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Six tickets vie to lead student body

Platforms include Webmail improvements, community relations, DVD rentals, shuttle bus

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
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With platforms ranging from revamping Webmail to providing free DVD rentals to advocating implementation of a nuclear power plant on campus, the six tickets running for Notre Dame student body president and vice president all have different visions for improving student life.

Maris Braun and George Chamberlain, Bill Ehrlich and Michael Roscitt, Rick Hollowood and Alex Tomala,

Cooper Howes and Daniel Rimkus, Peter Kelly and John Poelhuis, and Robert Reish and Grant Schmidt will compete in this year's student body elections, the Judicial Council said last week in an e-mail to the student body.

After a year of leadership under an all-female executive administration, this year's tickets include only one female — current student body vice president Maris Braun.

Braun-Chamberlain

Braun, a junior from Breen-Phillips, is running for student

body president with junior George Chamberlain, the Sorin senator.

Their platform includes a number of initiatives focused on improving the lives of Notre Dame students, including implementing a book delivery service to the dorms, increasing the points allotted to a Grab-and-Go meal, improving the Webmail system, and placing a coffee kiosk in the Hesburgh Library.

"I would define our platform as a student life improvement platform," Braun said. "I think when you look at a student's

experience, the stuff that matters the most to them are the stuff that impacts them on a day-to-day basis, and I think that a large part of our platform is geared towards that."

Braun said improving relations with the South Bend community is one of the key tasks of student government. Last fall, she and current student body president Liz Brown dealt with an ordinance proposed by the city to restrict large off-campus gatherings. Braun considers improving off-campus

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Candidates determine platforms

Ways to reach students, fund proposals debated

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

When it comes time to decide what projects will receive support for funding in his administration, Cooper Howes has a simple — and egalitarian — answer.

"Our platform is just going to be using a magic 8-ball or drawing names out of a hat," Howes said.

Howes is running with Daniel Rimkus on one of the six tickets to become the University's next student body president and vice president.

His answer to the funding question may be the most straightforward, but it is not the most popular.

Robert Reish, who is running with vice presidential candidate Grant Schmidt, wants the student body at large to determine what programs and events receive student activities funds. To do that, Reish is proposing a student census.

In fact, Reish's platform includes a proclaimed desire to replace the LaFortune arcade, which he says is not used enough to merit its location in the building. However, he refuses to promise any changes to

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Students apply for transfer to Duncan Hall

New male dorm to house more than 200 students; applications due Thursday

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

Nearly 200 students are expected to apply to live in Duncan Hall this August, according to the Office of Residence Life and Housing, which will draw 150 winning numbers after the lottery closes Thursday.

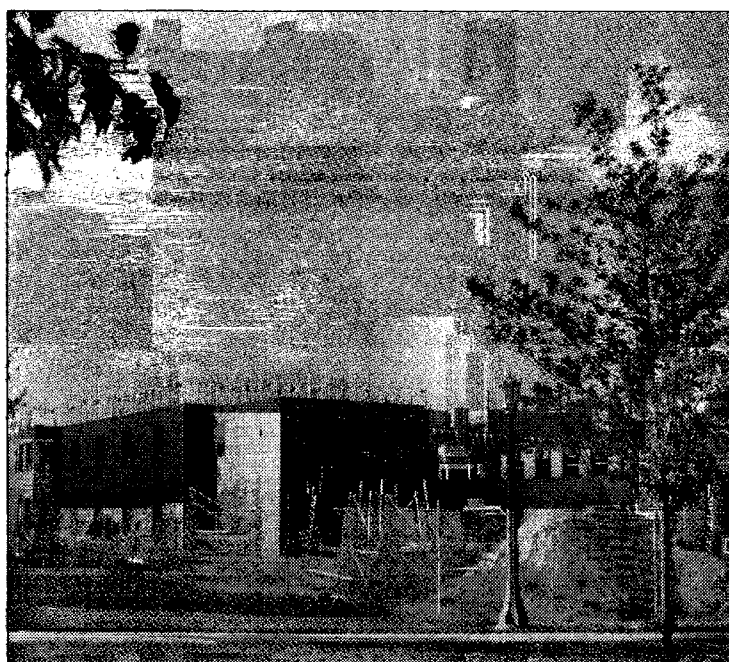
Students selected to live in the new male residence hall, currently under construction just west of McGlinn Hall, will choose from singles, doubles, triples and quads, as well as "super-doubles" with large bay windows for extra space and "super-quads," which contain private bathrooms.

Duncan Hall, the fifth addition

to West Quad, will be the only dormitory built at Notre Dame in more than a decade. It will accommodate approximately 234 men. The Office of Residence Life and Housing began accepting applications for the lottery, which is open to all class levels, last Monday.

"There were a couple of glitches when the Web site opened on Monday," Director of Residence Life Jeff Shoup said last week, "but it's been smooth sailing since. We understand that there has been a lot of confusion about the lottery process for Duncan, especially for current freshmen who have not been through the room pick process like upperclassmen."

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Construction continues on Duncan Hall, set to open this August.

Panel discusses porn industry

Professor says videos may progress to more violence, youth exploitation

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Students, professors and rectors presented a wide range of attitudes toward pornography during the "Pornography: Fantasy, Reality and Industry" conference Friday at the Center for Continuing Education in McKenna Hall.

Robert Jensen, a journalism professor at the University of Texas, began the conference by allowing attendees to finish the open sentence, "Pornography is...." Their answers ranged from "expressive" and "entertainment" to "seductive" and "dehumanizing."

Jensen then filled in the blank with his own answer.

"Pornography is what the end of the world looks like," he said. "When one looks honestly at the contemporary p o r n industry, one sees some disturbing images of where this world is heading."

Jensen said that like any other business, pornography companies have had to continue producing new and interesting products.

In the 1960s and 70s, he said, pornography was generally a male and female participating in vaginal sex. Later, in the 1980s, when this became

boring to viewers, anal sex was pervasive in pornographic videos.

"I asked one [pornography producer] about the rise of anal sex in the 80s," Jensen said. "The producer replied that the majority of women do not seek out anal sex, so when men get angry at their wives, they secretly think to themselves that they would like to do that. Since they can't, they like to watch it."

Jensen described this attitude toward anal sex as "the sexualizing of male domination and female subordination. [It's] a disturbing mirror for the culture in which we live."

A desire to expand the pornography market has led pornographers to create

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Jensen

DanceFest raises funds for theater scholarship

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

Eight Notre Dame dance groups performed for 600 people this weekend in DanceFest, hosted by Welsh Family Hall.

"Attendance was about what we expected," event coordinator Katie Hatfield said.

In two nights, Hatfield said, DanceFest raised nearly \$2,000 for Southold Dance Theater, one of the premier dance theaters in Indiana. The money will allow students to enroll in Southold who normally would be unable to afford its tuition.

DanceFest started five years ago under the leader-

ship of Mary Dubon, who has since graduated, Hatfield said.

When Dubon founded DanceFest, "there was virtually no exposure for dance groups on campus," Hatfield said. "She was looking for a way to bring dance to campus."

Hatfield performed in DanceFest her freshman and sophomore years, then took over as coordinator. Since she assumed leadership, she said, "there's been more focus on trying to bring every dance group on campus into one show."

Hatfield said every student dance group performed except the Pom Squad, because it had to

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INSIDE COLUMN

Defining relationships

Relationships. Honestly, I think that is one whole sentence. The word encompasses a noun, a verb and an adjective. You can be in a relationship and that is the noun. You can not be a "relationship" person, so there is the adjective. As for the verb, I suppose it still needs inventing, but I promise inadvertent use isn't new.

Ashley Charnley
News Wire Editor

What does it mean "to relationship?" Well, it must be the act of being "together." It is to want to be with a person who you care for and enjoy spending time with.

So why do some people find it so hard "to relationship?" To attempt that question could take decades. As a matter of fact, it already has. Men and women have coexisted on this planet for an indeterminable number of years, and even after all that time, love is completely mysterious. We can travel through space, wield the power of the sun, use water to generate electricity, but we cannot explain why boy meets girl, girl falls for boy, boy falls for girl, they get married, and live hard times ever after.

Not to be cynical, I love love. Another one of those multi-tasking words. However, love does not love us. It is impossible to say why. I mean, it is our heart's goal, our very yearning, some believe it is the reason for our existence.

We live to love. However, finding that love discourages us from loving to live. Somewhat ironic, I think. People have prematurely ended their already brief lives as a result of not finding that love. Which is only counterproductive because dating is hard enough without have the whole "dead" obstacle standing in your way.

Where does that bring us then? Love is... yeah, I don't really know. It depends on who you ask.

Paul McCartney said it was all you need, so is it food or maybe oxygen? Sweet thought.

I suppose I can't really come to a conclusion. I hate to disappoint, but if I had the answers, I would probably be the only one with them. The best I can say is, we are all going to keep searching. Whether we try intentionally to find it or it somehow finds us, it will continue its mysterious presence in our lives.

I apologize for asking you a question that has no obvious answer. If you must have something, I guess we each find our own reasons for why we love the way we do. So, I am afraid you each have to answer that question yourself.

I know, you're welcome for the extra worries.

Honestly though, any answer I pass along to you will not sound quite right. This is the type of conclusion you come to in 50, maybe 70 years when you look back and wonder about your life. So, all I wanted to do was pose the question, and hopefully, now you don't have to spend half of your life coming up with it. You can start your journey a little earlier.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER OF ALL TIME AND WHY?



Christina Zhu
freshman
Walsh

"Winnie the Pooh. He's cute."



Taylor Poulin
senior
Walsh

"Garfield, because it's so sarcastic."



Mariana Montes
senior
Lyons

"Rocko from 'Rocko's Modern Life,' because I like his friend Heifer."



Katrina Epperson
sophomore
Welsh Family

"Jimmy Neutron, because I wish he was my lab partner. Jimmy's hot!"



Erika Hagstrom
sophomore
Walsh

"Batman, because I'd want to ride in the Batmobile."



Erin Rider
freshman
Lyons

"Pinky from 'Pinky and the Brain' — because I can relate."



Junior Christian Galvan performs the song "Only Want to be With You" made famous by Hootie and the Blowfish during Saturday night's production of the Keenan Revue in O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

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IN BRIEF

Professor Dan Graff will present on the largest single-industry strike in US history, which occurred in 1934, in the labor documentary and lecture "Uprising of '34" today at 4:30 p.m. in Hesburgh Center Auditorium, Room C-100 as part of the Higgins Center Labor Film Series.

On Tuesday, the women's tennis team will take on BYU at 5 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Admission is free.

On Tuesday, there will be an alumni panel for Teach for America at 7 p.m. in 100-104 McKenna Hall.

Ash Wednesday services will be celebrated in the Basillica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

The "Lest We Forget: Two Years After Katrina & Rita" forum will take place Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Student Lounge. The event features an affected student panel for discussion and ticket giveaways for the upcoming World View Film Series showing of "Desert Bayou."

A campus-wide Lenten penance service will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Basillica of the Sacred Heart.

The deadline for Spring 2008 Intramural entries and fees is Thursday. Entries are due at Rolfs SportsRec Center. The badminton doubles fee is \$5 and the floor hockey fee \$50.

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

OFFBEAT

Police remove 209 cats, 3 dogs from 1 house

BONHAM, Texas — Complaints from neighbors prompted Bonham police to remove 209 cats and three dogs from a home apparently overrun by the animals. The SPCA helped take custody of the animals Friday.

Officials found 40 cats in one bedroom.

Bonham Police Chief Mike Bankston said the situation apparently got well out of hand for the couple living in the house.

Owner David Wheeler told WFAA television that they started with just 13 cats, but the animals quickly bred.

Wheeler said it's expensive to spay and neuter so many cats, plus feed them.

NYC artist uses dead animals in art

NEW YORK — In front of a shuttered Chinatown store, artist Nate Hill rummaged through a pile of trash, fishing for the tools of his craft in someone else's garbage.

"Oh, look, a flounder!" he said, as he dug in one bin wearing blue surgical gloves and drew out a quivering white slip of fish. "Does anyone want some? I think there's more."

There were no immediate

takers among the half dozen or so people who had followed Hill on a drizzly night for a tour of his favorite spots for digging through Chinatown garbage.

The goal: Find interesting dead animals to make into art.

The 30-year-old artist has been using animal carcasses to craft his "animal kingdom," as he refers to it, since 1999. The results are grotesque or sculptural, depending on your point of view.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 42 LOW 41	HIGH 32 LOW 31	HIGH 43 LOW 27	HIGH 28 LOW 18	HIGH 31 LOW 26	HIGH 28 LOW 23

Atlanta 67 / 52 Boston 40 / 32 Chicago 40 / 32 Denver 37 / 19 Houston 77 / 65 Los Angeles 60 / 41 Minneapolis 30 / 25 New York 42 / 39 Philadelphia 44 / 40 Phoenix 57 / 39 Seattle 43 / 38 St. Louis 61 / 50 Tampa 84 / 63 Washington 53 / 46

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safety one of her top priorities.

"We need to change students' perceptions on what it means to be a good neighbor," she said. "The fact that there's not an ordinance on the books is wonderful but it gives us a lot of room to make progress."

Braun said it is important to find the "right student life balance between life on campus and going off campus." She has spoken with several local restaurants about the possibility of accepting Diner Dollars and also hopes to improve taxi services to prevent students from being cheated by high fares.

One of the skills both Braun and Chamberlain stressed was their ability to deal with the unexpected. Chamberlain said the ability to deal with unexpected issues is one of the integral parts of any successful administration.

"I think that's really what you want from your student government," Chamberlain said. "You want a government that is adaptable, that is malleable to the changing times. Every year since I've been here, some issue has come up that was almost unforeseeable."

Formerly a senator from Breen-Phillips, Braun has been involved in student government since her freshman year. Chamberlain has also been involved; in addition to his position as Sorin's senator, he has served on Sophomore Class Council and as the Senate Judicial Council liaison.

"Experience speaks a lot larger than anything else does, and if George and I were elected our experience would play into how we approach a lot of the issues," Braun said.

Ehrlich-Roscitt

Juniors Bill Ehrlich and Mike Roscitt, both from Stanford Hall, base their platform on "taking a different approach to student government," Roscitt said.

"We plan to spice up the campaign a little bit," Ehrlich added. "I guess you could call our campaign slogan 'Serious. Seriously fun.'"

The pair has outlined four initiatives for its term. The first would be to erect tetherball poles on North and South Quad.

"This kind of thing would be a good way of bringing people together," Ehrlich said, lamenting the fact that too often he sees students playing video games and watching television during their free time. "Plus, they're not hard to install."

A second goal Ehrlich and Roscitt have is to turn the reflecting pool in front of the library into an ice skating rink during the winter, again reasoning that it would be a successful way of bringing the student body together.

The third goal the two have is to continue addressing issues with developing countries.

"It's not an issue on campus that is seriously lacking," said Roscitt, who just returned from studying abroad in Uganda. "I think that the University has done a lot of good things with this issue," he said, referring to endeavors like Notre Dame's Millennium Village Project.

The pair also wants to establish a campus group addressing gay and lesbian students' issues.

"It's an issue that is kind of side swept," Ehrlich said. "It would be cool if the University could give them further recognition."

Ehrlich and Roscitt have managed their campaign on their own and have worked to raise awareness of their candidacy. Their posters

depict the two riding a tandem bike and running on treadmills in Rolfs Sports Recreation Center, building on their slogan of having fun.

Hollywood-Tomala

Knott sophomores Rick Hollywood and Alex Tomala have decided to attempt a run for student body president and vice president. Neither has much experience with student government, although Hollywood is currently Knott Hall spirit commissioner and Tomala says he helped coordinate bowling with members of South Bend's Logan Center, a home for disabled individuals.

Hollywood and Tomala say they know the issues truly important to students and hope that age will not be a factor.

"We just have better issues," Hollywood said. "We'll let our issues do the talking. They're actually doable. They're reasonable. There are a couple that are obviously long-shots, but they're obvious."

The team has plans to reform student government and make it more relevant to students.

"The Senate seems to pass laws on itself quite a bit more than actually doing anything with the student body," Hollywood said.

One issue that differentiates

the pair is its stance on toilet paper.

"They keep telling us ND is our home," Hollywood said. "At home, even the worst brand of TP that you can buy as a consumer is better than what you've got here. No one's going to complain about better toilet paper."

Hollywood and Tomala also hope to make pep rallies more relevant for students, refurbish R o c k n e Memorial Hall, and possibly add the Wall Street Journal to the list of publications for the College Readership Program.

Howes-Rimkus

Cooper Howes and Daniel Rimkus are carrying out what has become something of a tradition: two Zahm freshmen running for president and vice president.

The two pride themselves on having several innovative ideas for fixing student government, including using Temple Guards from the Nickelodeon show "Legends of the Hidden Temple" to enforce parietals.

"We think that the way parietals are enforced now is not very effective nor is it beneficial to any of the parties involved," Rimkus said. "In order to improve parietal breaking prevention we are going to implement Temple Guards from the hit Nickelodeon series 'Legends of the Hidden Temple.' However, an offender can get past the temple guards by employing a pendant of life, but that must be achieved during a feat of strength in the presence of who we shall appoint as the new head of R e s L i f e , Olmec."

Howes says it will ensure "only the strong break parietals. We want to revoke the University's ability to give out a Gender Relations degree until this is done."

With neither having any previous experience in student government, the candidates hope their ideas will attract voters. Also in their platform are plans to construct a nuclear power plant that will power bullet trains running from Zahm to Saint Mary's, to use American Gladiators to prevent theft in the dining halls, and to buy Club 23 with \$700,000 worth of Flex Points.

When asked if they had talked

with anyone about any of these ideas, Rimkus replied that "the administration will cave to our will."

"The main thing I've learned as a part of student government is what's feasible and what's not feasible. Student government can't change the way Notre Dame is run, but they can make minor changes that will help the student body."

Peter Kelly
presidential candidate

Kelly-Poelhuis

The Hollywood-Tomala ticket is not the only pair attempting to make up for lack of traditional experience with creative ideas. Junior Peter Kelly, who was president of St. Edward's Hall last year, and junior Jon Poelhuis, who has no student government experience but was a leader within the Band of the Fighting Irish, are also running for the executive office.

Kelly and Poelhuis say they understand the limits of student government, and simply hope to improve student life.

"I've realized what's possible and what's not possible," Kelly said. "I think our goals are very feasible. The main thing I've learned as a part of student government is what's feasible and what's not feasible. [Student government] can't change the way Notre Dame is run, but they can make minor changes that will help the student body."

The candidates say their top priority is instituting a shuttle bus to take students from campus to popular locales. They say it will help improve student safety as well as provide a cheaper option to the South Bend taxis.

"Something like that is small, and it's feasible, and it has a lasting impact," Poelhuis said. "That's a basic safety issue, especially when we live in such a cold climate."

Kelly and Poelhuis have several other initiatives for improving student life, including making SUB movies available during the week, having multicultural events that incorporate a number of cultures into one event, and increasing student involvement in the South Bend community.

The pair also hopes to make Freshman Orientation a less awkward experience by incorporating more events between dorms of the same sex and shifting the focus of certain activities.

"You should try to get to know people as well as possible," Kelly said. "Instead of trying to get to know 50 people in one hour, you should get to know

five people well."

Reish-Schmidt

Braun and Chamberlain are not the only experienced ticket. Bob Reish, the junior class president from Sorin, and Grant Schmidt, the sophomore class president from Knott, are running for president and vice president, respectively.

Priding themselves on "bridging the gap" — their campaign slogan — Reish and Schmidt plan to improve on facilitating communication between "the triangle" of the Notre Dame administration, student body and student government.

The two have established a number of objectives for their term in office. One idea, Reish said, would be to grant free DVD rentals to students, as opposed to the previous system in which students could rent them at the Huddle for \$4. The new system would include not only a waived rental fee, but also a list online of available movies and a late fee if necessary, Schmidt said.

"In order to improve parietal breaking prevention, we are going to implement Temple Guards from the hit Nickelodeon series, 'Legends of the Hidden Temple.'"

Daniel Rimkus
vice presidential candidate

Another goal is to establish a Midwest Council to initiate dialogue with other universities' student governments to understand how they handle common college concerns, such as their relations with their surrounding towns.

Reish and Schmidt say they have done research to

ensure that their proposals are feasible — and their Web site includes lists of administrators and universities they've contacted during their planning. Among other departments, the two have contacted Food Services, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, and Notre Dame Security/Police.

"I am a planner. We're both planners," Reish said.

While Reish and Schmidt have outlined certain goals, they are not focused entirely on a platform, but rather on hearing the specific voices of students.

Schmidt said he and Reish plan to listen to the wishes of the student body through student censuses once a semester. The goal, Schmidt said, would be to see what students want accomplished through student government.

"We are not going to be the kind of leaders who will say, in the end, that we got 32 of our 35 goals accomplished," Reish said.

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Duncan

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About 158 applications had been submitted for the lottery as of Thursday, Shoup said, but he expects that number to reach 190 since some applicants put down names of preferred roommates who had not yet submitted their own applications.

The 150 students who win the lottery will be able to choose up to three preferred roommates; however, each roommate has to fill out his own application in order for to be eligible to enter the lottery drawing.

