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Group therapy popularity growing

Six groups are still available for students to join, discuss issues

By LIZ LEEBRE

This semester, the University Counseling Center is offering 10 different counseling groups which cover a range of topics from eating disorders to alcohol and sub­stance abuse to relieving stress.

The counseling groups are made up of six to 10 students who usually meet once a week during the semester to discuss common issues and symptoms. This setting provides a place to evaluate personal relationships and learn new ways of responding to people or situations that may be problematic for students.

Groups are chosen for the students based on their "student interest and staff expertise," as well as the types of issues that led themselves to group participation, said Dr. Rita Donley, the associate director of the University Counseling Center.

According to the Counseling Center’s Web site, unc.edu, "The great advantage of group therapy is that you not only can count on the expertise of the counselors who facilitate the group but you also can get to know other students facing similar issues as you and share them together in more ways than one.

Although four of the groups have already been filled for this semester, six are still available for students to join, Donley said. Beyond End, Sober 4 Good, Caught In The Loop, Graduate Student Therapy Group, Successful Without Excess and Feel Better Fast all currently have openings.

These six groups are designed for students who wish to: relate to each other through group interaction, achieve sobriety, reduce compu­tions and obsessions, gain greater confidence and self-understanding in life or in adjusting to graduate school, change and socializing without risking negative consequences, and improve their moods by reducing stress and attaining better sleep, according to the Web site.

Students interested in joining a group should contact the University Counseling Center.

Donley clarifies the importance of therapy and counseling within a group setting.

"I think that by far the biggest advantage of group counseling is learning from others and being assured that you aren’t alone," Donley said. "In group counseling, it’s like a learning lab. You aren’t learning how to express yourself and deal with feelings as they come up while learning how to relate with others."

Donley noted that in her over 20 years of work at the Counseling Center, rarely has she been a breach of confi­dentiality from a group session.

"Because most students want their own privacy pro­tected, they feel it is very important to protect the privacy of others in the group so that the group can function best and they have done a great job of protecting each other," Donley said.

Overall, Donley has found that students have appreci­ated and grown from their experiences in group counsel­ing.

"Life is full of risks. You have to decide what risks you are willing to take. The majority of students who have been to this group have told us they are glad they did," Donley said.

After full registration is complete, the Counseling Center will begin working with interested students to coordinate schedules for group counseling. Visit the Counseling Center on the third floor of Saint Liam Hall or call 574-631-7336.

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said he believes this number will not cover the cost.

"It is definitely a time when the University budget is feeling some pressure," he said.

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COUNCIL NEWS

Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Denny Moore Award

For Excellence in Journalism

Candidates must be seniors who excellectify the qualities for which Denny Moore was known, including integrity and character, commitment to Notre Dame, and writing ability.

The candidates may be nominated by any staff or fellow students.

For a nomination form, please visit our website at: http://obs.nd.edu/get-involved/student-activities-and-awards/denny-moore-award

Nominations are due by Thursday, March 5, 2009.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Both gov'ts seeking aid for rebuilding GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The rival Palestinian administrations — U.S.-backed moderate in the West Bank and the Islamic militants of Hamas in Gaza — presented competing plans Wednesday for rebuilding war-ravaged Gaza, each seeking roughly $2.8 billion in foreign aid.

The moderate, led by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, believe they can raise the full amount at an international donors conference for Gaza next week in Egypt. The U.S. is expect- ed to contribute about $900 million, and Saudi Arabia has promised $1 billion.

However, Gaza would need open borders and an internationally accepted government for reconstruction to move forward smoothly. At the moment, it has neither.

Hamas is widely shunned as a terrorist group, and Israel and Egypt have kept Gaza cut off from the world since the militants violently seized the territory in June 2007, leaving Abbas only in control of the West Bank.

Turkish plane crashes, few deaths

HAARLEMMERLIEDE, Netherlands — A Turkish plane carrying 134 people when it suddenly lost speed and fell out of the sky about two miles short of the runway at Schiphol airport, investigators said.

The jetliner broke into three pieces upon impact; the fuselage tore in two near the cockpit and the tail was ripped off. Despite the catastrophic impact, the wreckage did not burn and scores of people walked away.

NATIONAL NEWS

Manual focuses on new warfare

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — For the first time since the end of the Cold War, the Army is updating its plans for electronic warfare, calling for more use of high-powered microwaves, lasers and infrared beams to attack enemy targets and control angry crowds.

The new manual, produced at Fort Leavenworth and set to release Thursday, also is aimed at protecting soldiers against remote-control munitions that can be steered to new targets by a single computer program. Electronic warfare used by increasingly sophisticated insur- gent fighters.

"The war in Iraq began to make us understand that there are a lot of targets that we should be going after in the offensive or defensive mode to protect ourselves," said Col. Laurie Buckhout, chief of the Army's electronic warfare division in Washington, D.C.

Witness taken out of Minn. trial

ST. PAUL, Minn. — An argument that Republican Norm Coleman hoped would draw hard blow Wednesday in the Minnesota Senate, saying the current financial crisis occurred when "Wall Street wrongly presumed the markets would continuously rise and traded in complex financial products without fully evaluating their risks."

But he also blamed government regulators for not adequately protecting consumers.

In calling for a sweeping regulatory change, Obama is providing ballast to his still unfinished effort to shore up Wall Street, which began in March. As such, he is taking both a policy and a political step designed to assure the pub- lic that bailing out banks is not just his prescription for the industry.

Members of Congress, echoing statements they have been wary, if not hostile, toward the $700 billion the government is spending to infuse capital into banks in hopes of reviving the credit.

In his address to a joint ses- sion of Congress Tuesday night, Obama warned that the rescue effort could cost even more.

The president offered no specific regulatory frame- work on Wednesday, but called for a series of "core principles." Among them are consumer protections, accountability for execu- tives and a regulatory plan that covers a broad series of financial transactions that have escaped regula- tion in the past.

"Let me be clear: The choice we face is not between some oppressive government-run economy or a chaotic and unregu- lating capitalism," Obama said. "Rather, strong finan- cial markets require clear rules of the road, not to hinder financial institu- tions, but to protect con- sumers and investors, and ultimately to keep those financial institutions strong."

An industry lobbyist, Scott Talbott, said most of Obama's principles were broad enough to not raise alarms. But he said his call to monitor the scale and scope of risk and to strengthen supervision of financial products was potentially troubling.

"You have to allow for appropriate risk," said Talbott, the chief lobbyist for the Financial Services Roundtable. "You can over- protect consumers to the point of stifling ingenuity by regulating a product to death. That would limit the availability of products to the consumer."

An administration official said Obama wants Congress to work on the regulatory overhaul in the next several weeks, before April's meet- ing of the world's 20 major economies. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to provide con- text to the president's remarks.

Among those at Wednesday's meeting at the White House was House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank. The Massachusetts Democrat has already begun working on legislation that would establish a regulator to oversee the kind of systemic risks that led to the market free fall last year.

