Keough freshman dies of heart trouble

Dan Kish suffers surgery complications; friends remember him for his kindness and laugh

By CLAIRE HEININGER
New Trier

A Notre Dame freshman who received a heart transplant while in high school died Friday from complications during surgery in Indianapolis.

Dan Kish, 19, a graduate of Penn High School in Mishawaka, experienced partial heart failure during winter break and spent time in the hospital, said friend Matt Elliott, one of Kish's closest friends from his dorm.

Kish was expecting to have surgery to implant a pacemaker, which would regulate his heartbeat, Elliott said. In an e-mail to friends before the surgery, Kish did not indicate the procedure could be life-threatening, Elliott said.

"I'm sure there was a risk involved, but from the e-mail I sure he was fully expecting to come back," Elliott said. "He said barring unforeseen circumstances (he) should be back Saturday... this was just a shock.

Kish stopped by Kough on his way out of the hospital last week, on Jan. 11, to visit his friends and inform them he was withdrawing from Notre Dame for the semester, Elliott said.

"He told me he was debating coming back," Elliott said. "I'm sure he didn't want something like what happened over break to happen at school.

Kish needed another heart transplant before he could return to a normal school routine, Elliott said. Last semester, he added, Kish was constantly carrying a cell phone that would ring when a new heart became available.

"As soon as he would have received a call, he'd [have been] in a car going to Indy right then," Elliott said, adding that his friend had to stay within a three-hour drive.

Campus events celebrate activist

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Although both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will continue to hold classes on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, each campus is sponsoring a number of events to commemorate this national holiday.

"This is a good idea to have events commemorating this day," Brian Cardile, a Notre Dame junior said. "I think it's okay to have classes, especially since some of my professors are showing movies about Martin Luther King.

Not all students share this view.

"The importance of these events is undermined by the fact that we have class, while other schools do not," Notre Dame sophomore Kendra Moret said. "These events are important, but more students should attend if they did not have class.

At Notre Dame, the Center for Social Concerns is working with the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation of St. Joseph County and the Center for Peace and Nonviolence of St. Joseph County to co-sponsor the visit of civil rights strategist Diane Nash.

The first event featuring Nash is an 11:30 a.m. march from the County City Building, located at 227 Main Boulevard in South Bend. Prior to the march, Nash will give a brief speech outlining "Why March?"

The next event featuring Nash, a Martin Luther King Day workshop and lecture, will take place from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the College Football Hall of Fame. The subject of this lecture is

Jeep flips on Juniper, Douglas

Students involved but not badly hurt

By TERESA FRAUSI
Associate News Editor

A one-car accident involving two Notre Dame juniors, one who police said was driving under the influence, occurred at the intersection of Douglas Road and Juniper Road around 4 a.m. Sunday.

Accused of drinking, Captain John Gruszynski of the St. Joseph County Police, 20-year-old Notre Dame junior Hellios Macnaught, the driver of the red Jeep Cherokee, and his passenger, another male Notre Dame junior whose name and age were not released, clipped a vehicle before hitting the median strip in the middle of Douglas.

Neither student was seriously injured, Gruszynski said.

The Observer was unable to contact Macnaught.

The passenger was interviewed at the scene by police and picked up by friends shortly after, police said. No significant injuries, Gruszynski said. He added police did not administer a blood alcohol content test because the passenger did not appear intoxicated.

According to Gruszynski, Macnaught was legally intoxicated, with a blood alcohol content of .015 and .02. In the state of Indiana, the legal blood alcohol limit for drivers over 21 years of age is .08. Gruszynski added that MacNaught also probably exceeded the 30-mile-per-hour
INSIDE COLUMN

Kudos to Culkin

After seeing him in all his glory in the recent movie "Saved," I feel compelled to offer some thoughts on one of the most and most underappreciated actors of our time: Macaulay Culkin. Sure, he's done some crazy things in his life, including getting married at the ripe old age of 17. I believe, however, that his acting has greatly affected our generation, specifically in his masterpiece, "Home Alone." I am willing to bet that 90 percent of this campus has seen the film "Home Alone," and with good reason. Just as his brother Buzz in the movie came out in 1990, Culkin artfully captures the excitement of having his face-to-face with his enemies, Harry and Marv, as the recognizable一组 星级 特别在天王座上。Culkin truly

Assistant News Editor

Eileen Duffy

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU MISS ABOUT SCHOOL OVER BREAK?

Pamela Jefson
junior Walsh
"Hanging out with my friends."

Jeff Schaal
junior Morrissey
"The great dining hall food."

Patrick Jensen
senior off-campus
"Late nights in Fitzpatrick."

Lauren Centilli
sophomore Dillon
"Four a.m. meals at Reckers."

Jenny Keegan
junior Lewis
"The snow."

Bill Coffey
senior off-campus
"Thirteen-foot TVs."

Members of the Duffy Fan Club, dedicated to the Irish women's basketball point guard Megan Duffy. The students shower their support with amended "I love Ty" T-shirts and jigs and cheers from the stands.

OFFBEAT

Construction worker discovers nail in his skull

LITTLETON, Colo. — A dentist found the source of the toothache Patrick Lawler was complaining about on the roof of his mouth: a four-inch nail the construction worker had unknowingly embedded in his skull six days earlier.

A nail gun backfired on Lawler, 23, on Jan. 6 while working in Breckenridge, a ski resort town in the central Colorado mountains. The tool sent a nail into a piece of wood nearby, but Lawler didn't realize a second nail had shot through his mouth, said his sister, Lisa Metcalse. Following the accident, Lawler had what he thought was a minor toothache and blurry vision. On Wednesday, after painkillers and ice didn't ease the pain, he went to a dental office where his wife, Katerina, works.

"We all are friends, so I thought the [dentists] were joking... then the doctor came out and said 'There's really a nail,'" Katerina Lawler said. "Patrick just broke down. I mean, he had been eating ice cream to help the swelling." He was taken to a suburban Denver hospital, where he underwent a four-hour surgery. The nail had plunged 1 1/2 inches into his brain, barely missing his right eye, Metcalse said.

"This is the second one we've seen in this hospital where the person was injured by the nail gun and didn't actually realize the nail had been imbedded in their skull," neurosurgeon Sean Markey told KUSA-TV in Denver. "But it's a pretty rare injury."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A Town Hall meeting called "And Still We Rise... Remain is Not Enough," will be held on Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center. The even is part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration.

The Center for Social Concerns is holding a Social Concerns Festival Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in Center for Social Concerns classroom. The festival is an event similar to Activities Night, where local agencies from around the community will come and try to get Notre Dame students involved in service.

Wednesday is the last day to make class changes.

Welsh Family will present the Welsh Family Dance Show from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Welsh Family Hall.

Siegfried Hall will hold a Dance-a-Thon Friday night from 9 p.m. to midnight in Stepan Center.

The Late Night Olympics returns to the JACC for its 19th year on Saturday. Sponsored by RecSports, the event will run from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m., and features dorm teams from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's competing in an all-nighter of sports, fun and fundraising. Profits will benefit the St. Joseph County Special Olympics.

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

Correction

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and cites for the higher standards of journalistic integrity. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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Social Concerns Festival

Learn How Local Service & Social Action Can Make An Indelible Mark On Your Life

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the future of it.
"This is a day to celebrate where we have come from and where we might be going," White said.
Some board president Sarah Catherine White told Mooney she was excited for this year's event.
"We are so glad your experience has led you back to the strong commitment of excellence and service to your community," White said. "It is a time of transformation and courage for this College."
Chair of the Parents Council Catherine Hammel Frishkorn gave Mooney a powerful challenge.
"Our daughters come here as children, but they leave us as adults," Frishkorn said. "We challenge you to build on the fire on June 4, we've given you a fiery future and lead them into the future.
And while many of the greetings held messages of hope and encouragement for Mooney, a few used humor in their salutations.
Chair of the faculty members Don Miller spoke of Mooney's days as a student at Saint Mary's.
"There are few others that can truly welcome you back — I led the procession when you entered in 1972," Miller quipped. "While you were conquering the world, a few of us have kept the institution running."
Chair of the Board of Trustees, 1974 graduate Deborah Johnson Schw­eibert, inaugurated Mooney and gave her the symbol of the college's president, a gold French cross necklace, before Mooney herself spoke to the gathered crowds.
Mooney glowed as she spoke of the college and her namesake.
"This is a day to celebrate where we have come from and where we might be going."
— Patrick White vice president and dean of faculty
MacNaught was returning to campus. Both students were wearing seatbelts.
"That probably saved their lives," Gruszynski said. "Gruszynski said there was little traffic on Juniper and Douglas at the time of the accident. The emphasis on a fire truck were called to the accident, although neither was needed, he said.
Notre Dame Security/Police/Norris/Keough said NPS officers assisted with traffic control, and the department would receive a copy of the accident report within the next few days. NPS will then forward information to MacNaught's arrest to the Office of Health Resources and the Ravek told.
LaItaliana Zavala/Melina, a friend of one of the students involved in the crash, said she walked by the accident scene and stopped when she recognized one of the students involved.
"The car was pretty beat up," Zavala/Melina said.
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drive of the city at all times. Keough told the story of Jarret and Kish's resident assistant Danny Richer informed Kish's roommates, freshmen Peter Mueller and Brendan Ryan, Elliott and other close friends about the tragedy at about noon on Saturday.
They were pretty shocked — we could see it in their faces," Richer said. "We were happy to have friends around and be able to talk and praise Kish — a national leader whose work on African-American families.
"He was a really nice guy — smart, caring," Richer said. "I am going to miss him.
"After Kristin's death, both Richer and Jarret spoke with his family, including his older brother, Notre Dame senior Jeff Kish — but chose to give them "time and space" while offering condolences and prayers. Jarret said.
A memorial mass will be held for Richer at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Keough. Jarret said he would attend the memorial mass from residents about the burial arrangements when they are made.
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"It is our hope that people come together to reflect on the life of a remarkable person and see that peace really is an option," said Father Kenno, a Saint Mary's campus minister. "This is the event that could show an ending of Little Girls — a documentary by Spike Lee, that deals with an Alabama church bombing on September 15, 1963 — at 6 p.m. in the Carroll Auditorium.
"I think that the holiday is an American-African holiday," Notre Dame junior Rhea Boyd said. "Martin Luther King, Jr. was a national leader whose work on African-American families.
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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Prisoners freed in cooperation effort
KARUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military freed a group of prisoners held in Afghanistan on Sunday, and the country's most senior judge said the government was good on its promise to release the hundreds of mos from an American custody.

