Board of Trustees elects new chair

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

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

“It has been a privilege to serve as a Trustee of Notre Dame for the past 10 years, and I am honored that the Trustees have elected me as their sixth chairman,” Notebaert said in a statement Friday. “I look forward to joining with our president, Father John Jenkins, in advancing our position as the premier Catholic research university in the world.”

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

Notebaert’s term will begin on July 1. “I am confident that under his leadership, the Board will continue to provide the leadership and support we need to make Notre Dame the premier Catholic research university in the world,” University President Father John Jenkins wrote in an e-mail.

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

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

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

Off-campus options draw students

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

By MARCELA BERROS
Assistant News Editor

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

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

Burglary concerns

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

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

She said there were no burglary reports filed at Turtle Creek in December, despite the holiday migration of most student tenants — an achievement she credited in part to the presence of a state trooper and a county officer who permanently reside in two of the 192 Stadium Club Condominiums, pictured above, is a popular apartment complex for students looking to live off campus.

Keenan Revue skits amuse, offend audience members

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

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

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

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

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

A group of dancers strips down during a skit in last week-end’s Keenan Revue — a traditionally irreverent production.

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

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

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

“It was extremely competitive... in the beginning, there were a lot of weaker teams coming to the tournament for fun but in the final rounds it got very competitive,” said sophomore Air Force cadet Nathan Loyd.

“II many games, last second plays decided whether a team would have to start their long drive home or stay for another game. A couple of games were won by points scored in the very last second of play.”

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

Game times

6:17 p.m.: William Joel sounds mediocre singing the national anthem.
6:21 p.m.: Ford commercial. "I like to live on the edge." Utopianily leads to minus 12 mega- bonus points.
6:22 p.m.: CBS game preview with the same music as Oldies On Tour's post-Army highlight reel. Sweet.
6:23 p.m.: Jim Nantz introduces the captains. "Lars, married to Dan Marino. Nantz mistakenly tries to turn the coverage over to Peter Gammons on Amercian.
6:24 p.m.: Nantz introduces Tony Kriel as the head referee for the game. Apparently Ed Hochuli is off tonight. Immediately Brian Urlacher claims title for instructional programs and special events at the Hesburgh Center.
6:26 p.m.: Phil Simms appears on screen. If he's an egoist, he'll mention how he went 22-of-25 for 269 yards and how two of his incompletions were drops. But he's not. So don't.
6:27 p.m.: As Jim Nantz makes the first reference to Devin Hester going to college at Miami and how Indy has trouble covering kickoffs, Hester finishes the sentence by giving 92 yards for the score. Memories of Glendale enter the mind.
6:29 p.m.: Rex Grossman appears on the highlights, proclaiming the glory of God for allowing Peyton Manning to be the first quarterback to have to take a snap tonight. "I can’t mess up on the sidelines.
6:30 p.m.: Jamal Lewis’ second consecutive kickoff return for a touchdown in Super Bowl XXXV stands as the only road score.
6:32 p.m.: Nathan Vasher makes Peyton Manning look like Riggle Ball.
6:34 p.m.: Chris Harris intercepts Peyton Manning’s third pass attempt of the night. Manning is now 0-for-3 with two deflections and an interception. Bears fans rejoice. Grossman cheers, then freeweke, realizing, "crap, that means I have to go.
6:35 p.m.: By Light makes a good first impression with the Rocks-Paper-Scissors ad.
6:36 p.m.: Grossman completes his first pass for six yards. His passer rating is 91.6.
6:38 p.m.: Grossman gets polved and never throws a interception on third-and-four.
6:39 p.m.: SalesGenie.com pays $2.6 million for 30 seconds on the Super Bowl. They pay $2.60 for a writer and producer.
6:41 p.m.: The game truly begins.

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IN BRIEF

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RecSports launches magazine

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

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

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

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

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

“We wanted to do something that was fun, enjoyable and informative,” Derengoski said.

This is a little bit different than what RecSports normally does. We have a lot of good stories about students to share.” She said students have responded enthusiastically to the new magazine.

“aroused because over 90 percent of students participate in some aspect of RecSports, and our magazine is for them, and those who don’t know much about what we have to offer.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Department of Economics and Econometrics and College of Arts and Letters present

Christine Todd Whitman
former administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Governor of New Jersey

“Shaping the Future: America’s Environment Today”

4 p.m. Wednesday, February 7
Leighton Concert Hall
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
University of Notre Dame

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Members of ND Army ROTC's men's basketball team, in gray shirts, compete in ND ROTC's annual basketball tournament.
Revue
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In addition to the skits, the Revue provided entertainment in the form of popular music. The audience seemed to appreciate the first musical number, "I'm Not Gay or [overly] Feminist," performed by band members with KSS-face paint backed by a large group and a group of male dancers who stripped to the waist.

"The best choreography ever," I was looking out at the audience and wanted to enjoy it," said Damon Jason, Jr., a junior and Revue dance director who had performed in past Revues. "I've been to Wu also enjoyed the musical numbers.

