Breach may have exposed donor information

Hacker causes Notre Dame's first major computer security intrusion

By MADDEE HANNA

The personal and financial information of some University donors may be at risk after an unknown intruder hacked into a Development Office server Jan. 13 — the first computer security breach of its magnitude at Notre Dame, University officials said Sunday.

The data in question — possibly including Social Security numbers, credit card information and check images from donations made between Nov. 22, 2005 and Jan. 12 — pertains to a "minority" of alumna donors and friends of the University, said Hillary Crnkovich, vice president of Public Affairs and Communication. She declined to provide a specific estimate of the number of donors affected.

"We're not comfortable quantifying it," Crnkovich said Sunday. "We have no facts or quantification that people were compromised."

The intrusion was not initiated from an on-campus location, Crnkovich said, but its source is still a mystery.

"We just really don't know," she said.

Gordon Wishon, chief information officer for the Office of Information Technologies, said the University is working with two independent forensics firms to determine the source of the intrusion and expects to receive results in several days.

The analysis will "examine the contents of the server, look at the logs and a variety of data to help describe the nature of the intrusion and the intent of the intruder," Wishon said Sunday.

However, the investigation may be unable to pinpoint the intruder's exact location, especially if the site was overseas or several relay sites were involved, Wishon said.

And it's also unclear whether or not the University will know what information, if any, was viewed. "It may be that we'll never find out exactly what was exposed or taken," Wishon said.

Both Crnkovich and Wishon said it was possible the purpose of the intrusion was for file-sharing purposes, designed to obtain server space rather than personal information.

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Saint Mary's event celebrates College history

Presidential lecture kicks off Heritage Week

By MOLLY LAMPING

As an institution with a history spanning more than 160 years, Saint Mary's is deeply rooted in tradition. This week, students will be able to explore and relive the College's past through the events of the first-ever Heritage Week.

Starting today and running through Friday evening, Heritage Week was an idea created by student body president Kylee Miron and vice president Susann McDuff during last year's student body presidential campaign. Students are already looking forward to the idea of Heritage Week.

"I think that it's going to be a good time," freshman Clare Heine said.

College President Carol Ann Mooney will start the week with a lecture in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. tonight. She will speak about the time she spent in Le Mans, France, the city from which the Sisters of the Holy Cross emigrated.

"This should be really interesting for students to see the roots of Saint Mary's and the history of Sisters of the Holy Cross," Miron said.

There will be a scavenger hunt held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday. Teams of two to six people will run all over campus to search for the answers to 20 questions.

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Transition to ND tough for abroad students

Returnees nostalgic for former host countries

By JOE TROMBELLO

Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two-part series exploring how students make the transition back to Notre Dame from studying abroad.

For Notre Dame students returning from abroad, the transition back to South Bend from urban, culturally exciting cities like London often leaves them nostalgic for their host countries.

"I liked just about everything better about London," said Molly Corcoran, a junior from Howard. "There was always something to do, but the people were laid back.

We find everyone saying we wish we were back there."

Since Corcoran has lived in the United States all her life, she said it was not especially difficult to re-adjust to living in America. However, she said one difference was that "driving and traffic take so much more time" than she spent in London, where students regularly walk or take public transportation.

For Corcoran, getting re-acclimated to Notre Dame's partitalis policy has also been difficult. "The partiiuals, that's a new term."

The Jan. 9 announcement that the ruling would stand came as a relief to those affiliated with ACE and brought nearly two years of litigation to a close.

"We were thrilled," ACE director John Staut said. "We weren't surprised because we felt all along we had a strong relationship with the University and we were legal and just — but you never know.

Founded in 1969 by Father Timothy Scully, ACE is a two-year teacher training program that places participating in disadvantaged schools throughout the United States. The participants return to the University during the summer months to earn master's degrees in education.

In addition to the roughly $11,000 per year ACE teachers earn from their schools, most apply for and receive two annual $4,725 education vouchers through the federal service pro-
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"Most commonly with inci­dents of this type, that's what happens," Wishon said. "It's very common... but I certainly don't know if that's the case."

The server, which is not part of the University's central data sys­tem, was used for inter-office file sharing in the Development Office, Wishon said.

"If we're not being used, we're not doing anything," Crnkovich said.

"What we're doing is providing recommendations and outreach to the potential group and asking them to take their own precautions," Crnkovich said. "We really feel it's prudent to give people all the resources we can. We take it seriously."

Crnkovich said the Development Office had not received phone calls from con­cerned donors as of Saturday night. The Office has received e-mails, but they have all been positive, she said. "People have been very thoughtful and said thank you for letting them know to take the steps," she said.

But other donors say they are far from thankful. Mike Coffey, a 1991 alumnus who runs the NDNation Web site and mes­sage boards that received a flurry of posts over the week­end from concerned donors, said he was "extremely disap­pointed" after receiving e-mails informing him of the security breach.

"It seems to be a very shoddy set-up for protection of personal information I've provided to the school," Coffey said. Despite his disappointment, Coffey said he would not change his donating practices and hopes the incident causes the University to improve the way it stores and accesses information.

"I donate to Notre Dame because I believe in what Notre Dame does," he said.

Crnkovich said similar security breaches have occurred at other uni­versities, including Stanford and the University of Connecticut. However, she said she did not know how the inci­dents were handled by those schools.

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New Shedd exhibit by ND professors debuts

Aquarium displays invasive Great Lakes species

A new exhibit at Chicago's Shedd Aquarium that Notre Dame biologists helped develop brings Midwesterners face-to-face with some new — and unwelcome — neighbors: Asian carp, snakehead, gobies and other invasive species now residing in the Great Lakes.

"We are so pleased to partner with the Shedd Aquarium," said David Lodge, a Notre Dame pro­fessor of biological sciences and the leader of the multi-university National Science Foundation-funded Integrated Systems for Invasive Species (ISIS). "Our team of scientists and economists is working hard to provide understanding and solutions to invasive species problems. Shedd Aquarium has the unparalleled ability to show the public the wonderful resources of the Great Lakes, to display the invasive species that so threaten those resources, and to illustrate how the public can help solve these problems. Shedd has done a won­derful job of collaborating with us and others to turn ideas and dis­coveries into a fun and effective exhibit."

