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Board of Trustees elects new chair

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Richard Notebaert, a 10-year member of the University Board of Trustees, was elected to a three-year chair term Friday, becoming Notre Dame's sixth chairman.



Notebaert

"It has been a privilege to serve as a Trustee of Notre Dame for the past 10 years, and I am honored that the Trustees have elected me as their sixth chairman," Notebaert said in a statement Friday. "I look forward to

joining with our president, Father John Jenkins, in advancing our position as the premier Catholic research university in the world."

Notebaert, 59, has been chairman and chief executive officer of Qwest Communications International Inc., a Denver-based broadband, data, voice and image communications company, since June 2002. He succeeds Patrick McCartan, who was chairman of the board for seven years.

Notebaert's term will begin on July 1.

"I am confident that under his leadership, the Board will continue to provide the leadership and support we need to make Notre Dame the premier Catholic research university in the world," University President Father John Jenkins wrote in an e-mail.

Notebaert has served as chair of the

University Relations and Public Affairs and Communication Committee. Notebaert is also one of the University's 12 Fellows, who make up the "University's ultimate governing body." Fellows are charged with electing Trustees, adopting and amending bylaws and "maintaining Notre Dame's Catholic character," according to the statement.

Notebaert received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

Notebaert is a member of the board of directors of Aon Corp., Cardinal Health Inc., the Denver Center for the Performing Arts and the Denver Art Museum, according to the statement. His professional activities include mem-

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ND ROTC competes in tourney

Event attracts teams from across nation

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Notre Dame Air Force ROTC hosted its 21st annual basketball tournament this weekend, drawing Air Force, Army and Navy cadets from universities nationwide to the Joyce Center for the largest athletic ROTC gathering in the nation.

Cadets from Texas A&M, San Diego State University and the University of Georgia were among approximately 400 tournament participants.

Although a few teams were unable to make it to the tournament due to weather conditions, 14 women's teams and 38 men's teams competed in the three-day event.

"It was extremely competitive ... in the beginning, there were a lot of weaker teams coming [to the tournament] for fun but in the final rounds it got very competitive," said sophomore Air Force cadet Nathan Loyd. "In many games, last second plays decided whether a team would have to start their long drive home or stay for another game. A couple of games were won by points scored in the very last second of play."

Texas A&M beat Notre Dame's Navy team in the men's finals Sunday. Each team was placed in a bracket of four

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Off-campus options draw students

Break-ins, disorderly house ordinance don't deter future residents, say local landlords

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Assistant News Editor

From the threat of burglary to the city's disorderly house ordinance to the perils of unplowed South Bend roads, there is plenty to give students pause before they move off campus.

Local landlords, however, report no drops in the number of students leasing one of their homes or apartment complexes — saying, in fact, that factors that might drive future residents away are not factors at all.

Burglary concerns

Turtle Creek Apartments general manager Francie Schmuhl said break-ins — one of the biggest fears of students moving off campus — are easily avoided, as long as the student takes simple precautions.

"Preventing break-ins depends largely on the common sense of the resident," Schmuhl said. "You don't leave your iPod laying around in your car for everyone to see and you certainly shouldn't leave the front door unlocked either."

She said there were no burglary reports filed at Turtle Creek in December, despite the holiday migration of most student tenants — an achievement she credited in part to the presence of a state trooper and a county officer who permanently reside in two of the 192

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Observer file photo

Stadium Club Condominiums, pictured above, is a popular apartment complex for students looking to live off campus.

Keenan Revue skits amuse, offend audience members



Performers in the Keenan Revue act out a skit as members of Captain Planet's Planeteers.

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

With skit names like "Gaybraham Lincoln" and "A Big Fat Floppy Cavanaugh" listed on the program, the 2007 Keenan Revue organizers set the tone before the curtains even opened Thursday.

Nothing was safe from the Keenan Revue writers, who targeted everyone from Breen-Phillips girls to University President Father John Jenkins during the three shows this weekend.

Popular skits included "Talk Love with Dos Padres," which featured two priests answering a fictional Notre Dame sex hotline to give students advice, "Catholic Disney World," a rendition of Aladdin's "A Whole New World" with inside jokes about Notre Dame substituted for the original lyrics and "And Then We Got In," which joked about what students learn after arriving at Notre Dame.

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A group of dancers strips down during a skit in last weekend's Keenan Revue — a traditionally irreverent production.

INSIDE COLUMN

Game times

6:17 p.m.: William Joel sounds mediocre singing the national anthem.

6:21: Ford commercial. "I like to live on the edge." Unoriginality leads to minus 13 mega-bonus points.

6:22: CBS game preview with the same music as Oldie Olderson's post-Army highlight reel. Sweet.

6:23: Jim Nantz introduces the captains, Laura Hunt and Dan Marino. Nantz mistakenly tries to turn the coverage over to Peter Oosterhouse on Amen corner.

6:24: Nantz introduce Tony Kirinty as the head referee for the game. Apparently Ed Hochuli is off tonight. Immediately, Brian Urlacher claims title of most jacked person at the game.

6:26: Phil Simms appears on screen. If he's an egotist, he'll mention how he went 22-of-25 for 268 yards and how two of his incompletions were drops. But he's not, so he doesn't.

6:27: As Jim Nantz makes the first reference to Devin Hester going to college at Miami and how Indy has trouble covering kickoffs, Hester finishes the sentence by going 92 yards for the score. Memories of Glendale enter the mind.

6:29: Rex Grossman appears on the highlights, proclaiming the glory of God for allowing Peyton Manning to be the first quarterback to have to take a snap tonight. "I can't mess up on the sidelines."

6:30: Jamal Lewis' second consecutive kickoff return for a touchdown in Super Bowl XXXV stands as the only such score.

6:31: Peyton Manning nearly pulls a Rex Grossman. Grossman sits on the sideline handing a small chicken over to the Colts' masseuse.

6:32: Nathan Vasher makes Peyton Manning look like Reggie Ball.

6:34: Chris Harris intercepts Peyton Manning's third pass attempt of the night. Manning is now 0-for-3 with two deflections and an interception. Bears fans rejoice. Grossman cheers, then freezes, realizing, "Crap, that means I have to go in."

6:35: Bud Light makes a good first impression with the Rocks-Paper-Scissors ad.

6:37: Grossman completes his first pass for six yards. His passer rating is 91.67.

6:38: Grossman gets plowed and nearly throws a interception on third-and-four.

6:39: SalesGenie.com pays \$2.6 million for 30 seconds on the Super Bowl. They pay \$2.60 for a writer and producer.

6:41: The game truly begins.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



Ken Fowler

Sports Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUPER BOWL AD?



Emily Hennessy
freshman
Lyons

"The ones with the crabs [Budweiser]."



JJ Cappa
junior
Keenan

"But he has a chainsaw [Bud Light]."



Meghan Magargee
freshman
Lewis

"Doritos, because the girl reminds me of myself."



Michell Chresfield
junior
Breen-Phillips

"No speaka English [Coors Light]."



Walter Machnicki
senior
Keenan

"K-Fed [Nationwide Insurance]."



Levente Borvak
grad student
off campus

"The Budweiser smack greeting."



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

The New Orleans Jazz Orchestra (NOJO) plays at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Saturday night. The show, called "New Orleans: Then and Now," was directed by trumpeter Irvin Mayfield, center.

OFFBEAT

Competitive eater downs a record 182 wings

PHILADELPHIA — Professional competitive eater Joey Chestnut devoured a record 182 chicken wings to win his second consecutive Wing Bowl, a gut-busting annual event that draws thousands of revelers to the city's sports complex in the pre-dawn hours.

Chestnut, surrounded by buxom "Wingettes," had a crown adorned with tiny rubber chickens placed atop his head Friday as his winning total was announced. He also won a 2007 Suzuki Grand Vitara for out-eating his competitors — including a pair of

pros who also advanced to the finals.

"I love to eat," said Chestnut, 23, of San Jose, Calif. "Today I was swallowing wings, swallowing bones, whatever it took."

Wookiee impersonator arrested in California

LOS ANGELES — A man dressed as Chewbacca was arrested after police said the street performer head-butted a tour guide operator in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood.

Frederick Evan Young, 44, of Los Angeles was booked Thursday for investigation of misdemeanor battery, police

Lt. Paul Vernon said.

Police said the 6-foot-4 street performer was seen arguing with a tour guide who had expressed concern the Star Wars wookiee impersonator was "harassing and touching tourists" in violation of city law.

Security guards escorted Young off theater property, but he decided to strike back and head-butted the tour guide, Vernon said.

"The lesson here is you can have the force with you," Vernon said. "You just can't use illegal force."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, poet Lolita Hernandez will read today at 10:30 a.m. in Room 210 of McKenna Hall and at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The Higgins Labor Research Center presents the film "The Take" today at 4:30 p.m., followed by a lecture by Julia Lopez, a visiting fellow with the Nanovic Institute. Both the film and lecture will take place in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Visiting professor of political science Alejandro Poiré will give a lecture entitled "Does Public Funding of Political Parties Improve Governance? Evidence from Mexico's States" Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center, Room C-103.

Samuel Gregg, director of Research at the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, will give a lecture entitled "Beyond Legal Compliance: The Moral Life & Business" Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, former poet laureate of Queens, New York Hal Sirowitz will read Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Oak Room at South Dining Hall.

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, essayist and humorist David Rakoff will speak Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

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

CORRECTIONS

The article entitled "Senior works at homeless shelter" in the Jan. 31 edition of The Observer incorrectly stated the time and place of the information session for the Summer Service Learning Program.

The session is Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. In the article entitled "Graduates see diploma flaws" in the Jan. 31 edition of The Observer, it should be clarified that the misspelling of word "chairman" on the Aug. 2005 and May 2006 diplomas was due to a transposition of the first "a" and the "i".

The article entitled "High turnout likely for Late Night Olympics" in the Feb. 2 edition of The Observer should have been attributed to news writer Katie Kohler. In the body of the story, assistant director for instructional programs and special events at RecSports Bill Reagan's name was spelled incorrectly. The Observer regrets these errors.

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RecSports launches magazine

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Students found a new source of reading material last week when Notre Dame's RecSports delivered a copy of its new magazine to the mailbox of every on-campus resident.

The inaugural issue of Rec features articles about student-athletes and details ways to become more involved in the recreational activities offered on campus.

The magazine profiles students Maureen Spring and James Zhang and contains information on club sports, nutrition and RecSports' new personal trainer program.

Co-director of RecSports Sally Derengoski said planning for the magazine began at the start of this year.

"We wanted to do something that was fun, enjoyable and informative," Derengoski said. "This is a little bit different than what RecSports normally does. We have a lot of good stories

about students to share."

She said students have responded enthusiastically to the new magazine.

"I've received many phone calls and e-mails about the magazine," Derengoski said.

"We're lucky because over 90 percent of students participate in some aspect of RecSports, and our magazine is for them, and those who don't know much about what we have to offer."

Junior Matthew Smith said Rec helped him learn more about what RecSports offers.

"I felt that information about RecSports was scattered before, so it's good to have it all in one place," Smith said.

The magazine was a result of a focus group conducted to determine what kind of stories and information students wanted to read about recreation.

The two writers for the magazine, seniors Katie-Rose Hoover and Sara Woolf, were part of that focus group.

"Our goal in writing this is to provide students that are already active in RecSports with more information and to tell students that aren't intimidated," Woolf said.

Originally, RecSports intended to publish Rec just once a semester, but strong student response may lead to more frequent issues, Derengoski said.

"Many students have called and asked us to publish more frequently, but it's something we'll have to look into," she said.

The next planned issue of Rec will be available in September 2007.

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"We wanted to do something that was fun, enjoyable and informative."

Sally Derengoski
co-director
RecSports



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Members of ND Army ROTC's men's basketball team, in grey shirts, compete in ND ROTC's annual basketball tournament.

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teams, and the winning team from each bracket moved into single-elimination playoff rounds.

The Marquette Army team

beat the South Dakota State Air Force Team in the women's finals.

Nick Possley of Notre Dame's Navy ROTC won the overall MVP award for the men's division and Stephanie Thompson of Marquette won the women's MVP.

While the basketball tournament is an annual highlight for Notre Dame's ROTC, it also inspires teams from around the nation to prepare all year for the opportunity to travel to South Bend. Loyd said teams like Texas A&M will already be fundraising and holding tryouts for next year's competition.

Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC cadets, led by junior Tony Crosser, were in charge of organizing the tournament. Crosser said he began planning the first week back at school.

As head basketball tournament officer, Crosser was in charge of sending out invitations to every ROTC unit from across the country, finding facilities for the event, ordering trophies and making T-shirts and programs.

"I definitely consider the tournament to be a success. It was a lot of hard work and the staff did a wonderful job when I was playing and couldn't be there," Crosser said. "All the other teams were telling me that they wanted to come back next year."

Sophomore Air Force cadet Brian Woodlock, who was in charge of finding referees for the tournament, said the event was a great way to interact with other ROTC cadets.

"It was a competitive atmosphere, but it was also a lot of fun to meet other cadets from across the country ... and have a good time together," he said.

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Turtle Creek apartments.

Officer Derek Dieter from the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) — also a member of the South Bend Common Council — advised students contemplating off-campus residences to comb the neighborhood they're contemplating before they commit with a deposit.

In his capacity as councilman on the city's Health and Public Safety Committee, Dieter said high tenant turnovers in any given neighborhood usually signal a large number of students — since they only need housing for a handful of semesters — or a significant degree of unrest, if South Bend's permanent residents also fail to remain there for extended periods of time.

The committee, he said, monitors these turnovers and other indexes to serve as a "barometer for the threats in the city."

Some of these threats include criminals who trail out-of-state license plates to pinpoint student residences, Dieter said.