LOCAL NEWS

Demolition ordered for sinking hotel

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — An Allen County official has ordered the developers of a half-built hotel to begin demolishing the sinking seven-story structure in about a month or the county will do it for them.

Building Commissioner Dave Fuller said SAMS Hotels Inc. in December signed a contract with a demolition company by Tuesday and began tearing down the structure by March 27.

If that doesn't happen, the county plans to take bids and ask the County Council to pay for the demolition so the demolition can start by March 28, Fuller said Tuesday.

SWITZERLAND

Glaciers melting faster than expected

GENEVA — Glaciers in Antarctica are melting faster and across a much wider area than previously thought, a development that threatens to raise sea levels worldwide and force millions of people to flee low-lying areas, scientists said Wednesday.

Researchers once believed that the melting was limited to the Antarctic Peninsula, a narrow tongue of land pointing towards South America. But satellite data and automated weather stations now indicate it is more widespread.

The melting "also extends all the way down to what is called west Antarctica," said Colin Summerhayes, executive director of the British-based Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research.

This is unusual and unexpected," he told The Associated Press in an interview. "By the end of the century, the accelerate melting could cause sea levels to climb by 3 to 5 feet — levels substantial- ly higher than predicted by a major scien- tific group just two years ago.

Making matters worse, scientists said, the ice shelves that hold the glaciers back from the sea are also weakening.

The report Wednesday from Geneva was a broad summary of two years of research by scientists from 60 countries. Some of the findings were released in earlier reports.

In Washington, as part of an overall update on global warming, top researchers on Wednesday sounded a similar warning to the U.S. Senate about rising temperatures in the Antarctic.

The head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a group set up by the United Nations, told lawmakers on the Environment and Public Works Committee that Earth has about six more years at current rates of carbon dioxide pollution before it is locked into a future of severe global warming.

For years, the continent at the bottom of the world seemed to be the only place on the planet not experiencing climate change. Previous research indicated that temperatures across much of Antarctica were staying the same or slightly cooling.

The report Wednesday was compiled as part of the 2007-2008 International Polar Year, an effort by scientists to con- duct intense Arctic and Antarctic research over the past two Antarctic summers.

"That's unusual and unexpected," he said Wednesday in the Diplomatic Reception Room in the White House Wednesday.

President Barack Obama, with Senate Banking Committee Chair Chris Dodd, D-Conn., answers questions in the Diplomatic Reception Room in the White House Wednesday.
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One of Notre Dame's residence halls has gotten involved as well, Martz said.

"Cavanaugh Hall is participating by holding a section competition to see which section will raise the most pennies," Martz said.

Caitlyn Dix is running the competition, Martz said.

The five-gallon jugs were donated by Hawkins Water Tech, Inc., a water treatment facility in Middletown, Ind., and hold roughly 70,000 coins, or $700 in pennies, Martz said.

According to B100's Web site, anyone can participate, and get a collection jug from the station's studio. The last chance to turn in jugs is March 7.

The beauty of this fundraiser is that it doesn't require much effort, Martz said.

"Just tossing a few coins into a jug is giving back," Rees said. However, any amount, and any denomination, can be donated.

"Pennies are the foundation of this fundraiser, however I heard a rumor that silver is the new copper and we will definitely take any loose change," Martz said. "Oh, and any other cash... We will turn no coin or bill away."

This is an easy project to get involved with, Martz said.

"The simple act of tossing a few cents into one of the collection jugs will help reach the goal of a million pennies," said Martz. "We want to see B100 successfully raise one million pennies for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee."

Danny Thomas founded St. Jude Children's Hospital in 1962, Martz said.

"Danny Thomas' dream was for the cure for cancer to be found in his lifetime. Now, that didn't happen, but wouldn't it be great if it happened in ours?" said Martz.

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In Brief

Florida hedge fund manager caught

NEW YORK — A Florida hedge fund manager who disappeared for two weeks as investiga­tors closed in on him can be freed on $5 million bail after being accused of ripping off investors of as much as $350 million, a judge said Wednesday. D. District Court Judge Denise Cote reject­ed a prosecutor’s arguments that new bail conditions could ensure that Arthur Nadel would not flee.

Defense lawyer Todd Foster, however, said Nadel does not have the $1 million in cash that Cote requires, but Nadel likely will remain behind bars unless the bail requirements are reversed.

The judge also said four financially secure people must sign Nadel’s bond before he can go home, where he would be subject to elec­tronic monitoring.

Foster said Nadel’s friends are “very, very afraid to assist Mr. Nadel” because of bad publicity and inaccuracies they have heard about the case.

Stock market shows improvement

NEW YORK — Wall Street showed a little resilience as investors got answers in some of their questions about banks.

The major market indexes closed down about 1 percent Wednesday but recovered from much steeper losses early in the day, continuing the volatile trading that has buffeted the market this week. Stocks initially fell on growing pessimism about the banking industry and a home sales report showing a decline in sales for the second straight month.

The government also gave the market some reassurance by confirming that it will buy prefer­red shares from banks that can be converted into common shares. And investors found solace when Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke rejected for the second straight day the notion that banks could be nationalized.

Banks to be stress tested for downturns

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House on Thursday passed $410 billion in stimulus legislation that boosts spending on domestic programs, bribed with earmarks and chipped away at the $410 billion stimulus package approved last week by the Bush administration.

The vote was 243-178, largely party lines.

Republicans assailed the measure as too costly, particularly on the heels of a $787 billion stimulus bill that President Barack Obama signed last week. But Democrats jabbed back.

“The same people who drove the economy into the ditch are now complaining about the size of the tow truck,” said Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass., pointing out the large increase in defense spending that President Obama and George W. Bush and GOP­controlled Congresses approved.

From the GOP side, Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas said the legislation was “going to grow the govern­ment 8.3 percent… but the family budget that has to pay for the federal budget only grew at 1.3 percent last year.”

The debate occurred one day after Obama told Congress in a prime time television address that he intends to cut deficits in half over the next four years, and one day before he was submitting tax and spend­ing plans for the coming year.

Officials said the president’s first budget would call for a permanent tax cut for $400 for low­ and mid­income families, $800 for middle­class workers and $2,400 for families, a break­through after the temporary provision in the economic stimulus legislation.

Obama also intends to ask lawmakers to approve a new cap­and­trade system of limits and pollution allowances for coal burning power plants. The program would help reduce greenhouse gas emissions while generating revenue that could help finance other elements of an ambitious agenda that includes health care and education reform.

The spending bill that cleared the House drew the support of 229 Democrats and 16 Republicans. There were 159 Republicans and 20 Democrats opposed.

In a symbolic bow to the recession, Democrats included in the spending measure a prohibition on a cost­of­living increase for members of Congress for the year.

Overall, the legislation “would provide increases of roughly 8 percent for the federal agencies it covered, about $32 billion more than last year.”

The bill is intended to allow smooth functioning of the government through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year. The Senate has yet to vote on its version.

After persuading law­makers to keep earmarks off the stimulus bill, Obama made no such attempt on the first non­emergency spending measure of his presidency.