The prisoner release follows the attack of the Muslim leader of the Taliban regime by the Afghan security forces on Friday, in which a dozen Afghan soldiers were killed.

In fresh violence, officials said a roadside bomb struck a convoy in the north of Afghanistan, killing at least one civilian.

The government officials said they were springing into action against the Taliban regime, which has been a source of much tension in Afghanistan.

Protest over welfare cuts continues
ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Pensioners and veterans angry over the cutoff of welfare payments have been setting up camps and paralyzing traffic in St. Petersburg, hometown to President Vladimir Putin, for a second day Sunday and the streets demonstrations spread to other Russian cities.

Government officials sought to shift the blame by accusing regional leaders of botching the management of new social programs, under which benefits such as free medicine and public transportation were replaced by a monthly government stipend.

Though St. Petersburg authorities promised to restore some benefits for all 10,000 people involved in the protests, the president of Russia's second-largest city on Saturday, demonstrators returned Sunday to rally on Nevsky Prospect, again snarling traffic in the center of the city.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Body recovered from avalanche
SALT LAKE CITY — Search teams digging through the tons of snow found the body Sunday of one of the five people believed buried by a powerful avalanche in an area that had been warned to avalanche risk.

The body of a man who appeared to be in his 20s was found under 4 feet of snow after trained dogs alerted the teams searching the area of Friday’s slide, Summit County Sheriff Dave Edmonds said at a news conference.

The body was not immediately identified, though Edmonds said the man’s clothing matched that of a missing snowboarder.

The only person identified as having been caught in the avalanche was Shane Mainzer, 28, of Snowflake, Idaho.

Americans hopeful about next term
WASHINGTON — A majority of Americans say they feel hopeful about President Bush’s second term, but those hopes are clouded by doubts about whether the bloodshed in Iraq will end.

People say Iraq should be the president’s highest priority, according to an Associated Press poll that found that surveyed are not optimistic a stable government will take hold there.

After winning re-election, Bush is preparing to pursue an ambitious agenda that includes efforts to change Social Security, federal tax laws and medical malpractice awards.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Indiana Tech celebrates 75 years
FORT WAYNE — Indiana Tech is celebrating 75 years this year.

The school has never strayed from its roots in engineering, but over the past two decades has built up its business college.

**ISRAEL**

Army to crackdown on militants

Prime Minister Sharon issues his directive to army after series of Palestinian attacks

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Sharon has ordered the army to do whatever was needed to end Palestinian rocket attacks, and bomb attacks, and the government dismissed a call Sunday by the PLO leadership for a halt to militant violence.

“Despite the change in the Palestinian leadership, we note that those at the top have not begun any action whatsoever to halt the terrorism.” Sharon told the Cabinet at its weekly meeting. “The situation cannot continue.”

After overnight Sunday, a tank shell slammed into a house in a Gaza refugee camp, forcing 28-year-old and five people believed buried by Israeli settlers, killing 28-year-old and five people believed buried by Israeli settlers, killing.

The bloodshed has escalated with the new Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, whose election last week had raised hopes for a break through to Middle Peace making. Palestinian officials accused Sharon of undermining Abbas by making efforts to persuade militants to halt the violence.

After Sharon unleashed his army against militants, the Palestinian Liberation Organisations’s Central Committee met to discuss the rising tensions.

At the meeting, the powerful PLO body headed by Abbas said the military operation was only hurting the Palestinian cause and called Sharon’s charges in Sderot “an excuse to obstruct Palestinian stability.”

The statement was the PLO’s strongest language against violence since the death of long-time Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Nov. 11. It did not specify, however, what action might be taken against militants.

Israeli officials discounted the statement and said military preparations for a crackdown were continuing.

Sharon cut off contacts with Abbas after Palestinian militants killed six Israelis at a Gaza Strip crossing Thursday. The attack sparked Israeli reprisals that killed eight Palestinians in Gaza on Saturday.

Defying the Israeli offensive, militants fired home-made rockets from Gaza at the southern Israeli border town of Sderot, critically wounding a teenage girl.

Two more rockets landed in Sderot on Sunday, causing no injuries, and Palestinian mortar fire damaged a home in a Jewish settlement.

Israel wants Abbas to crack down on the militants. While repeatedly condemning violence as counterproductive, Abbas prefers to negotiate a cease-fire commitment with the militants, but he has been in talks with the Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups.

The army and the security forces have been instructed to stop operational activity against terrorism and they will continue to do so, without restrictions, I emphasize, without restrictions, as long as the Palestinians are not lifting a finger,” Sharon told his Cabinet.

Senior military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the army was considering either a major raid or several small operations against militants. The military prefers the second option, fearing a broad operation would ruin Abbas’ chances for success, the officials said.

The new violence may reflect militants’ desire to prove their strength and compel Abbas to take them seriously as a political actor, as he begins his tenure.

Militants have also stepped up attacks ahead of a planned Israeli withdrawal from Gaza this summer, hoping to make it look like Israel is fleeing under fire.

**U.S. troops may not leave Iraq this year**

WASHINGTON — President Bush said the U.S. military will pull out of Iraq "as quickly as possible," but he is not endorsing Secretary of State Colin Powell’s statement that troops could be home by the end of next year.

"The way I would put it is, American troops will be leaving as quickly as possible, but they won’t be leaving all at once," Bush said in a Washington Post interview published Sunday.

"And part of the mission is to train Iraqis so they can fight the terrorists. And the sooner the Iraqis are prepared — better prepared, better equipped to fight — the sooner our forces will start coming home," Bush said.

Powell told National Public Radio last week that he believes Americans could begin leaving Iraq this year as the Iraqis take on a larger security role. Powell, in his final days as the government’s chief diplomat, said he could not give a timeline when all the troops will be home.

Bush said the U.S. military is "constantly assessing" if Iraqi security forces are up to the job, allowing the United States to begin pulling out. The president would not commit to significantly reduce troops by the end of his second term in 2009.

Bush said his priorities over the next four years are to win the fight against terrorism, spreading freedom, "Iraq and our relations with the rest of the world," Bush said.

"It’s a liberty speech — how we promote liberty overseas, which is in our direct interest for security here at home, as well as liberty here at home," Bartlett told Fox News Sunday.
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**In Brief**

Retired Nike CEO to sell shares

PORTLAND, Ore. — Phil Knight, the recently retired CEO of Nike Inc., has filed the regulatory paperwork needed to sell 5.7 million shares, roughly 8 percent of his total holdings.

It marks one of Knight's largest single divestments in his 33 years as chief executive of Oregon-based Nike, the world's largest sneaker and athletic apparel manufacturer, company officials said.

According to the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Knight is converting 5.7 million of Class A shares — which are owned only by the company's original shareholders and cannot be sold — to Class B stock, which can be traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

The shares will be sold over time, as required under SEC rules.

If the transaction were completed Friday at a share price of $88.95, the total sale would be worth over $507 million.

Knight will continue to retain direct ownership of 92 percent of Nike's outstanding Class A shares — roughly 25 percent of Nike's total outstanding common stock.

Company insiders say the move is intended to free up cash to help Knight with his estate planning and is not a move into the sunset.

Macy's to eliminate racial profiling

NEW YORK — A school racial counselor who said he was forced to resign for singling out students profiling solely because he is black applauded Macy's anti-profiling agreement on Friday as a victory for civil rights.

"I do this for every color, white, black, green, yellow," said Makat Magagass, 42.

"This is not supposed to happen to anyone in this place right now. Color doesn't matter." The agreement between Macy's East Inc. and state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, filed Friday in U.S. District Court, said the retailer will make sure its security guards adhere to store policy prohibiting racial and ethnic profiling in detaining suspected shoplifters.

The retailer also agreed to pay $600,000 in damages and costs to the state. The settlement covers Macy's stores in New York state.

**Growing competition threatens TiVo**

TiVo faces difficult year as more companies enter lucrative business

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — TiVo has been synonymous with digital video recording since it pioneered the industry five years ago, controlling an estimated one-third of the market in 2004.

That lofty perch is now beginning to crumble. Competition in the growing and lucrative industry is intensifying as cable providers, satellite operators and consumer electronics companies push ahead with models of their own, giving consumers more choices while threatening to significantly blunt TiVo Inc.'s edge.

"They're facing a very, very difficult year this year. It'll be incredibly difficult for them to sign up new subscribers," said Josh Berson, an analyst at Forrester Research.

In addition to the former unit of General Electric Co., the nation's largest cable service, the new breed includes everything from cable companies such as Comcast, Starz Entertainment and Charter Communications, to satellite companies such as Dish Network and DirecTV, to companies such as SIRIUS Satellite Radio, which plans to launch one of the first digital video recorders (digital video recorder) for free.