He advised off-campus students to take preventive actions against such lurkers by "closing your blinds, leaving the lights on when you go out and installing a simple alarm system."

"These measures will tip the odds in your favor," he said.

The SBPD told The Observer earlier this year the number of break-ins at student residences in South Bend during the winter vacation decreased from eight in 2005 to three in 2006, which they attributed to increased preventive measures, including additional alarm systems and requests from the residents for patrols to circulate their neighborhoods during their absence.

One of the break-in incidents last month occurred at a student residence on St. Peter Street, one

of landlord Mark Kramer's 175 properties.

"We've talked to our student tenants about taking preventive action to deter further break-ins, and many of them have taken that advice," Kramer said. "As a result, this year we haven't received many calls about security concerns in any of the properties."

Junior Jack Millhouse will live in one of Kramer's houses on Washington Street this fall, and though threat of crime in the neighborhood did concern him, he said his desire to share a house with five friends his senior year carried more weight.

"I heard about the recent wave of break-ins but I figured I could just take most of my valuable stuff home on breaks," Millhouse said. "Plus, I read somewhere that the cops were stepping up efforts to make additional drive-bys and things to scare the burglars while we're away."

Millhouse may have developed a strategy to elude thieves, but in the fall he and his housemates will have to deal with another concern: the city's disorderly house ordinance.

Disorderly house ordinance

Since mid-2005, students off campus have had to abide by a new amendment to South Bend's disorderly house ordinance, which stipulates that the city can send tenants — and their landlords — a notice to abate after a single noise violation.

If the noise violation reoccurs, both parties will owe the city a fine, unless the landlord evicts the tenant within 30 days.

Millhouse said he was "completely oblivious" to the ordinance when he signed his lease contract — but fellow junior Brett Lilley said he kept the edict in mind when he selected his home for his senior year.

Lilley will be residing in Castle Point Apartments on Cleveland Road — conveniently outside the ordinance's jurisdiction.

"I knew the ordinance didn't apply to Castle Point because it's located outside South Bend," he said. "And that really sealed the deal for me because I don't want any trouble, and with the ordinance you could get evicted after the first warning if your landlord doesn't want to run the risk of getting fined in the future."

However, the ordinance hasn't adversely affected every apartment complex in South Bend.

"I've never evicted a student for violations related to the noise ordinance, nor would I," Kramer said. "We try to educate the students to make sure they stay out of trouble with the police, and so far none of them have had problems."

Still, junior Marina Cardona also leased a Castle Point apartment for the 2007-08 school year, hoping to escape the noise restrictions the University and the city have imposed on her.

"I just look forward to deciding my own quiet hours," she said.

Lilley and Cardona might have more breathing room in determining the volume of the music and the amount of friends they may entertain Friday nights, but not all students have fled South Bend to escape the disorderly house ordinance.

Kramer said he recently pur-

chased Notre Dame Apartments and Lafayette Square Townhouses to meet the rising demand for off-campus student residences, and more than 50 students have already signed leases to occupy his properties during the 2008-09 year.

"Demand is high and increasing," he said. "We're signing leases two years in advance, so I wouldn't say the noise ordinance is discouraging students from moving off campus."

Stadium Club Condominiums property manager Susan Miller said the complex was also "almost full."

Along Bulla Road, Miller said, Stadium Club neighbors a 20-year-old series of senior citizen residences, allowing the apartment complex to offer students "a quieter, more residential area."

"We have our share of parties but generally they're not half of the parties you find at other apartment complexes," she said.

Miller said 42 of the 52 Stadium Club apartments were already leased to students for the fall.

One of those students living at Stadium Club may be junior Frank Guerra, who got a taste of independence for the first time during his semester in the Washington D.C. program.

"I really have enjoyed the apartment lifestyle and I feel a lot more responsible for myself, cleaning and cooking and taking out the trash," he said. "It seems like I had been missing out on that these last two and a half years."

Guerra cited the absence of watchful rectors as another factor that drove him to lease an apartment off campus next year.

"Oh wait, du Lac still applies off campus," he said, laughing. "I'll be sure to remember that."

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berships in the Business Council and the International Advisory Council of the Executives' Club of Chicago.

In April 2003, President George W. Bush appointed Notebaert as a member of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee, which provides industry-based analysis on policy and technical issues, according to the Qwest Web site.

Notebaert and his wife, Peggy, have two daughters and five grandchildren.

The Board of Trustees was established 40 years ago "when governance was transferred from the Congregation of Holy Cross to a two-tiered, mixed board of lay and religious Trustees and Fellows," the statement said.

There are currently 53 active members and 35 Life Trustees on Notre Dame's Board of Trustees.

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Revue

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In addition to the skits, the Revue provided entertainment in the form of music and dancing. The audience seemed to appreciate the first musical number, "Rock & Roll All Nite," performed by band members with KISS-style face paint backed by pyrotechnics and a group of male dancers who stripped down to their boxers.

"Best choreography ever. I was looking out at the audience and everyone seemed to enjoy it," said Damon Jason, Keenan junior and Revue dancer who has performed in past Revues.

Senior Aileen Wu also enjoyed the musical numbers.

"The music was good, especially Panic! At the Disco's 'I Write Sins Not Tragedies,'" Wu said. "Another great Keenan Revue."

The audience's reaction was consistently positive despite a few technical difficulties.

Sophomore Ryan Oakley said he thought "the Bird Flu skit with the Wiggles" was funniest. Freshman Edward Yap said the Revue was an "outstanding show," but picked "Talk Love with Dos Padres" as his favorite.

While in the past, the Keenan Revue has been a source of controversy with its frequently off-

color jokes — especially those about Saint Mary's girls — this year's show was less offensive, said Saint Mary's student body president Susan McIlduff.

McIlduff contrasted this Revue to the performance in 2004, when Saint Mary's students picketed outside in protest of the show.

"We only cut one skit. It didn't just bash Saint Mary's, but it wasn't comical. It was outright ridiculous," McIlduff said.

Since the Revue takes place on Saint Mary's campus, College student government representatives have been able to screen the skits for years, McIlduff said.

"We do cut things, [but] we want it to be funny ultimately," she said. "Everyone can

take a joke and that's what the Revue is, but we don't want it to be outright ridiculous."

Despite treading the line between humorous and "ridiculous," the Keenan Revue seemed to please most audience members.

"Since I'm not gay or [overly] feminist, I just saw it for its humor. However, if I were otherwise, I definitely would have thought it pushed the envelope and might have been offended," freshman Anna Pavlov said. "Personally, I just thought it was funny."

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"We try to educate the students to make sure they stay out of trouble with the police, and so far none of them have had problems."

Mark Kramer
landlord

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Italian officer killed in soccer match

ROME — Months after a game-fixing scandal shook Italian soccer, the sport was rocked again when rioting by fans left a police officer dead and scores of people injured.

The mayhem, during a game between Sicilian teams Catania and Palermo, prompted soccer officials to suspend this weekend's matches — the first time that has happened in more than a decade.

Italian soccer officials canceled Wednesday's exhibition game between Italy and Romania, and threatened to extend the suspension.

Italian Premier Romano Prodi promised drastic measures and a "radical change."

"People must understand that there must be a turning point," he said. "We can't keep risking the lives of law police officers."

Michel Platini, the newly elected president of European soccer's governing body, promised to work with Italy to end the violence.

The violence comes just months after celebrations following the national team's World Cup victory in Germany last summer.

Colombian mine explosion kills 32

SARDINATA — An explosion tore through a makeshift coal mine in remote northeast Colombia on Saturday, killing 32 miners, a civil defense official said.

Rescue crews had located the bodies buried more than 1,300 feet below ground but were unable to safely remove them, said Yesid Arias, who was helping to coordinate the operation.

Officials had previously reported that three miners were dead and 28 were missing at the mine in the remote hamlet of San Roque, 255 miles northeast of Bogota.

"We have orders to work through the night, but unfortunately there's still plenty of trapped methane gas that's making it unsafe for work crews to stay underground for any extended period of time," Arias said.

NATIONAL NEWS

States oppose National ID plan

WASHINGTON — A revolt against a national driver's license, begun in Maine last month, is quickly spreading to other states.

The Maine Legislature on Jan. 26 overwhelmingly passed a resolution objecting to the Real ID Act of 2005. The federal law sets a national standard for driver's licenses and requires states to link their record-keeping systems to national databases.

Privacy advocates say a national driver's license will promote identity theft. The law's supporters say it is needed to prevent terrorists and illegal immigrants from getting fake identification cards.

States will have to comply by May 2008. If they do not, driver's licenses that fall short of Real ID's standards cannot be used to board an airplane or enter a federal building or open some bank accounts.

Senator calls for U.S. climate summit

WASHINGTON — The head of the Senate's Environment Committee called on the White House Friday to hold a summit grouping the 12 largest greenhouse-gas emitting nations.

Sen. Barbara Boxer's comments came on the heels of a report released by a U.N.-sponsored panel of climate scientists which said there was little doubt the man-made emissions are to blame for global warming.

"I'm calling on the president to convene a summit at the White House of the 12 largest global warming emitters," she said.

LOCAL NEWS

Two arrested for South Bend murders

SOUTH BEND — Two men have been arrested and formally charged with the murder of four homeless men in December.

Daniel J. Sharp, 56, and Randy Lee Reeder, 50, both of South Bend, are in police custody — Sharp in St. Joseph County and Reeder in Berrien County in Michigan — according to prosecutors.

The bodies of Michael "Shan" Nolen Jr., 40, and Michael Lawson, 56, were discovered Jan. 9 inside a manhole in the 600 block of South Scott Street near the Prairie Avenue railroad crossing.

SUDAN

China calls for UN intervention

President warns reluctant Darfur rebels to 'join the peace process'

Associated Press

ALJAILI — Chinese President Hu Jintao told Sudan's leader on Friday he must give the United Nations a bigger role in trying to resolve the conflict in Darfur and also said China wanted to do more business with its key African ally, Sudan state media reported.

In what appeared to be China's bluntest message to Sudan on the Darfur crisis, Hu urged President Omar al-Bashir in a face-to-face meeting to boost the U.N.'s "constructive role in realizing peace in Darfur" along with the African Union, the official Sudan news agency SUNA reported.

China buys two-thirds of Sudan's oil and is the largest investor in the country, giving it some leverage with al-Bashir's government. Sudan has defied a U.N. Security Council call for the underpowered African Union mission of 7,000 troops in the western region of Darfur to be taken over by a U.N. operation of 22,000 peacekeepers.

China usually refuses to mix human rights issues with diplomacy, but Hu has come under international pressure to use his clout with Sudan to push it to accept U.N. peacekeepers in Darfur. More than 200,000 people have been killed in four years of fighting in the region between rebels and the army, backed by the notorious janjaweed militia.

Human rights activists expressed concern ahead of Hu's eight-country tour of Africa that China is overlooking abuses to gain access to Africa's resources. Africa has become an important source of oil and other natural resources to feed China's rapid economic growth.

Sudanese officials briskly ushered journalists out of the room Friday when Hu began voicing his expectations on Darfur to al-Bashir. Later, a Sudanese official told The Associated Press



Sudanese president Omar Al-Bashir meets with Chinese President Hu Jintao in Khartoum, Sudan on Saturday.

that Hu had told al-Bashir his government "should work more earnestly to get the rebels who did not sign the Darfur peace agreement to join the peace process."

The government signed the peace agreement with one rebel group last May, but other rebels rejected the accord as inadequate and the conflict escalated.

This week, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged Sudan to accept a compromise deal by which a U.N. force would deploy in Darfur in a "hybrid mission" with African peacekeepers. Ban has also asked China's U.N. ambassador for help in trying to persuade the Khartoum government.

Sudanese Foreign

Minister Lam Akol insisted that Hu's words on Darfur were not hostile.

Akol told reporters after the meeting that Sudan was willing to see the mixed U.N. and African Union force deployed in Darfur "as soon as funding and troops were secured."

Diplomats in Khartoum said Hu's position on Darfur could be linked to Chinese concerns about Sudan's stability, as well as that of neighboring Chad. The Chinese have recently improved relations with Chad, which also has important oil reserves and is fighting rebels in eastern provinces. Chad has accused Sudan of backing its rebels — a charge that

Khartoum denies.

Diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the issue is not settled, said the U.N. is pushing to have 10,000 to 15,000 peacekeepers in the region. Akol said Sudan would agree to whatever number a committee of Sudanese, U.N. and AU experts decided.

However, Sudan has a record of backtracking on agreements concerning Darfur, and some presidential advisers say al-Bashir has not agreed to anything more than an advisory role for the U.N.

Sudan wanted to draw attention to the trade and investment side of its relationship with China.

VENEZUELA

Chavez backs environmentalists

Associated Press

CARACAS — His ambitious social programs are built on Venezuela's petroleum wealth, but President Hugo Chavez is increasingly talking up environmental causes and urging the world to cut back on oil use to fight global warming.

He wants to use some oil revenues in a venture to manufacture solar panels and has begun doling out millions of energy-saving fluorescent light bulbs to homes nationwide.

Some critics say Chavez's campaign is mostly rhetoric, noting this is a country where govern-

ment subsidies have gasoline prices at 12 cents a gallon, car sales are booming and vehicle exhaust chokes litter-strewn streets.

But Chavez says Venezuela can be an example, and he has begun exhorting his followers to drive less and take public transport. His government plans a windmill farm to generate electricity on the Caribbean coast and is exploring more uses for cleaner-burning natural gas.

"Venezuela is one of the countries that least contaminates the environment, but nevertheless we want to give an example and be at

the vanguard," Chavez said at a news conference Thursday.

He called U.S. oil consumption — which handsomely funds his government — a leading cause of the world's environmental troubles.

"They're destroying the world," Chavez said, citing melting glaciers in the Andes and predictions of rising sea levels. "The human race will be finished if we don't change the world capitalist system."