The result was that law­makers claimed billions in federal funds for pet proj­ects — a total of $270 ear­marks at a cost of $7.7 billion, according to Taxpayers for Common Sense. Majority Democrats decided to provide a num­ber of earmarks, but said the cost was far smaller, $3.8 billion, 5 percent less than a year ago.

Among the earmarks was one sponsored by Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., who secured $200,000 for a “tattoo removal violence outreach program” in Los Angeles. Aides said the money would pay for a tattoo­removal machine that could help gang members or others shed visible signs of their past, and anyone benefiting would be required to perform community service.

The debate also raised concerns about how the government would determine which earmarks will be included and how they will be measured. The government has spent millions of dollars on anti­tattoo­removal programs.

The Treasury Department also pro­vided details of how the new stress tests will function. The tests will be conducted by bank regulators, including the Federal Reserve, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and Office of Thrift Supervision.

Markets down as uncertainty lingers

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration hopes to restore con­­fidence in the nation’s ailing financial sector by subjecting 19 of the largest banks to “stress tests” that will gauge whether each institution has adequate capital to survive a severe downturn.

Banks that need new funds will be given six months to obtain it from the private sector or, if necessary, from the federal government’s $700 billion rescue fund. The Treasury Department said Wednesday.

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Facebook

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Gordon Wishon, Notre Dame's Chief Information Officer, Associate Vice President and Associate Provost, said the posting of terms of use language is fairly common on the Web. “Every company that provides services or software on the Internet to a community of users typically protects its intellectual property rights,” Wishon said. “The question that often arises is then, in the course of normal use of the service, actually owns the content and what rights does the company providing the service have to the content? That’s exactly what’s come up in the case of Facebook.”

The Consumerist’s Feb. 15 blog post, with the alarming headline “Facebook’s New Terms of Service: ‘We Can Do Anything We Want With Your Content,’” had more than half a million views and propelled coverage of the story into the Internet did not go unnoticed by Zuckerberg. The chief information officer, and enabling people to share services or software on the Internet to a community of users typically protects its intellectual property rights,” Wishon said. “The typical user isn’t even aware of the concerns or knowledgeable enough to ask the right questions, to look for the right language in the end user license agreement or terms of service,” he said.

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family, Opel said. Applicants also need academic approval from the Office of Undergraduate Studies or the Office of the Dean, depending on the student’s college, to show the selection committee that the student can study abroad and still meet graduation requirements on time, Opel said.

Parental consent and transcripts are also reviewed. “We evaluate each file in its entirety,” she said. “No one part is the deciding factor.”

The selection committee then decides which students are qualified, and then, depending on availability, the most qualified students are invited to study at the site, according to Opel.

Once OIS determines which students to select and where to send them, a list is sent to the Office of Residence Life and Housing for review. She said, “They’ll tell us which students they might place, and we have to see how many spaces become available.”

Opel said. “We want to give as many as possible the opportunity to go to a study abroad site that is appropriate for them,” she said.

For each site, a committee of three people reviews applications and makes decisions, Opel said.

In evaluating applicants, the OIS must first consider the guidelines of Residence Life and Housing, Opel said. “Some institutions may have minimum GPA or course requirements that students must meet,” she said.

After determining whether an applicant meets specific requirements set by the host university, they are screened to determine how well a program fits their needs and interests.

Selection committees consider how a site fits into a student’s curriculum, major or career plans and whether internship or study opportunities would be available, Opel said.

Another aspect considered are a student’s interests and reasons for wanting to study in a site and how the student plans to be involved in their community abroad, she said.

“What are students looking to do while studying abroad?” Opel said.

Applicants write essays as part of the application. “For me, the most important piece of a student’s applications is the essay,” she said. In the essay, students present an argument for why they would be good candidates for a study abroad site and how the student plans to participate.

Two academic references provide insight into applicants as students, she said. A reference from a teacher helps the committee get an idea of how a student will adjust to the living accommodations of an abroad site and may help determine whether a student would thrive in a dorm, an apartment or with a host

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Obama's jenga agenda

Tuesday night, President Obama addressed a joint session of Congress to put forth his agenda for the coming months and years. The plan was incredibly ambitious, outlining not only a plan for a revival of the short-term economy, but also imagining future reforms for education, energy and healthcare and greatly reducing the Federal deficit.

The first half of the speech was largely focused on the short-term economic woes facing the administration. He explained some of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and lauded the speed with which it was passed. He attempted to explain the government's actions in "bailing out" banks and financial institutions, and why these actions were necessary for the average American. And he, in his first bold proclamation of the address, urged congress to quickly begin work on a new legislative regulatory framework for the financial system.

Even this widely supported endeavor (in this economies climate, at least) will be very difficult to pass quickly or easily. Obama explained explaining that the best gifts one generation can give to the next are the investments in the future. With this in mind, he outlined health care, education and energy as the most important investments.

He began with energy. He noted that in three decades of talking, there has been little progress in energy independence. The stimulus package contains a considerable amount of money for renewable energy programs. Not sitting, Obama exhorted congress to find him a market-based cap and trade system that would help make alternative energy a profitable industry.

In the education department, Obama noted, correctly, that our educational edge has dulled over the last decades and that a reshuffling of the system is necessary. The United States rate of high school graduates has dropped to ninth among industrial countries, and the rate of college graduates has fallen to tenth. In an economy that is largely based on educated and trained professionals, in order for growth there has to be more, better educated people.

And finally, Obama acknowledged the elephant in the room in terms of budget problems: health care. Federal health care, namely Medicare and Medicaid, accounts for 4 percent of the US GDP, and is expected to more than double in the next 20 years. Not only did he pledge to lower costs through pushing for emergency medical records, but also in one of the few poorly worded phrases of the night, seemed to have promised a cure for cancer.

As the speech progressed and grew ever more ambitious, I began to think back to the game everyone played at least once growing up. Jenga was a game of skill, focus and daring. As the game progresses, it becomes much harder to play. Each block that is pulled out is stacked on top, and the tower's integrity is even further compromised. Obama built himself a Jenga tower with this speech. He started at the bottom: layering bank refinancing and loan help for homeowners with new regulatory standards and job creation. Talk of education reform added a few more blocks, as did that cap and trade energy reform. Health care, an issue that has emerged as one of the few poorly worded phrases of the night, seemed to have promised a cure for cancer.

He provided examples where an agenda built on all of these efforts and for our own sakes, I hope, in this sense, that history repeats itself.

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"The man who has confidence in himself gains the confidence of others." —Hasidic saying
This Lent I'm giving up Lent

For Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Catholics, Lent does arrive at a time that pretty much is Lent already — February, with Canadian winds air-conditioning themselves over the Great Lakes before barreling into our little Shire. One student coming out of her dorm some frigid morning last week turned and said to her friend (in a great southern drawl that absorbed and expelled her frustration with a wonderful comicslant) — "Sometimes I walk out here in the morning and want to say a prayer to start the day, but I feel that wind and the only thing going through my mind is, 'Girl, what were you thinking coming here??'" Throw in midterms, no football, no Wrigley, now an economic recession — and the Church wants to throw Lent into the mix??? Just what we needed! Or is it? I suppose if one understood Lent primarily as a season of suffering, we might reasonably find that there is already plenty happening in our lives and world to make the season rather redundant. Rubbing in the bad news so to speak — a bad pun, I realize, after Ash Wednesday.

