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## Basketball ticket sales, crowds strong

By EMMA DRISCOLL  
News Writer

Last year's change to the Notre Dame's men's basketball student ticketing policy may have helped keep this year's ticket sales strong and the crowd enthusiastic, said Director of Ticket Operations Josh Berlo.

"I would say our ticket sales are pretty similar compared to the last couple years," Berlo said on Jan. 22, noting that while sales haven't significantly increased, crowd energy has.

The policy for student tickets was altered last year to allow students to "share booklets," Berlo said, a change that has boosted consistent student attendance.

This change was made "due to the fact that we had sold out our student tickets a couple years in a row and found that there were more students who wanted to attend," Berlo said.

Due to the number of games on the men's basketball schedule, Berlo said, students were not always able to attend every game. The ticket policy change was made to "make it so as many students as possible could attend [the games]," he said.

The basketball team currently has a 17-game winning streak at home, something Berlo said probably also encourages attendance — which, in turn, helps the team.

"The crowds this year have been great. They've been into the game,

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Members of the Leprechaun Legion cheer during the Nov. 10 basketball game against IPFW.

## Computer sparks fire in Siegfried

Dorm incurs minor damage, no injuries

By MARCELA BERRIOS  
News Writer

Siegfried Hall was evacuated early Saturday morning when sophomore Dan Zimmerman's computer went up in flames, causing minor damage but leaving residents stranded outside for almost an hour.

Zimmerman was not in the room when his computer's battery overheated and exploded, creating two-and-a-half to three-foot-high flames, Siegfried assistant rector Peter Lively said.

A handful of Zimmerman's neighbors — including sophomores Tomas Castillo, Mike Hawking and Robbie Bernardin — smelled the smoke, immediately unplugged the computer and opened the windows to vent the room.

When the laptop ignited, they notified resident assistant Anh Nguyen and Lively, who grabbed a fire extinguisher and smothered the flames before the Notre Dame Fire Department and Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) arrived.

Lively said Friday's fire was the most potentially destructive fire he has seen in his seven years at Notre Dame and Siegfried Hall.

Residents became aware of the flames at approximately 1:10 a.m., and NDSP and the firefighters arrived shortly

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## Students travel to D.C. for war protest



Photo courtesy of Lara Roach

Protesters, including Notre Dame students, speak out against the Bush administration's Iraq war policies in Washington, D.C. Saturday.

By SONIA RAO  
News Writer

Notre Dame students returned to campus Sunday after joining tens of thousands in Washington, D.C. to protest the Iraq war and other policies of the Bush administration. Saturday's protest marked a "turning point in the anti-war movement," said Michael Angulo, vice-president of Notre Dame's Progressive Student Alliance.

"I think that everyone had a really good time and I think that the protest in general was a really good thing," he said.

Angulo organized the group of 30 students to drive to Washington on Friday for the protest, a function sponsored by the United for Peace and

Justice coalition.

Junior Mike McCann said he was "a little hesitant at first" in deciding to go on the trip, not wanting "to go to something that was antagonistic." But he said the protest didn't have that kind of spirit.

"[It was] a message of peace and bringing home the troops ... There were people of a lot of different ages and a lot of different backgrounds. It wasn't just a bunch of hippie college kids — it was people in wheelchairs, moms pushing kids in strollers, older couples and young kids," McCann said.

Angulo said several protesters from other countries, including Iraq and England, were present.

"[Foreign protesters] were

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## Hanna elected 2007-08 Observer editor in chief

Observer Staff Report

The Observer General Board elected managing editor Maddie Hanna as the 2007-08 editor in chief on Saturday.

Hanna, a junior French major and journalism, ethics and democracy minor from Mequon, Wis. who resides off campus after living in Lewis Hall, joined The Observer as a news reporter during the fall of her freshman year. Since then, she has covered a wide variety of beats, including student gov-



Hanna

ernment, campus crime and disciplinary procedures and the Office of the University President.

"I'm thrilled to have this opportunity and I'm very lucky we have such a dedicated and talented staff," Hanna said.

During Hanna's term as managing editor, she oversaw the day-to-day editorial operations of The Observer, where she saw "what works and what doesn't" while gaining a "broad sense of what we can do better," she said. Hanna also worked closely with the news department.

"I have confidence in Maddie's ability to lead The Observer next year," outgoing editor in chief Mike Gilloon

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## Alums awarded for excellence

By MEGHAN WONS  
News Writer

Four exemplary Notre Dame graduates were honored on campus Friday with awards presented by the Notre Dame Alumni Association.

Awardees included journalist Hannah Storm, doctor Daniel Towle, artist Anthony Sorce and author Barry López.

Hannah Storm, Class of 1983, received the Rev. Arthur S. Harvey, C.S.C., Award for her notable achievements in the media.

Storm was the first woman solo anchor of a network sports package when she served as host of NBC's baseball and basketball programming from 1995-2002.

She got her start as a sports reporter in South Bend when

she worked for WNDU-TV in 1982 while still an undergraduate student at Notre Dame.

She has also anchored "CNN Sports Tonight" and worked as a sports anchor and reporter in Charlotte, N.C., and Houston and Corpus Christi, Texas. Storm is currently co-anchor of CBS News' "The Early Show."

Storm was recognized for her achievements and pio-



Storm



Towle



Sorce



López

The Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award for outstanding service

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## INSIDE COLUMN

## Looking good, ND

After spending my Sunday immersed in writings of genocide, ancient trade and fine art for this week's classes, I've decided to devote this column to something vastly more superficial for my own sanity and for your guilt-free reading pleasure.

Steve Kerins

While I was studying this afternoon, I often glanced up at friends, classmates and strangers as they walked past my booth in LaFortune. As the hours passed, one thought kept popping into my head: "You're looking good lately, Notre Dame."

News Wire Editor

Before I write further, let me be clear: I'm well aware that I'm no fashionista.

Naturally, I like to look good when the weather is fine. True to my preppy roots, I value a golden fake-and-bake, double-popped pastels and liberal application of greasy hair products. But I recognize that in South Bend, there comes a point in January where even the best of us are tempted to leave suede jackets at home in favor of a much warmer North Face.

Yet today, I witnessed something bold, something beautiful, and I'd like to raise my figurative glass to those of you who went above and beyond. It's 10 degrees outside, and you're still looking fine.

It could be that those New Year's resolutions to spend some time at Rolfs or cut back on late night LaFun runs are starting to show. Or maybe Santa splurged on some high-end Christmas clothing. Sometimes it only takes a mischievous grin at a friend across the room or a sultry glance up from your homework for your peers to take notice.

In three-and-a-half years at Notre Dame, I've learned two key lessons the hard way.

First, relentless cold, snow and the unyielding permacloud can make winter a depressing time in South Bend.

Second, despite its numerous and varied positive attributes, our University can heap a hearty helping of Catholic guilt on the unwary. My philosophy, for what little it's worth, is that from time to time, it's okay to be superficial.

I applaud our dedicated administrators, our talented faculty and many of our selfless and humble peers for their devotion to integrity, ethics and social justice. But I find that if I don't indulge in some quality self-absorption on a regular basis, their admonitions start to wear off for lack of behavior I can be ashamed of.

So please, go ahead. Hike over to FunTan and start working on that bikini body. Spend some extra time on those abs so you can impress the ladies with more than your ability to shotgun beers. Throw pragmatism and grandma's birthday money to the wind, head to the mall and buy yourself those new shoes you've been greedily eyeballing. You know you deserve them.

In fact, I might see you there, because I'm going to buy a pair myself. In the immortal words of Bobby Brown, it's my prerogative.

Keep up the good work, Notre Dame, because you're starting to impress me ... right down to the surface.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU HEAR 'JACK BAUER'?



Elizabeth Pillari  
junior  
Cavanaugh

"Kevin Crowley."



Rob Wilson  
sophomore  
Stanford

"The great American hero of our time."



Tomas Castillo  
sophomore  
Siegfried

"Death, destruction and the savior of humanity."



Ken Shamrell  
sophomore  
Siegfried

"He's like Chuck Norris — except better."



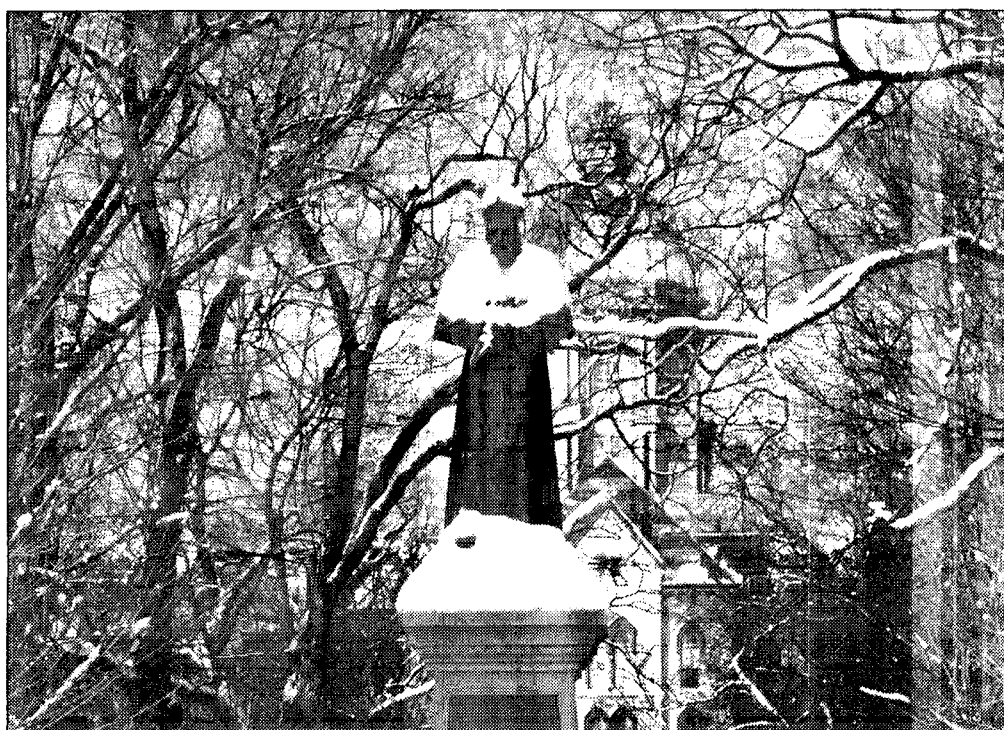
Ted Lee  
freshman  
Alumni

"Unrealistic, but I want to be like him."



Brendan O'Rourke  
freshman  
Dillon

"Spill more."



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Snow covers the statue of University founder Father Edward Sorin that stands at the head of God Quad Sunday, as a winter storm blankets the area. Snow showers are expected to continue all week.

## IN BRIEF

Vincent Carraud, professor of philosophy at the University of Caen, France is delivering a lecture entitled "The Anti-Augustinianism of Pascal" today at 3 p.m. in DeBartolo 207.

There is an informational meeting for freshman and sophomores interested in learning about how to receive funding to conduct research or participate in an internship in Africa, Asia or Latin America tonight at 6 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

"The Vagina Monologues," a play performed by Notre Dame students, is holding auditions tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 in the basement social space of Pangborn.

Naunihal Singh, assistant professor of political science and Kellogg Institute Faculty Fellow, will speak about "Military Weakness and Civil Wars in Africa," a Work in Progress Seminar, Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center. A box lunch will be served following the seminar.

Gwendolyn Oxenham, the 2006 Sparks Prize Winner, will read from her nonfiction work "Essence Game" in the Hospitality Room of Reckers Tuesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9. The event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program.

The Winter Career and Internship Fair will be held Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 in the Joyce Center Field House.

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

## OFFBEAT

## Stolen Bigfoot statue found without feet

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. — An imposing, wood-carved Bigfoot statue stolen from outside a doctor's office has been recovered — minus its big feet.

An anonymous tip led police to the 400-pound sculpture beneath a pile of debris in a backyard about a block from where it was snatched Monday. Two people confessed and could face theft charges.

The likeness of the legendary ape-like creature of the Northwest used to stand 8 feet high, but its 16-inch-long feet had been sawed off at the

ankles, leaving it 18 inches shorter.

"I'm glad we got him before they cut him anymore," said chiropractor Tom Payne, who had the statue made 5 1/2 years ago and planted at the foot of his secluded driveway as a landmark for patients.

## Dog reunites with family after six years

ST. LOUIS — Cujo was a frisky 7-year-old when he sneaked out of his owners' south St. Louis yard in July 2000. Now, thinner and grayer and with a tale that would be fascinating if only he could tell it, the golden retriever is back with the Barczewski

family.

"It's a miracle," Noreen Barczewski, 41, said at Friday's reunion. "We found him!"

Six years and a side trip to Columbia can do a lot to a dog, but it was unmistakably Cujo.

After slipping away from home, Cujo somehow ended up 120 miles in Columbia in the home of an elderly woman. When the woman entered a nursing home, the dog was sent to the Central Missouri Humane Society in Columbia.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HIGH	18	8	18	23	20	15
LOW	6	6	5	5	15	8

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## Professor looks at political stability

By JACKIE MULLEN  
News Writer

Professor Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo of the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico spoke about the correlation between the average expected tenure of a cabinet member in 12 Latin American countries and the stability of that member's government in a lecture Thursday in the Hesburgh Center.

Martinez-Gallardo said many presidents restructure cabinets in order to overcome congressional constraints, and that the action is most typical of presidents with a weak political basis.

She said cabinet appointments supply a president with "flexibility in impending crises" and allows them to "avoid deadlock."

"Under certain circumstances, presidents will find appointments the best strategy to move policy," she said.

The equilibrium of a country's government, so far as the cabinet influences the larger regime, is affected by

the ability of the president to change the cabinet, the ability to use appointments to deal with problems and the constitutionally-imposed constraints on the president, such as formal censure power, she said.

Based on her research, Martinez-Gallardo concluded that, counterintuitively, the presence of formal legislative censure power increases the possibility of removing a cabinet member by 200 percent, compared to presidential systems where the congress does not wield formal censure powers.

However, she acknowledged that this may be a result of a political system volatile enough to necessitate censure powers, implying that the power in itself does not trigger the erratic membership of the cabinet.

Martinez-Gallardo also said "presidential [systems] are almost by every account more unstable than parliamentary systems."

She referred to presidential systems' use of cabinet

appointments to influence public conception regarding the effectiveness of the government, and also as a scare tactic directed toward other members of the cabinet.

However, in both parliamentary and presidential systems, she said governments with majority coalitions have more stable cabinets than single-party majorities.

Martinez-Gallardo said the ultimate significance of the instability of cabinets is a mechanism "which allows presidential systems to be more stable as a regime."

The dynamics created through the reappointment of ministers is often used as a political strategy when presidents find themselves unable to influence legislative policy.

Martinez-Gallardo said she wishes to further study the impact of popularity upon cabinet tenure in the future in selected Latin American nations.

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**Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo**  
professor  
CIDE



**Martinez-Gallardo**

## Business club holds All-Council meeting

By JENN METZ  
News Writer

The Student International Business Council will hold its All-Council meeting this Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Mendoza College of Business' Jordan Auditorium, gathering students of all majors to hear board members speak about career and internship opportunities the club can provide.

Marketing director sophomore Megan Marsh said the club gives students the ability to gain hands-on experience with real-world companies.

"It's a great club people aren't aware of," she said. "We send people around the world on internships and to work with major corporations."

The club, which has been on campus since 1989, has worked with companies like Nintendo, Credit Suisse and Discover Card in the past.

Marsh said she hopes the meeting will allow more students to get involved with SIBC.

"We're really not that new," she said. "People just haven't heard of us."

The club's goal is "to empower students through the ethical advancement of international commerce by developing leadership, entrepreneurial ability, practical management skills and global interaction," according to

the SIBC mission statement.

It focuses on areas including business, consulting, accounting, finance, global development, human resources, internship opportunities and marketing. Within these categories, members can participate in projects, which vary depending on the area of interest.

"We learn presentation skills, gain contacts, learn communication skills and are presented with leadership positions to become more involved," Marsh said.

Marsh said the club has links to approximately 20 international summer internships and an alumni network called the International Business Council. This network offers mentoring and networking events.

Part of the club's vision is to work for peace through commerce, said both Marsh and SIBC president Kevin Rauseo.

"We as a council strive to make a difference in the world and ultimately achieve peace within it, through commerce," he said.

Upcoming events this semester include a spring forum with speakers from the international business world and round table dinners for a smaller, more social setting to discuss projects and ideas.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Cardinal: Vatican should resist China

VATICAN CITY — Hong Kong's outspoken cardinal Joseph Zen said it was time for the Vatican to take a more uncompromising line toward the Chinese government, which broke with the Church more than 50 years ago and has sought to maintain control of Catholic institutions.

The Vatican has long indicated that it wants to establish diplomatic relations with Beijing, even at the cost of moving its embassy from Taiwan. Currently, worship is only allowed in government-controlled churches, but as many as 10 million Catholics are estimated to belong to unofficial congregations loyal to Rome.

The last months have seen a series of arrests of priests in China, according to Asia News, a Vatican-affiliated news agency. At least 17 underground bishops have disappeared, been arrested or detained in isolation. Twenty priests have been arrested and at least five, detained on Dec. 27 in Hebei, are still in prison, the agency reported last week.

### Irish accept Protestant police force

DUBLIN, Ireland — Sinn Fein members overwhelmingly voted Sunday to begin cooperating with the Northern Ireland police, a long-unthinkable commitment that could spur the return of a Catholic-Protestant administration for the British territory.

The result — confirmed by a sea of raised hands but no formally recorded vote — meant Sinn Fein, once a hard-left party committed to a socialist revolution, has abandoned its decades-old hostility to law and order.

It strongly improved the chances of reviving power-sharing, the long-elusive goal of the 1998 Good Friday peace pact, by Britain's deadline of March 26.

Nearly all speakers said they were voting to dump their party's anti-police position for the sake of peace.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Pentagon to limit longer deployments

WASHINGTON — In an action branded a back-door draft by some critics, the military over the past several years has held tens of thousand of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines on the job and in war zones beyond their retirement dates or enlistment length.

It is a widely disliked practice that the Pentagon, under new Defense Secretary Robert Gates, is trying to figure out how to cut back on. Gates has ordered that the practice — known as "stop loss" — must "be minimized." At the same time, he is looking for ways to decrease the hardship for troops and their families, recruit more people for a larger military and reassess how the active duty and reserves are used.

"It's long overdue," said Jules Lobel, vice president of the Center for Constitutional Rights and lawyer for some in the military who have challenged the policy in court.

### Prince Charles visits Harlem youth

NEW YORK — Prince Charles and his wife Camilla visited Harlem Sunday, making a stop at a charter school where they answered children's questions and the prince took some time to shoot hoops with a basketball team.

The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall arrived in New York from Philadelphia by a private train and visited Harlem Children's Zone, which runs the Promise Academy and a range of social services for Harlem. The royal couple are on a weekend visit to the United States that focuses on youth development.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Fewer meth labs found in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — Changes in Indiana law restricting access to cold medicines and the way farmers handle chemicals have led to a decrease in the number of methamphetamine labs found in the state, according to the Indiana State Police.