Leftist ideology colors Chavez's views, and he has spent time discussing the dilemma of climate change with Cuban leader Fidel Castro, his friend and mentor.



Kevin Federline is featured in a clip from the Nationwide Super Bowl ad "Life Comes at You Fast."

Super Bowl features competing, funny ads

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Along with the trademark Clydesdales, talking animals and high-end computer graphics, there was a new entry this year in the annual showdown of advertisers in the Super Bowl: amateurs.

Starting in the first quarter, a goofy spot for Doritos showing a hapless driver distracted by a pretty woman passing by marked the first time a purely amateur-created ad aired during the Super Bowl. Frito-Lay, the PepsiCo Inc. division that makes Doritos, ran an online competition to pick the winning spot.

Katie Crabb, a freshman at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, was the winner of a separate contest by General Motors Corp. and had her idea for an ad made into reality by Chevrolet's marketing division.

Despite being made by a newcomer, that ad was true to the tradition of using oddball humor in Super Bowl ads, showing a number of men stripping off their shirts — and some other articles of clothing — at the sight of a new Chevy HHR rolling down the street.

Sight gags were back, including one from Bud Light early in the game showing a rather unusual tactic for winning at rock-paper-scissors — throwing an actual rock at the head of your opponent. The gag wasn't completely new, however, since last year Sprint Nextel Corp. featured a phone with a "crime deterrent" — which turned out to be throwing the phone at someone's head.

FedEx Corp. combined a sight gag with another trademark of big ticket Super Bowl spots, fancy computer graphics, with an other-worldly ad showing an office worker drifting off into space from the world's first office on the moon, only to be clobbered by a passing meteor.

A lot is riding on the ads, and not just because CBS Corp. is charging as much as \$2.6 million for a 30-second spot during the game. With some 90 million people watching, it's the most-viewed program all year on television and the ads are subject to intense scrutiny, both by amateurs and the marketing industry.

Coca-Cola Co. was back in the

game after a long absence, taking on its rival Pepsi with a number of creative ads, including an homage to Black History Month with an understated ad showing the changing shapes of Coke bottles over time as milestones in black history appeared alongside. Other ads also highlighted Black History Month and highlighted the fact that, for the first time, both coaches in the game are black.

Some of the uses of humor didn't resonate well with experts. Stephen Greyser, a professor at Harvard Business School specializing in communications and the business of sports, said the rock-throwing spot by Anheuser-Busch Cos.' Bud Light was "attention-getting" but also "had a nasty character to it."

Bud Light, which often swings for the fences with wacky jabs at humor, scored better with Greyser with a different spot showing an auctioneer saying wedding vows at hyper-fast speed. Greyser said that spot had a much broader appeal.

The job-search company CareerBuilder ditched its longtime office-monkey pitchmen of years past in favor of a jungle combat scene among office workers, where office supplies become weapons. Think of "Dilbert" meets "Lord of the Flies."

Tim Calkins, a marketing professor at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University who runs a panel of students to rate the ads, called this year's batch a "mixed bag," saying advertisers were "being safe," with no one "pushing the edge of either creativity or taste."

An ad early in the game for Blockbuster Inc. with computer animations of animals trying to push, click and — ouch — drag an actual mouse resonated well with members of his panel, who said it was creative and also delivered the company's message. The panel found a spot by King Pharmaceuticals Inc. showing a guy dressed up in a giant red heart costume "puzzling," while Garmin International Inc.'s oddball spot with a showdown between a superhero-like character and a monster made from maps was deemed "hard to follow."

Kids join weight-loss surgery trend

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the popularity of stomach surgery has skyrocketed among obese adults, a growing number of doctors are asking, "Why not children, too?"

For decades, the number of kids trying weight-loss surgery has been tiny. The operations themselves were risky, with a death rate of about 1 in 50. Children rarely got that fat, and when they did, pediatricians hesitated to put the developing bodies under the knife. Only 350 U.S. kids had such an operation in 2004, according to federal statistics.

But improvements in surgical technique and huge increases in the number of dangerously obese children have begun fueling a change of heart.

A group of four hospitals, led by Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, are starting a large-scale study this spring examining how children respond to various types of weight-loss surgery, including the gastric bypass, in which a pouch is stapled off from the rest of the stomach and connected to the small intestine.

Three more hospitals have approval from the Food and Drug Administration to test how teens fare with a procedure called laparoscopic gastric banding, where an elastic collar installed around the stomach limits how much someone can eat.

The FDA has hesitated to approve the gastric band for children, but surgeons at New York University Medical Center reported in the Journal of Pediatric Surgery this month that the device holds promise.

The 53 boys and girls, aged

13 to 17, who participated in NYU's study shed nearly half their excess weight over 18 months, while suffering relatively minor complications.

Crystal Kasprovicz, of St. James, N.Y., said she lost 100 pounds from her 250-pound frame after having the band installed at age 17.

"I'm a totally different person," she said.

Before the procedure, Kasprovicz said she took medication for a rapid heartbeat and was showing signs of developing diabetes. Every effort she made to stop getting bigger failed. Dieting didn't work, she said. Her heart problems made it hard to exercise. Even walking up stairs was a challenge.

Now, she's off the heart drugs. Her blood-sugar levels are in check. She also feels better about herself.

"I'm very outgoing now," said Kasprovicz. "I hike a lot ... I go to the beach in the summer now. I'm not as self-conscious when I go shopping for clothing."

Similar studies are under way at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago and at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian, which recently opened a weight-loss surgery center for teens. Doctors there expect to conduct about 50 operations this year.

Children are only considered candidates for surgery after they have spent six months trying to lose weight through conventional methods under

hospital supervision. But so far, not a single one has slimmed down enough to take surgery off the table, said Dr. Jeffrey Zitsman, associate attending surgeon at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital.

"That battle can only be won in a few instances," he said.

The studies have followed a huge surge in the popularity of obesity surgeries among adults. The American Society for Bariatric Surgery estimates that more than 177,000 Americans had weight-loss surgery last year, up from 47,000 in 2001.

Not everyone is pleased that kids might be next.

"I don't think altering the human digestive tract is a solution to the problem of

excess weight," said Joanne Ikeda, a nutritionist emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley. "It's one of these quick-fixes that isn't a fix at all."

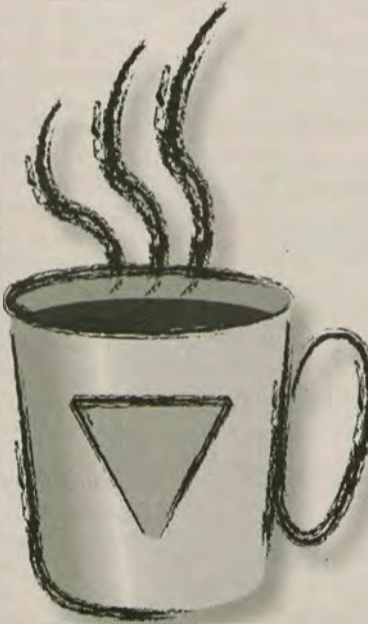
Doctors, she said, still know relatively little about the long-term effects of such operations on the very young.

The federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality released a study in July that said four in 10 weight-loss surgery patients develop complications within six months. Among adults, mortality rates among gastric bypass patients remain at between 1 in 100 and 1 in 200 patients.

Laparoscopic gastric banding has been shown to have a much smaller death rate — about 1 in 1000 patients — but complications do occur.

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Joanne Ikeda
nutritionist




Coffee at the Como

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, February 6
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316 Coleman-Morse

The Core Council invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal gathering at the Co-Mo.

Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.



MARKET RECAP

Stocks		
Dow Jones	12,653.49	-20.19

Up: Same: Down: Composite Volume:
1,865 157 1,366 2,570,371,488

AMEX	2,136.22	-9.54
NASDAQ	2,475.88	+7.50
NYSE	9,325.24	-2.45
S&P 500	1,448.39	+2.45
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,547.11	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	6,310.90	+28.70

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MOTOROLA INC (MOT)	-0.50	-0.10	19.85
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+1.22	+0.08	6.63
S&P DEP RECEIPTS(SPY)	+0.14	+0.20	144.81
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	+0.32	+0.14	44.16

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.21	-0.010	4.827
13-WEEK BILL	+0.20	+0.010	5.00
30-YEAR BOND	-0.14	-0.007	4.926
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.33	-0.016	4.818

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+1.72	59.02
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-11.50	651.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+2.38	104.68

Exchange Rates	
YEN	121.1500
EURO	0.7717
POUND	0.5088
CANADIAN \$	1.1836

IN BRIEF

Alternative fuels cause rise in corn price

NEW YORK — Forget about oil as the inflation bogeyman we should fear the most. The surging price of corn is the latest threat to Americans' wallets, and where it hits them may go beyond the supermarket.

The issue here really starts with the government's push to increase the use of alternative fuels like ethanol to reduce a reliance on foreign oil. Since most ethanol produced here is made from corn, that burgeoning boom is straining corn supplies, and boosting prices.

That makes everything from soda (sweetened with high fructose corn syrup) to the steak from corn-fed beef more expensive. It's also crimping ethanol producers' profitability, which could lead to calls for increased federal subsidies to keep them afloat.

This could particularly hurt consumers on the lower end of the income scale, who spend 16 percent of their discretionary income on food compared with the 11 percent for those in the top-income quintile, Merrill Lynch chief North American economist David Rosenberg said.

Indiana losing 890 jobs in plant closure

CONNERSVILLE, Ind. — Visteon Corp. plans to close an eastern Indiana auto-parts plant, idling 890 employees, the company announced Thursday.

Closing the plant in September is part of the company's three-year plan to fix, close or sell about 30 facilities to make Visteon more globally competitive, Visteon spokesman Jim Fisher said.

"We've done a very thorough review of this facility," Fisher said. "We do not believe there is a viable business case for continuing to operate it."

The plant in Connersville, some 60 miles east of Indianapolis, has about 750 hourly and 140 salaried employees. It produces climate control products like heating and air conditioning systems for several vehicle manufacturers.

"Some of that work will go away as certain products reach the end of their production run," said Kimberley Goode, vice president of corporate communications for Michigan-based Visteon. "Most of the remaining work will move to other Visteon plants."

Bush wants to spend \$2.9 trillion

Plan to reduce deficit directs money to Iraq, cuts health care costs, keeps tax cuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush will send Congress a \$2.9 trillion spending request today that seeks billions of dollars more to fight the Iraq war and tries to restrain the spiraling cost of the government's big health care programs.

Responding to the new political realities of a Democratic-controlled Congress, Bush will propose balancing the budget in five years, matching a goal put forward by Democratic leaders. But Bush would achieve that feat while protecting his cherished first-term tax cuts.

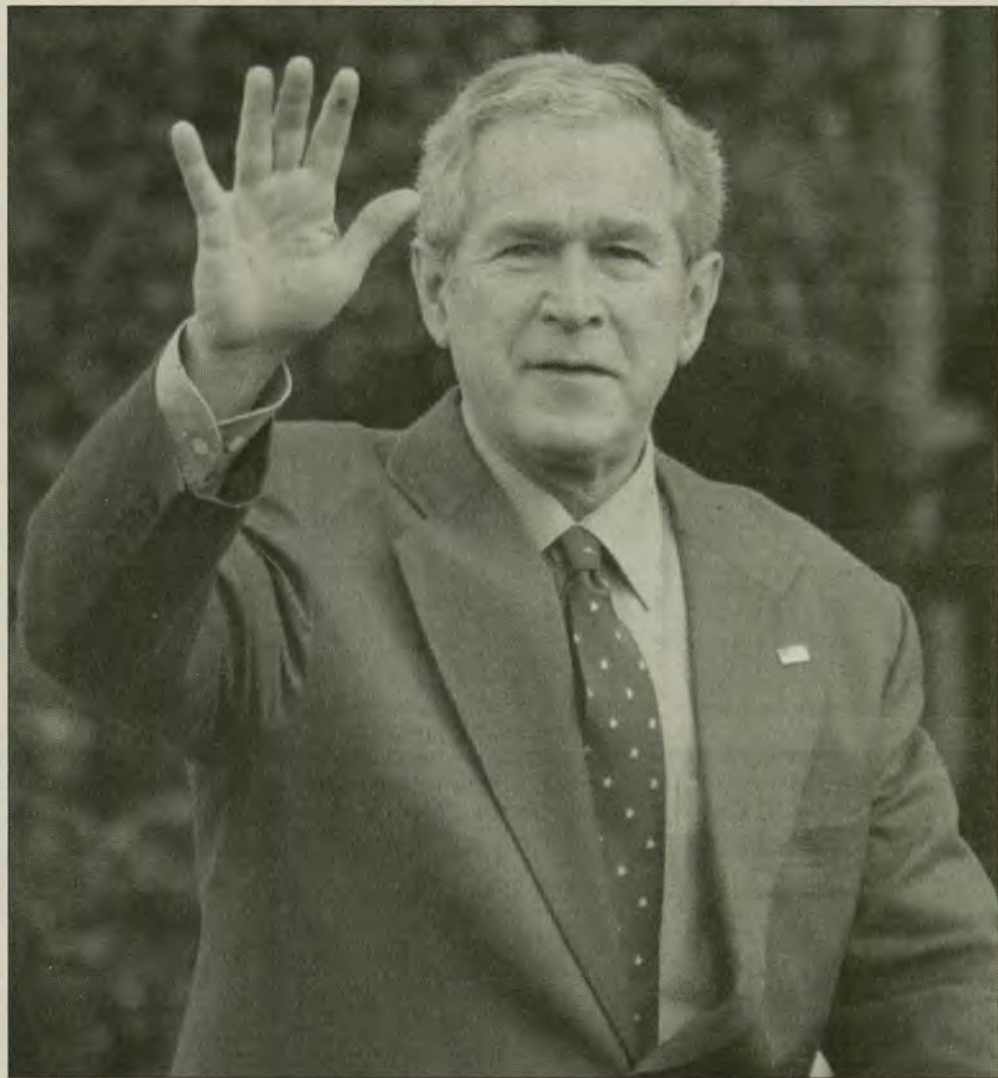
The arrival of the massive four-volume set of green budget books, which will cover the budget year that begins next Oct. 1, will be followed by months of debate in Congress. Democrats charged that Bush wants to make painful cuts across a wide swath of government programs while protecting tax cuts that will make the deficit worse after 2012.

