Basketball ticket sales, crowds strong

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

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

"I would say our ticket sales are pretty similar compared to the last couple years," Berlo said on Jan. 22, noting that while sales haven't significantly increased, crowd energy has. The policy for student tickets was altered last year to allow students to "share booklets," something Berlo said probably also encourages attendance — which, in turn, helps the team.

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

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

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

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

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INSIDE COLUMN

Looking good, ND

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

While I was studying this afternoon, I often glanced up at friends, classmates and strangers as they walked past my booth in LaFortune. As the hours passed, one thought kept popping into my head: "You're looking good lately, Notre Dame." Before I write further, let me be clear: I'm well aware that I'm no fashionista. Naturally, I like to look good when the weather is fine. True to my preppy roots, I value a golden fake-und-bake, double-popped pastels and liberal application of greasy hair products. But I recognize that in South Bend, there comes a point in January where even the best of us are tempted to leave suade jackets at home in favor of a much warmer North Face. Yet today, I witnessed something bold, something beautiful, and I'd like to raise my figurative glass to those of you who went above and beyond. It's 10 degrees outside, and you're still looking fine.

It could be that those New Year's resolutions to spend some time at Rolls or cut back on late night LaFortune runs are starting to show. Or maybe Santa splurged on some high-end Christmas clothing. Sometimes it takes only a mischievous grin at a friend across the room to instigate glancing up from your homework for your peers to take notice. In three-and-a-half years at Notre Dame, I've learned two key lessons the Universe can heap a hearty helping of.

First, relentless cold, snow and the flu are expected to continue in some quality self-absorption on a waning Catholic faith, for what little it's worth, is that my prerogative.

Second, despite its numerous and varied positive attributes, our University can be a hearty helping of Catholic guilt on the unwary. My philosophy, for what little it's worth, is that one cannot go wrong and keep up the good work, Notre Dame, with a selfless and humble peers for their devotion to integrity, ethics and social justice. But I find that if I don't indulge in some quality self-absorption on a regular basis, their admonishments start to wear off for lack of behavior I can applaud.

I applaud our dedicated administration, our talented faculty and many of our selfless and humble peers for their devotion to integrity, ethics and social justice. But I find that if I don't indulge in some quality self-absorption on a regular basis, their admonishments start to wear off for lack of behavior I can applaud. So please, go ahead. Hike over to FunTang and start working on that hikiny body. Spend some extra time on those abs so you can impress the ladies with more than your ability to shotgun beers. These pregame and grand birthday money to the wind, head to the mall and pay off all those shoes you've been greedily eyeballing. You know you deserve them. In fact, I might see you there, because I'm going to buy a pair myself. In the immortal words of Bobby Brown, it's my prerogative.

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

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

Kevin Crowley

"The great American hero of our time.

Death, destruction and the savior of humanity"

He's like Chuck Norris — except better.

Unrealistic, but I want to be like him.

Spill more.

IN BRIEF

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Stolen Bigfoot statue

found without feet

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

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

The likeness of the legendary ape-like creature of the Northwest was used to stand 8 feet high, but its 16-inch-long feet had been sawed off at the ankles, leaving it 18 inches shorter.

"I'm glad we got him before they cut him anymore," said ([Redacted]) [Redacted] of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

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

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Professor looks at political stability

By JACKIE MULLEN

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

Martínez-Gallardo said many presidents restructure cabinets in order to overcome congressional constraints, and that the action is most typical of presidents with a weak political basis. She said cabinet appointments supply a president with "flexibility in impeding crises" and allows them to "avoid deadlock."

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

The equilibrium of a country's government, so far as the cabinet influences the larger regime, is affected by the ability of the president to change the cabinet, the ability to use appointments to deal with problems and the constitutionally-imposed constraints on the president, such as formal censure power, she said.

Based on her research, Martínez-Gallardo concluded that, countervirtuifiy, the presence of formal legislative censure power increases the possibility of removing a cabinet member by 200 percent, compared to presidential systems where the congress does not wield formal censure powers. However, she acknowledged that this may be a result of a political system volatile enough to necessitate censure powers, implying that the power in itself does not trigger the erratic membership of the cabinet.

Martínez-Gallardo also said "presidential systems are almost by every account more unstable than parliamentary systems." She referred to presidential systems' use of cabinet appointments to influence public conception regarding the effectiveness of the government, and also as a scare tactic directed toward other members of the cabinet.

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

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

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

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

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Business club holds All-Council meeting

By JENN METZ

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Official warnings of fiscal crisis

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

The United States’ budget deficit may be approaching the $500 billion mark, according to the Government Accountability Office (GAO). Walker audited different government agencies, and found that Social Security, health care and taxation legislation will require fundamental reorganization if the crisis is averted.

