University remembers Rabbi Signer

Theology prof., who died Jan. 10, studied relationship between Judaism and Catholicism

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
Assistant News Editor

Friends, students and colleagues commemorated the life of Rabbi Michael Signer, the Abrams Professor of Jewish Thought and Culture at Notre Dame who died Saturday Jan. 10, at a memorial service Monday.

Many speakers remembered Signer's spirited personality and lauded his work studying the Christian and Jewish faiths and its impact on the University and the wider community.

"You acquired an empathy for all things Catholic, even though you were not Catholic," Theology Department Chair John Cavadini said in a eulogy for Signer.

Although the two disagreed on the fundamental beliefs of their religions, Cavadini said he always felt comfortable engaging in theological discussions with Signer. Signer considered other beliefs with respect, even if he did not agree, he said.

"Even though you did not believe in it, you gave affectionate statements of disagreement," he said. "That was the greatness of your soul.

Cavadini joked that Signer spoke many languages, and one of them was Catholic.

"You knew the difference between Jesuits and Dominicans," he said.

Signer studied the complicated relationship between Catholicism and Judaism and inspired positive dialogue about the differences, Cavadini said. He said when Signer was hired, he knew Notre Dame was not only getting a scholar, but also a teacher.

University President Fr. John Jenkins said the University was lucky to have Signer as a faculty member.

"He allowed us to build bridges both spiritually and intellectually between the great Jewish religion and this Catholic University," he said.

Jenkins said Signer made the school a richer and better place and participated fully in Notre Dame life.

"In his robust, generous way, he was completely part of the community," he said. "We will always remember him in gratitude. I give thanks for his life.

Theology professor Fr. Richard McIntire, studying with Signer, said he inspired positive dialogue among scholars.

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Signer was considered a great friend who is hurt or sick, who would protect students who have been drinking from getting in trouble while helping an intoxicated friend who is hurt or sick, will be included in student government’s survey over Spring Break.

Questions like "Do you feel like you know how to handle a case of severe alcohol poisoning effectively?" and "Do you who turn to first when there is a problem while drinking?" will be included in the survey, according to Koski.

"Hopefully, this will shed some light on the actual issue at hand," she said.

Koski also said her task force will meet with a representative from the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education and four resident assistants to "get a few more opinions on this and how they see
INSIDE COLUMN

Don't Panic

I'm dedicating this column to all the seniors who don't quite have their schedules settled after May 17. For those who have jobs or graduate school already figured out, I am truly happy and excited for you. However, you don't need any help, so I'll see you at Fever on Thursday.

For the rest of you (the majority), things are starting to get a little crazy. If you are like me, you have had some interviews, filled out dozens of inefficient online applications, and felt generally demoralized a few times in the process.

With the recession still going strong and corporate layoffs affecting just about every major industry, it's hard out there for a second semester senior who wants a chance to prove himself or herself. It isn't just Arts & Letters students having a hard time either. The big financial services outlets can't afford to pay those big signing bonuses like you used to, and even some engineers have been left scratching their heads because they too are unemployed. The Career Center does a great job, but they can't fix the job market for you (though I am sure they would if they could).

At this point sitting in a corner and sobbing might seem like a sensible option, but it won't make you feel any better or help you get that awesome first job you want. So what are seniors in limbo supposed to do?

First, don't panic. There is still time to look and weigh options. Did you apply to grad school as a "backup" to finding a job? Well, graduate school is far from a new, fancy building on campus with your name on it. It's about "improve your skill set, get some more real-world experience, and..."

Employers might not lay out the red carpet for a new, fancy building on campus with your name on it. Also, remember that you go to Notre Dame and that still means something (although I can't tell you exactly what that something is). Employers may not lay out the red carpet for you right away but just use that little extra something that got you in here and you'll go far.

While my meandering thoughts might not help you get that job you want, just think about all the advantages you have had over the past four years and know that you have a whole campus that wants you to succeed, even if it is just so you can one day pay for a new, fancy building on campus with your name on it.

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IN BRIEF

A lecture titled "Environment and Revolution in 20th-c. Mexico: A Historical Case Study of Agrarian Reform and its Implications for the New Left of Latin America Today" will take place today at 4 p.m. in Room C103 of the Hesburgh Center.

The film "Slumdog Millionaire" will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center today at 8 p.m., Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Friday at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Xavier Agire Aranburu, senior analyst, Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in the Netherlands, is being honored by the Kroc Institute's 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award in the Hesburgh Auditorium today at 4:15 p.m. during a lecture called "Make Law, Not War: On the Power of Truth, Law, and Justice."

The Notre Dame Chamber Players are holding a concert to benefit the South Bend Community School Corporation. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of musical instruments for various schools in the district. Sponsored by the Department of Music, the concert will take place Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $8 for adults and $3 for students.

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Graduate School dean passes away

Special to The Observer

Terrence J. Akai, senior associate dean of the Graduate School, died Saturday in his home. He was 59 years old.

A native of Guyana, South America, Akai joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1976 as a research associate in aerospace and mechanical engineering who specialized in fluid mechanics. Holding concurrent appointments in that department, computer science and engineering, and mathematics, Akai taught some 15 courses during his career, including a popular mathematics course based on a seminal and widely adopted textbook of which he was the author, "Applied Numerical Methods for Engineers." He had received every possible teaching award at Notre Dame by the time he was appointed acting dean of the Graduate School in 1994. As senior associate dean, Akai was principally responsible for graduate admissions, administering thousands of applications each year.

"Terry Akai was both colleague and friend to countless people at Notre Dame," said Gregory Sterling, dean of the Graduate School. "His death is as much a personal as a professional loss for the graduate school and the University as a whole, and we join our sorrow, thoughts and prayers with those of the Akai family."

Universally praised by his former students for his conspicuous commitment to their success inside and outside the classroom, Akai once described his teaching method as intended "to dispel myths and to develop appropriate attitudes and approaches to problems -- to develop a style of thinking."

Akai's own style of thinking, to the delight of the many colleagues, students, staff members and visitors encountering him in the corridors and entrances of Notre Dame's Main Building, was droll and gregarious. Along with a remarkable administrative efficiency, he always had time for an anecdote or a joke.

A visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, where a funeral service will be held Thursday. A reception for Akai's family, friends and colleagues will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday in McKenna Hall.