As the highly addictive drug spread into Indiana in the late 1990s, meth-lab discoveries went from something rare to something all too common.

But the number of labs busted is declining. In 2004, police in Indiana found 1,549 labs. The number of clandestine labs declined in 2005 to 1,303 around the state, with 989 found by State Police.

# Biden: Weak support for Bush

*Committee chair estimates twenty Senators agree with President's Iraq plan*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman on Sunday dismissed criticism a resolution opposing a troop buildup in Iraq would embolden the enemy and estimated perhaps only 20 senators believe President Bush "is headed in the right direction."

"It's not the American people or the U.S. Congress who are emboldening the enemy," said Biden, D-Del., and White House hopeful in 2008. "It's the failed policy of this president — going to war without a strategy, going to war prematurely."

The Senate's top Republican, Mitch McConnell, cast doubt that a clear majority would be able to coalesce behind one of the many competing resolutions on Iraq. "I'm not certain any" will get the necessary votes, he said.

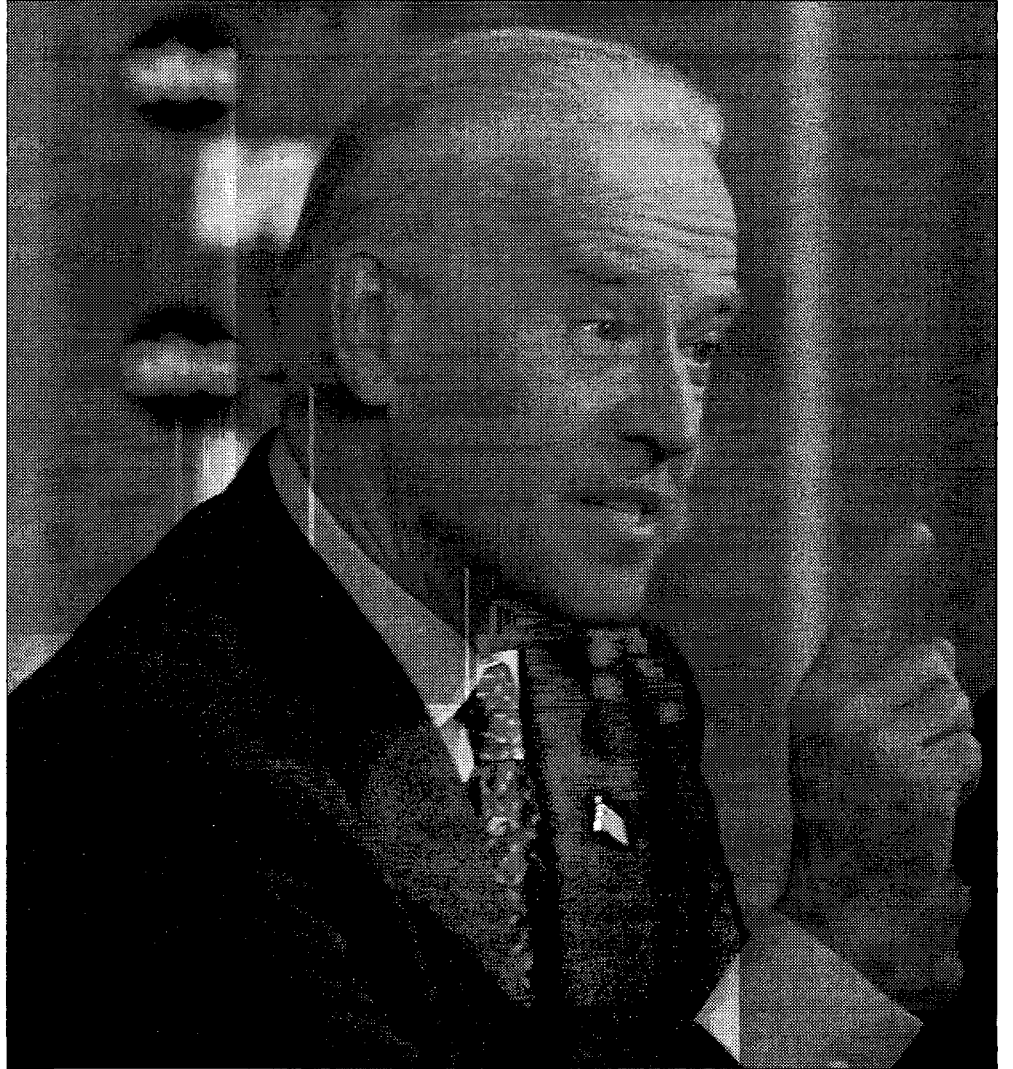
The Democratic-controlled Senate plans to begin debate this week on a nonbinding resolution declaring that Bush's proposal to send 21,500 more troops to Baghdad and Anbar province is "not in the national interest."

Last week, Biden's committee approved the measure on a near party-line vote of 12-9.

In reaction, Bush challenged lawmakers not to prematurely condemn his buildup and Vice President Dick Cheney said the administration would proceed even if a nonbinding resolution won Senate approval.

With the Senate having just confirmed a new top U.S. commander for Iraq, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said it was "pretty clear that a resolution that in effect says that the general going out to take command of the arena shouldn't have the resources he thinks he needs to be successful certainly emboldens the enemy and our adversaries."

Senate Republicans mostly oppose the committee-



Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, appears on "This Week" at the ABC studios in Washington Friday.

passed measure. They are lining up alternatives that express concern about a buildup or in other cases set performance benchmarks for the Iraqi government.

McConnell said Republican leaders would not seek to block a vote on the nonbinding resolution with a filibuster. He called a proposed resolution that focuses on benchmarks "the best way to go."

"I think I can pretty well speak for virtually all Republican senators when I say this is the last chance for the Iraqis to step up and do their part," said McConnell, R-Ky.

Biden acknowledged that votes in Congress could splinter among several com-

peting proposals but contended that Senate opposition to the buildup was widespread.

"We will have a full throated debate on this policy," Biden said. "I will make you a bet, you will not find 20 percent of the Senate standing up and saying the president is headed in the right direction."

Cheney said most Republicans "recognize that what's ultimately going to count here isn't sort of all the hurrah that surrounds these proposals so much as it's what happens on the ground on Iraq. And we're not going to know that for a while yet," according to a Newsweek interview released Sunday.

Cheney again cited "significant progress" in Iraq and said the war is part of a long-term fight against extreme elements of Islam.

"It's not something that's going to end decisively, and there's not going to be a day when we can, say, 'There, now we have a treaty, problem solved,'" Cheney said. "It's a problem that I think will occupy our successors maybe for two or three or four administrations to come."

Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar said the public's concern against the war was evident by the tens of thousands of demonstrators who turned out for a protest rally Saturday in Washington.

## JAPAN

# P.M. calls for military reforms

Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan must overhaul its pacifist constitution, increase its international security role and free itself of World War II's political remnants, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told Parliament in a major policy speech Friday.

Setting out his administration's objectives for the coming year, Abe highlighted rewriting the constitution, bolstering Japan's security alliance with the United States and implementing classroom reforms that will instill a sense of patriotism in the nation's youth.

"Now is the time for us to boldly

revise this postwar regime and make a new start," he told Parliament, which opened Thursday for a five-month session.

"It is our mission to create a beautiful Japan that will be able to withstand the challenges of the next 50 or 100 years," he said.

Abe's constitutional revision idea is focused mainly on eliminating a clause in the current document — written by U.S. Occupation authorities just after Japan's 1945 surrender — that strictly limits the military to a defensive role and bans the use of force as a means of settling international disputes.

Abe said his is to free the military to assume a stronger position within the

U.S.-Japan security alliance, and to become more of a player in global peacekeeping operations.

He also said there is a need for a stronger deterrent to the threat posed by neighboring North Korea, which recently sent shock waves through the region with ballistic missile launches and its first test of a nuclear device.

"Our alliance with the United States is a foundation of peace in Asia and the world," he said. "I believe our nation must make contributions that are commensurate with our international status."

Abe has strongly advocated the constitutional revision since he assumed office in September.



## Awards

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to humanity was presented to Daniel Towle, Class of 1977. Towle is a pediatric anesthesiologist with a commitment to humanitarianism. He has been active in Catholic organizations for 31 years, bringing medical care to families everywhere, from his hometown of Leawood, Kan. to Bolivia and Lesotho, Africa.

Towle helped bring maternal and child healthcare to a remote region of Nepal by helping establish a health clinic there; was part of a reconstructive surgical team that has performed procedures on children with birth defects in

Honduras and Peru; provided financial support and medical technologies for under-equipped hospitals throughout Central and South America; and cared for children with severe burn injuries in Bolivia, according to Notre Dame's Department of News and Information.

In 2005, Towle and several other Notre Dame alumni founded the Touching Tiny Lives Foundation, which is a non-profit "committed to ensuring the health and dignity of children impacted by the HIV/AIDS pandemic," according to the Foundation's Web site.

Towle has encouraged and enabled current Notre Dame students to get involved in their global community through

founding and sponsoring service opportunities for more than 25 students in the last 15 years through the department of anthropology and the Center for Social Concerns.

For his outstanding accomplishments in the fine and visual arts, Anthony Sorce received the Rev. Anthony J. Lauck, C.S.C. Award.

Sorce received his undergraduate degree in 1961 and his master's degree in 1962.

His work has been recognized extensively by the art community. Even before his time at Notre Dame, Sorce was awarded the Chicago Artists Guild Prize and received a diploma from the American Academy of Art, a school for professional and commercial artists.

While a Notre Dame student, Sorce was awarded the prestigious Ivan Mestrovic Studio Assistantship three times. In 1968, he became one of the youngest artists ever to win the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship for his "pioneering work and innovation in sculpture with polyurethane rigid foam," according to Notre Dame Magazine.

Sorce currently resides in New York and has received the Faculty Research Award for Painting from the Research Foundation of the City University of New York six times since 1974.

Author Barry López was awarded the Rev. Robert F. Griffin, C.S.C., Award for his achievements in writing.

His body of work includes National Book Award winner, "Arctic Dreams," National Book Award finalist, "Of Wolves and Men," six collections of short stories and two collections of essays.

López recently co-edited "Home Ground: Language for an American Landscape" as well.

López has been previously recognized for his literary achievements with the Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the John Burroughs and John Hay Medals and fellowships from the Guggenheim, Lannan and National Science Foundations.

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## SAG honors actors in ceremony

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Helen Mirren of "The Queen" and Forest Whitaker of "The Last King of Scotland" won Screen Actors Guild Awards on Sunday as best lead players, their latest prizes on the road to the Academy Awards.

The road-trip romp "Little Miss Sunshine" won the prize for best film ensemble, the guild's equivalent of a best-picture award.

Solidifying their positions as Oscar favorites, Mirren won for playing British monarch Elizabeth II and Whitaker for starring as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin.

Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson won supporting-acting honors as soulful singers in "Dreamgirls," reinforcing their status as Oscar front-runners as well.

The best-picture Oscar race, though, remains wide open, with "The Queen" and "Little Miss Sunshine" up against three sprawling dramas, "The Departed," "Babel" and "Letters From Iwo Jima."

Mirren said she initially was dismayed at the prospect of donning Elizabeth II's conservative wardrobe, including sensible shoes and tweed skirts.

"I thought, I can't play anyone who chooses to wear those clothes. I just can't do it," said Mirren, who also won the guild honor for best actress in a miniseries as the current monarch's namesake in "Elizabeth I."

"But I learned to love the person who chooses to wear those clothes, because I learned to love a person without vanity, but with a great sense of discipline that I understand. With a great sense of duty that I understand. And with a great deal of courage, and that I understand."

It seemed the soft-spoken Whitaker was struck speechless, rambling through some awkward words of gratitude.

"I want to thank you for allowing me to have a moment like this," Whitaker said.

"Little Miss Sunshine" co-star Greg Kinnear thanked the German automaker that designed the rickety minibus the film's horribly dysfunc-

tional family drives to their little girl's beauty pageant.

"I'd like to thank the engineers at Volkswagen for making a beautiful vehicle back in 1969 that is so comfortable, so safe," Kinnear said.

Murphy, who built his career as a fast-talking comic player, began with a thank-you speech more appropriate for a serious thespian — but his sober demeanor proved a gag.

"What a tremendous honor to be recognized by one's peers. I've been acting for some 25 years now and this is a tremendous honor," said Murphy, talking in a British accent.

"No, I'm sorry," said Murphy, cracking up in laughter. "I feel goofy up here, 'cause I don't be winning stuff."

As a powerhouse vocalist in "Dreamgirls," Hudson continued her breakneck rise to movie stardom after becoming famous as an "American Idol" contender two years ago. Hudson thanked her co-stars, who included Murphy, Jamie Foxx and Beyonce Knowles.

"Because of you, I was able to work and learn from the best. Yes, you are the best," said Hudson, who added thanks to the actors guild. "Just thank you for noticing little old me and accepting me."

"Dreamgirls," which had been considered a potential best-picture favorite at the Academy Awards, was among the guild nominees for best ensemble cast, yet was shut out of the nominations for the top Oscar.

Backstage, Murphy said he and his castmates were as surprised as everyone else that the film received a leading eight Oscar nominations — but not one for best picture.

"We got eight nominations, that was a great thing. We were happy about that," he said. "I was so happy to be nominated, I wasn't feeling disappointment about anything. I was caught off guard that we didn't get nominated for best picture but I've just

been happy, nonstop happy."

The ensemble win for "Little Miss Sunshine" could give the low-budget film a best-picture boost at the Oscars. But academy voters tend to favor heavy drama such as fellow nominees "Babel" and "The Departed."

The guild category has never been a reliable forecast for how the top Oscar might play out. In the 11 years since

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**Helen Mirren  
Best Actress,  
SAG**

the guild added the ensemble honor, only five winners have gone on to receive the best-picture Oscar, including 2005's "Crash."

The guild's individual acting winners often line up with the Oscars, however. Three of the four guild winners for 2005 — Philip Seymour Hoffman of "Capote," Reese Witherspoon of "Walk the Line" and Rachel Weisz of "The Constant Gardener" — all went on to receive Oscars, while all four guild acting winners for 2004 won at the Oscars.

Whitaker, Mirren, Murphy and Hudson have dominated Hollywood's acting honors this awards season, all four also taking home Golden Globes.

Mirren was diplomatic backstage when asked if she wants the Oscar.

"I'm not going there right now," Mirren said. "But it's been the most incredible year for me, ever. That's been amazing at this end of my life."

Mirren's "Elizabeth I" co-star Jeremy Irons won the guild's prize for best actor in a TV movie or miniseries.

Other TV winners were America Ferrera of "Ugly Betty" and Alec Baldwin of "30 Rock" as performers in comedy series, and Chandra Wilson of "Grey's Anatomy" and Hugh Laurie of "House" as performers in dramatic shows. TV ensemble prizes went to "Grey's Anatomy" for drama and "The Office" for comedy.

"This is quite the honor having these people present this to us," Steve Carell, star of "The Office," said of the award's presenters, the cast of the sitcom classic "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," including Moore, Edward Asner and Cloris Leachman.

## Fire

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after.

Those in the building were escorted outside for approximately 10 minutes before they were allowed to enter the first floor and remain there until the firefighters were done examining the third floor, where the fire erupted.

"Every person on duty that night was well trained and responded quickly to the call," NDFD Captain David Austin said.

NDSP Officer Pat Holdeman handled the scene Friday and filed the official NDSP report, but he was not available for comment Sunday.

Austin said NDSP officers supervised the evacuation while firefighters inspected Zimmerman's room. He also praised the residents' actions to contain the threat.

Zimmerman said he had not done anything to contribute to the fire.

"Before I get blamed for the incident, let me say the computer was not overheating on

the futon or next to a pile of papers," Zimmerman said.

He said the year-old computer had not given him any trouble before.

"You can take precautions to avoid these things, but sometimes you just can't foresee them," Austin said. "I'm glad the residents reacted quickly and called us."

*"You can take precautions to avoid these things, but sometimes you just can't foresee them."*

**David Austin  
NDFD captain**

Zimmerman's desk, walls and carpet were charred by the flames, but besides the smell of molten plastic — which drove him away from his room this weekend — the fire did not cause further damage.

Zimmerman was waiting for both a new desk and a new computer Sunday night, but with a disintegrated hard drive and an illegible serial number, he said obtaining a replacement from Hewlett-Packard might take some time.

He also said he didn't believe his battery was among the batteries recently recalled by several computer manufacturers.

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## IN BRIEF

### Intel tech targets developing world

DAVOS, Switzerland — New technologies are ready to be used to advance health care, while a plan to bring computers and fast Internet access to the developing world is being undertaken, Craig Barrett, the chairman of Intel Corp. said in an interview Saturday.

In the spirit of the World Economic Forum's annual meeting, which has focused on bringing the fruits of technology to the developing world, he said a recent trek to countries like Egypt, Chile, Peru, South Africa and China, among others, showed that there is a need for cheap access to computers and the Internet.

"It's a little bit like the education initiatives," said Barrett, who chairs the U.N. Global Alliance for ICT and Development. "Education is the key."

Part of that effort, at least for Intel, is the deployment of programs focused on improving education and speeding up the availability of cheap access to computers and the Internet.

The company has said it plans to train some 4.7 million teachers by 2011 in China, India, Egypt, Latin America, Saudi Arabia and South Africa, through its Intel Teach program.

Intel also plans to donate more than 36,000 computers with Internet connectivity to Brazil, Chile, China, India and South Africa.

### YouTube will share revenue with users

DAVOS, Switzerland — Chad Hurley, co-founder of YouTube, said Saturday that his wildly successful site will start sharing revenue with its millions of users.

Hurley said one of the major proposed innovations is a way to allow users to be paid for content. YouTube, which was sold to Google for \$1.65 billion in November, has become an Internet phenomenon since it began to catch on in late 2005. Some 70 million videos are viewed on the site each day.

"We are getting an audience large enough where we have an opportunity to support creativity, to foster creativity through sharing revenue with our users," Hurley said. "So in the coming months we are going to be opening that up."

Hurley, who at 30 is one of the youngest Internet multimillionaires, gave no details of how much users might receive, or what mechanism would be used.

## SWITZERLAND

# WTO negotiations end in impasse

U.S., E.U., developing world cannot agree on plan to liberalize trade, cut emissions

Associated Press

DAVOS — The United States, Europe and other major powers made only a vague commitment Saturday to liberalize global trade, despite encouragement from leaders attending the World Economic Forum.

The nearly 30 countries that met on the sidelines of the forum to discuss the lack of progress in the World Trade Organization talks "expressed a strong wish for a quick resumption" of negotiations, but stopped short of making improved offers to break a six-month deadlock.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair told the forum later that he and other leaders were hopeful a trade breakthrough would still come.