"This budget is plunging us toward a cliff that will take us right into a chasm of debt," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said in an interview Sunday.

"In real terms, Bush's plan is going to have very substantial cuts by the fifth year of this budget in all of the domestic priorities from education and health care to law enforcement and veterans," Conrad said. "With Democrats in control, we will have different priorities."

The federal deficit hit an all-time high under Bush of \$413 billion in 2004. It has been declining since that time and the 2008 budget projects it will continue to decline and show a surplus in 2012, three years after Bush leaves office.

To accomplish those reductions, Bush would



President Bush waves as he leaves St. John's Church in Washington after attending services on Sunday. Bush will request \$2.9 trillion from Congress today.

allow only modest growth in the government programs outside of defense and homeland security. He is proposing eliminations or sharp reductions in 141 government programs, for a savings over five years of \$12 billion, although Congress has rejected many of the same proposals over the past two years.

Bush also will seek to trim spending on farm subsidies by \$18 billion over five years, mainly by reducing payments to wealthier farmers, an effort certain to spark resistance among farm state lawmakers.

Bush's budget would achieve nearly \$100 billion in savings over five years by trimming increases in Medicare, the health insurance program for 43 million retirees and disabled, and Medicaid which provides health care to the poor.

The restraints in Medicare spending would total \$66 billion over five years while the savings in Medicaid would total \$12.7 billion. Most of the Medicare savings would come in slowing the growth of payments to hospitals and other health care providers. But \$11.5 billion in savings would come from

boosting insurance premiums paid by the wealthiest Medicare recipients, those making more than \$80,000 annually for individuals and \$160,000 for married couples.

More people would be forced to pay the higher monthly premiums because the administration would stop indexing the income levels for inflation. Bush also wants to make high-income Medicare recipients pay more for their drug coverage as well as the higher premium they are now paying on the insurance for doctors' visits.

Stocks strong amid weak job numbers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street ended a strong week narrowly mixed Friday after the market absorbed a weaker-than-expected employment report that curbed investors' bullish sentiment following three days of straight gains.

The January jobs report, which showed the country's unemployment rate at a four-month high of 4.6 percent, came as a surprise on Wall Street. A reading of 4.5 percent had been expected. The Labor Department report signaled employers were more cautious than expected in adding jobs in the new year. The economy added 111,000 jobs last month, below the 150,000 that had been expected.

Investors also received word from the Commerce Department that U.S. factory orders showed their biggest

gain in nine months in December, rising 2.4 percent. Also, the final Reuters/University of Michigan consumer sentiment reading for January rose to 96.9 from 91.7 in December, its highest level in two years, but fell short of a preliminary reading of 98.

"They're by no means terrible numbers here," said Andy Richman, fixed-income strategist at SunTrust Bank's personal asset management arm. He contends the readings signal the Federal Reserve's strategy of standing pat on interest rates is working. "This validates their wait-and-hold approach is starting to pay off."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 20.19, or 0.16 percent, to 12,653.49. Shortly after the opening bell the Dow logged a fresh trading high of 12,683.93 before moving lower; the previous high, set Thursday, was 12,682.57.

Broader stock indicators were higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.45, or 0.17 percent, to 1,448.39, its highest level in more than six years, and the Nasdaq composite index advanced 7.50, or 0.30 percent, to 2,475.88.

For the week, the Dow was up 1.33 percent, while the Nasdaq gained 1.66 percent and the S&P rose 1.84 percent.

Bonds were little changed following the economic data, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note flat at 4.83 percent from late Thursday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Light, sweet crude settled up \$1.72 at \$59.02 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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The wheels of a dream

Racism is certainly a strange bird: recognized by some, overlooked by others, even considered extinct by a few more. It is tempting, at times, to take a look around modern America and conclude that color blindness truly has become the norm.

After all, we have certainly come a long way from the period portrayed in PEMCo's latest musical, the pre-World War I days of "Ragtime." In an era when members of all races resorted to violence and overt racial slurs simply as a means of survival and self-preservation, it was easy for the United States to glance in the mirror and recognize the hypocritical duality of the so-called American dream.

Early in "Ragtime," Coalhouse Walker, the show's black protagonist, glances around at the promise of American democracy and proudly sings, "We'll see justice, Sarah; we'll see plenty of men who will stand up and give us our due. Oh, Sarah, it's more than promises; Sarah, it must be true. A country that lets a man like me own a car, raise a child, build a life with you." Of course, the dark side of 1906 America — racism, violence and the preservation of class stratification — quickly punctures the wheels of Coalhouse's dream.

Today, however, we seem above that. The American enlightenment of the 1960s, led by prophet-philosophers like Martin Luther King Jr., opened the nation's eyes to the tragic cruelty of a country that promises equality but gives nothing. Today, almost 40 years after Dr. King's assassination, racism, some would say, is also dead.

After all, a conspicuously big deal has been made of the fact that African Americans currently hold the posts of secretary of state, Supreme Court justice, House majority whip and the chairmanships of the House Judiciary, Ways and Means, Homeland Security and Ethics Committees. Other races, as well, are strongly represented politically in

such posts as attorney general, secretary of commerce and secretary of labor. The leading Democratic candidate for the presidency in 2008, Barack Obama, is the son of a Kenyan. One could also point to the fact that yesterday not only gave America its first black coach to appear in a Super Bowl, but its second as well. On top of that, there are individuals like Oprah Winfrey and BET founder Bob Johnson, both of whom are listed as billionaires by Forbes.

However, to steal a line from Hamlet, this nation doth protest too much, methinks.

If racism actually ceased to exist, very little would even be said about the unusual success of these nonwhite individuals. If racism were truly dead, former Virginia Sen. George Allen would never have faced public shame for calling an Indian man a "macaca." If racism really died along with Dr. King, Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden would have had no reason to refer to Barack Obama as "the first mainstream African American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy." If racism was gone, the drunk Louisiana State fan sitting behind me at the Sugar Bowl would never have told me that Notre Dame was lucky not to have a n----- quarterback like them.

Even here at college, where students are supposedly taught to look beyond the confines of race, racism has made headlines lately. Two Southern universities — Clemson in South Carolina and Tarleton State in Texas — have erupted in a firestorm of racial tensions in the past few weeks because of photos posted online of white students attending Martin Luther King Day parties. At Tarleton State, students were shown celebrating the holiday by drinking malt liquor out of brown paper bags and eating fried chicken while dressed as gang members or Aunt Jemima. At Clemson, some students even wore blackface to their party.

Fortunately, these schools have had the issue of racism thrust into the open, and both are now actively engaged in black-white dialogues and discussion groups about the topic. At Notre Dame, however, the question of racism often

remains unaddressed.

While no one has yet to file a formal complaint (most likely due to the overwhelming whiteness of the campus), race-based party themes pop up here all the time, too. "Ghetto Fabulous" parties, "Hampton-Compton" parties, and probably dozens more in which racial stereotypes are encouraged have certainly taken place in numerous dorms, apartments and houses in South Bend in recent years. I've been to many of them myself.

Sure, racial humor is a remarkably easy way to make people laugh — partly because in a diverse nation like America, everyone's a little bit racist. The sight of white students wearing black face and dressing as Aunt Jemima, however, is a tragic play on an era of overt racial oppression that no American should use as an excuse to get drunk. You don't see many "Holocaust" themed college parties, and while no event can possibly ever be compared to the systematic killings of that period, racism certainly can be considered America's enduring, albeit less blatant, equivalent.

It's about time we grow up a little, and a good start would be to make a conscious effort to think before we crack subtly racist jokes or throw overtly race-themed parties. Yes, it's a lot different than engaging in the racial violence depicted in "Ragtime," but America still has a long way to go toward becoming a truly fair and equal nation, and every little bit helps.

With far larger issues facing America in the very near future — global warming, poverty and terrorism — it is time to recognize the oneness of the American people for the sake of the greater good. To quote "Ragtime's" Coalhouse Walker once more, "And say to those who blame us for the way we chose to fight, that sometimes there are battles which are more than black or white."

Joey Falco is a senior American Studies major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor. He encourages everyone to attend the forum on "Ragtime" and race in America at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Washington Hall.



Joey Falco

Forty Ounces to Falco

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is better to have less thunder in the mouth and more lightning in the hand."

American Indian proverb

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Questioning Siegfried's claim to manliness

We applaud the residents of Siegfried for raising money for South Bend's Center for the Homeless during their Day of Man. However, we believe that Tom Martin's claim that Siegfried is "one of the manliest dorms on campus" is unfounded.

Fortunately for the Ramblers as well as all other dorms on campus, there is an opportunity this weekend to truly prove your (wo)manliness. At 2 p.m. Saturday, beginning in front of Morrissey Manor, there will be a two-lap "Polar Run" around South Quad. This race is a dorm competition (we will even provide everyone with body paint) and the winning dorms can make uncontested claims as the manliest or womanliest dorms on campus.

After the race, there will be free hot cocoa and cider and we will be collecting money for St. Vincent de Paul. If you missed out on Siegfried's Day of Man or are looking for another way to prove your (wo)manliness while supporting a good cause, come to Morrissey's Polar Run this weekend.

Zach Einterz and Jon Stefely
 junior, sophomore
 Morrissey Manor
 Feb. 3

U-WIRE

Where'd the Renaissance men go?

I can't formulate my feelings of aversion about the way things are going in this world into an outline. I can't look at a piece of art and tell you what techniques invoke such emotion in me. I can't play music. I don't know what the heck I am looking up at on a clear summer night.

But I can feel. I can absorb all of those things and create some abstract way of describing them. And I get happiness from that. Unfortunately, that's my problem. I could earn a doctorate in "feeling," but in reality it's emotions that are cheap, not words. In a world that is becoming so technical, so mathematic, is there any room for creativity?

We live in a society obsessed with the bottom line. We are in a rush to get to the top, find the easiest solutions and be successful. It's not a phone anymore, it's the iPhone. They aren't just doctors, there are pediatric orthopedic finger doctors. As Americans, we can't just be. We have to be the best. We have to specialize. So long to mom-and-pop shops. They're replaced by corporate chains that offer much more of everything, except personality. It's good to go to a lawyer that specializes in eviction processes — obviously he knows his stuff. Good for him. But I'm one of those flighty people who find attending classes upon classes about writing contracts a bit dry.

Brenna Mcnamara

*Daily Kent Stater
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Yes, people do have different strengths. There's an enormous difference between the left brain and the right brain, this is only natural. But I'm just posing the thought that possibly our society is being influenced by all the pressure to find the fastest solution and the hardest facts. Emotions and instinct are far too abstract for such a concrete world.

In this path to success, too many times a person must rule out passions and hobbies because they aren't on this narrowed down road to making money. Now, it seems pointless to even wonder what stars I see in the night sky unless I'm an astronomer. I can appreciate a painting, but if I can't have it, recreate it, or major in art history, my passion seems fruitless. I am pissed at our country and this meaningless violence, but since I'm not part of the government, I am just preaching or being ridiculed for being so idealistic.

Where did the Renaissance men go? Those men of DaVinci's time who were masters of art, poetry, astronomy, anatomy and architecture. Congratulations to anyone nowadays who could accomplish all of that. Hopefully you didn't get too many people asking you, "How are you going to turn all those majors into a career?"

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U-WIRE

Macs might be pretty, but not much else

If you read the paper Thursday, you know that Ball State University students can download the full top-of-the-line version of Vista, Microsoft's new operating system, for free. I'm going to download it.

Why? Because I'll be getting a \$400 operating system and software suite for free. I think it's a great deal.

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Insert howls of derision from Mac users here.

Follow this with me blowing raspberries at the Mac users.

I've used both Macs and PCs for lots of things since I've been at college. In fact, as long as I've been computer literate, I've been able and willing to use both systems. I use Macs in my journalism classes and when I'm at work. They're excellent machines for graphics, movies and audio work (as the commercials remind us daily).

But aside from that, there's not much else they can do.

I've never liked that I can hardly do anything on a Mac without using the mouse. I'm a touch typist, so my hands prefer to stay on the keyboard as much as possible. On a Mac (like the one I'm using to write this column), I can use the keyboard to perform about 20 different functions, most of which still involve the mouse in some capacity.

On my trusty little Toshiba (which runs Windows), the number of keyboard functions is limited only by the number of menu options in each program. I simply press Alt to highlight the toolbar, then navigate through with the arrow keys until I find what I want. Easy-peasy.

Granted, most Mac programs have keyboard shortcuts for most of their menu options. But do they really expect me to remember every single combination? When I'm on a roll and I want to change my font, I don't want to

have to stop what I'm doing and look up the "shortcut." I might as well just do everything with the mouse.

Of course, there's always the question of reliability. Windows 95 and 98 made the "blue screen of death" famous, and PCs are notorious for crashing, eating files, deleting data, etc. Macs, on the other hand, have the reputation of an armored car.

Except that in five years, I've lost more files to Macs than to PCs. I've owned two Windows machines since I came to college, and in all that time I have yet to see a single blue screen of death. Sure, I get a few security problems every now and then, but that's why God made Norton AntiVirus. PCs get spyware because the world runs on Windows. The only reason Macs don't get viruses is because no one's bothered to port the viruses over. The ratio of time spent versus computers infected is just too lousy. It's hard to deny hackers are a practical bunch.