"This will insure that even if only one member within the group of four wins a lottery ticket, all of the roommates stated on the application will be guaranteed a space in Duncan," Shoup said. "It's a mutual all-or-none thing."

However, groups larger than four will not be considered together. For example, Shoup said, if eight freshmen were interested in Duncan, they would have to apply in two groups of four. If only one group won the lottery, then the two groups would be forced to live separately next year.

Though ideally ORLIH would like to announce the results on Friday, the day after the deadline, Shoup said that accounting for any incomplete applications as well as other factors might delay the announcement until Feb. 11.

"One thing we have to consider is that we cannot issue winning tickets that might [take a majority of] students from one hall," Shoup said.

"For instance, if 50 residents from Sorin Hall, which only has 110 residents, win the lottery, we will deplete their population by a lot. We also cannot do things like take in 80 seniors because that means we will have to fill a larger-than-average freshman class in Duncan the following year once the seniors graduate."

Shoup said the ORLIH might have to conduct an additional screening process after it draws the 150 winning numbers to insure these imbalances do not occur. While he did not specify how that screening would work, he said the process would be "very fair."

"The only way that we can prevent running into any problems is to attract a very diverse pool of applicants from all dorms and grade levels to make things easier for everybody," he said.

Shoup said he has not yet looked closely at the breakdown of the applications to identify if any imbalances are occurring; right now, ORLIH is more concerned with providing general information to students interested in the lottery as well as assisting those who are having difficulties with the online system.

Once the 150 winners have been determined, the next stage of the process will be room selections. Room picks will take place on two sepa-

rate nights with rising seniors and juniors eligible to pick on Feb. 27 and rising sophomores choosing the next night.

"We are also working on planning some kind of social — in the form of a game watch or something — in between Feb. 11 and Feb. 27 so prospective Duncan residents can get the chance to meet each other," Shoup said.

He noted, however, that students who receive winning lottery tickets

are not guaranteed the room type or roommates they requested. As with any regular inter-hall room picks, upperclassmen have first dibs on room selections, and popular choices such as quads or singles may be all taken before underclassmen can choose those options.

"There may be situations where quads will have to split into doubles or triples," Shoup said. "We have all of this information listed on the FAQ section of the ORLIH Web site, so applicants are generally aware of this."

He also said that incoming freshmen will not be assigned to any of the super-quads, super-doubles, or singles, in order to stay consistent with dorm tradition on campus.

"Our philosophy all along is to have a ladder-system so that you may not have the best room as a freshman but you will have a better room the longer you stay in the dorm," Shoup said.

Students who wish to apply for the lottery to live in Duncan next year have until Thursday to fill out an online application.

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videos involving more practices often objectionable to women, Jensen said.

"Where is the industry going, and what could possibly come after this?" Jensen said. "I have asked this to several pornographers. Some will say, 'I hate to say it, but the only place left to go is overt violence.' The other place to go is to continue to sexualize youth."

After Jensen presented his views, a panel discussion between Pasquerilla West rector Sister Susan Bruno, Corby Hall religious superior Father Peter Jarret, sophomore Patrick Tighe and senior Stephanie Brauer addressed pornography on the Notre Dame campus.

"Dependency on porn has been dubbed a psychological addiction, but there is not one group in the counseling center dedicated to men and women addicted to porn," Tighe said.

In spite of this, Jarret said that students have no had a problem speaking with him in the dorms about pornography.

"I was surprised and edified by the willingness of people to come and knock on my door and talk about their issue," Jarret said. "I found these conversations revealing, honest, and had a great appreciation for the per-

son sitting next to me, talking. There was a sense of being trapped in something they lost control over."

"We all have to get involved in changing this culture, changing this mentality. In the end, we want to reject, resist and end the industry of pornography."

Sister Susan Bruno
Pasquerilla West rector

In order for this addiction to be eradicated, and for the culture of pornography to change, Bruno said, all people must work toward ending it.

"We all have to get involved in changing this culture, changing this mentality," she said. "In the end, we want to reject, resist and end the industry of pornography."

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perform at the men's basketball game against DePaul. The groups included Troop ND — a hip-hop dance group — and Project Fresh, a hip-hop and break-dancing group, as well as the Irish Dance Team, the Ballroom Dance Club, Swing Club, First Class Steppers, Dance Company of Notre Dame and Ballet Folklorico.

The DanceFest committee members participated in many of the dances and put together a few of the numbers themselves.

"There were between 120

and 130 performers, so it got a little crazy backstage," Hatfield said.

Southold Dance Theater students participated in several numbers as well.

"This is the first year Southold was in it," Hatfield said. "We hope to bring in more groups from outside campus in the future."

Since Hatfield is graduating this year, she will pass the leadership of DanceFest to freshmen Kaitlyn Maloney and Sarah Grothaus.

"We want to keep making DanceFest bigger and better each year," Hatfield said.

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the arcade as part of a Reish administration.

"That's just my opinion," Reish said. "But if no one else cares about the LaFortune arcade, then maybe we should invest our time in it."

One thing he will promise, however, is the creation of free DVD rentals. He said student government owns the DVDs that the Huddle Mart used to distribute. He plans on having the on-duty secretary take charge of the rentals in student government's second-floor offices.

"There's no funding at all," Reish said, "which is great."

Maris Braun, the current student body vice president, argued that a census or survey is not always feasible, especially when a program incurs unexpected costs. Furthermore, she said, many students are busy and fail to complete or submit incomplete online surveys. Braun said the current administration, led by student body president Liz Brown, hasn't needed such surveys.

"We had no shortage of feedback," Braun said. "We were constantly connected to the student body."

Braun, who is running with vice presidential candidate George Chamberlain, said her administration would first ask how a program affects the "quality of student life" to determine whether it deserves funded.

William Ehrlich, who is running with vice presidential candidate Michael Roscitt, agreed with Braun.

"I think the best thing is to talk to people when you're walking around on your own time," he said, "... from different rounds, too."

He argued that people filling out polls say they will use more things than is true.

"I would say the thing of sending out a survey doesn't get it done," he said. "No one gives a [hoot] when they're filling out the survey."

The most costly platform goal for both the Braun and Reish campaigns is student legal services. Braun said that even if an administration could convince local alumni lawyers to offer advice — not representation — at a significantly discounted cost, she would probably still suggest a small fee for each consultation, in order to minimize costs.

Even with a nominal fee, a subsidized plan would benefit those students who need the legal help and simply be an added cost to those who do not.

Rick Hollowood, who is running with vice presidential candidate Alex Tomala, said such disparities are inevitable.

"A lot of things do benefit one group, and in a lot of senses you can't really avoid that," he said. "... You try to just hope that it evens out."

Still, Howes wants the hat lottery to decide what projects and events receive student activities funding. And he wants to open up funding to each student's desires — that is, that every student could submit a proposal for student activities money.

"There's that whole business with the stuff that's illegal, but other than that, I don't think we'd be preventing anyone from submitting," he said.

The only mandate is that the winners must be chosen from a top hat.

"But, you know those propeller beanies?" he said. "Those would be good, too."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Earthquakes strike Rwanda, Congo

KIGALI, Rwanda — Two earthquakes struck hours apart Sunday in Rwanda and neighboring Congo, killing at least 39 people including some who were in a church that collapsed, officials said.

Nearly 400 people were injured.

A magnitude-6.0 quake struck Congo early, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The second quake, which registered 5.0, hit a few hours later near the countries' border in Rwanda's rural Rusizi District.

"I was at home when the earthquake hit and the next thing I heard, was the house falling down," said Florence Nyiranzoga, who was airlifted to the Rwandan capital, Kigali, for treatment of her injuries.

Egypt restores tight Gaza blockade

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — Egyptian police sealed Gaza's border with huge metal spikes and shipping containers Sunday, restoring a tight blockade after a breach that allowed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to cross freely for 12 days.

Gaza's Hamas rulers are demanding new border arrangements that would give it a say in administration. But that looks doubtful with the international community opposed to any role for the Islamic militant group in running the crossing.

Gaza residents settled back into their dreary closure routine after joyous days of freedom and shopping that flooded the territory with sheep, smoked herring and fuel from Egypt.

NATIONAL NEWS

Telescope arms race takes off

WASHINGTON — A telescope arms race is taking shape around the world. Astronomers are drawing up plans for the biggest, most powerful instruments ever constructed, capable of peering far deeper into the universe — and further back in time — than ever before.

The building boom, which is expected to play out over the next decade and cost billions of dollars, is being driven by technological advances that afford unprecedented clarity and magnification. Some scientists say it will be much like switching from regular TV to high-definition.

In fact, the super-sized telescopes will yield even finer pictures than the Hubble Space Telescope, which was put in orbit in 1990 and was long considered superior because its view was freed from the distorting effects of Earth's atmosphere. But now, land-based telescopes can correct for such distortion.

Cajuns celebrate last 'bon temps'

ST. MARTINVILLE, La. — Far from the Carnival balls, parades and raucous crowds of New Orleans, Cajuns in St. Martinville held their last "bon temps" before Lent in a far different fashion: with a grand boucherie, or slaughtering of a pig.

Hundreds of people watched at least part of the ritual Saturday, though most have seen it before. The pig's skin was being shaved for cracklins, a Cajun snack, while the carcass was being prepared for transport to a butcher shop.

"The boucherie is so important to our culture," said Denise Leger, 34, a Cajun Catholic from New Iberia who helped her uncle butcher the pig. "A lot of people give up their favorite foods, like boudin, as a penance during Lent."

LOCAL NEWS

Teen pleads guilty to neglect of infant

LAFAYETTE — A teenager has pleaded guilty to felony neglect for causing injuries that left his infant daughter with severe head injuries that will likely last a lifetime.

Gerald T. Schofield, 19, entered his plea in Tippecanoe Circuit Court in exchange for prosecutors dropping charges of felony battery and aggravated battery.

If a judge accepts his plea, he faces up to 10 years in prison when sentenced March 28.

The girl was injured on the morning of Sept. 19, 2007.

Schofield admitted in court Friday that he roughly grabbed Emma out of an infant swing.

SERBIA

Pro-Western Tadic wins election

New president defeats Milosevic ally with 51 percent of vote, sees 'great democratic potential'

Associated Press

BELGRADE — Serbia's pro-Western president narrowly defeated an ally of late autocrat Slobodan Milosevic in a closely contested election Sunday only days before an expected declaration of independence by the breakaway Kosovo province.

President Boris Tadic won 51 percent of the vote, while Tomislav Nikolic, who ruled with Milosevic during the wars in the Balkans in the 1990s, had 47 percent, according to the state electoral commission.

"Serbia has shown its great democratic potential," Tadic said in his victory speech, praising Nikolic for "the number of votes he has won."

Nikolic congratulated Tadic but added, "I will remain to be his tough opposition."

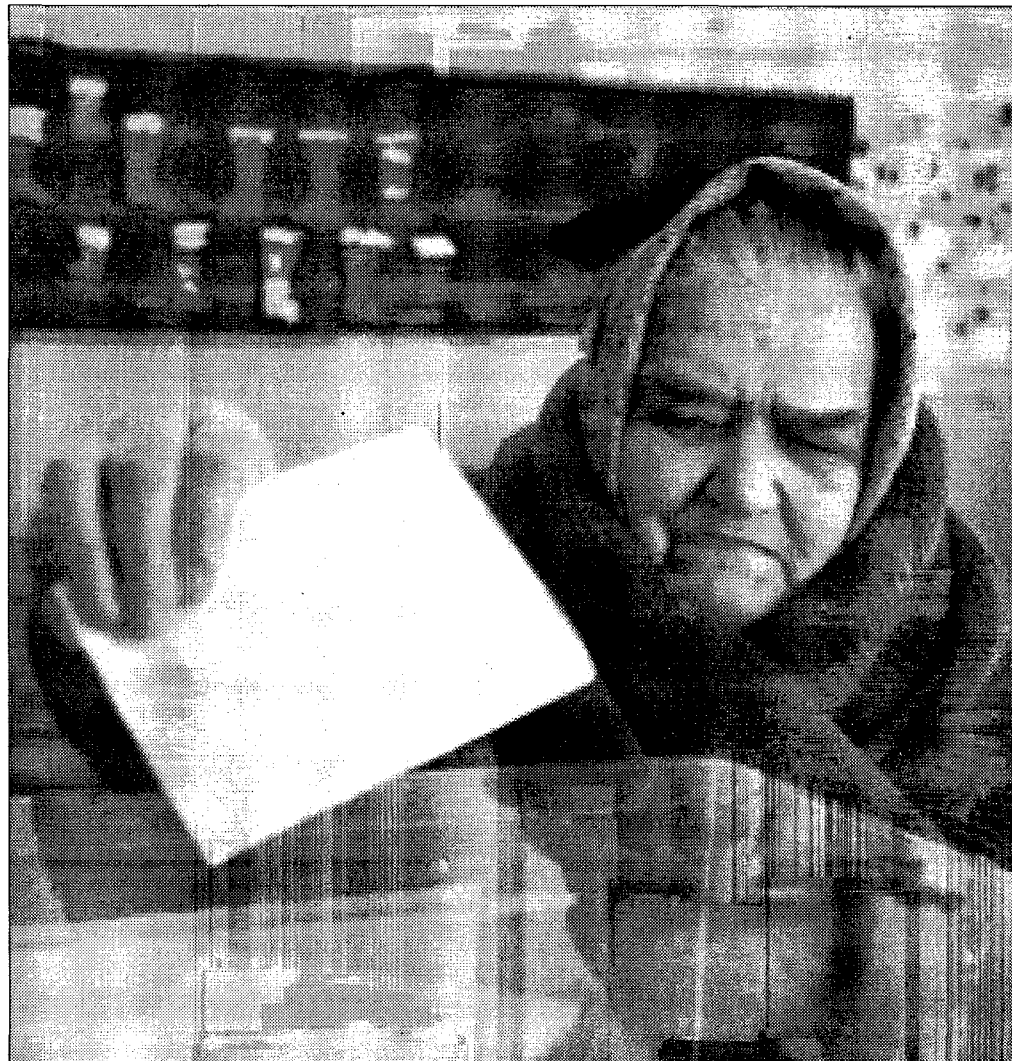
Tadic's supporters celebrated in downtown Belgrade, waving Serbian, EU and Democratic Party flags and honking car horns.

The outcome indicated that a majority of Serbians want the country to stay on its path of pro-Western reform and closer ties with the European Union, instead of heading back to the nationalism and isolation that characterized the Milosevic era.

Nikolic's defeat will also likely alleviate fears in the West that Serbia would react violently to the expected declaration of independence later this month by the Kosovo province, dominated by pro-independence ethnic Albanians.

Both Tadic and Nikolic oppose Kosovo's independence, but Tadic has ruled out the use of force and will likely seek to preserve close ties with the EU and the United States even if they recognize Kosovo statehood.

The province has been run by the United Nations and NATO since the 1998-99 war, when NATO bombed Serbia for 78 days to stop his brutal crack-



A Slovak woman votes in the village of Kovacica Sunday in the Serbian presidential runoff. The election took place days before an expected declaration of Kosovo independence.

down against Kosovo separatists.

Kosovo's Albanian leaders said they would declare independence days after the Serbian runoff, no matter who wins, and they expect the U.S. and most EU countries to follow up with quick recognition.

While pledging never to recognize Kosovo independence, Tadic has said there is "no alternative" to EU membership for Serbia and that it is "the only way forward" for the nation.

Nikolic has insisted that Serbia must abandon its EU membership bid if the bloc upholds Kosovo's independence and should turn to its ally Russia instead.

During the election campaign, Nikolic had advocated measures including

armed intervention to protect minority Serbs in the province and imposing a complete economic and travel blockade for Kosovo Albanians.

The election war marked by high turnout — 67 percent an hour before polls closed, and voters in Belgrade said the balloting was crucial.

"We have just recovered a little, we must not stop now," says Dusan Andjic, a 40-year-old lawyer who voted for Tadic. "This is really a matter of life and death."

Voters for Nikolic said the moment was historic, claiming the pro-Western Serbian leaders were going to sell out the country.

"If we don't stop them, they will give away Kosovo,"

cried Marko Stipcevic, 51, a clerk.

Serbia's presidency is formally a ceremonial post, though it gained in importance and influence under Milosevic's virtually unrivaled rule in the 1990s. Serbia's president names the commander of Serbia's army — a post that gains in importance before likely Kosovo independence.

A victory for Nikolic — whose party boss Vojislav Seselj is now on trial for alleged war crimes at the U.N. tribunal for the former Yugoslavia — would have dashed Western hopes that Serbia will arrest two Bosnian Serb war crimes fugitives, Gen. Ratko Mladic and his wartime political leader Radovan Karadzic, any time soon.

Museum seeks to store memorial banner

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — It was the first and may remain the most compelling visual memorial to the 49 people killed in a crash at Lexington's airport, but the huge banner bearing hundreds of messages of support is fading and showing signs of wear.

Now the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, the current home of the banner commemorating the victims of the August 2006 crash of Comair 5191, is working to preserve the original and to produce a life-sized replica that can remain on display.

On the morning of the crash, when the airliner went down in a field

after the crew mistakenly took off on a runway that was too short, there was an immediate need for both friends and strangers to express their condolences.

The makeshift solution was a 20-foot by 5-foot cloth and plastic banner, which Blue Grass Airport posted at a parking lot near the terminal so people could put their thoughts in writing.

"It is a positive and uplifting thing that came out of this," said Anita Threet, whose husband, Greg, was among those killed. "I've viewed it only a few times, but only been able to see a handful of signatures. I was hoping they'd put it in a format where I could really take some time

to read it. Those people are expressing their thoughts about our loss."

Since the crash, the combination of sunshine and wet weather has caused some of the ink to bleed through the banner material. The edges have started to fray.

"At that point, no one was thinking about preserving this," said Jack Baugh, director of the aviation museum. "They were just thinking about this horrible tragedy and the loved ones who were lost."

The museum has been holding discussion with the Smithsonian museums in Washington, as well as the Kentucky Historical Society, about storing the banner in inert gas to prevent further deterioration.

Professor runs to lead Czechs

Michigan friends, colleagues 'thrilled' about Svejnar's candidacy

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Michigan — As the U.S. presidential race heats up, a University of Michigan professor is focusing his attention on an election of a different kind.

Jan Svejnar, who has spent years guiding students in his role as a public policy and economics professor, says he's ready to make a real-world impact as the next president of the Czech Republic.

"Being a president is sort of the utmost public policy one could have," he said. "It kind of naturally dovetails the kind of professional work I do."

Svejnar, 55, served as an economic adviser to former Czech President Vaclav Havel and has Havel's backing, but he faces an uphill battle in the Feb. 8 election for the largely ceremonial post.

Not only is Svejnar trying to unseat an incumbent, Vaclav Klaus, he also is battling against criticism of his U.S. ties, which aren't viewed as an asset in the race.

His friends and colleagues on Michigan's Ann Arbor campus, however, are thrilled with Svejnar's candidacy.

"People think it's cool that a professor — somebody that they know — could be directly involved in running a country," said Nick Powers, an economics Ph.D. student at Michigan who studied under Svejnar.

For Svejnar, it all began in Prague, the city of his birth. He left for the U.S. in 1970 to study at Cornell University. He later moved on to Princeton University for graduate work in economics.

Svejnar was hired as a professor at Cornell and in 1981 became a U.S. citizen.

He was forced to relinquish his Czech citizenship, because he was not permitted at the time to be a citizen of both countries. But the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 allowed Svejnar to become more engaged in Europe.

Svejnar and his wife, Katherine Terrell, lived in the Czech Republic in 1992 with their two children and returned each summer until the kids got older, Terrell said.

"Jan himself has been there easily one week every six weeks since 1990," Terrell said.

Svejnar established an economic institute in Prague in the 1990s that offers an American-style Ph.D. in economics. He also has been a consultant to the World Bank and an economic adviser to the Czech government.

Svejnar had to reject a proposal from Havel to be prime minister in 1997 because he was not a Czech citizen. He regained his citizenship in 2001 and says now is the right time to make a run for the presidency.

"One doesn't get offered the opportunity quite often, naturally," Svejnar said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "The opportunity arose. I thought about it quite a lot. I talked to my colleagues, deans at the university and (the school's) President Mary Sue Coleman and finally decided I would try for it."

Terrell says she and her husband don't have high expectations for a victory, but view his run as a means to have an impact on the political process in the Czech Republic.

"Jan entered this knowing that it was a very low possibility that he would win," said Terrell, a University of Michigan business professor. "Jan has been really encouraged by how people have received his message. If he doesn't win, he's at least opened dialogue about a new way of doing politics there, less corrupt, and more open to the European Union."

The Czech people do not vote for president. Instead, the race will be decided by a secret vote of the bicameral Parliament.

Of the five major parliamen-

tary parties, Svejnar is supported by the opposition Social Democrats and the Greens, who are part of a three-party governing coalition.

Klaus, 66, is backed by the ruling conservative Civic Democratic Party. Another coalition party, the Christian Democrats, are split over the vote and despite a recommendation from the party leadership to vote for Klaus, some Christian Democratic lawmakers have said they are prepared to support Svejnar.