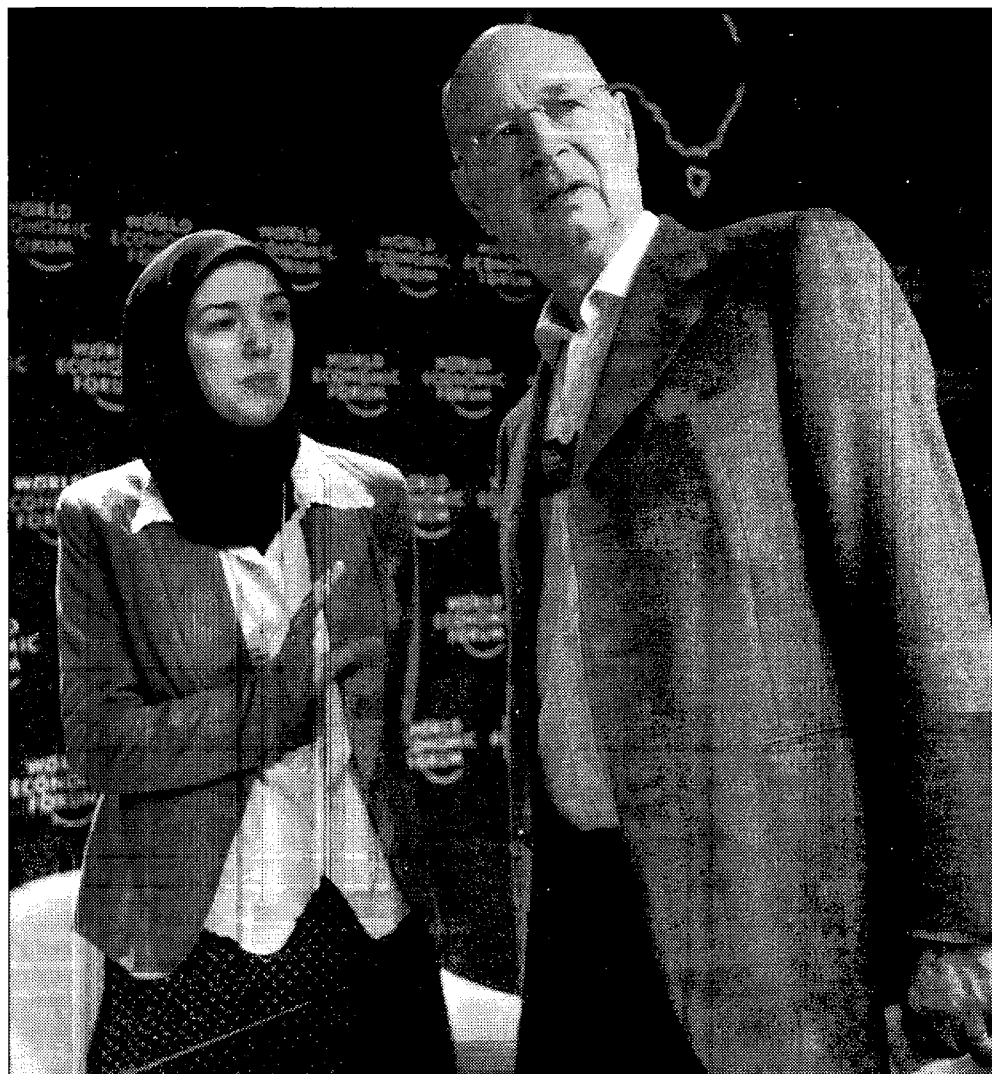
"I think it is now more likely than not, though by no means certain, that we will reach a deal within the next few months," Blair said. "There is a re-ignition of political energy and drive, and an increased recognition of the dire consequences of failure."

Blair said he also saw prospects for progress in combatting global warming because of a "quantum shift" in U.S. opinion, citing President Bush's State of the Union address and steps by states like California to reduce emissions.

But he said China and India also must commit to controlling emissions of greenhouse gases.

If Britain stopped emissions entirely by shutting down the country, the growth in China's use of fossil fuels would make up the difference in just two years, he said.

The WTO meeting in the Swiss Alps was the first joint attempt by trade and foreign ministers at reviving the talks since efforts to clear barriers to trade in



Ingrid Mattson, left, of the Islamic Society of North America, speaks with Forum President Klaus Schwab during the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland Sunday.

farm goods and manufactured products acrimoniously collapsed last July.

The U.S. and the EU publicly blamed each other for the failure and both clashed with leading developing countries India and Brazil over slashing subsidies and cutting tariffs, particularly in the agricultural sector.

"There will need to be a new U.S. offer on farm subsidies. There will need to be a new EU offer on tariffs. There will need to be a new offer from India and Brazil on manufactured goods," WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy said.

Lamy could not predict when negotiators might again be ready to take up the hard numbers of a new trade deal.

"We are not going to hammer out a deal, but we do have a responsibility to move things forward," EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson told fellow negotiators during the meeting.

Blair and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva sounded confident about progress Friday, a day after 65 of the most powerful business executives warned that failure to reach a new trade deal would

undermine the world's economic growth and risk the dangers of protectionism.

But while pledges of commitment have never lacked, getting countries to open up their markets to foreign competition has been much more difficult since the round's inception in Qatar's capital five years ago.

"Having one country go first doesn't result in a successful outcome. And focusing on the 'top-line numbers' as we did last July doesn't result in a successful outcome," U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab told reporters.

## SWITZERLAND

# U.S. plan: Cut oil use without taxes

Associated Press

DAVOS — U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman defended President Bush's drive to reduce oil consumption without introducing a gasoline tax, saying such a proposal would be too divisive.

Bush is asking Congress to aggressively expand the use of alternative fuels, mainly ethanol, to reduce the need for gasoline and put the brakes on growing U.S. oil use.

Bodman, a delegate at this year's gathering of world business and political leaders in the Swiss Alps, said improvements in technology would make these goals possible, rejecting suggestions that fuel or emissions taxes could help spur the move to

alternative energy sources.

"The idea of taxing gasoline at an increased level, which is something that gets discussed from time to time, I view as a highly divisive matter," he said at a World Economic Forum panel including presidents, prime ministers and some of the world's top oil executives.

"People in New York view the taxation of gasoline as one thing," Bodman added. "People in Texas, Wyoming, in areas where you have to commute very long distances view the taxation in a very different matter. That's just in our country."

Bush's proposal outlined in Tuesday's State of the Union address aims to cut gasoline use by 20 percent by 2017, mostly by replacing the fuel

with ethanol, and by expected improvements in automobile fuel economy.

The Forum panel — which also included Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev, Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych, Gazprom deputy chief executive Alexander Medvedev, Exxon Mobil Corp. CEO Rex W. Tillerson and Royal Dutch Shell PLC CEO Jeroen van der Veer — covered a range of topics from climate change to the rise of state-owned producers.

Tillerson and van der Veer stressed that traditional fossil fuels — coal, oil and natural gas — would remain the primary source of energy in coming decades, and the challenge would be to make them cleaner and more efficient.



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## GAZA STRIP

# Palestinian factions urged to talk

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Saudi Arabia's king urged Palestinian rival factions Sunday to hold talks in the holy city of Mecca as fighting between the Hamas and Fatah movements persisted in Gaza with no clear winner emerging.

Early Monday, Hamas fighters mobilized around the main Fatah stronghold, the Preventive Security headquarters, and threatened to attack. Information Minister Youssef Rizka of Hamas warned the two sides were close to civil war and called President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah to order his forces back to their bases.

The bitter rivals have been buying, smuggling and building weapons for months trying to gain an edge, but they have held back from all-out battle and find themselves in a stalemate.

That leaves many Palestinians with grim hopes that a power-sharing deal still can be worked out between the Islamic militants of Hamas and the more moderate Abbas of Fatah.

Saudi King Abdullah called the factional fighting a "shame" that has undermined the Palestinian cause and urged both sides to join talks mediated by his country, Saudi Arabia's official news agency reported.

"I urge them to hold an emergency meeting in Mecca to discuss the contentious matters without any intervention from outside," Abdullah told the

Saudi Press Agency.

"Our hearts bleed for what is happening in the land of our Palestinian brothers," he said. "This great atrocity with all its unjustified and weak reasons has stained the Palestinian's honorable national struggle."

Both sides welcomed the Saudi king's offer but did not say when talks might be held. Ghazi Hamad, spokesman for the Hamas-led government, said the Islamic group was in talks with Egyptian mediators.

Bursts of violence have alternated with periods of tense calm since the factional fighting erupted in December following the collapse of Hamas-Fatah coalition talks and Abbas' threat to call early elections.

Clashes involving mortars, grenades, bombs and assault rifles have erupted spontaneously, without clear objectives or central command, raged for a few hours, then suddenly fizzled.

Experts expect the pattern to continue. "They are equal parties," analyst Nasser Al Lahham said. "No one can cancel the other out."

Thirty Palestinians, including two children, have died during the latest outburst of street fighting that began Thursday,

raising the death toll to more than 60 since last month.

A battle erupted early Monday near the parliament building, where a Hamas fighter was killed, Hamas and hospital officials said.

Fatah gunmen killed a Hamas security force member early Monday and a Hamas activist in Khan Younis on Sunday. Another gunman, whose affiliation was not immediately known, and a 45-year-old civilian were also killed, hospital officials said.

Several kidnappings also were reported in the factional conflict. The most brazen was in the West Bank city of Nablus, where Fatah gunmen walked into a bank and dragged out a local Hamas leader.

Hot spots in the fighting include the headquarters of Abbas' security forces, Hamas-run mosques and the homes and offices of leaders from both sides, where guards hunker down behind concrete barriers and piles of sandbags.

Traffic jams are getting worse by the day in Gaza City's already crowded streets because more and more roads are being closed to motorists by the rival security forces.

*"Our hearts bleed  
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land of our  
Palestinian brother."*

**King Abdullah  
Saudi Arabia**

# Tourism jeopardizes future of national park

Associated Press

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. — The plunging waterfalls and soaring crags chiseled by the Merced River draw millions of visitors each year, but the crowds are precisely what threatens the waterway and the park.

Efforts to safeguard the Merced have spawned a court battle over the future of development in Yosemite National Park's most popular stretch. The case may come down to the challenge facing all of America's parks: Should they remain open to everyone, or should access be limited in the interest of protecting them?

In November, a federal judge barred crews from finishing \$60 million in construction projects in Yosemite Valley, siding with a small group of environmentalists who sued the federal government, saying further commercial development would bring greater numbers of visitors, thus threatening the Merced's fragile ecosystem.

"The park's plans for commercialization could damage Yosemite for future generations," said Bridget Kerr, a member of Friends of Yosemite Valley, one of two local environmental groups that filed the suit.

The government is appealing, fearing the ruling could

force the National Park Service to limit the number of people allowed into Yosemite each day, a precedent it doesn't want to see echoed in other parks.

"I don't think we've ever had a ruling with these kind of implications," said Kerri Cahill, a Denver-based planner for the park service. "It's going to have a direct influence on the public who care about these places."

The case has Yosemite's most loyal advocates sharply divided over how to balance preservation with access to public lands. Even environmentalists can't agree on how to minimize the human footprint — some believe cars should be kept out entirely; others say visitors should have to make reservations in advance.

Yosemite was the first land in the country set aside for its scenic beauty, declared a public trust in 1864 by Abraham Lincoln. Its 1,200 square miles of granite peaks and towering waterfalls became a national park in 1890, and with few exceptions its gates have been open to all ever since, though backcountry permits are limited to minimize the human impact on wilderness areas.

The Merced itself is protected under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

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## Re-state of the Union

The following excerpts are from various State of the Union Addresses throughout America's history. Due to space limitations, there's not much of each address, but I think that a pattern may emerge nonetheless.

Calvin Coolidge, Dec. 4, 1928: "The practical application of economy to the resources of the country calls for conservation ... We have a conservation board working on our oil problem. This is of the utmost importance to the future well-being of our people in this age of oil-burning engines and the general application of gasoline to transportation."

Herbert Hoover, Dec. 3, 1929: "Conservation of national resources is a fixed policy of the Government ... Conservation of our oil and gas resources against future need is a national necessity."

Harry S. Truman, Jan. 9, 1952: "In the Middle East political tensions and the oil controversy in Iran are keeping the region in a turmoil."

Richard Nixon, Jan. 30, 1974: "These measures will require the oil companies and other energy producers to provide the public with the necessary information on their supplies. They will prevent the injustice of windfall profits for a few as a result of the sacrifices of the millions of Americans."

Gerald R. Ford, Jan. 15, 1975: "But in all honesty, we cannot put all of the blame on the oil-exporting nations. We, the United States, are not blameless. Our growing dependence upon foreign sources has been adding to our vulnerability for years and years, and we did nothing to prepare ourselves for such an event as the embargo of 1973."

Gerald R. Ford, Jan. 19, 1976: "Taking a longer look at America's future, there can be neither sustained growth nor more jobs unless we continue to have an assured supply of energy to run our economy."

Domestic production of oil and gas is still declining.

Our dependence on foreign oil at high prices is still too great, draining jobs and dollars away from our own economy at the rate of \$125 per year for every American."

Gerald R. Ford, Jan. 12, 1977: "In 1973 we were dependent upon foreign oil imports for 36 percent of our needs. Today, we are 40-percent dependent, and we'll pay out \$34 billion for foreign oil this year. Such vulnerability at present or in the future is intolerable and must be ended."

Jimmy Carter, Jan. 19, 1978: "Every day we spend more than \$120 million for foreign oil ... Now we know what we must do, increase production. We must cut down on waste. And we must use more of those fuels which are plentiful and more permanent."

Jimmy Carter, Jan. 21, 1980: "The crises in Iran and Afghanistan have dramatized a very important lesson: Our excessive dependence on foreign oil is a clear and present danger to our Nation's security. The need has never been more urgent. At long last, we must have a clear, comprehensive energy policy for the United States."

Jimmy Carter, Jan. 16, 1981: "An effective national energy plan is essential to increase domestic production of oil and gas, to encourage conservation of our scarce energy resources, to stimulate conversion to more abundant fuels, and to reduce our trade deficit."

Ronald Reagan, Jan. 26, 1982: "By deregulating oil we've come closer to achieving energy independence and helped bring down the cost of gasoline and heating fuel."

George H.W. Bush, Feb. 9, 1989: "And in some cases, the gulfs and oceans off our shores hold the promise of oil and gas reserves which can make our nation more secure and less dependent on foreign oil."

George H.W. Bush, Jan. 29, 1991: "Most Americans know instinctively why we are in the Gulf. They know we had to stop Saddam now, not later ... They know we must make sure that control of the world's oil resources does not fall into his hands

only to finance further aggression."

Bill Clinton, Feb. 17, 1993: "Our plan includes a tax on energy as the best way to provide us with new revenue to lower the deficit and invest in our people. Moreover, unlike other taxes, this one reduces pollution, increases energy efficiency, and eases our dependence on oil from unstable regions of the world."

George W. Bush, Jan. 29, 2002: "This Congress must act to encourage conservation, promote technology, build infrastructure, and it must act to increase energy production at home so America is less dependent on foreign oil."

George W. Bush, Jan. 31, 2006: "Breakthroughs on this and other new technologies will help us reach another great goal: to replace more than 75 percent of our oil imports from the Middle East by 2025."

George W. Bush, Jan. 23, 2007: "For too long, our nation has been dependent on foreign oil. And this dependence leaves us more vulnerable to hostile regimes, and to terrorists who could cause huge disruptions of oil shipments ... raise the price of oil ... and do great harm to our economy."

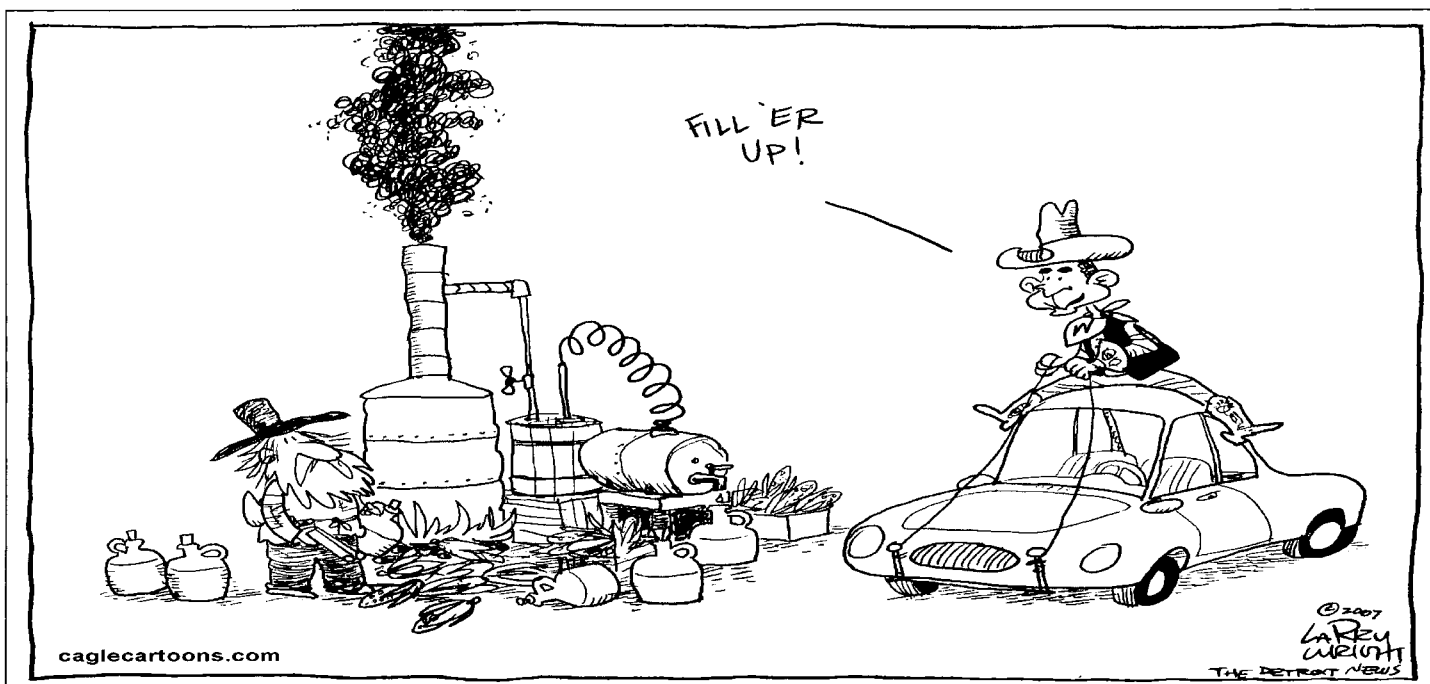
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For almost 80 years, our nation's leaders have been aware of and supposedly have been attempting to conserve our domestic resources while at the same time attempting to curb our appetite for and dependence upon foreign oil. It's up to us as Americans to make this administration, Congress and ourselves accountable for such a change. Only through the elimination of unnecessary tax breaks for big oil companies and establishment of incentives for alternative energies can we truly free ourselves from our oil addiction.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Once the game is over, the king and the pawn go back in the same box."