Many agree that TiVo's service remains the best of breed, with its easy navigational controls and advanced search and record functions.

Its subscribers, who tend to be an evangelistic bunch, account for one in three of the estimated 6.5 million U.S. households with digital video recorders.

But the small company based in the south San Francisco Bay community of Alviso is now playing in a land of giants, faced with a mass market of consumers looking for convenience and low prices.

Even with its latest innovation — TiVo's new DVR and record functions — it will face difficulty competing against the clones of deep-pocketed restaurants and hotels thatannonce its DVR systems to anyone who bought the boxes to arrive.

Those companies can afforded to subsidize hardware costs and already have tens of millions of customers on their rosters.

The rivals also charge consumers less per month for digital recording — about $5 to $10, compared to TiVo's $13.

Consider Alex Wilkas, who appreciates the latest gadgetry but won't hesitate to trade it in if another has a better price or better features.

Wilkas lives in the San Francisco Bay area, where the digital recorder battle escalated in December after the local cable company, Comcast Corp., started rolling out its newest DVR-equipped set-top box to customers.

Comcast heavily advertised the advanced digital video recorder. But while some customers were waiting for the boxes to arrive, TiVo gave away 2,000 of its DVRs to anyone who could show a Comcast bill.

That's right, gave them away.

Then EchoStar Communications Corp. took out a full-page advertisement in a local newspaper promoting Comcast and reminding potential customers that the satellite company also offered a DVR service.

So which new set-top box arrived in Wilkas' Foster City home two weeks ago? Comcast's DVR, which allows users to record two channels at once.

The main reason, says the 60-year-old real estate agent, was that unlike the others, there was no upfront cost for the equipment — only the monthly service fee of $9.95. Plus, the Comcast box supports high-definition TV signals.

Score one for Comcast, the nation's largest cable provider.

But there are millions more potential customers to go in the nascent market of digital recording, which lets viewers record shows to a hard drive, fast forward through commercials and pause live TV.

A snapshot of how TiVo is being attacked from many fronts emerged earlier this month at the International Consumer Electronics Show.

**Former McDonald's CEO dies of cancer**

CHICAGO — Charlie Bell, who began his McDonald's Corp. career as a part-time worker in a suburban Illinois restaurant and later became chief executive of the fast-food icon, died early this month of colon cancer in his native Australia. He was 44.

Bell was diagnosed with cancer last May, only a month after graduating to the top job. He left the fast-food giant in November after several rounds of treatment. McDonald's announced his death Sunday evening.

"Charlie Bell gave his all to McDonald's," said Andrew J. McKenna, chairman of the company's board. "Even during his hospitalization and chemotherapy, Charlie led this company with pride and determination..."

Bell was replaced as CEO by Jim Skinner, the Oak Brook, Ill., based company's third CEO in a year. Bell was chosen to replace former chief executive James Cantalupo, who died of a heart attack in April 2004. Last month, Bell and his family returned to Sydney where he was continuing his cancer treatment.

McDonald's spokesman Walt Birk declined to comment on whether Bell was in the hospital or at home. No funeral arrangements have yet been made, he said.

Bell rose through the ranks of the Oak Brook, Ill., based fast food giant, starting at a Sydney restaurant in 1975 and becoming the youngest store manager in Australia by the age of 19.

From 1993 until late 1999 Bell was managing director of McDonald's Australia. He then served as president of McDonald's Europe until December 2002 and was then named president and chief operating officer and a board member of McDonald's.

"Charlie grew up with McDonald's," said the company's former chairman and CEO, in a statement. "He always put the system first. His natural love of people, his energy and passion for life and the business were contagious to all who came in contact with him."
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diversity? What about Student Activities, or student government?

“The things that was great about these focus groups was that there were those people that were committed to the issue of racism,” Baron said. “They were especially impassioned because of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Meeting with these people tonight was an inspira-
tion for anyone in student govern-
ment, and motivation to make this report something to mobilize around.”

Though Baron said that they already have a definite direction for the 801 report, the individu-
als aboard at these forums will be used to supplement and further
direct its aims.
The focus of the report is pretty set, so this is mainly a chance for the students to influence it, for us to find the areas where the most stress needs to be,” he said. As it stands, the February 3 report will broadly deal with “issues of Equality and Ensuring a Welcoming Environment for All,” and will be divided into two parts—“Situation” and “Solution.”

“We want students to stand up in on February 3 and show that some things need to change,” Baron said.

Baron said that while they are prepared to handle 801 participants, they expect about 25 stu-
dents tonight and Tuesday.

“The great thing about focus groups is that eight people can make a sizeable contribution,” Baron said.

No particular section of the stu-
dent population is being targeted to participate, and Baron said that while more minorities represented more than the University’s stand-
ard 20 percent at Sunday’s forum, the number of majorities indicated wasn’t surprising.

“We just want a diversity of opinions,” Baron said. “With the focus groups themselves, we’re looking for anyone who has an impassioned interest in one of the three categories to come give us their voices so we can make their voices known to the highest of the highest bodies at Notre Dame.”

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Awards honor entertainment’s best
‘The Aviator’ and ‘Sideways’ win big at annual Golden Globes

Associated Press
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The Howard Hughes epic “The Aviator” and the road-trip romp “Sideways” earned boasts-picture Golden Globes on Sunday, boosting their status as front-runners for the upcoming Academy Awards.

“The Aviator” won for best dramatic film, giving it an edge at the Oscars, which favor heavyweight drama. “Sideways” won for comedy film.

Jamie Fox of the Ray Charles films biography “Ray,” Hilary Swank of the boxing saga “Million Dollar Baby,” and Leonardo DiCaprio of “The Aviator” also boosted their Oscar odds by winning the top acting Globes.

Backstage, Bening said that winning was the highlight of her career. “I am not having the ride of my life right now?” said Fox, considered the favorite to win best actress for his role as Charles. “I waited last year. I wish I could take what I’m feeling now and put it in the water system, and we would all love each other a whole lot more.”

Earning a record three Globe nominations, Fox lost in his other two categories, supporting movie actor for “Collateral” and actor in a TV movie or mini-series for “Redemption.”

Bening won for best actress in a dramatic musical or comedy, playing an aging stage diva in 1930s London who plots gleeful revenge against the men in her life. As she prepared to go on stage, Bening told the Associated Press, “I’m trying to make the report available for viewing a week in advance of the actual presentation, either through posting online or publica-
tion in The Observer.

“We want students to stand up in on February 3 and show that some things need to change,” Baron said.

Baron said that while they are prepared to handle 801 participants, they expect about 25 stu-
dents tonight and Tuesday.

“The great thing about focus groups is that eight people can make a sizeable contribution,” Baron said.

No particular section of the stu-
dent population is being targeted to participate, and Baron said that while more minorities represented more than the University’s stand-
ard 20 percent at Sunday’s forum, the number of majorities indicated wasn’t surprising.

“We just want a diversity of opinions,” Baron said. “With the focus groups themselves, we’re looking for anyone who has an impassioned interest in one of the three categories to come give us their voices so we can make their voices known to the highest of the highest bodies at Notre Dame.”

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Acclaimed journalist set free after 44 years

Associated Press
BATON ROUGE, La. — Wilbert Rideau, imprisoned since the day he was 17 for manslaughter when he was 17 for manslaughter when the crime occurred — he was immediately released.

“It offers huge to the black community,” said the Rev. J.J. Franklin of Holy Rock Missionary Baptist Church, who has lobbied for years for Rideau’s release.

After a celebration with his family, according as of tonight with his mother and sisters. Elsewhere in Lake Charles, a spontaneous celebration broke out at a crowded zydeco ball when news of Rideau’s release emerged.

“Wilbert was just so elated,” said family friend Andre Seroney. “He was just so elated. And amazed that he is free. We were all very excited. We were all very elated and Wilbert’s talking about his next move.”

Rideau was a janitor and eighth-grade dropout when he was caught with a stolen Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola. Behind bars, he worked as a freelance journalist and helped expose the violence behind prison walls, earning the prison magazine, The Algolite, national acclaim. He won several prestigious awards, co-directing the award-winning radio documentary "The Farm" and co-
writing and narrating an Emmy-nominated broadcast National Public Radio documentary.

FDAs reassess face of morning-after pill

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Opponents worry that the drug encourages women — to have risky sex. If over-the-
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“It encourages risky sexual activity with the promise ‘just pop a pill in the morning and you’ll be protected from pregnancy,’” said Wendy Wright of Concerned Women of America, a conservative group that focuses on social issues.

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President expresses gratitude

This weekend Saint Mary's College celebrated its 160 year history and my inauguration as its 11th president. The inauguration of a college or university president is, like commencement, one of the great academic liturgies. At commencement, the focus is appropriately on a single institution and its graduates and its faculty. In contrast, an inauguration involves the participation of the faculty and students of the college but it also brings together presidents and delegates from other colleges and universities in a show of solidarity to our common calling — the preservation and creation of knowledge and the means to share and of that knowledge with a new generation of learners. Saint Mary's was pleased to host presidents and delegates from almost 100 other colleges and universities. Most importantly, to me, representatives from the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and from all of the Holy Cross colleges and universities in the United States were present. Each of the Holy Cross institutions shares a common commitment to the vision of the founder of the Holy Cross Congregations, Father Daniel Murphy. We are all committed to excellence in education and to education of the whole person, including heart, body, and soul. The support that I have individually from the Sisters of the Holy Cross and from the other Holy Cross presidents, and the support that Saint Mary's enjoys as a member of the group of Holy Cross colleges and universities, is a life giving boost both for me and for Saint Mary's College. 