But what if the purpose of Lent is not understood to be the rubbing in of bad news, as much as it is a preparation for the reception of good news? What if the end result of Lent is not a heightened awareness of how gray and cold and the Midwest winters, or our souls, are, but the stirring up of — right in the midst of winter — the hope for the bare foot, Frigid, frosty warmth of the Spring?

As humans, we find it easier to recognize and ritualize our present limitations, more than our future glory. And this for an obvious reason, we live squarely in the former, while the latter exists beyond "what eye has seen or heard..."

What, then, is the secret slip or stumble seems to have turned me on to a clear sign that you are intoxicated. We're sorry that you are constantly harassed by ushers and police on game day. We're sorry that you have to watch your step inside the Stadium, not because you're worried about falling and hurting yourself, but because the slightest slip or stumble seems to have turned into a clear sign that you are intoxicated.

Letter to the Editor

Why everyone always needs guns

The other day, a student attempted to enter the home of a 28 year old man. After showing deliberate malice by knocking threateningly at the door, the man reacted the only way he could. He turned and said to her friend (in a dorm some frigid morning last week) — "Why are you giving up for Lent this year for Lent?"

"That's funny," she replied, "I'm giving up Lent!"

"What are you giving up for Lent this year?" she asked, "After showing deliberate malice by knocking threateningly at the door, the man reacted the only way he could. He turned and said, "I just want to say to our present incompleteness than our future wholeness."

In my favorite Mardis Gras Gospel — the one that prepares me for Lent better than any other — Jesus is asked, "Why do John the Baptist's and the Pharisees' disciples fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, then they will fast." I love these words, for two reasons. First, they justify the Lenten fast from Jesus' own lips, which always helps when I am ready to succumb to that Bruno's sausage and pepperoni combo (have you had Bruno's homemade sausage yet — giving up Bruno's homemade sausage yet — giving up Bruno's homemade sausage for Lent is the stuff of Lent, like everything we do as Catholics, must ultimately be about of what's at stake in providing health care treatment to the elderly ("Catholics and euthanasia"., Feb. 24). Patients who are in a PVS, such as Terry Schiavo, are usually stable and able to stay alive almost indefinitely if they receive food and water. It is only as to these PVS patients that the Vatican has stated that the denial of food and water, even through a feeding tube, would be a form of euthanasia.

By lumping Grandma's health care treatment together with patients who are in a persistent vegetative state (PVS), Professor Rice misses the point of what's at stake in providing health care treatment to the elderly ("Catholics and euthanasia"., Feb. 24). We're sorry that you have to watch your step inside the Stadium, not because you're worried about falling and hurting yourself, but because the slightest slip or stumble seems to have turned into a clear sign that you are intoxicated.

We're sorry that showing your support for the team outside the student section has become reason to be ejected from the stadium. We're sorry that Cappy and many of the ushers are more concerned with hunting down and turning as many people as possible over to the police for arrest than with creating a safe and enjoyable environment for football fans.

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What, then, is the secret slip or stumble seems to have turned me on to a clear sign that you are intoxicated.
By J.J. REES
Some Writer

While certainly not a big city, South Bend is able to claim a fair influence on jazz. South Bend has yielded notables, from Junior Walker’s star Motown drummer Billy “Sit” Nick to the nation’s oldest Collegiate Jazz Festival. Even leg­
endary Wynton Marsalis has performed at Notre Dame twice in the last five years.

Try capitalizing on the city’s jazz heritage is a fair number of jazz clubs, ranging from hole-in-the-wall (The Pub) to high-end (Club LaSalle). Somewhere in the Saddle Inn, Trios Restaurant & Jazz Club, at Michigan and Colfax in the city, Billed as an “upscale casual dining” experience, trio’s makes an attempt at emulating a bigger city offering.

The room is divided into one-third restaurant, one-third jazz club and one-third bar, although the small balconies leave openness for all those to intermin­
gle. Even though trio’s opened in the fall of 2007, the paintings and colors give the atmosphere a 90s feel, and uncomfort­
ably so; I was almost wary of running into friends’ parents on their date night. The bathrooms were in fine shape, but the bizarre photo would seem even more appropriate at Tomorrowworld.

Next to the award-winning menu (the handout, not the food), one of the best assets is the music. While not exactly one of the city’s more fun jazz clubs, the music seems to be on par with the rest. A live jazz pianist works Wednesdays and Thursdays, and South Bend favorites like Nicks’ Quartet and trio’s house band, the Herb Wilson Ensemble, play Fridays and Saturdays. Their thor­
ough website has an extended schedule (and also full menus). On Sunday, trio’s offers a Champagne Jazz Brunch, with menu items including egg benedict and home­made blueberry shortcake.

Executive Chef Brett Bouwhouver serves American food, highlighting the cuisine of Kansas City and New Orleans. Dishes like “St. Louis style” barbecue pork ribs and jambalaya are meant to evoke Bouwhouver’s nationalXTendlessness, but those items don’t exactly whet diners out of South Bend.

Some of the best food from trio’s is hidden in the spe­

cialties, like the beets, blackened shrimp, and of course, the sprinkling of ‘more appropriate at Tomorrowworld.’

The highlight of the desserts was the pecan praline french toast. The warm bread and sugary pud­

ning are able to be shamelessly enjoyed. The highlight of the desserts was the homemade whipped cream — almost a dessert in itself.

All things considered, the best way to describe trio’s is as a near miss. The service was excellent, our amiable wait­

ers chatted with us about the menu and even tried the specials. But, the sampler came out a minute after our entrees, leaving us to play a difficult game of lifeboat ethics with the food. The dips were fantastic, but the pork ribs were dry. The soufflé was good, but lacking a certain authenticity. The toast was well rounded, but the gravy was too thick. Even the atmosphere was almost fit, but the light­

ing was much better suited for nighttime. trio’s is only over a year old, and Bouwhouver and staff could do well to continue tweaking. With the great loca­
tion (across the street from the South Bend Chocolate Company), and the great outlet for South Bend Jazz, Trio’s has potential as a solid date restaurant. I haven’t written trio’s off, but I’ll wait for some minor changes before my next visit.

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By MARThA KARAM
Some Writer

Celebrating 51 years with Jazz bands from all over the country, the Intercollegiate Jazz Festival of Notre Dame starts today. The fest­
ival is the oldest college jazz festival in the nation and though judges will be presiding, the festival is not a competition, but a learn­
ing experience for the com­
peting bands and the audience.

As the first collegiate Jazz Festival in the nation, the Intercollegiate Jazz Festival of Notre Dame is an inte­
gral reason why you listen to jazz today. The festival moved jazz into main­
stream culture as “All-­
American Music,” shifting away from the depictions of jazz as the back­
ground music only heard in dark, sin­
ful smoky bars. The festival encour­
gerated jazz as music to be studied, improved and learned, which before Notre Dame wasn’t unheard of in most collegiate music programs. The edu­
cational goal of the festival is the most important aspect.

