Students packed the LaFortune Ballroom Wednesday night for the “Hearts 4 Haiti Benefit Concert.” The concert — sponsored by Friends of the Orphans (FOTO) — raised funds for Haiti relief following the Jan. 12 earthquake that devastated the nation’s capital of Port-au-Prince.

The concert featured The Undertones, student-musician Pat McKillen and the Notre Dame Brass Band. The Undertones performed 1990s classics such as “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” and “The Lion Sleeps Tonight.” The songs were followed by both originals and covers by McKillen, which included a surprisingly successful acoustic rendition of Ke$ha’s “Tik Tok.”

“I thought the concert was a great showing of the talents and generosity of Notre Dame students,” freshman Erin Wright said.

FOTO sponsors Haiti benefit concert

Students gather for President’s address

Protesters deliver letter, ask for policy change

Students and faculty hold a ‘No Home Under the Dome’ rally, NDSP denies group entrance to Main Building

Demonstrators attempted to deliver a letter addressed to University President Fr. John Jenkins demanding that sexual orientation be included in Notre Dame’s non-discrimination clause to Main Building Wednesday.

The letter was accepted by an administrative assistant from Jenkins’s office after student organizers of the “No Home Under the Dome” demonstration and faculty participants were denied access to the building by a Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) officer.

The letter, part of an initiative to add sexual orientation to the University’s non-discrimination clause and formally support a gay-straight alliance on campus, asked that the University “move beyond words and into concrete actions which fully bring [lesbian, gay, bisexual, and ally students] into equality at Notre Dame.”

The protest organized at the corner of Angela Blvd. and Notre Dame Ave.

Over 200 participants walked up Notre Dame Ave. to Main Building with purple tape over their mouths. They asked that sexual orientation be added to Notre Dame’s non-discrimination clause.
INSIDE COLUMN

My middle ground

I’ve been thinking a lot about stereotypes. At the beginning of the fall semester, I taught my friend Tess about The Notre Dame football coaching staff and told her to sound impressive by talking about Frank Verducci and his approach to the offensive line (a lot of good that does her now). After that lesson, she called me a “Renaissance woman.” I’m not really sure what that means.

What I do know is that it’s hard to break out of any sort of feminine stereotype. On the morning of Thursday, Jan. 7, I was contemplating that very issue as I drove to the bank. It seems you can either conform to a stereotype, or be opposite to it.

But where’s the middle ground? I imagined that a lot of women my age wonder the same thing as they try to figure out what to do with their lives.

That night I sat down in front of our high-definition television, ate Buffalo wings and yelled at the screen as Nick Saban classlessly coached his way to a national championship.

I don’t think there are any grounds to the idea that women don’t like wings or football or hating on Nick Saban, but I was still being an anti-stereotype at that moment.

After the game, my mom and sister went to bed and my dad went to the basement to watch the Cavs. I went into the kitchen, popped in my “Fearless: Platinum” CD and began to clean so that I could bake cookies for the next-door neighbors, who had just had a baby boy.

In other words, I was being a suburban housewife.

Well, I opened the cabinet under the sink to get some Ajax, and out crawled a big spider.

My first thought was to call my dad to come kill it for me. Then, I realized:

“No. This is my middle ground!”

So I grabbed my dad’s shoe and took a whack at the spider. The little guy was really, though. He played dead, and once some time had passed he figured he was okay and began to crawl. I got him in the end, though. I celebrated by dancing to “Hey Stephen,” and then continued to wash the dishes.

Of course, I would now like to bring this together by using the acts of baking cookies and killing spiders as some overarching metaphor for femininity and life as a woman, but I don’t have the literary skills to pull that off.

The point is that I found a middle ground in between being a stereotype and an anti-stereotype, and I’ll continue to try to do so.

Now if you’ll excuse me, I have

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your favorite spot on campus?

Colin Keeler
Sophomore

Lauren Aristorenas
Sophomore

Neil O’Dougherty
Freshman

Ryan McCargar
Junior

“Obviously, the greatest prison complex on campus, Stanford Hall.”

“LaFun. It has everything you could ever need.”

“Kennan Hall ... Where dreams come true.”

“Hesburgh International Cafe. The pancakes are the bomb.”

Students walk across a snow-covered North Quad Wednesday. After several days of warm weather, students experienced the first significant snowfall of the semester.

OFFBEAT

3-year-old dials 911 after grandmother has seizure

MAPLE SHADE, N.J. — A 3-year-old New Jersey boy was hailed as a hero after he called 911 on Friday after his grandmother had a seizure.

Jaden Bolli was at grandmother Patricia Bolli’s home in Maple Shade because his other grandmother, who was supposed to watch him, was sick. When the 54-year-old grandma went out to get some puzzles, she had a seizure. The boy found a phone and dialed 911 for help as his mother taught him to do just days before.

Burlington County 911 Coordinator Monica Gavin said the call was very unusual. Usually, when a child dials 911 she says, it’s an accident.

But she said it shows that young children can be taught how to get help in an emergency.

Patricia Bolli is in a hospital, where doctors are trying to diagnose her illness.

Portland City Hall evacuated due to overcooked bagel

PORTLAND, Ore. — An overdone bagel forced the evacuation of Portland’s City Hall.

The Oregonian reported that City Hall emptied for about 20 minutes Wednesday morning while firefighters dealt with the burning bagel in the break room of Mayor Sam Adams’ office.

There’s no immediate word on who burned the bagel in the toaster oven or what type of bagel it was.

City commissioners were meeting at the time and joined those who took to the sidewalks.

Adams apologized for the interruption after the evacuation.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A conference titled “Catalytic Material by Design” will begin at 8:15 a.m. today. Only Notre Dame students and faculty may attend. The conference will be held in Mckenna Hall Auditorium.

The Office for Civic and Social Engagement will sell carnations at 11 a.m. today in the Student Center Atrium at St. Mary’s College. The proceeds from the flower sales will benefit the sponsorship of a house for Rebuilding Together.

Daily Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

“Othello” will be shown in Browning Cinema in the Debartho Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. today. For tickets, please call 574-631-2800.

A Christian Unity Prayer Service will be held at 7:15 p.m. today in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

A symposium titled “Thomas Aquinas’ Theology” will be held at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge today.

“Romeo and Juliet” will be presented by the Actors from the London Stage. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. today in Washington Hall. Tickets are $20 for the general public, $18 for senior citizens and $12 for students. To purchase tickets, please call 574-631-2800.

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

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Cluster renovation to finish

By CAITLYN KALSCHEUR
News Writer

The computer cluster in LaFortune Student Center is undergoing renovations that will be completed Feb. 1. Brian Burchett, manager of Classroom and Cluster Services, said.

Burchett said the cluster “needed a facelift.”

“The finished project will be worth the wait,” Walker Anderson, Campus Technology chair for Student Senate, said.

Burchett said the lab had become outdated.

The lab was made about 20 years ago for a time when most students did not have their own computers. So, the main purpose of the cluster was to get as many machines in an area as possible,” he said.

Now with a majority of students owning their own laptops, the cluster’s purpose has shifted to an area for collaborative work, he said.

Due to this shift in demand, Burchett said the setup of the lab did not effectively use the space in the room.

Anderson and his committee decided to work with the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and Burchett to improve the cluster.

While this plan has been in development for a couple of years, Anderson said the renovation was not funded until recently.

“The University was trying to be fiscally conservative during the recession,” he said. Burchett said the main goal is “reclaiming wasted space.”

Anderson said the layout, lighting and furniture will be the biggest changes to the space. Generally, the layout of the room will be altered with the removal of the service desk to create a more open setup for collaborative working.