While some would have you believe the deficit is the result of our nation’s war on terrorism and incremental homeland security costs, that’s just not factually accurate.

David Walker
U.S. Comptroller General

In response to the growing deficit, Walker and the GAO launched the “This is Your Revenue Tour,” a series of nationwide forums to discuss the federal government’s deficit and the challenges posed by existing tax policies.

They’ve already visited several areas, including Ohio State University, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska and Duke University. According to the GAO Web site, Walker said it was important to explain the deficit so that Americans would be encouraged to serve their country, and he offered the students insights on their personal financial situation.

Of the bipartisan Student Alliance, "Ten Years Hence" lecture series, Walker updated students on the condition of the country’s debt and urged them to hold their elected officials accountable for the expenditures and taxation formulas they may implement because of the burden their decisions will fall on the shoulders of forthcoming generations.

"We don’t face a heart attack immediately but we have been diagnosed with cancer," Walker said. "We need to start treating today or we’ll face catastrophic results in the future.

He called the existing fiscal policies thing, he said, that activism in the beginning of the season has been fun to be around, he said.

The taxpayers, he said, have failed to carry the load.

Walker said $163 billion had been spent, as of 2006, as result of the taxpayers’ failure to meet their obligations. Those deductions and other tax-related violations, he said, are the reason we’re facing the fiscal crisis.

Walker also scrutinized the intersection of taxation procedures and the government’s deficit.

"The single largest tax preference in the code is still the home mortgage interest," he said in reference to the exemption of the home mortgage interest costs on the employee’s return.

Walker said this practice further disconnects the taxpayer from bearing the burden of his or her actions. Walker’s solution is to awaken in young people the desire to serve their country, according to University of Nebraska and Duke University’s Comptroller General. Walker noted that activism in the student section is something he attributed to students who are really helping when they can’t afford to.

"The student section has been fun to be in," he said. "They’ve had a lot of conference opponents, but they’ve been fun to be around."
Biden: Weak support for Bush
Committee chair estimates twenty Senators agree with President’s Iraq plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman on Sunday dismissed a criticism a resolution opposing the Bush administration's push to build up in Iraq would embolden the enemy and estimated perhaps only 20 senators believe President Bush "is headed in the right direction."

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

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

The Democratic-controlled Senate plans to begin debate this week on a nonbinding resolution declaring that Bush's proposal to send 21,500 more troops to Baghdad and Anbar province is "not in the national interest." Last week, Biden's committee approved the measure on a party-line vote of 12-9.

In reaction, Bush challenged lawmakers not to prematurely condemn his buildup and Vice President Dick Cheney said the administration would proceed even if a nonbinding resolution blocked it. Cheney said he had informed the Senate that the U.S. military needed more troops.

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

JAPAN

P.M. calls for military reforms

Associated Press

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

Setting out his administration's objectives for the coming year, Abe highlighted the need for a constitutional revision, bolstering Japan's security alliance with the United States and implementing legislation that would install a sense of patriotism in the nation's schools.

"Now is the time for us to boldly revise this postwar regime and make a new start," he told Parliament, which opened Thursday for a five-month session.

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

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

Abe said his is to free the military to assume a stronger position within the U.S.-Japan security alliance, and to become more of a player in global peacekeeping operations.

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

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

Abe has strongly advocated the constitutional revision since he assumed office in September.
Honduras and Peru; provided financial support and medical technology to the per-equipped hospitals throughout Central and South America; and cared for children with severe burn injuries in Bolivia, by the Department of Nations and Information.

In 2005, Towe and several BNP Dame alumni established the Towle Family Foundation, which is a non-profit "committed to providing a high-quality environment of children impacted by the illness, " according to the Foundation's Web site.

Towe has encouraged and enabled current Noble Dame students to get involved in their global community through this service organization that has performed procedures on children with birth defects in the future or next to a pile of papers.

SAG honors actors in ceremony

Associated Press

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IN BRIEF

Intel tech targets developing world

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

In the spirit of the World Economic Forum's annual meeting, which has focused on bringing the fruits of technology to the developing world, India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said that he and other leaders were hopeful a trade breakthrough would still come.

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

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

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

"If China stopped emissions entirely by shutting down the country, the growth in China's army of billion people would make the difference in just two years," he said.

The WTO meeting in the Swiss city of Geneva takes place amid efforts to clear barriers to trade in goods and manufactured products acrimoni­ously collapsed last July.