Italian proverb

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## McAlarney suspension evaluated

*University's decision  
consistent*

There is a common theme that students feel that McAlarney's suspension from school was completely overboard. What students fail to realize is that this seems consistent with Notre Dame's punishments in the past for marijuana. While I was at school I knew of another regular non-athlete student who was caught with weed and consequently suspended for a semester. Maybe in both cases the sentence didn't fit the crime but it appears as if this is what the school has deemed to be the correct punishment. The bottom line is if McAlarney did not do it then we wouldn't have this problem.

Chris Orenchuk  
class of 2005  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Jan. 26

*Punishment too severe  
for crime*

This is one of the many responses I'm sure you have received to Lucy Lopez' Letter to the Editor ("McAlarney suspension justified," Jan. 25) regarding the justification of Kyle McAlarney's suspension following his marijuana possession charge. I completely agree with her contention that Notre Dame is one of the most highly scrutinized in the world, and as such, must maintain its respected reputation.

However, to suggest the unwavering appropriateness of this punishment for one of its students in possession of a small amount of marijuana is ridiculous. The purpose of rules and regulations for any organization, du Lac for Notre Dame, is to provide protections for the individuals of the organization. I think it would be safe to assume that McAlarney accepted responsibility for his actions by committing to a pretrial diversion program in which he will be subject to random drug tests for the next 11 months and a substance abuse assessment.

A suspension of two semesters already defies precedent because the most common punishment is a one-semester suspension. How can anyone expect that such a span away from school could benefit McAlarney? Is he going to grow intellectually by missing two semesters of classes, thus being forced to play academic catch-up for the rest of his undergraduate career? Does he need to have the constant reminder of his mistake by sitting at home until next fall to learn his lesson? Obviously, the university needed to administer some sort of penalty to McAlarney, but if the school wishes to protect its image, a punishment respecting a student's decision to take responsibility for his actions would be more appropriate for next time. It is too bad they cannot renege on their decision on this case.

Joe Runkle  
sophomore  
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Jan. 26

*Case deserves  
better handling*

Kyle McAlarney made a grave error in judgment. Since he probably hasn't even reached legal drinking age, he will have a lifetime to teach others how much he learned from this experience.

Notre Dame appears to have made even greater grievous errors of judgment; first of all, by not releasing a public statement in defense of its actions. Right or wrong, this case needed to be handled more carefully due to the public exposure it has commanded. The McAlarney family and the entire Notre Dame community would have benefitted from an explanation from the University why athletic director Kevin White and basketball coach Mike Brey have reportedly responded that they were shocked by the hardline disposition handed down. Maybe it's because the University does not have a defensible position?

After reading the student handbook for the first time in over 40 years, I was impressed by its calling students to accountability for their actions. This accountability was noted to be a difficult process, "particularly ... on those rare occasions when the conduct in question is so intolerable in terms of community standards as to warrant separation from the University." I submit that McAlarney's conduct was not intolerable in terms of overall Notre Dame community standards. I was shocked to learn that first offense DWI's are punishable by disciplinary "probation" for one semester, and second offense DWI's are pun-

ishable by disciplinary "suspension" for one semester: yet McAlarney received two semesters' disciplinary "suspension" for his marijuana possession arrest.

Furthermore, normal society's constitutional due processes are unavailable to the accused. The potential is ripe for uneven, irrational application of both the disciplinary process and its final judgment. I'm certain these disciplinary procedures were neither written nor endorsed by the University's school of law. Of even greater import, the handbook begins with the University mission statement, describing Notre Dame as a place of teaching and community prompted by God's grace to assist the world in creating justice grounded in love and that emphasis on community in Catholicism explains why Notre Dame has fostered familial bonds in its institutional life.

It seems Notre Dame has ignored its own mission statement, maybe because we abandoned its underlying premises in handling this case. What are we actually teaching McAlarney? Was he provided justice grounded in love? Have we actually fostered familial bonding here? By my count, our beloved University has undertaken its mission for almost 165 years. It's time, and Notre Dame needs to get this one right.

Michael Petersmith  
class of 1969  
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Jan. 26

## Cannot pull support for fashion show

We at the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership and Office of Civic and Social Engagement agree with Sarah Nielson's well-articulated objections in her Letter to the Editor ("Fashion show restrictions unreasonable," Jan. 25) to the size specifications in the recent email inviting students to model for the The Bernina of America Fashion Show fundraiser for the Breast Care Center at Memorial Hospital.

We appreciate Nielson and other students and faculty naming this problem so promptly, disagree with Bernina's perpetuation of the fashion industry's unrealistic image of women's bodies in the size specifications they gave to their artists and apologize for not being alert to it ourselves much earlier in the sponsorship approval process. (If you are interested in further context on this process, such as the involvement of both students and breast cancer survivors in it, we can send

you a summary.)

We have spoken to our partners at Memorial Hospital and they are also very receptive to the concerns. However, this event has been planned and the contract with Bernina signed for months, and so it is now too late to change the shape of the "wearable art." It would be very unfair to Memorial Hospital's great work — and more importantly, to women fighting breast cancer — to pull out our support at this late date.

Given this, we would like to continue a conversation with our community about not only the best response now, such as registering our objections with Bernina in order to raise their awareness and influence any future events they undertake, but also to commit ourselves to future actions and events that speak to these concerns. One such event that we have supported in previous years and invite more support for next year is St.

Margaret's House "Fashioning our Lives" with "real women on stage" who "model" how they have recreated their lives against a backdrop of extraordinary challenges like poverty, homelessness, addictions, racism and physical and mental health challenges. We would also welcome any proposals for events to co-sponsor on these issues in February in honor of National Eating Disorders Awareness month. In addition, we recommit to our own ongoing work as educators to recognizing and speaking against oppression in all its forms and applaud the Saint Mary's students who have done so in this situation.

Elaine Meyer-Lee  
Director of the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership  
Saint Mary's  
Jan. 26

## 'Bigot' an unfairly applied term

As exemplified by Liz Coffey's column ("Save it for the toilet," Jan. 25), it's politically correct these days to label someone who is opposed to illegal immigration as "anti-immigrant" and thus a bigot. I personally believe that bigotry is a terrible thing. As such, I consider it a serious charge to call someone a bigot.

Anyone who makes the charge should have a good basis for it. In making the leap to calling those in the Minuteman Project bigots, Coffey fails to establish such a basis. Why are they bigots? If it's because most of those coming across the Mexico-Arizona border are Mexicans, then why aren't the "Minutemen" doing anything to stop Mexicans who enter our country legally? Why didn't they do this before 9/11? She fails to even address the possibility that the modern-day "Minutemen" are motivated by a sincere desire to prevent illegal immigration and the dangers of terrorism and various other problems that come along with it. In fact, the only rationale she even entertains is that they are just bigots. I doubt that Coffey has been to the border or met any of the "Minutemen," yet she knows they are bigots?

Coffey's making assumptions about people without really knowing about them sounds more like bigotry than anything about the "Minutemen." Is it bigoted to try and prevent people from coming into this country illegally? If that's the case, then I guess all of our border security measures are bigoted. The fact that we even have checkpoints where people must stop to come across the border legally must be bigotry too. U.S. Border Patrol Agents?

Bigots, I guess. They are trying to stop illegal entry in to the U.S., after all.

I am not sure I agree with the approach taken by the Minuteman Project. Anything that resembles vigilantism has the potential to degenerate into something dangerous, and generally it is better to let law enforcement do its job. But that does not make the Minuteman Project a group of bigots. If she is opposed to the Minuteman Project, is Coffey also opposed to adding more Border Patrol Agents to stop, or at least reduce, illegal immigration? If so, what is her solution to the problem? Or does she even think there is a problem?

I happen to think one of the biggest problems our country faces is border security, particularly in light of 9/11. Even with all the partisanship in Washington right now, you would be hard-pressed to find many in Congress on either side of the aisle who disagree with that. Given the seriousness of what is at stake with respect to terrorism, if I have to, I am willing to endure being called (unfairly and inaccurately) a bigot for opposing illegal immigration. But it's too bad if that's the case. Maybe the hate finger is pointed in the wrong direction, Ms. Coffey.

Geoff Spiess  
grad student  
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Jan. 25



## THEATER FEATURE

# 'Le Médecin' just what the doctor ordered

By ANALISE LIPARI  
Assistant Scene Editor

Despite the blanket of newly fallen snow and the obvious language barrier with most of its audience, the annual French Theatre Production class's performance of Molière's "Le Médecin malgré lui" drew a full house Sunday at the DeBartolo Performing Art Center's (DPAC) Philbin Theater.

With its blend of witty dialogue, physical humor and outrageous situations, "Le Médecin malgré lui" drew the crowd in through the strength of the students.

Molière's centuries-old text takes its comedic cues from the exploits of Sganarelle, the frequently intoxicated stick collector who spends his days nursing (and often singing to) a bottle of wine and occasionally beating his wife.

Few playwrights could create humor and sympathy out of such a character, but the strength of Molière's comedic writing helps make Sganarelle a memorable and amusing protagonist.

Professor Paul McDowell gives Sganarelle a thick, booming voice to match his faux-portly figure, and an over-the-top sense of self-importance helps cement the image of this most loutish of leads.

The play opens with an angry dispute between Sganarelle and Martine (Anne Lauer), his beleaguered and oft-beaten spouse. The rapport between McDowell's Sganarelle and Lauer's Martine implies a humorous power struggle at the core of their relationship, with Martine criticizing his drunken gluttony and Sganarelle defending himself with roundabout "logic" and a large stick.

To get back at her husband, Martine conspires with an unwitting pair of servants, Lucas (Tom Dorwart) and Valère (Mary Corrigan) try to trick Sganarelle into believing he is a doctor (or "médecin") in order to treat the dire condition of Lucinde (Jana Miller), the newly-mute daughter of a wealthy neighbor, Géronte (Michael Barrett).

What follows is a zany mix of physical comedy and Molière's sharp wit, as



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**Jana Miller and Matthew Goodrich star as Lucinde and Léandre, a pair of thwarted young lovers whose future is in doubt until the bumbling Sganarelle intervenes.**

Sganarelle comes to believe he is a doctor, and proceeds to treat patients with items such as wine and cheese.

As is custom with most works of Molière, at the center of the turmoil is a thwarted pair of young lovers, Lucinde and the poor but sweet Léandre (Matthew Goodrich).

Lucinde has been promised by her father to an unseen and older wealthy man, and until Leandre's miniscule fortune can compete, the two are doomed. That is, until Sganarelle decides to get himself involved.

Rounding out the cast are Heidi Storer as Jacqueline, the wet nurse in whom Sganarelle is all-too-interested, and Theresa Welch and Stephanie Brauer as Parette and Perrinette, respectively, two local women who misguidedly seek the help of the reputed "médecin" to treat their sick relative.

The production's energy and sense of humor undoubtedly came from the students. From Dorwart's Lucas, who stomps and hops across each scene, to Miller's gibberish mutterings as

Lucinde pretends to be mute, the cast's care and dedication to the production shone through.

As the case may often be with performances held in the Philbin Theater, the set itself was essentially nonexistent, with little but a stool and a pile of sticks to stand for forests and houses alike.

With the colorful costumes and animated performances, however, such a stark set allowed the focus of the production to be on both the players themselves and the humor of their speech.

The continued strength and success of each year's performance is, according to McDowell, due to none other than the students themselves.

"It's all because of what the students find in each other," McDowell said at the end of Sunday afternoon's final performance. "It's what they find in a playwright who hasn't graced this earth in over 300 years."

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**Professor Paul McDowell gives an excellent performance as the scoundrel Sganarelle, a hard-drinking lout who is tricked into thinking he is a doctor.**

## THEATER FEATURE

# Balletic beauty and grace astound in 'Swan Lake'

By ANALISE LIPARI  
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The latest in the "ND Presents: Live at the Morris" series of attractions at South Bend's Morris Performing Arts Center, the Moscow Festival Ballet's production of Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" elevated a simple Saturday night into a euphoric experience of music and dance. The prodigious skill of each member of the company, combined with beautiful costumes, lush lighting and scenery and the venerable scene itself, created an unforgettable evening of dancing. Despite being performed without the aid of an orchestra, and instead incorporating the use of a recording of the ballet's score, the production was an exuberant success.

The three act story of "Swan Lake" opens at an event in honor of Prince Siegfried's birthday, at the behest of his mother, Courtiers, peasants and the court jester each perform various dances in celebration of the Prince, and Siegfried receives a crossbow as a coming-of-age gift. The multiple smaller

dances featured during this portion of the ballet were of a more lighthearted nature than much of the rest of the ballet's more dramatic portions, especially the numbers where the court jester took center stage.

As the ballet continues, that evening, Siegfried explores the woods with his crossbow and discovers a mysterious group of white swans who - in the mythology of the story - turn out to be an enchanted court of women imprisoned by an evil wizard, Rotbart. By day, the women are swans, but by moonlight change back into their human forms. The queen of the swans, the beautiful Odette, falls in love with the Prince, and he vows to save her life by declaring his true love for her at tomorrow's Ball.

It is here, as Siegfried first discovers the bewitched swans, when the famous theme of "Swan Lake" is first heard, and

the haunting melody subtly appears throughout the rest of the ballet as Odette's theme. Both mournful and lovely, it conveys the aesthetic of the ballet as a whole in its simplicity and beauty.

At the courtly Ball the next night, the Queen urges her son to seek a queen, but Siegfried can think only of Odette. Other princesses are introduced, each

with their own musical themes. Highlights included the "Danse Espagnole," with its elegant, playful melody; the "Danse Napolitaine," with its unique opening use of trumpets; and the energetic "Mazurka."

Rotbart strangely appears at the ball with Odile, his daughter who has been disguised to look remarkably similar to Odette. Mistakenly thinking that he is with the real Odette, Siegfried declares his love for Odile, effectively dooming the enchanted swans to an eternity of imprisonment. It is only when Siegfried

flees to Swan Lake and defeats Rotbart that he and Odette can finally be united and the swans can be free.

The Russian Festival Ballet dancers, especially those in the roles of Siegfried and Odette, were remarkably talented. The role of Odette is considered to be one of the most technically difficult in the entirety of classical ballet, as the ballerina plays both the white swan, Odette, and the black swan, Odile, as well as performing over thirty fouettés en tournant during the ballet's third act. Olga Grigorieva, the ballerina who danced the role of Odette/Odile, seemed to have mastered the difficulties of the role with ease, playing both the timid and pure Odette and the seductive Odile very well.

The costumes and scenery were very well done, adding to the production's elegant feel. The lighting in particular was striking. The ballet's finale closed with the rising of the sun, as a stage formerly bathed in a blue and green wash was subtly overcome with the warm, pinkish-white glow of morning.

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## THEATER FEATURE

# Shakespeare shake-up retells classic story

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The story of Romeo and Juliet has been reinvented time and time again in everything from the 1996 "Romeo + Juliet" starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes, to the upcoming animated film "Gnomeo and Juliet" starring lawn gnomes and produced by Elton John, but some versions stand out for their memorability and appeal. Summer Shakespeare's "The Romeo and Juliet Story: In Concert" brings the best of these together in a wonderful show that focuses on the timelessness of the love between Romeo and Juliet.

The production, adapted by the producing artist director of Notre Dame's Summer Shakespeare, Jay Skelton, unites songs from Charles Gounod's opera "Romeo Et Juliette," Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," parts of Shakespeare's original dialogue, and an original narration. The music was provided on-stage by the wonderful thirty piece New Millennium Orchestra of Chicago joined by nine Notre Dame students.

Doug MacKechnie did a superb job as the narrator. In his role he took on nearly all of the play's characters except Romeo and Juliet, simply but strongly switching from one character to another with a small change in posture or by using the occasional prop, such as glasses for Friar Lawrence. The

choice to concentrate the action of the play not directly involving the two lovers into one actor was a wise one. MacKechnie was able to act as a sound-board for the love story around him so that the audience was allowed to concentrate purely on the love of Romeo and Juliet, leaving behind for a moment the other plotlines and themes of the play that are generally more conflictual.

The rest of the cast consisted of two pairs of lovers, one pair taking on the majority of the acting and the other the singing. Steven Marzoff and Blair Robertson made good use of their acting scenes to both pay tribute to the original Shakespearean dialogue and portray the youth and passion of Romeo and Juliet. Stacey Tappan, a Lyric Opera of Chicago soprano, and Jay Morrissey, tenor and Notre Dame alum, both rose to the occasion in singing the ranging parts between the opera and the musical. Together all four did a beautiful job depicting the love story and, most importantly, the transitions between the actors were smooth. Furthermore, by using multiple actors to play the same characters, as well as mixing the pairs, it allowed the audience to truly focus on Romeo and Juliet as a whole, and not one single production.

"The Romeo and Juliet Story: In Concert" seamlessly united a 16th century play, a 19th century opera, and a 20th century musical into a production



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Stacey Tappan and Jay Morrissey put in powerful lyrical performances as the famous "star-cross'd" lovers in "The Romeo and Juliet Story: In Concert."

that showcased so many of the interpretations of Romeo and Juliet that it actually reduced the show down to the essential vision of the lovers. In doing so, it proved that the story of the two "star cross'd lovers" would romance its audience no matter their surroundings.

"The Romeo and Juliet Story: In Concert" was a special off-season event for the Summer Shakespeare company whose proceeds went toward establish-

ing the Dr. Paul A. Rathburn Scholarship Fund. Rathburn is a professor emeritus of English at Notre Dame who founded Summer Shakespeare and received both the Charles E. Sheedy Award for Excellence in Teaching (1983) and the Frank O'Malley Award for Teaching Excellence (1999).

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## MOVIE REVIEW

# Family 'Pursuit': Two Smiths star in 'Happyness'

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The "Will Smith Show" has become something of a given at the American box office. Every several years, the comedic actor would turn out a blockbuster film that went on to earn huge profits in its first weekend, quickly tapering off until the movie aired on network television 12 months later.

These films — like "Men in Black" or "I, Robot" — were fun and turned Smith into a star, but aside from "Ali," never cemented his status as a legitimate actor. Smith's latest film, "The Pursuit of Happyness," however, puts this criticism to rest and has shown the world that Smith has immense acting talent.

The film tells the true story of Chris Gardner (Smith), a salesman struggling to support his wife (Thandie Newton, "Crash") and son (Jaden Smith) while entertaining dreams of becoming a stockbroker in 1980s San Francisco. He acts upon his goals — undergoing a 1-in-20 shot of becoming a broker — in the face of his wife leaving him and having to live out of homeless shelters with his son. Despite the fact that

Gardner is extremely intelligent and hard-working, failure seems to find him at every corner, denying him his dream of becoming happy.

It is obvious that "Happyness" (the title is misspelled because of the way the word is written on the wall outside Gardner's son's daycare center) was designed for Smith, and without him, it would not work. His charm and humor stand out against the suffering and sadness which he must endure, which creates a very real and emotional character. The audience thrives on the high points and sinks to the low ones together with Smith, whose superb performance earned him an Oscar nomination for Best Actor.

Nowhere is this emotional roller coaster more apparent than in a scene where Gardner and his son go from playfully running from imaginary dinosaurs in a deserted subway station to shamefully trying to sleep in the station's bathroom while someone pounds on the locked door from the outside.

Smith's son Jaden performs remarkably well in his first big-screen appearance and the connection between real life father and son is evident in their characters, which only makes the movie more believable.