Organizing and executing all of the celebratory events of the past several days involved the best efforts of virtually everyone on our campus. Indeed, months of preparation went into making each of the events successful and into making the weekend a seamless whole. I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone at Saint Mary's — faculty, administrators, staff and students not only for their hard work but also for their enthusiasm for our beloved Saint Mary's. Guest after guest told me about the wonderful hospitality they were showered by. Everyone who visited our campus over the past several days left with knowledge of our pride in our College and with excitement about what we have been and what we can become. That pride and enthusiasm was communicated by all of you in countless ways. I want also to acknowledge and thank the members of the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees whose commitment to the College is extraordinary and whose support made possible the wonderful weekend we have just had. This next chapter in the life of the College.

Let me express my sincerest thanks to the entire Saint Mary's community and by saying please let me be home again.

Carol Ann Mooney
Saint Mary's College President

Education shouldn't be for sale

On top of this, an increase in fees affects the ability of students to pursue careers in "public interest" fields. At the moment, graduates of the Boalt Law School at UC Berkeley are about twice as likely to work for socially conscious companies than are private law school graduates from Stanford and USC. But most importantly, while people like Schill will give lip service to the fact that "neither the state, the Berkeley administration, nor our faculty want us to be anything other than a public institution," privatization has an inevitability about it. The trend toward public dis-investments in higher education on could spell the end of public universities altogether. Currently the state contribution to the Berkeley law budget, according to Schill. "All too often the education process is entrusted to people who appear to have no understanding of industry and the path of progress," the European Roundtable of Universities, observed in 1998. "The provision of education is a market opportunity and should be treated as such."

This is what this great public university has become — a market opportunity. We will soon be "intellectual capital," finding our debt-service plan through the "knowledge economy."

This column originally appeared in the Jan. 14 edition of The Daily Irian, the daily publication at the University of California-Los Angeles. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
As luck would have it, my column happens to have fallen on the observation of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., a day noted for American newspaper columnists to either praise the great strides made in race relations since the Civil Rights Movement (white writer, or to barely criticize the sub­ servient position in society still relegated to blacks by white elite black writers). Needless to say, my standing and jumping abilities have proven time and again that I happen to be one of the whitest people on the planet, so buckle your seat­ belts.

First and foremost, I would have to say that my biggest grievance against students of modern American race relations, myself included, is our ten­ dency to attribute race as the chief motivator behind every incident that occurs between people from varying racial backgrounds. It seems as though so much emphasis has been placed on simplifying everything down to black and white that we have lost the capacity to see anything beyond these two colors when it comes to analyzing contemporary society. Luckily, one of the most pertinent examples in recent memory of this phenomenal obsession with race having to have occurred on this very campus only a month ago; consequently, I feel that a look at the recent head football coach "scandal" here at Notre Dame in relation to the theories championed by some social scientists on the trend for factors like class and economics to supersede race as the chief motivator will allow us to reflect on the purpose, in part, for me to respectfully voice my support for Charlie Weis on Martin Luther King Day.

Granted, many of these academics, most notably Harvard sociologist William Julius Wilson, have imple­ mented this argument for the purpose of highlighting flaws in government programs that fail to aid poor blacks. Nevertheless, I still feel that this basic line of reasoning can be expanded upon for the purpose of justifying many of the decisions made by the Board of Trustees over the past several weeks.

For example, in his analysis of American race rela­ tions, Wilson points out the possibility of racial mis­ treatment occurring as a side effect of capitalist busi­ ness practices throughout American history. The ini­ tial emasculature of blacks, after all, really only grew popular in the United States after it was deemed to be a cheaper labor alternative to the white European indentured servants that had been working in America’s fields since the seventeenth century. Likewise, in the industrial era surrounding the two world wars, factory owners had no problem crossing the racial divide and hiring black workers to replace white workers who had either gone on strike or to war, simply for the sake of maximizing profits.

Charity, even in these extreme cases, race dramati­ cally declined in significance when the almighty dol­ lar is at stake.

Following suit, then, I find it immature, insulting, and downright embarrassing that so many members of the Notre Dame community would assume that such a relatively mundane occurrence as a redirection of the football program could be driven by such an unconnected factor as skin color. Simply put, the members of the Board who feel it necessary to break with tradition and replace our coach after only three years did so because their primary concern is and always has been the overall well-being of the University. At this school, in particular, this duty is often directly related to the success of the football program, with the sport initially putting the Irish on the map over 80 years ago and the level of alumni donations and undergraduate applications still depending on some extent on what happens each autumn inside Notre Dame Stadium. Consequently, if a member of the University staff fails to perform at the level expected of an employer at one of America’s top schools, be it an unqualified profes­ sor, an unproductive administrator or an unsuccessful football coach, he will be replaced regardless of his race.

After all, people often seem to forget this is one of the few universities in the nation where black stu­ dent athletes are given the respect they deserve not only as athletes, but as students, too. In 2004, the graduation rates amongst Notre Dame’s football players were identical across racial lines, with 76 percent of whites and 76 percent of blacks graduat­ ing successfully. Compare that to the rates at other top football programs, like Southern’s 47 percent black and 70 percent white graduation rates, Auburn’s 40 percent black and 74 percent white rates, and Tennessee’s 30 percent black and 67 per­ cent white rates, and perhaps cynics like Michael Wilbon, the Malcolm Wilbon of the undergraduates, can stop pointing the finger of racism away from the alleged mis­ treatment of one black millionaire in South Bend and toward places where truly disadvantaged blacks are being neglected.

In the meantime, I’d say it’s about time for the Notre Dame community to unite around its new coach and start a rigorous training regiment so that everyone’s upper body is strong enough to handle the unbelievable amount of push-ups that we’ll be doing in the stands every game next fall, because with Charlie Weis on our sidelines, things are going to get pretty nasty around here.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don’t be ashamed of football excellence

Gary Caruso’s Jun. 14 letter in the Observer’s Viewpoint is an utter embarrassment to Notre Dame. His criticisms root on the fallacious assumption that the pursuit of excellence in foot­ ball can only be done at the expense of academic integrity. I would enjoy seeing him attempt to explain that connection to the countless student athletes in Notre Dame’s past who attained greatness at Notre Dame both on and off the field.

Ultimately Notre Dame’s cherished football program serves many needs, but none more important than those of its stu­ dents. Notre Dame asks much of its student athletes, more than any other school. Finally those in charge of the University’s future recognize their responsibility to provide them with the very best coaching staff in return for the high demands it places on its young men. Asking young men for their best and giving them less in return is a sign of badly mis­ placed priorities.

Caruso does not offer an important fact — Tyrone Willingham failed at Notre Dame. Of course Willingham is a fine man, but fine men can fail. His program had made absolutely no progress in three seasons, a sign that has portended certain doom historically at Notre Dame and at other major programs.

The trustees serve as stewards for all of Notre Dame’s endeavors. It may make Caruso uncomfortable, but football has become a vital part of the university, both culturally and economically. For Notre Dame’s trustees to have allowed the administration to continue to operate under the foolish hope that things might magically right themselves over the next two years would have been irresponsible to say the least.

Why Willingham was terminated after his third season is the question many are asking. I believe it is much more relevant, appreciating football’s importance, to wonder why head coaches Gerry Faust and Bill Baxie were both allowed to coach a fourth season. More importantly, one should ask why University President Father Edward Malloy and Kevin White appeared content to ignore obvious signs of failure which his­ tory attributes to poor administration.

Finally, Caruso’s assertion that Notre Dame never accepted Willingham for what he was — an intrepid, hardworking black coach hired by ambitious and intrepid racists. Willingham was widely respected by alumni as the man of character and integrity he genuinely is. Unfortunately, were this all one needed to excel, the job of Notre Dame foot­ ball coach wouldn’t be worth writing about as often as people do. Willingham himself understood the yardstick he’d be measured by at Notre Dame. No one questioned how well he was accepted during the early successes of Willingham’s first season. Excellence is what alumni accept, because excellence is what our student athletes deserve.

Of course, none of this system or We. We have witnessed the emergence of a new calling among the Board of Trustees known as accountability. The new administration refuses to apologize for pursuing excellence in football and will no longer join Caruso in his hand-wringing over false choices. It’s going to be awfully fun watching people like Caruso feel uncomfort­ able explaining to his colleagues why we’re winning again.

Chuck Emma
junior
class of 86
Jan. 14

EDITORIAL CARTOON

"Total elephant ahead of dance"
Original ‘Sex and the City’ lacks class

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

It is the rule that in most cases a book is turned into a movie, mini-series or television series, the book is better. Pham’s visualized version of the story. This is not the case in Candace Bushnell’s "Sex and the City." While the immensely popular HBO series "Sex and the City" is based off this book and the life of the writer, the show is generally wittier than and not quite as obscene as the book. The writers of the "Sex and the City" series are also much better at dialogue and the like than Bushnell, whose writing is often jumbled, confusing and wordy.

The book is a collection of Bushnell’s articles from the New York Observer that she began in 1994. After the popularity of the column in New York City took off, Bushnell composed this collection of articles that became the book in 1996. The version that is now available also has an introduction by Bushnell from the series and two added chapters at the end of the book.

While the stories range from sweet, shocking, funny and horrifying, they are all intriguing, even if all one is intrigued by is the seemingly sick world in which Bushnell portrays the majority of New York City living. Everyone is unhappy, unfaithful and unfulfilled in the Big Apple, and Bushnell willingly gives out the details of the debauchery throughout the collection of columns in "Sex and the City."