Non-native species are species that humans have introduced out­side their normal distribution. Once they arrive in their new envi­ronment, some of these species threaten valued environmental, agricultural or personal resources and are termed invasive species. Scientists believe at least 170 aquatic non-native species cur­rently live in the Great Lakes and a new species is discovered, on average, once every eight months.

"Species from elsewhere in the world, a small proportion of which are now on display at the Shedd, have transformed the Great Lakes food web from top to bottom," Lodge said. "Canada and the U.S. together spend about $16 million annually to reduce the damage done by one species, sea lamprey, on trout and salmon at the top of the food web. The bottom of the food web, in turn, suffers from round gobies, zebra mussels and many other invasive species."

"And the damages are far reaching, from the shoreline pipes of power plants clogged by zebra mussels in many other lakes and rivers across the continent, as many species spread from the Great Lakes. The damages to industry from zebra mussel alone currently approach $200 million annually and are growing as zebra mussels continue to spread," Lodge added.

The new $140,000 permanent exhibit, located in the Shedd's Local Waters Gallery, offers visi­tors close-up looks at such live invasive species as Asian carp, a snakehead, round gobies, alonwes and rusty crayfish, among others.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart bell will chime at 2:45 today. Please take a moment to remember the University community's celebration of Dr. King's legacy.

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A Call for Your Voice:
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Moderated by Dr. Anthony Burrow, Department of Psychology
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thing. People are more involved in your life here," she said.

Caroline Rycyna, a Pangborn junior, also was abroad with Corcoran, studied in London and said it was especially attractive, and

"I felt like they treated me a lot more ... it was more like a real job. And it felt more normal," she said.

Rycyna said she misses all of the cultural opportunities available to her in London.

"London is a huge metropolis, and it was really enjoyable as a place," she said. "In London, I could go see a play or visit a museum or a festival all the time. All the opportunities culturally ... it's hard not to have them."

"It felt tiring, but enjoyable," added Corcoran. "That is how I would describe it. We would have friends in London from time to time, often with students frequently planning get-togethers."

"I went to a few London parties," Corcoran said, "and I think the best part of it was reconnecting with friends from home, even though it was kind of tiring."

Rycyna said that she hopes to return to London, perhaps finding employment there after graduation.

"Going to a place like London and knowing I was going back, it was almost painful knowing there was no way to return," she said. "The fact that I am not there anymore makes me sad. ... I feel like I met a lot of people I really con-

nected with."

Other students, especially those coming from Westernized places, experienced some transition difficulties and feel that students are not ade-

quately informed on the campus support. Christine Donovan, a senior who graduated in December, studied in Chile in Fall 2004, and spent last summer in Lima, Peru on an internship with the San Diego Center. Donovan said the tran-

sition back from Norway to the United States was made more difficult by what she perceived as a lack of campus support.

"Coming back from Chile was really difficult for me. I didn't find very many resources to help me make the transition back to the U.S.," she said. "I didn't find a lot of a support system. It wasn't around the University at the time, which was very frustrating. I felt like I had people there who knew what I was feeling."

Donovan said an campus coordinator for different experience was once called.

"Being down in Chile, it was the first time I had ever been in Latin America. I had really enjoyed that experience," she said. "I had a lot of friends from the people I met, and the life in the country. I really wanted to explore that more."

Donovan said she had to travel more.

"I found that area in the United States," she said. "I decided to work there for an NGO, and that's where I spent my time, and I really enjoy the experience," she said. "I'm not sure I was always feeling that way, but it's an important part of me."

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The crowning event of the week will be the Heritage Dinner on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

The dinner will allow students to dine family-style, similar to how students did years ago when the college was known as the United States Catholic Seminary.

Dinner will be on hand to share their experiences at the College over the years and 2004 graduate Darren Dunlap will be reading excerpts from his book "Memories Down The Avenue."

Tickets for the dinner are available to students today and are free.

"I think that the dinner, and all of the other events, will be very helpful in bringing the whole College community together," said Fresonson Anderson.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Kidnapped workers to be released

LAGOS, Nigeria — Militants holding four foreign hostages in Nigeria claimed Sunday they would release the captives soon, according to a statement purportedly from the militant group.

The hostages — an American, a Briton, a Bulgarian and a Honduran — were seized near a Shell oil field on Jan. 11 by a group that also claimed responsibility for other oil industry attacks that have cut Nigerian production by about 10 percent.

"We promise that they would soon join their families, but God be witness of the true story of a revolution," the statement said.

The identity of the e-mail's author could not be independently confirmed and no ransom was offered.

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National News

Son takes over at Crystal Cathedral

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — The stately Crystal Cathedral entered a new era of leadership Sunday when the son of its founder succeeded his father, Robert H. Schuller, as senior pastor of the church.

Robert Schuller, 79, will continue to appear on the pulpit during Sunday services and on the church's weekly television show, "Hour of Power," which boasts a worldwide audience of 20 million.

Pageant searches for new host city

LAS VEGAS — Miss America rode the roller coaster of selection, wrapped up Saturday night with the crowning of Miss Oklahoma Jennifer Berry — and with new buzz for the faltering once-out-of-town event.

It remains to be seen whether what happened in Vegas will stay in Vegas. Pageant CEO Fred McDaniel said that no decision had been made on where Miss America was headed next, although the Aladdin Resort & Casino wanted it back next year.

Local News

Tollway lease remains questionable

GRANGER, Ind. — Most of the details of the government's plan to lease toll roads in Indiana are considered to help fund major highway projects remain unclear as lawmakers face a Feb. 2 deadline for finalizing the plan.

Three northern Indiana newspapers reported Sunday Gov. Mitch Daniels' administration outlined some details of the lease plan to lawmakers last week — including continued policing by state police and maintenance standards set by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

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U.S. Navy seizes pirate ship, crew

26 men detained for questioning off coast of Somalia by USS Churchill

Associated Press

DUBAI — U.S. sailors boarded a suspected pirate ship in the Indian Ocean and detained 26 men for questioning, the Navy said Sunday.

The 16 Indians and 10 Somali men were aboard a traditional dhawa that was chased and seized Saturday by the U.S. guided missile destroyer USS Winston S. Churchill, said Lt. Leslie Hull-Ryde of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command in Bahrain.