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

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

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

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

Blair and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva sounded confident about progress Friday, a day after 65 of the most powerful business executives warned that failure to reach a new trade deal would undermine the world's economic growth and risk the dangers of protectionism.

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

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

U.S. plan: Cut oil use without taxes

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

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

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

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

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

Bush's proposal outlined in Tuesday's State of the Union address aims to cut gasoline use by 20 percent by 2017, mostly by replacing the fuel with ethanol, and by expected improvements in automobile fuel economy.

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

Tillerson and van der Veer stressed that traditional fossil fuels — coal, oil and natural gas — would remain the primary source of energy in coming decades, and the challenges would be to make them cleaner and more effi­cient.
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Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, while applications for other positions are due by 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4. All applications should be submitted to Maddie Hanna in the Observer office, located in the South Dining Hall basement.

Please direct questions about these positions or the application procedure to Maddie Hanna at 631-4541 and Mike Gillon at 631-4542.
Re-state of the Union

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

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

Jimmy Carter, Jan. 1978: “Every day we spent more than $120 million for foreign oil... Now we know what we must do, increase production. We must cut down on waste. And we'll have more of those fuels which are plentiful and more permanent...”

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

Conservation of our oil and gas resources is a fixed policy of the Government... Conservation of our oil and gas resources against future need is a national necessity. Harry S. Truman, Jan. 9, 1952: "In the Middle East political tensions and the oil controversy in Iran are keeping the region in a turmoil."

Richard Nixon, Jan. 30, 1974: "These measures will require the oil companies and other consumers to work with the public with the necessary information on their supplies. They will prevent the inflation of wasteful profits for a few at the cost of the sacrifices of the millions of Americans."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I hope you've caught on by now: For almost 80 years, our nation's leaders have been aware of and supposedly have been attempting to conserve our domestic resources and reduce our dependence upon foreign oil. It's up to us Americans to make this administration, Congress and ourselves accountable for such a change. Only through the elimination of unnecessary tax breaks for big oil companies and establishment of incentives for alternative energy sources can we truly free ourselves from our oil addiction.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**McAlarney suspension evaluated**

**University's decision consistent**

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

Chris Ornochak  
Clevedon, Ohio  
Jan. 26

**Case deserves better handling**

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

Notre Dame appears to have made even greater grievous errors of judgment. First of all, by not releasing a public statement in defense of McAlarney and thereby giving the impression that the McAlarney family and the entire Notre Dame community would have benefited from an explanation from the University why athletic director Kevin White and basketball coach Mike Brey have reportedly responded that they were shocked by the hardline disposition handed down. Maybe it's because the University does not have a definable position?

After reading the student handb Though he did not provide a written statement, maybe because we abandoned its underlying premisses in handling this case. What are we actually teaching McAlarney? Was he provided justice grounded in love and compassion for every community in Catholicism explains why Notre Dame has fostered familial bonds in its institutional life.

It seems Notre Dame has ignored the punishing of one’s students in a manner which is not only discriminatory but overly severe.

Joe Runkle  
Clevedon, Ohio  
Jan. 26

**Punishment too severe for crime**

This is one of the many responses I've sure you have received to Lucy Lopez' Letter to the Editor ("McAlarney suspension justified."). Jan. 25) regarding the justifications of the McAlarney family following his marijuana possession charge. I completely agree with her contention that Notre Dame is one of the most highly scrutinized in the world, and as such, must maintain its respected reputation. However, to suggest the unwavering appropriateness of this punishment for one of its students in possession of a small amount of marijuana is ridiculous. The purpose of rules and regulations for any organization, as Life for Notre Dame from its own mission statement, think it would be safe to assume that McAlarney accepted responsibility for his actions by committing to a pretrial diversion program in which he will be subject to random drug tests for the next 11 months and a substance abuse assessment.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Cant not pull support for fashion show**

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

We appreciate Nielsen and other students and faculty naming this problem so promptly, disagree with her statement of the fashion industry's unreal- istic image of women's bodies in the size specifications they gave to her artists and apologizes for not being alert to it ourselves much earlier in the sponsorship approval process. (If you are interested in further con text on this process, such as the involvement of both students and breast cancer survivors in it, we can send you a summary.)

We have spoken to our partners at Memorial Hospital and they are also very receptive to the concerns.

However, this event has been planned and the contract with Bernie's signed for months, and so it is now too late to change the shape of the "wearable art." It would be very unfair to Memorial Hospital's great work—and more importantly, to women fighting breast cancer—should we pull out our support at this late date. Given this, we would like to continue a conversation with our community about not only the best response now, such as registering our objections with Bernie's in order to raise their awareness and influence any future actions they undertake, but also to commit ourselves to future actions and events that speak to these concerns. One such event that we have supported in previous years and invite more support for next year is S.