Macs sell themselves as the computer for cool, sophisticated hipsters. PC users, if the commercials are accurate, are a bunch of dumpy businessmen in plain suits. But what the commercials don't show is that when the Mac guy's trust fund runs out in a few years, he's going to be flipping burgers because you can't base a career on the strength of your iLife portfolio. Meanwhile, the PC guy will be sitting pretty in his condo in the Bahamas, sipping a daiquiri and watching his stocks mature. Turns out those boring spreadsheets were useful for something after all, huh?

Macs may be pretty, but like I said: The world runs on Windows.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Keenan Revue lackluster compared to past

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

While this year's Keenan Revue featured several hilarious skits, the show did not match previous levels of greatness. Slightly tamer than past productions, this weekend's show still featured the Revue's trademark humor — just not as much as in past years.

The Revue followed a Dr. Seuss theme with the title "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Revue Fish." The opening skit went by the same name and cleverly introduced "fish" common in the Notre Dame community (the "jersey-chaser fish," the "Lizzi Shappell fish" and the "Osama Bin Laden fish").

The strongest skits were usually the simplest. In order to provide time to prepare the more elaborate pieces, there were short 30 second to one minute-long skits in the vein of a one-liner joke. The skits "Stepladder," "GEICO" and "Jedi Inferno" were among the best of this variety. They worked so well because of their punch and quick wit — there was basically no time to screw it up.

The worst skits were the exact opposites — they seemed like they would never end. While these often had good intentions and funny moments, they dragged on too long, often losing whatever humor they initially had. Among these was "My Heart Hurts All the Time," with a guy singing about the sad story of his life. While it was humorous at points, it quickly lost audience interest, especially since it came close to the end of the first act.

That skit was quickly outdone by "Driving My Uncle" less than a minute

later. Again, while the idea of a kid driving around with his very bizarre uncle is funny for the first couple minutes, it quickly waned and got stranger and less funny the longer that it was allowed to continue. This skit did not have the pertinence to those familiar with Notre Dame and came across and funny but too random.

Similarly, the second half of the Revue was marred by such failures as "The Wiggles" (an overly long mockery of children's shows), "Gaybraham Lincoln" (a terribly unfunny and mildly offensive portrayal of a play about our 16th president being gay), and "A Big Fat Floppy Cavanaugh" (a string of sexual innuendos and jokes told only using the names of female dorms on campus).

There were also several skits that were good, but definitely short of great. Among them was "The Keenan Revue News," usually considered a favorite amongst audience members. While it was stronger and funnier than much of the Revue, it wasn't as good as in past years. Poor and off-timed delivery along with a lack of enough Notre Dame-oriented events hurt its overall performance and effect.

"Talk Love with Dos Padres" had two priests working as Notre Dame sex-help phone operators. This was a genuinely funny skit that wasn't given nearly enough attention and could have been made longer to replace one of the aforementioned skits that weren't very funny. Similarly, the skits "Next" (a parody on the MTV show, but with a search for a savior) and "Go Fish!" (where guys play the game of "go fish" with girls' ID cards at the dining hall) had the potential to be a great deal funnier if organizers had devoted more attention and



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Although this year's Keenan Revue was not up to par with the caliber of past shows, skits such as "Jedi Inferno" still made it a successful event.

time to them.

The standout performances included "Legends," which mocked the old game show "Legends of the Hidden Temple," "Catholic Disney World," an outrageously funny parody of the song "A Whole New World" from the Disney film "Aladdin" explaining why Notre Dame is the theme park's Catholic equivalent and "Captain Planet and the Inconvenient Truth," which played on the "Captain Planet" cartoon show and Al Gore documentary that decries global warming. Easily the best skit of the

evening was "And Then We Got In," which involved two guys hilariously explaining the non-academic preconceptions of Notre Dame and what they learned upon arrival.

The 2007 Keenan Revue had its moments, but it couldn't stack up to those of the past. Although it was evident much thought and hard work went into the Revue, it wasn't the best Keenan has offered.

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DVD REVIEW

'Lambs' DVD adds little to horrific, historic film

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Just in time for the upcoming "Hannibal Rising" comes a new two-disc "collector's edition" of Jonathan Demme's "Silence of the Lambs." The film that made Hannibal Lecter the cinema's most famous cannibal, "Lambs" was also a critical smash, winning all five of the major Oscars at the 1991 Academy Awards (Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Screenplay).

The second film based on the novels of Thomas Harris — the first is 1986's "Manhunter," directed by Michael Mann and starring Brian Cox as Lecter — "The Silence of the Lambs" launched Anthony Hopkins into superstardom and solidified Jodie Foster as a major talent. It follows rookie FBI agent Clarice Starling (Foster), as she pursues the serial killer Buffalo Bill (Ted Levine). Starling and her boss, Jack Crawford (Scott Glenn), employ the help of incarcerated serial killer Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lecter.

Lecter slowly leads Starling to the murderer, but through a series of mind

games that threaten to break down the fragile agent.

"The Silence of the Lambs" is anchored by its strong performance and the sure-handed direction of Demme, who gives the film a stylish — and somewhat stylized — look and feel. Hopkins' performance is one of cinema's all-time greats, and he managed to take home the Best Actor statuette, despite less than 20 minutes of screen-time. Foster more than holds her own, and her strong-willed performance also won her a Best Actress Oscar.

"Lambs" is also a modern classic, and its plethora of awards helped make it a template for its genre — it is the only horror film that has ever won the Best Picture Oscar (though the term "horror" has to be used loosely). As a chilling and disquieting piece of psychological drama, it remains nearly unsurpassed, especially by its inferior sequels, "Hannibal" (directed by Ridley Scott, with Julianne Moore in the role of Starling) and "Red Dragon" (directed by Brett Ratner). It's difficult to believe that "Hannibal Rising" will come close to matching the effectiveness of "Lambs," especially without Hopkins, who was the life-blood of the series.

The two-disc collector's edition is no less than the third DVD edition of "The Silence of the Lambs." The first was the Criterion Collection edition, which eventually went out of print. MGM

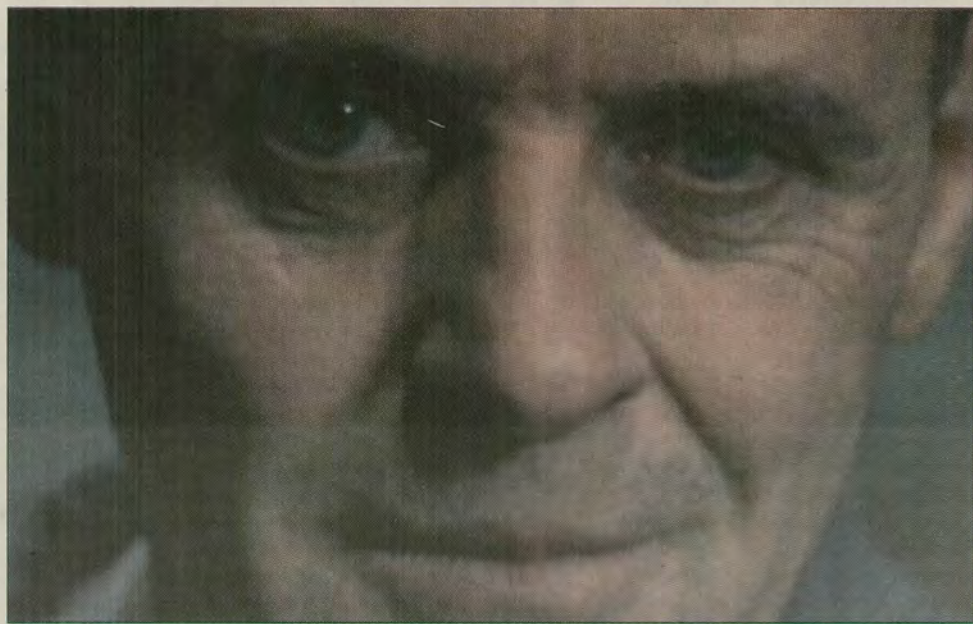


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Anthony Hopkins created one of the greatest villains of cinema when he starred as Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lecter in 1991's "Silence of the Lambs."

released its own "Special Edition," which was intended to coincide with the theatrical release of "Hannibal." Unfortunately, this new version isn't as complete as it could be. It includes most of the special features from the special edition, with a couple of new documentaries and the teaser trailer. The documentaries are nice, interesting and informative, but the features from the coveted Criterion edition — a commentary track from the director, screenwriter and stars in particular — are nowhere to be found. The audio and visual quality haven't been upgraded since the last release, which was more than five years

ago, so there really isn't a reason for anyone who already owns the film to upgrade.

"The Silence of the Lambs" deserves better than this edition, and it's unfortunate that the Criterion is out of print (and its special features with it). Fans of the film might've hoped that Criterion would have reacquired the rights and released a new edition with upgraded picture and sound. As it stands, "Lambs" is a classic in its own right, even if the new DVD doesn't do it justice.

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Silence of the Lambs

Two-Disc Collector's Edition
MGM



DPAC SPOTLIGHT

New Orleans Jazz Orchestra heats up DPAC

Irvin Mayfield brings Big Easy culture to South Bend



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David Pulphus provides the musical backbone of the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra with his bass lines during its Saturday concert at the DPAC.



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

The trumpet section of the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra generates the lively and exciting sound that characterizes some of America's best jazz musicians.

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Writer

From the moment the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra walked on stage Saturday and bridged the tuning of its instruments straight into a melody, the group filled the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Leighton Concert Hall with an energy it doesn't often see. Flexible and stirring, the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra is not one to miss.

Director, composer and trumpeter Irvin Mayfield established the non-profit orchestra in 2002. The group presents the strong tradition of music in New Orleans culture, mixing jazz, blues, swing and spirituals. It has performed in arenas like Ravinia, Jazz at Lincoln Center and the Congressional Black Caucus. It also symbolically re-opened New Orleans with the first major cultural event after Katrina — a performance of "All the Saints" at Christ Church Cathedral. The 16-piece orchestra tours the country not only as a talented musical ensemble but also as an ambassador from the Katrina-devastated city.

Mayfield is a Grammy nominee and a member of Los Hombres Calientes, which was nominated for two Billboard Latin Music awards and one Grammy and won a Billboard for "Volume One." He is also highly involved in New Orleans

politics and culture, serving as the city's cultural ambassador.

The players are as good performers as they are musicians. On Saturday night, they joked with each other and the audience throughout the concert. Mayfield treated his introductions to each song as a personal conversation: explaining the context of the songs, introducing his uncle who sat in the audience and "dedicating" the performance to getting back at the Bears for beating the New Orleans Saints in January. The audience tasted every instrument as each musician took his solos. During these, the fellow players gave murmurs of approval and whooped their appreciation, displaying their own love of the music.

The orchestra's first song after the opening, "Second Line" from Duke Ellington's suite dedicated to New Orleans, was cool and fun, featuring the clarinet and trombone.

Mayfield composed the next song, "Higher Ground," which was inspired by a statement by a 911 operator during Hurricane Katrina. The song was meant to encourage not just the people of New Orleans, but all Americans, Mayfield said, to rebuild one of the country's treasures. "Higher Ground" began

strong and subdued with bassist David Pulphus and rose from there as the rest of the orchestra gradually joined in with both instruments and voices, humming and singing, "People in the city better get to higher ground." As the music wandered away and then came back to its center it soared to greater heights.

In "It's a Creole Thing, You Wouldn't Understand," Evan Christopher "put the sexy back in the clarinet," according to Mayfield. Christopher displayed the fluidity and mystery of the instrument.

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"Someone Forgot to Turn the Faucet Off, Probably Steve" intertwined a feeling of overflowing tension and urgency with an oblivious fun, illustrating how as a child Mayfield left the faucet running for five hours while his mother was away.

Mayfield introduced "Ballad of the Hot Long Night" by saying that jazz ballads are one of the most meaningful mediums for love songs because they embody "love that words can't express." The softly sensual song led by pianist Victor Atkins was beautiful.

The vocalist on "Route 66" twisted and turned through the piece and passed it on to a wonderful small ensemble featuring the clarinet, trombone and trumpet.

The orchestra concluded with "May His Soul Rest in Peace," composed by Mayfield in memory of his father and the other victims of Hurricane Katrina. The song was both mournful and filled with hope. Mayfield's trumpet rose above the rest of the surging orchestra, moving the audience and laying the souls to rest.

It was also wonderful to hear the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra try its album, "Strange Fruits," which features the Dillard University Choir. "Strange Fruits" builds on Billie Holiday's song by the same name — which protested the prevalent lynching of African Americans in the South during the early 20th century — expanding it into a nine-movement jazz oratorio. Like its concert, the CD covers a wide range of jazz sound.

The concert featuring the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra also marked a new experiment between the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and Legends of Notre Dame. Audience members had a chance to purchase the first dinner and performance packages offered by the DPAC, which provided savings on both.

Overall, the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra provided a wonderful evening of jazz. It strove to connect with its audience while incorporating truth into its music and personality into its playing.

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The diverse array of solos played on every instrument during the concert met with cheers not only from the audience but also from fellow band members.



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NOJO Director and trumpeter Irvin Mayfield, standing center, brought not only jazz but the musically diverse character of New Orleans with blues, swing and spirituals.