The Festival started in 1959 and was hosted by Lyon’s Hall, the home of Jazz on the Notre Dame campus,” and was spon­
sored by the “Collegiate Jazz Festival Committee.” The Festival included four prizes, many more bands than the festival currently does and was held in mid­
March.

The Festival consists of clinics — free for students to attend — that feature jazz bands and ensembles ranging in size from one student to thirty in some cases. The featured judges, notable musicians invited by the University, answer questions and crit­
ique the performances.

Previous performers and judges at the Intercollegiate Jazz Festival have been Bill Evans, Quincy Jones, Wayne Shorter, Marsalis and Dee Dee Bridgewater, and if those names don’t say anything to you, then you have all the more reason to attend the fest­
ival.

This year’s performers live up the festival’s reputation with the Notre Dame Jazz Band, the Western Michigan Jazz Combo, Iwo jazz ensembles from Eastern Illinois, Army College Jazz Percussion and Steel Drum Ensemble, Notre Dame New Orleans Brass Band and North Carolina Central University Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

This year’s judges include Neonne Freelon, a five time nominated Grammy Award singer who has worked with artists such as Ray Charles, Ellis Marsalis, Al Jarreau, Anita Baker and Aretha Franklin. The other judges featured are Joel Holmes, Wayne Batchelor, Kinah Boto and Virginia Mayhew, who will all be performing with Freelon at 10 p.m. on Friday.

Even for students who do not know or at are not remotely interested in jazz music, the festival includes other events on campus commemorating and celebrating the “jazz lifestyle.” To kick the festival tonight there will be free swing lessons in the LaFortune Ballroom at 8 p.m. and open swing dancing at 9 p.m. featuring the Notre Dame Jazz Band II and Notre Dame New Orleans Brass Band. The musical aspect of the festival is split into two sessions, Friday from 7-­
11 p.m. and Saturday from 7-11p.m. A free clinic with the Collegiate Jazz Festival Judges will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Ricci Band Building.

Tickets for the Concert Sessions are available at the LaFortune box office. All events are Free for ND/SMC/HCC students. Non-student prices are $5 for one session and $8 for two ses­sions. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

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Andrea Archer | Observer Graphic
**WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR**

**THUR.**

**Valentiger: 8 p.m., Ewing Café**

Anybody heard of Ben Kweller? What about The Format or Collective Soul? Having played with all of these artists comes Valentiger, a band hailing from Grand Rapids, Mich., who will perform tonight in South Bend's "Ewing Café" at 8 p.m. Valentiger's new album, "Power Lines to Electric Times (PLET)" features Brent Shirey on the vocals and guitar, Eric Kehoe on the bass and keyboards and Scott Rider on the drums. Listing the 60s as a heavy inspiration for their style, the band seeks to cultivate a mixture of warm classic sounds with contemporary experiences. Enjoy sounds similar to that of Neil Young, The Beatles and The Kinks by coming out to the Ewing Café for what promises to be a fun and entertaining night.

**Hula Girls (2006): 9:30 p.m., Browning Cinema**

With a tagline that reads, "They danced their way into the heart of a nation," the film "Hula Girls" promises to be an inspirational, entertaining and heartwarming tale based on a true story. In 1965, when Japan's largest mainland coalmine Joban promised to be an inspirational, entertaining and heartwarming tale based on a true story. In 1965, when Japan's largest mainland coalmine Joban faced threats of an imminent closing, the town decided to rise up and save the industry that many of their families had come to depend on. The event "Hawaiian Paradise" was created to both raise money for the mines and to lighten the gloomy mood that had befallen the town, featuring a special hula show put on by the coal miners' daughters. As challenges befall the young women who will attempt to dance their way into the heart of their nation, they learn to knock down barriers and overcome trials.

**Yes Man: 8 and 10:30 p.m., 101 DeBartolo**

Yes, imagine making that the only word in your vocabulary. When Carl Allen (Jim Carrey) notices that his life is officially going nowhere, he realizes a change is in order. He decides to sign up for a self-help program and his life immediately veers off its monotonous course onto a path much more exciting and unexpected. Things get increasingly better for Carl, but as we all know, what goes up must come down. Watch this hilarious Jim Carrey flick for a good laugh Friday night.

**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL (2007): 3:00 p.m., Browning Cinema**

No topic is left untouched in the documentary "America the Beautiful," which conquers American's perceptions of beauty and the implications those perceptions have on our society. With topics ranging from child models to plastic surgery to celebrity worship, this winner of many international awards will make viewers question the heroes we look up to today and the industry that constantly manipulates our view of what is physically acceptable. Learn more about America's obsession with aesthetics this Sunday in Browning Cinema. This is a free but ticketed event.

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**FRI.**

**America the Beautiful**

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**SAT.**

**Grilled Chicken and Mushroom**

This recipe requires you to wait for the next time the dining hall does grilled vegetables, but it is a good way to put a twist on something already good. Make sure to use good bread to give it the best start.

1. Pick up two good slices of bread and spread a thin layer of olive oil on one side. Grill in the Panini press until they are toasty.
2. Place a grilled chicken breast on the toast. Top with a slice of provolone or Swiss cheese.
3. Top with grilled mushrooms. (If you aren't a fan of mushrooms, try out the other grilled options like zucchini.)
4. Sprinkle some balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper on top of some spinach. Add to sandwich.
5. Close up the sandwich and enjoy.

**Leprechaun Poo Shake**

This is a very tasty—and creatively named—milkshake thought up by Charlie Vogelheim. Mix it with chocolate is hard to beat.

1. Fill three-quarters of a cup with mint soft serve.
2. Add some crushed Oreos and a little bit of chocolate syrup.
3. Fill the rest of the cup with milk and mix with a spoon.

Quick Tip

Tired of regular cereal for breakfast? Try replacing the milk with yogurt for a different start to the morning. Fruit and honey can add new elements as well.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Hopefully Dining Hall Dish is doing a good job diversifying your dining hall meals, but if not, don't hesitate to come up with your own ideas. The last thing you want to do is get bored with what you eat; it's a long semester.

A good way to start is to pick one ingredient you haven't used in awhile and see what you can build around it. And when you're finished? Share it with the rest of us!

This week's recipes:

- **Dining Hall Dish**
- **Grilled Chicken and Mushroom**
- **Leprechaun Poo Shake**

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**SUN.**

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Huskies beat Eagles for Calhoun's 800th win

Northwestern gets first-ever win at Assembly Hall over Indiana; Virginia Tech upsets No. 12 Clemson at home

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun celebrates Wednesday after capturing his 800th career win over No. 8 Marquette.

Henry McCollum

WIBA — Jim Calhoun's 800th career victory came thanks in large part to senior guard A.J. Price, who scored a career-high 36 points as No. Connecticut beat No. 8 Marquette 91-81 with 45.5 seconds left.