The dhowa stopped 54 miles off the coast of Somalia after the Churchill fired warning shots, the Navy said. U.S. sailors boarded the ship and seized a cache of small arms.

Sailors aboard the dhowa told Navy investigators that pirates hijacked their vessel six days ago near Mogadishu and used it to stage attacks on merchant ships.

The crew and passengers were being questioned aboard the Churchill Sunday to determine which were pirates and which were legitimate crew members, Hull-Ryde said.

The Churchill is part of a multinational task force patrolling the western Indian Ocean and Horn of Africa region to thwart terrorist activity and other lawlessness during the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

The Navy said it captured the dhowa in response to a report from the International Maritime Bureau in Kuala Lumpur on Friday that said pirates had fired on a Bahamian-flagged bulk carrier off the central eastern coast of Somalia.

Piracy is rampant off the coast of Somalia, which is torn by renewed clashes between militias fighting over control of the troubled African country. Many shipping companies resort to paying ransoms, saying they have few alternatives.

Somali militia last month relinquished a merchant ship hijacked in October.

In November, Somali pirates freed a Ukrainian ore carrier and its 22 member crew after holding it for 40 days. It was unclear whether a $700,000 ransom demanded by the pirates had been paid.

One of the boldest recent attacks was on Nov. 5, when two boats full of pirates approached a cruise ship carrying Western tourists about 190 miles off Somalia and fired rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles.

The crew used a weapon that directs ear-splitting noise at attackers, then spooled away.

Somalia has had no effective government since 1991, when warlords ousted a dictatorship and then turned on each other, carving the nation of 8.2 million into a patchwork of fiefs.

Schiavo marries again after wife Terri's death

Associated Press

SAFETY HARBOR, Fla. — Michael Schiavo, whose brain-damaged wife was at the center of a contentious end-of-life battle that played out on a worldwide media stage, has remarried, family members said.

Schiavo married his longtime girlfriend, Juli Centenize, on Saturday in a private church ceremony, said John Centenize, the brother of the bride.

Schiavo's former wife, Terri, died in March after her feeding tube was removed. She had suffered irreversible brain damage after collapsing at age 26 in 1990.

Schiavo’s parents and siblings fought for years to keep her alive, arguing that she had some level of consciousness. Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the U.S. Supreme Court, Congress, the White House and even the Vatican became involved in the case.

An autopsy supported Michael Schiavo's contention that she was in a persistent vegetative state with no consciousness and no hope of recovery.

Schiavo and his new bride have two young children. They met in a dentist's office about 11 years ago and began a relationship after Terri Schiavo was already in a nursing home.

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The immigrant day laborers who wait for work on street corners across the United States have families and attend church regularly, and the people who hire them more often than not think of them as individual homeowners than construction contractors.

The first nationwide study of day laborers also found that one in five has been physically assaulted, that many who have not been hired for a day have been cheated out of pay.

The study, the most detailed snapshot to date of the mostly Hispanic immigrant workforce who many of us often think of as invisible, was based on interviews of 2,662 workers at 264 hiring sites in 30 states and the District of Columbia.

The authors said they were surprised by the level of community involvement and support among men often thought of as invisible.

"The day laborer is not as disconnected from society as people think. It's seen as a shadow economy, but that's really not the case," said professor Nik Theodore of the University of Illinois at Chicago, one of three study authors. The others were from the University of California at Los Angeles, and New York's New School University.

Standing outside a Home Depot store in suburban Burbank on Sunday, 33-year-old Raul Sanchez said that he's not looking for work, he's involved in a church and trying to start a soccer league for fellow day laborers. The native of Mexico has been in the United States seven years and lives with his wife and two children, ages 13 and 14.

Sometimes he worries about small work sites with little safety equipment. "We know someone is going to help us if we get hurt," Sanchez said. "There are risks, but what are we going to do — not work?" As often as not, a day laborer's employer will be an individual rather than a labor contractor.

Forty-nine percent of respondents said they were regularly hired by home owners for everything from carpentry to gardening, with 43 percent getting jobs from construction contractors. Twenty-two percent said they were hired repeatedly by the same employer.

Based on the interviews and counts at each hiring site, the researchers estimate there are about 171,600 day laborers nationwide, but say that number is probably low. They said it would be impossible to count the number of hiring sites nationwide, since some spring up spontaneously.

Among the other findings based on the interviews conducted in July and August 2004:

• Three-fourths were illegal immigrants and most were Hispanic: 59 percent were from Mexico and 28 percent from other Central American countries.

• Just over half said they attended church regularly.

• Twenty percent said they were householders.

• Nearly two-thirds had children, 36 percent were married and seven percent lived with a partner.

According to the study, 85 percent of day laborers make less than $1.4 billion in its North American International Auto Show in Detroit. The assembly plants believed to be at risk for closure are in St. Louis; St. Paul, Minn.; Atlanta; Wixom, Mich.; St. Thomas, Ontario; and Canton, Michigan. Those plants could be targeted because of their age, the products they make, their lack of flexibility or other factors.

States were scrambling to offer tax credits and other incentives to keep Ford from closing their facilities. Earlier this month, Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt and other state officials flew to Ford's headquarters in Dearborn for a meeting with Ford executives. Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm said she outlined a package of incentives to Ford last week.

Granholm wouldn't disclose the details of the package and said she wasn't giving away her cards because that Michigan plants would be spared.

Ford is expected to report a worldwide profit for 2005 when it releases earnings Monday. But it lost more than $1.4 billion in its North American operations in the first nine months of last year.

The No. 2 U.S. automaker has been hurt by falling sales of its profitable sport utility vehicles, growing health care and materials costs and labor contracts that have limited its ability to close plants and cut jobs. The United Auto Workers union will have to agree to some of the changes Ford wants to make.
As President George W. Bush enters his sixth year in office, the time has come for a full-scale revival of the Democratic Party. Six years have, after all, been the historic breaking point for many of the most successful two-term presidents of the last century.

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Now, with the fallout from the Abramoff scandal sending shockwaves throughout the GOP in Congress and Bush taking heat for his unwarranted authorization of domestic spying at the National Security Agency, this pattern of sixth-year setbacks shows no signs of slowing.