A group room will also be added with a projector.

Anderson said the number of accessible machines will not change but the desks and furniture will.

Customized furniture will “create a hybrid workspace for both individual and collaborative learning environment,” he said.

Another element of the renovation will be brighter lighting and new carpet to transform the basement-like atmosphere to a more comfortable one.

While the target date for renovation will be completed Feb. 1, all projects may not be 100 percent complete by that time.

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Christian Unity Prayer Service

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Featuring music by:
Voices of Faith Gospel Choir
Totus Tuus
ISL Musicians
& the Celebration Choir

7:15 PM, Thursday, Jan 28th
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
People of all faiths are welcome

Sponsored by Campus Ministry
and the Theology Department

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Four groups request funding for activities

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA) received four requests for funding at their meeting Wednesday night. Members from Saint Mary’s Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s Irish Dance Team, Psi Chi and Sisters of Notre Dame presented their applications for different student activities that will be taking place this semester.

The members of Saint Mary’s Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, SMAACS, will be traveling to San Francisco for the convention of the American Chemical Society (ACS). Senior Jane Fleming presented the proposal along with three other students.

“ACS is the largest scientific organization in the country.” Fleming said, “The opportunity would provide great experience and networking possibilities for us.”

Three juniors and three seniors will be attending the event and two of the seniors, including Alex Petlick, will be presenting their research at the convention.

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s Irish Dance Team plans to send ten girls to the All-Ireland Dance Competition in Killarney, Ireland. Six Saint Mary’s students and four Notre Dame Students have entered the competition, which will take place in February.

SGA was not the first organization to be asked for funding for this trip. The group also received funding from the Notre Dame Irish Studies program and many alumni.

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By SCOTT ENGLERT  News Editor

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Several senators agreed with Shane.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

7 dead in apartment collapse
LIEGE, Belgium — Rescue workers recovered seven bodies from the rubble of an apartment building that collapsed Wednesday after an apparent gas explosion.

At least 21 people were injured, including two in serious condition.

Interior Ministry spokeswoman Margaux Donckier announced the new death toll late Thursday. The bodies were found well over half a day after the building exploded at 2 a.m. (0100 GMT, 8 p.m. EST Tuesday) and collapsed at dawn.

Donckier said it was unclear whether more than 200 residents were being searched for. A plastic bag marked "not for resale" was found in the street.

Investigators are performing DNA tests to determine whether the head and a severed arm belong to a woman and can be matched to a woman listed as present on the building's registry.

Local News

A campus security officer patrols outside of a residence hall at Hocking College Wednesday in Nelsonville, Ohio, after finding a threat against black students.

FBI investigates warning that two black students would be killed by Feb. 2

The FBI is investigating a threat scrawled last week on a bathroom wall warning that two black students would be killed Feb. 2. It bore the trademarks of just another casual — though chilling — threat of violence on a college campus, but students here aren't taking any chances.

At least two black students have withdrawn permanently from school because of fear for their safety, and another dozen have moved out of the dorm where the threat was found, officials at the two-year technical college said.

Some students seem untroubled, but others say the threat has brought simmering racial tensions to the surface.

The school confirmed Tuesday that the threat said black students would be killed Feb. 2. At least one student subsequently reporting "kill the n-----" was reported.

Hocking covers hundreds of densely treed acres in the Wayne National Forest about 60 miles southeast of Columbus. The campus overlooks Nelsonville, Ohio, an economically depressed rural town plagued with heroin addiction and unemployment.

About 400 of the school's 6,300 students are black, many of whom are foreign exchange students from the Caribbean.

The college has provided temporary housing for students who are too scared to stay in Hocking Heights, the dorm where the threats were found. And for those wary of venturing outside until after Feb. 2, teachers are making allowances for missed classwork.

Since the first threat was discovered Friday, the school has installed more security cameras in dorms and beefed up foot patrols.

"A $5,000 reward is being offered, and extra counselors are on hand," said.••.

A campus spokesman, Judy Sinnott, said that she had not heard previous complaints of racist taunting, but that on a small campus, anything can happen.

"Any time that there are young people, you know, there's going to be tension," Sinnott said. "Young people will be young people."

Edwards lives on the second floor of Hocking Heights, a few doors down from the two black students who abruptly quit. He's contemplating leaving, too, but hasn't decided.

Edwards said he has seen racist comments written on the same bathroom wall in the past but hadn't let it bother him. But two days after the first threat was found, he saw the second on the bathroom wall and reported it to campus police.

"I'm not sure how to feel," he said. "I'm just going to see how everything plays out." Another resident of the second floor, Amelia Marenco, sat on her bed and said that even though the threat doesn't include her, she is still afraid.

Marenco, who is half Puerto Rican, said she and her black roommate endured racist taunts in the cafeteria on several occasions last year.Her roommate declined to be interviewed.

"We'd be sitting at a lunch table and some guys would be sitting across the room, and they'd be screaming, like, 'n----- lover,' across the table," Marenco said. "I had enough of it one day and I got up and I just started yelling at them and telling them, like, 'There is no reason for you to treat someone like that.'"

Haiti

Food aid falling short 2 weeks after quake

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Street vendors openly sell U.S.-donated rice by the cupful from bags marked "not for resale." At a homeless camp, campers are told of thieves who try to sell her own food back to her.

As she spoke, a gang of youths pushed into a line of people waiting for water Wednesday, shouting at a woman who screamed and swung her bucket at their heads.

Such scenes are worse and common among crowds of Haitians lining up for rice, beans or ready-to-eat meals, forcing U.N. peacekeepers to fire pepper spray and Haitian police to swing sticks to restore control.

Whether locked up in warehouses or stolen by thugs from people's hands, food from the world's aid agencies still isn't getting to enough hungry Haitians, leaving the strongest and fittest with the most.

"Those people are just hungry," U.N. spokesman Vincenzo Pugliese said of the thousands thronging food distribution points. He said U.N. peacekeepers would reinforce security at the sites.

Two weeks into the quake catastrophe, food remains scarce for many of the neediest survivors despite the efforts of the United Nations, the U.S. military and scores of international aid agencies. Haitian leaders say coordination has been poor, while relief experts say this disaster is presenting unprecedented challenges.

Clutching a grocery bag filled only with small packets of donated water, 25-year-old Julia Jean-Clarence shrugged in resignation Wednesday.

"I lost all my clothes, homes and oil that were distributed last week," she said. "A group of young men shoved me and grabbed the bags and ran away," said the young woman, whose mother was killed in the quake.

An hour later, one of the men returned and offered to sell her the same food for the equivalent of $10. She refused, relying instead on a communal kitchen she forms with some homeless neighbors.
Lecture examines human development and dignity

By EMILY SCHRANK

Authentic development must be focused on the whole person, human, two Notre Dame professors said.

Maura Ryan, associate professor of political science, and Robert Dowd, assistant professor of political science, discussed the concept of human development as presented in Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "Caritas in Veritate." Ryan talked about the concept of development as it relates to a lecture in the Coleman-Morse Lounge and a path forward for next year and the decade ahead.

Ryan focused on the definition of development given by Pope Benedict and its relation to charity.

Pope Benedict makes the central claim that authentic, private, social, political and economic development should come from what people are concerned about and not from what is brought about by love and truth," she said. "The goal of development is to rescue people from endemic poverty."

While there has been about growth in the world, it is a growth burdened with many problems. She said these problems are rooted in the unregulated exploitation of the environment, the use of technology for profit rather than human need and the global economy.