The Wildcats (15-11, 6-9 Big Ten) had lost 33 straight on the school's first-ever victory at Assembly Hall.

In the first half, Indiana guard D.J. Smith grabbed his right shoulder, leaving the game with 4:07 remaining. But Connecticut regained control with an 11-0 run that included three three-point plays — one by Kemba Walker and two by Robinson on consecutive possessions that put the Huskies up 52-74 with 4:28 remaining.

Huskies forest Kevin Cole passes during the Wildcats' 75-53 over Indiana in Bloomington on Wednesday.
MARANA, Ariz.—Eight months later, Tiger Woods looked as though he had never been away.

Woods made a triumphant return to golf Wednesday in the Accenture Match Play Championship with a start that showed golf what it had been missing in the 253 days since he limped his way to an epic U.S. Open title.

Just past high noon in the desert, Woods fired an 8-iron into 5 feet for a par to settle 4 feet from the cup for eagle. He closed out Brendan Jones of Australia with a 3-foot par on the 16th hole for a 3-and-2 victory.

"I told Stevie I felt like we hadn't been away," Woods said, referring to caddie Steve Williams. "It was business as usual. But this was no ordinary day.

Before thousands of fans who scoured through the high desert, eager to see every shot from the world's No. 1 player, Woods never showed any indication that he had reconstructive surgery on his left knee a week after winning the U.S. Open. "It held up," he said. "It felt good."

Woods said he had looked forward to the nerves of standing on the first tee and the rush of competing. It was as if all that time away from golf had been bottled up inside of him. And then it came gunning out on a scorching day north of Tucson, where temperatures approached 90 degrees.

Fans packed into the bleachers around the first tee, with more lined up behind the ropes all the way to the green, and the cheers when Woods walked onto the tee could be heard all the way down the fairway.

Woods backed off his tee shot, and without much expression, belted a fairway metal down the right side of the fairway.

"You are back!" one spectator shouted.

Woods looked as though he had never been away.

He won the first two holes before some rust settled in. Woods made three bogeys over his next five holes and was leading, 1 up, until he birdied the par-5 eighth with a 6-foot putt.

Tiger Woods watches his tee shot Wednesday on the par-3 12th hole at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

NCAA Men's Basketball

No. 22 Xavier at St. Joseph's
7 p.m., ESPN
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9 p.m., ESPN

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RUBIK'S CUBE PARTY
FRIDAY MIDNIGHT
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Jets release receiver Coles

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Jets restructured Laveranues Coles' contract Wednesday, allowing the veteran wide receiver to become an unrestricted free agent when the signing period begins Friday.

Coles, 31, was headed into the final year of his contract, but was looking for a long-term deal. Because of the compromise between the sides, the Jets are off the hook for the guaranteed $6 million Coles was due this upcoming season.

"I spoke with him today and expressed my appreciation for his contributions both on and off the field," general manager Mike Tannenbaum said. "This move will allow Laveranues to explore his options, and we both agreed to keep the lines of communication open."

The move comes after a series of salary dumps by the Jets, who have also cut tight end Chris Baker, defensive back David Barrett, and linebackers David Bowens and Brad Kasell.

Coles will immediately become one of the top available free agents at wide receiver, joining a group led by T.J. Houshmandzadeh. Teams are allowed to begin signing free agents on Friday at 12:01 a.m. EST.

Coles caught 70 passes for 850 yards and seven touchdowns from Brett Favre last season. He was a third-round pick by New York in 2000 and played two seasons before signing as a free agent with Washington. After two years with the Redskins, Coles was traded back to the Jets before the 2005 season.

"I have had the pleasure of getting to know Laveranues since he entered the league in 2000," Tannenbaum said. "He is a fierce competitor, a great teammate and a good friend who has always given his best to the New York Jets."

Before last season, Coles threatened to sit out during the offseason program because he wanted a long-term deal, but coach Eric Mangini — during a trip to the receiver’s home — convinced him to back off his demands after expressing that he was an invaluable part of the team. The Jets then had the final two years of Coles’ contract — about $11 million — guaranteed in a good-faith move.

That would’ve put the Jets on the hook for his salary this season if not for the compromise. Coles told The Star-Ledger of Newark that he could still end up re-signing with the Jets.

"We didn’t leave on bad terms," Coles told the newspaper. "It’s not out of the question that I could come back."

A team captain in 2007, Coles also became a fan favorite during his second stint with the Jets while playing through numerous injuries in recent seasons, including at least two concussions. He had a streak of playing in 107 straight games end in November 2007 because of a concussion, and was briefly knocked unconscious when he was leveled by a hit by Miami’s Zach Thomas in December 2006. He also suffered a concussion early last season.

Coles, who had a career-high 91 catches in 2006, has 631 career receptions for 8,095 yards and 44 touchdowns. He struggled to click with Favre early last season when the Jets cut his good friend Chad Pennington. A few days later, Pennington was signed by Miami and led the Dolphins to the playoffs while being voted NFL Comeback Player of the Year for the second time in three seasons.

Coles, from Jacksonville, could possibly seek a reunion with Pennington and try to sign with the Dolphins. Also, Bill Parcells, the man who drafted Coles when he was with the Jets as general manager, is currently the Dolphins’ executive vice president of football operations. If Coles doesn’t return, it would leave New York extremely thin at receiver, with only Jerricho Cotchery, Brad Smith and Chansi Stuckey having played a significant number of games.

Recognize Excellence

Dockweiler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising

Student, faculty and staff nominations are sought to identify faculty or professional staff members whose involvement with undergraduates inspires students to reach their academic and career goals. Nominees may be members of the academic advising and career counseling staffs or members of the faculty and staff who:

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Nominations are due Tuesday, March 3. Three faculty or staff will be chosen.

Submit online nominations at provostawards.nd.edu.

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- Elevate students to a new level of intellectual engagement
- Foster students’ ability to express themselves effectively within the discipline

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Submit online nominations at provostawards.nd.edu.
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NBA
Marbury released by Knicks after five years

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donnie Walsh never enjoyed having a role in the Stephon Marbury soap opera, but was prepared to deal with it until he found the right conclusion — the New York Knicks.

When he finally did, Walsh let Marbury go in time to be eligible to play in the postseason. That came Tuesday, when what began as an arbitration hearing turned into a negotiation, and the sides came to an agreement that ended Marbury’s disappointing and distracting Knicks career. Walsh made it clear that leaving Marbury had to make a substantial concession to arrange his exit.

"Obviously the buyout was significant enough for us to stop our worries about the risk of the competitiveness side of it. I don’t mean on the basketball floor, but from a financial situation," Walsh said Wednesday. "So we’re willing to say, ‘OK, we’ll do it and you can find your team.’"

The sides had first tried to negotiate a buyout nearly three months ago, but that meeting lasted just 20 minutes before Marbury walked out, frustrated with the terms Walsh sought. Marbury originally vowed he wouldn’t give up any of the nearly $400,000 in salary he earned Marbury docked him after alleging he refused to play in a November game. That was quickly scrapped as buyout talks began after lunch.