AROUND THE NATION

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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
New Jersey	32-15-6	70	7-1-2
Pittsburgh	26-17-8	60	8-1-1
N.Y. Islanders	25-21-7	57	4-2-4
N.Y. Rangers	25-23-4	54	4-6-0
Philadelphia	13-32-7	33	2-5-3

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Buffalo	35-15-4	74	4-5-1
Ottawa	30-21-3	63	7-2-1
Montreal	28-19-6	62	4-5-1
Toronto	26-21-6	58	7-3-0
Boston	23-24-4	50	3-7-0

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Atlanta	29-18-8	66	5-5-0
Tampa Bay	29-23-2	60	8-2-0
Carolina	26-22-7	59	3-4-3
Washington	22-25-7	51	3-7-0
Florida	20-24-10	50	5-4-1

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Nashville	37-14-3	77	7-3-0
Detroit	33-14-6	72	7-2-1
St. Louis	21-24-8	50	6-3-1
Columbus	21-27-5	47	5-5-0
Chicago	19-26-7	45	2-6-2

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Calgary	29-17-6	64	6-2-2
Vancouver	29-20-4	62	5-2-3
Minnesota	29-21-4	62	7-2-1
Edmonton	26-23-4	56	5-5-0
Colorado	25-23-4	54	4-5-1

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Anaheim	32-13-8	72	4-4-2
San Jose	34-18-1	69	6-3-1
Dallas	31-20-2	64	5-4-1
Phoenix	24-27-2	50	4-6-0
Los Angeles	18-30-7	43	2-7-1

CCHA Hockey Standings

	team	record	points
1	NOTRE DAME	23-5-2	36
2	Michigan	21-9-0	32
3	Miami (OH)	18-10-4	30
4	Michigan State	17-8-2	28
5	Nebraska-Omaha	13-12-7	23
6	Lake Superior	15-12-3	21
7	Ohio State	10-13-5	20
8	Alaska	9-13-6	19
9	Northern Michigan	12-18-2	19
10	Western Michigan	12-15-1	19
11	Ferris State	9-18-3	14
12	Bowling Green	5-24-2	7

Women's College Basketball MIAA Standings

	team	conf.	overall
1	Calvin	11-0	18-1
2	Hope	10-2	18-2
3	SAINT MARY'S	8-4	9-10
4	Olivet	7-5	10-9
5	Albion	7-6	12-9
6	Alma	5-7	9-10
7	Adrian	3-10	8-12
8	Kalamazoo	2-10	3-17
9	Tri-State	2-11	4-17

NFL



Colts cornerback Kelvin Hayden returns an interception 56 yards for a touchdown during Indianapolis' 29-17 Super Bowl win over the Bears Sunday. The interception was one of two thrown by Bears quarterback Rex Grossman.

Manning leads Colts to victory

Associated Press

MIAMI — A wet and wild Super Bowl, the winning conditions for Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts.

A team built for indoors found its footing on a rain-soaked track and outplayed the Chicago Bears to win the NFL title 29-17 Sunday night. The Colts were far less sloppy, particularly their star quarterback, who proved he can indeed win the big game—the biggest game.

That's what it was for Tony Dungy, too. He became the first black coach to win the championship, beating good

friend and protege Lovie Smith in a game that featured two black coaches for the first time in Super Bowl history.

It was a game of firsts: the first rainy Super Bowl and the first time an opening kickoff was run back for a touchdown when sensational Bears rookie Devin Hester sped downfield for 92 yards.

And not since the Buffalo Bills self-destructed with nine turnovers in losing to Dallas 14 years ago had there been so much messiness. The first half was marred by six turnovers, three for each team. Even football's most clutch kicker, Adam Vinatieri, missed

a chip-shot field goal, and an extra point attempt was botched, too.

The second half wasn't quite so ugly, but when much-maligned Bears quarterback Rex Grossman's wobbler was picked off and returned 56 yards for a touchdown by Kelvin Hayden with 11:44 remaining, it was over.

Chicago (15-4), which led the league in takeaways this season, finished with five turnovers, including two interceptions by Grossman.

The Colts (16-4) will take it. It's their first title since the 1970 season, when they played in Baltimore.

Manning ended up 25-

for-38 for 247 yards, with one touchdown and one interception, and was the game's most valuable player.

It was confirmation of his brilliance, even if he didn't need to be dynamic. The son of a quarterback who never got to the playoffs, Manning has been a star throughout his college career at Tennessee and his nine pro seasons with the Colts.

Now he is a champion.

It also was a validation of Dungy's leadership. He helped build Tampa Bay, one of the NFL's worst franchises, into a contender before being fired after the 2001 season.

IN BRIEF

Woods' putter drops him to third in Dubai Classic

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Exasperated by his poor putting, Tiger Woods headed home after one of those rare weeks in which he did not win a tournament.

He finished two strokes behind winner Henrik Stenson in third place Sunday, unable to make a successful title defense at the Dubai Desert Classic before a gallery that included Roger Federer and Michael Schumacher.

Woods can take consolation in knowing his streak of seven straight victories on the PGA Tour is still alive, but he knows there's work ahead.

"That's one of the worst putting weeks I've had in a long time," said Woods, who shot a 3-under-par 69 to finish at 17-under 271. "I'm going to go home and just kind of figure it out. Hopefully get my putting organized before I compete again."

Irvin, Thomas voted into NFL Hall of Fame

MIAMI — Michael Irvin wrapped his arms around Thurman Thomas in the kind of hug that new Hall of Famers share. Somewhere, Paul Tagliabue could only envy their emotional display.

Michael Irvin had 65 touchdown receptions in his 12-year NFL career. In all, eight quarterbacks helped him reach Canton, led of course by Troy Aikman.

"That embrace Thurman and I had, we talked earlier, we were falling apart on the phone," Irvin said. "We don't sound like cool people that played a tough game right now."

The former Dallas Cowboys receiver with the off-field woes and three Super Bowl rings, was among six former players voted into the Canton shrine Saturday. But the commissioner who guided the NFL for 18 years before retiring last summer didn't even make the first cut.

Webb shoots even par during final round to win Open

SYDNEY, Australia — Karrie Webb captured her third Women's Australian Open title, shooting an even-par 72 in the final round Sunday for a six-stroke win.

Webb, who began with a four-stroke lead over Wei Yun-jye of Taiwan, finished with a 10-under 278 total at Royal Sydney. Wei shot 74 to finish second at 4 under.

"Hopefully, it's a good start to a good year," Webb said. "Obviously, four days ago I would've been happy to sit in the clubhouse at 2-under, so it exceeded my expectations to finish at 10-under on a very good golf course."

Paula Marti of Spain and Minea Blomqvist of Finland each shot 69 to finish tied for third at 2 under. Brittany Lincicome of the United States and Shin Ji-yai of South Korea also had 69s, finishing another shot back.

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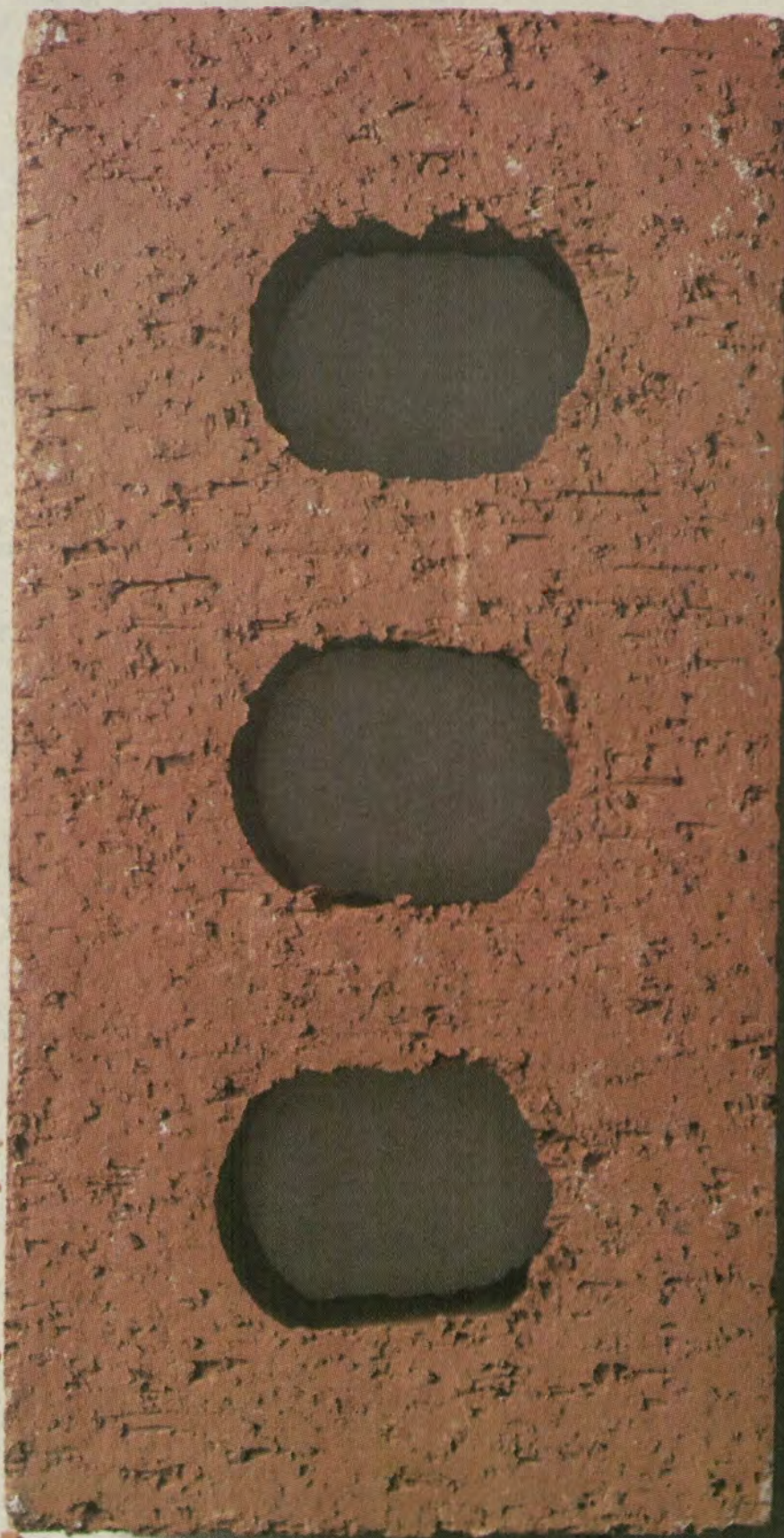
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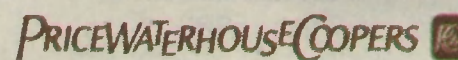
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NBA

Pistons earn win on the road in Cleveland, 90-78

Lue makes game-winner in overtime to lift Hawks over Nets; Raptors hit season-high points in win over Clippers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Rasheed Wallace stepped out of the shower area and reset the track on the portable stereo in Detroit's locker room. Seconds later, he swayed to the booming beat and began to rap.

"Afraid of none of you cowards," he shouted, spitting out lyrics along with hip hop star Nas.

Wallace might as well have been singing about the Pistons.

On the road, they fear nothing.

Chauncey Billups scored 18 points, Chris Webber and Wallace had 15 apiece and the Pistons reminded Cleveland who's the boss in the NBA Central with a 90-78 win over the Cavaliers on Sunday.

Billups added 10 assists, Wallace 13 rebounds and the division-leading Pistons won their fifth straight regular-season game over the Cavaliers, who pushed them to seven games in last year's playoffs.

With their third win in a row, the Pistons improved to 15-9 outside Michigan's state lines and are the only team in the Eastern Conference with a winning road record.

"We expect to win," Billups said.

The Pistons controlled the tempo from the outset and never allowed a crowd of more than 20,000 fans to begin the Super Bowl partying. Detroit kept it quiet by limiting LeBron James' dunks, and any time Cleveland had a defensive breakdown, the Pistons hit an

open jumper.

"You make a mistake, they know how to exploit it," James said. "We didn't make too many mistakes, but as soon as you make one, they make you pay for it."

This Pistons' squad is very similar to the one which beat Cleveland last May with one big addition: Webber, who signed with the club as a free agent on Jan. 16 and was facing the Cavs for the first time with his hometown team.

Webber's presence is bad news for the Cavaliers, who don't appear ready to dethrone their northern neighbors. Webber scored 13 points in the first half on 6-of-7 shooting when the Pistons grabbed control and never let go.

"When Ben Wallace was there, you could kind of relax on the offensive end when he was on the floor," James said. "But now they have five guys that can easily score 20 points. They are a much better team with him [Webber]."

Detroit is 7-3 since Webber arrived.

Hawks 101, Nets 99 (OT)

The way the Hawks mobbed Tyronn Lue at halfcourt after his game-winning shot in overtime, one might have thought Atlanta won a title instead of stretching a road winning streak to three games.

You have to start somewhere.

Lue hit a 23-foot jumper at the buzzer to lift the Hawks to an overtime victory against the New Jersey Nets on



Pistons guard Carlos Delfino looks to pass in Detroit's 90-78 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers Sunday at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland.

Sunday, posting their first three-game road winning streak since December 2000.

"This was a big win for our team," Hawks coach Mike Woodson said. "This is the second game I've had my nine-man rotation due to all the injuries. From a coaching standpoint it's nice to see us pull through like we did, but we still have a long way to go."

The win was the fifth in seven games for the Hawks (18-28), which put them 3 1/2 games behind Miami (22-25) in the race for the final playoff

spot in the weak Eastern Conference.

Joe Johnson scored 37 points and Josh Smith atoned for a sub-par game by scoring six of his 14 points in overtime to help the Hawks win their ninth road game. That's more than they won on the road all last season.

Lue's game-winning shot came after Vince Carter hit a clutch 3-pointer to tie the game at 99 with 2.9 seconds to play.

After a time out, Lue took the inbound pass, dribbled to the 3-point line and launched his game-winner with his foot on the line. The Hawks tackled him at halfcourt seconds after the shot hit nothing but net.