The book is broken into chapters that seem to be articles or perhaps multiple articles on the same topic written by Bushnell. With topics ranging who only date models, "Bicycle Boys" (men who ride their bikes around the city like the literary men of old), three-some, psychic parents, the suburbs and much more, it would be impossible to deny that "Sex and the City" is informative. However, just how much information does the average person really want to know about the sick world that seems to compose Manhattan? "Sex and the City" pushes boundaries, but at times Bushnell pushes too far, providing too much disturbing information about her personal life and the personal lives of others.

The first half of "Sex and the City" begins very slowly. Collected columns jump from topic to topic, covering hits and pieces of the friends in Bushnell’s life. Of course everyone is given passage, past, present, and the identity of most of the characters would probably be a bit obvious for anyone who actually knew Bushnell. The main character is referred to, by Bushnell, as her friend Carrie. Carrie is quite obvious by Bushnell and the second half of the collection of columns is more like a novel as the columns dive into Carrie's relationship with "Mr. Big."

Big is of course not attentive enough to Carrie, causing her to do drugs, almost sleep with a woman and claim she had lost her mind. Carrie ends up coming across as needy, jealous and eventually kind of nuts, which is interesting considering Bushnell published these columns for all of New York to read in close proximity to the relationship happening, and thus makes the connection between her and crazy Carrie all the more apparent. The added chapters make clear the closeness of the writing of the articles to the events in Bushnell’s life as the last two chapters detail the break-up of Carrie and Mr. Big. The novel ends on a different note than the series as “Mr. Big is happily married. Carrie is happily single.”

For fans of the HBO series, “Sex and the City” may be worth the read, but without some vested interest in the series, “Sex and the City” would most probably be an un-enjoyable experience. Many of the names are the same, such as "Samantha Jones," "Stanford Blatch" and "Miranda Hobbs," although the professions are different. The driving force behind the novel is the relationship between Carrie and Big which is true in the series as well. Some of the ideas for different episodes are taken from the columns such as attending a baby shower thrown by an old friend from the columns, and the suburbs where Carrie finds a home by seventeen color photograph of Jolene, Demi Moore-style, naked save for a pair of glasses at a party. Everyone is unhappy, unfaithful and unfulfilled in the Big Apple, and Bushnell willingly gives out the details of the debauchery throughout the collection of columns in "Sex and the City."

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PAC REVIEW

St. Petersburg Ballet puts new twist on old story

By CHRISSY ROCHEL
Scene Writer

South Bend patrons of the arts had a rare chance to see one of the top ballet companies from across the world last Thursday.

The St. Petersburg State Ballet Theatre has performed in Europe or Asia, but visited South Bend as part of a series of appearances at the Morris Performing Arts Center thanks to a request from Notre Dame’s DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The St. Petersburg State Ballet Theater danced a modern version of the famous tragic love story. The show eliminated traditional features such as the classic balcony scene often used in ballet versions of "Romeo and Juliet." This modern twist takes Shakespeare’s famous-play-personified death with a dancer in a black spandex body suit. This character acted as the sword-killing Mercutio and Tybalt in the two fight scenes. This character also gave Romeo the kiss of death at Juliet’s grave. This version presented Juliet with the sword that killed her and ended her life. As death danced the end to the sad story, Romeo and Juliet were lifted towards the ceiling on wooden boards. Meanwhile, the other dancers posed on stage with blue lights, which represented the stars of heavy. The staging as well as the characters and costumes presented a modern interpretation of the ballet. The performance began with a transparent curtain slightly obstructing the view of the audience. Wooden pillars lifted and descended upon the right and left sides of the stage during climactic scenes. Though this new presentation failed to leave the audience completely unsatisfied, at the close, the audience rose to its feet to give an enthusiastic standing ovation and left the theater smiling. The performers danced on stage with blue lights, which represented the stars of heavy. The staging as well as the characters and costumes presented a modern interpretation of the ballet. The performance began with a transparent curtain slightly obstructing the view of the audience. Wooden pillars lifted and descended upon the right and left sides of the stage during climactic scenes. Though this new presentation failed to leave the audience completely unsatisfied, at the close, the audience rose to its feet to give an enthusiastic standing ovation and left the theater smiling. The performers danced on stage with blue lights, which represented the stars of heavy. The staging as well as the characters and costs...
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If the words "out in, one out" make you feel sad inside, then you are probably familiar with the standard student lineup of crowded bars: Club 23, Fiddler's, Rum Runners, State, Heurlein, Friganic and the Barger. Even with The Boat Club gone, many of these bars still remain the same familiar feeling of having your body pressed intimately against people with whom you only half recognize in your attempts to force your way through a wall of students in the distant restrooms.

If not having your arms pinned to your sides is more than enough reason to go than seeing everyone you've ever known since freshman year, there is a whole new world of alternative drinking spots for you to try. Frequent change by locals and students, you may only know the people you came with, so bring a friend along. There probably won't be free drink coupons at the Barger, but many of the specials are surprisingly easy on the wallet, and most places offer more originality in terms of atmosphere and crowd than the usual student bars—and of course, a break from the eternal crowds.

Here's a rundown of just a sampling of what the South Bend area has to offer students 21 and older with valid identification.

The Sports Page

While this bar is more out of the way with its Granger location, the Wednesday and Thursday open karaoke nights, where pitchers make the trip worthwhile—think penny pitchers and deals on imported beer. As for atmosphere, there are giant televisions everywhere for sports fans and a dance floor in one room for dance party fans. It's spacious and clean, suitable either for an early in-home watch or a night out with friends.

Just like everyone's favorite Sunday bars, it's open seven days a week. As a bar and grill it offers an impressive menu as well, and the restaurant area doubles as a relaxed place for non-dancers to sit. There really aren't Notre Dame dancers in the younger crowd most of the time, mostly students from other colleges. The local crowd is friendly and approachable for the most part, so even though you won't recognize as many people as usual you can still be sociable.

The Sports Page is located at 508 27 Princess Way in Granger.

Cheers

Everybody won't know your name, but at least you can get cheap drinks and good bands. There are specials on shots Wednesdays and Thursdays, and this bar also features live music on a regular basis—open mic jams on Wednesdays, where Cheers supplies the equipment. Thursday through Saturday there is different entertainment. Many Notre Dame bands play at this venue, so you can come support them as well—a plus if you're tired of the same soundtrack of 80s and country featured at most places that don't have live music.

Cheers is located on 103 S. Dixie Way.

Club LaSalle

And now, for something completely different—patrons of this bar refer to it as a "diamond in the rough in South Bend" because of its distinctly upscale environment. On Tuesdays there are specials on mini martinis, which attracts many graduate students, but the main pull of Club LaSalle is the "business relaxed" ambiance. The mood is set with the leather furniture and darker lighting, and is reminiscent of a Chicago jazz club or a big city bar. Those looking for a free experience or those who enjoy the finer things in life may spend more money but will enjoy the classy atmosphere.

Club LaSalle features live entertainment on Wednesday through Saturday, which ranges from jazz to blues to funk, either solos or duos and larger bands. There is a $4 cover on these nights, but the club brings in bands from places like Minneapolis, Chicago and Detroit. The bar is open Wednesday through Saturday, and is a part of the LaSalle Grill building. Anyone looking to enjoy the classic cocktails should be advised that jeans, shorts and tennis shoes are discouraged.

Club LaSalle is located on 115 W. Colfax Ave.

Club Landing

Club Landing is always packed it might not be the best alternative for people looking to avoid the swarms of people at State and Chicken. This bar offers more than the typical swanky and dance floor, however; there are dance party nights, DJs and live entertainment. There are drink specials for students every Tuesday through Thursday. When warmer weather arrives and you can stop wearing a parka and snow boots, there are also specials. The bar is also a place for people who can't enjoy enough of the dance floor and want a "casual yet upscale environment."

Club Landing is located on 1717 Lincolnway East.

Truman's Night Club

Although the Princeton Review thinks that alternative lifestyles are an alternative at Notre Dame, Truman's has entertainment and specials that might appeal to students who are tired of the same old thing every night. Next to Rum Runners, Truman's is a nightclub, lounge and sports bar. Wednesday is karaoke night, Thursday through Saturday there are drag shows in the lounge, Sunday is open mic night, and all weekend the sports bar is open for no cover. There's no cover during the week, although there are specials on Wednesdays and Thursdays where you can pay $5 to the bartender to get drink deals. You don't have to pay if you just want to check out the dance floor, which seems to be the main appeal for students who have given up on entertainment complex high reviews.

Truman's is located on 100 N. Center St. in Mishawaka.

Quasi-Traditional Bars

Many of these bars don't deserve the title of "non-traditional" since they're either on their way back to the realm of traditional or because they have fairly high student attendance on a regular basis, so they fall under the semi-alternative category.

Bookmaker's

Bookmaker's especially ranks as on its way back to mainstream, since it's been packed wall-to-wall as of late. The best deals on cover and drinks are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, so it can be a first-choice destination or an alternative if other places are too crowded. Since The Boat Club's demise, this bar has seen a resurgence of students. It's close to campus, roomy and clean, making it fun for any night of the week.

Bookmaker's is located on 2046 South Bend Ave.

Madison Oyster Bar

Madison Oyster Bar attracts students consistently with its more laid-back atmosphere, and it also offers specials every night. There are three levels, some pool tables and a jukebox as well as televisions. The food and drink names are more original than the standard fare at other bars, and it's a notch above in classiness in case you want to bring your parents out to a sanitary bar when they come to visit. As you may have guessed, you can indeed dine on oysters if you're adventurous. Madison Oyster Bar is located on 129 N. Main St.