Walsh could only hold on to Marbury through this weekend, making him ineligible to play for another team in the post-season, but preferred to avoid that — if Marbury cooperated.

"Not if I saw he was making a legitimate effort to put us in the right position, acknowledging our position," Walsh said.

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"We’ll see. I don’t know," D’Antoni said. "We weren’t distracted before.

Nor does D’Antoni have any regrets about the way he handled his time with Marbury, starting with his decision to bench him on opening night that surprised both the point guard and Walsh.

"We said all along, tough situ­ation," D’Antoni said. "We weren’t on the same page."

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GREENBURGH, N.Y. — John Tortorella brought bluster and a new set of rules during his first day as coach of the New York Rangers.

The man with the booming voice and the rugged reputation got right to work Tuesday morning as he presided over practice and tried to turn around a slumping team that has lost its way.

You didn’t have to look further than the dressing room to see where Tortorella has already left his mark. No longer will anyone — player, coach, trainer, or media member — step foot on the big Rangers logo in the center of the carpet. Respect starts there way before it ever shows up on the ice.

“There is not much room on the two sides there, so we’re going to have to figure that out,” Tortorella said less than 24 hours after replacing fired coach Tom Renney. “I just don’t think you should do that. I don’t think you walk on a logo anywhere. So, yeah, that’s the way it’s going to be.”

While Renney preferred a defensive-oriented system that featured four lines and often produced low-scoring games decided after regulation, Tortorella favors an up-tempo, aggressive mentality that pressures the opposition. He admitted that he stuck too long to that style last season in Tampa Bay when his defensemen couldn’t handle it. Tortorella wants to try it again, and feels confident that if opponents get good scoring chances, Henrik Lundqvist — whom he called the NHL’s best goalie — will bail out the Rangers.

Tortorella took time during practice to talk one-on-one with Wade Redden along the boards. The defensemen, who signed a lucrative six-year deal in the summer, hasn’t lived up to expectations and has heard constant boos from the home crowd.

“He definitely has different philosophies than Tom brought, but we’ve got to feed off of it,” Redden said. “It’s a change and something to shake everybody up and get them going.

“I like what I see. I heard lots about him and played against him for a long time so I know the fire he brings and the intensity. It was evident in the first practice, for sure.”

Not that it was so unusual, but many players were on the ice several minutes before the scheduled start time for practice. Tortorella’s history of ruling with a strong hand is well-known throughout the league, and so one dared press his buttons yet.

“I’m always here early. I’m too scared to be late,” forward Scott Gomez said.

The mood was businesslike Tuesday as the large media throng tipped its way through the tight dressing room. There was some laughter and excited expectation as the cloud of Renney’s tenuous job status was suddenly gone.

The Rangers (31-23-7) are still in position to make the playoffs, but their performance over the final 21 games will determine if they grab one of the eight spots in the Eastern Conference.

The stretch drive begins Wednesday at Toronto against the Maple Leafs, the team that helped seal Renney’s fate with a 3-2 overtime win Sunday night at Madison Square Garden.

“Everyone knows that their personalities are probably different, but the one thing in common with Tom, Torts and all of us is we want to win,” captain Chris Drury said. “Whatever that takes in the next 21 games, we’ve got to try in a way to do it.”

Tortorella doesn’t have much time to completely change the culture from the laid-back Renney, but he will start Wednesday when the Rangers begin a run of three games in four nights.

“Tough is the wrong word,” Tortorella said of his sometimes grating style. “Just being honest is what I try to be.”
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ing the lead, with help from Jackson.

It was a Jackson jumper that gave Notre Dame a 38-37 lead with 17:16 left in the first half, Notre Dame's first lead since the score was 4-2. And it was Jackson who hit a key 3-pointer and assisted other pivotal baskets that helped Notre Dame build a 65-53 lead with 4:56 left in the game.

"Coach [Mike Brey] has been on me about that, just going out and playing," Jackson said. "He wants to score too and my thing is, I try not to put too much pressure on myself defensively and try to defend well, but today, what helped me out was, I didn't focus on any of that. I just went out and played my game."

But Notre Dame nearly relinquished that lead.

Rutgers guard Mike Rosario, who finished with 20 points, hit a 3-pointer to spark a 9-0 Rutgers run that cut Notre Dame's lead to 65-62 with 2:13 to play. But Harangody and Jackson hit their free throws late to prevent the comeback.

Senior guard Kyle McKinney finished with 13 points. Harangody bounced back in the second half to end the game with 20 points and 15 rebounds on 7-for-25 shooting.

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"My shot felt as good as it always is and every time it went up it felt like it was going in," Harangody said. "I just couldn't catch a break tonight."

Few games are easy in the Big East and Rutgers let Notre Dame know early that — even though it only has one win in conference play — the Irish wouldn’t be able to take the night off. In the first half, the Scarlet Knights were able to get open shots against Notre Dame’s defense, which, in the first half, didn’t look like the defense that held Louisville and South Florida to 57 points two weeks ago. Rutgers opened a 21-10 lead.

Sophomore forward Tyrone Nash helped to temporarily chip away at the lead by scoring four points off the bench, but Rutgers was able to prevent any Notre Dame run from forming, thanks to a 15-28 (54 percent) performance from the field in the first half. Meanwhile, Notre Dame didn’t help itself offensively with seven turnovers, but came out with a renewed focus in the second half to capture the win. Notre Dame will face No. 2 Connecticut Saturday on the road.

"We're playing for something," Brey said. "There's no question about it and it's a fine line of 'Hey feel this is a really big game' and not getting too tight and tying yourself in knots. At times we did that in the first half."

Notes:

1. In his postgame press conference, Brey said he was a little more animated on the sidelines than usual in order to try to motivate the crowd.

2. "I was worried about this game ... but once the crowd got going, man, that helped us defensively," Brey said. "Our crowd is loud when we're in half-court defense, especially down there in front of the students. That made all the difference in the world. I was just trying to get them going and get them up and get them rolling."

Senior forward Zach Hillesland exited the game because of an injury early in the second half and didn’t return. Brey said Hillesland was healthy enough to come back in the game, but did not want to mess with the rotation that was playing well at the time.

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Junior forward Luke Harangody goes for a layup during Notre Dame’s 70-65 win over Rutgers Wednesday.

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Alaska. The Nanooks finished their conference schedule last week, so the Buckeyes can jump them with a sweep.

That should be easier said than done, though, as they take on No. 7 Miami, who currently sits in second place behind the Irish. The Buckeyes won a huge game last weekend over No. 3 Michigan to keep their hopes for a by alive.

Miami, however, won’t be rolling over as they have plenty to play for as well. With the Wolverines nipping at their heels, Miami will need at least one win to hang on to the No. 2 spot in the preseason. If Ohio State sweeps Miami and Michigan sweeps Ferris State, the Wolverines will take that spot and be able to avoid Notre Dame until the finals.

Expect Ferris State to put up a fight as well. They currently sit in the middle of the pack with Northern Michigan and Nebraska-Omaha. All three of those teams are within one point in the standings.