A memorial Mass for the Notre Dame community will be held on March 16, at 3:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Initiative to focus on faculty diversity

Special to The Observer

In response to recommendations from two committees, Notre Dame will pursue a series of initiatives designed to enhance support for a diverse faculty.

The initiatives were detailed in a letter sent this week to faculty by University President, Fr. John Jenkins, and provost, Thomas G. Burish. They are based upon reports prepared last year by the University Committee on Diversity and the University Committee on Women Faculty and Students.

"The intellectual interchange that is essential to a university requires, and is enriched by, the presence and voices of diverse scholars and students," Jenkins said. "Beyond the benefits diversity brings to all universities, we hold this commitment also because Notre Dame is a Catholic university."

Burish added: "We reaffirm that cultivating a diverse intellectual community makes us a better university. Successfully recruiting, hiring, developing and retaining women and faculty of color are fundamental to this aim."

"Notre Dame has realized significant increases in the number of women and minority students in the past two decades. Since 1989, the percentage of women in the student body has grown from 34 percent to 47 percent, and the percentage of minority students has increased from 12 percent to 21 percent."

The committee reports acknowledged that the University also has made progress increasing the number of women faculty and faculty of color but made it clear that "more progress is required," particularly in the recruitment and retention of senior women faculty and faculty of color at all levels.

To that end, the initiatives announced in the letter from Notre Dame's top two officers include:

Don Pope-Davis, vice president, associate provost and professor of psychology, will direct University efforts relating to faculty of color. Susan Ohmer, William T. and Helen Kuhn Carey Associate Professor of Modern Communication, has been appointed assistant provost and will coordinate oversight efforts relating to women faculty. Pope-Davis and Ohmer will work closely with deans, department chairs and others involved in faculty recruitment, hiring, retention, mentoring and development.

The University has provided funding for and begun discussions about a postdoctoral program for promising scholars from under-represented groups advance their careers and possibly attract some to positions at Notre Dame.

The Dual Career Assistance Program, which has helped the spouses of recently hired full-time faculty and staff identify potential employment opportunities in the area or at Notre Dame, now will be made available to spouses of current faculty.

Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the Denny Moore Award For Excellence in Journalism

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

Candidates may be nominated by faculty, staff, or fellow students.

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

Nominations are due by Thursday, March 5, 2009.
Circle K Serves Holy Cross Sisters
40 Students Dedicate Time To Organize Events At Saint Mary's Convent

By MOLLY MADDEN
New Writer

A group of Notre Dame students have been making a difference in the community by spending an average of 20 hours a week with a group of retired Sisters of Holy Cross.

"These kids are just phenomenal," Lee Ann Moore, director of activities and volunteer services at the Saint Mary's Convent, said. "They are just so much a part of us.

Circle K, a service club at Notre Dame, dedicates a few hours each week to assist the sisters at the Convent.

Moore said the students involved with the club are working with the sisters.

Teigten performed community service at the convent for a semester.

The article stated that 54 percent of seniors surveyed did not have a job offer as of January, and that schools expect average rankings, including Notre Dame, to get a strong emphasis on job placement.

The effects by the students do not go unnoticed by the retired sisters, Moore said.

"They are truly a blessing to us," she said. "We're somewhat of a quiet place around here but the students are very lively, you can hear the sisters' laughter in the hallway.

Moore said the sisters appreciate the students' generosity and like to see them often.

"The sisters enjoy talking to them and look forward to their visits immensely," she said.

The sisters worry about them. They're always concerned about their studies and their health. They offer up their prayers for these kids all the time," Moore said.

Moore said despite the fact that the seniors graduate every spring, they will be missed by both Signer and the students.

"This group is just so dedicated," Moore said. "It can be absolutely freezing outside and they will still come over and bring the sisters things, like coffee, and spirit to us. They really are our unsung heroes.

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Signer to Notre Dame was one of his "final and finest" achievements when he was head of the theology department. Signer was a professor, director of the Notre Dame Holocaust project and a fellow in the University's theology department.

At Notre Dame, according to the report, "administrators tap alumni networks and offer advice to students.

Woo said while the ranking only applies to the College Business, she credits the entire University with proving success, specifically networking services provided by the Career Center.

"It's all of these areas that allow us to successful and I'm grateful," Woo said.

The report also suggested Notre Dame scored better on the student survey this year, which counts for 30 percent of the final ranking. The College received an "A+" grade in the three areas of Teaching Quality, Facilities and Service and Job Placement.

The report — and the BusinessWeek reports of previous years — have gained "ethics" as a unique feature of a Notre Dame business education.

Woo cautioned that just because the College is consistently ranked as a top 10 business school, it does not mean the students are not involved on campus.

"It's all of these areas that allow us to successful and I'm grateful," Woo said.

Signer will be missed by both the wider community and Notre Dame in a letter that was read at the service.

"The presence of such a distinct person like Notre Dame...is among the highest significance," D'Arcy said.

"It's our hard work and the reputation they earn us in the future," he said.

She did offer one bit of advice to students.

"Be humble," she said. "I think that everybody should be pleased and proud, but know that the journey never ends.

This is the fourth year BusinessWeek has compiled rankings.

The magazine uses nine measures to determine the rankings, including surveys, senior business majors and recruiters, median starting salaries for graduates, SAT scores, student-faculty ratio, class size, the percentage of employers with internship, the number of hours students devote to class work.

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INTERNATIONAL

CEASE-FIRE

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — As top diplomats from both the United States and Israel met in Ra'anana Tuesday for urgent talks, a 7-year-old smuggler Abu Mahmoud, leaning over a stack of plastic bags, was caught red-handed by Israeli soldiers. The small boy was trying to smuggle more than $36 million worth of contraband into Gaza from Israel, where the smuggling of commercial goods is a lucrative business for many people. The boy was caught trying to pass through a small gap in the border fence, but was quickly apprehended by Israeli soldiers.

BIDDER

BEIJING — A Chinese art collector has bought a set of porcelain figurines at auction, paying the $36 million. The figurines, which were expected to fetch only $2 million, were among the most valuable items in a sale of Chinese antiques. The auction, held at Christie's in London, drew bids from collectors around the world, and the highest bid was made by a Chinese collector who said he was interested in investing in cultural artifacts.