He implies that only Christ can provide a specific social, Catholicism, that can achieve the unity necessary for development," she said. "Ultimately, Pope Benedict very much wants to resist the dichotomy between charitable acts and social reform." By EMILY SCHRANK

FOTO raises funds for Haiti

In the wake of the Haiti earthquake, the Notre Dame chapter of Friends of the Orphans (FOTO) is directing fundraising efforts to support the Haitian branch of the international orphanage organization, Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos (NPH).

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"We were sent here to serve our citizens, not our ambitions, so let's show the American people we can do it together," he said.

Notre Dame College Democrats co-president Chris Rhodenbaugh said the president's efforts to work as a unified country came through in his speech.

"I think the country needed leadership," he said. "He is there. He is present, but he is there. He is present, hidden behind all the pain."

Daly said seeing other people’s experiences is a positive experience in itself.

"I love seeing people's experiences at the orphanage and how it totally transforms their outlook on life," Daly said. "Their lifestyle is very different, more contemplative and thought provoking in service." Contact Ann-Marie Woods at aweeds4@nd.edu

SPRING BREAK SAFE

February 12

Bookstore Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is February 17!

Every year you need for your Lenten journey!
Apple introduces $499 iPad

CEO Steve Jobs unveils company’s highly-anticipated tablet computer

NEW YORK — Traveling on JetBlue this weekend could get messy.

The airlines is transferring to a new reservation system. Passengers will be unable to check flight status, click on jetblue.com or make phone calls to get an existing itinerary online for 24 hours beginning at noon on Friday. They also won’t be able to book travel at all.

For JetBlue, the biggest concern is ensuring a smooth transition and avoiding any customer frustration.

The airline says it is ready for potential delays and slip-ups after preparing two years for the switch. However, other airlines have attempted to switch reservation systems in recent years with less-than-stellar results, including widespread delays, baggage problems and help center backups.

To help prevent delays, JetBlue recommends travelers arrive at the airport early on Friday, Saturday and Sunday — two hours before a domestic flight and three hours for international trips.

Two rental companies pull Toyotas

NEW YORK — Two car rental companies said Wednesday they are pulling thousands of Toyotas from their fleets over faulty gas pedals.

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In Brief

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The half-inch-thick iPad is larger than the company’s popular iPhone but similar in design. It weighs 1.5 pounds and has a touch screen that is 9.7 inches diagonally. It comes with 16, 32 or 64 gigabytes of flash memory storage, and has WiFi and Bluetooth connectivity built in.

Jobs said the device has a battery that lasts 10 hours and can sit for a month on standby without needing a charge.

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Protest

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Building, where student organizers attempted to present the letter. After the students were denied entry to Main Building, about 40 faculty members joined the protest outside the building, but they were not admitted.

The NDSP officer told the faculty members that a representa-
tive of the University Office of the President would accept the peti-
tion on Jenkins’ behalf.

The letter said that Notre Dame has made “imcredible progress” in its efforts on recruiting people to

an official Gay-Straight Alliance, and includes sexual orientation in its own non-discrimination policy.

“Based on our Catholic values, the College also commits to avoiding discrimination based on sexual or political orienta-
tion,” according to the policy.

The University issued a state-
ment Wednesday afternoon defining its current non-dis-

crimination policy and the “Spirit of Inclusion,” which rep-

resents the University’s “commit-
tment to an inclusive commu-
nity.”

According to the statement, Notre Dame’s “Spirit of Inclusion” “was adopted based on the conclusion that it is unwill-
ing to leave civil courts the interpretation of University decisions that are made on the basis of Church teaching on sexual orientation and conduct.”

The letter to Jenkins praised the “Spirit of Inclusion,” but said “there is still work to be done.”

Jill Godmilow, a professor of Film, Television, and Theatre, and a member of the Notre Dame Progressive Faculty and Staff Association, said that gay students and their allies don’t “feel like they’re part of the family,” according to the policy. Organizers of the protest stressed that being lesbian, gay, and bisexual students is “in accord with Catholic Social Teaching.”

The letter cites Paul’s first let-
ter to the Corinthians, the Gospel of Matthew and the Catechism in support of “[pursu-
ing] full justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual students and allies.”

By not supporting a gay-

straight alliance, the University makes lesbian, gay, and bisexual students “feel like they’re not part of the family,” according to the policy.

Jennings cited the presence of gay-straight alliances at other Catholic colleges and universi-
ties as evidence that Notre Dame would not be breaking with the Church by supporting an alliance.

Saint Mary’s College sanctions mobile clinics in the slums.”

The concert is just one of the many ways the Notre Dame community has reached out in support of Haiti. The University issued the residence and con-

cession proceeds from the Jan. 23 and 24 men’s and women’s basketball games to Haiti-related charities and aid groups, includ-
ing the Notre Dame Haiti Program. These pro-
ceeds, when combined with a Student-Athlete Advisory Council collection during the games and a donation of $10,000 from the ND Monogram Club, raised $250,000 for relief.

“Raising this money for the poor in the slums will go a long way,” Daly said, addressing the audience at another event. “They say the darkest hour is right before the dawn. I believe we can bring that dawn to Haiti.”

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Daly and his sister, Saint Mary’s senior Tricia Daly, supports nine

orphanages in South America and the Caribbean. The club sends Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s pre-med and nursing stu-
dents abroad to work in these impoverished countries. The Dalys’ parents, a surgeon and nurse, are cur-
rently in Haiti addressing the widespread medical emergen-
cies.

“I’ve been amazed at the gen-
erosity of the student body,” Michael Daly said. “We’ve almost raised over $2,000. I’ve been talking to my parents over satellite phone, and they’ve been saying how much they need medical supplies. The money will go towards supplies for operating rooms and the
Colo. pot dispensaries welcome state regulation

William Chengelis said he can’t get his regular Veterans Administration doctors to sign off on medical marijuana and said buying pot illegally and using it without doctors’ oversight makes him more costly than paying a private doctor for follow-up care. “I cannot afford this bill,” Chengelis told lawmakers.

In response, the committee backed allowing the state to waive the $90 fee for those suffering from a variety of medical conditions, including cancer, glaucoma and post-traumatic stress disorder. The fee could be waivered in the case of patients who are being protested by doctors who refuse to follow up on patients taking medical marijuana.

While some advocates see any regulations as a violation of the medical marijuana law passed by voters in 2000, municipal leaders such as Eric Santos, who operates a restaurant in Denver, say they are concerned about the growth of dispensaries. The rules are set to take effect next week. But the new version is less strict than the former version.

The new version does not allow dispensaries to operate without any rules, which is what some municipal leaders said they were waiting to see before they would allow dispensaries to operate. The new rules allow dispensaries to operate in a trendy part of the city downtown, thinks it makes sense to limit large marijuana growers to industrial areas and keep dispensaries out of residential neighborhoods.

The state agency that regulates medical marijuana, which a legislative committee approved 6-1 Wednesday, would bar doctors from working out of dispensaries, make it illegal for patients to work out of dispensaries, and require a court order to allow dispensaries to work with a doctor.

Most of the 150 people at the hearing opposed the new rules. Many of them worry it will cost them hundreds of dollars of slack in the $90 annual fee they pay to register as a medical marijuana user.

Dispensary owners say they’re on board with regulations if they give them uniform guidelines and avert a more severe crackdown like one approved this week in Los Angeles. Hundreds of Los Angeles pot shops face closure after the City Council voted Tuesday to cap the number of dispensaries in the city at 70.

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denver — Colorado law- makers have an unlikely ally in their first attempt to curb the state’s burgeoning medical marijuana industry: owners of the same shops that sell pot.