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For the New York Times, and syndicated columnist Molly Ivins both called out their own party to man up and fight for the future of this country. In Dowd's incompaerable words, "If the Democrats are like the dithering 'Desperate Housewives,' the Republicans have come across like the counterterrorism agent Jack Bauer on '24': fast with a gun, loose with the law, willing to torture in the name of protecting the nation ... The Democratic's chronic impotence led to the Republicans' reign of incompetency."

Although Dowd may have been a little too generous in equating her party with the combusting, calculating, ruthless she-devis of ABC's hit show in reality, Democrats today are about as ruthless as "Dora the Explorer."

Now, with Bush wallowing in the inevitable mire of his sixth year in office, the Democratic Party must turn to 2008 not in the hopes of finding a centrist presidential candidate who will appease the stubborn voters of the South, but to a nominee who will wake up the echoes of Democratic values and ideals. And that was not a reference to Hillary Clinton. While the former First Lady did prove that she has the balls to take on the Republican leadership in Congress — even to go so far as to admit that the House of Representatives is "run like a plantation" — she will inevitably go the route of her husband and present herself as a centrist (and most likely the biggest foreign policy hawk on the '08 primary ballot).

Similarly, the last thing that the Democrats need is a right-leaning, moderate candidate like Indiana Senator Evan Bayh (who seems to share the views of the GOP on issues like gay marriage and school prayer) or former Virginia Governor Mark Warner (whose views on gun control are on par with Charlies Heston's). Sure, political analysts agree that a candidate with appeal to southern conservatives will have the most success in the general election, but what's the point of having a two-party system if both parties cater to the same group of people? If Mark Warner squares off against a moderate like Rudy Giuliani in '08, liberal Democrats might come to the realization that their views would be better represented in the White House under the leadership of the Republican candidate, and that's when all hell will really break loose.

Although most pundits and experts would undoubtedly disagree, the real answer for the Democrats is to pull an Emeril in 2008 — throw a little spice into the simmering pot of Washington politics and kick things up a notch.

They could stand behind a true liberal like Wisconsin senator Russ Feingold (of campaign finance reform fame) who actually did vote against the Iraq War and who would put some effort into dismantling Bush's irresponsible budget deficits. They could also back an African American who has the desire to clean up the lobbying and campaign finance system, an anathema for the death penalty, and a demagogue's ability to fire up an audience — Illinois Senator Barack Obama. Not to mention his name is Swahili for "One who is blessed by God," and divine endorsement seemed to do the trick for President Bush in 2004.

If Dowd is correct in her evaluation that the Democratic Party is suffering from a case of "chronic impotence," then either of these candidates would provide a much-needed dose of Viagra.

That could just be the trick to combat the Republican Party as President Bush tackles the mounting problems of his sixth year in office — a year when many of history's greatest presidencies have gone limp.

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Capital punishment ill-justified

Peter Wicks' column "Lex talionis" Jan. 19 is a compelling reflection on criminal justice through the lens of jurisprudence. The author elegantly articulates the dilemma facing legislators today, who must navigate the intricacies of reforming a system deeply entrenched in traditions and interests. Wicks persuasively argues that the capitol's corridors are a far cry from the ideal of a legislature truly dedicated to the public welfare. The prevalence of lobbying scandal has thrown out of obscurity and into public scrutiny the roles and responsibilities of legislators. It is a scandal that is vitally and intricately intertwined with the public interest. However, the author wisely notes that the prevalence of the hollow shenanigans described earlier can have two unintended consequences: it can undermine the confidence of the public in the legislature to reform, and instead of focusing on the policy, it can become fused with their personal interests.

The munn Jack Abramoff has been brought to light as a poster child for the lobbying scandal. His name is now symbolized with the word "shill" in the political landscape, and his legacy has been reoriented to join the effort to reform the system. The fundamental problem with the Abramoff scandal is not necessarily those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. It is a problem that has reoriented itself to join the effort to reform the system, and its contemporary civilization in Mesopotamia be determined that there is something more than the law itself which is required to ensure justice. It is to the reference to Solon implies that at least two further elements contrived to justice: reason and a sense of social solidarity. Today we see two civilizations at odds with each other throughout the history of our planet, the one, in the name of its people, should use death penalty in the roles and responsibilities of the European Union has rejected categorically the use of the State killing as both unreasonable - it brings no benefit to the victim and undeniably causes harm to the executioner and, arguably, also to the executor with the idea that the society - and undermining of social solidarity as it removes the barrier between the unjust (the criminal) and the just by making the whole of society party to killing.

The root of the problem seems to come back to the notion of "reform." Without a clear sense of what "reform" means to the people of the United States, the death penalty as a tool of retribution. With the killing of said convicted criminal, which is not recognized under the law. If in doubt about under which argument the value and dignity of human life and human rights are best reflected, it is revelatory to look around the world to see which societies share, with the United States, the use of State killing as a tool of retribution. With friends like these, I would like to draw Wicks' attention to the recent statement of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Organization which is the human and guarantor of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedom. France actively promotes pluralist democracy and the rule of law in Europe." As a friend of the United States America, I look forward to the day this great country will leave the capital of punishment. If moral argument is not compelling enough, the American public should compare the murder rates in countries which have abolished it. They would realize that executing people is not only inhuman, it does not work as a way of reducing the number of murders.