Former reality star to face charges

NEW YORK — On top of the world a few months ago, Braden Ryan, a car driver, was charged with assault after his vehicle hit a pedestrian. The driver, who had been driving a sports car, was facing charges of reckless driving and assault. The pedestrian, a woman who had been crossing the street, was taken to the hospital with injuries.

Anthony trial date set for October

MIAMI — In downtown federal courthouse. Circuit Judge Stan Strickland also agreed to temporarily stop the public release of a jailhouse video of Casey Anthony, indicating that he may have some concerns about the public release of the video.

LOCAL News

Ind. prisoners receive more funding

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana has three adults on parole for every 1,000 inmates, according to a new report. The state has increased its parole rate from only two cents in programs for every $1 it spends on incarceration, a new study shows.

The report by the Pew Center on the States found that Indiana's parole rate was among the lowest in the country, with only two cents in programs for every $1 it spends on incarceration, a new study shows.

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Powerful snowstorm blankets East Coast

Large snowfall causes widespread school cancellations and travel delays

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A ferocious storm packing freezing rain, heavy snow and furious winds whipped the East Coast on Monday, sending down millions of people into shelters, grounding hundreds of flights and closing schools for millions of kids. Travelers were stranded everywhere, with about 950 flights canceled at the three main airports in the New York area and nearly 3,000 flights canceled in Philadelphia. Boston's Logan International Airport had to shut down for about 40 minutes to clear a runway, and hundreds of flights were canceled there.

Philadelphia declared a Code Blue weather emergency, which gives officials the authority to bring homeless people into shelters because the weather poses a threat of serious harm or death. Dozens of schools across North Carolina, South Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Maine gave children a snow day. Schools in Philadelphia, Boston and New York City did the same. It was the first time in more than five years that New York City called off classes for its 1.1 million public school students. Some New York parents complained that the city waited until 4:40 a.m. to call off classes, saying they didn't have enough notice. Mayor Michael Bloomberg brushed off the criticism and praised the city's storm response, which included dispatching 2,000 workers and 1,400 plows to work around the clock to clean New York's 6,000 miles of streets.

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Castro shakes up Cuban government

calls for a "more compact and functional structure" for the often unwieldy communist bureaucracy that oversees nearly all public activity on the island.

The most sweeping leadership shakeup in years was dropped on Cubans almost as an afterthought — at the end of the midday news, following the weather and sports.

The most prominent of those ousted, Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque, was the youngest of Cuba's top leaders, and he delighted in blustering at the United Nations. Officials announced no new post for Perez Roque.

The surprise shake-up did not sit well with some Cubans, including Carmen Elizondo, 45, a housewife with three children who said she heard the announcement on the news.

"At it left me feeling cold," Elizondo said. "I don't understand. Why make these changes, more than anything?" Perez Roque, 43, had been Fidel Castro's personal secretary before becoming foreign minister almost a decade ago, and he was delegated, Fidel-like demurrals of U.S. policy.

"He was someone who was very close to Fidel Castro and built his career working directly for Fidel Castro," said Phil Peters, a Cuba specialist at the Lexington Institute near Washington.

Perez Roque was replaced by his own deputy, Bruno Rodriguez, who once served as Fidel's ambassador to the United Nations. Officials announced no new post for Perez Roque.

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how the Center has helped her escape a life on the streets. "I had hit rock bottom," she said. "I lost my kids, everything I owned. I didn't want to get them back slowly but surely.

With the help of Hope Ministries, Rose said she has been aggressive about her education, growing closer to God. "They took me in when I was a month-old daughter, who also resides at Hope Ministries. "It's my home," she said of Hope Ministries. "It's my family. They made me feel welcome and accepted as myself, a change from the moment we arrived."

Another guest from Hope Ministries who identified herself as May shared her story of homelessness. She said she has some stereotypes of homeless people, she didn't find her self on the streets because of a drug or drug abuse. Her medical condition caused her to lose her job, she said.

According to May, Hope Ministries helped her fill out applications for disability pay, which she earned. May said she feels she can "have hope again."

One guest from the Center for the Homeless who identified himself as Andrew spoke about his struggle as a functioning drug addict who checked himself out of rehab in Chicago. With the help of the Center, he has been able to replace both of his knees and the opportunity to pursue his education. Andrew said entering the Center has helped him to mend a strained relationship with his family.

A man who identified himself as Marcel said he was forced to return to the center for the Purcell Center, the legislation, when the recession hit and he lost his job. He is currently searching for another job. "I've focused on the problem of poverty in St. Joseph County." According to 86.3 percent of families in St. Joseph County were in poverty in 2003. "I am sure this number has increased now that we are in the recession," he said.

One way to fight poverty is to increase the minimum wage, according to Wolfson. The current national minimum wage, which is now $6.55 an hour, is a figure that will rise to $7.25 in July.

Although President Barack Obama has a plan to eventually raise the minimum wage to $9.50, recent statistics show this is not enough, she said.

According to Wolfson, for people who are not living in St. Joseph County, they need an hourly wage of $12.90 full time, pub lic service, as you t o put it. Then view er,yone had and to make the calendar aestheti cally pleasing.

"It's important to remember it's always been true. 'It's that hard out not to discourage you.'"

Bill Purcell director, Harvard Institute of Politics

Fallon debuts as Late Night host

Comedian replaces Conan O'Brien, gets flack from Letterman

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Almost a year after Jimmy Fallon was named new host of NBC's "Late Night," and on the same day his predecessor Conan O'Brien departed, Fallon made his debut Monday.

Fallon was joined in the studio by several of the show's guests including Robert De Niro and Jimmy Kimmel, who had come to Morrison as his musical guest. An hour earlier on CBS, "Late Show with David Letterman," was kicking off some musical excitement of its own: the first of a full week of performances by the superstar band U2. In an unexpected addition to long-booking "Late Show," U2 is promoting its new album, "No Line on the Horizon." Two of his friends also played into the show and his credit: Larry Mullen shushed with a look at an eyebrow, this cigarette, which Letterman noted. "I think there's very little danger of that kind of thing cracking.

In the "late show," U2 performed its new song "Breathe." In his debut monologue, Fallon just got a little night jitters with a reference to the weather. "New York City was hit with a huge storm," he noted, leading into this cautionary tale and said, "Please, let it be a snow day!"