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As a math major, I am often motivated to consider hypothetical prepositions of airy-fairy abstraction, unconnected in any way with the reality of daily life, solely for my own amusement. Naturally most of these questions involve mathematics in some way — for instance, “What would happen if two and two made five?” (The answer, of course, is that mathematics as we know it would implode.) However, on occasion I find my mind occupied by problems which do not have specifically mathematical origins, though they may be ripe for mathematical treatment. I present to you one now such meditation, a problem in information theory. Information theory deals with the diffusion of information across networks like the Internet. Without further ado, then, here is my totally hypothetical, utterly unreal scenario. What if, in the wake of a national scandal over a tasteless and quite literally gay-bashing comic in our newspaper, the national news media were to hear about certain other facts which might reflect poorly on Notre Dame? For instance, it is a well-known fact that those who care to pay attention to such things, that our non-discrimination clause conspicuously leaves gay people out. It is equally well known that petitions to amend the clause have been rejected over 15 years now, although a “Spirit of Inclusion” measure was passed, saying in effect, “Notre Dame includes gay people in everything! Everything, that is, except our non-discrimination clause. Sorry (not really).” However, I’m not sure that any of the various commentators who expressed so much outrage over the unfortunate comic are aware of Notre Dame’s long-standing refusal of such inclusion. It’s unclear to me what would happen if someone were to write one or more of them an e-mail, mentioning the two situations together and leaving them to connect the (not very far apart) dots. It does seem plausible that there might be a minor uproar which would reflect poorly on our university. It would be particularly unfortunate if it came now or in the next couple of months, a delicate time of year when high school seniors are carefully weighing their admissions options. I have not carried out this experiment myself, but I understand that Notre Dame is consistently ranked in the top 20 to 30 colleges in America. It would be fascinating if some research-minded blogger were to do some homework and try to find out how many of those other colleges exclude homosexuals from their clauses. It would be even more fascinating if they were to take a list of the Top 100 Colleges, from U.S. News and World Report, and see how far down the list they would have to go to find a similar exclusion. It’s possible, though again I have not checked, that we would be the only ones with such a dubious distinction. This is all purely theoretical, of course. Nor is it my impression that the so-called liberal media would have much appreciation for the nuances and deli- cacies of Notre Dame’s relationship with the Catholic Church in America which have kept homosexuals out in the cold for so long, in the unlikely event of someone alerting the media or the "blogosphere" in the manner which I have just melodramatically outlined. In fact it seems to me, though of course I can claim no expertise in the matter, that this is exactly the kind of story which could live up a few slow news days. And then you have the bloggers. Remember that one guy, last year, who wanted to march on campus with pictures of aborted fetuses? Remember the people who hired the fetus plane to fly overhead, and the embryo trucks to drive around, because we were letting someone who refused to outlaw abortion speak at our school? That is the level of ire a school which refuses to outlaw gay-bashing is going to attract. Or might attract. It’s hard to say. But there certainly was a lot of ire, even over one little comic! Though it appeared in the official school newspaper, the administration has been able to distance themselves from the issue. Nonetheless it strikes me that the University might have more difficulty distancing themselves from 15 years of refusals and evasions than they would have if the tasteless comic strip — no matter how accurately that comic depicted the anti-gay atmosphere at Notre Dame, and the “tools” who perpetuate it. Of course, the University could theoretically stare off such a disaster through preemptive action — that is, by including gay people in the non-discrimination clause. But that, I fear, is an even more improbable hypothetical than the others which preceded it. Sigh. Back to squaring the circle.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Legally bound to Catholic teachings

I am responding to a letter published on Jan. 24 entitled “Not our place to judge” by Jonathan Sarna. He had some interesting thoughts about judging homosexuals and a need to add sexual orientation to the University’s anti-discrimination clause that need to be addressed.

The act of judging (and prejudging) is something that everyone does every day. It is something we cannot avoid. When I add the word, because I judged it to have excellent academic and social integrity. I form a judgment or opinion of (dictionary.com) the University. I judge every building, that will not collapse without the opinion of the water I drink, holding the opinion that it is not contaminated.

In regards to morality (and more specifically homosexuality), Jonathan stated that “I don’t believe it is my place, nor Notre Dame’s, to judge of morality.” To begin, someone must be a “moral” guiding light, otherwise there would be no set morals. As a Catholic institution, Notre Dame makes moral judgments based on the guiding light of the Catholic Church. The University should strive to uphold Catholic moral teaching in every aspect.

Christopher

Encourage more students to study abroad

I was shocked and disappointed when I read the article “Notre Dame cancels Innsbruck program” in last Thursday’s Observer (Jan. 21). The program has a special place in my heart because I would not exist without this program. My parents met on an exchange program in the 1975-76 class and became great friends. Also, my twin brother is currently studying in Innsbruck as a member of, apparently, the last class at Notre Dame this program, I was shocked and disappointed when I read the article “Notre Dame cancels Innsbruck program” in last Thursday’s Observer (Jan. 21). The program has a special place in my heart because I would not exist without this program. My parents met on an exchange program in the 1975-76 class and became great friends. Also, my twin brother is currently studying in Innsbruck as a member of, apparently, the last class at Notre Dame.

This program is a particular gem because in other German-speaking cities, it is difficult to find German-speakers who do not speak English, but also provides a rich cultural experience. I spent Christmas in Austria this year to visit my brother and I glimpsed the opportunity to learn the German language, but also provides a rich cultural experience. I spent Christmas in Austria this year to visit my brother and I glimpsed the opportunity to learn the German language. When in this unintimidating atmosphere for an entire year, a student can really learn the language fluently.

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By JORDAN GAMBLE

The incessant suspense (Is it too cold now? What about now?) definitely makes "Shiver" a page-turner, although sometimes the logistics of Stiefvater’s werewolves bend too conveniently to fit the needs of the plot. Nevertheless, this quick, entertaining read is well crafted. It’s a smart and "pretty" book that hauls in the emotional investment.

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Starring: Peter Silberman, Darby Cicci, Albert Hughes

As the opening credits of “The Book of Eli” ran across the screen, I thought about how I’d probably be sorry in another two hours that I had taken the time to see what would probably be a predictable, pretentious and altogether forgettable film. It just so happens that not only is “The Book of Eli” a watchable film, but dare I say, and yes I must certainly will, a good (albeit flawed) film. Both right below the threshold level on the shoot-em-up side of things and intelligently measured in its effort not to be too preachy in pushing the word, or importance of Christianity on the human consciousness, this Denzel Washington plays Eli, a blade-wielding wanderer heading West in post-apocalyptic America, where the human condition has gone to die on a planet that’s left are those who scavenge for valuables amongst the rubble and those who’ll kill them to take those valuables. Eli, however, one of the only living survivors of an end-all nuclear war, has the only thing of real value left on Earth — the key to human hope and the only chance at a future, something he’s been carrying with him for 30 years. It is his faith, blind as everyone else except perhaps the film’s villain, Carnegie (Gary Oldman) perceive it to be, that guide him on an unnamed mission to prove not only the key to his destiny but the key to everyone else’s. Caught in the crosshairs between those hungry for power and those hungry for valuables that in this day and age we take for granted, Eli treks on with the only worthwhile purpose still left in man. Only death surrounds him, and on the road, really the only way out West, danger lurks in every which way.