"The Pursuit of Happyness" is the first American film for Italian director Gabriele Muccino, who creates a harsh, gritty world, but does not bring anything outstanding to the table. Smith's acting dazzles here, but everything else seems so ordi-



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Actor Jaden Smith helps his father Will Smith knot his tie in "The Pursuit of Happyness." The two find themselves in a bind during the film but shine regardless.

nary and unimaginative that one cannot help but wonder if the only intent in producing "Happyness" was for Smith to be nominated for an Oscar.

This type of story is of course a recurring Hollywood theme, and just about anyone is able to guess whether Gardner succeeds in the end. In the face of these obstacles, one would hope that a director could keep the film fresh and original, but Muccino — while he does not do a bad job — attempts nothing to make the film stand head and shoulders above the

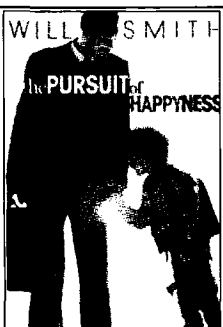
many others that inhabit the genre.

In spite of any possible missed opportunity for "The Pursuit of Happyness" to be an outstanding film, Will Smith, like his character in the movie, takes on a seemingly insurmountable burden — to make the film a very good one — and succeeds. "Happyness" ultimately becomes another "Will Smith Show," but one that is inspirational, uplifting and worth watching over and over again.

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## The Pursuit of Happyness

Columbia Pictures



## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Cavaliers come back to upset No. 19 Clemson

*Tucker drops 27 points as No. 2 Wisconsin tops the Hawkeyes 57-46, reaches best start in program history at 21-1*

Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Virginia did more than surprise Clemson down the stretch — the Cavaliers shocked their coach, too.

When Virginia's Dave Leitao talked with his team midway through the second half and down 52-41, he didn't see much left to make a run at the 19th-ranked Tigers.

"We're down 11, but it seems like 40," he remembered saying. "It didn't look like we had the kind of energy it was going to take to come back and win the ball game."

But there was Leitao celebrating with his players after Jason Cain's tip-in with 15.5 seconds left capped a 16-point rally in the Cavaliers' 64-63 victory Sunday.

"I told our guys I'm not sure if I have ever seen a game like that before," Leitao said.

Cain's game-winner was his only basket of the game and ended a stretch where the Cavaliers scored the game's final 15 points.

"Last year, we wouldn't have done this," Cain said. "This is the first time in a long time we won two conference games on the road."

Combined with last Wednesday night's victory at North Carolina State, it's Virginia's first back-to-back ACC road success since the 2001-02 season — that's also the last time the team won four consecutive league games as they have now.

For Clemson, it was the second straight improbable defeat. The Tigers lost at Duke 68-66 on David McClure's layup with no

time remaining this past Thursday night when officials incorrectly added time after the Clemson had tied things.

"We have to get it back together," Clemson coach Oliver Purnell said. "This one will hurt, but we have to rejuvenate and fight on."

Still, the Tigers looked like they were over that disappointment, moving out to a double-digit lead. Vernon Hamilton called for additional crowd noise after his 3 with 12:37 left made it 52-41.

The game seemed in the bag when Cliff Hammonds struck for his third 3-pointer to make it 61-45 with 8:47 remaining.

## Wisconsin 57, Iowa 46

Wisconsin eclipsed the best start in school history by relying on the formula that got it there.

Defense, poise and a whole lot of Alando Tucker.

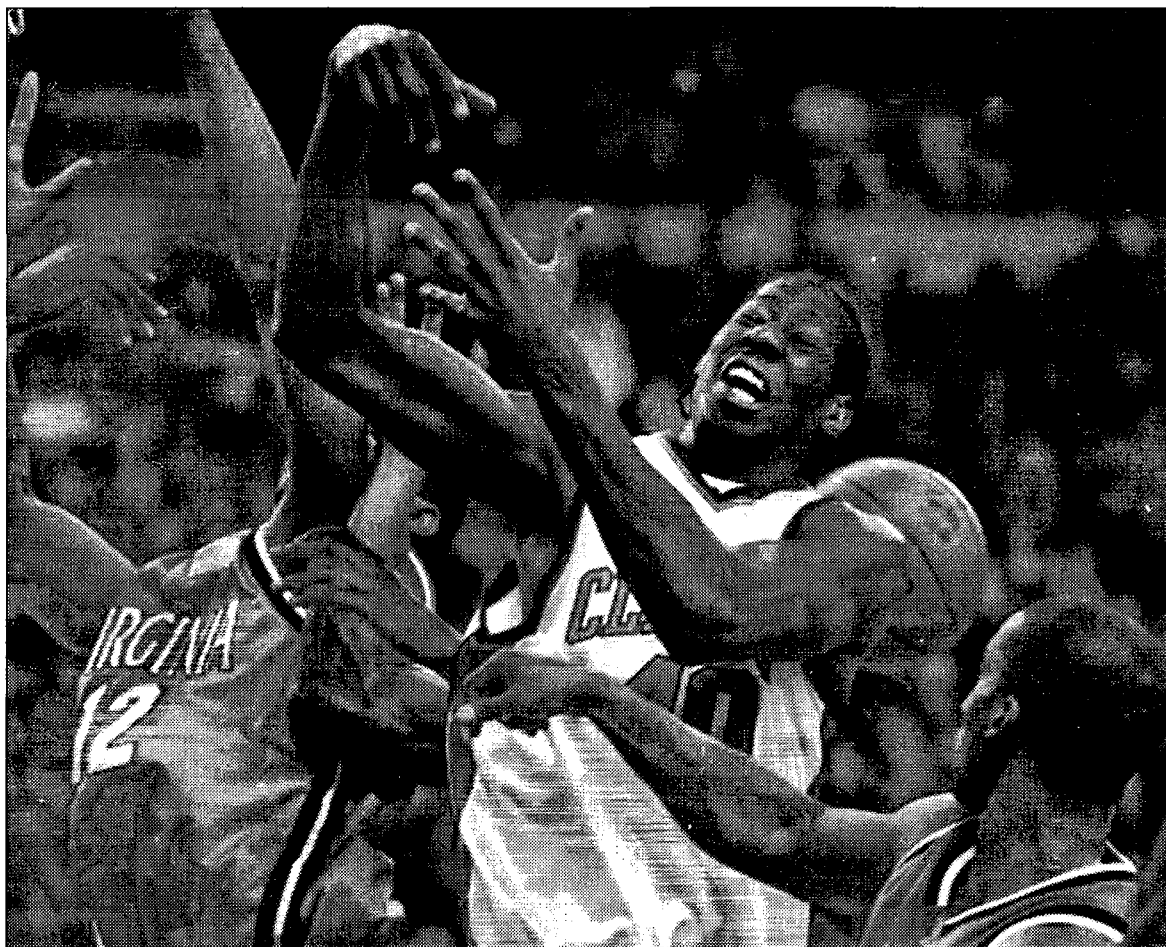
Tucker scored 27 points, Brian Butch added 13 points and 14 rebounds and No. 2 Wisconsin beat Iowa 57-46 on Sunday, topping the school's old mark of 20-1 set in 1915-16.

Tucker went 11-of-14 from the floor for the Badgers (21-1, 7-0 Big Ten), who also extended the nation's longest winning streak to 17 games and improved to 5-0 on the road.

"For me as a player to be a part of this, it's special," Tucker said. "This is a special team, and I have a gut feeling that we have so much more to accomplish. But it just feels good to know that we're setting records here at Wisconsin."

Tucker's had a lot to do with that.

The favorite for Big Ten Player



Clemson center James Mays is fouled by Virginia's Jamil Tucker in the first half of the Cavaliers' 64-63 victory in Littlejohn Coliseum in Clemson S.C. Sunday afternoon.

of the Year honors was at it again against the Hawkeyes. He set the tone by scoring 17 points in the first half — more than a few of which came in traffic — to help give Wisconsin a lead it never relinquished.

## Marquette 70 South Florida 68

Jerel McNeal had a hunch Marquette was going to be fine.

"Everybody just had a look in their eyes like: 'Hey, we're going to pull it out. We're not going to lose this game,'" the sophomore guard said Sunday after stealing a pass and driving nearly the length of the floor to make a layup at the buzzer to give the 15th-ranked Golden Eagles a victory over South Florida.

"It was an unbelievable feeling. ... It's just the character of this team," McNeal added. "It's not about me. It's not about one player. It's just about the team."

Dominic James scored 16 points and McNeal finished with 13 as Marquette (19-4, 6-2) won its sixth straight — all in Big East play — after losing its first two league games to Providence and Syracuse.

James made a difficult layup in heavy traffic to tie the score with 15 seconds remaining, then McNeal provided his heroics after South Florida called a timeout to set up a potential game-winning play with 9 seconds left.

"I just read it, just trusted my instincts, and I was able to come up with the ball and make a big play at the end," McNeal said.

McHugh Mattis inbounded to Chris Howard, who was trying to get the ball to Melvin Buckley when McNeal made the steal and dribbled upcourt. Howard hustled back to get defensive position under the basket, but was unable to stop McNeal from scoring.

## Georgia 57, LSU 54

The last time Levi Stukes sank a game-winning 3-pointer, the first teammate off the bench to jump in his arms was Kevin Brophy.

On the day Georgia honored Brophy, who died in an automobile accident on July 19, Stukes delivered another last-second 3 to lift the Bulldogs to a win over No. 21 Louisiana State on Sunday.

Brophy's family traveled from Australia for a pregame ceremony. The Bulldogs wear "Do it for Broph" patches on their jerseys this season to honor the player who came to Georgia as a walk-on and earned a scholarship in his second year.

Stukes said he immediately thought of his former teammate after making his first game-winning shot since he hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer in overtime to top South Carolina on Jan. 14,

2006.

"When I hit the game-winning shot at South Carolina, the first guy who was off the bench hugging me and on top of me was Kevin Brophy," Stukes said.

## Virginia Tech 73 Georgia Tech 65

Zabian Dowdell scored 23 points and A.D. Vassallo had 19 to help No. 24 Virginia Tech beat Georgia Tech 73-65 on Sunday.

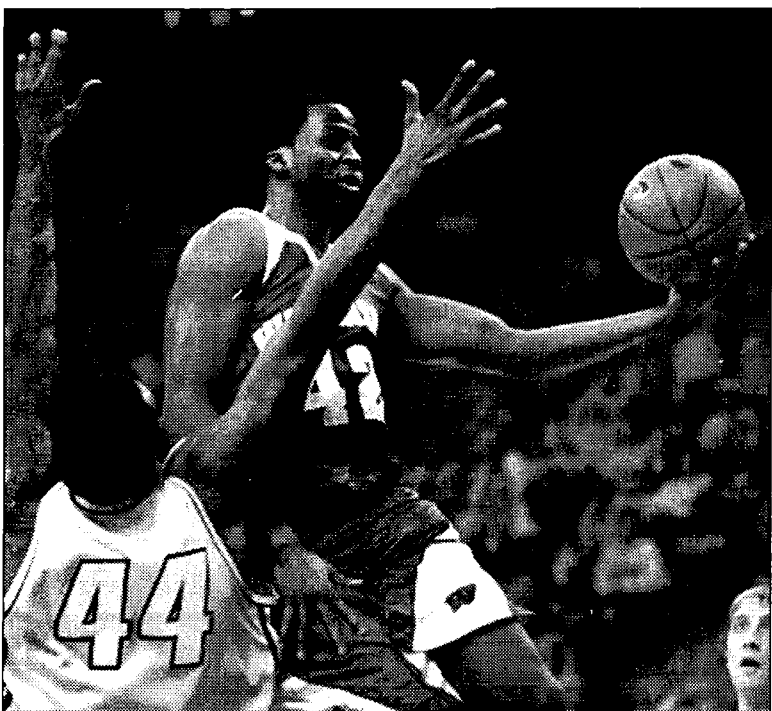
The Hokies (16-5, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) have won three straight, six of eight and 12 of 14.

Their biggest lead was only 10 points, coming on Coleman Collins' dunk with 17:43 remaining, but Virginia Tech never allowed the Yellow Jackets to pull any closer than three after Javaris Crittenton hit a 3-pointer 2:24 later.

Georgia Tech (13-7, 2-5) has lost three straight to drop into 10th place in the ACC. The Yellow Jackets never led after Mouhammad Faye's basket in the first minute of the game.

Anthony Morrow had 18 points to lead Georgia Tech, which began the game with the ACC's best field-goal percentage at 50.6 but was a season-worst 36.6 percent against the Hokies.

Crittenton, who scored 12 points on a 5-for-19 performance, has missed 30 of his last 39 shots from the field.



Wisconsin forward Alando Tucker goes up for a layup in the Badgers 57-46 win Sunday. Tucker finished with 27 points.

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## Women's Basketball Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Duke	21-0	1235
2	North Carolina	22-0	1212
3	Maryland	21-1	1128
4	Tennessee	19-2	1122
5	Ohio State	18-1	1005
6	Connecticut	17-2	1000
7	Oklahoma	18-2	972
8	LSU	20-2	873
9	Stanford	18-3	856
10	Arizona State	19-3	766
11	George Washington	18-2	673
12	Purdue	19-3	671
13	Baylor	18-3	636
14	Georgia	18-4	633
15	Vanderbilt	18-4	503
16	Bowling Green	18-2	485
17	Marquette	19-2	444
18	Louisville	19-2	367
19	Middle Tenn. St.	19-3	359
20	California	16-5	268
21	Texas A&M	15-4	210
22	Mississippi	16-6	177
23	Michigan State	15-5	159
24	Texas	14-7	125
25	Nebraska	17-4	74

## Men's Basketball Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Florida	19-2	1759
2	Wisconsin	21-1	1720
3	UCLA	18-1	1679
4	North Carolina	19-2	1597
5	Ohio State	17-3	1470
6	Texas A&M	16-3	1438
7	Oregon	19-2	1387
8	Kansas	17-3	1248
9	Pittsburgh	19-3	1203
10	Duke	18-3	1091
11	Memphis	17-3	954
12	Alabama	15-5	937
13	Oklahoma State	18-3	867
14	Butler	19-2	856
15	Marquette	19-4	726
16	Air Force	19-3	676
17	Arizona	14-6	545
18	Nevada	19-2	534
19	Clemson	18-4	507
20	Washington State	17-4	418
21	LSU	13-7	392
22	NOTRE DAME	17-4	304
23	Indiana	15-5	210
24	Virginia Tech	16-5	177
25	USC	16-6	149

## Hockey CCHA Standings

	team	CCHA record	points	overall record
1	Notre Dame	15-3-2	32	18-3
2	Miami	13-6-3	29	18-4
3	Michigan	14-6-0	28	15-5
4	Michigan State	12-6-1	25	14-5
5	Nebraska-Omaha	10-8-2	22	14-6
6	Ohio State	8-8-4	20	16-4
7	Lake Superior	8-9-3	19	15-4
8	Western Michigan	9-10-1	19	14-5
9	Northern Michigan	8-13-1	17	13-6
10	Alaska	6-10-4	16	11-8
11	Ferris State	4-14-2	10	12-8
12	Bowling Green	3-17-1	7	12-9

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### NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Pittsburgh at Villanova

6 p.m., ESPN

Kansas at Nebraska

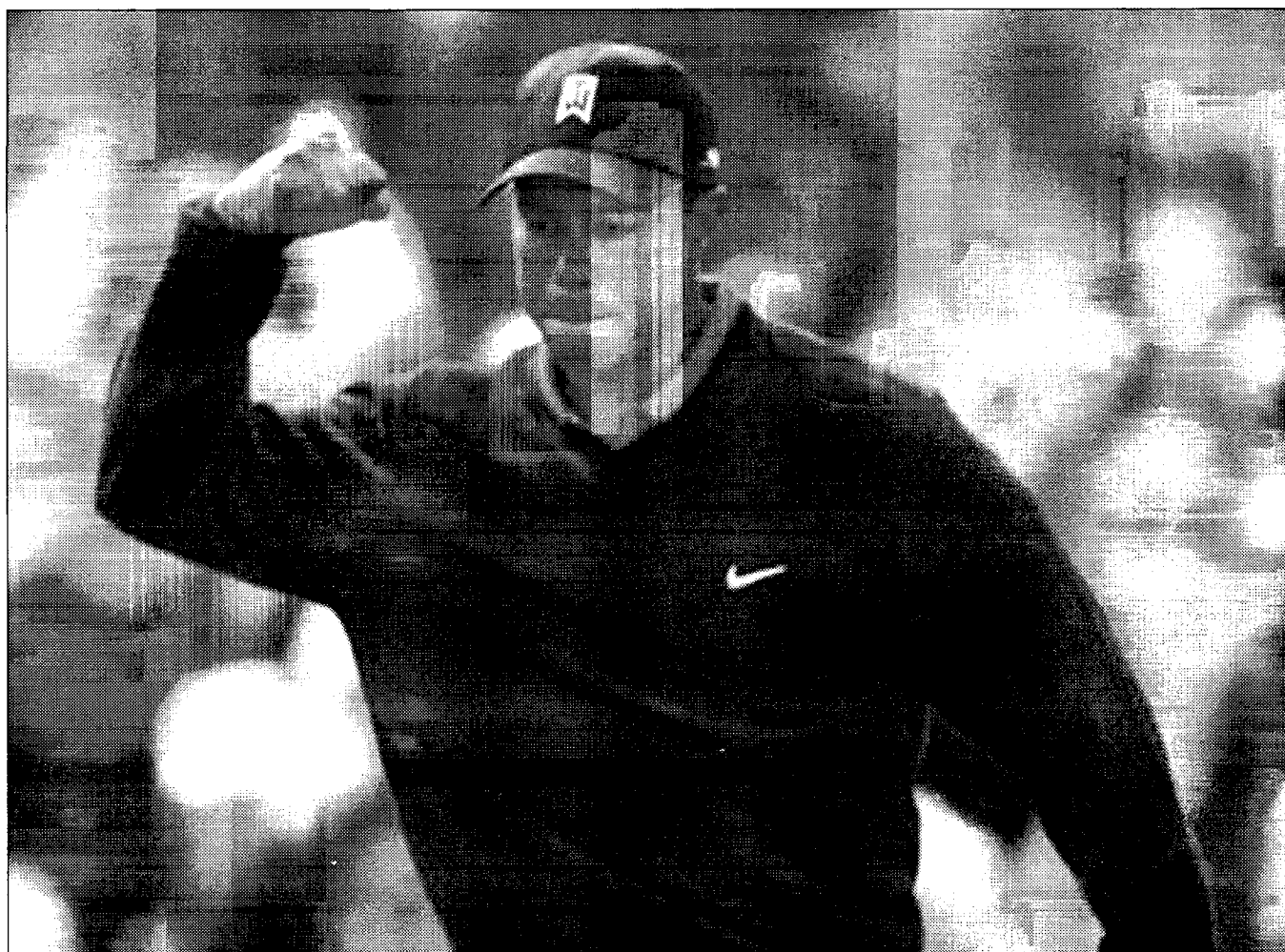
8 p.m., ESPN

### NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ohio State at Purdue

6 p.m., ESPN2

## NFL



Tiger Woods delivers his signature fist-pump Sunday after holing a putt for eagle that tied him for the lead of the Buick Invitational. Woods won the tournament for his seventh straight PGA Tour victory.