Vince Carter had 27 points to lead the Nets, who lost their third straight since returning from a West Coast road trip. It also marked their fourth loss late in a game in the past eight games.

"It's a tough loss," Carter said. "We can't be inconsistent and up and down during the course of the game. With us down bodies, we have to come out and play hard and scrappy from start to finish."

Rookie Marcus Williams had 14 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter and overtime for New Jersey, and Jason Kidd added 13 points, 11 assists and five rebounds.

The Hawks' best season on the road since 2000-01 was 10-31 in 2003-04. Their three-game winning streak in 00-01 came in a year when they went 7-34 away from home.

The Hawks came close to blowing this streak, squandering leads of seven and four points in the final 3:23 of regulation. They had a chance to win the game in regulation, but Smith, who was 2-of-14 before the OT, missed a wide-open 3-pointer from the right corner.

Raptors 122, Clippers 110

Balanced scoring helped the Toronto Raptors gain ground atop the Atlantic Division standings.

Chris Bosh had 27 points as six players reached double figures for the Raptors, who had a season-high point total in a

victory Sunday over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Morris Peterson added 18 points for the Raptors (25-23), who have won three straight.

T.J. Ford, Anthony Parker and Jorge Garbajosa each added 17 points for Toronto, which shot 58.7 percent from the field.

"It's unbelievable," said Toronto's Jose Calderon. "Everybody in this locker room is better than they were in the preseason because we've learned to play as a team."

A cheer went up in the Raptors' locker room when Tyronn Lue hit a jumper at the buzzer to lift Atlanta to an overtime victory against New Jersey, putting Toronto three games ahead of the Nets.

The Raptors haven't been .500 this late in the season since 2001-02.

Cuttino Mobley scored 24 points and Elton Brand had 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Clippers, who had won seven of their past eight games.

"Give them a lot of credit, they played well, they made shots," Sam Cassell said. "Everything we did to try and stop them, they did better."

Ford and Calderon, Toronto's two point guards, combined for 27 points and 19 assists.

Calderon had 10 points and 12 assists and started in place of Ford, who has been bothered by a sore right ankle.

"Things are going well right now with the situation, but it's not my call," Peterson said of the point guard shuffle.

Toronto scored a season-high 66 points in the first half and shot 70 percent, tying a franchise record for shooting percentage in a half.

Bosh had 19 points to help Toronto to a 66-54 halftime lead.

Bosh's driving layup gave the Raptors an 18-point lead — their biggest of the game — with 6:10 left in the third quarter. Peterson had three 3-pointers late in the game to seal the victory.

Toronto shot 12-for-20 from beyond the arc.

Garbajosa, who had struggled in recent weeks, made four 3-pointers.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish fall to Yellow Jackets in finals of ITA

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

It was nearly a perfect weekend for Notre Dame.

For the first time in school history, the Irish advanced to the finals of the ITA National Indoor Tournament, but a red-hot Georgia Tech squad stung No. 4 Notre Dame's dream of victory.

Yellow Jackets freshman Amanda Craddock defeated Irish junior Brook Buck in three sets (2-6, 7-5, 6-2), clinching a 4-2 victory over Notre Dame (5-1) and the title for No. 6 Georgia Tech (4-0).

"They just have really good singles and really good doubles players," Irish freshman Cosmina Ciobanu said. "They just played better than we did."

Before Sunday's final match, the Yellow Jackets faced No. 1 Stanford in the semifinals Saturday. The Cardinal had not lost in their last 89 matches — an

NCAA record that spanned the past three years. Georgia Tech snapped that streak with a 4-3 victory, winning the final two singles matches of the meet to complete the upset.

On Sunday, the Yellow Jackets came out firing against the Irish, claiming the doubles point to take a 1-0 lead. After the teams split the first two doubles matches, the unranked tandem of Whitney McCray/Kristi Miller upset Notre Dame's pairing of No. 11 seniors Christian and Catrina Thompson 9-7 to claim the point for Georgia Tech. It was the first time all year the Irish lost the doubles point.

Yellow Jackets freshman Kirsten Flower knocked off Irish freshman Colleen Rielley (6-2, 6-1), and Tech sophomore Christy Striplin defeated Christian Thompson (6-1, 6-3) to give the Yellow Jackets a 3-0 lead.

Catrina Thompson put Notre Dame on the board with a hard-fought victory over Miller (6-3, 2-6, 6-1), and Ciobanu kept the

pressure on the Yellow Jackets by beating Tarryn Rudman (7-5, 6-3) to pull the Irish within one. With the win, Ciobanu earned a perfect 4-0 record in her singles matches for the tournament.

But Craddock's victory over Buck ended hopes of an Irish comeback. The final singles match between Notre Dame sophomore Kelcy Tefft and Tech senior Alison Silverio was suspended before it could finish because the Yellow Jackets had already won the title.

The Irish reached the finals with wins over No. 18 Clemson and No. 10 Baylor in the early rounds and then a victory over No. 8 Northwestern sophomore Nazlie Ghazal (7-6, 7-6) to boost the Irish to their first ever finals appearance in the tournament.

The Observer was unable to contact Irish coach Jay Louderback Sunday.

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Freshman Cosmina Ciobanu looks for the ball in Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Vanderbilt Jan. 28 at the Eck Tennis Center.

ND SWIMMING

ND tops Louisville on the road

Squad sets four pool records at Cardinals' Ralph Natatorium

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

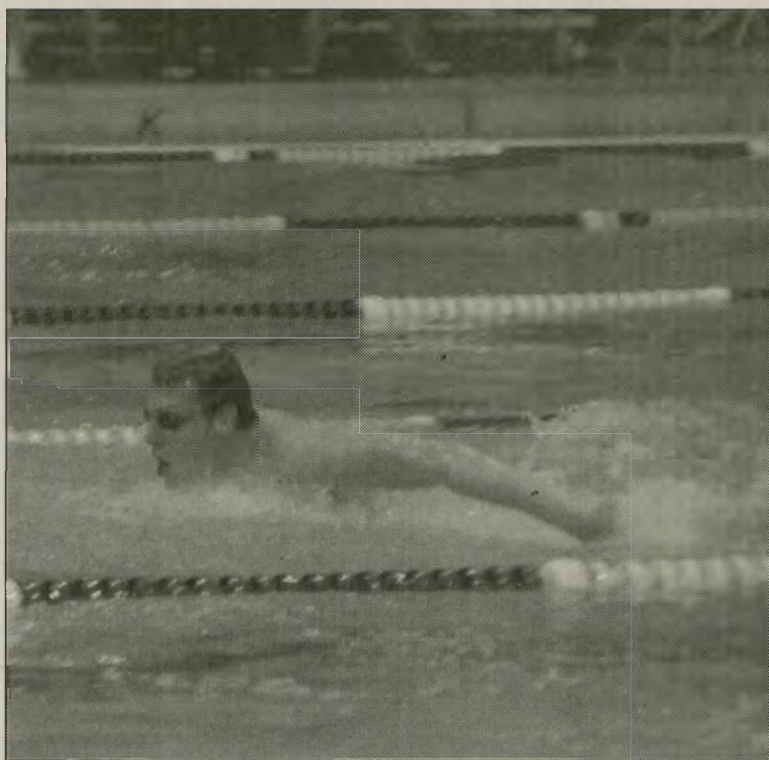
The No. 19 Notre Dame women set four pool records at Louisville's Ralph Natatorium on Saturday en route to a 154-89 road victory over the Cardinals in the team's final meet of the season before the Big East Championships.

Senior Katie Carroll continued her impressive season with pool record times of 2:00.46 and 4:52.35 in the 200-yard butterfly and 500-yard freestyle, respectively. Those two wins increased her team-leading number of individual victories to 17 on the season.

Carroll, along with sophomore Christa Riggins, freshman Megan Farrell and senior Rebecca Grove, was also part of the record-setting 400-yard freestyle relay team that touched the wall in 3:27.48. Sophomore Claire Hutchinson was the final swimmer to etch her name in the record books when she won the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 10:17.08.

Saturday's victory over Louisville brought Notre Dame's dual meet record to 8-1 on the season. It is the 15th time in program history that the Irish have accumulated eight or more dual meet victories in a season.

On the men's side, the No. 17 Irish dispatched Louisville 147-94. Notre Dame won seven of the 13



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Notre Dame senior Louis Cavadini competes against Pittsburgh at Rolfs Aquatic Center Nov. 11, 2006.

events to help them obtain their 11th dual meet victory in 14 tries this season.

Leading the way for the Irish were sophomore Jeff Wood and freshman Andrew Hoffman, who each picked individual as well as relay victories. Wood won the 200-yard backstroke, and Hoffman touched the wall first in the 200-freestyle. Both were also members of the victorious 400-yard freestyle squad along with freshman John Lytle and senior Ted Brown.

Freshman Andrew Deters built on recent strong performances by winning the 1,000-yard freestyle with a

team season-best time of 9:25.35.

Notre Dame dominated the diving events on the evening, taking three of the top four spots in each the one and three-meter diving. Junior Steven Crowe posted a career best total of 352.28 to win the three-meter diving, and sophomore Michael Bulfin won his ninth event of the season with a total of 333.53 points in the three-meter diving.

Neither men's coach Tim Welsh or women's coach Carrie Nixon could be reached for comment Sunday.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Snow delays Belles' trip to league leaders

Squad will take on Calvin tonight in rescheduled contest

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's Saturday game against Calvin was postponed due to heavy snow in the central Michigan area. The game was rescheduled for today at 6 p.m. at Calvin.

The Belles have won four straight heading into the game and are 9-10 on the season, including an 8-4 record in MIAA play. Calvin leads the MIAA with a perfect 11-0 conference record to go along with its 18-1 overall mark.

The Belles were on the bus Saturday, ready to leave for Grand Rapids, Mich., when Saint Mary's athletic director Lynn Kachmarik called

Belles coach Jennifer Henley and told her to wait a few minutes.

Before long, the game had been called.

Henley said the delay's effect would be more psychological than anything else.

"It changes our routine a little bit, and tests us about our mental ability," Henley said.

The Belles worked hard in anticipation of this big game and were slightly let down by the delay, she said.

"The team was a little disappointed. We were prepared and ready to go," she said. "But it was out of our control — there's not much we can do about it."

Saint Mary's has the luxury of a bye Wednesday. Its next scheduled game after tonight's league matchup is Feb. 10 at Kalamazoo.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Watson closes in on 4-minute mile

Junior wins the Meyo Mile in nation's third-fastest time this season

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

For another year, the highlight of the Meyo Invitational was the men's mile run.

Notre Dame junior Jake Watson took the Meyo Mile honors this year, running the third-fastest mile time in the NCAA this season at 4:00.71. Watson's time was also the fifth-best ever for an Irish runner and good enough to qualify provisionally for the NCAA Championships.

In the 3,000-meter run, Wisconsin All-American Chris Solinski set a national season-best time of 7:52.42.

But the Irish distance runners were not the only squad to perform well in the Meyo Invitational. Notre Dame's field team and sprinters also held their own against the tough competition.

"I'd say as far as the distance squad goes, almost all the girls had season bests, which we're all really excited about," Irish distance runner Emily Wauford said. "And the sprinters and

jumpers also represented well. It was a positive meet overall for our team."

Notre Dame senior Christopher Jacques set a new personal best in the long jump at 7.44 meters.

Jacques' previous personal best was 6.82 at last year's Blue and Gold Invitational.

"I have my coach to thank for that and all the training that we've done and my teammates who have helped me in

practice," he said. "It is definitely an accomplishment I knew we were capable of and with [Irish coach Joe Piane's] help we made it possible."

The Irish met Big East qualifying times for 35 events during the weekend competition.

"We've been training all year round and the coaches have been doing a great job of having us ready for the season and

doing well and getting us ready for what counts the most — the Big East conference championships," Jacques said.

The Meyo Invitational is the squad's final tune-up before the

Big East Championships Feb. 17-18. Even though some athletes will head north to Ontario for the Windsor Invitational Saturday, the majority of the team will spend the next two weeks focused completely on

the Big East meet.

"I think the team is definitely ready for a great performance at the Big East," Jacques said. "As long as we keep training hard and listening to our coaches, we should be in great shape to win another Big East championship."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish topple Seminoles in early-season home matchup

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Experience on the courts led to an Irish sweep of three home matches this weekend.

No. 11 Notre Dame started off

its winning streak with a 5-2 defeat over No. 13 Florida State Friday.

"It is a significant win for us because I'm pretty confident Florida State is going to be a top-10 team this year," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

The Irish went 2-1 in doubles play to give them the opening point.

Sheeva Parbhu and senior Ryan Keckley took a decisive 8-1 win over Florida State's Ytai Abougzir and Jean-Yves Aubone at first doubles to give

Notre Dame early momentum. Senior Barry King and sophomore Brett Helgeson secured the doubles point with an 8-6 win over Jonathas Sucupira and Bradley Mixson.

"Doubles was a weakness last year and it's turning into a strength," Bayliss said.

No. 14 Stephen Bass opened up singles play with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Abougzir — avenging his 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 defeat last year to the Florida State junior.

"I think [Bass] got a measure of revenge," Bayliss said.

The Seminoles grabbed their first point of the day when Aubone triumphed in singles over No. 30 Parbhu 7-5, 7-5. Seniors Keckley and King helped the team get back on track with wins at third and fifth singles, respectively. Keckley started the match off slow but quickly rallied to take the match 6-4, 6-2 from No. 76 Maciek Sykut, improving to 12-2 for the season. King captured the final match of the night at No. 5 singles with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Mixson. Helgeson captured a win at No. 4 singles earlier in the night over Sucupira, taking the first set 6-3 and jumping out to a 5-0 lead in the second to finally take it 6-3.