“The Book of Eli” is riddled with pitfalls — pitfalls that in large part the film manages to avoid. What seems like a piece of religion and a lone ranger, who goes about fashing everyone, meets the predictable bad guy with nothing interesting about him and a pretty girl who follows him blindly, is actually a dynamic tale that works, regardless of one’s religious convictions. Sure, the film adheres to many of the big-budget rules, and Mila Kunis is oddly cast (and this becomes increasingly more perplexing as the film closes), but good genre-heading storytelling that avoids being predictable is definitely something worthy of praise. And speaking of predictable … which this film is most certainly not (at least towards the end, that is), the big elephant in the room here is the dramatic “Huh?” Oh … actually, that makes complete sense; it’s twist positioned neatly right at the end of the film, or more appropriately right where the film loses its suspense, then runs a bit overlong. The film here be seen again because, like “The Sixth Sense,” it’s screaming out at you the entire time, but you’re blind to it until, like a sudden whirlwind, it hits you and makes you fall back into your seat, only to realize that it’s been staring at you the entire time.

Go see it and chances are that you’ll want to see it again. Not because “The Book of Eli” is an exercise in film genius, or because Denzel Washington, as well measured as he is, is Oscar worthy, but because of the intrigue in knowing but not being able to recognize what’s there all along, and the curiosity that follows. Therein lies the real success to what should pleasantly surprise quite a few filmgoers.
**MLB**

Dawson to enter Hall of Fame as Expo, not Cub

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Andre Dawson will be inducted into the Hall of Fame as a Montreal Expo, despite his insistence to go in as a Chicago Cub.

The Hall announced its decision Wednesday. Dawson told WMVP-AM in Chicago that he thought Hall officials would discuss the issue with him in detail before the decision was made. He said he wanted a chance to tell them “what really counted” and referred to “hall of Fame status and pretty much what my preference was but I think their decision had been made. It was a little gut-wrenching for me to hear that but it’s their decision.”

“I’m disappointed,” Dawson told the ESPN Radio affiliate. “I can proudly say that because Chicago was my preference.”

Dawson’s official statement issued by the hall was more circumspect.

“I respect the Hall of Fame’s decision to put an Expo on my cap, and I understand their responsibility to make sure the logo represents the greatest impact in my career,” Dawson said in Wednesday’s statement. “Cubs fans will always be incredibly important in my heart, and I owe them so much for making my time in Chicago memorable, as did the fans in Montreal, Boston and South Florida, my home. But knowing that I’m on the Hall of Fame team is what’s most important, as it is the highest honor I could imagine.”

The induction ceremony in Cooperstown, N.Y., is July 25. Dawson played his first 11 seasons with Montreal, batting .285 with 225 home runs and 838 RBIs. He also played two years each for Boston and Florida before retiring in 1996.

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**Australian Open**

Davydenko falls in 4 sets, Federer advances to semifinals

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — The only three men to beat Roger Federer in the last 19 majors were already out of the Australian Open, leaving the Swiss star with a new threat to face.

Monday Davydenko’s 13-match winning streak was the hottest on the tour and included two wins over Federer during title runs at the season-ending championships in November and the season-opening event at Doha earlier this month.

The Russian unloaded everything he had on Federer for a set and a half Wednesday and was suddenly in uncharted territory at a Grand Slam tournament.

That’s when a bit more weight was to be determined at the consent of the players in the series win with a five-game victory over the Phillies in 1981. Idelson also said it’s the museum’s responsibility to “properly interpret the history of the game.”

“Every Hall of Fame plaque lists all of the teams where an electee played or managed,” he said. “Fans of ‘The Hawk’ in every city in which he played should claim Andre as one of their own.”

The Expos franchise, which played its first season in 1969, became the Washington Nationals before the 2005 season. Asked if he believed the hall wanted to preserve Expos history, Dawson said: “The hall clearly stated their major concern was the history of the game.”

In 1999, there was a stir caused by reports that Tampa Bay would compensate the newly retired Wade Boggs if his Hall of Fame plaque bore a Devil Rays logo.

Boggs denied it, but the hall two years later revoked the right of a player to choose the logo on the cap on his plaque. Boggs was inducted in 2005 and his plaque sports a Boston Red Sox logo.

Dawson is the only player for 2010 to receive at least 75 percent of the vote to be inducted into the hall. He will be inducted along with manager Whitey Herzog and umpire Doug Harvey.

Herzog’s plaque will feature a St. Louis Cardinals logo, and the Royals, Rangers and Angels will all be listed.

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Danny: That’s cool baby, you know how it’s, model and all that stuff.

Sandy: Danny? Danny: That’s my name, don’t wear it out.

Sandy: What’s the matter with you? Danny: What’s the matter with me, baby, that’s the matter with you?

Sandy: What happened to the Danny. Luke: I don’t know. Maybe there’s two of us. Why don’t you take out a missing person’s ad?

Luke: No, my father didn’t fight in the Clone Wars. He was a navigator on my uncle’s TIE-fighter.

Obi-Wan: That’s your uncle you told me about. He didn’t hold with your father’s ideals; he felt he should’ve stayed here and not gotten involved.

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Fleury says he had to wait to reveal sex abuse

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The former NHL star revealed on his website two weeks ago that he had made the complaint against his former junior hockey coach.

Winnipeg police are now investigating the allegations of sexual abuse contained in Fleury’s recent autobiography “Playing With Fire.”

The former coach pleaded guilty in 1997 to repeatedly sexually assaulting two teenage players between 1984 and 1995. He was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in jail.

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Schiefelbein began as a public relations intern with Green Bay in 1989, three years before Holmgren took over as Packers coach.

The Browns also hired Kent Johnston as their head strength and conditioning coach. Johnson had been out of football four years after he had spent two years at Alabama.

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Cardinals’ Warner to make announcement Friday

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner will hold a news conference Friday to announce whether he will retire from the game, his agent said.

Mark Bartelstein, in a telephone interview Wednesday, said the announcement will be made at the Cardinals training facility in Tempe. Bartelstein declined to reveal Warner’s decision.

The 38-year-old quarterback, who has led two franchises to the Super Bowl and one to the NFL title, has strongly considered retiring before this season that saw him miss a game with a concussion. He led the Cardinals to an 11-7 season, including a wild playoff victory over Green Bay, one year after directing Arizona on a stunning run to the Super Bowl.

The Cardinals were eliminated 11 days ago in the divisional round by New Orleans.

Warner has one year, worth about $11.5 million, on the two-year contract he signed before last season but the day after Arizona was eliminated in 45-14 loss to the Saints, he said money would not be a significant factor in his decision.

“I don’t want to come back just to get the paycheck or just because my right arm is intact if I can’t do everything that I would want to do or if I’m not willing, what I’ve done in the past,” Warner said at the time. “That’s the bottom line.”

He said that although he loves the games themselves, it’s the long hours of physical and mental preparation that wear on him.

“The farther I’ve gotten into this, the more and more I demand of myself, that’s physically, staying in shape because I’m older, that’s mentally in preparing and putting in work and time to try to help put this thing together the way that I want it put together,” Warner said. “All that stuff gets more and more a burden every year.”

If Warner decides to step away, it will be the end of a remarkable story of rags to riches to rags then riches again.

After toiling in the Arena Football League and NFL Europe, with a stint stocking grocery shelves, Warner was 28 when injuries to others made him the starting quarterback for the St. Louis Rams.

What followed was a magical season that ended with the Rams NFL champions and Warner the league and Super Bowl MVP. He got the “Greatest Show on Turf” back to the Super Bowl two years later, where the Rams lost to New England.

But after an injury-plagued 2002 season, he was sacked six times and suffered a concussion in a 2003 season-opening loss to the New York Giants. He never started for St. Louis again.

He signed a free agent contract with the Giants for 2004, but was replaced by rookie Eli Manning after nine games.

Warner came to the Cardinals in 2005 and was an off-and-on starter before replacing the injured Matt Leinart part way through the 2007 season.