Nebraska-Omaha struggled mightily down the home stretch, picking up only one point in their last nine games.

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In Tuesday’s opening round play, the Belles disposed of No. 7 Adrian (14-11, 7-9 MIAA) 74-60 in a snoozer at the Angela Athletic Facility. After building a 12-point lead only five minutes into the first half, Saint Mary’s super-rim shooting (41 percent from field goal range) and defense never allowed the Bulldogs to sniff the lead. Freshman forward Kelley Murphy led all players with 17 points, while senior forward Erin Newcom picked up her seventh double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 boards for the Belles.

“I think (Adrian) was a huge win for us,” Henley said. “It is hard to see a team maneuver themselves into a conference in batting average (.172), ERA (9.38) and runs (seven). Cincinnati is noted for her dominant post defense and aggressive and solid defense. We need to take care of the ball and continue to attack them.”

The game begins tonight at 7:30 at the Belles’ Angela Athletic Facility in Notre Dame. In the other semifinal game, No. 5 Albion will take on No. 1 Alma to compete for a spot at Saturday’s MIAA tournament finals.

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gave up six hits, five runs (three earned) against the Hurricanen.

The bottom: Cincinnati (0-3), Louisville (0-3), Villanova (0-3)

The Wildcats are last in the conference in batting average (.172), ERA (9.38) and runs (seven). Cincinnati sophomore outfielder Justin Riddell, however, has the second-highest batting average in the conference at .285.

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That effort gives Ferris State the opportunity to jump them with a win or a tie against Michigan. Northern Michigan is also in control of its own destiny at this point. They need to keep pace with whatever the Bulldogs do in order to maintain their own point lead and ensure a matchup against one of this season’s bottom-dwellers, most likely Michigan State.

Sitting at the nine and 10 spots, respectively, Western Michigan and Lake Superior State aren’t quite out of the mix yet either. Both teams play winnable series this weekend and are only three or four points away from taking over a home ice spot. They will need some help from the team’s above them in order to make any serious moves.

However that middle section shakes out, the 7-vs.-10 and 8-vs.-9 matchups in the first round will be very evenly played. It would make sense for most of those teams to try to maneuver themselves into a game with Nebraska-Omaha, but right now there are too many question marks to figure out where any of them might end up.

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Happy Birthday: Take care of emotional matters this year. Your creative spin to an old problem will generate some surprises that will lead to a happy time. Fortunately by making the first move. The results will pleasantly affect how you should get this year. Your numbers are 11, 14, 21, 24, 30, 34, 39.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Judge your next move based on your own position and what you want to see happen. Take a risk in something you enjoy doing. Changes to your environment will make a space that contributes to your comfort and peace of mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An important aspect of your life cannot work until you didn't take care of the first time around. Only go your own desire to win a better position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Someone will pull a fast move that could derail your plans. Unexpectedness regarding some of your social and family relationships must be isolated and have to allow influence on what to have immediately.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You've got more going for you than you realize. Take a risk in something you enjoy doing. Changes to your environment will make a space that contributes to your comfort and peace of mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love is dependant and solid ground can be found or which to build your life. Past connections that have never achieved something will have to help build your dreams, hopes and wishes for the future.

VERON (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You've got a lot at stake and if you don't revel past issues first, you may not find or achieve what you want to. Take a risk in something you enjoy doing. Changes to your environment will make a space that contributes to your comfort and peace of mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your best offers will come from the past and, with your ability to match your abilities and creatively put things together, you will find yourself placed in a key position. Social activities and networking will be your advantage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get out and about where you can break free and enjoy what you've accomplished. Take a risk in something you enjoy doing. Changes to your environment will make a space that contributes to your comfort and peace of mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will leave you to renaissance you by making bad news observation or decision. Don't fall into an antimatter trap. Follow your heart and stay within your means financially, mentally and emotionally. Positive change should be made at work and at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Everything will be dependent on what you feel and what you do. You are completely establishing what you want to do next. An interesting change in what you do in a living will allow you to get a new direction that has been simmering until now. Make sure to establish and maintain your love and have patience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be looking through rose-colored glasses and true you can create a reality check. Put things in perspective. You may be surprised to find out who's been working and waiting for you or mute him or her.

PISCIUS (Feb. 19-March 20): Be longing, sexy, and supportive of others. Consider your own end terms and you are in the right direction. Changes will bring about sudden change.

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**SILENT KNIGHTS**

Senior forward Ryan Ayers has sparked Notre Dame with a key offensive play many times in his career at Notre Dame, but against Rutgers, it was a defensive play from Ayers that ignited his team. With 18:04 left in the second half, 6-foot-11 Scarlet Knights junior forward Ron Ndiaye went up for a shot in the lane. Waiting there was the 6-foot-8 Ayers, who put up his long right arm and plucked the shot out of the air, grabbed the ball and began a Notre Dame fast break that ended with a Luke Harangody 3-point play, assisted by Jackson. The sequence brought Notre Dame within one point of Rutgers.

"That put us in another gear, picked us up and got us pumped up a little bit," Jackson said. "He had a few blocks today like Dikembe (Mutombo). He was Dikembe Ayers."

Ayers' block helped awaken the languid Irish, who wasted little time after that reclaiming the lead. Notre Dame went on to win the final minutes 30-10, including a 10-inning win over Purdue Sunday. The Irish (2-1) atop the Big East, but the season is too young for judgment yet. Here's a look at the conference.

**The early leaders: Notre Dame (3-0), Seton Hall (2-1), St. John's (2-1), West Virginia (2-2)**

The Irish travel south again this weekend when they face Gonzaga, Dayton and Creighton in Arizona. Sophomore outfielder Golden Tate hit .500 with four runs, two doubles and two RBIs this weekend. Junior reliever Steve Mazur threw three hitless innings of relief and earned a win over the weekend. Seton Hall beat Minnesota and Michigan State but lost to Penn State over the weekend. Junior pitcher Sean Black was named a Big East Player of the Week.

The Red Storm scored 33 runs in their first two games, both wins, but lost 4-2 to Michigan. Sophomore third baseman Greg Hopkins also earned Big East Player of the Week honors.

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**The bottom: Rutgers (0-3), Louisville (0-3), West Virginia (0-3), Connecticut (0-3)**

The Fighting Irish, however, have won their first three games to start the season. They are in fourth place in the Big East, but they have a game against Connecticut on Wednesday night. Senior outfielder Mike Consolmagno is hitting .467 and slugging .706 with a .500 on-base percentage.

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By BILL BRINK

Cold weather still blankets half of the Big East campus—both baseball and football are underway down south. Notre Dame has won two of three in the Big East/Big Ten Challenge in Florida last weekend, including a 10-inning win over Purdue Sunday. The Irish lost to Ohio State 2-0 Friday, but their bats heated up in a 14-7 win over Rutgers Saturday.

**Their early success puts the Irish (2-1) atop the Big East, but the season is too young for judgment yet. Here's a look at the conference.**

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