Mary Ann Hennecey-Gopal alumni class of 1990 Jan 21

U-Wire

The name Jack Abramoff has been thrown out of obscurity and into the harsh limelight of Washington political tailoring, and may come to represent the flagrant corruption at the heart of modern American politics. However, even in a year that saw the exposure of the trust of corrupt lobbying practices, an over-riding concern is whether or not the problems associated with lobbying have come together to form a system as convoluted as the tax code. An entire industry exists to interpret and evade the IRS, a completely undesirable situation. If that's true, then we're in exactly the same position as Kennedy, "confused" has a meaning that's similar to "troubled." The great irony came after Herbst, who is the most vocal pro-choice senator on the Judiciary Committee, remarked that, although she might disagree with Judge Alito, that doesn't mean that he should not be confirmed. Kate Michelman, the former president of Naral Pro-Choice America, was quoted as saying that Herbst's comment is very disturbing. 'I'm sure that it was troubling to Kennedy that the hearings were "turned into a political campaign," and he suspected that "the American people walk away more confused." If that's true, then we're in exactly the same position as Kennedy; "confused" has a meaning that's similar to "troubled." This column first appeared in the Jan. 20 edition of The Student Life, the daily publication of Washington University.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
**SHOW REVIEW**

**Legendary guitar master**

Huge crowd greets Dave Matthews Band collaborator Tim Reynolds for campus show

By BOB COSTA

Scene Writer

Hundreds gathered outside Legends, Notre Dame's campus bar and club, to see Tim Reynolds, the guitarist of the Dave Matthews Band, and frequent collaborator with jam-rock king Dave Matthews. The line stretched near the corner of Main and Washington as many fans wondered if they'd even have a chance to get inside to watch the free show.

For those who saw the performance, it was an unforgettable one of the most unconventional and rousing performances Legends has seen this year. The venue, which is usually hosts top-upcoming alternative acts and popular student bands, had, for once, been transformed into a grand performance space.

Reynolds played for over 110 minutes, with a single stage, solo, and an opening band. He walked onto stage just after 11 p.m. to the roar of close to 3000 people packed into every possible part of the venue. Clad entirely in black, the Unlike his other performances, he entered slowly by roving students screaming "Timmy!" just like they would be if they were at a huge outdoor concert, even though Reynolds was extremely close to everyone in the audience.

Overall, Reynolds was in good spirits and exuded that dark yet witty personality that initially shocks the audience but eventually gets them laughing right along. Reynolds took some time before the crowd around campus, see the Golden Dome, and do an interview with local TV.

Although he had spent part of his childhood in the Midwest, this was Reynolds' first time to Notre Dame. The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities welcomed his birthday festivities posthumously and with as much celebration as he would have warranted in his time with a celebratory concert at the Performing Arts Center this Sunday.

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**Symphony concert celebrates Mozart's birthday**

By ANALISE LIPARI

Scene Writer

were today's technology made available to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in Salzburg, the maestro would have lived to see his 250th birthday. Instead, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities celebrated his birthday posthumously and with as much celebration as he would have warranted in his time with a celebratory concert at the Performing Arts Center this Sunday.

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**The quick pace, high energy and soaring melody left the symphony with an almost triumphant feel by its closing notes.**
SHOW REVIEW

Russian National Ballet wakes up 'Sleeping Beauty'

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Associate Arts Editor

The Russian National Ballet Company performed "Sleeping Beauty" at the Morris Performing Arts Center on Saturday. The Russian National Ballet, founded and directed by Sergei Radchenko, is a world-renowned organization. It has toured throughout Europe, Asia and the United States. Radchenko was the principal dancer of the Bolshoi Ballet before starting the Russian National Ballet.

The performers brought a sweeping grace and beauty to the classic story, set against the timeless music of Tchaikovsky and the choreography of Marius Petipa. It opens with a long, expressive prologue that lays out the plot, which is familiar to anyone who’s seen the Disney film. An evil witch casts a spell on a princess, dooming her to death on her sixteenth birthday, but a counter-spell by a good fairy causes her to sleep rather than die until a prince comes to her rescue.

The final act, a wedding scene in which the story is essentially jettisoned, features dances by Pisces 'n' Hoots, Bluebeard and his wife, Goldilocks and a Bear, and Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf.

Like many musical events, the plot itself is just window dressing for the spectacle of the dancing, which was spectacular and impressive. All of the dancers were quite good, and the ensemble performances were enthralling, but it was the solo and duet dances that were most effective.

Each of the leads — Princess Aurora, Prince Desire and the Fairy of Lilac — had segments that were wonderfully conceived and executed. Prince Desire, in particular, demonstrated an athletic grace as he jumped and twirled for the just-unveiled movie and Petipa’s choreography, made it an oft-breathtaking show and a prime exhibition of classical ballet.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Underworld: Evolution' suffers from stagnation

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Critic

"Underworld: Evolution," the sequel to his 2003 "Underworld," has indeed evolved, much over time. Using fight sequences, explosions, and women in leather to sell the movie, it fails to remember to build up its plot and characters. While many new things about the franchise’s universe are revealed, it leaves many of us asking why. "Underworld: Evolution" is entertaining. I was laughing at the action, but it was not the point of the movie and Petipa’s choreography, made it an oft-breathtaking show and a prime exhibition of classical ballet.

I was surprised to see the film was much more direct and understandable than the original "Underworld," which was much more confused in its plot and characters. "Underworld: Evolution" also introduces a new character, Aurora, who brings a much-needed element of mystery and intrigue to the story.

The film’s biggest asset is the chemistry between Kate Beckinsale and Scott Speedman, who play the human characters of Selene andwan, respectively. They bring a depth and emotion to their roles that is missing in the original movie.

"Underworld: Evolution" also features a new cast of characters, including Michael (Scott Speedman), a werewolf who is the son of the evil witch, and Aurelia (Kate Beckinsale), an oportunistic vampire who wants to control the world.

The film’s biggest flaw is its pacing. The movie drags on for over two hours, and the plot is filled with unnecessary flashbacks and exposition.

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**Bus keeps rolling on**

**Unbelievable and almost unprecedented. Led by 273 yards and two passing touchdowns from Ben Roethlisberger and a touchdown by Jerome Bettis, the Steelers became the first team since the 1985 Patriots to win three road games en route to the Super Bowl. Counting the regular season, they've played five of their final six away from Pittsburgh. And while there's no John 'Bluto' Blutarsky, this Pittsburgh group has plenty of characters of its own. There's Bettis, The Bus, who stuck around for a 13th year.**

**MVP carries 'Hawks**

**SEATTLE — With their MVP back in business, a fierce defense and all the comforts of playing at home, the Seattle Seahawks had everything they needed to get to their first Super Bowl. And they did, easily. Shaun Alexander came back from last week's concussion to rush for a team playoff-record 132 yards and two touchdowns Sunday, and Seattle pressured Carolina stars Jake Delhomme and Steve Smith into oblivion in a 34-17 rout for the NFC championship. The Seahawks picked off three passes in winning their 12th straight home game and shattering the fifth-seeded Panthers' stunning postseason run.**

The NFC's best team during the season, the Seahawks (15-3) will have to beat yet another wild card, the Pittsburgh Steelers, in the Super Bowl in Detroit on Feb. 5. Pittsburgh beat Denver 34-17 earlier in the day.