The last major party — the Communists — have yet to announce their candidate.

It appears that for Svejnar to win, he will need the support of Communist lawmakers, who say they are unhappy with Svejnar's U.S. citizenship.

Svejnar says he will drop his American citizenship if elected president.

"I can't imagine that the Czech Republic would be led by someone who comes here (as if) it was a safari destination," Interior Minister Ivan Langer, one of the deputy heads of the Civic Democratic Party, told the Czech weekly Tyden. "Vaclav Klaus equals for me the Czech Republic while Jan Svejnar is a hunter who arrives here just to do his shooting and have fun."

Svejnar is on sabbatical from Michigan this year, and his teaching as well as his work as director of the school's International Policy Center have been put on hold.

Terrell, a Washington, D.C., native, says she would like to live in Prague as first lady and wants to advance an education agenda.

As for the couple's children, Terrell says New York investment banker Daniel, 26, and 21-year-old Michigan senior Laura are "very excited at the prospect of their father becoming the next Czech president," but don't plan to move to Europe should Svejnar win the election.

Boy murders sleeping parents and brothers

Associated Press

COCKEYSVILLE, Md. — A 15-year-old boy fatally shot his parents and two younger brothers as they slept, then spent more than 12 hours with friends before returning home and calling 911 to report that his father was dead, police said Sunday.

Police went to their suburban Baltimore home and later charged Nicholas Waggoner Browning after he admitted to the slayings, Baltimore County Police spokesman Bill Toohey said.

Browning was charged as an adult with four counts of first-degree murder in the slayings of his father, John Browning, 45; his mother Tamara, 44; and his brothers Gregory, 13, and Benjamin, 11.

The teen had not been getting along with his father, police said. On Friday night, he went into the house after other family members had gone to sleep and shot each of them. His father's handgun had been in the house, police said.

After the slayings, he threw the handgun into bushes near the house, police said. The gun was recovered, Toohey said.

When the friends took him back to his house at 5 p.m. Saturday, Browning went into the house and came back out to say that his father was dead.

Browning called 911, telling the dispatcher that a "45-year-old male was lying on the couch with blood coming out of his nose. He was not breathing," according to charging documents. Officers were sent on a "call of a cardiac arrest."

Police said Browning's father was found in a ground-floor room and his mother and brothers were dead in upstairs bedrooms. There was no sign of a confrontation, Toohey said.

The tall, gangly sophomore at Dulaney High School in neighboring Timonium was denied bail; a bail review hearing was scheduled Monday. He was being held at the Baltimore County Detention

Center in a special section for juveniles.

Toohey said he didn't know if Browning had a lawyer.

Even if convicted as an adult of first-degree murder, Browning is too young under state law to face the death penalty.

Two of Browning's classmates drove past the family's house Sunday afternoon and wept when they learned from reporters that he was charged in the slayings.

"It's hard to believe someone could do this," Brooke Kebaugh, 16, said.

Liz Lazlawbach, 17, said Browning complained about fighting with his father, but "not about anything violent."

The grounds of the two-story home were neat and neighbor Mike Thomas said the Brownings would even pick up trash along the street. "These people would do anything in the world for you — just incredible people," Thomas said.

Neighbors called each other throughout the night to discuss the killings, Thomas said. He said one of his sons had been in Boy Scouts with one of the Brownings' sons and was devastated when he learned of the deaths.

About 50 people — mostly teenagers — gathered for a candlelight vigil in front of the Browning's house Sunday night. The crowd stood in silence for about ten minutes. Some cried.

John Thibeault said his son Kyle went to school with Benjamin and they were both "traumatized" by the deaths. He said his family locked their doors Saturday night, fearing a killer was on the loose.

Thibeault described Nicholas Browning as "just a regular, normal kid."

John Browning was a partner in the law firm of Royston, Mueller, McLean & Reid in Towson, focusing on real estate law and commercial and corporate law.

The partners said Browning was an accomplished lawyer.

Bowl ads go for \$2.7 million

Dancing lizards, dangerous badgers among this year's commercials

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was an epic battle of the creatures Sunday night in the Super Bowl ads, ranging from the cute to the menacing to the inexplicably rhythmic. A band of lizard-like reptiles cutting the rug to Michael Jackson's "Thriller"? Hey, it's the Super Bowl.

Much is riding on the ads, which are the most closely scrutinized of the whole year, as well as the most watched and the most expensive. This year's 30-second spots on News Corp.'s Fox network broadcast were fetching as much as \$2.7 million. The price edges higher nearly every year.

Last year the game drew 93 million viewers, a level that many believe could be surpassed this year given the strong matchup between the New York Giants and the New England Patriots, as well as the

Patriots' chance to go for a record unbeaten season.

Using critters is hardly a new trick in the ads for the big game, but this year saw some novel and clever uses of animals.

FedEx Corp.'s ad took a decidedly Hitchcockian turn when a corporate underling entrusts shipping operations to a huge squadron of carrier pigeons — eerily reminiscent of "The Birds."

When a tribe of giant pigeons winds up wreaking havoc by accidentally dropping huge boxes into traffic and picking up parked cars and hurling them through windows, a cool-headed supervisor decides that calling FedEx would be a good idea.

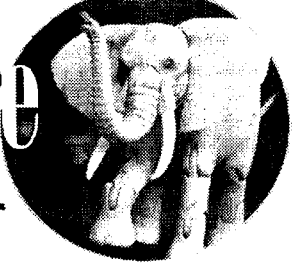
Toyota Motor Corp. took a stab at the critter theme with a clever spot for its Corolla model, boasting of the noise-blocking ability of the car by

putting a young guy in the drivers seat next to a sleeping family of badgers that will gnaw his face off if awakened. The cannons firing around him aren't the problem, but he would have been better off putting his cell phone on vibrate.

PepsiCo Inc.'s Sobe Life Water brand brought out some dancing lizards to bop along with Naomi Campbell to Michael Jackson's '80s classic "Thriller," whose 25th anniversary edition is coming out later this month.


Elsewhere, job-search site CareerBuilder.com was back in the game — not with the cast of monkeys it used for several years — but with a jarring yet effective ad featuring a bored female office worker whose heart literally jumps out of her chest, struts down to the boss's office and jumps up on the desk with a little sign saying, "I quit." The lesson: Follow your heart, literally.

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IN BRIEF

Striking writers end 12-week walkout

NEW YORK — Striking writers have reached interim contract agreements with four New York-based independent filmmakers, ending their 12-week walkout, the two sides said Sunday in a joint announcement.

The settlement appeared to be another step toward ending the national work stoppage by the Writers Guild of America that has brought film and television production on both coasts to a virtual standstill.

The announcement did not offer details of the agreements but said they were "similar" to agreements reached earlier between the WGA and 13 other film and TV production companies.

The latest agreements with the Writers Guild's east and west units enables the four indie producers, GreeneStreet Films, Killer Films, Open City Films and This is that corporation to "resume business immediately," the statement said.

WGA East president Michael Winship called the pacts "a reaffirmation of their dedication to great writing, bold innovation and good old-fashioned, New York City street smarts" by companies that he said had helped to revitalize the motion picture industry.

Chrysler supplier files for bankruptcy

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chrysler LLC scrambled to maintain its inventory of plastic parts after a supplier filed for bankruptcy protection.

Plastech Engineered Products Inc. apparently failed to negotiate a bailout package with its customers, The Wall Street Journal reported Friday.

Dearborn-based Plastech agreed to supply Chrysler through the weekend, spokeswoman Michele Tinson said.

The bankruptcy filing had not forced Chrysler to shut down any plants, Tinson said. "But it could potentially," she said. "It could impact a number of plants."

Calls to Plastech headquarters were not answered late Friday.

Chrysler was Plastech's fourth-largest customer, The Journal said. The company has 8,000 employees at more than 30 plants in North America.

Senate to vote on jobless benefits

Dispute arises over extension of \$161 billion in House-passed tax cuts, rebates

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For a bipartisan majority of senators, providing three months or six months of extra unemployment checks to more than 1 million jobless people is a better way to dig the economy out of a recession than just printing tax rebate checks.

Some economists agree, and undoubtedly, so do the nearly 1.3 million unemployed workers who face losing an average \$282 a week in benefits before June.

But there is strong opposition leading up to a Senate vote in the week ahead on whether to add an extension of jobless benefits to a \$161 billion House-passed combination of tax rebates and business tax cuts.

Consider Deborah El, a 64-year-old diabetic who lives in Pittsburgh. She will exhaust her 26 weeks of regular benefits this month after being laid off from her job as a program coordinator at a nonprofit literacy agency.

El is taking care of her 26-year-old disabled daughter, Orissa, while also looking for a job and trying to find a new place to live.

"I don't know what I'm going to do. I'm really scared," she said. "I've never been like this before. I've always been employed. I've always worked. I went back to school a few years ago and got a master's degree, but it doesn't mean anything."

As the economy has slowed, more people have signed up for jobless benefits. The situation can only get worse given the report last week that employers payrolls by 17,000 in January — a job loss not seen since the tail of the last recession in 2003.

The unemployment rate



Unemployed people stand in line at the California Employment Development Department in San Jose, Calif. Senators think extra unemployment checks will help the economy.

also is on a generally upward trend. It jumped to 5 percent in December, the highest since right after the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001, then dipped to 4.9 percent in January.

Last week, the number of laid off workers filing applications for unemployment benefits soared by 69,000 to 375,000. It was the most new claims in one week since October 2005, when Hurricane Katrina and the other Gulf Coast storms disrupted the economy.

The National Employment Law Project estimates that 1.28 million people now col-

lecting unemployment checks will be unable to find a job in the next six months and thus lose that help.

The plan before the 100-member Senate will need 60 votes to prevail. It would cost \$14 billion and extend unemployment payments for 13 weeks nationwide to people whose 26 weeks of regular benefits have run out.

People without jobs in states where the unemployment rate has averaged 6.5 percent or more for three months could qualify for an additional 13 weeks of benefits, or 52 weeks altogether. Only Michigan would qualify

for the extra 13-week extended benefits now; more states could join it if the job market continues to worsen.

"Every economist will tell you that stimulus spending will get into the economy much quicker than a tax rebate," says Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy, estimates that every dollar spent on extending jobless benefits will generate \$1.64 in new economic activity. Income tax rebates, he said, generate \$1.26 of economic activity for every dollar they cost the Treasury.

Businesses acquire Indiana companies

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana companies for a fifth straight year were mostly targets for mergers and acquisitions rather than buyers, a newspaper reported.

Of the largest 10 deals announced in the state last year, four involved Indiana companies being acquired, which was true for 65 percent of the deals overall, The Indianapolis Star reported Sunday. That was also the case in 2006, when 67 percent of announced deals involved Indiana companies being sold rather than making the purchase, the Star reported.

Being on the sale side of the ledger isn't necessarily bad, economic experts say.

"It tells me Hoosiers are creating, managing, running things of value to others," said Cameron Carter, a vice president at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

Once a company or asset is sold, it frees up money that's often reinvested in the state in other businesses, he said.

"It creates wealth that can be deployed in very innovative and interesting ways. That injects new capital into our economy."

But there is a downside when Indiana companies are taken over and ownership and top management go out of state, he said.

"If they are being downsized, that can be troublesome," he said. "There's a perception that if a firm is locally owned, there is more stability to it."

The year's two biggest deals in dollar value were the \$5.57 billion sale of Allison Transmission in Indianapolis to Onex Corp., with offices in Toronto and New York, and the Carlyle Group of Washington, D.C., and the \$1.64 billion purchase of shopping mall owner Mills Corp., by Indianapolis-based Simon Property Group and Farallon Capital Management.

The Simon-Mills deal led to the addi-

tion of about 75 jobs in Indianapolis, as Simon moved Mills' office operations to Simon headquarters.

The Allison Transmission deal switched out-of-state owners, from Detroit-based General Motors to Onex and Carlyle.

Of the 186 mergers and acquisitions involving Indiana companies last year, the largest number were industrial.

Last year, 41 of the 186 corporate deals in Indiana involved retailers or other companies in the consumer segment.

"As the consumer becomes (financially) pinched . . . these companies are in the doldrums and nobody wants to acquire them until everything shakes out," he said.

A prime example: The \$1.5 billion deal announced last year by Indianapolis-based Finish Line to buy rival shoe and hat retailer Genesco now is on hold and in the courts after Finish Line sought to get out of the deal and a judge ruled that it must complete the acquisition.

IRAQ

Law lets former Baath members in government

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's presidency council issued a law Sunday that will allow thousands of Saddam Hussein-era officials to return to government jobs, legislation viewed by the Bush administration as central to mending deep fissures between minority Sunni Arabs and Kurds and the majority Shiites who now wield power.

The measure, which was passed by parliament on Jan. 12, was the first of 18 key U.S.-set benchmarks to become law after months of bitter debate. But it was issued without the signature of the Sunni vice president, and the presidency council cited reservations and plans to seek changes in the bill, clouding hopes it would encourage reconciliation.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, said a soldier had been killed Thursday in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in Baghdad, raising to at least 40 the number of troop deaths reported in January, nearly double the 23 recorded in December and the largest monthly toll for the Americans since 65 in September.

A U.S. soldier also died of non-combat causes in Ninevah province in northern Iraq, the military said Sunday. At least 3,945 members of the U.S. military have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Iraq's Sunni Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi objected to provisions in the new law that would pension off 7,000 low-level members of Saddam Hussein's former secret police and intelligence agents who still worked in Iraq's security apparatus.

Top al-Hashemi aides also said he wanted decisions on exceptions to the law to be handled by the presidency council rather than parliament as the law currently requires.

The presidential council, which also includes President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd, and Vice President Adel Abdul-Mahdi, a Shiite, issued the law 10 days after receiving it for consideration, as required by Iraq's constitution.

But the panel also expressed concern "over some items that would hamper the national reconciliation project," pointing to the clause that would "lead to the exclusion of employees with high qualifications of which Iraq is in dire need."

In an apparent face-saving gesture to al-Hashemi, Talabani and Abdul-Mahdi, promised they would agree to send amendments back to the 275-member parliament.

The law is the first of 18 pieces of benchmark legislation demanded by the Bush administration to promote reconciliation among Iraq's Sunni and Shiite Arab communities and the large Kurdish minority.

U.S. officials have pinned great hopes on the measure and its passage by parliament was welcomed with fanfare by

President Bush as Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's U.S.-backed government has been heavily criticized for failing to take advantage of a recent lull in violence to make progress on the political front.

"As security has improved, it's good to see the Iraqis move forward with political reconciliation," said Gordon Johndroe, spokesman for the White House National Security Council. "We expect to see more legislative progress in the near term."

Other draft legislation, including measures to divvy up the country's vast oil wealth and amend the constitution and define rules for new provincial elections remain in limbo.

The new law will allow thousands of former members of Saddam's ruling Baath party to return to government jobs, and those who have reached retirement age will be able to claim government pensions.

The strict implementation of so-called de-Baathification rules meant that many senior bureaucrats who knew how to run ministries, university departments and state companies were fired after the 2003 U.S.-led ouster of Saddam.

Legislators also stressed the law would protect people in the future from atrocities like those committed by Saddam Hussein and to ensure those who were damaged by his Sunni-dominated regime had a means of seeking compensation.

The law included an explanation that it was passed "due to the severe suffering of the Iraqi people for 35 years during which they were subjected to the ugliest forms of repression, oppression and deprivation at the hands of the most criminal of regimes."

Many Sunnis in Iraq were skeptical.

Abu Wisam, 51, a former employee in the Ministry of Higher Education who was sacked in late 2005, complained the law continued to emphasize on punishing past regime members found guilty of crimes.

"This law brings nothing new. It still chases Baathists because of past events. The government should be busy fighting current criminals and corruption instead of settling old scores with us," said Wisam, who currently owns a computer store in Baghdad's predominantly Sunni neighborhood of Amariyah.

"I am not willing to go back to my work because I fear assassination," he added. "Government institutions are controlled by anti-Baathist people. I do not expect good from a law that was written and will be implemented by anti-Baathists."

Still, the move was seen as a key step in the reconciliation process. The decision to outlaw the Baath party was the first official act of L. Paul Bremer's Coalition Provisional Authority, and along with his order to disband the Iraqi army has been widely blamed for setting in motion the Sunni insurgency in the fall of 2003.

KENYA

Rebels invade Chad's capital

Invasion an attempt to oust president; global aid operation endangered

Associated Press

NAIROBI — Hundreds of rebels charged into Chad's capital aboard pickup trucks Saturday, clashing with government troops around the presidential palace in the most forceful attempt yet to oust President Idriss Deby.

The violence endangered a \$300 million global aid operation supporting millions of people in the former French colony and also delayed the deployment of the European Union's peacekeeping mission to both Chad and neighboring Central African Republic.

Libya's official news agency, JANA, reported that Chadian rebel leader Mahamat Nouri agreed to a cease-fire Saturday night after speaking to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, who was appointed by the African Union to mediate in the crisis.

Rebel spokesman Mahamat Hassane Boulmaje said he had not heard of any cease-fire and did not believe Nouri would agree to an unconditional end to hostilities. "The fighters would rebel," Boulmaje told The Associated in an early morning telephone call Sunday. Boulmaje said he was speaking from the border with Sudan and had not spoken to Nouri since Saturday afternoon.

The rebels arrived after a three-day push across the desert from the eastern border with Sudan in about 250 pickups with mounted submachine guns.

The rebels gathered outside

N'Djamena overnight before 1,000 to 1,500 fighters entered early Saturday and spread through the city, said Col. Thierry Burkhard, a French military spokesman.

Government forces were pushing rebels away from N'Djamena, he said late Saturday. "It appears clear that President Deby succeeded in containing them at his palace and is even in the process of pushing them back," Burkhard said.

A bomb hit the residence of the Saudi ambassador to Chad, killing the wife and daughter of an embassy staffer taking shelter from the fighting, according to a Saudi Foreign Ministry statement.

Chad's ambassador in Ethiopia, Cherif Mahamat Zene, told The Associated Press "the situation is under control."

"The head of state is fine in his palace. It's true that there are some rebels who have entered the city, but to say the city has fallen is false," Zene said his information came from a telephone call with the defense minister in N'Djamena.

Boulmaje, the rebel spokesman, told AP earlier that rebel had surrounded the presidential palace and claimed that government soldiers were defecting.

"Many in the military have rallied with the rebels," said Boulmaje, whose Union of Forces for Democracy and Development is the biggest rebel group.

Chad, a French colony until 1960, has been convulsed by civil wars and invasions since independence, and the recent discovery of oil has only increased the intensity of the struggle for power in the largely desert country about three times the size of California.

In April 2006, one Chadian rebel group launched a failed assault on N'Djamena.

The rebel force is believed to be a coalition of three groups, including the biggest led by Nouri, a former diplomat who defected 16 months ago, and a nephew of Deby's, Timan Erdimi. They long have been fighting to overthrow Deby, whom they accuse of corruption. Deby, himself a soldier, has suffered many defections in the past and morale is low in the army.

The rebels also have said they were unhappy with the president not providing enough support to rebels in Sudan's Darfur region, some of whom are from Debys own tribe, the Zaghawa, who are found in both Chad and Sudan.

The African Union, holding a summit in Ethiopia, said it would not recognize the rebels should they seize power. Tanzania's President Jakaya Kikwete, new head of the 52-nation bloc, said leaders had selected Gadhafi and Republic of Congo President Denis Sassou-Nguesso to try to broker peace.

France said it firmly condemns the attempt to take power by force."

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A modest proposal

George W. Bush tells us we need to remedy our addiction to foreign oil. Al Gore tells us that greenhouse gases that we create are contributing to global warming, which will cause catastrophic climatic disasters, resulting in the deaths of billions. Thomas Malthus warned — as early as 1798 — that exponential population growth would lead to widespread famine and poverty. Jonathan Swift provided a solution to rampant poverty in Ireland in his Modest Proposal of 1729, radically suggesting the Irish eat their babies to prevent them from roaming the streets in destitution.

No matter where you look, you can find impending crises whose roots trace back to overpopulation, excessive energy usage and dwindling resources. Many hippie-minded environmentalists suggest we put our money into finding alternative energy sources, developing more fuel-efficient cars, and reducing our consumption by sacrificing the lifestyles that we have earned through our persistent work and technological innovation. They then warn us that oil is running out, that coal will not be around forever, that the earth is limited and that one day, the resources we expend will supersede those which the earth provides.

Instead of listening to this doom-and-gloom nonsense, I propose that we stay the course, that we continue on with the way of life we have cultivated and justly deserve thanks to our unique ability as humans to extensively impact the environment and ecosystems around us. If we have the ability to shape the earth's outputs to our needs, why waste time preserving what "used to be"? Nostalgia for the good old days does not translate to sound survival strategies.

One of the biggest fear-embedding catch phrases these days is "peak oil"

and, increasingly, "peak coal." Energy Watch Group, an environmental organization out of Europe, predicted in summer 2007 that the U.S. has only 200 years of coal left — and that China has a mere 37 years of coal reserves if it continues at its current rate of consumption. The Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas (ASPO) predicted as recently as this January that peak oil will occur in 2010.