## Tiger roars back for seventh straight

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods is more interested in a fifth green jacket at the Masters than 11 straight victories on the PGA Tour.

At this rate, he might have a chance to get both.

Woods resumed his improbable pursuit of Byron Nelson with a predictable result at the Buick Invitational on Sunday, winning for the third straight year to stretch his PGA Tour winning streak to seven. That's the second-longest streak in tour history behind Nelson in 1945, and there is little evidence anyone can stop him.

"It ain't easy beating that guy," said Charles Howell III, who certainly tried.

Woods caught up to the pack with a 3-wood from 276 yards to set up a 25-foot eagle putt on the ninth hole. He buried the hopes of his final challenger with a 9-iron to 2 1/2 feet on the 17th hole for birdie. His final act was figuring out how to get his ball out of a small hole in front of the 18th green, hitting it with the edge of his sand wedge to 3 feet for a par and a two-shot victory.

It gave him a 6-under 66, the best score all week on the demanding South Course, site of the U.S. Open next year. Nelson's

record often has been thought to be untouchable, which now describes the world's No. 1 player.

"As far as how special seven is, you're in elite company," Woods said. "There's only one person ahead of you. He's one of the greatest legends in the history of the game. To be in company like with Mr. Nelson ... it's pretty special."

This is the second time Woods has made a run at Nelson, who died in September. Woods won six straight in 2000, a streak that Phil Mickelson stopped at Torrey Pines. But against a cast of challengers short on experience or victories,

Woods met little resistance in winning at Torrey Pines for the fifth time in 10 tries.

The only question is the veracity of the streak — Woods failed to win once in Europe and twice in Asia during his run — and when he will resume his chase of Nelson's mark.

Woods believes his winning streak ended when he lost in the first round of the HSBC World Match Play Championship last September, a European tour event. The PGA Tour record book only reflects its own tournaments.

All that matters to Woods is his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' record 18 professional majors.

## IN BRIEF

### Federer reaches double digits for Grand Slam titles

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer captured his 10th Grand Slam singles title without dropping a set, finishing a dominating run through the Australian Open by beating Fernando Gonzalez of Chile 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-4 in Sunday's final.

Federer improved his winning streak to a career-best 36 matches, became the first man in the Open era to twice win three straight majors and has won six of the last seven Grand Slam titles — his only loss was in the French Open final to Rafael Nadal.

It also was the first time that a champion went through a major without dropping a set since the 1980 French Open, when Bjorn Borg did it for the third time. Ken Rosewall, who was sitting in the stands, was the last man to accomplish the feat at the Australian Open, in 1971.

### With Barbaro's life in the balance, doctors make cast

PHILADELPHIA — A custom-made cast was removed and Barbaro underwent a procedure on his right hind leg Saturday, the same leg the Kentucky Derby winner shattered eight months ago in the Preakness.

It is the first time in weeks the right hind leg has been the focus of concern. For months, it was the left hind leg that put Barbaro's recovery in serious jeopardy because of laminitis, the often-fatal hoof disease.

"They did some procedures on the one he originally injured," co-owner Roy Jackson told The Associated Press on Saturday night. "He had a little bit of a bruise, an abscess. I should let New Bolton fill you in on the procedure."

Gail Luciani, a spokeswoman for the University of Pennsylvania's veterinary school, would not confirm if a procedure was performed on Barbaro by chief surgeon Dean Richardson and had no additional comment.

### Cowboys may hire Turner over Garrett as head coach

IRVING, Texas — Norv Turner got the best out of Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin when he was the Dallas Cowboys' offensive coordinator.

He thinks he can do the same with Tony Romo, Terrell Owens and the rest of the club as their next head coach.

Turner interviewed for the job Sunday, becoming the seventh — and likely final — candidate being considered by owner Jerry Jones.

"I was excited to get a chance to visit and talk about things that are important to me," said Turner, San Francisco's offensive coordinator. "In this league, it's all about timing and circumstance. ... I've got a lot of confidence in the things I can do. I think there are a lot of people in this league that look at it in that manner."

Turner was the offensive coordinator in Dallas from 1991-93.

## NFL

# Bears arrive in Miami to begin Super Bowl week

Associated Press

MIAMI — Coach Lovie Smith thumbed through the Indianapolis Colts press guide on a three-hour flight that delivered the Bears from the cold of Chicago to the warm comfort of Florida — a trip that landed them back at the Super Bowl.

"I looked at 18 pages of Peyton Manning," Smith said Sunday night, about two hours after the Bears touched down at Miami International Airport.

The Bears know they will have to contain No. 18, the Colts' star quarterback, in one week at Dolphin Stadium, or they won't finish off the goal they set for themselves way back in the spring.

Wearing an orange tie reflecting one of the Bears' team colors, Smith bounded down the steps of the plane and hurried to one of six buses waiting to take his team to the hotel.

"I was one of the first guys to get off the plane, I got a chance to get my seat real quick and see the players get off and see the smiles on their faces," Smith said.

"We feel good about where we are right now, but you know they all say the same thing: One more step, and they can't wait. ..."

Their chartered plane sported a big Bears logo on the side when it arrived at Miami International Airport. As they taxied up, the pilot opened the window of the mammoth jetliner and flew a Bears flag.

The temperature was about 60 degrees warmer than the frigid teens the Bears left on a trip that whisked them from snow-covered fields to palm trees.

It also took Smith just three seasons to land the Bears back in the Super Bowl for the first time since 1986.

The team hotel, just five minutes away from the airport and miles from the glitter of South Beach, featured a big orange and blue 'C' on the elevator doors and a large sign above many of the doorways with

"Finish" sandwiched by two Bears heads.

Smith said Friday his plan was to keep the Bears on a normal schedule as much as possible. That will certainly be interrupted by media mob sessions the first four days this week, including one Tuesday at the stadium where they will face the Colts in a week.

The Bears didn't have a curfew Sunday night; it starts Monday.

"Our curfew is midnight,"

said rookie Devin Hester, who played in college at Miami. "I told the guys everything starts (at South Beach) at 1 o'clock, so we'll already be in bed."

"Miami is a great place to visit and there are all kinds of things you can get into. We do want to have a little fun, but careful of your surroundings. We're here to play a football game."

All season long they've dodged the doubters, who questioned just how good these

Bears could be because they play in what was the weaker NFC this season.

Their 15-3 record was met with some skepticism, and quarterback Rex Grossman has been a question mark — good one week, shaky the next, with a little of both thrown in throughout 2006.

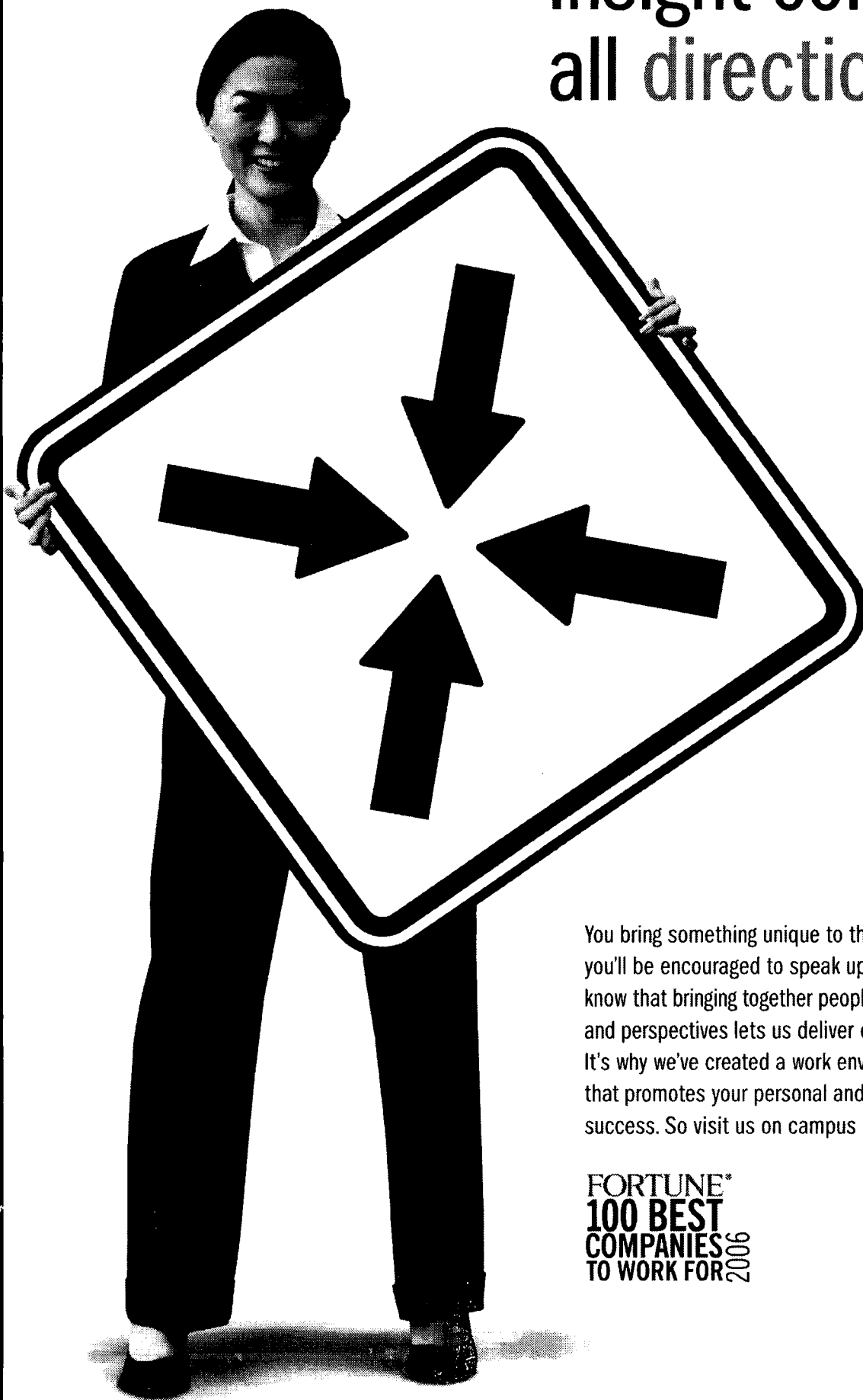
The defense that led the NFL with 44 takeaways wasn't as tough down the stretch until a strong showing in the NFC championship game rout of

New Orleans and its top-ranked offense.

Now come the Colts and their high-powered offense.

"You know what? It finally sunk in today for the first time that we're in the Super Bowl," cornerback Charles Tillman said. "You see all the Super Bowl 41 stickers and we get to the hotel and we have all the fans and media here — it's actually starting to sink in that I'm in the Super Bowl, that the Bears are in the Super Bowl."

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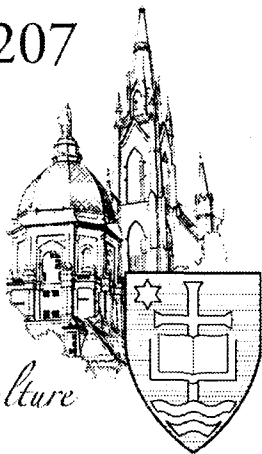
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### NBA

## Bucks beat Knicks, end losing streak

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Up two with 28 seconds left, Mo Williams didn't want to give the charging Knicks another chance.

"I told myself, 'I'm going to take the shot and if I do miss it, they aren't going to have a lot of time left,'" Williams said. "I had to set it up right."

Williams had 30 points, including an awkward, 20-foot jumper with 3.1 seconds left, and 10 assists to lift the Milwaukee Bucks to a 107-105 victory over the New York Knicks on Sunday to snap a six-game losing streak.

The Knicks nearly came back anyway after Williams' shot.

Jamal Crawford hit an open 3 to make it 106-105 and the Knicks fouled Williams with 0.4 seconds left.

Williams, who meant to miss his second free throw, made it, giving the Knicks a chance to tie or win.

"The way things have been going lately when I made it I thought we were going to over-time," Williams said. "We played too well today to get a moral victory."

But Crawford couldn't get a 3-pointer off from the corner in time.

"I was trying to rush just to get it up," said Crawford, who wasn't sure if the shot even would have counted.

Williams, who missed the last

nine games after spraining his left shoulder in a collision on Jan. 8 at Denver, brought some desperately needed energy and bailed out the struggling Bucks after they nearly blew a 13-point lead with just under 9 minutes to play.

Milwaukee, which had lost 11 of its last 12 and nearly completed its first winless month at home in more than 15 years, outhustled the Knicks for most of the game before New York made a furious rally.

"We just can't put ourselves in situations like that," said Stephon Marbury, who finished with 15 points. "We put ourselves in a tough situation where we had to fight to come back. Those guys, they hadn't won a game, so we kind of expected them to come out and play the way they played. For us as a team, we've got to come out more prepared."

Crawford, who scored 17 points in the fourth and finished with 26, started by scoring the Knicks' first 10 points of the final quarter. He picked up his fifth foul with 5:05 left and the Knicks down 91-85, but New York didn't fold.

Andrew Bogut, who had 18 points and nine rebounds, finished a fast break with a dunk with 1:33 left to make it 102-95, but Marbury scored the next five points off two free throws and a long 3-pointer to make it 102-100 with a minute to go.

### NHL

## With injury problems over, Ducks down Stars



Shane O'Brien of the Anaheim Ducks and Stu Barnes of the Dallas Stars battle for the puck in Anaheim's 4-1 win Sunday.

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jean-Sebastien Giguere refused to blame the Anaheim Ducks' recent skid on injuries to himself and defensemen Chris Pronger and Francois Beauchemin.

Now that they're all back, there are no excuses.

Andy McDonald scored twice and Teemu Selanne had a goal and an assist, leading the Ducks to a 4-1 victory over the Dallas Stars on Sunday.

Pronger returned to the lineup after missing nine games with a broken left foot, and Beauchemin played for the first time since Dec. 26 after being sidelined for 11 games with a lacerated spleen.

"We all know that injuries are part of this game, but it's not an excuse whether we're going to win or lose. It's about 20 guys working hard," Giguere said.

"The fact that the three of us were injured had nothing to do with us losing some games. It had everything to do with guys not bearing down in our zone and not doing the little things we were doing at the beginning of the season."

Playing for the first time since Jan. 19 because of the All-Star break, the rested and replenished Ducks displayed the form that resulted in their 25-3-6 start. The victory was only their 12 in 12 games and snapped a third-game losing streak.

Dustin Penner also scored and Giguere made 30 saves after missing 11 games with a strained groin.

The 2003 playoff MVP, who was leading the NHL with 23 wins when he was injured Dec. 26 at San Jose, gave up his only goal on a penalty shot by Jere Lehtinen with 12:14 remaining.

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## NBA

# Finley shot gives Spurs OT victory

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Finley was often the No. 1 option in his 8 1/2 seasons with the Dallas Mavericks. It's a different story in San Antonio, where he comes off the bench and is well down the list.

But Finley got the ball with the game on the line Sunday as the Los Angeles Lakers swarmed Tim Duncan, and his 3-pointer with 1.3 seconds left in overtime gave the cold-shooting Spurs an improbable 96-94 victory.

"It looked like it was going in, but I didn't know until it went in," Finley said with a smile. "It was just a normal shot for me. We wanted Tim to create for himself, first of all. If he wasn't able to, he was supposed to kick it out to a teammate, as he always does."

Duncan found Finley, who shot from well beyond the arc and hit nothing but net on his long jumper over Lamar Odom, helping the Spurs avoid their first regular-season sweep at hands of the Lakers in nine years.

"Mike stepped into it and it was just an incredible shot," Duncan said. "Those are the kinds of shots we want him to step up and take."

Finley, who entered averaging 7.7 points, scored 17 on five 3-pointers in 10 attempts along with another basket.

"Some things we planned, some things we didn't, but that was just the fortuitous circumstance that he knocked down the shot," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Sometimes, you've just got to be lucky."

Vladimir Radmanovic's 3-pointer as time expired didn't come close. Kobe Bryant, who had 31 points, six rebounds and seven assists, was unable to get open, leaving it up to Radmanovic to try the final shot.

"They're just going to set two guys on me — and the guy taking the ball out," Bryant said. "I tried to make cuts off of that accordingly, and I just wasn't able to get a good look."

The Spurs won despite shooting a season-low 33.7 percent (32-of-95). But they made their last two shots to go 5-of-8 in overtime, when Tony Parker scored seven of his 19 points.

"We just couldn't make a shot," said Manu Ginobili, who had 21 points and seven rebounds. "Even in the overtime, when they made their first four shots, we stuck with it. It's great to win like this."



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## MEN'S TENNIS

## Irish split road matches with Virginia, W &amp; M

By DEIRDRE KRASULA  
Sports Writer

It may have been a long trip back to South Bend, but it was worth the trip for Notre Dame.

The Irish fought severe weather delays coming home from Virginia and William and Mary in order to make it back for a match against Indiana today at 4 p.m.

"There were obviously concerns about our ability to get

into South Bend," head coach Bobby Bayliss said, "and for the guys to get a good night rest and be ready to play [Monday]."

Notre Dame split its two matches this weekend. The Irish opened their season with a 6-1 loss to No. 8 Virginia Friday. Senior Ryan Keckley was the sole Irish player to garner a win, knocking off Ted Angelinos at No. 5 singles 7-6(1), 6-2. Keckley battled the match on a sore ankle — play had to stop so that the senior

could have his ankle taped to allow him to finish.

The Irish fell behind early on in the match, dropping all three doubles challenges to the Cavaliers. Keckley and junior Sheeva Parbhu (No. 11) fell 8-4 to Somdev Devvarman and Treat Huey (No. 8). The other two matches followed suit with the No. 2 and 3 teams both dropping their matches 8-5.

Besides Keckley's win, the rest of the day wasn't very successful for the Irish. After dropping

ping set point in the first set, senior Stephen Bass (No. 14) succumbed to Devvarman (No. 8) 7-6(6), 6-1. Parbhu (No. 30) struggled to succeed at second doubles falling 7-6(2), 7-5 to Huey (No. 10).

While Bayliss said the Cavaliers will most likely come out of this weekend as a top-5 team, he was unsure of where exactly the Irish faltered in the match.

"Perhaps it was first match indecisiveness, perhaps Virginia's just that good — it's hard to know," he said.

The Cavaliers went on to defeat No. 5 Illinois 5-2 Sunday.

Saturday in Williamsburg proved more rewarding for Notre Dame. The Irish made up for their 6-1 loss to Virginia with a 7-0 dousing of William and Mary.

A sweep in doubles competition gave the team an early 1-0 lead. Keckley and Parbhu start-

ed the team off with an 8-5 win over Colin O'Brien and Alex Cojanu (No. 30). The rest of the matches went smoothly for the Irish, who went 6-0 in singles play. Parbhu battled against Cojanu (No. 49), driving the match into a third set to finally take the win 7-6(3), 3-6, 10-5. Bass — playing at No. 2 singles — routed O'Brien 6-2, 6-2. Keckley found another victory with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Marwan Ramadan to improve to 10-2 overall for the season.