Warner had to beat out Leinart the following spring, then led the Cardinals to the NFC West crown and playoff victories over Atlanta, Carolina and Philadelphia before the narrow loss to Pittsburgh in last year’s Super Bowl.

Warner has 32,344 career passing yards in the regular season in 12 NFL seasons. His playoff statistics are even more impressive.

He has compiled a 9-4 record, and his performance in the 2005 overtime wild card victory over Green Bay was nearly perfect. Warner had more touchdown passes — five — than incompletion four, going 29 for 33 for 379 yards in the highest-scoring game in NFL history.

He and his wife Brenda have seven children. The couple operate the First Things First Christian charitable foundation.

Last year, he was named the NFL’s Man of the Year for his off-the-field and on-field accomplishments.

Warner’s departure would leave Leinart the presumed replacement. The former Heisman Trophy winner has started 17 games for Arizona but only one in the last two years. He has been erratic in his few chances as Warner’s backup.

“I do realize there’s a good chance that he’s going to retire and my opportunity might finally come, so we’ll see,” Leinart said as he cleaned out his locker 10 days ago. “But I’m just going to prepare like I did this offseason, probably work even harder, and we’ll see what happens.”

NFL

Jaguars fire defensive line coach Monachino

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars have fired defensive line coach Ted Monachino and replaced him with Joe Cullen.

Monachino, who had been with the team the last four seasons, essentially became the scapegoat for a defense that ranked last in the NFL in sacks. The Jaguars finished with a franchise-low 14 sacks in 2009 and got picked apart by experienced quarterbacks.

Cullen takes over a line that includes former first-round draft pick Derrick Harvey and second-rounder Quillin Groves, both of whom struggled in their first two seasons.

Cullen coached at Idaho State last season after spending four seasons with the Detroit Lions. His NFL tenure was marred by two years as a reserve last week in 2006.

Cullen was charged with increasing the unit’s productivity after going through a fast-four drill in which defensive line players were timed through lane nak. He was charged with D.U. a week later and suspended for a game and fined $20,000 by the league.

Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver, who vowed last year to avoid players with questionable character and off-field problems, backed the firing after communicating with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

Goodell said Cullen, a recovering alcoholic who has been sober for three and a half years, has done enough to deserve a second chance.

“Joe paid a heavy price, and rightly so,” Goodell wrote in a letter to Weaver. “But to his credit, throughout this process he has always accepted responsibility and has willingly embraced the result as an opportunity to become a better person and role model. Not only has he fully complied with the obligations that were imposed on him, but he has undertaken several others on his own.”

Cullen coached at Richmond, LSU, Memphis, Indiana, and Illinois before moving to the NFL. It was unclear whether Cullen will be in the league’s substance abuse program.

“Having had the benefit of several conversations with him as well as reports from a number of sources, I think he is an example of our primary objective under the policy — to provide assistance and support that ultimately rebuild reputations and extend careers,” Goodell wrote. “I have little doubt that he will continue to progress and will represent the Jaguars in a positive manner.”

Arizona quarterback Kurt Warner led the Cardinals to the NFC Divisional Playoffs this year. He is currently considering retirement.
Uecker case closed by court

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A Wisconsin appeals court on Wednesday rejected a defamation lawsuit filed against the Milwaukee Brewers and the team’s radio announcer Bob Uecker.

The District 2 Court of Appeals dismissed the lawsuit filed by Ann Ladd of Prospect Heights, Ill., who claims she has been unfairly portrayed as Uecker’s stalker. The court adopted a new legal standard in Wisconsin that will limit lawsuits over allegedly defamatory communications.

Uecker alleged in 2006 that Ladd had harassed and stalked him for years. He said she repeatedly sought his autographs, sent him unwanted gifts and appeared at ballparks to see him and even one hotel where he was staying for a road series.

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Donovan nets first goal in Premier League win

Associated Press

LIVERPOOL, England — U.S. midfielder Landon Donovan scored his first Premier League goal, helping Everton defeat Sunderland 2-0 on Wednesday night.

Donovan, on a 10-week loan from Major League Soccer’s Los Angeles Galaxy, scored in the 19th minute at Goodison Park with a left-footed shot off a headed pass from Tim Cahill. Cahill put Everton ahead with a sixth-minute header as the Toffees’ (7-7-6) climbed to ninth in the standings.

Donovan has signed a new contract with the Galaxy through 2013 and is scheduled to rejoin the team for its March 27 league opener, but tonight he got his first one and he was a bit unlucky not to get a second with it cleared off the line. If he can add us a goal or two, that will be great.’’

Also Wednesday, defending champion Manchester United overcame archival Manchester City to reach the League Cup final, but was overtaken by Chelsea for the Premier League lead. Wayne Rooney’s 21st goal of the season in stoppage time prevented the Manchester derby going into extra time, and clinched a 3-1 victory at Old Trafford to send United through 4-3 on aggregate.

In London, Frank Lampard scored twice as Chelsea cruised to a 3-0 victory over Birmingham to go a point ahead of United in the title race.

Arsenal was a further point adrift in third after being held to 0-0 at seventh-place Villa, which moved four points clear of crosstown rival Birmingham.

Blackburn continued its rise up the standings, with a 2-1 victory over Wigan putting the team seven points clear of the relegation zone in 11th.

Donovan is on a 10-week loan from the Los Angeles Galaxy. He’s going to get my weight down, I’ve gotta do,” Cody said. “I’m going to work harder and start getting back on my diet and stuff, and just do what the coach says. I’m going to get my weight down, and when I get to the combine I’m going to be where I want to be.’’

NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock believes Cody is a first-round talent for teams seeking potential stars in the middle.

“However, because he’s so big and there’s been these weight questions off the field, I’m not sure he’s going to sneak into the first round,’’ Mayock said. The lingering questions for NFL teams, he said, “How many snaps are you going to get out of Cody? And are they going to be high-level snaps?’’

Conditioning isn’t an issue for the chiseled Arenas, who bench pressed 425 pounds and finished his career 10 yards shy of the NCAA record for career punt return yards while starting in the secondary. It’s a double duty that both Saban and Mayock say adds to Arenas’ draft value.

‘‘You’ve got a guy who can play corner. He’s a great nickel guy for you, which is where he was fantastic for us and he’s the kind of return player he is; and probably be a guy that you could use on offense a little bit, which is something we should have entertained more,’’ Saban said. “He’s got a lot of ability and can contribute to the team in a lot of ways.’’

Arenas had two interceptions in the BCS championship game and five on the season, along with five sacks.

Cody thinks his more diminutive teammate has proven size won’t be much of an obstacle on the field.
United States

**NHL**

Red Wings fall to Wild

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Antti Miettinen scored his second goal in two games to deliver a 4-3 win over the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday night.

Miettinen ended the advantage after 44 seconds of the third period when the Red Wings started a power play.

The fifth-year NHL veteran has played in 27 games this season and has scored four goals.

**NBA**

Nets avoid worst ever 44-game start with win

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kris Humphries scored a career-high 25 points and the New Jersey Nets avoided the worst 44-game start in NBA history with a 107-97 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday night.

The Nets (4-40) were tied with the 1993-94 Dallas Mavericks (3-40) for the NBA's worst record after 44 games and all they had to do was lose another game to run another nail in this miserable season that opened with a league-record 18 straight losses.

It didn't happen although the Nets managed to blow a 16-point first-half lead in the third quarter before winning and adding another mark in this miserable season.

Chris Kaman had 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Clippers. Craig Smith added 19 points and nine rebounds and Keyon Dooling had 10 of 18 points in the fourth quarter for New Jersey, which snapped an 11-game losing streak, the worst in the league during this miserable season that opened with a league-record 18 straight losses.