Fiddler's Hearth

Seniors may remember when Fiddler's Hearth opened a few years ago. The live entertainment ranges from bluegrass, Celtic and folk, and the pub's beer menu might even satisfy people who miss being abroad. If you're curious about how your Guiness is poured and presented, Fiddler's is a Guiness Gold Standard Location — $4 for the perfect pint. Of course, you should expect nothing less from a pub that serves hamburgers and mash, Welsh rarebit and Molly Malone stew. The atmosphere is suitable for dinner and even families, since the unique entertainment should be the main attraction in this cozy pub. Unlike the others on the list, Fiddler's is only limited to 21 and over — anyone of any age can sit in the dining room, as long as they stay out of the bar area. Fiddler's Heart is located next to Madison Oyster Bar on 127 N. Main St.

More where those came from...

There are actually many more bars and clubs in the Notre Dame area for people bored with the repetition of night life, so you don't have to resort to the same seven places every week while pining away for Boat. Most people would be surprised at how many drinking establishments there are which tend to get ignored in our haste to get to our usual stamping grounds; that said, there is absolutely nothing wrong with a weekly routine of tried-and-true bars. So whether you try out Martha's Midway Tavern for a new experience, or whether you just can't bear yourself away from Corby's each week, there's always a drink special waiting for anyone 21 or over somewhere in South Bend.

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Alternate weekly bar schedules

**Tuesday**
- Oyster Bar
- Club LaSalle

**Wednesday**
- Club Landing

**Thursday**
- The Sports Pages
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- Club Landing

**Friday**
- Truman's Night Club

**Saturday**
- Fiddler's Hearth
**Men’s Tennis**

Toledo, Illinois State fall victim to Irish men

**Bass, King post wins to lead ND to victory**

By KATE GALES | Special Writer

There wasn’t much suspense this weekend, led to Eck Tennis Pavilion. The No. 34 Irish dominated season-opening play, registering a 7-2 victory over Toledo Saturday morning and adding to the cumulative score over Illinois State on Saturday afternoon.

"Overall this is a strong showing," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I’m real excited about our team — I don’t know how good we are yet."

The Irish did not lose a set to Toledo, as No. 6 Eric Langenkamp put up the season’s first point with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Illinois State’s No. 5. Patrick Buchanan defeated Travis Carran 6-3, 6-4.

No. 113-ranked Barry King clinched the match at No. 2 for the Irish with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Tony Tran with a 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) score. At No. 3, Ryan Keckley matched a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Fredy Gomez.

Making his debut at the top spot for the Irish, No. 77-ranked Stephen Bass defeated Khalid Al Nabhani to finish singles competition.

Bass was first off the courts in singles play with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Illinois State’s No. 1. A. D’Amico followed at No. 3 and King at No. 2, both winning in straight sets against Bass and King stayed perfect with an 8-4 win at No. 3.

Despite the lopsided victories, Bayliss wants his team to stay focused on tougher competition ahead.

"We’ve got to continue to improve as the season goes on," Bayliss said. "I just hope we can get a win or two that really helps us mentally and helps us believe with ourselves."

This weekend provided a solid foundation for that sort of confidence.

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**NLF**

Falcons swoop past Rams, Steelers survive in overtime

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Michael Vick rolled to the left, brushside a receiver like a pesky goat and took off the other way. He didn’t stop until 47 yards later.

The Atlanta Falcons were off and running and their one-of-a-kind quarterback had plenty of teammates along for the ride.

Warrick Dunn ran for a 62-yard touchdown, Allen Rossum set an NFL playoff record for punt returns for 200 yards and the Falcons routed the St. Louis Rams 47-17 Saturday night.

Vick was right in the middle of things, of course, throwing up a pair of touchdown passes and running for 119 yards to break Donovan McNabb’s year-old record for running yards by a quarterback in a playoff game.

Buck Vick’s teammates managed to escape his considerable shadow, putting Atlanta within one win of the NFC championship game.

"You saw a team that plays together," rookie Jim Mora said. "You saw a team that’s pretty complete. We like way in the locker room that the best player on our team is our team. We proved that tonight with the way we played.

The Falcons advanced to the NFC championship game for just the second time in the franchise’s 39-year history. They will either host Minnesota or travel to Philadelphia next weekend for a spot in the Super Bowl.

**Steelers 20, Jets 7**

Two minutes, two misses. And now more than a few things.

Doug Brien lined up for his second shot at winning the game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on the last play of regulation.

The 43-yarder launched off his foot, and Brien immediately knew something was terribly wrong. He kicked the ball so hard, it startled curving, curling, curving until it sailed wide left.

Just before that, Brien bounced a 47-yard try off the crossbar that would have given the Jets the late lead.

Instead, the Steelers got the perfect opportunity to steal a game they seemed destined to lose. Jeff Reed kicked a 33-yard field goal in overtime to win it 20-17 Saturday, and the Cardinals, Jets trudged off the field. Heartbroken.

Brien’s sentences clipped, said he tried to hit his second attempt harder because the Jets gave up a show-off pass from Ben Roethlisberger.

Brien, his eyes tearing up, said Brien never dressed silent-ly around him, "I’ll be fine. I just feel bad for the guys that played so well, played so hard and came up short.

The Jets, who went into the fourth quarter with a seven-point lead, blew that when an Alex Smith fumble was gone dressed silently around him.

"I just feel bad for the team," said Brien, his eyes tearing up. "I missed a few doozies dressed silently around him."

**Steelers kicker Jeff Reed, left, celebrates with holder Chris Gardocki after Reed’s field goal in overtime beat the Jets.**

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HOCKEY
Ohio State bucks Notre Dame, sweeps weekend series

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Saturday was just one of those nights for the Irish — nights they’ve had far too much of this season, when nothing seemed to go their way.

Irish defenseman Brock Sheahan received the puck at the top of the left circle with a wide-open look at the goal during a power play and the score 2-1 in favor of Ohio State. He reared back and ripped what very well could have been the game-winning goal, only his stick broke.

For a team that has been having so many problems offensively, this strange occurrence seemed fitting.

Offensively, the Irish have been dismal in their last several efforts, and the team’s glaring problem reared its ugly head both Friday and Saturday night, as the Irish dropped both games to Ohio State, 2-1 and 3-1.

Things opened up fairly well on Friday night, as the Irish found themselves on the better end of a 5-on-3 power play. 15:52 into the first period, Gary McLain found Wes O’Neill open at the blue line, and O’Neill slapped one in from the point to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead. The sophomore defenseman O’Neill leads the Irish in goals for the season with seven. However, the Irish lead did not last long.

Going into the weekend against the Irish, the Buckeyes were scoring on roughly 20 percent of their power plays — and it did not take too much time to prove the strength of this aspect of their game.

At 18:53 of the first period, Irish defenseman Noah Babbin was called for tripping. The Buckeyes waited no time, with forward Tom Fritsche scoring on goalie Dave Brown from the one right circle just 25 seconds later.

Noe Guerin’s even-strength goal at 10:22 of the second period gave the Buckeyes a 2-1 lead.

The Buckeyes’ successes on the power play continued in the third period, when Notre Dame’s Victor Oreskovich was called for high sticking 15:23 into the period. Ohio State’s forward Breye Anderson set up on the right circle and scored on a one-timer from Fritsche to make the score 3-1.

“We did a good job on the penalty kill and unfortunately it’s not going to look like it because there is going to be three or four goals on the power play,” Irish coach Dave Poulin said. “The last one the kid gets his stick lifted from behind, the other one the penalty is almost over, and the kid throws it up blind.”

At 17:54 in the third period, Sheahan was penalized for slashing, and to form, Ohio State again took advantage when Matt Beaudoin scored off his own rebound to put the game out of reach.

After Friday’s game, Poulin addressed the problems that the team is having offensively.

“We are a pretty good defensive hockey team that right now has gone on a run that are struggling in their beliefs to score goals,” Poulin said. “It’s going to happen again, but it certainly can’t come soon enough for this coach or this team.”

Unfortunately, the Irish offensive problems have had a negative effect on the team’s defense.

“I think it gets to a point where you’re on your toes and your trying to do whatever you can to score a goal and you leave yourself vulnerable defensively,” Poulin said.

The problems continued on Saturday, as the Irish again struggled to find a groove offensively until it was too late.

The Buckeyes came out aggressive and continued to prove why they are recognized for being strong on the power play.

Early in the game, the Irish were whistled for having too many men on the ice. At the 3:29 mark, Sean Collins made the Irish pay for that miscue, finding Hod Pellny, who scored to give Ohio State a 1-0 lead.

Ohio State tacked on another goal midway through the second period, as Fritsche made a beautiful pass from behind the net to set up a backhand shot in close by Anderson. Notre Dame responded midway through the third period, as Josh Seiba scored off a rebound in front of the net. Seiba’s goal seemed to rejuvenate the Irish intensity.

“Confidence is a very fragile thing,” Poulin said. “You can see when we score a goal in the third period, all of a sudden not only it was a little bit of a goal is confident, but the whole team is confident.”

Despite their inspired play down the stretch, the Irish could find a way to score a tying goal, and the Buckeyes tacked on an empty net goal with eight seconds remaining.

“There were a few opportunities tonight, there were more scoring chances than we’ve had clearly,” Poulin said.

Once again, senior Morgan Cey played beautifully in the goal for the Irish, making 27 saves in the losing effort.

“For now, all I can do is come in to the rink every day and work my hardest and give my team a chance to win every night, so that’s all I’m trying to do,” Cey said.

“We’ll take any kind of momentum we can get,” Josh Seiba’s goal there in the third really lifted our spirits, and we need little things like that to get our confidence going.”

Cey has now allowed eight goals in the team’s last five games, following his 27-save performance Saturday night.