Notre Dame will look to use its win over William and Mary to prepare for its match against Indiana.

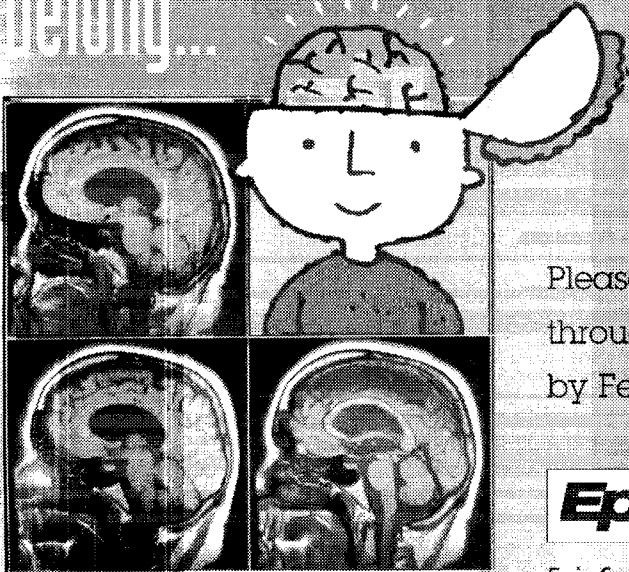
"I was proud of the focus we had after losing a hard-fought match the night before," Bayliss said. "We didn't have a lot of time to feel sorry for ourselves."

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## SMC SWIMMING

Belles fall to Calvin  
for third straight loss

By LORENZO REYES  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell short to Calvin 129-86 Friday at South Bend's Washington High School.

It was the Belles' third straight defeat in MIAA action.

The Knights were able to come out on top for seven of the 11 swimming events. They had six different swimmers win individual events and won the 200-meter medley relay.

Calvin was also able to secure valuable second and third place finishes in many events.

Freshman Sara Niemann provided a bright spot for Saint Mary's. Niemann won the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 26.95 and the 100-yard backstroke in 1:07.13.

The Belles also won the 100-meter breaststroke as junior Kelly Tighe posted a time of 1:16.22 and the 1,000-meter freestyle as Melissa Gerbeth posted a time of 11:03.88.

Belles coach Ryan Dombkowski also found positives in swimmers that didn't win.

"[Freshman] Meredith Lierz had a fantastic swim in the 100 free as did [sophomore] Jennifer Nicol in the 100 butterfly," Dombkowski said.

Niemann talked about the mindset entering the meet and some of her personal goals.

"For this meet against Calvin, I think everyone had the mindset that we would have the chance to compete against some very fast swimmers," she said. "Personally, I wanted a chance to compete in some of my weaker events before conference, and have some fast competition to race."

Despite the loss, Dombkowski

said he thinks the team has improved this season.

"I think we've made great progress both in and out of the water," he said. "Only four of our current team members were on the on the squad last year, meaning basically our whole team was new."

"After almost a complete season, we're not only better in the water in just about every event, but we're better as a unit as well."

Niemann said she is excited about the young team's potential in future years.

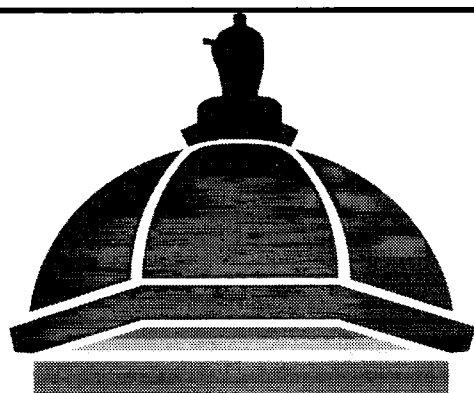
"I didn't really know what to expect from Saint Mary's coming into the season," she said. "But as the season comes to a close, I couldn't be happier. Everyone has worked hard to improve and I excited to see what happens at conference, and what next year will bring. We've become more competitive and hopefully we can get even stronger next year."

However, before the Belles can worry about the off-season and next year, they have the MIAA Swimming & Diving Championships in Grand Rapids, Mich. from Feb. 8-10.

"We'll need to focus on improving the little aspects of our races; starts, turns, finishes, etc," Dombkowski said of his team's chances in Grand Rapids. "We've already started resting a bit to get our bodies physically ready to be our best, but we also have to focus on strategy and getting our minds mentally prepared for the championships as well."

"A three-day meet with prelims in the morning and finals at night can be both physically and mentally exhausting, so we'll have to be prepared for the challenges ahead."

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## ND avenges only 2006 loss against Vanderbilt

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish kicked off their dual match season this weekend, winning two matches against Illinois and avenging their lone 2006 loss against No. 12 Vanderbilt.

"It was great for us to come out and not only open our home schedule with a victory, but to get a victory against such a quality opponent is tremendous," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "I know this game meant a lot to our returning players after last season's meeting."

Sophomore Katie Potts sealed the 4-3 victory for the Irish over the Commodores Sunday, rallying from a 5-3 first set deficit to defeat Vanderbilt junior Caroline Ferrell 7-5, 6-4.

"It was a good tough match," Louderback said. "We needed to get a tough match in before the [ITA National Indoor Championship]."

Notre Dame started the match against Vanderbilt by sweeping all three doubles matches and taking a 1-0 lead.

"For us, it was a big win in the doubles," Louderback said. "It's big for us to go out and start 1-0."

The No. 11 ranked team of seniors Catrina and Christian Thompson defeated Ferrell and Amanda Taylor 8-3, while the No. 5 team of sophomore Kelcy Tefft and junior Brook Buck survived a scare from Taka Bertrand and Catherine Newman to win 8-7 and give Notre Dame the doubles point. Freshmen Cosmina

Ciobanu and Kali Krisik completed the sweep in doubles by knocking off Liberty Sveke and Courtney Ulery 8-4.

No. 41 Catrina Thompson won a pivotal singles match against No. 42 Taylor 6-1, 6-4.

"Catrina Thompson played very well. She and Christian played very well in the doubles and then she had a good singles match," Louderback said.

Ciobanu also won her singles match over Sveke 6-1, 6-4 to give the Irish a 2-0 lead on the day and improve her singles record to 12-4 on the year.

"Cosmina played a very, very solid singles match," Louderback said. "[Sveke] is a hard kid to play indoors because she hits the ball big and comes into the net a lot."

Vanderbilt gained some ground as its No. 57 Taka Bertrand defeated Notre Dame's No. 31 Colleen Rielley while Ulery defeated Tefft 7-6 (6), 6-1 and No. 24 Catherine Newman knocked off Christian Thompson 6-4, 6-1 before Potts clinched the match for the Irish.

On Friday, the Irish swept Illinois and its head coach, former Irish assistant Michelle Dasso, 7-0 in Champaign, Ill.

The Irish are 2-0 in their dual match season and will next participate in the ITA National Indoor Championships Thursday.

"It should be good because there are sixteen teams there and fourteen of them are in the top eighteen in the country," Louderback said. "It should be a good tournament."

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## ND SWIMMING

## Seniors strong in Shamrock

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men and women walked out of Rolfs Aquatic Center for the final time this season with a combined record of 5-3 in this past weekend's Shamrock Invitational.

Both teams hosted Big East rivals West Virginia and Connecticut in addition to out-of-conference squads Penn State and Oakland. The meet was scored as a quadruple dual meet between each of the five teams.

The No. 19 women handily dispatched of Oakland (310-54), Connecticut (293-76) and West Virginia (222.50-147.50), but suffered their first dual meet loss of the season at the hands of No. 15 Penn State, 213.50 to 156.50.

Of the four results, the Irish placed the most emphasis on their convincing win over the Mountaineers, who will likely be one of Notre Dame's toughest competitors at the Big East Championships.

"We knew they were out to get us right now because this would be a good indication of where we stand going into the Big East [championships]," senior Katie Carroll said. "We feel more secure heading into the Big East knowing we have the ability to beat them."

Carroll, one of many Irish seniors swimming in Rolfs for

the final time this past weekend, left her mark. Her time of 16:27.48 in the 1,650-yard freestyle bested her own pool record by more than 10 seconds. Fellow senior Julia Quinn also set a new pool record as her time of 2:16.26 in the 200-yard breaststroke left Julia Hardy's 2005 mark in her wake.

"I wasn't expecting [to get the result I did]," Carroll said. "It hit a couple of us that this was our last time swimming at this place, so it was nice to go out on a high note."

Carroll also touched the wall first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:02.40. Over the course of the two days, Notre Dame amassed nine second place finishes, two of which came from sophomore Christa Riggins, who placed second in both the 100 and 200-freestyle. Riggins also teamed up with Carroll, Caroline Johnson and Rebecca Grove to take second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

On the men's side, No. 17 Notre Dame defeated Oakland (230-139) and Connecticut (284-86), but fell short against Penn State (221.5-147.5) and No. 19 West Virginia (228-142).

Notre Dame was the latest to be overwhelmed by the Mountaineer tidal wave, which has destroyed 13 consecutive opponents in addition to a first place finish at the Maryland Invitational. West Virginia won 12 of the 20 events on the weekend, and the Mountaineers

won 6 consecutive races on Saturday morning.

"This weekend helped us realize that we have a major challenge [in West Virginia] ahead of us for the Big East championships," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "We've been in this position before, and we know what to do in it. Game on."

A bright spot for the Irish was sophomore diver Michael Bulfin who picked up two of the three Notre Dame victories on the weekend. On Friday evening, Bulfin set a pool record in the one-meter diving with a total of 339.40 points, and he nearly duplicated his efforts on Saturday missing the pool record in the three-meter diving by 5.5 points.

"He's an outstanding diver," Welsh said. "He's been doing very well all year, and everything is really coming together for him at the right time."

Other highlights on the weekend for the Irish included sweeping the top 4 spots in the 500-yard freestyle led by senior Ted Brown's time of 4:31.55. Notre Dame also took three of the top five spots in the 200-yard freestyle.

Both the men and women will travel to Louisville next week-end for their final meet before the Big East championships Feb. 14.

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## FENCING

## Top teams get best of Irish at NYU Duals

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

All wasn't right for the Irish.

A week after finishing 16-1 in the Notre Dame Duals at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame posted a 7-5 combined record in the NYU Duals Sunday at the Coles Sports Center.

The No. 4 Irish women went 4-2, highlighted by a thrilling 14-13 victory over No. 5 Northwestern. Senior epeeist Amy Orlando — a key figure in Notre Dame's comeback win over Ohio State last week — won 4-3 in sudden death over Wildcats freshman Christa French for the deciding point.

The Notre Dame women also posted an easier, 16-11 win over No. 6 St. John's. The Irish fell 15-12 to Columbia-Barnard, while the Ohio State women returned the favor from the Notre Dame Duals to the Irish with a 14-13 win on neutral territory.

The No. 5 Irish men went 3-3, falling to each top-10 team they faced while beating Stevens Tech, Yale and the host squad. Yale and NYU received votes in the most recent U.S. Fencing Coaches Association Top-10 poll.

Stevens Tech participated only on the men's side and fell 17-10

to Notre Dame.

Columbia, which finished fifth in the 2006 NCAA Championships, topped Notre Dame in both dual meets. The No. 2 Lions beat the No. 4 Irish 15-2, and the No. 4 Columbia men's team earned a come-from-behind victory over the No. 5 Irish.

Notre Dame took an 11-9 lead with seven bouts remaining, but Columbia posted a furious comeback that included five straight wins for a 15-12 decision.

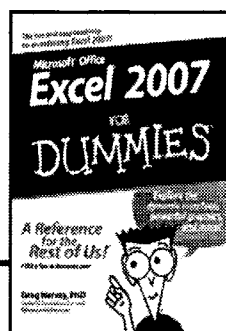
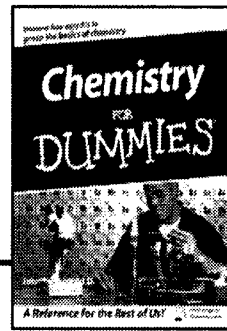
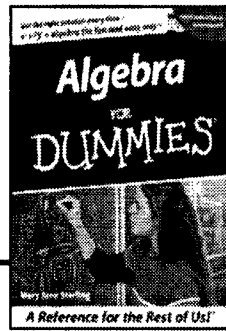
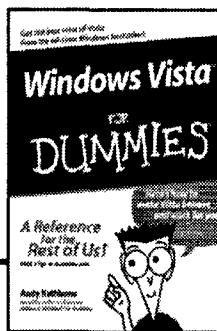
The Irish tore through the host squad, beating the Violet men and women by identical 21-6 marks. The Violet women went 0-6 on the day, while the men were 2-3.

Notre Dame beat Yale 22-5 on the men's side and 19-8 on the women's side.

Two fencers at opposite ends of their college careers were Notre Dame's top performers in New York.

Men's senior sabre Patrick Ghattas and women's freshman epeeist Kelley Hurley each finished the competition 17-1 in the day's bouts.

The Observer was unable to contact Irish coach Janusz Bednarski Sunday.

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# Nova

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Wildcat forward Dante Cunningham and guard Reggie Redding cut the lead to 66-63 with 18 seconds left.

After an inbounds pass slipped through the hands of Irish forward Zach Hillesland, Villanova had a chance to tie the game, but Redding and forward Curtis Sumpter missed open three-point attempts, giving Notre Dame its 15th home victory of the season.

"[Villanova] was really good. It's the best team that's come into this building. We just had a hard time scoring on them," Brey said. "I think it was a step forward for us because we haven't had to muck one out like that."

A three-point goal by Villanova forward Shane Clark gave the Wildcats a 60-57 lead with 3:46 remaining — but that would be Villanova's last field goal. Notre Dame forward Ryan Ayers sparked the late Irish run a minute later with a three to tie the game at 60 and then converted two of three free throws on the next possession

to give Notre Dame a 62-60 lead.

"It felt good," Ayers said. "It was nice to be out there at the end, in crunch time, pull out a win, and help my team."

The Irish played the last 7:12 without their leading scorer, forward Russell Carter — who's averaging 18.4 points per game this year, good for second in the Big East.

"We were doing a pretty good job on (Carter) for once," Villanova coach Jay Wright said.

Brey benched Carter, who finished with 14 points on 3-for-11 shooting, after he picked up two fouls on consecutive possessions.

"I took him out not to take him out the rest of the game. I took him out just to get a blow and have [assistant] coach [Gene] Cross talk to him a little bit," Brey said. "Then the group that was in there started playing pretty well. So, you stick with it and let that group finish the game."

Notre Dame struggled to just 21 points in the first half and faced a four-point halftime deficit.

"They're doubling you, they're scrambling you. There's not a rhyme or reason to [Villanova's defense] sometimes, but it's so fast

and physical," Brey said. "You're not running your offense against them. You're just trying to make two or three passes, hit the open man, and hope to make the right play."

The Irish were able to work the ball inside better in the second half — whether through passing or penetration from point guard Tory Jackson — and create open looks inside and outside. Notre Dame shot 41 percent in the second half compared to just 29 percent in the first half.

"It was just a matter of making more passes there. Their pressure kind of got to us in the first half and made us go faster than we wanted to," Hillesland said. "It was just a matter of calming down and making two and three more passes and just getting them to move around before we really attacked."

Both teams had to adjust their respective game-plans to inconsistent officiating.

The first foul of the game occurred with 13:23 left in the first half, but in the second half, Villanova was called for its seventh team foul after only 3 minutes of play. Cunningham and Clark each picked up their fourth fouls early

in the second half.

Cunningham, who finished with 11 points and seven rebounds, came out after his fourth, which gave Notre Dame an opportunity to work the ball inside. Irish forward Rob Kurz, who ended up with a double-double — compiling 10 points and 10 rebounds — also committed his fourth foul early in the half.

The tight officiating in the second half allowed Notre Dame to shoot 29 free throws in the second half and make 24 compared to

Villanova's 12-of-18 from the charity stripe.

Reynolds led the Wildcats with 19 points on 5-of-14 shooting while forward Curtis Sumpter added 11 points and ten rebounds.

Notre Dame avenged its 102-87 loss against the Wildcats two weeks ago in Philadelphia.

The Irish travel to Syracuse Tuesday to take on the Orange in the Carrier Dome.

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DAN COOPER/The Observer

Notre Dame players remembered suspended teammate Kyle McAlarney by wearing 23 on their shoes during Sunday's game.

## Return

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ment Friday that he will return to Notre Dame for summer classes and apply for re-admittance in the fall, in time for next basketball season.

But his teammates' fears were assuaged a day sooner.

"He left a message [Thursday] on a lot of people's phones saying 'don't worry about me, focus on the season,'" freshman point guard Tory Jackson said after Saturday's 66-63 win over Villanova. "Then he gave us a hint. He said 'we've got a lot of work to do next year. Once we received the messages, we were like, 'Man, he's coming back.'"

Irish coach Mike Brey announced McAlarney's plan to return to the team during Friday's practice, Jackson said.

The news was especially important to the freshman point guard, who had been McAlarney's backup.

"I was sad," Jackson said. "Kyle was a good friend and I

looked up to him a lot, like an older brother. I'm happy that I get to play with him for two more years."

Jackson wasn't the only Notre Dame player excited to hear of McAlarney's return.

"We're excited to have him back next year because he's not only a good player, but also a great teammate," junior forward Rob Kurz said.

Kurz said he was glad that McAlarney, who waited weeks between his arrest Dec. 28 and the announcement of his suspension last Tuesday, could have some closure of the situation and plan his future with certainty.

"We've been through a lot with him, although it's nothing compared to what he's been through," Kurz said. "We were all kind of frustrated with the process and how things ended up, but we know he's coming back now, basically for us, and that's good."

McAlarney's high school coach, Rich Postiglione, said Friday he expected the sophomore to return.

"Kyle is a person who has a

fierce loyalty to his school, to his coach, to his peers, to his teammates," Postiglione said. "Kyle wants to do this right. He wants to finish what he started. This is not a weak-minded kid who's going to take the best offer. He's stronger than that."

Postiglione, who coached McAlarney at Moore Catholic in Staten Island, also said he's sure McAlarney will come back to Notre Dame stronger and even more driven to succeed.

"I'm very proud of him and the way he's handled this," he said. "He hasn't run and hid. [He's] ready to move on and be productive."

As a sign of unity and support for McAlarney, each Irish player wrote "23," the point guard's jersey number, on their shoes for the game against the Wildcats.

Sophomores Zach Hillesland and Ryan Ayers also wore sweatbands on their arms with "KM 23" written on them.

"We all just wanted to do something for him," Kurz said.

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## SMC BASKETBALL

# Newsom drops 30 in road victory

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Center Erin Newsom had 30 points and 11 rebounds as Saint Mary's defeated Tri-State 83-66 Saturday in Angola, Ind.

The win — the Belles' second over Tri-State this season — boosted their record to 8-10, 7-4 in MIAA play.