**Vandy upsets Vols**

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jermaine Beal scored 25 points and No. 21 Vanderbilt won its 18th straight game in the series against Tennessee, 76-69 in Nashville on Wednesday night.

It was the first win for the Commodores (16-3, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) in Knoxville in five tries, and Tennessee's first loss at home since 1966 and has grabbed control of the league's Eastern Division.

The teams traded the lead until a 3-pointer by Brad Tinsley with 4.2 seconds left put Vanderbilt up 71-69, a lead the Commodores couldn't touch.

Instead of folding, New Jersey countered with a 14-4 spurt that featured nine points by Humphries, who was 10 of 14 from the field in eclipsing his previous career best of 23 points.

New Jersey led 71-64 in the final quarter and they never let the Clippers get closer than 73-70 on Wednesday night.

 Lopez hit a long 2-point shot and Humphries drove the lane for a dunk for a 77-70 lead.

The margin was 79-74 when Dooling sandwiched a pair of free throws and a steal and two free throws by Jarvis Hayes for an 85-74 lead and Los Angeles never threatened.

Humphries and Chris Quinn, who were acquired in trades last month, helped the Nets build a 14-point second quarter lead, combining for 14 points in a 20-8 run.

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Though Prince was not ejected, the constant fouls hurt Tennessee more than Vanderbilt. Hopson and Kenny Hall, one of the Vols' few post players, quickly picked up their third and fourth fouls after halftime and spent much of the second half on the bench.

And even though both teams were called for 21 fouls, Vandy was more poised at the free throw line, making 21 of 29 attempts compared to Tennessee's 14 of 24 shooting from the line.

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NBA

Lakers rout Pacers, Bynum nets season high in points

INDIANAPOLIS — Andrew Bynum played as though he was making a final statement ahead of Thursday’s All-Star reserves announcement.

The center scored a season-high 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to help the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Indiana Pacers 118-96 on Wednesday night.

Bynum finished second in the Western Conference voting at center with more than 980,000 votes. The fans voted Phoenix’s Amare Stoudemire in as the starter.

Bynum scored 22 points in the first half. Kobe Bryant took over in the second half and finished with a game-high 29 points to go with nine rebounds and seven assists.

The Pacers played in front of just their fourth sellout crowd of the year, and much of it chanted M-V-P for Bryant on several occasions.

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“He played extremely well, he was very aggressive,” Bryant said. “I really liked his activity. We made a conscious effort to pound the ball inside and he reacted very well.”

Gasol had 21 points and 13 rebounds and Lamar Odom added 12 points and 14 rebounds for the Lakers, who outrebounded the Pacers 62-42 and set a season rebounding high.

The Pacers started the 6-foot-8 Granger at power forward against Gasol and the slender Murphy at center against the 7-foot, 285-pound Bynum. Lakers coach Phil Jackson was surprised by Indiana coach Jim O’Brien’s decision to go small.

“I don’t know whether Jim was baiting us or not, but he started Murphy on him (Bynum),” Jackson said. “Drew is a plus-7-footer with probably 30 pounds, 40 pounds on him at least. It’s almost an impossible feat for them to cover Drew.”

Murphy agreed.

“We went with a small lineup against a big front line. It’s tough. You’re going to give up things inside, and that’s what happened.”

Odom hit a 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer to give the Lakers a 59-56 lead. Bynum shot 10 for 12 shooting before the break.

“I got touches down low and then I went to work,” Bynum said. “It built on itself. I made the first couple shots and then when I got the ball I was very comfortable.”

Derek Fisher connected on a 3-point play in the first minute of the second half. Bryant hit a 3-pointer, then Gasol dunked, was fouled and converted the three-point play to give the Lakers a 10-point lead.

Another 3-pointer by Bryant was met with M-V-P chants and gave the Lakers a 76-65 edge. Los Angeles kept the pressure on and led 92-78 at the end of the quarter.

The Pacers shot just 35 percent in the fourth quarter, and the Lakers led by at least nine points the entire period.

“We played them pretty well in the first half, but we couldn’t get it going and let them beat us up on the boards in the second half,” Murphy said.

The Lakers won at Washington on Tuesday, then found enough energy to close Wednesday’s game.
NFL

McNabb happy in Philly

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Even wearing his familiar No. 5, Donovan McNabb looked a little different Wednesday in an NFC Pro Bowl jersey. “I look good in blue, don’t I?” he said.

McNabb wasn’t dropping a hint about changing uniforms. He said he was happy to hear Philadelphia coach Andy Reid wants him back in Eagles green next season.

“I don’t want to be anywhere else but Philly,” McNabb said following said following the first practice for Sunday’s Pro Bowl. “I don’t believe in starting somewhere and going somewhere else to finish your career. I believe in starting somewhere and finishing what you’ve started.”

There was speculation about McNabb’s future after he struggled in consecutive losses to Dallas and to end the season.

The second defeat came in an NFC wild-card playoff game, and fans in Philly took that way they always do badly.

“When you’re playing in Philadelphia, obviously there’s up and there’s downs,” McNabb said. “Am I mad at them for responding that way? No. We were upset and put ourselves in a better position this year? Absolutely. In my 11 years, do I think we should have won a Super Bowl? Absolutely. Am I mad at them for responding that way? No. We were upset and put ourselves in a better position this year? Absolutely.

“My goal is to win a Super Bowl. Absolutely I think we’re close to being a title-caliber team. That’s what drives me going into the offseason to try to correct that.”

Reid said McNabb will be back for a 12th season in Philadelphia. The quarterback had the third-highest passer rating of his career in 2009 and made the Pro Bowl for the fifth time. He has one year left on his contract.

McNabb has led the Eagles to five NFC championship games — going 1-4 — and one Super Bowl defeat. He said they’re close to being a title-caliber team.

“I don’t think we’re far off at all,” he said. “It’s a couple of players away.”

“My goal is to win a Super Bowl and bring it back to Philadelphia. We have given them some great years. We just haven’t been able to finish. I think good things are happening pretty soon.”

Arenas and Crittenton suspended for season

NEW YORK — Gilbert Arenas and Javaris Crittenton were suspended without pay for the remainder of the season Wednesday by NBA commissioner David Stern, who said guns in the workplace “will not be tolerated.”

Stern delivered the punishment after meeting with Arenas earlier Wednesday, and with Crittenton a day before. Arenas already had been suspended indefinitely by Stern on Jan. 6.

Both players admitted bringing a gun or guns into the Washington Wizards locker room — a violation of the collective bargaining agreement — after a dispute stemming from a card game on a team flight.

Stern said the players expressed remorse, but added, “nevertheless, there is no justification for their conduct.”

Asked during a conference call what message the penalties sent, Stern said: “We mean what we say when we say that guns are prohibited from being in our buildings and on team business.

“You will be dealt with harshly because it’s very potentially dangerous to our players, to the other players and to anyone else who might be involved.”

Arenas, who is forfeiting about $147,200 per game, had already been suspended indefinitely earlier this month. Crittenton, who met with Stern on Tuesday, will lose about $13,435 per game from his $1.4 million salary.

Arenas pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to a felony gun charge after a confrontation with Crittenton at the Verizon Center. Arenas, who is scheduled to be sentenced March 26, is in the second season of a six-year, $111 million contract.

He has asked the players’ association not to contest the penalty, while Crittenton’s plans are unclear. His agent, Mark Bartelstein, told The Associated Press that, “David Stern has done what he thinks is right for the league. We’re going to look at it and talk about it with Javaris and the players association.”