"We're not done yet," quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said. "We've got another game we've got to win." While Alexander paced the ball-control offense, it was the defense that really carried the Seahawks.

**Kubiak to become Texans' head coach**

**DENVER — The most famous road trip since "Animal House" rocks on. Big Ben, The Bus and all those Terrible Towels will become the lane to fame for Gary Kubiak to become Texans' head coach during a Wednesday news conference Sunday.**

"This is an unbelievable feeling to be here right now," Kubiak said during a news conference Sunday. "When you're sitting, that's when the big roads are on the road. This is an unbelievable feeling to be here right now."
Irish take care of business in season opener

Notre Dame prepares for No. 1-ranked Virginia after defeating Northwestern in convincing fashion this weekend

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

After a stellar fall season, the Irish began the dual-match season with a resounding 6-1 win over Northwestern Saturday. No. 26 Notre Dame improved to 1-0 going into Friday's match against No. 1 Virginia, with strong play in both doubles and singles.

"It's always good to start with a win, and Northwestern was a team that in our last couple of years we've had close matches with," coach Bobby Bayliss said.

"We were certainly prepared for a close one. The doubles point was pretty hotly contested and we eked it out by the narrowest of margins at No. 3."

Despite an upset of No. 1 doubles team Ryan Koeckley and Eric Langenkamp—which debuted at No. 12 in the national rankings — the Irish started the match up 1-0.

Barry King and Sheeva Paribakht won 8-2 at No. 2 doubles, scoring six unanswered points after a 2-2 deadlock.

"That put a little more pressure on Northwestern," Bayliss said.

However, the Wildcats were back in it with an 8-6 upset win at No. 1 doubles.

"First doubles was disappointing because we hit enough good shots to win but we didn't hit them at the most opportune times," Bayliss said.

However, Stephen Bass and Brett Helgeson clinched the doubles point for the Irish, heading into the singles portion of play with a 1-0 lead.

"It gave us a real sense of confidence going into the singles," Bayliss said. "Once it started our guys closed them out pretty quickly."

At No. 5, Koeckley gave the Irish a 2-0 lead, winning the first set of his match 6-2 before his opponent retired due to injury. No. 4 Helgeson won his dual-match debut 6-0, 6-3.

"For a guy making his debut Brett Helgeson was absolutely flawless in his first set," Bayliss said.

Langenkamp, ranked No. 65 in the nation, fell 6-3, 6-0 at No. 6, effectively ending his 10-match winning streak — dating back to last season — in dual-match singles.

But Paribakht clinched the match for the Irish at No. 2, winning 6-1, 6-4.

"Sheeva beat a pretty tough competitor who extended him to a tiebreaker in last year's match," Bayliss said. The sophomore, who ascended in the rankings after going 11-2 in the fall, had no problem racking up his third match-clinching win.

Barry King, back from a semester at University College Dublin, won 6-2, 6-3 in play at No. 3.

With the match outcome already decided, Stephen Bass fought valiantly for a win at No. 1. Ranked No. 8 nationally, the junior outlasted Christian Tempke 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) to end the match with a decisive win.

"Stephen played well and really fought well from behind," Bayliss said, noting that Bass was forced to adjust his game.

"It came down to a matter of discipline and toughness. Stephen has those qualities in spades," Bayliss said. "I really respected the poise and the presence that he showed, he didn't get rattled and was able to come up with a plan that seemed to work."

The Irish started off the season with a win over a quality opponent — good before their Friday match against the Cavaliers.

"I think the guys felt good about the win," Bayliss said. "When Patrick [Buchanan] and Eric [Langenkamp] were freshmen, Northwestern beat us 4-3, and the last two years we won 5-2 matches that were very close. Now to beat them a little more decisively reaffirms that we're a little better and that some of our guys have made big strides, and hopefully we're ready to take it to another level."

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Academic Freedom and Catholic Character
Address and Discussion

By Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

Please plan to join Fr. Jenkins for his address to the Notre Dame community on the issue of academic freedom and our Catholic character. A period of questions and comments will follow.

Faculty: Monday, January 23, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Students: Tuesday, January 24, 2006, at 12:30 p.m. in Washington Hall.
ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish cruise to win over Spartans

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

With its 156-147 victory over Michigan State last Saturday, the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team remains unbeaten with six straight consecutive first-place finishes, leaving the state of Michigan in its wake.

After defeating Michigan two weekends ago, the Irish used this weekend's meet against a less talented Michigan State team to allow their swimmers the opportunity to compete in events the swimmers don't normally swim.

"Swimming in off-events is a mental break for the kids," head coach Carrie Callahan said. "It's a change of pace and a chance to work on different strokes. Most importantly, you learn how to be versatile, which is really important."

Junior swimmer Katie Carroll agreed with her coach's assessment of off-events, but added she also finds them helpful because "they give you a chance to see what your teammates have to go through in their events."

Carroll, along with freshman Chelsea Higgins, led Notre Dame against the Spartans as each tallied two individual victories. Carroll won the 200 breaststroke, an off-event for her, as well as the 200 individual medley. Higgins was victorious in the 200 and 300 freestyle. Also collecting first-place finishes for the Irish were Claire Hutchinson, Rebecca Grove, Jessica Neophros, Carrie Hopkins and Casey Wagner.

By allowing the majority of their swimmers to compete in off-events, the Irish essentially sent their "B" team to East Lansing this past weekend, but Carroll and her teammates didn't allow that to deter them.

"The fact that we basically sent our "B" team while Michigan State sent their "A" team, yet we were still victorious, was a real confidence booster for us," Carroll said.

But Notre Dame hardly needs another reason to be confident. In fact, the Irish have not finished worse than first place in any type of meet since losing to Purdue on Oct. 29. To put that in perspective, Oct. 29 was the weekend between the BVC and Tennessee football games.

Nixon cited a couple of reasons for her team's stellar performance in the past six meets.