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

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

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Theater Feature

‘Le Médecin’ just what the doctor ordered

By ANALISE LIPARI Assistant Scene Editor

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

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

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

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

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

The role of Professor Paul Miller, the newly-mute daughter of a wealthy family, Germaine (Michael Barrett), is played with its blend of witty dialogue, physical humor and scenery astound in ‘Swan Lake’

By ANALISE LIPARI Assistant Scene Editor

The latest in the “ND Presents: Live at the Morris” series of attractions at South Bend’s Morris Performing Arts Center, the Moscow Festival Ballet’s production of Tchaikovsky’s “Swan Lake” elevated a simple Saturday night into a euphoric evening of dancing.

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Stage Editor

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

Shakespeare shake-up retells classic story

By MICHELLE FORDICE
ArtsScene Editor

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

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

Doug MacKechnie did a superb job as the narrator. In his role he took on nearly all of the play's characters except Romeo and Juliet, simply but strongly switching from one character to another with an almost seamless change in posture or by using the occasional prop, such as glasses for Friar Lawrence. The choice to concentrate the action of the play not directly involving the two lovers into one setting once a week, as a whole, MacKechnie was able to act as a sound-board for the love story around him so that the audience was allowed to concentrate purely on the love of Romeo and Juliet, leaving behind for a moment the other plotlines and themes of the play that are generally more conflictual.

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

"The Romeo and Juliet Story: In Concert" seamlessly united a 16th century play, a 19th century opera, and a 20th century musical into a production that showcased so many of the interpretations of Romeo and Juliet that it actually reduced the show down to the essential vision of the lovers. In doing so, it proved that the story of the two "star-cross'd" lovers would romance its audience no matter their surroundings.

"The Romeo and Juliet Story: In Concert" was a special off-season event for the Summer Shakespeare company whose proceeds went toward establishing the Dr. Paul A. Rathburn Scholarship Fund. Rathburn is a professor emeritus of English at Notre Dame who founded Summer Shakespeare and received both the Charles E. Sheedy Award for Excellence in Teaching (1983) and the Frank O'Malley Award for Teaching Excellence (1999).

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MOVIE REVIEW

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

By SEAN SWEANY
ArtsScene Editor

The "Will Smith Show" has become something of a given at the American box office. Every several years, the comedic actor would turn out a blockbuster film that went on to earn huge profits in its first weekend, quickly tapering off until the movie aired on network television a few months later. These films — like "Men in Black" or "I, Robot" — were fun and turned Smith into a star, but aside from "Ali," never cemented his status as a legitimate actor. Smith's latest film, "The Pursuit of Happyness," however, puts this criticism to rest and has shown the world that Smith has immense acting talent.

The film tells the true story of Chris Gardner (Smith), a salesman struggling to support his wife (Thandie Newton, "Crash") and son (Jaden Smith) while entertaining dreams of becoming a stockbroker in 1980s San Francisco. He acts Romeo to his Juliet — which is 1-in-20 shot of becoming a broker — in the face of his wife leaving him and having to live out of homeless shelters with his son. Despite the fact that Gardner is extremely intelligent and hard-working, failure seems to find him at every corner, denying him his dream of becoming happy.

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

Nowhere is this emotional roller coaster more apparent than in a scene where Gardner and his son go from playfully running from imaginary dinosaurs in a deserted subway station to shamefully trying to sleep in the station's bathroom while someone pounds on the locked door from the outside. Smith's son Jaden performs remarkably well in his first big acting appearance and the connection between real life father and son is evident in their characters, which only makes the movie more believable.

The Pursuit of Happyness" is the most American film for Italian director Gabriele Muccino, who creates a harsh, gritty world, but does so without bringing anything outstanding to the table. Smith's acting dazzles here, but everything else seems so ordinary and unimaginative that one cannot help but wonder if the only intent in producing "Happyness" was for Smith to be nominated for an Oscar.

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

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

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

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**NHL**

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

Tiger roars back for seventh straight

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

It gave him a 6-under 66, the best score all week on the demanding South Course, site of the U.S. Open next year. Nelson's record often has been thought to be untouchable, which now describes the world's No. 1 player.

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

This is the second time Woods has made a run at Nelson, who died in September. Woods won six straight in 2000, a streak that Phil Mickelson stopped at Torrey Pines. But against a cast of challengers short on experience or victories, Woods met little resistance in winning at Torrey Pines for the fifth time in 10 tries.