If these tragedies are so unavoidable on the horizon, why don't we just let it happen? Just use up the oil and coal until there is literally not a drop or a lump left. Why interfere with inevitability? It's foolish to try to fix the plumbing in a house that's already burning down. Why not sit in the living room and have a cup of tea until it's time to build a new house?

Some who claim to be looking ahead to "the long run" assert that the only way to save the human race is to establish preventative measures to protect the environment. Well, here's what I have to say. What is one of the biggest causes of the strain on our resources? Overpopulation. What happens when overpopulation abounds and we do not attempt to abate environmental problems? Widespread famine and disease. What is the result of famine and disease? Massive deaths. What do mass deaths and extinctions result in? Lower population levels. See the cycle?

In order to truly solve all of our environmental "problems," what we really need to do is let them go. These changes are nature running its course. According to Conservation International, a new species goes extinct every 20 minutes. Who are we to assume power over such a statistic? Why fight what is obviously a trend toward another mass extinction? If almost everything dies off, won't there still be a couple of humans left, dominating over the remnants of the earth? They can then repopulate in a sparsely populated — and thus, renewedly

resource-rich — world. There won't be enough of them to pollute detrimental amounts of, well, anything.

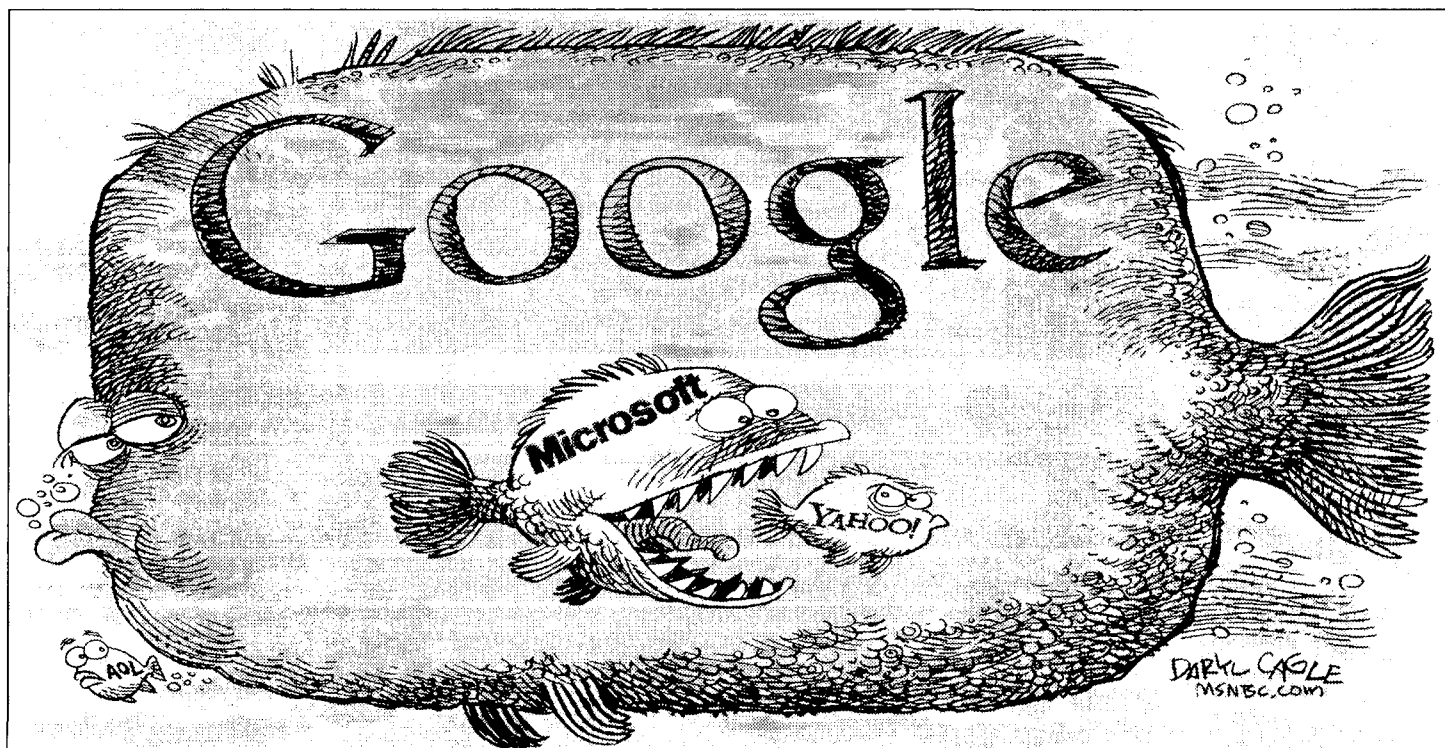
You see, my friends, the answer is all too clear. Instead of dreading the inescapable, wasting our time and poorly equipped resources for an already doomed battle, we should continue our present lifestyles. Once we use up all the oil and gas, we will have to stop the majority of our polluting, for there simply won't be anything left with which to pollute! That sudden drop-off of resources will render us unable to attain the food and clean water we need for survival, and humans will begin dying in droves. This might seem sad to us, but is it really different than what is currently occurring in third world countries? Letting our resources run out will actually level the playing field in terms of human survival; industrialized countries will no longer hold an unfair advantage.

Overpopulation is an indisputable problem. The loss of biodiversity, exorbitant amounts of pollution and rapidly changing chemical balances in the earth's atmosphere are testimony to the negatives of our more-than-six billion worldwide human population. So why not kill a few birds with one stone? Get rid of the oil and coal, thereby stopping pollution, let disease and famine occur, so that the few survivors are healthy, and the overall population levels are much more manageable for our earth. I wouldn't dream of proposing that we eat babies — that's entirely too extreme, and frankly, morbid. Why not just stay the course?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Suffering is the substance of life and the root of personality, for it is only suffering that makes us persons."

Miguel de Unamuno
Spanish philosopher

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The only people who think children are carefree are the ones who've forgotten their own childhood."

Orson Scott Card
author

The Velveteen Rabbit, or how I became real

It all started in a desperate attempt to get the kindergartners to be quiet during quiet time. I had tried everything: Calming music, strategic sleeping mat placement, threats leveled against afternoon recess. All to no avail. So on this particular day, I was searching for inspiration. I scoured the bookshelves and came across a copy of *The Velveteen Rabbit*. "Perfect," I thought, congratulating myself on my cleverness and settling on a tabletop with a clear view of each of my 13 little miscreants to read. Sure enough, I knocked them out in no time — I'm pretty sure I was a hypnotist in a past life. But, to be honest, I hardly even noticed that they were asleep. I haven't read *The Velveteen Rabbit* since I was about seven years old; and at the time, I was more fascinated by the idea of my stuffed animals talking than I was by the story itself. But 15 years later, in the midst of my year as a Jesuit Volunteer teaching kindergarten on a Native American reservation in rural Montana, I finally get it. *The Velveteen Rabbit* is my story. It is the story of anyone who has ever committed a significant amount of time to service. It is the story of how we

Danielle Palkert
Guest Columnist

became real, and how you can become real too.
"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you."
"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.
"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real, you don't mind being hurt."
My parents were less than thrilled when I told them that, with the cost of a very nice car in undergraduate loans, my grand plan was to spend a year living on an \$80 monthly stipend. Even now, I can't really put into words why I did it, except to say that I had to. When it came right down to it, nothing else made sense. I was being called to service. God knows I tried to avoid it, and with all those loans some would probably say I should have, but I couldn't. And that's why it's worth the pain and the tears and the sometimes seemingly endless frustration. Because it couldn't have been any other way.
"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"
"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But

these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."
Over the past five months, I have been loved to pieces. I have been hugged so hard and so many times that sometimes I think they mistake me for a giant teddy bear. I have had my midsection covered with stickers (they can't reach much higher), and 'I love you, Teacher' whispered into my stomach enough times to convince me that the love of a five-year-old could single-handedly bring about world peace. Faced with the reality of a life radically different from the one I led at Notre Dame, I have grown shabby. Preconceived ideas have been loved off, certain worldviews have dropped out, and comfortable moral absolutes have grown loose when forced to go toe-to-toe with certain painful realities. But I really don't care because these have made me Real.
"I am the nursery magic Fairy," she said. "I take care of all the playthings that the children have loved. When they are old and worn out and the children don't need them any more, then I come and take them away with me and turn them into Real."
"Wasn't I real before?" asked the little Rabbit.
"You were Real to the Boy," the Fairy

said, "because he loved you. Now you shall be Real to every one."
My kindergartners have made me Real. But as the year moves ever more quickly toward May, the question becomes how to be Real without them, how to leave the comfort of this reality and carry its transformative character with me wherever I go next. And while I'm not quite sure yet how I'm going to do it — I suspect that it will be the love; the transformative, life-giving love I experience every day here that will pull me through it. So for those of you almost-graduates considering service, don't listen to the people who tell you that it's a foolish attempt to stave off the real world. Don't listen to the voice in your head that ticks off the cost of your college loans and how hard it's going to be to explain yourself to people who have "better" plans for you. In the words of the Skin Horse: "Become." But know this: "Once you are Real you can't become unreal again. It lasts for always."
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Check facts

Facts can be a dangerous thing especially when they are wrong. The Observer quoted Joe Russo, director of student financial strategies, as stating that while financial aid to students has increased 13 percent over the past 18 years, tuition has only increased by "about five to six percent." Simply stated, this is not accurate. According to the Notre Dame Magazine (available online) tuition costs were \$8,626 in 1987. Tuition costs for the 2007-08 year are \$35,190. This is more than a 400 percent increase over the past 20 years, not even close to the five or six percent stated.

Jon Kennedy
junior
off campus
Feb. 1

Higher tuition requires more aid

I have some comments regarding Kate McClelland's article ("ND looks to boost financial aid," Feb. 1) regarding student financial aid at Notre Dame. First, I applaud the University for finally making this concerted effort to substantially increase student financial aid. As a parent who had three children enrolled at Notre Dame last year, I can attest to the fact that the University is falling way behind our competitors (such as Boston College) when it comes to student financial aid awards.
I also wanted to point out that the statistics cited in the article are very confusing, and perhaps even more so, misleading. First, the article reads that the University's financial aid budget has risen from \$55 million to \$72 million over the last 18 years, or an increase of 13 percent. Isn't that an increase of 31 percent, on a total basis? (It certainly does not equate to 13 percent on an annual basis.) Second, the financial aid officer says that over the same period, Notre Dame's tuition has risen only

five to six percent. Isn't that misleading as well, since obviously the tuition increases are on an annual basis, whereas the financial aid award increase cited above was over an 18-year period? Obviously, over the same 18-year period, the Notre Dame tuition has probably risen well over 100 percent, versus the apparent 31 percent increase in financial award money.
Hopefully these comments help clarify how significant the financial aid problem at Notre Dame really is. If we don't get this situation rectified, and rectified soon, we will become a university with little if any economic diversity among its student body, and we will lose many highly qualified students to other Catholic universities.

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The dreaded Greek cheek kiss

"Meet my Grandma," my friend said, pointing in the direction of a gray-haired woman firmly planted in her loveseat.
I hesitated, but upon further coaxing I did as instructed.
"Hello," I said extending my hand out to her, "it's nice to meet you."
"You too," she responded.
I slowly began to feel her grip on my hand increase, then the grip quickly turned to a tug. She began to pull me closer to her, as though she had a special secret she wanted to share just with me.
"Give me a kiss," she shouted in my ear.
I didn't know what to do. First, where did she want me to kiss her? Initially, I assumed the cheek, but this lady really wanted a kiss, perhaps she was hoping for more of the mouth business. Also, I just met her, how was this OK? I was confused. I was scared. I also happened to be surrounded by every person ever to exist in my friend's extended family, so I had to do it.
I went for the cheek.
And, thankfully, she wasn't expecting anything more.
I've never been so happy to end an introduction with a person and plan to avoid that person at any future

Emily Hemson
Oregon State University's Daily Barometer

family functions I may attend.
However, I cannot escape the fear — the fear of introductory kisses.
Two years ago one of my roommates was Greek. This was real Greek, as in she actually spoke the language and had a house in Greece. Her grandparents had lived there, and she possessed a strong appreciation for feta cheese. She was the real deal. So whenever we would go out in public, she would constantly be running into her Greek-language speaking friends, and I would always be introduced.
"This is my friend Emily," she would say.
And then it would happen. The awkward in-between: Are they going to kiss me on the cheek now? Are we going to shake hands? Or perhaps a cordial hug?
None of this was enough for these Europeans, these people were double kissers. Two cheeks, one sweeping motion that almost always produced one terribly awkward American. No matter what I did, I couldn't seem to get used to it. I would think I was prepared, but then I would see them and wonder if maybe this time they wouldn't kiss me. And I thought if that happened, then wouldn't it be odd if I kissed them? I'm not the European one, I'm the non-kisser, and if the non-kisser initiates the kissing then isn't that just strange?
All of this confusion just led to uneasy head bobbing, and a stressed-out mind. I sought a remedy. I couldn't

be European. I was far too comfortable being an awkward American with a gigantic personal bubble, and I decided I would no longer apologize for this.
From that moment on, upon every foreign introduction, I would place my hand in a wave-like position, and state very firmly I was my Greek friend's American friend. Generally, people understood.
But does this discomfort make me unable to adapt to other cultural norms? Should it be normal for people to kiss each other on the cheek? Are we a culture so self-consumed and so scared of everyone around us that kissing a stranger on the cheek seems uncomfortable and out of place? If this is true, how are we supposed to break out of this box we've placed ourselves in? To be perfectly honest I'm much more comfortable with a kiss on the cheek when I've got a little wine flowing through my bloodstream. Does this mean that I should always be drunk at affairs that involve a kiss on the cheek?
Or maybe it would be best to altogether avoid Europeans and the grandmothers of friends, as those seem to be the prime culprits in this crime of kissing.
This column first appeared in the Feb. 1 edition of *The Daily Barometer*, the daily newspaper at the Oregon State University.
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Revue shows courage

On Friday morning, as is usual at the beginning of each of my Japanese classes, our sensei had us make small talk about our weekend plans. I asked my neighboring classmate how his weekend was shaping up and before I knew it, he was offering me tickets to his dorm's evening show.

Mark Witte

Scene &
Heard

I had not been planning on attending the Keenan Revue, but my classmate was so adamant in giving me tickets that I almost couldn't refuse. As well, I had an old friend visiting from out of town and I figured the annual show might provide him with a good sampling of Notre Dame culture.

So later that night we caught the trolley, packed in with a few inebriated students and traversed over to Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium.

The show kicked off with a speech by its "Enlightened Consultant," who also happened to be my ticket-providing classmate, J.J. Cappa. His speech laid down some humorous ground rules pertaining to the show's zombie theme. The real treat, however, came when zombies appeared on the sides of the stage, slowly creeping toward the producer. He picked up the speed of his speech in perfect stride, finally jamming the play button on some zombie-repelling Michael Jackson music, causing the zombies to fall into a perfectly choreographed zombie dance. It was only the show's introductory act, but it demonstrated the precision with which the show had been carefully rehearsed.

But it was a courageous show as well.

Over the course of the next two and half hours, the Revue pulled numerous sidesplitting skits out of its bag of tricks. From staining everyone's childhood memories of "Casper the Friendly Ghost," to poking fun at Notre Dame's ethnic makeup, to calling out the football team on its disastrous season, the Knights of Keenan showed they weren't afraid to offend, or stay in character.

Oh, and that whole bit about not being allowed to use "Saint Mary's" in any of their jokes — well, they never said "Saint Mary's" specifically, but what they didn't say made the jokes that much funnier.

For someone who didn't know much about Notre Dame, its customs or its running jokes, my friend laughed along the entire way. As for me, after a week of Career Fair stress and little sleep, the Revue was a welcome relief. So thank you, "Enlightened Consultant," thank you for the tickets and for a well done, genuinely entertaining show. And even though most people missed the joke, the Bruce Campbell, "boomstick" Jesus, was just what I needed.

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Scene Writer

There's only one place you can see Jesus and excessive pelvic thrusting on the same stage. That's right, it's that time of year again.

The annual Keenan Revue hit Notre Dame last Thursday under the zombie theme, "The Night of the Living Revue." But it didn't need the help of the undead to deliver a thoroughly delightful showing. Under the direction of John Siegel, well executed and hilariously contrived skits flowed between musical numbers brought to life by half-naked Keenan dancers. Using a lot of wit and a dash of shock value, Keenan once again placed a monopolizing claim on Notre Dame's funny bone.

Sticking with tradition, no one was exempt from the dorm's scathing humor. The Revue took jabs at popular campus figures and average Notre Dame students alike. Father Hesburgh, Lou Holtz, Father Jenkins, Charlie Weis and Officer Tim McCarthy were all popular subjects. Though insult could have easily tainted

these topics, Keenan expertly used the sensitive material to its full advantage. In this way, the show proved the proverb, "a little bit goes a long way." Comments like, "There's enough life support and busty nurses on the fourteenth floor

to keep Father Hesburgh alive until he's 150," delivered swift digs without taboo heavy-handedness.

Of course, there was plenty of mocking to go around. The hilarious image of Tim McCarthy struggling to formulate his famous double entendres was an excellent opening act. Documenting a series of duds, the skit turned writer's block into crafty humor. And not soon after, a scene called "Jono" integrated the popular elements of the film, "Juno," into the Notre Dame

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The "Asians of Domination" raise cameras during a skit from the Keenan Revue. From left: Tae Kang, Gabby Ymalay, Jonathan Nguyen, Joe Tsai and Jonnie Lee.

mainstream. Replacing Juno McGuff and Bleaker with a pregnant Father Jenkins and Jesus in short-shorts, the skit created a memorable if not disturbing fusion.

Apart from pop-culture references, tried-and-true material on Notre Dame females and Saint Mary's students were also granted a fair share of attention. Evidence of a reported restraint on Saint Mary's jokes was meager. On several occasions, Saint

Mary jokes slipped into the show, through allusions and substitutes like "St. Monica's College."

Though the Revue is perhaps best known for this type of potentially sexist material, in reality the show is an equal opportunity offender. Exhibiting consciousness of a wide range of stereotyping, Keenan didn't keep anything off limits, including males. Indeed, Keenan was just as willing to mock a stereotypical male disposition of horniness, oblivion and inebriation.

By taking on a variety of subjects, Keenan represented a commendably diverse talent that was just plain funny.

Not all teasing was done at the expense of the Notre Dame community. Several stronger skits proved Keenan's sense of humor extends beyond the University. A skit entitled "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Firecrotch" was perhaps one of the most memorable highlights of the show. Presenting a Hogwarts turned on its head, Dumbledore, Harry and Ron took the stage, Keenan style. Returning from break, pupils find Dumbledore outed and flamboyantly homosexual. In a nice reference to an on-campus controversy, Dumbledore donned a "Gay? Fine By Me" shirt. Rounding out the ensemble, Hagrid appeared as a sketchy child-molester with eyes for Harry, while Voldemort took a form reminiscent of a drunken frat boy. These well defined, amusing characters created an enjoyable scene evocative of Saturday Night Live.

The Keenan Revue was a well rounded display of comic aptitude. It clearly understood the duality of humor: social commentary and laughter. It did both well. No wonder it sold out tickets in 20 minutes.

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Chris Shadle chuckles while hosting the Revue's version of "Don't Forget the Lyrics."



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Jesus (Mike Tresnowski) offers his coaching credentials and advice during a skit.

Omar reaches a stalemate on **THE WIRE**



JARRED WAFER | Observer Graphic

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Disclaimer: There are two types of people: people who watch "The Wire" and people who don't. If you are one of the latter, feel free to continue living in ignorance of the best show on television. However, if you are one of the former and haven't yet seen Sunday night's episode of Season 5, this column contains plot details that may ruin your viewing experience. Continue reading at your own risk.

Fans of HBO's "The Wire" breathed a collective sigh of relief Sunday night as fan favorite Omar Little (Michael K. Williams) escaped certain death. Or did he?

In his ongoing blood feud with Baltimore drug czar Marlo Stanfield (Jamie Hector), Omar and an associate launched an assault on some of Stanfield's men, who had holed themselves up in an apartment. Normally, the ever-vigilant Mr. Little has a leg up on the competition with his patience and seasoned eye, but on this particular evening, Marlo's muscle, Michael (Tristan Wilds), Chris (Gbenga Akinnagbe) and Snoop (Felicia Pearson) flipped the script on him with an ambush.

Things looked bleak for the trench coat street soldier when the trigger-happy trio had him pinned down behind a sofa beneath a hail of bullets. Staying alive appeared to be a

tall order even for the survival-of-the-fittest Omar. In an act of desperation, he narrowly avoided taking a lead shower by smashing through a glass door and making a swan dive off a balcony several stories off the ground.

When Michael, Chris and Snoop peered out over the ledge, Omar had vanished like a ghost into the night. Over the course of the show's five seasons, Omar has built a reputation for himself throughout the course as the biggest, baddest cat on the street, but has he finally met his match?

In Chris and Snoop (and now their protégé Michael), Marlo has a triumvirate of merciless murderers. For Omar to get at Marlo, he'll have to take care of his enforcers first, and going three-on-one appears to be overwhelming odds even for Omar.