"We're certainly swimming with a lot of confidence right now," she said. "But I also think the girls are swimming well because they know the end is near and it's crunch time. I think our performance lately has been a combination of those two things."

The Irish face the Louisville Cardinals this weekend in their final meet before the Big East conference championship.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Busy swimmers win one, lose one

After dropping a meet to Northwestern on Friday, Irish bounce back at Cleveland State

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

The men's swimming team came out of arguably its toughest weekend of the regular season with its pride wounded, but stronger for the experience.

Notre Dame, barely removed from a two-week training trip and three sessions of racing last weekend, traveled to Evanston, Ill. on Friday for a matchup against No. 16 Northwestern. The perennially stellar Wildcats trumped the Irish, 128-72, handing the blue and gold their second dual meet loss of the season.

"It wasn't so much disappointing that they beat us, but it was disappointing that we didn't swim as well as a team as we could have," co-captain Patrick Heffernan said.

"I think we are a good team -- we knew we'd be tough to go against there -- but we weren't as fast as a team and didn't perform as well as we could." The meet was Northwestern's sixth consecutive victory over Notre Dame. That squad faced each other Jan. 14 and 15 in the 28th annual Dallas Morning News Classic. The Irish placed fifth out of six in the prestigious event, while the Wildcats took second.

Assistant coach Matt Tallman went with nine members of the team to the meet in Dallas while head coach Tim Welsh directed the rest of the squad in a 163-73 dual meet win over Evansville.

"We're still pretty beat up; we had a couple good races early and Northwestern is a team, nationally, that for a couple years has been ahead of us," Tallman said.

The team wasn't about to leave the Land of Lincoln without doing some damage. Notre Dame's Jay VandenBerg continued his long-distance dominance by earning first in the 1,000-yard freestyle, while teammates Patrick Davis and Jake Hopper took second and third. Tim Kegelman grabbed the top spot in the 100 butterfly and Irish diver Michael Bufflef and Sam Soner won 1-2 in both the one-meter and three-meter events.

Perhaps more indicative of the team's capabilities was the way the Irish rebounded the next day at home against Cleveland State. The Vikings, now 10-4 in dual meets, beat Valparaiso the day before Notre Dame was able to come out much stronger and handle the Vikings, 124-87.

"I think they were just able to see where they were on Friday and they rebounded well," Tallman said. "We had kind of a down-up practice Saturday to work out the kinks and they seemed pretty confident in our pool.

The Irish touched the wall first in nine of the 11 events. Jackson Fulk set the pace for the squad, grabbing first place in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle, and as well as swimming on the winning 400 medley relay with giàuon Nash, Tim Randolph and Tim Kegelman.

Ted Brace (200 fly), Burren (200 breast), Patrick Davis (500 freestyle), and Michael Bufflef (100 backstroke) also took first place.

The busy weekend certainly won't be the last for the Irish, who will race three sessions this upcoming Friday and Saturday in the Shamrock Invitational, not to mention the Big East Championship this February.

"It's good preparation because at the Big East Championship we have seven sessions in three and a half days," Tallman said. "Hopefully races like (northeastern and Cleveland State) helps us at the end of the year."

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Belles drop final home meet to Lady Hornets

By DEIRDRE KRAUSLA and BECKI DONNER

The Lady Hornets of Kalamazoo beat Saint Ignatius 143-59 Friday in a MIAA dual meet at Rolf’s Aquatic Center. It was the final home meet for the Belles, who have an up-and-down season this year.

Senior captain Kelly Neils capped off a very successful home swimming season, posting wins in both the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:05.02, and the 208-yard freestyle with a time of 3:54.02. Neils’ two wins made her the first two victories that the Belles would walk away with from the 12-event meet. Despite their loss to the Lady Hornets, the Belles are optimistic about the following week’s dual meet against Calvin College.

“owości just need to put in a tough fight as we look forward to the final-regular season meet this weekend,” said junior Aliia M. Bautista.

“We will begin our turn [rest] period of training, so we hope to have less yardage, more fast swimming to get ready for MIAA,” Ohio State 17-10.

Although the Irish failed to come on top, the team was still satisfied with their overall performance on the weekend.

“We struggled at certain points, but in the end we pulled things together,” junior Sabrie Valerie Provodien said.

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NBA

Bryant scores 81 points in win

Associated Press

10-ANGEL - Kobe Bryant scored a staggering 81 points - the second-highest total in NBA history — and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Toronto Raptors 122-104 Sunday night.

With the fans at Staples Center chanting “MVP! MVP!” Bryant shot 28 of 44 from the field with four 3-pointers remaining for his final points, putting him behind only Will Chamberlain on the all-time scoring list.

Chamberlain scored 100 points for Philadelphia against the New York Knickerbockers on March 6, 1962. His second-highest total was 78 against the Boston Celtics in three overtimes on Dec. 6, 1961.

“I couldn’t even dream of this when I first started,” Bryant said. “There was no way possible.”

Bryant’s 81-point effort was matched with 42 remaining seconds remaining, having shot 28-46 from the floor with 2.5 points remaining.

He was 7-of-13 from 3-point range.

Elgin Baylor held the previous single-game record of 71 points at New York on Nov. 15, 1960.

Michael Jordan’s career high was 69 points, and only four players had ever scored more than 70 points in a game.

Chamberlain, Bryant, David Thompson and David Robinson.

The 27-year-old Bryant made it look easy.

He played nearly 42 minutes, going the entire second half until being held by coach Phil Jackson.

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to get his gear ready and replace starter Dave Brown in net.

The freshman, who last played on Dec. 3 against Western Michigan and had notched a win this season, stopped 20 shots in the game.

“I was pretty happy with the way I played tonight,” said Bob Bela.

“We just believed the shots were going to go in, and when you get the chance, you should take it,” Bela said.

“We were very proud of our team,” said Kyle Cassily.

The Irish scored first in the game when Mark Van Gillander scored on the power play at 1:12 of the first period from a sharp pass by Condra. Northern Michigan then went on a three-minute goalless spell before Andy Zontak in the second.

Northern Michigan 5, Notre Dame 2

The weekend came to a dramatic close for the Irish on Saturday night, on but Friday all the other games did not go as well.