Fallon is a former cast member of "Saturday Night Live" with several films to his credit, he tapped a gasped "SNL" hand, Michael Showaker, to be his producer. Co-producer is Gerv. Purcell was one of the "SNL" writers, who ran "Attack of the show," the Daily Net- ated hour on cable's G4 channel.

Lorne Michaels — who used to be Fallon's boss on "SNL." continues as "Late Night" executive producer.

The legal memos written by the Bush administration's Office of Legal Counsel show a government grappling with how to wage war on terror in a very different world. The conclusion, reit. was that the documents had been created, disseminated, reviewed, and released by the Justice Department. The Justice Department's legal memo was issued in 2001, memo.
**MARKET RECAP**

**Dow Jones**  
6,763.29 -299.64

**Up** 59 **Same** 323 **Down** 1,544  **Composite Volume** 85,838,680

**AMEX** 1,260.75 -31.67  
**NASDAQ** 1,322.85 -54.99  
**NYSE** 3,460.98 -256.05  
**S&P 500** 700.82 -34.27  
**NIKEI (Tokyo)** 7,204.89 -73.26  
**FTSE 100 (London)** 3,625.83 -204.26

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**In Brief**

**Insurance giant reveals large losses**  
WASHINGTON — A new definition of desperate times: Even as the government threw a stunning new $30 billion lifeline to American International Group on Monday, the beleaguered insurance giant confirmed it had lost most of its value in two months, much $62 billion, in a single three-month period.

And many more billions of federal dollars are likely to be shown to be homeless as well, for a simple reason: Officials fear its collapse will stifle credit markets in the U.S. and around the world.

The source of trouble for AIG, which has 74 million customers worldwide and operations in more than 130 countries, is its business insuring mortgage-backed securities and other debt against default. That business imploded once the credit crisis struck with force.

**Analytic Rebound still months away**  
WASHINGTON — Consumer spending and incomes rose more than expected at the start of the year, but the gains were seen as fleeting in light of the recession and the waves of layoffs battering Americans.

Two other reports Monday on manufacturing and construction also showed little reason for optimism. Analysts said any sign of an economic rebound is at best months away, with the most pessimistic predicting a sustained recovery won't begin until next year.

Wall Street plunged anew after a sobering earnings report from American International Group showed the insurance giant lost $61.7 billion in the fourth quarter, the biggest quarterly loss in U.S. corporate history. In response, the government unveiled a revamped rescue package that will provide AIG with another $35 billion in taxpayer money if needed.

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**The Observer Business**

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**NEW YORK — A relentless fall in the stock market Monday blew through barriers that Wall Street hadn't been able to ade just weeks ago, and investors worried there was no reason to believe buyers will return any­time soon.**

The Dow Jones industrial average plummeted below 7,000 at the opening bell and kept driving lower all day, finishing at 6,763 — a loss of nearly 300 points. Each of the 30 stocks in the index lost a single three-month period.

Investors were worried anew about the stability of the financial system after insurer American International Group posted a staggering $62 billion loss for the fourth quarter, the biggest in U.S. corporate history and accepted an expanded bailout from the government.

But beyond daily headlines, Wall Street seems to have given up the search for a reason to believe that the worst is over and the time is ripe to buy again.

"Most things are, they can still get worse, and they could all get a lot worse," said Bill Strazzullo, chief market strategist for Bell Capital Advisors, which he believes the Dow now trade below 5,000 and the S&P to 500.

The Dow's descent has been breathtaking. It took just 22 trading sessions to lose 2,000 points. Each of the 30 stocks in the index lost 60 percent. HSBC PLC, Europe's largest bank by market value, said it needs to raise about $18 billion, reported a 70 percent drop in earnings for last year, and announced plans to scale back U.S. lending and cut 6,100 jobs. The banking sector helped drive the market lower.

The 70-year-old former Nasdaq chairman has been confined to the mansion of the market for the financial crisis that is a bad bet they made on mortgages and mortgage-backed securities, now the recession is exacerbating their problem, forcing job cuts.

"The economy definitely has deteriorated since November," said Sean Simko, head of fixed income management at SEI Investments. "It's just the fact that we haven't seen signs of improving or stabilizing, per se, which is adding to the morass of the market."
"Though this nation has proudly thought of itself as an ethnic melting pot, in things racial we have always been and continue to be, in too many ways, essentially a nation of cowards — if we are to make progress in this area we must feel comfortable enough with one another, and tolerant enough of each other, to have frank conversations about the racial matters that continue to divide us."

These words were spoken by our first black attorney general, Eric Holder, who was nominated for the position by our first black president, Barack Obama. That same day, a cartoon was published in the New York Post in reference to the recent mauling of a Connecticut woman by her friend’s pet chimpanzee, which was shot and killed by the police. The cartoon depicts two police officers, one of whom is holding a shotgun gun over a dead chimpanzee while the other states, “They’ll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill.” Immediately Al Sharpton, flanked by his Political Correctness Task Force in the guise of a swarm of outraged protesters, demanded an apology from the Post for publishing the inflammatory cartoon. Why? Because according to Sharpton’s warped logic, the artist had leveled a racist attack on Obama by comparing him to a “crazed chimpanzee,” Sharpton alluded to the historic practice of using references to chimpanzees as racial epithets against blacks, as well as the assertion that the stimulus bill represents Obama’s first legislative victory and has thus become “synonymous” with him, in order to draw this connection.

First of all, as anyone who is familiar with our government’s legislative process (the number of which I’m beginning to believe is infinitely small) knows, congressmen are the only ones who have the authority to write legislation. Secondly, former President George W. Bush was compared to a chimp countless times during and after his tenure in office, and Sharpton didn’t bother to come to his defense. Of course this was because Bush is not black, but clearly there is a double standard at work here.

Now I recognize insults toward black Americans involving monkeys and apes are particularly degrading and harmful given their historical connotation. If Sean Bolans (the Post’s cartoonist) had meant to characterize blacks or Obama as chimpanzees, I could sympathize with those who might take offense even though I might also be tempted to tell them to chill out, since I have personally found that taking offense to insulting accusations only adds credit to them! But given the lack of racist intent, in addition to the fact the president cannot author legislation, I believe that Sharpton’s rhetoric is patently absurd. Furthermore, I believe his hypersensitivity to alleged racism and the victim mentality it fosters among black Americans in this country lie at the heart of our attorney general’s accusations.