In his resolutions of earlier plot arcs in seasons past, "The Wire" creator David Simon has proven that he's not one for happy endings, instead opting for realistic conclusions to conflicts on the show. He has also shown no hesitation in killing off show regular characters and fan favorites. As such, in Omar's case it's uncertain if he'll give the fans what they want and if Omar will get his revenge. However, one thing is certain: the man, the myth and the legend that is Omar Little lives to fight another week.

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Photo courtesy of hbo.com

Omar (Michael K. Williams) may have nine lives. He narrowly escaped with his life again on Sunday night's episode.

SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS

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Longest Dunk



Shunsuke Nagasaki sets the world record for the longest dunk. He misses denting his face by about 6 inches.

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Motavit Mineral Water Ad



Indiana Jones like commercial, only this time the hero thinks of the repercussions of saving the damsel in distress

youtube.com/watch?v=MBONe8AcE9E

Only for Bus



Careful driving down these streets. Even the road can be prejudice.

youtube.com/watch?v=AKVBK-OveE8

Soccer Juggling



Man juggles soccer ball while sitting on the ground. Get this guy on a professional team please.

youtube.com/watch?v=pQuw-H05LI

SUPER BOWL XLII

Giants disrupt historic season, upset Patriots

Eli Manning named game MVP, leads fourth-quarter comeback culminating in game-winning TD pass to Plaxico Burress

Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — The Giants had the perfect answer for the suddenly imperfect Patriots: a big, bad defense and an improbable comeback led by their own Mr. Cool quarterback, Eli Manning.

In one of the biggest upsets in Super Bowl history, New York shattered New England's unbeaten season 17-14 Sunday night as Manning hit Plaxico Burress on a 13-yard fade with 35 seconds left. It was the Giants' 11th straight victory on the road and the first time the Patriots tasted defeat in more than a year.

It was the most bitter of losses, too, because 12-point favorite New England (18-1) was one play from winning and getting the ultimate revenge for being penalized for illegally taping opponents' defensive signals in the season-opener against the New York Jets.

But its defense couldn't stop a final, frantic 12-play, 83-yard drive that featured a spectacular leaping catch by David Tyree, who had scored New York's first touchdown on the opening drive of the fourth quarter.

"It's the greatest feeling in professional sports," Burress said

before bursting into tears.

"That's a position you want to be in," said Manning, who followed older brother Peyton's MVP performance last year with one of his own. "You can't write a better script. There were so many big plays on that drive."

And now the 1972 Miami Dolphins can pop another bottle of champagne in celebration of a record still intact, the only perfect season in the Super Bowl era.

The Patriots were done in not so much by the pressure of the first unbeaten season in 35 years as by the pressure of a smothering Giants pass rush. Tom Brady, the league's Most Valuable Player and winner of his first three Super Bowls, was sacked five times, hurried a dozen more and at one point wound up on his knees, his hands on his hips following one of many poor throws in New England's lowest scoring game of the season.

"They played well," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "They made some plays. We made some plays. They just made a few more. We played as hard as we could. We just couldn't make enough plays."

Hardly a familiar position for the record-setting Patriots and their megastar quarterback. And



Giants wide receiver David Tyree makes a difficult catch over Patriots defensive back Rodney Harrison during the game-winning drive in New York's 17-14 Super Bowl win Sunday.

a totally strange outcome for a team that seemed destined for historic glory.

Oddly, it was a loss to the Patriots that sparked New York's stunning run to its third Super Bowl and sixth NFL title. New England won 38-35 in Week 17 as the Patriots became the first team in 35 years to go spotless through the regular season. But by playing hard in a meaningless game for them, the Giants (14-6) gained something of a swagger and Manning cast found his footing.

Their growing confidence carried them through playoff victories at Tampa, Dallas and Green Bay, and then past the mightiest opponent of all.

Not that the Patriots were very mighty this day. They even conceded with 1 second on the clock as coach Bill Belichick ran across the field to shake the hand of jubilant Giants coach Tom Coughlin, then headed to the locker room, ignoring the final kneeldown.

That it was Manning taking that knee was stunning. He not only matched his brother's achievement of last year with the Indianapolis Colts, but he showed the brilliant precision late in the

game usually associated with, well, Brady.

Peyton Manning was seen in a luxury box jumping up and pumping both fists when Burress, who didn't practice all week because of injuries, caught the winning score.

"We just hung in there on offense, kept executing," said Burress, who wasn't far off on the 23-17 prediction he made a few days ago. "It came down to one play and we made it."

The Giants became the first NFC wild card team to win a Super Bowl; four AFC teams have done it. They also are the second wild-card champions in three years, following the Pittsburgh Steelers after the 2005 season.

The upset also could be viewed as a source of revenge not only for the Giants, but for the other NFL teams over Spygate back in September. That cheating scandal made headlines again late in Super Bowl week, and could have placed an infinite cloud over New England's perfection.

Until the frantic fourth quarter, the only scoring came on the game's first two drives.

The Giants did almost exactly what they sought with the opening kickoff, using up nearly 10

minutes to go 63 yards. Almost exactly, but not quite, because they settled for a 32-yard field goal after converting four third downs on the 16-play series. The 9:59 drive was the longest in Super Bowl history.

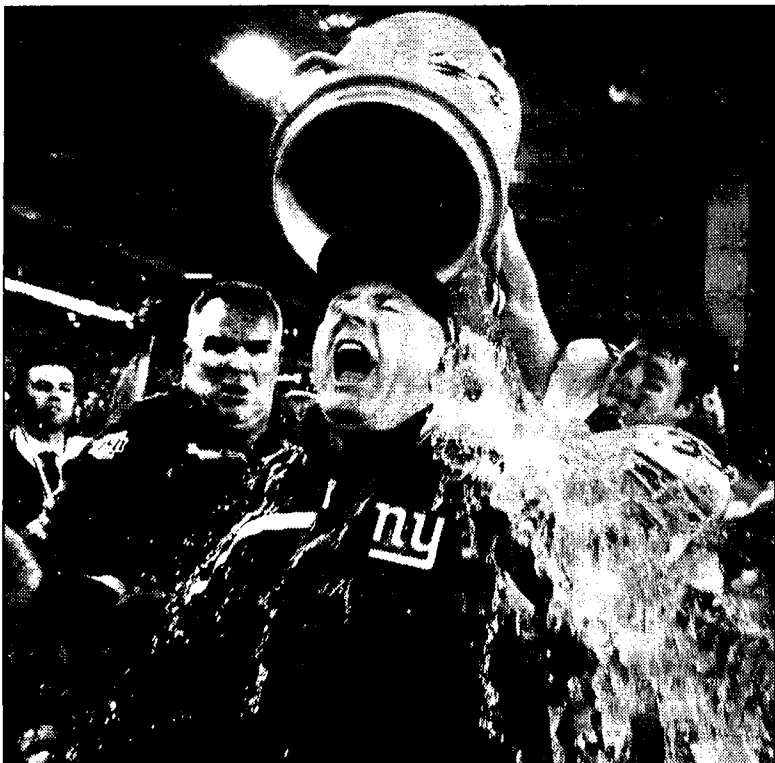
That 3-0 lead lasted for the rest of the quarter, but only because the Patriots were stopped at New York's 1 as the period expired. On the next play, Laurence Maroney scored.

New England's 12-play drive was aided by a 16-yard pass interference penalty on line-backer Antonio Pierce in the end zone. It began with Maroney's 43-yard kickoff runback.

It was the fewest possessions in the first quarter of a Super Bowl.

New York's first series of the second quarter looked dangerous after Amani Toomer's lunging sideline catch for 38 yards. But rookie Steve Smith mishandled Manning's throw at the New England 10, Ellis Hobbs intercepted and returned it 23 yards.

Those are opportunities teams can't waste against a strong opponent, let alone the Patriots. It was Manning's first interception of the postseason, albeit entirely not his fault; the last was by Hobbs in the season finale.



Giants coach Tom Coughlin receives a Gatorade shower moments after New York's 17-14 upset over the Patriots Sunday.

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"The long and winding road that leads to your door, Will never disappear, I've seen that road before It always leads me here, Leads me to your door. The wild and windy night the rain washed away, Has left a pool of tears crying for the day. Why leave me standing here, let me know the way Many times I've been alone and many times I've cried Anyway you'll never know the many ways I've tried, but Still they lead me back to the long and winding road You left me standing here a long, long time ago Don't leave me waiting here, lead me to you door Da, da, da, da

"After all the jacks are in their boxes And the clowns have all gone to bed You can hear happiness staggering on down the street Footsteps dressed in red And the wind whispers mary A broom is drearily sweeping Up the broken pieces of yesterday's life Somewhere a queen is weeping Somewhere a king has no wife And the wind, it cries mary The traffic lights, they turn, uh, blue tomorrow And shine their emptiness down on my bed The tiny island sags down stream cause the life that lived is, Is dead And the wind screams mary Uh-will the wind ever remember The names it has blow in the past? And with this crutch, its old age, and its wisdom It whispers no, this will be the last And the wind cries mary"

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NCAA Men's Basketball AP Top 25 Poll

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2	Kansas	21-1	2
3	Duke	19-1	4
4	North Carolina	20-1	5
5	UCLA	20-2	8
6	Georgetown	18-2	9
7	Tennessee	19-2	3
8	Michigan State	19-3	10
9	Washington State	17-4	6
10	Texas	17-4	12
11	Indiana	17-3	7
12	Butler	19-2	15
13	Wisconsin	17-3	11
14	Stanford	18-3	20
15	Xavier	18-4	23
16	Drake	20-1	22
17	Marquette	16-4	21
18	Pittsburgh	17-5	13
19	Vanderbilt	18-4	14
20	Florida	18-4	30
21	St. Mary's	18-3	26
22	Kansas State	15-5	28
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25	Baylor	16-4	25

NCAA Men's Basketball Coaches' Poll

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18	Vanderbilt	18-4	13
19	Florida	18-4	27
20	St. Mary's	18-3	24
21	Pittsburgh	17-5	17
22	Mississippi	16-4	15
23	Texas A&M	18-4	16
24	Kansas State	15-5	34
25	Mississippi State	14-7	38

USFCA College Fencing Coaches' Poll

Men's

rank	team	rank	team
1	Penn State	1	NOTRE DAME
2	Ohio State	2	Ohio State
3	NOTRE DAME	3	Columbia-Barnard
4	St. John's	4	Penn State
5	Columbia	5	Harvard
6	Pennsylvania	6	Northwestern
7	Harvard	7	St. John's
8	Princeton	8	Pennsylvania
9	Brandeis	9	Temple
10	Stanford	10	Princeton

Women's

MEN'S GOLF



Tiger Woods poses Sunday with the trophy for the Dubai Desert Classic in, the United Arab Emirates. Woods birdied five of his last seven holes in the final round to claim the victory over rival Ernie Els.

Late surge lifts Woods to victory in Dubai

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Tiger Woods watched his 25-foot putt race down the slope and bend toward the cup, then he skipped backward and punched the desert air in celebration when it disappeared into the cup for a final birdie.

So ended his spectacular charge Sunday to win the Dubai Desert Classic over Ernie Els, a familiar victim. Woods birdied his last two holes, and five of his last seven, for a 7-under 65 to start his season with two victories that looked nothing alike.

One week was an eight-shot victory at the Buick

Invitational. The next week was his largest comeback in eight years when Woods rallied from a four-shot deficit with an array of impressive shots that make him look tougher to beat than he already is.

"I'm just happy to get a win out of this," Woods said.

It was the third time Woods has started his season 2-0, another sign that he could be headed for a big year. He now has won his last four official tournaments, and six of his last seven dating to the Bridgestone Invitational in early August. Woods also won his unofficial Target World Challenge by seven shots in December.

"It's the ideal start, isn't

it?" Woods said. "You play to win. So far, I've done that this year."

Woods finished at 14-under 274 for a one-shot victory over Martin Kaymer of Germany. Woods had already posted his score when Kaymer, who won two weeks ago in Abu Dhabi, closed birdie-birdie-eagle for a 66.

But the real victim was Els.

He started the final round with a one-shot lead over Henrik Stenson and was four shots clear of Woods. The 38-year-old South African missed par putts inside 5 feet on the 11th and 12th holes to lose the lead, but he still had a chance to force a playoff with a birdie on the par-5 18th. Instead, Els hit 5-wood

that came up well short and ended up in the water.

He finished with a bogey for a 71 and tied for third with Louis Oosthuizen.

It was a devastating blow to Els, who stared at the ground as he walked toward the 18th green. He is in the middle of a three-year plan to overtake Woods at No. 1 in the world, and said at the start of his season that he needed to start winning.

This was the perfect occasion, and he let it slip away in familiar fashion. Two years ago at Dubai, Woods birdied the last two holes to force a playoff against Els, then beat him when the South African hit his second shot into the water on No. 18.

IN BRIEF

Holmes' birdies outdistance Mickelson in FBR Open

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona — J.B. Holmes failed to birdie the 18th hole in the first three rounds of the FBR Open. Then he did it twice Sunday, coming back from the brink of defeat to steal a victory from one of the biggest names in golf.

Holmes' 13-foot birdie putt forced a playoff with Phil Mickelson, then moments later he sank an 8-footer after a monster, 359-yard drive to win the tournament for the second time in three years.

"I can play under pressure, I guess," he said.

Holmes, whose victory as a rookie at the FBR in 2006 is his only other PGA Tour win, had blown a four-stroke lead and was one shot behind going in to the 18th. The far more seasoned Mickelson seemed destined for his third victory in the tournament and 33rd of his career.

Miller wins slalom in World Cup super-combi

VAL D'ISERE, France — Bode Miller was far from his best in the slalom portion of Sunday's World Cup super-combi, and that might be why the American won both the race and clinched the discipline title.

"I was at 40 percent in the slalom," Miller said after winning in a combined time of 2 minutes, 18.45 seconds. "I know that if I'm at 100 percent in the slalom, chances are that I won't finish."

The American skied the Face de Belvedere downhill leg in 1:33.88 in the morning, 1.37 seconds faster than second-place Didier Defago of Switzerland. Most of the slalom specialists trailed by more than a second.

"I've understood that when I'm at 100 percent in the downhill, it gives me more maneuvering room over my opponents," Miller said. "I can then adjust in the slalom."

Germany-U.S. match rained out at Fed Cup

SAN DIEGO — Steady rain washed out Sunday's matches at the Fed Cup quarterfinal between Germany and the United States, forcing organizers to try again on Monday.

Officials waited four hours past the scheduled starting time before calling it a day. The rain let up for about an hour and workers attempted to dry off the court at La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club before the rain resumed and the match was postponed.

The rain was supposed to clear out by Monday.

The best-of-5 series was tied at 1-1.

When it resumes, Lindsay Davenport is to play Tatjana Malek in the first reverse singles match, followed by Ashley Harkleroad against Sabine Lisicki. The doubles match is scheduled to be Davenport and Lisa Raymond against Julia Goerges and Anna-Lena Groenefeld.

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NBA

Kobe's 30 points propel Lakers over Wizards

Newly acquired Gasol sits for Los Angeles; Detroit stifles high-powered Maverick offense for 67 points, season-low percentages

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Driving and dunking and dropping in a 3-pointer, Kobe Bryant delivered a game's worth of highlights in the first quarter Sunday, outscoring the Washington Wizards all by himself.

Then he let his Los Angeles Lakers teammates join in all the fun.

Bryant put up 19 points in the opening period on his way to finishing with 30, and the Lakers ran their offense so well there was no need for the newly acquired Pau Gasol to don a uniform in a 103-91 victory over the Wizards.

"Just taking what they were going to give me," said Bryant, an efficient 10-for-15 on field goals.

Gasol, the 7-foot Spaniard who came over from the Memphis Grizzlies in a trade Friday, sat on the sideline in a pinstriped suit jacket, listening to tips on the Lakers' triangle offense from assistant coach Brian Shaw.

The 2002 NBA Rookie of the Year's new teammates put on quite a clinic, too, repeatedly making the extra pass to find wide-open looks. The Lakers compiled 27 assists on 41 field goals, with Vladimir Radmanovic scoring 15 points, Lamar Odom 14, and Ronny Turiaf 13.

Another measure of how well the visitors played: Nine Lakers scored in the second quarter.

"We've grown a lot together. And we understand how to play with one another," Bryant said. "That's the big thing — the chemistry. Knowing where guys are."

Asked whether he'd like to see the Lakers make another move before the trade deadline, he said: "I'm letting (general manager) Mitch (Kupchak) handle that stuff. I gave up playing GM in the summer."

His every move greeted by a mix of boos and cheers — even some "M-V-P!" chants — from the sellout crowd of 20,173, Bryant gave the Wizards fits whenever he was on the floor.

Leave it to Wizards rookie Nick Young, who grew up in California as a Lakers and Bryant fan, to sum things up: "He's just better in person."

Young, a reserve, tried guarding Bryant some, and wound up with three fouls before halftime. That, at least, was better than the player chiefly assigned to guard Bryant, DeShawn Stevenson. He was sitting down, a black T-shirt over his jersey, with three fouls, only 6 minutes into the game.

"He's going to get calls," Stevenson said. "Two of them, I don't think that was a foul, but that's the way it is when you're guarding a guy like that."

Caron Butler — back after missing three games with a hip injury — also tried to defend Bryant, with similar results. On one sequence, Butler was spun around on Bryant's twisting baseline drive for a layup. On another, Bryant made a 3-pointer over the outstretched hand of his former teammate.

Add it up, and Bryant helped Los Angeles build a 30-15 lead after one quarter — or, put another way: Kobe 19, Wizards

15.

Bryant had 25 points by half-time, when the Lakers were up 63-41 — the most points allowed by Washington in a first half this season. Los Angeles made 66 percent of its shots in the half, while limiting Washington to only 36 percent.

"He took us out of the game," Stevenson said. "We were passive. We weren't trying to attack. That's not like us."

Wizards coach Eddie Jordan noticed that, too.

And he was critical of his team, which has lost three games in a row.

"We didn't play as a group as well as we need to play to beat a team like the Lakers. Or anybody. We don't win this game against anybody tonight," Jordan said. "We had bailouts, we had short cuts and not enough passion from everybody and not enough concentration from everybody."

Pistons 90, Mavericks 67

Clank!

The Detroit Pistons held Dallas to its worst game offensively this season and Rasheed Wallace backed up his talk with 21 points and nine rebounds in a win Sunday.

The Mavericks had their lowest scoring game while making a season-low 30 percent of their shots.

Dallas missed 16 straight shots — spanning 8 minutes in the first and second quarters — leading to scoring a season-low 38 points and shooting a season-worst 29 percent in the first half.

"We were active and switched more than we usually do," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. "And, we threw a couple zones in."

Dallas had a rough day at the other end of the court, too.

Wallace said the Pistons had to take advantage of the undersized Mavericks by going inside, and he did.

The bombastic center scored over Dirk Nowitzki on a fade-away late in the third quarter as Detroit pulled away, and Wallace had more to say to the Mavericks.

"He can't guard me!" Wallace screamed toward Dallas' bench.

Saunders isn't sure anybody in the NBA can effectively defend Wallace under some conditions.

"When Rasheed is ready, motivated and focused, he can dominate anyone he plays," Saunders said. "He's that good."

The Pistons were on the other end of a 102-86 rout a month ago in Dallas.

"They looked a little like the Mavericks the time we played them down in Dallas," coach Avery Johnson said. "They really wanted to even up the series, and they came out and took care of business."

Nowitzki had 15 points on 3-of-18 shooting and 10 rebounds, Josh Howard scored 15 and reserve Brandon Bass added 14.

The Mavericks struggled in part because they're missing two standouts, starting point guard Devin Harris (left ankle) and key reserve Jerry Stackhouse (right hamstring).

"Forget about who we are missing," Johnson said. "We



Lakers guard Kobe Bryant drives to the basket past Washington center Brendan Haywood in a 103-91 Los Angeles win Sunday.

need the guys out there to play."

Despite Dallas' awful start, Detroit led just 20-14 after the first quarter and 44-38 at half-time.

While Wallace scored seven and Nowitzki was scoreless in the third, the Pistons took control by outscoring the Mavericks 22-13 in quarter.

"Our goal is to always push for the first five minutes of the

half and if we can, it seals the game," rookie Rodney Stuckey said.

Tayshaun Prince scored 16 and Hamilton scored all 10 of his points in the second half for the Pistons, who got solid contributions off the bench for the second straight game. Stuckey scored a career-high 11 and Jarvis Hayes had 10.

The Pistons have won five straight.

The Mavericks, who missed a chance to pull into a first-place tie with New Orleans in the Southwest Division, have lost two in a row after winning 12 of 14.

"We didn't have too much of a rhythm on offense, and we've got to figure that out," Jason Terry said. "We know what we are facing — we're undermanned right now — but we have to get things done."



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NCAA BASKETBALL

Hoosier star freshman Gordon scores 29 in win

Kelvin Sampson switches to zone defense in second half to impede Wildcats; Tar Heels take down FSU in overtime

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana switched its defense just in time to cool Northwestern's shooters.