Northern Michigan collected two second period goals after the teams were tied 1-1 after the first period.

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utes," McGraw said.
After halftime, the early action resembled what had happened all game, with Notre Dame in control. The Irish continued to increase their lead, and it peaked at 17 points when Duffy—who finished with 16 points—stole the ball from King and Marlow and took it all the way for a lay-up, giving the Irish a 46-29 lead with 11:55 to go. Shortly thereafter, things began to unravel.
After a lay-up by sophomore Charel Allen again gave Notre Dame a 17-point 50-33 lead with just over 10 minutes to play, the Irish offense completely shut down. Over the next 7:30, the Irish failed to score on eight of their next nine possessions, the lone exception being a lay-up by Duffy with 7:15 to go, which proved to be the final Irish field goal.
Four points in 10 minutes has to be a record for us," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said of Notre Dame's anemic offense down the stretch.
At the same time, the Irish turned the ball over five times, including twice by center Mélissa D'Amico.
"We played scared—we choked," McGraw said.
While the Notre Dame offense was falling apart, the Georgetown offense began to find its stride. The Hoyas, who cut the Irish lead down to 52-48 with 2:44 left to play, were able to be successful in large part because of 7-of-8 shooting from the free throw line during the run, the lone miss coming from Leesier, who still finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds, both game highs. "(She) had a great game," McGraw said of Leesier after the game.
After a pair of Duffy free throws gave the Irish a 54-48 lead with 2:34 to go, the only offense on the floor for the rest of the game would come from the Hoyas. Georgetown scored on both of its next two possessions, trimming the lead to two with 1:17 remaining and looked prepared to take its first lead at the most important time. But the Notre Dame defense held strong and guard Breona Gray's steal with 15 seconds left led to a foul that gave the Irish a chance to ice the game.
However, Gray missed the front-end of a 1-and-1, and it wasn't until Kate Carlin missed a 3-pointer with one second to go that the Notre Dame team could finally breathe a sigh of relief and begin moving up in the Big East standings, where the Irish are now 3-3 in conference.
"We were lucky to win," McGraw said.
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**ND Women's Basketball**

Holding on

Megan Duffy, left, chases down a steal in Notre Dame's upset win over DePaul on Jan. 17.

**Rotc Basketball**

Cadets travel for tourney

Notre Dame ROTC hosts the corps of 52 schools in competition

By TIM DOUGHERTY

Sports Writer

The 20th Annual Flying Irish Basketball Invitational brought together 52 Reserve Officer Training Corps men’s and women’s teams this weekend from detachments across the country. The tournament, hosted by Notre Dame Air Force ROTC, lasted from Friday night until Sunday afternoon, when the Flying Irish finalists earned the right to play on the same court where the Irish men’s team would be practicing later in the day.

In the women’s final, South Dakota State Air Force ROTC Jackrabbits upended the Purdue University Navy ROTC and U.S. Marine Corps Boilermakers 34-18. The Jackrabbits were led by the strong guard play of co-tournament Most Valuable Players and sisters Emily and Liz Jarding. The two took over the game after a slow start that only saw six points scored in the first 10 minutes, jettisoning Purdue out to a 20-7 halftime lead.

In the men’s final, Texas A&M-Kingsville completed the sweep, defeating the Irish 97-80. The Aggies ended the season 5-1 in the tournament, while the Irish fell to 4-2 and finished second.

**Men’s Basketball**

Last-second jumper lifts Marquette

Loss puts Irish at 1-4 in Big East conference

By BOBBY GRIFFIN

Associate Sports Editor

Marquette forward Steve Novak hit a game-winning fadeaway jumper shot with 1.1 seconds remaining to defeat Notre Dame 67-65 Friday and hand the Irish their fourth Big East conference loss in five tries.

"He made a tough shot," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I thought we had a pretty good awareness of him. We wanted to switch stuff, so we always had people on him. [McAlarney] followed him around after coming off, and he hit a very tough shot."

The senior received the pass and released the ball past the outstretched arm of Notre Dame guard Kyle McAlarney, after being forced towards the sideline.

The 6-foot-1 McAlarney did all he could to block the shot. "It could have gone either way," McAlarney said. "I hit a very tough shot."

**Fencing**

Irish fall short of win in NYU tournament

By DAN TAPETILLO

Sports Writer

This weekend’s matches at the NYU duals proved to be bitter-sweet for Notre Dame.

Despite finding early success against the nation’s top teams on Sunday, both Irish teams fell just short of the victory, finishing 4-1. The No. 2-ranked men defeated Purdue 34-18. The Jackrabbits were led by the impressive win by sophomore epeeist Greg Howards, 5-3 victory over Max Czapanski. Another noteworthy moment was Notre Dame’s next challenge. Notre Dame clinched the impressive win by sophomore epeeist Greg Howards, 5-3 victory over Max Czapanski. Another noteworthy moment was Notre Dame’s next challenge.

**Hockey**

Icers win thrilling 4-3 game

By KYLE CASSILY

Sports Writer

A month removed from the last time he manned the pipes in a game and two months since his last win, Irish goalie Jordan Pearce came off the bench to spur the Irish in a comeback Notre Dame victory.

After the Irish fell behind 3-1 at 6:38 of the second period in Saturday’s matchup with Northern Michigan, Irish head coach Jeff Jackson called a time out for his team to regain its composure and to make a personnel change. Jackson ordered Pearce to the ice.

**Soccer**

SMC Swimming

Kalamazoo 2013 Saint Mary’s 59

The Bees dropped their final meet of the season, but look forward to the MIAA Championships.

**Sports at a Glance**

**Nba**

Bryant scores 81 in Lakers win

Kobe Bryant scored 81 points against Toronto Sunday night, the second-highest single-game total by a player in NBA history. Only Wilt Chamberlain’s 100-point game had more.

**Men’s Swimming**

Irish go 11-1 over weekend

The Irish lost to Northwestern but got back on track against Cleveland State.

**Men’s Tennis**

Notre Dame 6 Northern 1

The No. 26 Irish easily defeated the Wildcats in their season opener.

**Track**

Home opener sees 12 wins

Okeye Ogbuekiri qualified for the NCAA Tournament in the 400 meter race.