The Belles came out firing, leading 10-0 in the first five minutes of the game and never trailing. The Thunder would battle back, closing the gap to as close as one, but went into halftime down 42-34.

"It is very important to get off to a good start," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "If you don't, you play catch up the rest of the game. We try to set the tone of the game in the first couple possessions."

In the second half, Tri-State kept the game surprisingly close, trailing by as little as three at some points. With 9:24 left in the

game, however, the Belles took over and led by at least nine points for the rest of the game.

Henley said the improved play of Newsom and forward Anna Kammrath, who had 11 points and 7 rebounds Saturday, has helped guards Alison Kessler and Bridget Lipke, the Belles leading scorers for most of this season.

"We have been able to take the pressure off of Alison as we move along in the season," Henley said. "More and more players are stepping up at the offensive end of things that we are a more difficult team to defend than what we were at the start of the year. I think that Alison and Bridget Lipke are carrying this team, there just isn't as much pressure as there was early on."

Lipke had 13 points and 11 assists and came two rebounds shy of a triple-double Saturday.

Rebounding — a part of the game the Belles struggled with early in the year and which Henley said she stresses often in practice — was not a problem for

Saint Mary's against the Thunder. The Belles out-rebounded Tri-State 47-32.

Saint Mary's now has sole possession of third place in the MIAA standings. It faces fourth-place Olivet at home Wednesday.

The game also produced a milestone for Lipke, who broke the Saint Mary's record for assists in a career. Lipke, who now has 364 assists, passed Tammy Radke's previous mark of 353, set back in 1984-88.

"[Lipke] understands the offense we have put in this season so well, that I let her call out our plays for the majority of the game," Henley said. "She has a great read on what her teammates can do and she has also stepped up her contributions this season at both ends of the court. [The record] is something that this team really strived to help her achieve and we couldn't be happier for her."

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# Hockey

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seized the opportunity, crashing hard into the net he picked up his 12th goal of the season and knotted the score at two.

"I was overdue this weekend — I had a lot of chances — it was nice to see one finally go in," Deeth said. "Our line battled all weekend so it was good to get a big one like that."

Deeth, Condra and linemate Ryan Thang — Notre Dame's top scoring line this year — were successfully shut down for the majority of the game by a swarming Miami defense.

The No. 8/9 RedHawks held Notre Dame to only three shots in the first period — its lowest total of the season.

"I thought we were lethargic in the first period — it seemed like both teams spent a lot on Friday night. Tonight was a much slower paced game," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said Saturday.

Senior captain Ryan Jones led the way offensively for visiting Miami with a goal and an assist Saturday night, bringing his weekend total to three points.

Jones' goal came as the result of a Kyle Lawson miscue behind his own net with just over two minutes remaining in the opening period.

The freshman defender turned the puck over and the RedHawks quickly worked the puck around the zone to Jones, who was waiting just outside the crease.

In the second, Jones ripped a shot from the top of the circles on an odd-man rush. The puck bounced in and out of Irish netminder Dave Brown's glove and

sophomore Brian Kaufman cut across the crease and slid the puck over the goal line for a 2-0 lead.

## ND 4, Miami 1

A fired up Notre Dame squad got off to a quick start Friday night. The Irish scored three goals in the first 10 minutes of play and were able to coast to an impressive victory, adding a fourth tally in the second stanza.

"When we've had success we have been really good in the first period and we had that tonight," Jackson said.

Van Guilder netted the first score less than two minutes after the opening drop when he scooped up a rebound off of a Garret Regan shot.

A few minutes later freshman Dan Kissel exploded off the bench in his first shift and beat Miami goalie Charlie Effinger with a low, hard shot to the stick side. The goal, which was assisted by senior defenseman Tom Sawatske, was Kissel's fifth of the year and first since a Nov. 24 win over Nebraska-Omaha.

Thang rounded out the Irish offensive with two power-play goals against the CCHA's top penalty killing unit.

"They pressure really hard so our strategy was just to move the puck and hopes seams would open up, and they did tonight and we were able to get pucks to the net," Thang said.

The freshman's second goal was a laser wrist shot that

zipped over Effinger's shoulder and into the top-left corner of the twine. Fellow freshman Brett Blatchford and Kyle Lawson were credited with the assists.

"That shot was pretty impressive, that's a pro shot," Jackson said. "When [Thang] has a good game, boy, you better keep your head up because he can shoot the puck with the best of them."

While the freshman lit up the scoreboard — collecting seven of the team's 10 points — it was the Notre Dame veterans that played a huge role in shutting down one of the most dangerous lines in the country. Seniors T.J. Jindra, Michael

Bartlett and Jason Paige were matched with Hobey Baker candidate Nathan Davis and his linemates all night long and were able to keep them from posing a serious threat for 60 minutes.

"It's not always the most prestigious job, but it's what our team needed to win tonight and we did our job," Paige said.

Brown, another senior, also came through big for the Irish between the pipes, making 26 saves on 27 shots while fighting off a constant crowd in front of his net.

This weekend improved Notre Dame's record to 21-5-2 overall and kept them three points ahead of the RedHawks in the conference standings. After an impressive showing from Jackson's team combined with two losses by No. 1 Minnesota this weekend, the No. 3 Irish could jump a spot or two in the national rankings when released this afternoon.

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Irish forward

## ND TRACK AND FIELD

# ND Invite another success

31 athletes qualify for the Big East tourney at weekend's home meet

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame continued its strong indoor track season with an impressive performance Saturday at the Loftus Center in the Notre Dame Invitational, qualifying an additional 31 athletes for the Big East championships.

The main reason the Irish have been so successful this season — especially at the Notre Dame Invitational — is their hard training in preparation for the indoor season, said distance runner Patrick Smyth.

"I think our training over break [has been important for our success]. The indoor season is so short that you really have to come into it as soon as possible," he said. "So with the season being so short you just have to get on it right away and try to get in at a fast time and try to qualify for the NCAAs."

The Irish were headlined by their men's mile team, which qualified six runners for the Big East meet and took home six of the top 10 final times.

Leading the pack for the men's mile race was senior All-American Thomas Chamney,

who set a new personal best with a finish of 4:02.63. Following Chamney across the line for the Irish were junior Jake Watson and sophomore Smyth, who each set new best-times at 4:03.30 and 4:08.89 respectively. Joining these three in qualifying were senior Todd Ptacek (4:09.45), junior Adam Currie (4:12.06) and junior Brett Adams (4:12.98).

"With our long break we have to work hard," Smyth said. "I know Thomas Chamney and Jake Watson [went] to Albuquerque, which is 6,000 plus feet of altitude, and I was in Salt Lake City, Utah, which is in the high altitude and we all trained [hard] and came back in shape."

The men's team's sprinters also performed well at the invite, garnering 10 bids. Freshman Jeff Farnell set two new personal bests in the 60 meters and 200 meters, as did senior Jordan Powell in the 200 meters and 400 meters. Freshman Austin Wechter and sophomore Bill Buzaid also qualified in the 400 meters. Rounding out the male qualifiers were sophomore Bob Kueny in the 500 meters and junior John Cavanaugh and freshmen Jim Notwell and Cameron Eckert in the 800 meters.

On the women's side, the sprinters were able to hold their own, with seven qualifying

times. Even though the Irish earned seven bids, they only went to four different runners. The trio of senior Okechi Ogbuokiri, junior Crysta Swayzer and freshman Joanna Schultz were all double qualifiers in both the 200 and 400 meter dashes. Junior Dominique Manning set two new personal bests, winning the 60-meter dash in only 7.85 seconds and qualifying for the 60-meter hurdles in 8.61 seconds.

Also qualifying for the women were Brianne Schmidt in the 800 meters, sophomore Heidi Rocha and freshman Lindsey Ferguson in the 3,000 meter and seniors Amy Kohlmeier and Katie DeRusso in the mile.

With the impressive qualifying numbers and one meet remaining, the Irish are confident in their chances at a Big East indoor championship this season.

"Everybody's showing that they're in shape and they want to win a Big East title," Smyth said. "I think we were third last year and we're showing some more motivation. I know a lot of the sprinters are getting a lot more people qualified, and the distance team is holding our own as well."

The Irish resume competition this weekend at home with the Mevo Invitational.

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# Huskies

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Connecticut lead. Charles would finish the game with 12 points, 10 rebounds and nine blocks — one shy of the second triple-double in Connecticut history.

"I told Tina that this was her best defensive game, not just because of the blocked shots but I thought it was her best defensive game because she was in the right place at the right time most of the time," Huskies head coach Geno Auriemma said in his post-game press conference Saturday.

The Irish finished the game with 18 turnovers, considerably higher than their previous three turnover totals. Notre Dame only gave the ball up 12 times against Marquette Jan. 23, 11 times against Syracuse Jan. 20 and 10 times against St. John's Jan. 16.

On the other side, Notre Dame was able to take advantage of the Lady Huskies' mistakes, forcing 27 turnovers and outscoring Connecticut 22-19 after a giveaway.

"We did a lot of really good things and unfortunately our biggest problem was that we just couldn't score, and I think the turnovers were a result of not having the open looks we would normally get and maybe forcing the ball a little bit," McGraw said.

One of the bright spots in the Irish loss, McGraw said, was the play of her three freshmen — center Erica Williamson and guards Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner.

"That's a pretty intimidating environment — the biggest crowd we'd played in front of since Tennessee — and I thought they handled themselves really well," McGraw said. "I think that we outscored their bench [23-16]. I think that's a big thing for us."

The loss was Notre Dame's second in a row — the first time this season it has lost back-to-back games. The Irish will try to turn their luck around Wednesday as they finish off a three-game road trip at Pittsburgh.

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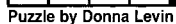
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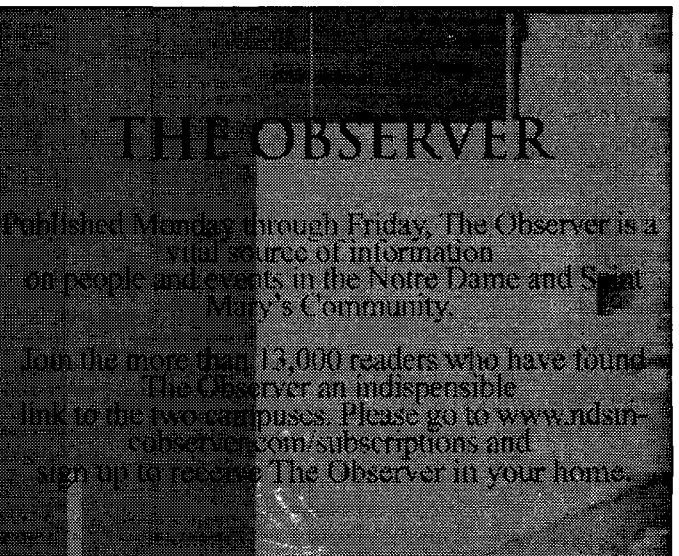
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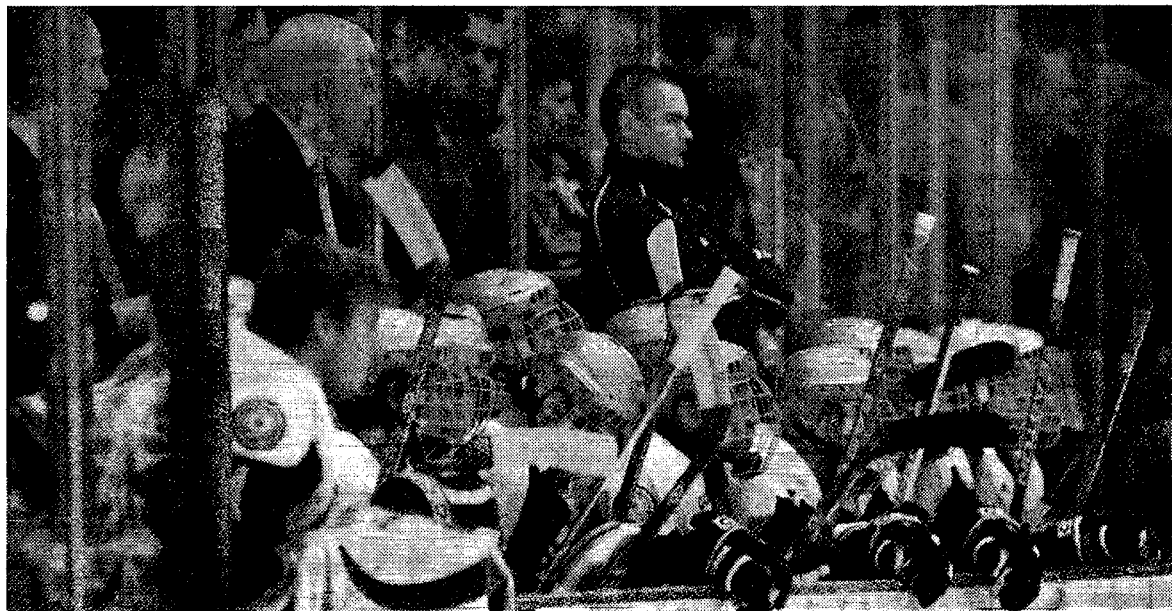
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## HOCKEY

# Besting the best



Irish coach Jeff Jackson, left, and his team look on during Saturday's 2-2 tie with the Miami RedHawks. Notre Dame won the first game of the series 4-1 Friday night at the Joyce Center.

*Irish win one, tie one to move to 9-1-1 when playing ranked teams*

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

With seven minutes remaining in Saturday night's game, Miami goaltender Jeff Zatkoff looked poised to collect his second shutout of the season and earn a series split with No. 3 Notre Dame — but that changed in a flash.

Two Irish goals tied the game as the squads skated to a 2-2 draw at the Joyce Center in the second game of a weekend series between Notre Dame and the No. 8/9 RedHawks.

Junior Mark Van Guilder got

the Irish on the scoreboard by deflecting a Wes O'Neill shot from the point past Zatkoff at 13:16 of the third period.

"[Senior center Jason] Paige got a big faceoff win and we just tried to get some bodies in front of Zatkoff," Van Guilder said. "Wes made a great play to put the puck right on my stick and I just had to tip it in."

The goal provided a much needed spark for a Notre Dame club that struggled to get any offense going through the first 50 minutes of play.

Four minutes after Van Guilder scored, sophomore Erik Condra created a turnover behind the Miami net and the loose puck squirted out in front of the crease. Freshman Kevin Deeth

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish get good win, good news this weekend

*Falls scores 23 points in Big East showdown with Wildcats Sunday*

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Writer

With just over a minute to play and Notre Dame leading 62-60, Villanova guard Scottie Reynolds dribbled around a screen at the top of the key and met Irish forward Luke Harangody.

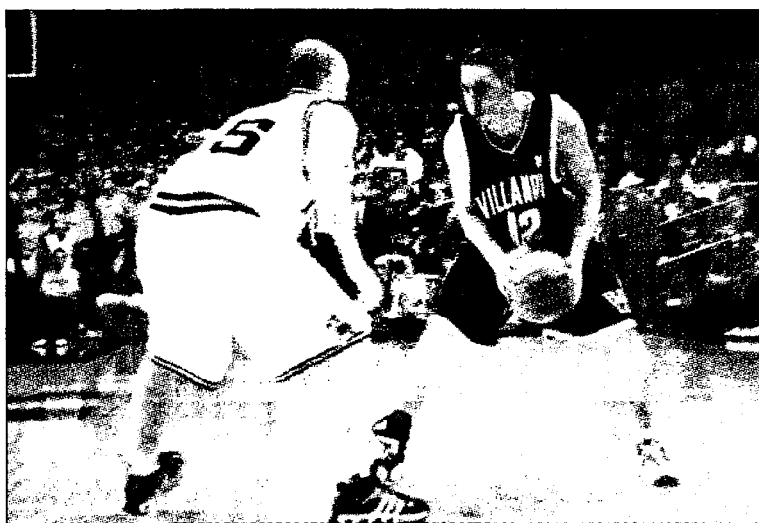
The freshman big man, who finished with four points and seven rebounds, knocked the ball away from the sure-handed Reynolds, and it ended up in the hands of Irish guard Colin Falls.

Falls raced down the floor and laid in two of his game-high 23 points to give the Irish (17-4, 5-3 Big East) a two-possession lead they would not relinquish en route to a 66-63 victory Saturday over Villanova (14-6, 3-4) at the Joyce Center.

"For Harangody, getting that thing loose there and making a hustle play, that was the play of the game," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said after the game. "[Luke] diving on the floor right there probably was the key play to break it open."

Falls' bucket was a part of a 9-0 Irish run that gave Notre Dame a 66-60 lead with 37 seconds remaining. Late free throws by

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Notre Dame's Colin Falls faces off with Villanova guard Mike Nardi during a Big East matchup at the Joyce Center Saturday.

*McAlarney decides to return to school after serving his suspension*

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Associate Sports Editor

In the days immediately following sophomore Kyle McAlarney's suspension from the University for marijuana possession, his Irish teammates were on edge — would he decide to come back to Notre Dame or transfer to another school?

McAlarney cleared up the speculation with the announce-

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Huskies shut down ND sharpshooter Allen in victory

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

Despite plenty of effort from start to finish, Notre Dame could not get a shot to fall, losing to No. 5/7 Connecticut 64-47 Saturday night at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn.

"I think our resilience again [was a strength]. I think it's been tremendous," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said Sunday by

phone. "I think we really just couldn't make a shot and we played pretty good defensively."

Notre Dame was unable to find its offensive rhythm throughout the game, shooting only 24.2 percent (16-of-66) from the floor to Connecticut's 46.7 percent.

One main aspect of the team's offensive struggles was the fact that guard Charel Allen — Notre Dame's leading scorer — was unable to find her shot, finishing

with only eight points on 2-of-17 shooting.

"We really need Charel to shoot the ball. That's something she's been doing well for us all year long," McGraw said. "She was covered really well and Kalana Greene from Connecticut did just a great job on her."

McGraw also said that one of the most important issues in the Irish offense based on the loss at Connecticut will be to find

another consistent scorer to complement Allen.

"We needed somebody to step up and take over a little bit of the scoring," she said. "And Crystal Erwin did a very good job, and Erica Williamson. But we just need a little bit more help for her."

The Irish played tight against the Lady Huskies for the first half and were only down 12-11 at 10:39 to play in the half after forward Erwin sank a 3-pointer.

But the Irish offense started to lag as Connecticut pulled farther away and the half drew to a close at 29-23.

Following the intermission, the Irish were unable to create an offensive spark and the Lady Huskies quickly increased their lead. Huskies center Tina Charles took control of the game in the post, blocking shots and grabbing rebounds to secure the

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### ND TRACK & FIELD ND Invitational

Irish qualify 31 more athletes for Big East Tournament coming up in February.

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Sophomore Erin Newsom scores 30 points in Belles victory on the road.

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Irish avenge their only loss of last year by taking down Vanderbilt this weekend.

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In the last home meet of the year, the men's and women's teams combine for a 5-3 record.

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The Irish split a pair of matches against Virginia and William & Mary on a two-day road trip.

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The Cavaliers come from behind in the last 10 minutes to upset the Tigers.

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