As a citizen of this great “Cowardly Nation,” I would like to say I agree with Holder’s claim: We are a nation of cowards. But not for the same reasons he would suggest.

Since the end of the Civil War, our nation has freed hundreds of thousands of black slaves, recognized a person’s right to vote regardless of color and abolished racial segregation. We have embraced black culture in countless ways. We have recognized the vital contributions of black musicians, black scientists, black athletes, black authors and black religious leaders. We have elected black congressmen, black senators and black governors; we have nominated black cabinet members and a black Supreme Court justice, and this past year, we have elected a black man to lead our country as president. In light of these actions, we have not been a nation of cowards.

Yet since the dawn of the era of political correctness in the 1990s, America has been forced to become a nation of cowards. We are afraid to speak frankly about our views on race in fear of being labeled a racist. We are afraid to associate with those of the other race because we don’t want to be called a race-traitor (especially people on the political right. Think of Condoleezza Rice and Michael Steele). We cannot be comfortable around one another because people like Sharpton may come knocking down our doors, demanding an apology for something we never meant to be offensive.

If we are to return to the days before cowardice became king, Sharpton and his fellows must be willing to move beyond the temptation to use the victim card whenever the conversation turns to race. More importantly, we must view one another, not simply as members of a certain group or race, but as individual human beings.

Attorney General Holder, in spite of my alleged cowardice, I am publishing these views regardless of what accusations of racism and bigotry may be hurled my way. I hope this insulys us with faith in the capacity of Americans to break through the boundaries of political correctness that have stifled conversation in the past two decades and take part in open, honest discussions of race. Christie Pesavento is spending this semester in Washington, D.C. She can be reached at pesavent091@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Time really is now**

In Dr. Greene's thought-provoking article published on page 9, he elaborates on the implications affecting African-Americans since the beginning of our country. The list is, unfortunately, quite long and humbling. But I think that Dr. Greene's letter forgets the most humilitating abhorrence to ever disgrace the history of race in America. The thing he forgets took 14 million African American lives, averaging out to be 1,200 per day. It's an event that goes against everything that Dr. Greene holds to be true about the American ideal - opportunity for all and equality. It's a perversion that U.S. presidents from Johnson to Obama "condoned and supported - even if they only looked the other way." And it's still happening.

I'm not sure if Dr. Greene forgot that 1,200 African Americans are taken daily by abortion, or if that fact was edited out of his article. I hope the latter, but suspect the former. If he wants to speak honestly about race, let's talk about how today, according to the CDC (where all of these facts have been gathered), for every 100 live African American births, there are 49.5 aborted African American lives, averaging out to be 1,200 per day. It's an event that goes against everything that Dr. Greene holds to be true about the American ideal - opportunity for all and equality. It's a perversion that U.S. presidents from Johnson to Obama "condoned and supported - even if they only looked the other way." And it's still happening.

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I agree with Mr. Maranges on one point. We need to work to balance the Catholic nature of this institution. This University would not exist if its founders did not believe that education and Catholicism could interact harmoniously. However, this is an institution that prides itself on strong relationships between culturally diverse groups, I have been witness to this on a very personal level. The greatest lessons I learned in high school were not taught by professors and could not be tested by the College Board. My moments of greatest learning were in being able to understand and relate to others whose lifestyles I had not (and likely would never) experienced firsthand.

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Don’t starve Grandma.

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**A misunderstanding, indeed**

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**Festival not dead**

In 2004, I was among a small group of faculty, students and alumni who founded the first Notre Dame Queer Film Festival. Personally, I pitched the Festival to five academic departments and had one-on-one meetings with then-University President Fr. Edward “Monk” Malloy, then-provost Dr. Nathan Hatch and Fr. Mark Poorman. By the end of the Festival, Fr. Theodore Hesburgh gave us his blessing. For the following two years, I continued to be one of the Festival organizers and helped program the films and guests. Currently, I am the secretary of the Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College (GALDS/MC).

Tom O’Neill’s Feb. 16th letter titled “How Notre Dame sneakily killed off the Queer Film Festival” gave an apt description of University President Fr. John Jenkins’ efforts to “contain” and limit the Queer Film Festival. Mainly, the Jenkins team sought to improve the University’s public relations by not shutting down the Film Festival, just putting a lot of red tape around it. In turn, this would satisfy disgruntled alumni (and bishops) while at the same time not making the front page of The New York Times for being discriminatory. Ironically, his first move — to make us remove the word “queer” from the title — stripped the Festival of its academic merit. This is because “queer” is what Academia calls gay and lesbian studies. Colleges that provide degrees in this discipline include Yale University, the University of Maryland, University of California, Berkeley, UCLA, California State University Northridge and DePaul University, to name a few.

Throughout all this, however, it is important to note that several key people continued to try to make the Film Festival continue. The department of Film, Television, and Theater, for instance, remained supportive and helpful despite intense pressure from the administration to do otherwise. And, while there is red tape around the Queer Film Festival, its coffin is far from being nailed shut. The Festival was not shut down.

Because of this, the real power remains in all of you — the student body. And you can do it, because Father Jenkins gave you permission to in his 2006 ruling, saying that he was "very determined that we not suppress speech on this campus.” How can such an endeavor be accomplished again? We put together the first Queer Film Festival by working within the parameters of the University. The first step is to work with the department to contest the mission statement that is both pragmatic and inspirational. Use that as your springboard to move forward. GALDS/MC is here to help along the way. Just remember: the festival can happen again, but only by your initiatives. Back in 1978, Harvey Milk said: “I hope that every professional gay will say ‘enough,’ come forward and tell everybody, wear a sign, let the world know. Maybe that will help.” If the Notre Dame community took Milk’s advice to heart, just imagine how many signs there would be inside and surrounding the Golden Dome.

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Feb. 25

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**Got it?**
Sage Advice...

By SYMNON RYZNER

Scene Writer

After two strenuous semesters of devout contribution to The Observer's Scene section, I have been tasked with providing some short advice on things related to pop culture and nostalgic college experiences. This edition of Scene and Heard is going to be about how to ruin Notre Dame for yourself. Without further ado, I present an arbitrary list in no particular order:

1. Never become a senior. This is very important, which is why I've put it first. If you never become a senior, then you can't graduate and you will have successfully avoided all the responsibilities associated with living a productive life in society. Equally important, don't stay longer than four years. South Bend slowly drains your soul away.