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

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

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

**FEDERER BEATS GOLOVKIN FOR GRAND SLAM TITLES**

**IN BRIEF**

Federer reaches double digits for Grand Slam titles

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

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

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

With Barcelona's life in the balance, doctors make cast

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

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

"They did some procedures on the one he originally injured," co-owner Roy Jackson told The Associated Press on Saturday night. "He had a little bit of a bruise, an abscess. I should let New Bolton fill you in on the proce- dure." Gail Luciani, a spokeswoman for the University of Pennsylvania's veter- inary school, would not confirm if a procedure was performed on Barbaro by chief surgeon Dean Richardson and had no additional comment.

Cowboys may hire Turner over Garrett as head coach

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

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

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

"I was excited to get a chance to visit and talk about things that are important to me," said Turner, San Francisco's offensive coordinator.

"In this league, it's all about timing and circumstance. ... I've got a lot of confidence in the things I can do. I think there are a lot of people in this league that look at it in that manner."

Turner was the offensive coordi- nator in Dallas from 1991-93.
Bears arrive in Miami to begin Super Bowl week

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

"I looked at 18 pages of Peyton Manning," Smith said Sunday night, about two hours after the Bears touched down at Miami International Airport. The Bears know they will have to contain No. 18, the Colts' star quarterback, in one week at Dolphin Stadium, or they won't finish off the goal they set for themselves way back in the spring.

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

"Miami is a great place to visit and there are all kinds of things you can get into. We do want to have a little fun, but careful of your surroundings. We're here to play a football game." All season long they've dodged the doubters, who questioned just how good these Bears could be because they play in what was the weaker NFC this season.

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

The defense that led the NFL with 44 takeaways wasn't as tough down the stretch until a strong showing in the NFC championship game rout of New Orleans and its top-ranked offense.

Now come the Colts and their high-powered offense.

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

"Finish" sandwiched by two Bears heads.

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NBA
Bucks beat Knicks, end losing streak

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

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

Williams had 30 points, including an awkward, 20-foot jumper with 3.3 seconds left, and 10 assists to lift the Milwaukee Bucks to a 107-105 victory over the New York Knicks on Sunday to snap a six-game losing streak.

The Knicks nearly came back anyway after Williams' shot. Jamal Crawford hit an open 3 to make it 106-105 and the Knicks fouled Williams with 0.4 seconds left.

Williams, who meant to miss his second free throw, made it, giving the Knicks a chance to tie with 1:33 left to make it 102-100, but Marbury scored the next five points off two free throws and a long 3-pointer to make it 102-100 with a minute to go.

NHL
With injury problems over, Ducks down Stars

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

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

Andy McDonald scored twice and Trevor-Selanne had a goal and an assist, leading the Ducks to a 4-1 victory over the Dallas Stars on Sunday. Pronger returned to the lineup after missing nine games with a broken left foot, and Beauchemin played for the first time since Jan. 19 because of the All-Star break, the rested and replenished Ducks displayed the form that resulted in their 25-3-6 start. The Ducks are 7-1-2 since Pronger returned to the lineup after missing nine games with a broken left foot, and Beauchemin played for the first time since Jan. 19 because of the All-Star break, the rested and replenished Ducks displayed the form that resulted in their 25-3-6 start.

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

"The fact that the three of us were injured had nothing to do with us losing some games. It had everything to do with guys not bearing down in our zone and not doing the little things we were doing at the beginning of the season." Playing for the first time since Jan. 19 because of the All-Star break, the rested and replenished Ducks displayed the form that resulted in their 25-3-6 start. The Ducks are 7-1-2 since Pronger returned to the lineup after missing nine games with a broken left foot, and Beauchemin played for the first time since Jan. 19 because of the All-Star break, the rested and replenished Ducks displayed the form that resulted in their 25-3-6 start.
NBA

Finley shot gives Spurs OT victory

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By DEIRDE KRASULA
Sports Writer

It may have been a long trip back to South Bend, but it was worth the trip for Notre Dame. The Irish fought severe weather delays coming home from Virginia and William and Mary in order to make it back for a match against Indiana today at 4 p.m.

"There were obviously concerns about out ability to get into South Bend," head coach Bobby Bayliss said, "and for the guys to get a good night rest and be ready to play (Monday)."

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

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

Besides Keckley's win, the rest of the day wasn't very successful for the Irish. After dropping set point in the first set, senior Stephen Bass (No. 14) succumbed to Devvarman (No. 7) 7-6(6), 6-1. Parbhu (No. 30) struggled to succeed in his matches finals falling 7-6(2), 7-5 to Huey (No. 10).