The Wizards have 38 games left in a woeful season that was thrown into turmoil when news of the confrontation involving the guns broke on Christmas Eve. The team has distanced itself from Arenas since Stern indefinitely suspended him, removing his likeness from the Verizon Center. Crittenton has been injured and wasn’t playing, anyway.

The team said it supported Stern’s ruling.

Their poor judgment has also violated the trust of our fans and stands in contrast to everything Abe Pollin stood for throughout his life,” the Wizards said in a statement.

“IT is widely known that Mr. Pollin took the extraordinary step of changing the team name from ‘Bullets’ to ‘Wizards’ in 1997 precisely to express his abhorrence of gun violence in our community.

“We hope that this negative situation can produce something positive, perhaps even as a reminder that gun violence is a serious issue.”

Piper Hall, a spokeswoman for Arenas’ lawyer, wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press that neither Arenas nor his lawyer, Ken Wainstein, would comment “at this time.”

Arenas, a three-time All-Star and once the face of the Wizards’ franchise, will miss the final 50 games of the season. Stern originally planned to follow his normal policy of waiting until the legal process was further along before acting, but handed down the initial suspension after Arenas joked about the gun situation on his Twitter page, then was photographed before a game in Philadelphia pointing his index fingers, as if they were guns, at his teammates.

“I felt that I should do something to keep Arenas from doing even further damage to himself and I told him that,” Stern said. “We also tried to protect (players) from doing things that are foolish and damaging. I felt that Gilbert was in the process of doing that and it was incumbent on me to stop it.”

Stern said he would not advise the Wizards on how they should proceed if they sought to void the remainder of Arenas’ contract. Players’ association executive director Billy Hunter warned the union “will respond aggressively to any improper attempt by the team to impose additional penalties.”

Stern said he and Hunter would meet in the coming weeks to perhaps build a stronger gun policy than the one in the collective bargaining agreement.
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to its pre-Connecticut form. “I thought we were just a little sloppy today,” McGraw said. “We didn’t have quite the intensity maybe that we needed to start the game but overall offensively, I thought we did some pretty good things.”

“I thought Erica Henley said. “She has good ground everybody,” Louderback said. “Her trademark has always been defense,” Henley said. “I think everything opens up the bench is critical,” McGraw says Novosel’s con- trIBUTION WEDNESDAY isn’t a surprise to those who see her in practice every day. Expected to be one of the four starting guards at the beginning of the season, Novosel was delegat- ed to the bench following the loss of senior Skyler Diggins. But the sopho- more guard hasn’t missed a beat, quietly putting together one of the best seasons in limited playing time.

“I think I come in with the same mentality every game, which is to every minute I get to make the most of it,” Novosel said. “Tonight I had confidence and I was able to keep being aggressive and attacking the basket and I opened up a lot of things up. The starters turned in

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minutes remaining in the game, but free throws from Reynolds, freshman guard Maalik Wayns and junior guard Corey Fisher, who hit four in 26 seconds, extended Villanova’s lead to 14 points before West Virginia’s loss over Virginia. The Wildcats also made 10 3-pointers and shot 48 per- cent from field goal range. Villanova’s Ausbon Pena had 14 points and 10 rebounds. Irish senior guard Luke Harangody scored 21 points and had 10 rebounds and junior forward Tyrece Nash had 12 points, his second straight game with double- digit scoring.

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough fouled out early in the second half after scor- ing just seven points, forcing senior guard Jonathan Peoples to play increased minutes. Peoples scored eight points in the game.

Villanova punched the jets late in the second half as it scored seven points in 30 seconds, giving them a 77-62 lead with 2:42 remaining. The Irish exposed the Friars’ biggest weakness, excluding the Friars 52-26 in the paint. “With Phil was talking at halftime about really getting the ball inside,” said. “I think everything opens up if we get a touch inside and she little I see her in practice, she was making three sets.

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Markovic of Wisconsin in both sets. McGaffigan’s game relies on all-around athleticism, which stems from playing tennis as a high school. After winning the Iowa State tennis tournament as a freshman and again as a sophomore, she gave up high school ten- nis to play for her junior and senior years. However, as last weekend has shown, the two years off of high school tennis did not inhibit her ability to play on the court.

McGaffigan has great speed and can play an all- around game,” Louderback said. “She has good ground strokes and is working on her serve.”

McGaffigan and the rest of the team compete next weekend at Paul at Notre Dame’s Eck Tennis Pavilion on Saturday at 3 p.m.

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at stealing the ball, grabbed 11 rebounds. “Iber trademark has always been defense,” Henley said. Wade also added 5 steals to complement a stellar defensive game. “St. Mary’s played well against No. 10 Calvin, but in the end the talent gap was too much to overcome.”

“We missed some opportuni- ties,“ Henley said. “We chal- lenged the team for this game, and they responded very well.”

The Belles will travel to Alma at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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Villanova senior Scottie Reynolds gives up for two points between Irish junior Tim Abromaitis, left, and senior Tony Jackson. Reynolds led Villanova to 90-72 victory over Notre Dame Wednesday night.

**Men’s Basketball**

**Reynolds rolls**

**Villanova senior leads Wildcats in win over ND**

By BILL BRINK

Sports Writer

The Irish hung with the hottest team in the Big East for 30 minutes, but it took Scottie Reynolds just two minutes to bury them. Reynolds scored 17 points, nine of them in a late burst, to give the No. 3 Wildcats a 90-72 win over Notre Dame Wednesday. The Irish record dropped to 15-6, 4-4 in Big East play. The Wildcats (19-1, 8-0) remain atop the Big East.

Reynolds sank 3s, layups and free throws in a 2-02 span to vault Villanova out in front by 23, but by that time the Wildcats led comfortably. Notre Dame trailed by one point at the half and was down five with less than 10 minutes to play, but Reynolds scored 17 points during a 2-02 stretch.

**ND Women’s Tennis**

**Heralded McGaffigan debuts with two impressive victories**

By MOLLY SAMMON

Sports Writer

In her Notre Dame debut, Chrissie McGaffigan topped two Big Ten opponents, verifying the promising ability Irish coach Jay Louderback saw in her when he recruited her to play for Notre Dame because it is a team sport, not an individual sport, I especially love competing in college because it is a team sport. The importance that McGaffigan places on team bonding was one of the factors that led her to choose to play for Notre Dame, as opposed to the other upper-tier tennis schools who also sent her invitations to play on their teams.

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In the 90-72 loss to No. 3 Villanova, small miscues doomed the Fighting Irish.

**SMC Basketball**

**Calvin tops Belles in MIAA contest**

By TIM SINGLER

Sports Writer

The Saint Mary’s basketball team fell to conference rival Calvin 67-57 Wednesday night. The Belles (10-8, 5-5 MIAA) started out the first few minutes strong, surprising Calvin’s BDN, as both her parents played at Catholic University and three sisters bonding was one of the factors that led her to choose to play for Notre Dame, as opposed to the other upper-tier tennis schools who also sent her invitations to play on their teams.

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**ND Women’s Basketball**

**Winning ways continue for ND**

By CHRIS MASOUD

Sports Writer

There’s nothing like an old-fashioned blowout to iron out the kinks and get a team back on the right track. Providence found itself on the wrong end of said blowout, as the Irish cruised to an 84-59 home victory to keep pace atop the Big East standings.

No. 1 Notre Dame (18-1, 5-1 Big East) played aggressive, if not perfectly clean basketball for 40 minutes, overcoming its first-half woes to lead the Friars 35-22 at the break. Providence (12-8, 3-4) never posed a serious threat at any point Wednesday night, but Irish coach Muffet McGraw wasn’t convinced the team is back.