“He’s really good,” Poulin said, with a slight smile on his face.

Notre Dame would love to now take the confidence that came from the last half of the third period Saturday into this weekend, when they play Tuesday against Michigan Tech and next weekend against Wisconsin in consecutive home games.

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SMC BASKETBALL
Saint Mary’s falls into fourth place

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

In the midst of a stretch coach Suzanne Bellina has called “so important to us,” the Belles lost a key game in Alma Saturday 77-71 in overtime.

Saint Mary’s 77-71, 2-5 MIAA entered Saturday one game ahead of Alma (7-6, 2-5) in the conference standings. The loss drops Saint Mary’s into a four-way tie for fifth with Olivet, Tri- Naio and Alma.

Saturday the Belles started Emily Creachbaum said the team is disappointed with dropping an opportunity to pick up a win against Alma, an MIAA bottom feeder.

“Saturday [would have helped] establish us as the middle of the pack,” she said.

With the conference season heating up and the Belles still on a roller coaster ride, Creachbaum said the team is trying to concentrate on one game at a time.

“I’m not we were just playing her around, and she scored a lot of baskets,” Creachbaum said.

On a more positive note for the Belles, four players, Bridget Lipke, Kasey Ruhs, Allison Kessler and Bridget Royce, scored in double figures, with Lipke leading the team with 17.

Creachbaum pitched in eight points and nine rebounds.

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Irish can’t take wins for granted in Big East

With the score tied at 14, Chris Quinn dribbled into his defender and forced a floating jump shot from the left wing. The two players made contact, the ball lofted a few feet in the air and St. John’s grabbed the loose ball. As the play continued to the opposite end of the floor, Quinn turned to the referee befuddled. He wondered why no foul had been called. He looked like a player on a proven team who expected calls on his home court.

But the whistle stayed silent. Perhaps it did not occur at that specific moment, but at some point during Notre Dame’s 67-66 win over the Red Storm Saturday, the Irish discovered a lot more about their identity in the Big East.

On the one hand, Notre Dame found out a few things that already had become evident. Colin Falls has become increasingly confident and lethal with his jump shot. The inside game still needs to improve. Russell Carter and Omari Israel look like they will contribute significantly from the bench.

But Notre Dame also found out that even after it challenged Syracuse for 26 strong minutes, beating a St. John’s team that just last year set a record for lowest conference wins — for this Irish squad — was not a given.

In fact, coach Mike Brey said his team understood its situation prior to tip-off.

"(Our players) are not shocked we had to do this to win," Brey said. "I told them to expect to do this to win. We never expected we were going to beat St. John’s by 10 or 12. I don’t expect that at any Big East game."

The Irish should have expected that against the Red Storm.

While Notre Dame’s being favored should not demand a sound victory alone, the Irish had every opportunity to put a team away that shot 31 percent from the field in the second half and made 10 of its 22 foul shots, including 5-of-12 during the final 8:38 of the game. In that same stretch, Notre Dame scored only 12 points and made no two-point field goals the remainder of the game.

The shot selection is not as big of a deal because most of the shots the Irish took Saturday, as Brey said, were good ones. Also, St. John’s is playing every game like a playoff game due to its ban on postseason participation.

"They really have nothing to lose. They’re just playing," Brey said. "This is an NCAA tournament game to them. They’re playing them like there’s 12 or 13 left."

But the fact that the Red Storm would have stolen this one if the Irish had not been for foul shooting and Chris Thomas’ 3-point shot speaks volumes towards Notre Dame’s status as a basketball team.

"Part of playing in this league is learning how to win, especially down the stretch," Quinn said. "I think in our four games for the most part we’ve done a pretty good job down the stretch ... it seems like every Big East game is going to come down to those last three or four minutes."

The Irish are 3-1 in the Big East, a game better than they were after four conference games last season. But as a tough schedule looms ahead, Notre Dame has not shown convincing evidence that it is significantly better than anybody.

While the Irish swarmed Syracuse Monday, the Orange eventually separated themselves as the better, more composed team with a 14-0 second half run. Notre Dame could not do that to St. John’s Saturday. One last year, we lost a lot of close games, and this year we’re winning them," Falls said. "That makes a difference come tournament time."

It sure does, and playing in the Big East undoubtedly prepares teams for the stiff competition they will see in the postseason. In such a difficult conference, Brey shows strength and leadership as a coach by appreciating a win for what it is.

"I want our players to celebrate," he said. "I don’t want them to say, ‘Oh man, we should have won by so many points’ ... B.S. We will enjoy it, and then we will get back to work tomorrow, because a league win is a league win. And we’ll take it, man."

But if Notre Dame cannot hang with teams like Syracuse for the full 40 minutes, the Irish must take care of teams like St. John’s consistently.

Otherwise, they should not expect any referees’ calls. Even at home.

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REMEMBERING IS NOT ENOUGH
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Friday, January 21 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 22 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, January 23 at 4 p.m.
Tuesday, January 25 at 8 a.m.
These performances are open to the public and free, but tickets must be obtained through the DeBartolo Box Office.

The Marian Anderson String Quartet
Presented by the Fischoff National Chamber Music Association
Decio Mainstage Theatre
Thursday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m.
These performances are open to the public and free, but tickets must be obtained through the DeBartolo Box Office.

For more information about these events or to see what is scheduled for the rest of the semester, please visit http://performingarts.nd.edu.
For tickets to these events, please call the Ticket Office at 574.631.2800.

FILM

BROWNING CINEMA
Tickets $6, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors, $3 all student
Tickets go on sale each Monday before the screenings.

Notre Dame Student Film Festival
Thursday, January 20 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Friday, January 21 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Saturday, January 22 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Tuesday, January 25 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Wednesday, January 26 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

8 1/2
Directed by Federico Fellini
Saturday, January 23 at 7 p.m.
PAC Classic 100
One of the greatest films about film ever made, Federico Fellini’s 8 1/2 (Otto e Mezzo) turns one man’s artistic crisis into a grand epic of the cinema. Guido Anselmi (Marcello Mastroianni) is a director whose film—and life—is collapsing around him. An early working title for the film was La Bella Confusione (The Beautiful Confusion), and Fellini’s masterpiece is exactly that: a shimmering dream, a circus, and a magic act.

More event information available at http://performingarts.nd.edu
Call 574.631.2800 for tickets and more information
Discounted tickets are underwritten by the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.
There are a limited number of student discounts available.

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
Eagles stomp Vikings

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — In the Eagles’ first meaningful game in nearly a month, the back-ups played like regulars and the supporting cast picked up the slack. Philadelphia wasn’t rusty at all in making its fourth straight NFC championship game with a 27-14 romp Sunday over the self-destructing Minnesota Vikings.

Mitchell was the headliner. He more than filled in for All-Pro wide receiver and glamour guy Terrell Owens, who watched from a luxury box while nursing an injured ankle. He scared two touchdowns, and wasn’t a bit shy about congratulating himself for playing the part of team celebrity. "I’m a special player," he said, wearing an Indiana Jones hat and bow tie. "I’ve just got to thank my hands for being so great. I’ve just been clinin’ being patient, being humble. I knew my time was going to come."

The bigger question: Has the Eagles’ Super Bowl time finally come? Philadelphia, which has lost three consecutive conference title games, the last two at home, hosts Atlanta next Sunday.

Patriots one step closer

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots kept the ball away from Peyton Manning most of the game and shut him down when he had it.

For the second year in a row, the Pats made the league’s MVP look ordinary and his Indianapolis teammates Fruit, this time beating them 20-3 Sunday behind Gave Dillon’s 144 yards rushing.

"I think our defense is what made this game successful," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said. "Three points to one of the best offenses in the history of football is incredible." Manning’s quarterbacking brilliance was neutralized as usual by Bill Belichick’s punishing defense and the Colts’ Super Bowl aspirations ended yet again on this snowy New England field. Manning is now 0-7 in Foxboro. Brady is 7-0 in the postseason.

For the defending champions, one more win in Pittsburgh and it’s on to Jacksonville, Fla., for their third Super Bowl trip in four years.

Tedy Bruschi, Willie McGinest, and Bill Belichick’s defense spent the day frustrating Manning.

In Brief

Kwan makes history, wins ninth title

PORTLAND, Ore. — Michelle Kwan held up nine fingers and grinned at the camera. She has her place in history, a run as impressive for its longevity as its dominance.

Kwan won her ninth title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships on Saturday night, tying Maribel Vinson for the all-time record. She earned four more 6.0s, giving her 42 at nationals in an illustrious career that began more than a decade ago when she was too young to wear makeup.

Now 24, Kwan is as dominant as ever, with no one in the United States coming close to challenging her. "Nine incredible national champi­ onships," Kwan said, looking stunned at the magnitude of what she’s done. "I don’t know, everyone is so different and unique."

Vinson won nine titles in the 1920s and 1930s, a mark that once seemed certain to stand. Gretchen Merrill, Tenley Albright and Peggy Fleming — they all were multiple titlers, but none came close to Vinson.

But it’s somehow fitting that Kwan was the one to finally reach the pinnacle. Her former coach, Frank Carroll, trained with Vinson, and Carroll would often tell Kwan stories about Vinson and the lessons she’d taught him.

Former Raiders center shot by police officer

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Former Oakland Raiders center Barret Robbins was shot and critically wounded during a struggle with a police officer investigating a burglary at a South Beach office building.

Robbins, a former All-Pro known best for going AWOL during the 2003 Super Bowl and other erratic behavior, was hospitalized in critical condition.

Robbins was shot several times in the torso during a "violent struggle" with a Miami Beach detective Saturday night, police spokesman Bobby Hernandez said.