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

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

The Cavaliers went on to defeat No. 5 Illinois 5-2 Sunday. Saturday in Williamsburg proved more rewarding for beats for the Irish. The Irish made up their 6-1 loss to Virginia with a 7-0 dousing of William and Mary.

A sweep in doubles competition gave the team an early 1-0 lead. Keckley and Parbhu started the team off with an 8-5 win over Colin O'Brien and Alex Cojanu (No. 30). The rest of the matches were smoothly for the Irish, who went on to 6-2, 6-2 victory over Marwan Ramadan to improve to 10-2 overall for the season.

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

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SmG Swimming

Belles fall to Calvin for third straight loss

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

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

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

"The Knights were able to come out on top for seven of the 11 swimming events. They had six different swimmers win individual events and went the 200-meter medley relay. Calvin was also able to secure valuable second and third place finishes in many events."

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

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

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

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

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

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

Despite the loss, Dombkowski said he thinks the team has improved this season.

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

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

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

"I didn't really know what to expect from Saint Mary's coming into the season," she said. "But as the season comes to a close, I couldn't be happier.

Everyone has worked hard to improve and I excited to see what happens at conference, and what next year will bring. We've become more competitive and hopefully we can get even stronger next year."

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

"We'll need to focus on improving the little aspects of our races; starts, turns, finishes, etc," Dombkowski said of team's chances in Grand Rapids.

"We've already started resting a bit to get our bodies physically ready for our best, but we also have to focus on strategy and getting our minds mentally prepared for the championships as well.

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

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS
ND avenges only 2006 loss against Vanderbilt
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The No. 4 Irish kicked off their dual match season this weekend, winning against Illinois and avenging their lone 2006 loss against No. 12 Vanderbilt.

"It was great for us to come out and sweep our home opener with a victory, but to get a victory against such a quality opponent is tremendous," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "I know this game meant a lot to our returning players after last season's meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

Freshmen Cosmina Gohuanu and Kali Kriski completed the sweep in doubles by knocking off Liberty Sweve and Courtney Uely 8-5.

No. 41 Catrina Thompson won a pivotal singles match against No. 92 Taylor."..."Cathrina played really well. She and Christian played really well in the doubles and then she had a good singles match," Louderback said.

Gohuanu also won her singles match over Sweve 6-1, 6-4 to give Notre Dame a 7-5 combined record in the first week of the season and improve her singles record to 1-0 on the year.

"Cosmina played a very, very solid singles match," Louderback said. "Sweve is a hard kid to play indoors because she hits the ball big and comes into the net a lot."..."Vanderbilt battled strongly as its No. 57 Taka Bertrand defeated Irish No. 31 Colleen Hickey while Uelay defeated Tefft 7-6 (6), 6-1 and No. 24 Catherine Newman defeated French Christian Thompson 6-4, 6-1 before Puts clinched the match for the Irish.

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

The Irish are 4-0 in their dual season match and will next participate in the ITA National Indoor Championships Thursday.

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

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ND SWIMMING
Seniors strong in Shamrock
By GREG ARBOGAST
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The Notre Dame men and women walked out of Rolfs Aquatic Center for the final time this season with a combined record of 5-3 in this past weekend's Shamrock Invitational.
Both teams hosted Big East rivals West Virginia and Connecticut in addition to conference-squads Penn State and Buffalo. The men were scored as a quadruple dual meet between each of the five teams.

The No. 19 women handily dispatched of Oakland (293-76), Connecticut (222-50), and West Virginia (227-50). 347-30), but suffered their first dual meet loss of the season at the hands of No. 15 Penn State, 213-50, 156-50.

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

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

Carroll, one of many Irish seniors swimming in Rolls for the final time this past weekend, left her mark. Her time of 16:27.48 in the 1,650-yard freestyle bested her own pool record as her time of 2:16.26 in the 200- yard breaststroke left Julia Hardy's 2005 mark in her wake.

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

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Notre Dame was the latest to be overwhelmed by the swimming teams, as it has destroyed 13 consecutive opponents in addition to a first place finish at the Maryland Invitational. West Virginia won 12 of the 20 events on the weekend, and the Mountaineers won 6 consecutive races on Saturday morning.

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FENCING
Top teams get best of Irish at NYU Duals
By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor
All wasn't right for the Irish. A week after finishing 16-1 in the Shamrock Invitational at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame posted a 7-5 combined record in the NYU Duals Sunday at the Colse Sports Center.

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

The Notre Dame women also posted an easier, 16-11 win over No. 5 St. John's. The Irish fell 12-0 to Brandeis while the Ohio State women returned the favor from the Notre Dame's 2-0 loss to Irish with a 14-13 win on neutral turf.