Eric Gordon scored 29 points, D.J. White added 26 points and 13 rebounds, and the 11th-ranked Hoosiers used a zone defense much of the second half to beat the Wildcats 75-63 Sunday.

"It was hard to get them out of their offense," Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Those kids are good players. At least in the zone, we could dictate where their shots were coming from."

Once the Hoosiers went to the zone, Northwestern went more than nine minutes without a field goal, and Indiana pulled away to its 35th straight win at home against the Wildcats since 1968. The Hoosiers (18-3, 7-1 Big Ten) also snapped a two-game losing streak, but it wasn't easy.

"In the second half, we played with a lot of energy and effort on defense," Gordon said. "It's obvious what we have to do."

"Their cuts were fast. They were cutting all kinds of directions. Their offense was clicking in the beginning, so we just had to make an adjustment."

Northwestern (7-12, 0-8) never led, but twice rallied from eight-point deficits and cut Indiana's lead to 52-50 with under 12 minutes to go. The Wildcats, who shot 64 percent in the first half, then went cold against the Indiana zone and did not get another field

goal until a 3-pointer by Michael Thompson with just over two minutes remaining. By then, it was way too late.

"We missed a few. It gets contagious," Northwestern coach Bill Carmody said. "All night, neither team looked like they were stopping each other. ... Then we missed seven or eight, and that's a lot against a good team on their home court."

"If we're going to play with this team — and we did for 30-some minutes — you can't have missed opportunities."

Gordon, who had 17 points in the first half, had eight points during a 14-2 run that broke the game open.

Indiana took a 66-52 lead after a 3-pointer by Gordon, his sixth of the game, and one of two free throws by the freshman guard, the Big Ten's leading scorer. Northwestern, losing its 14th straight Big Ten game over two seasons, never came closer than 10 points the rest of the way.

With the 6-foot-9 White in the middle, Indiana dominated the rebounding 39-17. White, who shot 9-of-11 from the field, also had two blocks and a steal.

"Our game plan was to be aggressive on the offensive boards," said White, whose six offensive rebounds helped give Indiana an 18-3 advantage in second-chance points. "We wanted to attack and when the guards take shots get the offensive rebounds."

Northwestern cooled to 35 percent shooting in the second half and 48 percent for the game.

Craig Moore led the Wildcats with 17 points, and Jeremy Nash and Kevin Coble added 12 apiece.

Gordon, wearing a padded splint on his left wrist after a hard fall in practice Tuesday, had five 3-pointers in the first half, but the Hoosiers couldn't pull away for good.

His fifth 3-pointer gave Indiana a 38-30 lead with two minutes left in the first half. But a basket by Moore and a 3-pointer by reserve Jason Okrzesik pulled the Wildcats within three, and after two free throws by Indiana's Jamarcus Ellis, Nash scored on a fast break with a second remaining to make it 40-37 at halftime.

Northwestern closed within two points four times early in the second half before the Hoosiers began pulling away for good.

"When a team like Northwestern gets comfortable on offense, you just have to get them out of their comfort zone," Sampson said.

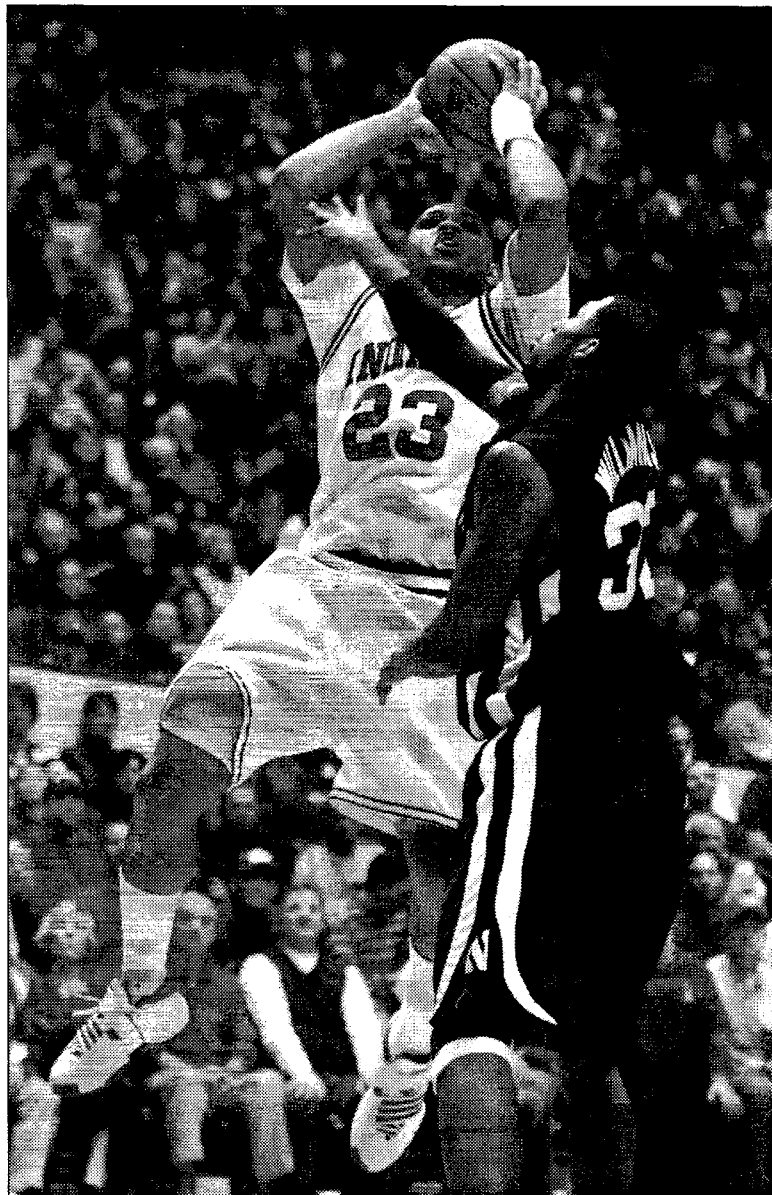
Tar Heels 84, Seminoles 73

Florida State had a miracle shot Sunday. North Carolina still had Tyler Hansbrough.

The junior forward had 22 points and a career-high 21 rebounds to lift the fourth-ranked Tar Heels to an overtime victory over the Seminoles.

North Carolina (21-1, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) shook off an unlikely 3-pointer by Florida State's Ryan Reid with 8.1 seconds left that sent the game into overtime.

"We expected a fight, but we



Hoosier guard Eric Gordon shoots over Northwestern guard Sterling Williams in a 75-63 Indiana win Sunday.

didn't expect it to be that close," said North Carolina's Danny Green, whose three-point play with 2:53 left in the overtime ignited the 10-2 run that doomed the Seminoles (13-10, 2-6).

The shot that tied the game was the first 3-point attempt of Reid's career and the 6-foot-9 sophomore drained it from deep in the corner with aplomb.

"I saw that I really couldn't pass the ball to anyone so I shot the 3," said Reid, who admitted he more-or-less wished the ball into the basket.

"In my head: 'Just get in there,'" Reid said. "It got in!"

And When North Carolina couldn't even get a shot off in the final seconds of regulation, the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucous crowd already roaring about Reid's unexpected heroics.

"You can't do anything about that," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "When things aren't pretty you can still find a way to win."

And by then, Florida State's big men were all in foul trouble from trying to contain the 6-9 Hansbrough inside.

"In the second half he just kept fighting his way through," Florida State's Uche Echefu said. "He just keeps going, no matter what."

Echefu, Reid and freshman Julian Vaughn — who took turns guarding Hansbrough — all fouled out in the overtime.

Held to just three free throws in the first half and no field goals for more than 30 minutes, Hansbrough had eight points and five rebounds in the overtime.

"He's such a relentless player

that he finds a way," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said.

North Carolina point guard Ty Lawson, who is averaging 14.1 points and 6.0 assists, sprained his left ankle 4 minutes into the game after colliding with the 240-pound Reid underneath the North Carolina basket.

"Some guys had to step up and play well," Hansbrough said. "We knew it was going to be tough without Ty."

Green scored 19 points and Deon Thompson had 11 for North Carolina, which overcame 21 turnovers, the loss of Lawson and a mediocre 42.6 percent shooting effort.

Hansbrough, the ACC's leading scorer and rebounder, was held without a field goal until 9:43 remained in the game. He was just 5-of-14 from the field, but was 12-of-14 at the free throw line where the Tar Heels made 27 of 33 tries.

Hansbrough's fourth free throw Sunday gave him North Carolina's career record, surpassing Lennie Rosenbluth. Hansbrough has made 613 free throws with at least 10 games remaining this season and he has another year of eligibility.

Florida State trailed 31-29 at halftime despite shooting a chilly 34.4 percent in the opening 20 minutes.

Jason Rich led the Seminoles with 22 points while Isaiah Swann and Toney Douglas added 12 each, although Douglas was just 3-of-20 from the field.

The Seminoles will have to finish 6-2 to reach .500 in the league as they try and end a 9-year drought without an invitation to the NCAA tournament.

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NFL HALL OF FAME

Pair of Redskins teammates inducted together

Long-time friends Art Monk and Darrell Green celebrate honor in same induction class; Tagliabue denied for second time

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Like the two old friends they are, Darrell Green and Art Monk chatted about the latest news in their lives: making the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Never mind that thousands of people were listening to the conference call after Saturday's announcement. This was simply two former Washington Redskins sharing verbal hugs after receiving the sport's highest honor.

"May I just say to you when I first came to Washington, you had just won the Super Bowl, you guys worked me over for nine weeks and I hated all of you," Green told Monk, drawing laughter.

"I appreciate your words," Monk told Green, who covered Monk in practices for years. "I was trying to hear some of the comments that you made and I feel the same way."

For the second straight year, former commissioner Paul Tagliabue failed to be elected.

Other players joining Green and Monk included New England linebacker Andre Tippett, San Diego/San Francisco defensive end Fred Dean, Minnesota/Denver tackle Gary Zimmerman and senior committee choice, Kansas City cornerback Emmitt Thomas.

Monk finally was chosen in his eighth year of eligibility. He concluded his career after the 1995 season with Philadelphia, but spent 13 years with the Redskins as

one of the NFL's premier receivers. Monk held records for most consecutive games with a reception (164) and career catches (820). Both

have been surpassed, but Monk didn't play in as wide-open an era on offense as many other receivers. He was one of the most consistent possession and third-down receivers in the league throughout his 14 pro seasons.

"Whether I deserved to play in the NFL or deserve even to be in Hall of Fame, I just loved the game, loved to play, loved being out there," Monk said.

Green, one of the NFL's speediest and most skilled cornerbacks for two decades, spent his entire career (1983-2002) with the Redskins. He holds the record for consecutive seasons with an interception (19), and had 54 picks for 621 yards and six TDs. A member of the 1990s All-Decade team, Green made seven Pro Bowls.

"This is incredible. This is so special," Green said when informed of the vote. "This is out of this world. This literally transcends football, everything I have gone through to

do what I was able to do. It was more than the ability to run and cover. It just goes so far beyond that."

The other player in his first year of eligibility, receiver Cris Carter, was not elected. Carter finished his 15-year career second on the career list in receptions and TD catches.

Inductions will be at the Pro Football Hall of Game in Canton, Ohio on Aug. 2.

"I looked forward to the day we are going to Canton," Green said, breaking up with emotion. "Hopefully, there are several hundred thousand hotels there, and several hundred thousand tickets."

Perhaps the most surprising outcome was that Tagliabue, again, did not get enough support.

In his 17 years as commissioner, the NFL experienced no labor stoppages, while its revenues from TV contracts skyrocketed. There also were expansions to Jacksonville, Charlotte, Cleveland and Houston under his watch, and several teams moved into new stadiums, many of them built with public funds.

But many, including some reporters on the 44-member selection committee, found Tagliabue unapproachable and uncooperative.

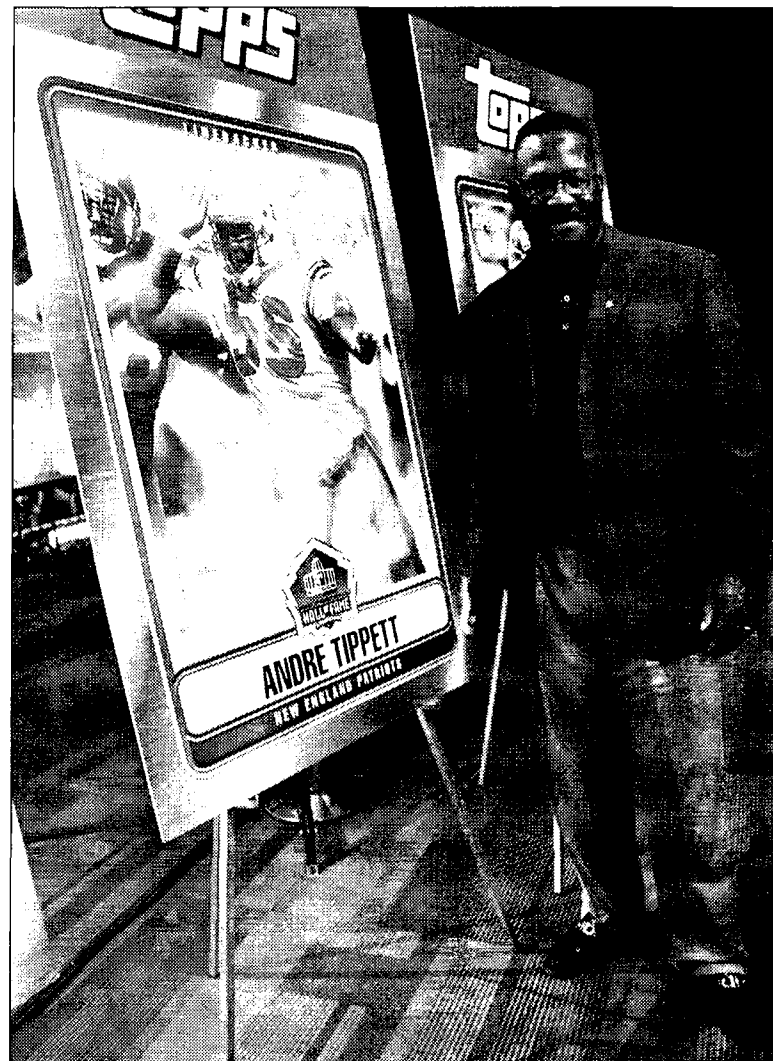
Also failing to get in were Redskins guard Russ Grimm, Buffalo Bills receiver Andre Reed, Oakland Raiders punter Ray Guy, Denver Broncos linebacker Randy Gradishar, Chicago Bears defensive end Richard Dent, Miami Dolphins guard

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Hall of Fame inductee

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Darrell Green
Hall of Fame inductee



Former Patriots linebacker Andre Tippett poses for pictures after being inducted into the Hall of Fame Saturday.

Bob Kuechenberg, Vikings guard Randall McDaniel, and Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas.

Senior committee nominee Marshall Goldberg was not elected, either.

Tippett, who is in town as the Patriots' director of community affairs, was considered the best linebacker in the AFC during an era when Lawrence Taylor ruled the other conference. An outstanding pass rusher who also could handle coverage, Tippett was a force against the run after a stint in junior college and a standout career at Iowa.

"This is by far the proudest moment of my professional football career," said Tippett, who made the NFL's 1980s All-Decade team and waited 10 years for this day. "I will be joining the greats of the game and I am deeply honored."

Although he weighed only 230, Dean was a fearsome pass rusher because of his speed and agility; blockers struggled to get their hands

on him. He starred with the Chargers from 1975-81, then with the 49ers from 1981-85.

"All I can say is thank you. I am trying to get my heart in order, it's still racing," Dean said.

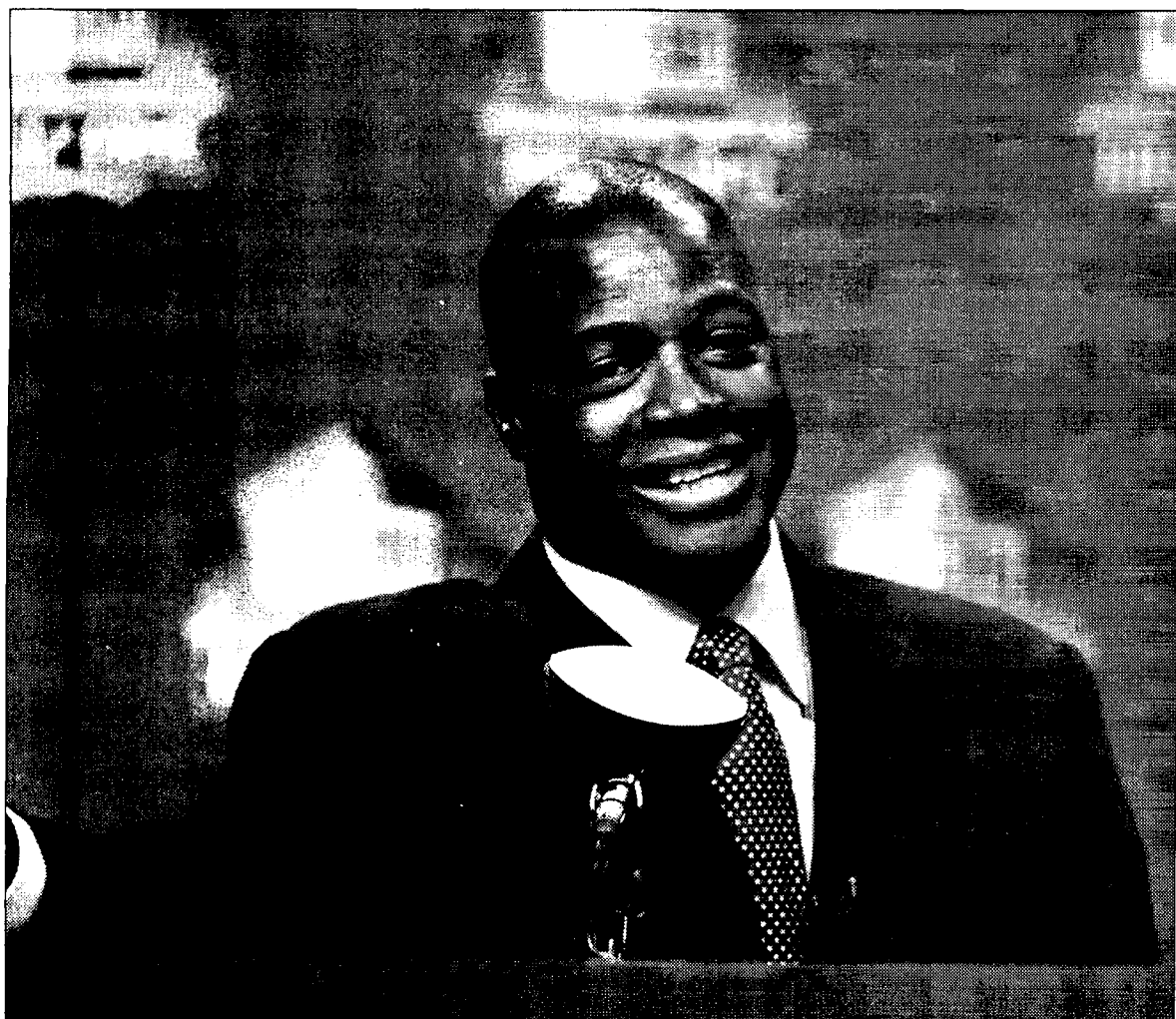
Zimmerman was a standout for the Vikings from 1986-92 and the Broncos from 1993-97, winning a Super Bowl in his final season. He made his reputation in the USFL before joining Minnesota.

"I am in shock right now," Zimmerman said.

Thomas, who also was Green's position coach for years in Washington, was a superb bump-and-run and coverage cornerback for the Chiefs from 1966-78. He was the interim coach of the Falcons at the end of the 2007 season and has been retained as an assistant by new coach Mike Smith.

Thomas was thrilled with the company he is keeping, most specifically Green and Monk.

"Those guys have high character. I'm proud to go in with them."



Former Redskins defensive back Darrell Green smiles after being introduced as a member of the Hall of Fame class of 2008 at a press conference Saturday.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles break losing streak

Kessler, Rashid have 14 pts, 6 boards each

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

Entering their game against Adrian after losing consecutive conference games to Calvin, Hope and Olivet, the Belles (9-10, 5-6 MIAA) needed a win. Thanks to a solid performance, they got it.

Saint Mary's snapped its losing streak Saturday when it beat Adrian 61-51 on the road.

The first half was a back-and-forth contest, something the Belles have seen a lot of this season. Neither team could get much of a run during the opening half, and Adrian's five-point lead with 2:52 left before halftime was as far apart as the teams got.

Despite shooting just 31.1 percent from the field in the first half — including 18.2 percent from beyond the arc, uncharacteristically low for a team that shoots 29.2 percent from 3-point range — the Belles entered the locker room down just 31-28. The

team was unhappy with its performance, sophomore forward Anna Kammrath said.

"We were frustrated at the half," Kammrath said. "We knew we should be [good] enough by now to cruise through the second half and we were not. We knew we should and would pull away."