2. Go to the DPAC. It's a rather classy building brimming with art of every variety. The tickets are always cheap for students and the shows that go on there are of the highest caliber. Watch foreign movies, student productions and world famous orchestras. They all come to the DPAC. Get cultured!

3. Travel abroad. It very well could actually manifest as the life-changing event some make it out to be, but more importantly it will be easy. You will travel, make new friendships and sample all sorts of fantastic food — most notably spicy lamb shawarma.

4. We are all children of the 90s (especially those that weren't school kids in the 90s), so know the pop culture that shaped you! N'Sync, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, O.J. Simpson — all even alive in the 80s), so know the pop culture that shaped you!

5. Know your Internet humor. The Internet seems to be a greater source of comedy than most films have been in recent memory. This is what makes our generation unique to the ones that came before it. It's not a trap.

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7. Watch "Arrested Development." It launched the careers of Michael Cera and Will Arnett and its episodes provide more jokes per minute than any other show I have encountered. It's quickly developing into a humor powerhouse, so don't you dare miss another episode. You get bonus points for making it a social event, or a party, with chocolate-covered bananas or something like that.

8. Pick a major you actually like, not one you think you should have. Except for incredibly rare scenarios, the major you have after freshman year should not be the one you graduate with.

9. Be secretly needy, or overtly nerdy. People should know why I've put it first. If you never become a senior, then you can't graduate and you will have successfully avoided all the responsibilities associated with living a productive life in society. Equally important, don't stay longer than four years. South Bend slowly drains your soul away.

10. Engage in a Viewpoint war. Please. They're generally funnier without a viewpoint controversy.

11. Don't pick at it, or it will never heal. I wish all my editors would learn this, and remember that you will never be around as many different, unique and interesting people as you will have been in college. Take advantage of that.

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By MICHICLE FORDICE

Assistant Scene editor

I walked into The Observer office as a freshman on a whim. I hadn't worked for the paper at my high school and was simply trying it on for size. Four years later, working for Scene definitely numbers among some of the best parts of my Notre Dame experience and chiefly when it comes to writing my beloved Dining Hall Dish column.

Still, I am going to surmise that most of you out there are at best vaguely interested in my good-byes. So I will combine my adieux and reminiscences with something more proactive. Recorded below are the best parts of my Notre Dame experience — chiefly when it comes to writing my beloved Dining Hall Dish column.

Above all, Scene gives you the most opportunities to be creative. I've had to come up with articles about everything from politics, to the Will to Russian ballet companies, to how to survive a South Bend winter. Or best yet, how to survive the dining hall. I've reviewed plays in a language I don't know a word of and gotten to peruse the best of the promotional material the entertainment industry decides to send us. Working for Scene gives you a glimpse into the way creativity and art influence our culture.

So I hope this has inspired you to think about joining The Observer. Come polish up your writing, find the best excuse in the world to do something other than homework and, above all, have fun.

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By MARK WITTE
Assistant Scene Editor

I have learned a number of important life lessons and gained many rewards from my short tenure as a writer and assistant editor in the Scene department of The Observer. My first night flying solo on the job I spent nearly eight hours in the basement of South Dining Hall only to discover that I was being paid hourly by the hour, but by the page. For my work that evening, in reality, I earned less than $3 an hour. Then I learned the importance of asking about little details, such as pay, before accepting a job from a smiling Tim Andrews. I worked much faster the next week.

I have also learned that the only way to get out of the office at a decent hour is to treat the managing editors or the Editor-in-Chief with the utmost respect. If they're in a bad mood, you're in a bad mood because your pages sure aren't getting checked. Thus, I have learned the importance of dressing up. Because sometimes such decorum involves kissing up or splendidly telling the Managing Editor that you are his friend or that Maryland is in fact an important state.

Writing for The Observer has become my passion and such passion for movies. Posing as a film critic gave me a convenient excuse to skip off during the middle of the week to watch movies for free. Better yet, the job afforded me the opportunity to share its wondrous memories, profusion of expletives and late night laughs with campus what I love about film, whether it was my awe at the breathtakingly haunting cinematography of "There Will Be Blood," or merely my obsession with "The Big Lebowski."

Even more rewarding were the invitations to do play reviews. I will never forget the dress rehearsal of "The Pillowman," which I watched, experienced. Alone with the actors on the intimate third floor of Washington Hall I remember being overwhelmed by the intensity of the dark theatrical gaze of the force carrying on before my eyes. Thank you Stephen, you were masterful.

Writing for The Observer also allowed me to portray myself as a wimp. Last year I was convinced by the Scene Editor to do a piece about Bengali Rut's training. I took the opportunity to cry like a baby about the rigorous training endured by the boxers while shamelessly pluging the program's altruistic purpose. Finally, I have learned that no one in the world is as patient as the Scene Editor. This I most certainly learned from experience as this year's prodigal son. Thus, I would like to say thank you Analise. Thank you for all your hard work and more importantly for your never-ending patience. Thank you for not firing me and for your pages sure aren't getting checked.

I would like to start out by saying that I'm just doing this because I want to be a completely unoriginal lemming. I love conformity. In fact, I don tan Ugg boots, ND sweats and a black Northface as I write. Just to remind myself that I am completely not unique. I would like to announce this on a campus-wide scale. This is the best use of the exposure I get as the rising Scene Editor and a Scene writer, because who doesn't want to know 25 facts all about me? My Facebook friends just aren't enough.

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I have a mental list of bad ideas for inside columns. Here are 25.

1. I'm a Scene writer. Also surprising, I'm sure you never would have guessed that I'm interested in that thing called Notre Dame football and therefore turn to the sportier pages. And I guess some people are attracted to "real news." But really You tube picks, movies and music are about as real as it gets (unless you are on a boat, like Andy Samberg). We're the section everyone likes or at least checks out for pretty pictures.

2. After a lovely Spring Break in the sun, I will be spending hours upon hours in the basement of South Dining Hall. Not in Grab's or, but in the journalism cave. But I will be consoled by a new, shiny nameplate and an updated byline.

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15. These 25 things are making me realize my insignificance and peculiarities.