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

Some Irish teams went a lot on the men's side and fell 17-10 to Notre Dame. Columbia, which finished fifth in the 2006 NCAA Championships, topped Notre Dame in a dual meet.

The No. 2 Lions beat the No. 4 Irish 15-2, and the No. 4 Columbia men's team earned a come-from-behind victory over the No. 5 Irish.

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

The Irish trio lost the last big match on the day, the 15-2 victory, as senior Julia Quinn also set a new pool record as her time of 2:16.26 in the 200-yard breaststroke left Julia Hardy's 2005 mark in her wake.

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Wildcats forward Dante Cunningham and guard Reggie Redding felt the load to 66-65 with 18 seconds left. After an inbound pass slipped through the hands of forward Zach Hillesl, Villanova had a chance to tie the game, but Redding and forward Curtis Sumpter missed open three-point attempts, giving Notre Dame its 15th home victory of the season. "Villanova was really good. It's the best team that's come into this building. We just had a hard time scoring on them," Brey said. "I thought it was a step forward for us because we haven't had to muck it up a minute later with a three to tie the game at free throws on the next possession!"

"We were doing a pretty good job on Carter for one, Villanova coach Jay Wright said. Brey benched Carter, who finished with 14 points on 3-for-11 shooting, after he picked up two fouls on consecutive possessions. "I took him out not to take him out of the rest of the game. I took him out just to get a blow and have (assistant) coach Greg Cost talk to him a little bit," Brey said. "Then the group that was in there started playing pretty well. So, I stick with it and let that group finish the game." Notre Dame struggled to just 21 points in the first half and faced a four-point halftime deficit. "They're doubling you, they're scrambling you. There's not a rhyme or reason to [Villanova's] defense sometimes, but it's so fast and physical," Brey said. "You're not running your offense against them. You're just trying to make one pass and hope the man, and hope to make the right play."
The Irish were able to work the ball inside better in the second half by moving the ball with more penetration from point guard Tory Jackson. Notre Dame looks inside and outside. Notre Dame shot 41 percent in the second half compared to just 29 percent in the first half. "It was just a matter of moving more balls and finding pressure kind of got to us in the first half," Jackson said. "Second half we were a lot better than we wanted to," Hillesl said. "It was just a matter of calming down and making two or three more passes and just getting them to move around before we really attacked." Both teams had to adjust their respective game plans to inconsisteny.

The first foul of the game occurred with 13:23 left in the first half, but in the second half, Villanova was called for its seventh foul after only 3 minutes of play. Cunningham and Clark each picked up their fourth fouls early in the second half. Cunningham, who finished with 11 points and seven rebounds, confirmed after his fourth, which gave Notre Dame an opportunity to go to the free-throw line. Irish forward Rob Kurz, who ended up with a double-double — compiling 10 points and 11 rebounds — had committed his fourth foul early in the first half. The tight officiating in the second half allowed Notre Dame to make 29 of 32 free-throws — compared to 24 of 28 — and helped to put the Irish in the game.

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Newsom drops 30 in road victory
By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer
Center Erin Newsom had 30 points and 11 rebounds as Saint Mary's defeated Tri-State 83-66 Saturday in Angola, Ind. The game was the Belles' second over Tri-State this season — boosting their record to 8-10, 7-4 in MAC play.

The Belles came out firing, leading 16-7 in the first five minutes of the game and never trail. The Thunder would battle back, closing the gap to as little as one, but went into halftime down 36-23.

"It's very important to get off to a good start," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "If you don't, you play catch up the rest of the game. You get into foul trouble early in the game in the first couple possessions." In the second half, Tri-State kept the game surprisingly close, trailing by as little as three at some points. With 9:24 left in the game, however, the Belles took over and led by at least nine points for the rest of the game. Henley said the improved play of Newsom and forward Anna Kammrath, who finished with 11 and seven rebounds Saturday, has helped guards Alison Kessler and Brittany Lipke, the Belles' leading scorers for most of this season. "They've been able to take the pressure off of us as we move along in the season," Henley said. "We've had more and more players stepping up, but we know he's coming back next year, basically for us, and that's good." McAlarney's high school coach, Rich Postiglione, who coached McAlarney at Moore Catholic in Seaside, also said he's sure McAlarney will come back to Notre Dame stronger and even more driven to succeed.

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ment Friday that he will return to Notre Dame for summer classes and apply for re-admit­ tance in the fall, in time for next basketball season. But his teammates' tears were assuaged a day sooner. "We left a message (Thursday) on a lot of people's phones saying 'don't worry about me, focus on the season,'" freshman point guard Tory Jackson said after Saturday's 66-63 win over Villanova. Then he gave us a hint. He said, 'we've got a lot of work to do this year. Once we received the messages, we were like, 'Man, he's coming back.'"