"The officer was literally fighting for his life, trying to get Mr. Robbins from getting his gun. That’s when the shots rang out," Hernandez said.

Robbins, 31, was confronted in a second-floor office in a building that also houses a nightclub, gym and jewelry store. He was considered a burglary suspect, though no charges had been filed, Hernandez said.

We just have to figure out what he was doing there," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said authorities had not been able to interview Robbins, but that he was the former offensive lineman was expected to face a charge of bari­ tery on a police officer, Hernandez also said police were trying to deter­ mine whether he would face trea­ passing or burglary charges.

Detective Mike Miley, who fired the shots, had minor head injuries from the scuffle and was treated at a hos­ pital and released.

Robbins was taken to Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Central College Hockey Association

Teams CEGJ overall

Michigan 13-10 16-5-1
Ohio State 12-3 15-6-3
Northwestern 9-7-2 11-9-2
Michigan 8-5-3 10-7-3
Lake Superior 8-6-2 7-12-3
Michigan State 5-4-2 10-11-1
St. Cloud 5-1-1 6-11-1
Ferris State 5-2-3 8-12-3
Miami (Ohio) 5-2-4 6-12-4
Western Michigan 5-1-1 9-11-1
NOTRE DAME 3-11-4 6-13-5

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Women’s College Basketball

Texas at Connecticut, 5 p.m., ESPNU

Tennis

2005 Australian Open, 2 p.m., ESPN2

Men’s Swimming & Diving

CSCA Top 25


Women’s Swimming & Diving

CSCA Top 25


Women’s College Basketball

Texas at Connecticut, 5 p.m., ESPNU

Tennis

2005 Australian Open, 2 p.m., ESPN2
Irish defensive end Justin Tuck sacks Brigham Young quarterback Matt Berry in Notre Dame’s first game of the season. Tuck has elected to enter the NFL Draft.

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...sideration many factors when deciding whether or not to enter the draft, including how high he would be drafted. He said Monday night that he expects to go in the first-round or early second round when the draft approaches.

"Anytime you have an opportunity like this one, it's an opportunity that few people get," Tuck said Sunday night on the show. "There's really no guarantees going out or coming back but I did my research and I feel like it's the best decision for me and my family."

Tuck said the coaching change didn't play a large role in his decision to turn pro.

"Anytime you have a coaching change of that magnitude it will affect a decision, but the new staff really reached out to me," Tuck said on the show. "I know this staff is going to be a great staff so it didn't really have that much of an effect."

After having off-season knee surgery, Tuck saw his numbers decrease this year. He recorded 73 tackles in 2003, including 19 tackles for a loss. However, this sea- son, facing constant double teams, Tuck registered just 47 tackles, including 14 for a loss and six sacks in 11 games.

He sat out the Dec. 28 Insight Bowl nursing a sore knee.

This season, despite the decline in his numbers, Tuck was named Notre Dame's Most Valuable Player.

"I just want to reflect back on all the good things," he said on the show. "My time here has been great."

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"When they told me I had a concussion and said I wouldn't be playing the rest of the game, I think that's what hurt me more than not knowing where I was," Thomas said. "On the last possession of the half, Thomas was guarding the Red Storm's Mary hypers Hill II. He was long on the inbounds play. Thomas ran straight into a pick from Red Storm forward Lamont Hamilton."

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Information Session for those interested in the position of Assistant Rector

for University Residence Halls

Tuesday, January 11, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Recker's Hospitality Room
OR
Wednesday, January 19, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Recker's Hospitality Room
Light refreshments served

For further information visit http://osa.nd.edu/
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next day, she shattered the pool record with a 3-meter diving score of 576.05 points in 11 dives. Her score was more than 25 points better than the previous mark, and had been the only pool record that she did not own.

"This was a great job for us all year," Watters said.

The Irish diver is now 3.7 GPA. Herring thinks he will be able to handle the academic and athletic pressures at Notre Dame.

"I was impressed with how much they care about you as a student as well as an athlete," Herring said in "Florida Today." "I don't know why but I even got a little choked up.

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Notre Dame's Rebecca Grove swims against Illinois. Grove's 0.06-second victory as anchor in the 400-yard freestyle relay gave the Irish the win over the Illini.

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Irisheyes.com. "I saw that Notre Dame degree and I knew I could do something with it after football.

Helm is the 12th verbal commitment to Notre Dame this year and the second commitment the Irish received in the last week after safety Ray Herring verbally committed to the Irish on Wednesday. Notre Dame's recruiting class is currently rated 24th nationally by Scout.com.

Helm, from Kansas City, caught 26 passes for 560 yards and six touchdowns his senior year at Rockhurst High School. As a junior he tallied 600 receiving yards and 10 scores.

But Helm's speed and quickness is what makes him the 10th-rated wide receiver prospect in the nation by Scout.com. He has run the 100-meter dash in 10.39 seconds and has a 35-inch vertical leap.

"I'm tall and have good speed," Helm, who is listed at 6-foot-1, 190-pounds, said to Irisheyes.com. "I'm a finesse and flashy type of player.

Excellent times from Carroll and senior Brooke Taylor in the 200-yard butterfly brought the Irish to within three points of the Illini, setting the stage for the final relay.

"I was slightly nervous, we were all a little nervous, but we all knew we could win the meet," Grove said. "We knew how important it was for the seniors.

"We haven't had a meet that came down to the last relay in several years," Watters said. "I think it's a really good experience for us. It's a confidence builder.

The Notre Dame women's swimmers are off until Jan. 28, when they travel to Michigan to take on the No. 13 Wolverines.

Open House for 2005-06 School Year at the Early Childhood Development Center at Saint Mary's College

Come and see our program and meet the ECDC-SMC teachers:

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FOOTBALL

Tuck decides against fifth year, will enter NFL draft

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

After breaking the career sack record at Notre Dame, defensive end Justin Tuck has decided to take his talents to the next level.

Tuck announced Friday afternoon that he has made his decision to take his talents to the defensive end. Tuck, along with the rest of the staff, have been very positive influence in my personal growth and on and off the field. I know that I’m ready to test my skills and meet the challenges of the National Football League. I’d like to thank the Notre Dame community, the students, the faculty, the alumni, and all of my teammates for their outstanding support.

Tuck, an academic senior, has decided against returning for a fifth year and will enter the NFL draft. After much thought and consideration, I have decided to make myself-eligible for selection in the upcoming NFL Draft and will not return to Notre Dame for a fifth season,” Tuck said in a statement.

The coaching staff at Notre Dame did a great job preparing me for the NFL. Coach Willingham and coach Mattison, along with the rest of the staff, have been a very positive influence in my personal growth on and off the field. I know that I’m ready to test my skills and meet the challenges of the National Football League. I’d like to thank the Notre Dame community, the students, the faculty, the alumni, and all of my teammates for their outstanding support.

ND BASKETBALL

A win’s a win

Thomas hits winning 3-pointer late as Irish squeak past St. John’s

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

The only thing that could keep Chris Thomas off the floor during a Big East game was a concussion.

And that was for only eight minutes.

On his only field goal attempt of the second half, Thomas nailed a game-winning 3-pointer with 6.5 seconds remaining as the Irish (11-3, 3-1 Big East) survived St. John’s (6-7, 0-3) upset bid 67-66 Saturday at the Joyce Center.

“I never had a concussion

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Football Recruiting

Herring, Hord say ‘yes’ to Notre Dame

By MIKE GILLOON
News Writer

D.J. Hord did not make a reception in Saturday’s Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio. But the biggest biggest of his life may have come at halftime when he reached into a duffel bag and pulled out a Notre Dame baseball cap, signifying his intention to play football for the Irish next season.

A four-star wide receiver according to Scout.com, Hord chose Notre Dame over Kansas State and will be able to officially sign with the Irish on February 2.

“I always felt comfortable with those guys,” Hord said to Mike Frank of the Irish Times.

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ND Women’s Swimming

Swimmers win on close finish

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

Sixth hundreds of a second may not seem like a lot, but it was huge for the Irish women’s swim team this weekend.

Illinois led the No. 21-ranked Irish 175-172 going into the final swim of the meet, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Three and a half minutes later, Notre Dame sophomore Rebecca Green touched the wall .06 seconds in front of Illinois’ Barbie Viney, giving the Irish a 183-181 victory.

“I couldn’t really see anything, so I just looked up at the girls and saw Ellen (Johnson) holding her arms up and jumping up and down, that’s when I knew,” Grove said.

The team of sophomores Katie Carroll, Ellen Johnson and Grove and freshman Caroline Johnson posted a time of 3:28.22, the best for this Irish in this event all season.

The relay victory brought a fitting close to the final home meet of the season.

“We made it more exciting than we intended,” Irish coach Bailey Waters said. “We’ve had this meet on and off the last few years, and they (Illinois) always make things pretty hard on us.”

Six seniors said goodbye to Rolfs Aquatic Center Saturday, but none more triumphantly than diver Meghan Foy.

The fifth-year senior broke her own pool record for 1-meter diving with a six-dive score of 316.30 on Friday. The

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Irish drop pair of games to Ohio St.

Irish fall 4-1 Friday, 3-1 Saturday to the second-place Buckeyes.

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Alma 77, St. Mary’s 71 (OT)

The Belles missed out on a chance to move up in the MIAA standings.

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Team wins two matches easily

Notre Dame has little trouble in victories over Toledo and Illinois State.

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Steelers, Falcons advance Saturday

Pittsburgh needs overtime to beat New York. Atlanta routes St. Louis.

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Eagles, Patriots win Sunday

Philadelphia’s receivers play well in win over Minnesota. New England ends Manning’s dream season.

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