16. I think self-reflections are abhorrent.

17. Of my initiatives as Scene Editor is to allow students to submit "I'M" stories for "EMI, Fridays." I just came up with this today.

18. I really wish people would stop wearing white leggings. Leggings are hard enough to pull off. White is difficult as a pant. Don't try it at home for better yet in (public) kids.

19. Free staff, interviews with cool bands and artists, and getting meals, CDs, DVDs, and tickets paid for are amazing perks to my job.

20. They could be perks to your job too, if you came and worked for Scene.

21. If you want to work for Scene, you should e-mail me.

22. I watch people at the filming halls like they're on a carousel.

23. That last statement made me sound like a huge creeper.

24. If it weren't insanely cruel, I would start a "What Not To Wear: Notre Dame Edition," where I'd snap pictures of people's outfits and tear them apart, destroy their self-esteem like a 360-degree mirror, and then rebuild them as fashion clones, with safe, mediocre fashion sense. This is not copying someone by the name of Stacy or Clinton.

25. The above would entail me hiding in bushes and trees and being really mean. Neither of which I am fond of.

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15. These 25 things are making me realize my insignificance and peculiarities.

16. I think self-reflections are abhorrent.

17. Of my initiatives as Scene Editor is to allow students to submit "I'M" stories for "EMI, Fridays." I just came up with this today.

18. I really wish people would stop wearing white leggings. Leggings are hard enough to pull off. White is difficult as a pant. Don't try it at home for better yet in (public) kids.

19. Free staff, interviews with cool bands and artists, and getting meals, CDs, DVDs, and tickets paid for are amazing perks to my job.

20. They could be perks to your job too, if you came and worked for Scene.

21. If you want to work for Scene, you should e-mail me.

22. I watch people at the filming halls like they're on a carousel.

23. That last statement made me sound like a huge creeper.

24. If it weren't insanely cruel, I would start a "What Not To Wear: Notre Dame Edition," where I'd snap pictures of people's outfits and tear them apart, destroy their self-esteem like a 360-degree mirror, and then rebuild them as fashion clones, with safe, mediocre fashion sense. This is not copying someone by the name of Stacy or Clinton.

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A-Rod meets with MLB officials, moves forward

MLB

Talks between the New York Yankees and the Major League Baseball Players Association in New York City this week have reportedly gone well, according to reports.

Despite some initial concerns, the two sides have been able to make progress in their negotiations, which have been ongoing since last year.

"We've had some productive discussions," said a source close to the talks. "We're optimistic that we can make some headway in the coming weeks."
**NCAA Men's Basketball**

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**NFL**

Still searching for NFL players

Associated Press

**CLEARWATER, Fla. —** The Coast Guard on Monday narrowed the search area for two NFL players and a third man missing since a weekend fishing trip off the Florida Gulf Coast after crew rescued a fourth man clinging to a capsized boat.

Survivor Nick Schuyler, a former University of South Florida player, told rescuers that the boat the four friends were aboard was anchored after it flipped Saturday evening in rough seas, said Coast Guard Capt. Timothy M. Close.

Since then, Schuyler, who was wearing a life vest, had been hanging onto the boat found by a Coast Guard cutter 35 miles off Clearwater.

Schuyler said the other three men got separated from the boat. The 23-foot boat belongs to Oakland Raiders linebacker Marquis Cooper, who, along with free-agent defensive lineman Corey Smith and former South Florida player William Bleakley, remained missing.

Schuyler was conscious but appeared weak as he was being taken off a helicopter at Tampa General Hospital and placed on a stretcher.

His father said his son was in serious but stable condition and that he "looks OK."

"He's got some cuts and bruises. He's dehydrated," said Stuart Schuyler, Schuyler's mother.

"Dancing With the Stars" dancer Taylor Hunter was aboard as it capsized, said Stuart Schuyler. "We still have three men missing, and we're not going to talk too much until we find these guys," said his father, Stuart Schuyler. "We're all praying for them. These guys are all very close friends."

Coast Guard photos showed Schuyler wearing a yellow jacket and orange life vest and sitting on the hull of the capsized boat as a rescue cutter approached. A helicopter lowered a basket to haul him aboard. The search area is now "substantially smaller," based on where they found the boat and Schuyler, Close said.

Searchers had previously covered 16,000 square miles of ocean.

Smith's family planned to drive to Florida from Richmond, Va., Tuesday, after the snowy weather in the East made getting a flight impossible.

**In Brief**

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Cavaliers’ late comeback leads to win over Heat

Thunder take down Mavericks without team leaders Durant and Green, Westbrook gets first triple-double

Associated Press

MIAMI — This time, the Miami Heat were the ones who got the best of the Cleveland Cavaliers, not winners, because of a fourth-quarter comeback.

LeBron James scored 23 points, and the Cleveland Cavaliers rallied from an 11-point deficit in the final minutes to beat the Heat 107-100 Monday night.

Dwyane Wade had 41 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for Miami, strongly following up his record-setting two nights earlier against the New York Knicks, when the Heat rallied from 15 points down in the last 9 minutes.

That was enough to win.

This effort wasn’t.

Williams got the comeback going with two huge jumps to spark a 12-0 run that erased what seemed like a comfortable lead midway through the final period. And James sealed it with 42 seconds left, passing past Jamiro Moon for a four-right-handed slam to put the Cavaliers 100-95.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 12 points and grabbed 15 rebounds for Cleveland, which moved a full game ahead of idle Boston for the top seed in the Eastern Conference.

Jeronimo O’Neal scored 16 points for Miami while Chalmers added 15 and Moon had 11 for Miami, while James scored 27 of his 46 points in the final 13 minutes.

The Heat, which was 47-59 last season, took a huge step toward another 50-win season because of the injured ankle of star small forward LeBron James, who was held out against the Cleveland Cavaliers for the second straight game because of the injured ankle.

James’mana was missed for four quarters and 57 minutes.

The Heat improved to 6-1 in its last seven games.

The Cavaliers were 5-22 a year ago.

The Heat were 2 for 17 from 3-point range — James was 6-17 from 3-point range — James was 6-17 from 3-point range.

Thunder 96, Mavericks 87

With franchise cornerstones Kevin Durant and Jeff Green out with injuries, Russell Westbrook and the last-place Oklahoma City Thunder easily had the most to work in as a team, "said Carlisle...