Irish coach Mike Brey announcing his plan to return to the team during Friday's practice, Jackson said. The news was especially important to the freshman point guard, who had been McAlarney's backup.

"I was sad," Jackson said. "Kyle is a good friend and I looked up to him a lot, like an older brother. I'm happy that I get to play with him for two more years."

Jackson wasn't the only Notre Dame player excited to hear of McAlarney's return. "We're excited to have him back next year because he's not only a good player, but also a great teammate," junior forward Rob Kurz said.

Kurz was said that McAlarney, who waited weeks between his arrest Dec. 28 and the announcement of his sus­ pension last Tuesday, could have some closure of the situa­ tion and plan his future with certainty.

"We've been through a lot with him, although it's nothing compared to what he's been through," Kurz said. "We all kind of felt like the rest I've had to do was for him, but we know he's coming back now, basically for us, and that's good."

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

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seized the opportunity, crashing hard into the net he picked up his 12th goal of the season and scored the overtime winner. Deeth said, "Our line battled all weekend so it was good to get a big one like that." Deeth, Condra and Jake Watson, the RedHawks' top two scorers this season and the heart of the侵略 line, were out on the ice from the start. They put together a three-on-two break and made it 2-0 with a goal from Watson. Deeth said, "He's probably the most complete player we have on the team. He can score and make plays all over the ice." The Irish finished third at the Big East championship this season and are hoping to qualify for the NCAA tournament, which would be a dream come true for Deeth.

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

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

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

The Irish were headlined by their defense this weekend, with sophomore Brian Kaufman cutting off the crease and taking the puck over the goal line for a 2-0 lead. "That shot was pretty impressive, that's a pro shot," Jackson said. "When (Thang) has a good game, boy, you better keep your head up because he can shoot the puck with the best of them." While the freshman defender turned the zone to Jones, who was waiting on the top, Jones ripped a shot over and the RedHawks were out the Irish net. "A quick move, a quick pass and in and out of the crease. It was good to get a big one like that," said Kevin Deeth, Irish forward.

"Our line battled all weekend so when we scored I was happy to get a big one like that." — Kevin Deeth, Notre Dame forward

ND Track and Field
31 athletes qualify for the Big East tournney at weekend's home meet
By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer
Notre Dame continued its strong indoor track season with an impressive performance Saturday at the Lotus Center in the Notre Dame Invitational, qualify­ing 31 athletes for the Big East champi­onships. The main reason the Irish have been so successful this season — especially at the Lotus Center — is their hard training in preparation for the indoor season. Notre Dame, led by distance runner Patrick Smyth, "I think our training over both seasons really helped us out for our success. The indoor season is so short that you really have to come into it as soon as possible," he said. "So with the sea­son being so short, we really have to get on it right away and try to get in at a fast time and try to keep on it." The Irish were held down by their depth and talent, which qualified six runners for the Big East meet and took home six of the top ten places.

The pack for the men's mile race was senior All-American Thomas Chamney, who set a new personal best with a finish of 4:02.63. Following Chamney across the finish line for the Irish were junior Jake Watson and sophomore Smyth, who set new personal bests at 4:03.30 and 4:08.89 respectively. "Joining these three in qualifying were senior Todd Placek (4:09.45), junior Adam Curtis (4:12.06) and junior Brett Adams (4:12.98). With our long break we have to work hard," Smyth said. "I know Thomas Chamney and Jake Watson is a two-time All-American in Albuquerque, which is 6,000 plus feet of altitude, and I was in Salt Lake City, Utah, which is in the high altitude and we all trained hard and came back in shape.

The men's team's sprinters also performed well at the invitation, garnering 10 bids. Freshman Jeff Farrell set two new personal bests in the 60 meters and 200 meters, showing the talent the team has. "I think we're really strong this season," Smyth said. "We have a lot of depth and we have a lot of chances to qualify."

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

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Irish get good win, good news this weekend

Huskies shut down ND sharpshooter Allen in victory

ND Women's Basketball

At a Glance

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Despite plenty of effort from start to finish, Notre Dame could not get a shot to fall, losing to No. 57 Connecticut 64-47 Saturday night at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn.

"I think our resilience again was a strength," said senior forward Crystal Condra. "We made a great play to put the puck right on my stick and I just had to tip it in."

The Irish offense started to lag as Connecticut pulled farther away and the half drew to a close at 20-23.

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

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