As if to answer Kammrath's frustration, the Belles took the court with a renewed energy, starting the second half on a 12-4 run. Still, the Bulldogs would not go away quietly and kept within six — until Saint Mary's guard Katie Rashid decided it was time to turn it up a notch.

The junior went on a tear, scoring eight points as part of a 10-2 Saint Mary's run and helping give the Belles a 55-41 lead with 8:09 left in the game. While Rashid accounted for all but two of the team's points during the stretch, Kammrath said she wasn't the only reason Saint Mary's took the lead for

good.

"Our defense made them make the mistakes they did," Kammrath said. "We were able to capitalize on their turnovers. We stopped making little mistakes, too, and we finally hit the shots we weren't making in the first half."

"We knew we should be [good] enough by now to cruise through the second half and we were not."

Anna Kammrath
Belles forward

unable to get within eight for the remainder of the game.

Rashid and senior guard Alison Kessler led all scorers with 14 apiece — each also had six rebounds — and junior forward Erin Newsom chipped in with 10 points and seven boards of her own.

The Belles will look to continue their winning ways when they host Alma Wednesday night.

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FENCING

Top-ranked women perfect over weekend

By MEGHAN MCMAHON
Sports Writer

After a less-than-superb showing at the NYU Duals last weekend, Notre Dame re-established itself as a national contender at the Northwestern Duals Saturday and Sunday, the final team road event before the NCAA Midwest Regional competition on March 2.

The No. 1 women finished with a perfect 11-0 record for the weekend, beating three of the top 10 teams in the country.

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski was thrilled with the girls' showing.

"These are very high results for us," Bednarski said. "We showed great form and fenced superbly against some of the most important teams."

After a 21-6 victory over defending national champion No. 4 Penn State, the Irish women beat No. 2 Ohio State 17-10, redeeming their Jan. 26 loss to the Buckeyes. The women also had two perfect matches, 27-0 victories against both Cal Tech and Cal State Fullerton.

A major factor in the team's improvement was the return of top sophomore epeeist Kelley

Hurley. Hurley, who has been competing in Europe in hopes of maintaining a spot on the U.S. Olympic team, made her dual season debut in Evanston this weekend.

"She lost only one bout during the two days of competition," Bednarski said. "She was the best fencer of the whole competition."

The No. 3 men finished 8-2 in their matches, including a 21-6 victory over No. 10 Stanford.

The men's only losses came against Penn State and Ohio State, the nation's first and second ranked teams. The Nittany Lions topped Notre Dame 16-11. The Irish men came up short in the final bout versus Ohio State, losing to the Buckeyes by a narrow 14-13 margin for the second time this season.

"The boys all competed equally greatly against very tough competition," Bednarski said. "We competed in one of the biggest tournaments in the country, and the whole team fenced very strongly."

The Irish will finish their regular season when they host the two-day Notre Dame Duals this Saturday and Sunday.

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SUPER BOWL XLII

Giants front seven manhandles Pats' O-line

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The New England Patriots' big, brawny and bearded guys were just plain bad.

The AFC champions' heralded offensive line allowed a season-high five sacks to the New York Giants in the Super Bowl on Sunday, failing to give Tom Brady the type of tight protection they had guarded him with all season.

"It's one of those things where they have a great front seven," center Dan Koppen said. "They have tremendous players up there and they just outplayed us."

Their inability to protect Brady was a major reason the Patriots' quest for perfection ended with a disappoint-

ing, history-making 17-14 loss.

"They have some great pressure schemes, obviously some great pass rushers," Brady said.

"Once we kind of got the idea of what we were doing, I thought we handled it much better, but we didn't get the ball in the end zone enough."

Coming in, Brady had been sacked a career-low 24 times this season playing behind a line that produced three Pro Bowlers in Koppen, left tackle Matt Light and left guard

Logan Mankins. Throw in right guard Stephen Neal and right tackle Nick Kaczur, and Brady played most of his record-breaking season not having to worry much about getting hit by bloodthirsty defenders.

"They have tremendous players up there and they just outplayed us."

Dan Koppen
Patriots center

"I like when I don't get touched," Brady said earlier in the week.

Then, disaster struck — in the form of an all-out, pressure-packed swarming defensive attack by the Giants — in the worst possible setting. It was the first time Brady had been sacked as many as five times since the New York Jets did it on Sept. 21, 2003.

New England had no answer for the Giants' bulldozing defense.

"If I could tell you, we'd have it fixed," running back Kevin Faulk said. "At the same time, they outplayed us."

They sure did, and left Brady wondering what hit him. Brady simply had no time to find Randy Moss and his other targets on a regular basis against the Giants. He should've known he was in for a long day when he was sacked by Kawika Mitchell and Justin Tuck on consecutive plays midway through the second quarter.

It didn't help that Neal left after Tuck's sack, and didn't

return.

"He was an upset guy," Giants linebacker Antonio Pierce said of Brady. "He was yelling at his linemen. I think that worked in our favor."

The offensive line was also clearly rattled by the Giants, with Light being called for false starts on consecutive drives in the third quarter.

With 19 seconds left in the game and the Patriots facing a do-or-die scenario, Brady was sacked for the final time when Jay Alford pulled him down at New England's 16-yard line. Brady was left with nothing to do but try two straight desperation heaves to Moss to no avail.

"I think their intensity from the beginning snap to the end of the game was really higher than ours."

Randy Moss
Patriots receiver

showed in their Week 17 loss to the Patriots that they could be a force against New England's line. Brady was sacked just once and threw for 356 yards and two touchdowns in that one, but was hit repeatedly and forced to stray from the game plan.

It happened again in the Super Bowl, only worse.

With help from their linemen, the Patriots set NFL records for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for TD passes and Moss set the record for scoring receptions. That high-powered offense was held to a season-low 14 points in the Super Bowl — mostly because it couldn't get time.

"They played well defensively," coach Bill Belichick said. "They've been able to rush. They led the league in sacks, they rushed all year. They are a good defensive football team. They played well."

While the Giants were still celebrating their upset victory a half-hour after the game ended, the Patriots and their offensive linemen were headed to the team buses for a disappointing ride back to the hotel.

The offensive line received a great deal of attention this week, for their consistency — and for the hair on their face. All five of Brady's bunch had some sort of facial hair going on, including Neal's Fu Manchu and Mankins' big, bushy Grizzly Adams-like beard.

It's safe to say they were red-faced after their embarrassing performance against the Giants.

"We all could've done things better tonight," Brady said.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish lose doubles point but fight back for win

Freshmen contributions key against No. 15 Duke

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame overcame a rocky start to improved its dual-meet record to 5-1 Sunday with a 4-3 win over No. 15 Duke in Durham, N.C. The Irish gave the Blue Devils their second loss of the season.

The Irish got into a hole early by dropping the doubles point. The Blue Devils No. 1 doubles team of David Goulet and Christopher Price defeated senior Sheeva Parbhu and junior Brett Helgeson 9-7.

"Neither of those guys likes to take charge on court," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said of Parbhu and Helgeson. "This hurt them tonight, and sometimes a relationship on and off court can go sour."

Reid Carleton and Kiril Dimitrov defeated Irish freshman Stephen Havens and senior Andrew Roth 9-8 (7-2).

"Roth really takes control of points on court," Bayliss said. "He lets you know that he is in charge, and that's definitely been beneficial with him playing with Havens."

Junior Santiago Montoya and freshman Tyler Davis earned the Irish their only doubles win of the day. Montoya and Davis, the No. 3 doubles team, defeated Dylan Arnould and Alex Stone 8-5.

Bayliss said the doubles performance was uncharacteristic of his team.

"Our doubles teams have played well lately," Bayliss

said. "We had a rough day today."

The Irish picked up the pace of the match in singles. Freshman Daniel Stahl earned the first singles win for the Irish, 6-2, 6-4.

"Stahl is trying to stay out of the middle of the court as much as possible," Bayliss said. "The freshmen have really stepped up and made their presence known. There are six of them, so they are going to make quite an impact."

Havens earned his first win of the day by beating Arnould 6-4, 6-4. The win tied the score at two.

Parbhu earned his win at No. 2 singles by beating Dimitrov 7-5, 6-4.

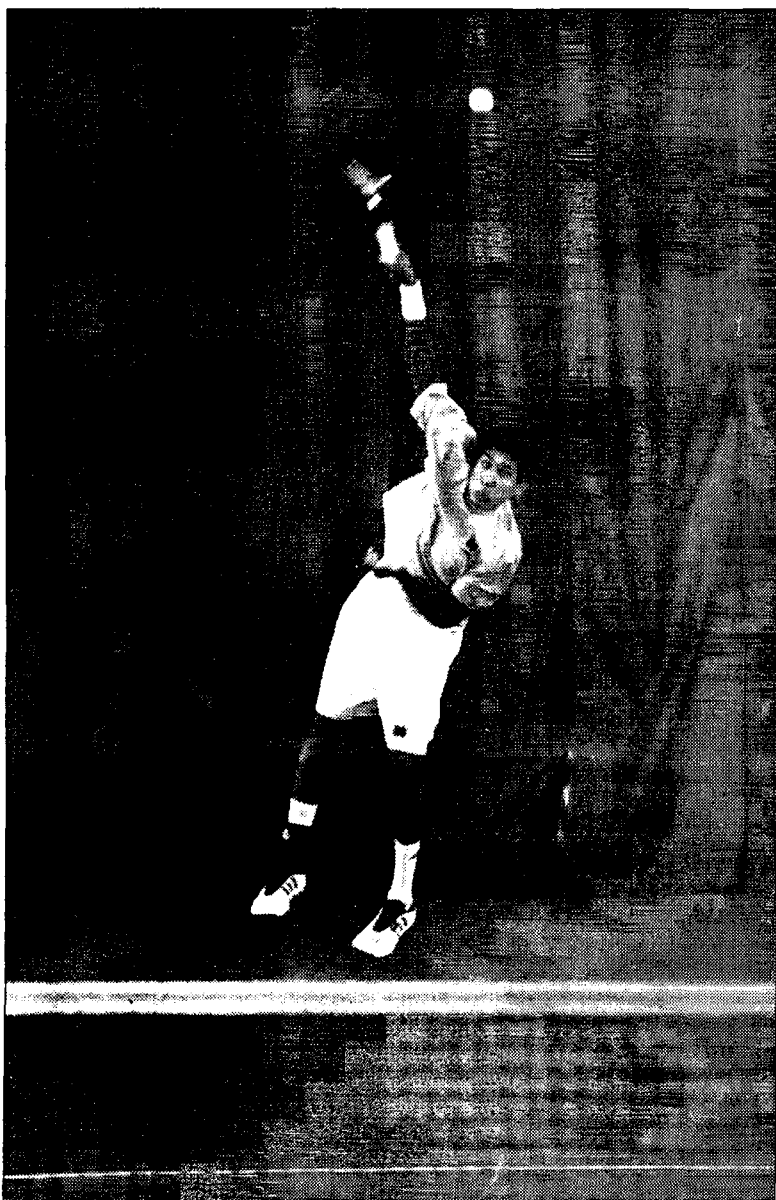
"Parbhu has been a great asset for us the last four years," Bayliss said. "He will probably go pro after this season, and then possibly go to medical school."

Freshman David Anderson earned the decisive win for the Irish. Anderson defeated Jared Pinsky in three sets by scores of 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

This is the second straight win for the Irish over the Blue Devils. In the matchup last year, Notre Dame topped Duke 6-1. The Irish improved their record against the Blue Devils to 6-15, and Bayliss' record is at 6-10 for his career.

Wisconsin will face the Irish Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The first serve is set at 1 p.m.

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Irish senior Sheeva Parbhu serves the ball against Penn State in a 5-2 Notre Dame win on Jan. 20.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles drop fourth straight

By PETE REISENAUER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's came close, but couldn't stop the bleeding. Its losing streak stretched to four meets when it fell to Kalamazoo 149-145 Friday night.

The Belles faced a Kalamazoo team that now has a 3-2 record in MIAA meets. The meet was close, and if several races had gone the other way, the Belles could have pulled it out.

Belles coach

Ryan Dombkowski praised his team's effort, despite the loss.

"All in all, I was proud of how competitive we were against a team that was three spots ahead of us in our conference last year," Dombkowski said. "Our times show that we have been working hard and we have some

really great things to look forward to in two weeks at our conference championship."

There were some solid efforts by many of the swimmers Friday. The 400-medley relay all-freshman team of Maggie Williams, Casey Niezer, Caroline Arness and

Lauren Hartman beat the previous school record by three seconds. Dombkowski said he thinks the team could beat the time by 10 seconds in the conference championship.

The 400 freestyle relay team of junior Rachel Kalas,

sophomore Lindsey Nelis, junior Melissa Gerbeth and Hartman beat the previous best time in the season by over three seconds as well. Their times were better than their time at the championship meet last year. They fell just short in the event, however, which propelled

Kalamazoo to victory.

Dombkowski was also proud of his divers, who he said won "key points to help us keep the meet close."

"Freshman Erica Severson took up diving for a week and competed on both the one-meter and three-meter boards, showing some great courage and what it means to do whatever it takes to help the team," he said. "Freshman Meg Otten competed on the three-meter board for the first time as well."

Dombkowski said the times posted by the Belles this weekend bode well for the upcoming conference meet.

"Obviously, we would have liked to come out on the other end of the score, but it was still a great opportunity to be a part of some fantastic competition and a fun meet," Dombkowski said. "We swam great for a team broken down, looking forward to a few weeks of rest to get prepared for our conference championships in two weeks."

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 2 Lady Vols oust Kentucky

Candace Parker notches 20 points, seventh career dunk in win

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Coach Pat Summitt wanted Candace Parker to take it to the hoop. Instead, the All-American went above the rim.

Parker dunked for the seventh time in her career and scored 20 points to help No. 2 Tennessee overcome a sluggish first half in a 79-51 win over Kentucky on Sunday.

"Coach Summitt told me to go strong to the hoop," Parker said. "She said I needed to go inside the paint and take over and stop taking fade-aways."

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"Coach (Pat) Summitt told me to go strong to the hoop," Parker said. "She said I needed to go inside the paint and take over and stop taking fade-aways."

With the Lady Vols' leading by 18, the 6-foot-4 Parker chased down a loose ball after Chante Bowman lost control of it at midcourt.

After the fast break, Parker hesitated at the baseline as if she were going to dunk but stopped to get better control of the ball. Then she turned around and put it in with 8:08 left in the game as the home crowd erupted.

The Lady Vols (20-1, 7-0 Southeastern Conference) led 32-24 after a slow first half, but went on a 15-6 run that ended as Parker drove for a layup with 14:07 left to put Tennessee up 49-31.

Kentucky (11-11, 5-3) never

recovered.

Parker had four dunks last season, including one against rival Connecticut. She also dunked twice in her freshman season against Army in the NCAA tournament.

LSU All-American Sylvia Fowles is the only other women's college player to dunk this season. Only six women have dunked in a college game.

Parker was one of four Lady Vols in double figures. Alexis Hornbuckle added 13 points, Alberta Auguste had 11 and Nicky Anosike 10. Vicki Baugh grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Lady Vols missed 28 shots and a free throw during the first half. The 30.3 percent field goal shooting was their worst first-half percentage of the season for a team that averages 47.2 percent shooting.

"Obviously it was a game of two different halves," Summitt said. "In the locker room I said we go as Candace Parker and Alexis Hornbuckle go. They have to bring intensity from the opening tip to the last possession. We saw what happens when they do that."

Tennessee warmed up a bit 2 minutes into the game as a jumper by Shannon Bobbitt sparked a 20-5 run that ended on a pair of free throws by Nicky Anosike with 7:28 left in the half.

But the Lady Vols failed to score in the last 2:35 before the break, and Kentucky took advantage by cutting Tennessee's margin to 32-24 on baskets by Sarah Elliott and some free throws.

Samantha Mahoney led

Kentucky with 18 points and Elliott added 11.

Kentucky shot 47.4 percent from the field — the best shooting percentage of any Tennessee opponent this season besides UCLA. But the Wildcats couldn't overcome their 36 turnovers.

"We didn't take care of the ball obviously," said coach Matthew Mitchell, who tutored under Summitt as a Tennessee graduate assistant in 1999 and 2000. "It was a tough, tough day."

Kentucky's Amber Smith sprained her right knee with 0.5 seconds left before half-time after she collided with Auguste. She did not return, and Mitchell said she would be evaluated Monday.

"Amber's been doing such a good job at the point," Mahoney said. "I had to move in and take her spot. With them cranking up the pressure and really getting in our passing lanes, it was disturbing our offense."

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first half," McGraw said. "And it helped our traps; we got more steals and suddenly we were able to get out and run in transition because we were getting steals."

McGraw said she was "thrilled" with her defense's performance. This came less than two weeks after saying her team was "certainly the worst defensive team in the Big East" following an 81-80 loss to DePaul.

Throughout the first half, Notre Dame and Cincinnati played each other tight, with seven ties and five lead changes in the opening 20 minutes. Cincinnati went on a 9-0 run over a 2:52 span in the first half before the Irish responded with one of their own to leave the score tied at

26.

McGraw said the defense of junior guard Lindsay Schrader late in the first half supplied the energy for the second-half surge.

"She was really helping us defensively and making things happen — really being able to push the ball in transition," McGraw said. "So I thought bringing her back in for the last three minutes of the half really helped turn things around."

McGraw said her team struggled early on partly because it came out "sluggish" in the first half. She compared it to the beginning of Notre Dame's game against Providence on Jan. 30. Notre Dame scored only two points in the first five minutes of that game, but pulled out an 85-54 win.

"Just didn't have any energy and weren't able to get anything going. We only had a couple steals, we hadn't any

transition points, we weren't rebounding," McGraw said. "We played okay defensively holding them to 26, but we couldn't get anything going offensively and that really changed in the second half."

One reason for the team's sluggishness was that its flight out of South Bend was delayed for three hours on Friday, meaning it missed its usual shoot-around.

The Irish got into some foul trouble early — Peters committed her first two infractions after playing less than four minutes. Peters has averaged 4.4 fouls per game during eight Big East games this season.

"I think she's just got to learn that she can't go for steals early," McGraw said. "She's got to come in and get comfortable in the game before she tries to get steals, block shots. She's really been working on that in practice; she was a little disappointed with herself this game. But she's really been working hard on it in practice."

On the other bench, Cincinnati was playing with a limited roster due to injury and had to stick with players in foul trouble for most of the game. Guard Kahla Roubush finished with four personals and guard Stephanie Stevens fouled out with 1:27 to play.

Since the Bearcat starters still played most of the game, McGraw said, she did not notice that they were in any foul trouble.

Notre Dame finished with four players in double figure for the 13th time this season. Guard Charel Allen led the charge with 16 points, followed by Peters with 12 and guards Tulyah Gaines and Ashley Barlow with 11 apiece.



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Irish guard Lindsay Schrader drives the lane during Notre Dame's 81-64 loss to Connecticut on Jan. 27.

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Irish sweep top 4 mile spots at Indy invite

Notre Dame 4x800 relay team also takes first

By ANDY ZICCARELLI
Sports Writer

Building on last week's success at the Notre Dame Invitational, the Irish set themselves apart again this weekend at the Indiana Invitational. The foursome of Marissa Treece, Amy Kohlmeier, Lindsey Ferguson and Becca Bauman rolled over the competition, finishing with the top four spots in the mile run.

The meet consisted of 20 other teams, including No. 22 Indiana and Big East rivals Marquette and Cincinnati.

Despite the stiff competition, the mile runners were able to come home with the top times. Treece captured first with a time of 5:04.00, while Kohlmeier was right on her heels with a time of 5:04.96. Ferguson finished in 5:07.67 and Bauman posted a time of 5:08.94. Irish coach Tim Connelly expects more future success from the group.

"We still have a very long way to go to be at full strength and be close to our full potential," Connelly said.

The 4 by 800-meter relay team looked in top form, however. The squad, consisting of Treece, Kelly Langhans, Molly Sullivan and Natalie Johnson, blew by the rest of the field, posting a time of 9:04.97. The mark was good for first place, with the next closest team finishing four seconds behind.

Tim Connelly
Irish coach

Notre Dame also found success in the field. Anna Weber continued her strong season, besting her season highs in both weight throw and shot put. Her mark of 63-7 1/2 in the weight throw was good for third place, and her shot put of 47-7 1/4 was good for fifth place.

Notre Dame will return home next weekend for the Meyo Invitational, which will take place Friday at the Loftus Sports Center.

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a time of 23.08 seconds.

Freshman Greg Davis took ninth place in the weight throw with a distance of 17.75 meters.

Overall, the men's team

finished with seven top-10 finishes.

The team's next event is the Meyo Invitational, hosted at the Loftus Center. Events begin at 5 p.m. Friday and at 8 a.m. Saturday.

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more finished with 10 offensive boards, and the Irish converted 30 second-chance points to DePaul's 10. Tory Jackson stole the ball on the next Blue Demons possession and pushed it up court to Ayers for a thunderous dunk. The home crowd went wild and Notre Dame never looked back.

The Irish held off every subsequent Blue Demons run and made their crunch-time free throws to put their conference rivals away. Notre Dame finished with a 17-1 edge in foul shots made.