They didn’t have much to cheer the rest of the way, either.

Thunder forward LeBron James (23) shoots in the first quarter Monday while being defended by Heat forward Udonis Haslem.
West leads Hornets to 98-91 win over 76ers

Hawks take down Wizards as Jamison scores 23 points; Pistons take down Celtics, Pierce scores 26 points
NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
UConn women have 30-0 season
Top-ranked Huskies looking ahead to the Big East tournament

Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Unbeaten and still unsurpassed, the Associated Press top-rated Thrashers simultaneously served as president for Kasten, who in 1999 front-office team. “I’m doing Stan Kasten. the Washington Nationals’ genus? moves until a successor is cho­

Villanova in the Big East
The Huskies finished that regular season in program histo­

Auriemma said. “I’m proud of lar season in program histo­

To lead the Scarlet Knights, who had won four straight by an average of 16 points before Monday’s loss. “Rutgers is a lot better than their record,” Auriemma said. “sometimes they find ways to lose. Doesn’t mean they are a bad team or don’t have the talent to win games.”

UConn, which became the team to beat in the Big East in 2006-07 to finish the regular season unblemished, has run through its opponents this season winning by an aver­

Leading 36-20 at the half, UConn looked as if it was on its way to another rout. The teams traded baskets over the first 4 minutes of the sec­

The Huskies turned it over on five of six possessions as conference unbeaten. “It’s a lot. I’ve never been able to do it the whole time I’ve been here,” Montgomery said. “I come to practice every night and I always wanted to do it. It was one of our goals. It gives you more motivation.”

Tina Charles added 14 points and 10 rebounds to a team which will next play in the quarter­

The Scarlet Knights honored seniors Vaughn and Zurich before the game. Vaughn is the fourth player in school history to have at least 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds. With her seventh double-double Monday night she moved past Regina Howard into fourth place on Rutgers’ career list.

MLB
Nationals search for GM
Jim Bowden resigns, team president Stan Kasten in charge

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nationals are close to signing free agent Orlando Cabrera to a 34 million, one-year contract, likely ending former AL Rookie of the Year and Pollock, Crosby’s disappointing tenure as the team’s starting short­

The Athletics said there would not be an announce­ment Monday. The deal is contingent on the 34-year-old Cabrera’s passing a physical. Cabrera, a two-time Gold Glove winner, hit .281 with eight home runs and 57 RBIs in 161 games with the Chicago White Sox last sea­

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alleviate the scoring drought; we pour in 33 to grab both a veteran and a freshman. Freshman Natalie Novosel will replace injured Kellie Watson, but senior Lindsay Schrader will replace freshman Kellie Watson. Against West Virginia, junior Erica Williamson would exchange spots with freshman Erica Solomon until Solomon got into foul trouble. The Belles finished with five points and had three rebounds and Watson had two rebounds and two assists. Novosel finished with one point. Despite the trouble the freshmen had today, McGraw was more impressed with their performance than she had been in previous games.

"Today we had the most bench points we have had in a long time. Our bench has not scored much lately," McGraw said in a press conference after Monday’s game wasn’t pretty. "It’s understandable a freshman would make a three. That has to make points we have had in a long time. Now we have to be more optimistic about their potential."

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McGraw said. "It’s good doing it," McGraw said. "We are not fair to criticize the girls too heavily. They have their talents. Watson can shoot the three and had a few open looks Monday but chose to pass instead. Sometimes they will have a shot, and they will score and rebound in the paint. It’s not fair to criticize the girls too heavily."

The Belles will now look to build on their young talent for next year. But Henley isn’t quite sure who will be able to fill the big shoes that Newsom, Beier, Conaty, and Rashid will leave behind.

"It’s hard to say who will fill the roles that are seniors had this year,” she said. "Each season brings a new identity.”

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Parker, Spurs storm past Clips

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tony Parker had 14 points and assists, and Tim Duncan finished with one point. But the San Antonio Spurs pulled away in the third quarter with four 3-pointers from Michael Finley to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 106-78 on Monday night.

Tim Duncan, playing his second game after missing the previous two games with a sore right knee, had 18 points, 12 rebounds and six assists before sitting out the fourth quarter. The 11-time All-Star needs 18 points to overtake Scottie Pippen for 44th place on the career scoring list.

Finley and Matt Bonner each had 14 points for the Southwest Division leaders, who avoided their first three-game losing streak since starting the season.

Manu Ginobili, the NBA’s sixth man of the year last season, missed eight straight free throws because of an ankle injury. He is expected to miss at least another week.

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mates, except for Ayers, were made it hard for McAlamey to get switching man-to-man, which couldn't get open. Villanova had his best offensive games this season, those parts couldn't get in the game. McAlamey, who turned the ball over four times. These miscues were part of a larger theme for the Irish as the Irish turned the ball over 15 times in total — well above their NCAA-leading average of 11.1.

"They made us play faster than we've been used to," senior forward Terry Jackson said of the Wildcats' defense. "Defensively, they get right up on you, tricking Irish they are very scrappy. At first we were in a rhythm, but they took us right out of it."

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"It's disappointing just in the sense that we kind of knew what was coming," Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said. "We've been playing in the NIT for a year and a half, coming off a good fight at Connecticut. What a way to end Monday?"

"More than any team in the league, Notre Dame has its way of doing things and getting on top of you, especially when they're on top of you," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "I think we kind of knew what was going to happen. They were playing pretty well, especially on defense. "

So what's left for the Irish? "They are an outstanding offensive team and preparing for them is so difficult. For us to win, we have to make sure we're ready," point guard Tory Jackson said. "Defensively, they get right up on you, tricking Irish they are very scrappy. At first we were in a rhythm, but they took us right out of it."

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

The bubble bursts

Irish devastated at home by Villanova

By GREG ARROGAST
Sports Writer

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

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Irish hopes dwindle with crushing defeat

If Notre Dame’s season is doomed to end in the N.I.T this year, which is the likely scenario after its loss to Villanova, Monday night was an appropriate swan song.

Notre Dame had one final chance against No. 16 Villanova in the regular season to show it’s worthy of being in the NCAA Tournament.

But the Irish lost. And they lost in a way that encapsulated everything that has gone wrong in a frustrating season.

Some players said it was the most disappointing loss in a season that had no shortage of candidates vying for that award.

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