Notre Dame continued its winning streak Sunday afternoon, upsetting No. 8 Duke 6-1. The Irish once again jumped to an early 1-0 lead by taking doubles play 2-1. Duke's No. 4

David Goulet and Joey Atas defeated Keckley and Parbhu in a close 9-7 nail-biter. King and Helgeson rallied for the Irish with an 8-6 win over Peter Rodrigues and Dylan Arnould to take their second win for the weekend.

"Going into the season there was some question about [King and Helgeson's] ability to blend together successfully and they really proved themselves," Bayliss said.

Bass and Andrew Roth grabbed a 9-7 win over Kiril Dimitrov and Ned Samuelson to give Notre Dame the doubles point.

Singles play was a battle of ranked competitors. No. 14 Bass took the win at first singles with a 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 win over No. 80 Rodrigues. Parbhu made up for his fall Friday night with a 6-1, 6-3 win over No. 100 Atas. Keckley and Helgeson — both unranked — defeated ranked opponents. Keckley battled it out with No. 84 Arnould to finally triumph 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (8-6). Helgeson followed Keckley's lead by knocking off No. 54 Dimitrov 6-2, 6-3.

The Blue Devils gained their only point of the match when Goulet defeated King 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) at No. 5 singles. Roth finished out the night with a 6-7, 6-4, 6-1 win to Aaron Carpenter to five Notre Dame the 6-1 upset.

The Irish concluded their weekend with a 7-0 blanking of Toledo.

While Bayliss was concerned the second match of the day might have been difficult physically for Notre Dame, the team proved it was up to the challenge.

"It's always a little risky playing a double header after playing a team as strong as Duke," Bayliss said. "But the guys showed a lot of courage."

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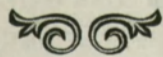
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Irish left wing Garrett Regan fights for the loose puck during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Miami Jan. 26.

Sweep

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during a 5-on-3 advantage when junior Mark Van Guilder found him open on the doorstep, and the rookie slipped it past goaltender Jimmy Spratt for his sixth of the season.

The Falcons got one skater out of the box after the goal, but before they could return to full strength the Irish power play struck again.

This time, defenseman Brett Blatchford fired a pass from the point and Thang, who was parked down low, deflected it into the back of the net. The goal — Thang's 16th on the year — put him one ahead of Van Guilder for the team lead.

"We know that unit has been productive throughout the season. It's just a matter of finding more consistency with the other unit," Jackson said of the Irish special teams.

Bowling Green tied the score in the second period with two goals of its own. Sophomore Brandon Svendsen put the Falcons on the board when he got just enough behind the puck to put it over goaltender Dave Brown's shoulder with six minutes left in the first. Senior James Unger then evened out the score at 4:22 in the second when he took advantage of a long rebound from a John Mazzei shot. Brown made the initial save but was not able to regain his feet to stop the second attempt.

The score remained tied until Irish senior Michael Bartlett netted the game-win-

ner for the Irish on a rebound opportunity of their own. With less than a minute remaining in the second, linemate Jason Paige took a shot from the top of the faceoff circle and Bartlett sealed the deal in a scrum in front of the net.

"I decided to keep [that line] together because they played well against Miami last weekend," Jackson said. "They generated some good cycle plays for us on offense and I can always trust them defensively."

Notre Dame 2, Bowling Green 1

Bartlett played a key role in Saturday's victory as well, scoring the first Notre Dame goal for his third of the year.

Once again, the senior was down low to pick up a rebound goal when Brock Sheahan's shot from the point was turned away by Jimmy Spratt 7:31 into the second period.

Freshman Kevin Deeth added another power-play tally for the Irish seven minutes later. After gaining control of the zone, classmate Kyle Lawson zipped a tape-to-tape pass to Deeth, who tapped it on net and beat Spratt in the five hole.

The stingy Irish defense took over from there, holding the Falcons to three shots in the final period (15 total), and Brown had no problem turning away the few chances he had to face.

Notre Dame will put its five-game unbeaten streak on the line Friday when it returns home to face Nebraska-Omaha Feb. 9-10.

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Loss

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get off to a good start, it's an uphill battle."

The Bulls took a 31-26 lead into halftime and extended the lead to as many as 10 early in the second half.

Notre Dame recovered and took a 46-44 lead with 10 minutes left but couldn't hold on.

Forward McHugh Mattis led South Florida with 23 points and 16 rebounds.

"Mattis was fabulous tonight," Brey said. "He made every big play and cleaned up every missed shot. We had a hard time with him."

Guard Colin Falls led the Irish with 26 points, but Notre Dame struggled in the paint. Forwards Luke Harangody, Rob Kurz, Zach Hillesland and Luke Zeller combined for just 14 points on 6-of-19 shooting.

"We couldn't get much inside

offensively," Brey said. "We need to be able to get it inside to take a little pressure off our shooters."

Kurz, who was nursing a sprained ankle, played 19 minutes off the bench. He collected one rebound and four fouls but did not score.

The junior had been averaging 14 points and almost nine rebounds.

"The first thing we have to do over the next few days is get Kurz healthy," Brey said. "He gave us some minutes but he was hurting."

The Irish will try to bounce back Thursday against DePaul in Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill.

"I still think we have a very good basketball team," Brey said. "We just have to get some rest and get healthy and get ready for a tough one on Thursday."

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Scare

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Mountaineers coach Mike Carey said.

At the outset, it seemed like neither team would have much success offensively. Notre Dame didn't score for the first 3:19 of the game, and West Virginia (15-8, 6-4 Big East) didn't get onto the board until 5:35 had elapsed.

But behind eight first half points from forward Crystal Erwin and six from guard Charel Allen, the Irish went on a 20-6 run to open the game and took a 38-17 lead into the intermission. The Mountaineers tally for the first half marked the fewest points the Irish have allowed in a half this season.

"Give them credit — they took us out of our offense," Carey said.

The second half started off with more Irish domination as Notre Dame built up a 60-36 lead with just under 10 minutes to play, but an offensive slump and a Mountaineer hot streak allowed West Virginia to make a game of it by the end of the fourth quarter.

"West Virginia's a really good team and they didn't play as well in the first half as they normally do," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "You could see in the second half what a good team they are."

Mountaineer center Olayinka Sanni scored eight of her 16 points in the final 10 minutes of the game, including six during a 16-2 West Virginia run that helped the Mountaineers cut Notre Dame's lead from 62-40 to 64-56 in a 4:27 span.

"We had that little bit of a lull, [and] we gave up too many easy baskets to [West Virginia]," McGraw said. "I think we got tentative. We were afraid to foul and we didn't play our best defense ... that kind of turned the game around for them."

With 3:27 left, Irish freshman guard Ashley Barlow made a layup that broke a 14-0 West Virginia run and allowed Notre Dame to increase the lead back to 10 and curb the Mountaineers momentum.

"I knew we hadn't scored in a while, [so] we tried to run the play and they left the lane wide open so I took it," Barlow said.

McGraw was pleased with Barlow, who finished with 17 points and eight rebounds.

"I thought that was one of her better games," McGraw said. "She did an outstanding job pursuing the ball."

Barlow's rebound total was second only to Allen's nine. The Irish were dominant on the boards, outrebounding the Mountaineers 46-23.

"We were really attacking the boards," McGraw said. "We held them to three offensive rebounds in the first half so I thought that was outstanding."

Still, the Mountaineers didn't go away quietly, and West Virginia sophomore Sparkle Davis' 3-pointer with 1:10 left cut Notre Dame's lead to 68-63 — the closest the Mountaineers came in the second half.

The Irish made 9-of-10 from the charity stripe in the final two minutes, including 4-of-4 by Allen, who finished with a game-high 26 points. For the game, the Irish were 33-39 from the line.

"Thank God we're good free throw shooters because it came down to making free throws when it counted," McGraw said. "We sure weren't going to stop them."

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top-10 teams in the NYU Duals in Manhattan, the Irish

breathed easier against the three club teams. With the lower level of competition, some of the team's top fencers had the event off.

Senior sabres Valerie Providenza, Patrick Ghattas and Matt Stearns sat out the competi-

tion, as well as sophomore foilist Emilie Prot and Mark Kubik, junior foilist Jakub Jedrkowiak and senior foilist Frank Bontempo.

"It was very important to bring the confidence for

"All those who got the chance to compete — really all of them fenced very well. ...

Sometimes they were even losing a bout, but they were trying."

Janusz Bednarski
Irish coach

those who don't have the big experience," Bednarski said. "All those who got the chance to compete — really all of them fenced very well. ... Sometimes they were even losing a bout, but they were trying."

Cota, who is a regular in

the Irish lineup, said her teammates made sure the fencers getting a rare chance to compete heard the support.

"The best part of the weekend was cheering each other on," she said.

Bednarski said the bouts were an important tune-up for next weekend's Duke Duals in Durham, N.C. Air Force, Duke, Johns Hopkins and North Carolina are the scheduled opponents in Durham. The Falcons are ninth in the current USFCA poll on the men's side while the Blue Devils received votes but are outside the top 10 in both the men's and women's rankings.

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HOCKEY

Skating to the top

No. 2 Irish sweep No. 8 Falcons; top-ranked New Hampshire splits series with Maine

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

For the second week in a row, Notre Dame got off to a slow start on a Saturday night. And for the second week in a row, the Irish fought back for points.

After falling behind 1-0 in the first period against Bowling Green Saturday, Notre Dame scored twice to complete a weekend and season sweep of the Falcons, putting itself in the mix for the No. 1 ranking.

"[Bowling Green] played their best series of the year. They made it difficult to create a lot offensively," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "It was a matter of grunting out or gritting out a couple of wins."

The pair of wins brings the

No. 2 Irish — who beat the Falcons twice in November — to 23-5-2 on the year and 17-3-2 in conference play. Jackson's squad will find out today if it's earned the nation's top ranking after current No. 1 New Hampshire dropped a 4-2 contest to No. 9 Maine Friday night.

Notre Dame 3, Bowling Green 2

Notre Dame earned a tough win Friday against a determined Falcons squad. A pair of power-play goals in the first period from freshmen Dan Kissel and Ryan Thang gave the Irish enough of an early edge to hand the Falcons their ninth straight game without a win.

Kissel got the scoring started

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Irish junior right wing Evan Rankin storms up ice during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Miami Jan. 26. The Irish continued their push for the nation's top ranking, sweeping No. 8 Bowling Green this weekend.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bulls use slow tempo, strong rebounding to down Irish

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame's road woes returned Saturday.

The No. 19/21 Irish could not capitalize on momentum from their first true road win of the season — a victory over Syracuse at the Carrier Dome

Tuesday — and fell to South Florida 69-63 at the Sun Dome in Tampa, Fla.

Notre Dame (18-5, 6-4 Big East) dropped to 3-5 away from the Joyce Center this season and fell to sixth in conference.

The win was the first over a ranked team this year for the Bulls (12-11, 3-6 Big East),

and South Florida students stormed the court after the game.

"We've had a couple people storm the floor on us this year," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a post-game interview, referring to the crowd's reaction when struggling St. John's topped the Irish in Madison Square Garden Jan. 23.

The Bulls' intentionally slow tempo held Notre Dame 20 points below its season scoring average. South Florida's 48-38 rebounding advantage — including 16 offensive boards — made the Bulls' strategy even more effective.

"They hurt us with second shots," Brey said. "Their athletic ability on the offensive

boards was the key to the game."

Notre Dame scored just 11 points in the first 10 minutes of the game and just 26 in the opening half.

"We were digging out of a hole the whole time," Brey said. "On the road, if you don't

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Squad survives Mountain scare

Notre Dame nearly squanders 24-point lead to West Virginia

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Not even a 25-6 West Virginia run in the second half could help the Mountaineers overcome Notre Dame Sunday in a near-empty Joyce Center.

The Irish (14-8, 5-4 Big East), who had amassed a commanding lead and led by as many as 24 with 9:19 to play, were able to weather the Mountaineers' attack en route to a 77-67 victory.

"At least we didn't quit,"

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish guard Charel Allen looks to pass during Notre Dame's 77-67 win over West Virginia at the Joyce Center Sunday.

FENCING

Foilists go undefeated as team sweeps Duals

By KEN FOWLER
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Notre Dame junior foilist Rachel Cota wanted the women in her weapon to go undefeated against Purdue, Michigan State and Indiana in the Midwest Duals Saturday.

The foilists delivered. En route to sweeps on both the men's and women's sides, the Irish women foilists went 27-0 against the lesser competition. Cota, junior Melanie Bautista and senior Colleen Walsh each went 9-0 for Notre Dame.

"What they promised they delivered," Irish coach Janusz

Bednarski said.

The Notre Dame men beat Indiana 22-5, Michigan State 20-7 and Purdue 24-3. The Irish women topped the Hoosiers 23-4, the Spartans 25-2 and the Boilermakers 27-0.

Women's sabres Ashley Serrette, a sophomore, and Anna Rodriguez, a senior, both went 9-0 in their bouts.

"It was a good weekend to get our skills back together," Cota said. "It's just good to get some wins under your belt after the tough competition last weekend in New York."

A week after facing four

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SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles at Calvin
6 p.m.

Snow postponed the contest, which was originally scheduled for Saturday.

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Meyo Invitational

Irish junior Jake Watson captures the Meyo Mile in time of 4:00.71.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

ITA Indoors

Notre Dame beats three top-20 teams before losing to red-hot Georgia Tech in finals.

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NBA

Pistons 90
Cavaliers 78

Chauncey Billups scores 18 as Detroit tops Cleveland.

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SUPER BOWL XLI

Colts 29
Bears 17

Devin Hester returns the opening kickoff for Chicago, but the Colts rally for the win.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Villanova 57
Louisville 53

Shane Clark scores 12 points as the Wildcats earn a crucial Big East victory.

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