After beating Providence 81-74 Thursday night in overtime, the Irish trailed for much of the first half against DePaul. But their legs were fresh enough to build a 46-36 halftime lead.

"Today our energy was back," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "Thursday night, we invested a lot physically and emotionally."

With DePaul leading 21-19,

Ayers nailed a baseline jumper with 6:54 left in the first half. Blue Demons center Wesley Green then turned the ball over and Jackson found Irish guard Jonathan Peoples for a transition layup. Overall, the Irish converted 11 fast-break points to just two for DePaul.

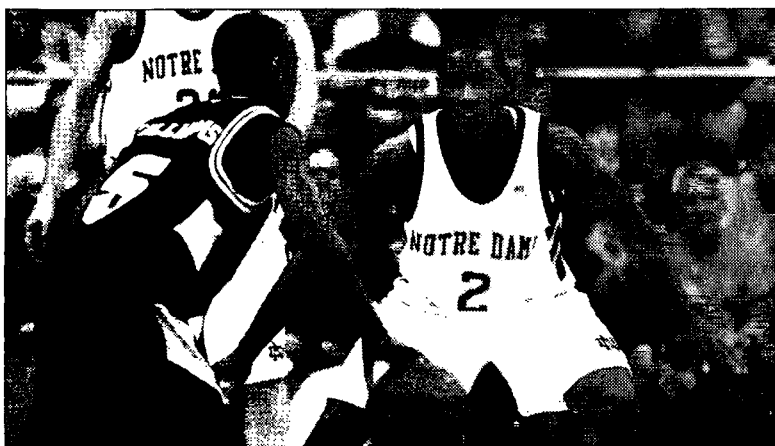
After the basket by Peoples, the Irish led for the remainder of the game and improved their record to 16-4 overall and 6-2 in Big East play. The squad is alone in second place in the conference standings, trailing only Georgetown.

"I told our guys we're in great position but we're not even halfway through the league yet," Brey said. "But I'm proud of how we've handled ... this week."

Brey said his team hopes to crack the top 25 in the national rankings this week but is not overly concerned with the polls.

"I think we probably have earned that [honor] quite frankly," Brey said. "But if we don't get it, nobody's losing any sleep here."

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish guard Tory Jackson defends Friars guard Dwain Williams during Notre Dame's 81-74 overtime win over Providence on Jan. 31.

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was the best finish by a U.S. team in the tournament ever.

Jackson said he was struck by memories of his time running the national team during the national anthem, even more strongly than when he first coached against Lake Superior State — the team with which he won three national championships.

"When I was in the NHL, walking around rinks and every team had graduates from that program, that makes me proud," he said. "So many kids have come from that program that have helped Notre Dame and helped a lot of college hockey programs. Those kids come in much more complete to play."

Sean Lorenz, Patrick Gaul and Kyle Palmieri — three U.S. national players — had the chance to play against their future team. Lorenz and Gaul will join the Irish as a defenseman and forward, respectively, next season, while Palmieri will enroll in the fall of 2009.

Lorenz said there was a little trash talk between himself and former national players, such as freshmen defensemen Ian Cole and Teddy Ruth.

"The guys are great on the

ice, off the ice," Lorenz said of his future teammates. "You can't go wrong with that group of guys."

Gaul had family who went to Notre Dame and said the Irish coaching staff was the main reason he gave his verbal commitment to the Irish, a reason echoed by Lorenz as well.

"They're not an easy team to play against," Gaul said of the Irish. "I'm happy I'm going to be on the other side of that meeting next year."

Irish senior Evan Rankin scored the winning goal 2:24 into overtime when he beat U.S. goalie Joe Cannata from the bottom of the right circle.

"They tried to catch our guys off guard because they don't think we're not going to come out as serious," said Irish goalie Brad Phillips, who made 10 saves in his two periods of work.

Sophomore Tom O'Brien played in his first collegiate game when

Jackson put him in net for the third period, while the game was tied 1-1. O'Brien wasn't told at any point during the week that there was a chance for him to enter the game, and he had to pop a couple Tums to settle his nerves.

"I had no idea," said O'Brien, who made seven saves in the third period, allowed no goals and earned the win. "[Jackson] came in after the second period and he points at my helmet and is like, 'Are you ready?'"

"Uhhh, I guess," O'Brien joked.

The Under-18s scored first 15 minutes into the first period to take the 1-0 lead. Vinny Saponari, a

Boston University commit, sent a one-timer into the top shelf over Phillips' shoulder off a pass from Ryan Bourque, son of former NHL star Ray Bourque. Bourque has committed to the University of New Hampshire, the school that the top U.S. national player and second overall draft pick last year, James van Riemsdyk, now attends.

The Irish tied the game 1-1 three minutes later in the first when a wide shot took a large bounce off the boards back to the front of the U.S. net. Irish left wing Garrett Regan picked up the carom and slid it into the net.

"I knew that by playing these guys it would be a high tempo game because they are extremely fast," Jackson said. "And by playing a team like that, they're not overly physical to where it's going to put us in a position to get injured."

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Irish coach

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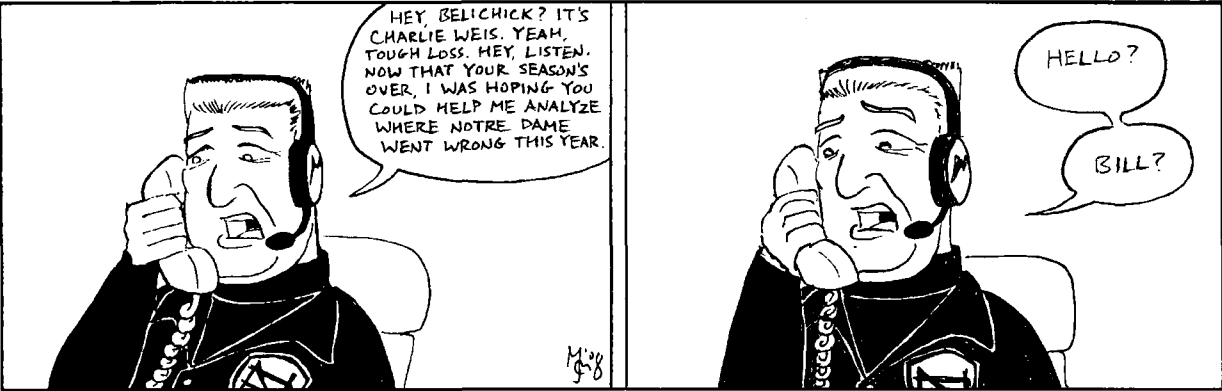


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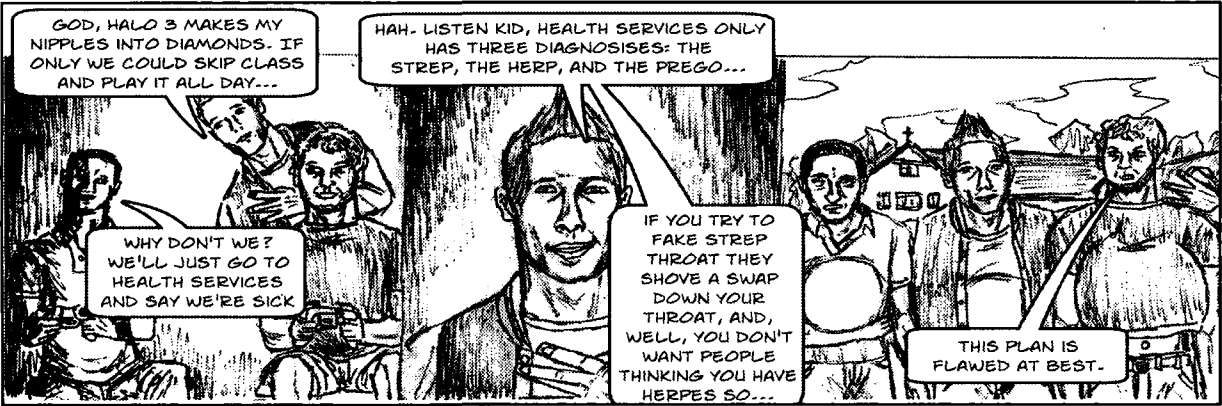
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- Across**

1 Doorframe parts

6 Chinese-born American architect

11 Be a pugilist

14 Bide one's time for

15 Manicurists' concerns

16 Electrical unit

17 One who's always up for a good time

19 Coastal inlet

20 Out of bed

21 ___ Aviv

22 In the near future

23 Prefix with -lithic

24 ___ of students

26 President before D.D.E.

27 Background check for a lender

32 Jay-Z and Timbaland
- 35 Atop, poetically

36 ___ Speedwagon

37 Horizontally

38 Musical transitions

40 "What was ___ do?"

41 Bulls, rams and bucks

43 Goes to

44 Long, long sentence

47 "I know what you're thinking" claim

48 Mississippi's Trent

49 BlackBerry, e.g., in brief

52 Unretrievable

54 Illustration, for short

55 Husband of Isis

58 April 15 org.

59 Light hauler

61 Sgt., e.g.
- Down**

1 Where the Pokémon craze originated

2 Cognizant (of)

3 Nintendo brother

4 Kibbles 'n ___

5 Eyelid woe

6 Holiday ___

7 Drink that often comes with an umbrella

8 Olive stuffing

9 Airline to Ben-Gurion

10 Nantucket, e.g.: Abbr.

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12 Akron's home

13 Marvel mutant superhero

18 Big name in fairy tales

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25 Actor Harris and others

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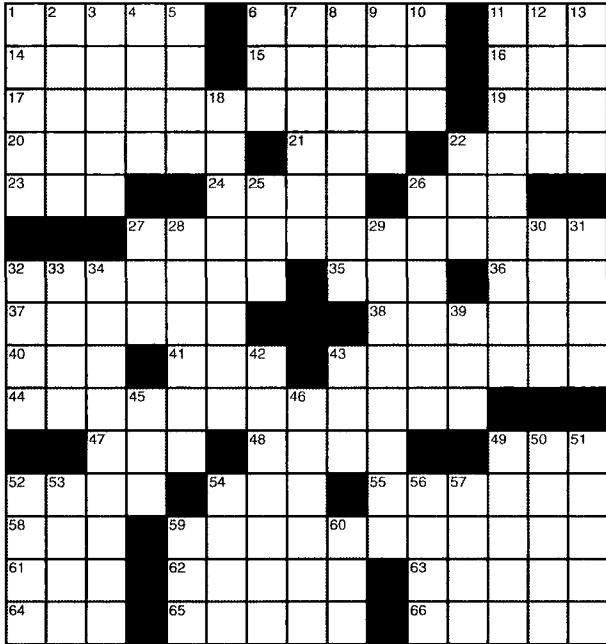
27 TV's "___ Sharkey"

28 Send again

29 Place that often has picnic tables

30 Hollow-stemmed plant

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Puzzle by Mark Sherwood

- 31 Flip

32 Fence part

33 Play's start

34 "Nutt" role for Jerry Lewis

39 ___ Xers

42 Worker with genes or film

43 Bit of land in a river

45 Superlative suffix

46 Brenda Lee's "___ Around the Christmas Tree"

49 Trim, as branches

50 Kitchen gizmo

51 Questioned
- 52 Word that can follow the starts of 17-, 27-, 44- and 59-Across

53 Killer whale

54 Sandwich bread

56 Norms: Abbr.

57 Fe, to chemists

59 Furry foot

60 Little ___ (tots)

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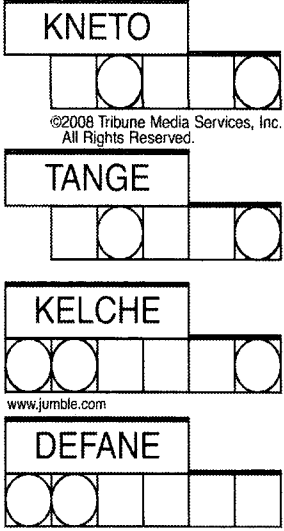
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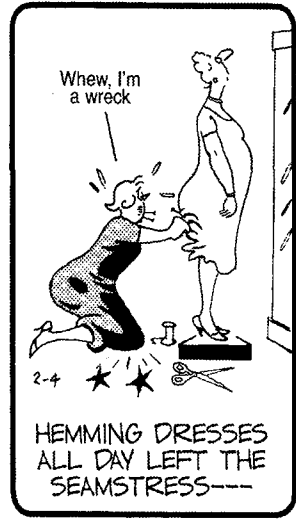


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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Involvement with others will be to your benefit and should lead to a special kind of relationship. Love is in the stars — plan a good time for yourself and someone special. 5 stars

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hot Hand Luke

Harangody scores 29 in win over DePaul

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

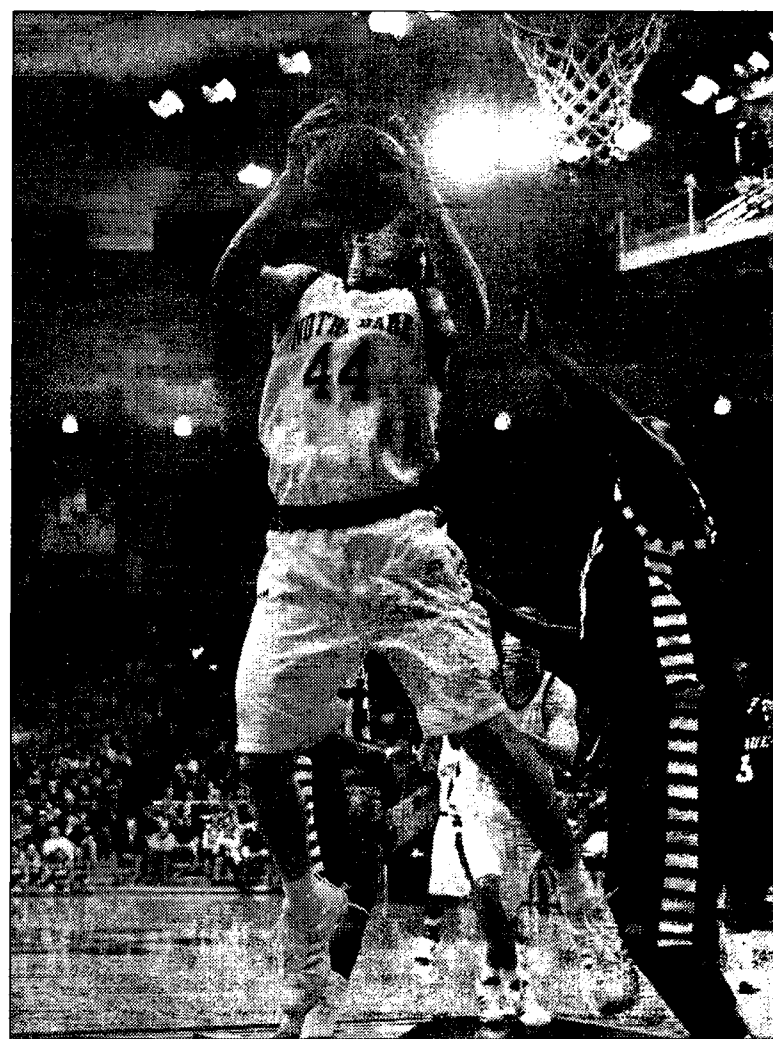
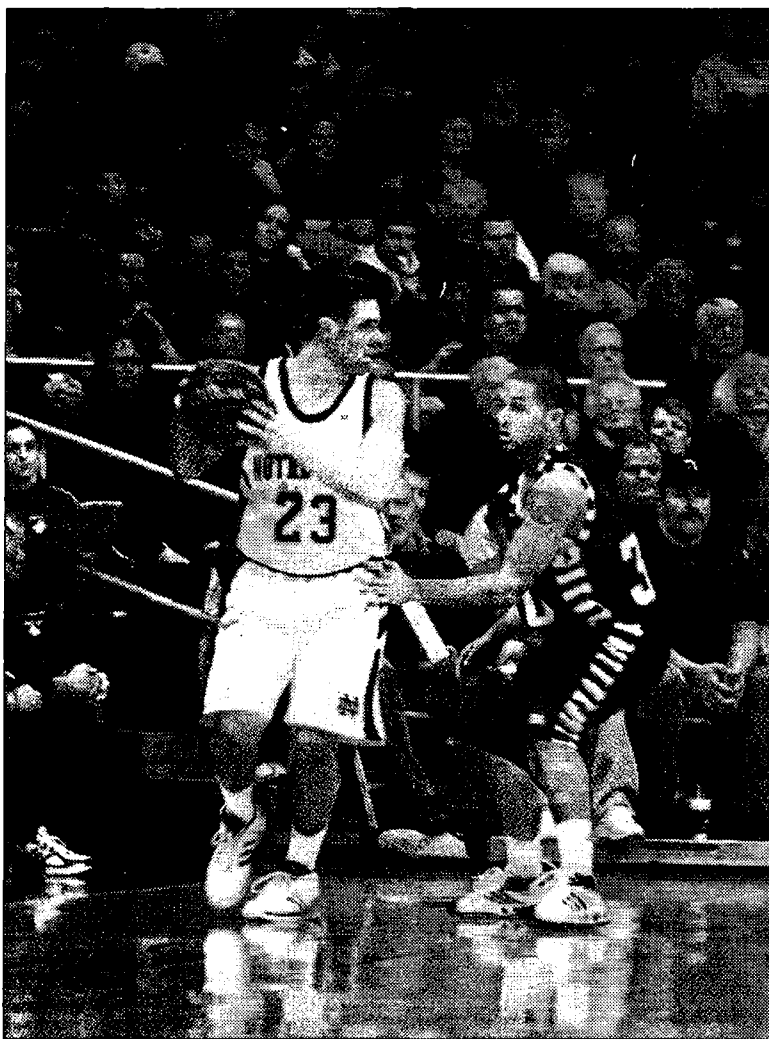
Notre Dame forward Luke Harangody scored 29 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to win his game-long battle against DePaul big man Mac Koshwal as the Irish defeated the Blue Demons 89-80 Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Koshwal's 18 points and nine rebounds were not enough as DePaul's second-half rally fell short and the Irish won their 33rd straight home game.

"It's a lot of fun," Harangody said. "When you're playing like this, it's just great to be on the court."

After DePaul cut Notre Dame's lead to 68-66 on a 3-point play by Blue Demons guard Cliff Clinkscales, the Irish responded with a 9-2 run. On Notre Dame's next possession, Irish guard Kyle McAlarney, who finished with 17 points, took a pass from point guard Tory Jackson and drilled a 3-pointer.

After McAlarney's trey, Irish forward Ryan Ayers nailed a baseline jumper and Harangody tipped in his own miss to give the Irish a 75-68 cushion. The sopho-



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Left, Irish guard Kyle McAlarney works the perimeter during Notre Dame's 89-80 win over DePaul Saturday at the Joyce Center. Right, forward Luke Harangody pulls down a rebound during the game. Harangody had 29 points and 14 rebounds.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Second-half scoring surge leads Irish to win over Cinci

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Though Notre Dame played what Irish coach Muffet McGraw considered solid defense in the first half against Cincinnati, allowing just 26

points, she still felt she needed to switch defensive schemes. The result was a dominating performance.

The Irish outscored the Bearcats 47-15 in the second half — including a 21-0 run spanning 13:22 — and controlled the game at both ends

of the court in a 73-41 win Saturday in Cincinnati. It was Notre Dame's ninth 30-point win of the season.

"We extended the defense. We played a little man-to-man full court, when [forward] Devereaux [Peters] came in," McGraw said. "And we tried to

trap them in the back court a little bit more. We played a little more zone than we did in the first half; I thought that was more effective. I thought we rebounded better too, which I thought helped us."

The Irish forced 13 turnovers with the press in the

second half after tallying only six takeaways in the opening period.

"In the second half we switched our press up to take away the sideline pass that they had been throwing in the

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HOCKEY

Irish beat U-18 team in OT

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

It was a nostalgic game for one person and an introduction for others.

No. 8 Notre Dame defeated the U.S. National Under-18 team 2-1 in overtime Friday night in an exhibition game. It was the first time Irish coach Jeff Jackson coached against the program he forged a decade ago, and it was the first time three future Irish players laced up skates in the Joyce Center.

Jackson was the first coach of the National Development Program team, which he led in 1997 to a silver medal in the World Junior championships. It



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Irish right wing Ryan Thang chases the puck during Notre Dame's 2-1 overtime win Friday over the U.S. National U-18 team.

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Molnar smokes field at Indiana Invitational

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

This weekend, a different Hungarian runner shined for the Irish.

At the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind., sophomore sprinter Balazs Molnar won the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.35 seconds, more than six tenths of a second faster than the rest of the field. While freshman Miklos Szebeny has been tearing up the competition of late, Molnar has flown under the radar this season.

Molnar also performed

well at last week's Notre Dame Invitational, finishing in second with a time of 48.40 seconds.

Molnar, however, was not the only successful Irish runner at the Indiana Invitational. Senior John Cavanaugh took second place in his first 800-meter race of the season with a Big East qualifying time of 1:50.66.

Freshman Chandler Brooks ran a 22.54 in the 200-meter dash, good enough for a second-place finish. Freshman Tyrell Atkins finished in 10th place in the event with

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