"The music was good, especially P!nk! At the Bee Gees' 'With It in Mind' and the audience was very happy with the performance." Another great Keenan Revue, "the audience’s reaction was overwhelmingly positive despite some technical difficulties.

Sophomore Brett McIlvane said he thought "the Bird Flu skit with the Wiggles" was funny. Freshman Edward McIlvane said he "thought it was an outstanding show, but picked up on the Love with Dos Padres" as his favorite. While in the past, the Keenan Revue has been embroiled in controversy with its frequently off-color jokes — especially those about Saint Mary's girls — this year's show was less offensive, said Saint Mary's student body president Susan McIlvane.

Mcllduff contrasted this Revue to the performance in 2004, when Saint Mary's student sewer broke out in protest of the show.

"We only cut one skit. It didn't just bash Saint Mary's, but it was also ridiculous," said a junior and Revue student body president student body president. "We tried to educate the students to stay out of trouble with the police, and so far none of them have had problems."

Mark Kramer
landlord

"It was a very diverse show, with a mix of things, but we made it the funniest ultimately," he said. "I'm not gay or [overly] feminist, I just saw it for its humor."

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

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

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Italian officer killed in soccer match

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

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

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

Italian Interior Minister Robert Prodi promised drastic measures and a "radical change."

"People must understand that there must be a turning point," he said. "We can’t keep miring the laws of law police officers."

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

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

Colombian mine explosion kills 32

SOUTH: A mine explosion killed 32 workers in a makeshift coal mine in remote northeast Colombia on Saturday, killing 32 miners, a civil defense official said.

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

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

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

SUDAN

China calls for UN intervention

President warns reluctant Darfur rebels to ‘join the peace process’

Associated Press

ALJAILI — Chinese President Hu Jintao told Sudan’s leader on Friday he must put pressure on the Darfur rebels, who have been rebelling for nearly two years, to accept U.N. peacekeepers.

"We believe that it is a constructive role in realizing peace in Darfur," said SUNE reporter, who translated Hu’s comments.

China says two-thirds of Sudan’s oil and is the largest investor in the country, giving it some leverage with al-Bashir’s government. Sudan has signed on with the U.N. Security Council call for the use of U.N. peacekeepers.

Sudanese president Omar al-Bashir meets with Chinese President Hu Jintao in Khartoum, Sudan

Venezuela

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Associated Press

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LOCAL NEWS

Two arrested for South Bend murders

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

Daniel J. Sharp, 56, and Randy Lee Reeder, 50, both of South Bend, are in police custody on murder and robbery charges.

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

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Kids join weight-loss surgery trend

Associated Press

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

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

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

A group of four hospitals, led by Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, are starting a large-scale study this spring examining how children respond to various types of weight-loss surgery, excluding the gastric bypass, in which a pouch is stapled off from the stomach to serve as a reservoir.

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The FDA has hesitated to approve the gastric band for children, but surgeons at New York University Medical Center reported in the January issue of the journal Pediatsctric Surgery that the device holds promise.

The 53 boys and girls, aged 13 to 17, who participated in the study showed a significant gain in their excess weight over 18 months, while suffering relatively minor complications.

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

“I’m totally different person,” she said. Before the procedure, Kasprzak said she took medication for a rapid heartbeat and was showing signs of developing diabetes.

Every effort she made to lose weight failed. Dieting didn’t work, she said. Her heart problems made it hard to exercise. Even walking up stairs was a challenge.

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

“I’m very surprised now,” said Kasprzak. “I hike a lot. I go to the beach in the summer. I’m not as self-conscious when I go shopping for clothing.”

Similar studies are under way at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago and at the Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital of New York-Presbyterian, which recently opened a weight-loss surgery center for teens. Doctors there expect to conduct about 30 operations this year.

Children are only considered candidates for surgery after they have spent six months trying to lose weight through conventional methods under hospital supervision. But so far, in the handful of kids who have been listed for surgery, said Dr. Jeffrey Zitzman, associate attending surgeon at Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital.

“That battle can only be won in a few instances,” he said. The studies have followed a huge surge in the popularity of obesity surgeries among adults. The American Society for Bariatric Surgery estimates that more than 177,000 Americans had weight-loss surgery last year, up from 47,000 in 2001.

Not everyone is pleased that kids might be next.

“I don’t think altering the human digestive tract is a solution to the problem of excess weight,” said Joanne Ikeda, a nutritional scientist at the University of California, Berkeley. “It’s one of these quick-fixes that isn’t a fix at all.”

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

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

Laparoscopic gastric banding has been shown to have a much smaller death rate — about 1 in 1000 patients — but complications do occur.
Bush wants to spend $2.9 trillion
Plan to reduce deficit directs money to Iraq, cuts health care costs, keeps tax cuts

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

Responding to the new pressures, Bush has ordered a Democratic-controlled Congress to propose a balanced budget in five years, matching a goal put forward by Democrats.

But Bush would achieve that feat while protecting his cherished five-year tax cuts.

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

“This budget is plugging us toward a cliff that will take us right into a chasm of debt,” Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said in an interview with The Associated Press.

“In real terms, Bush’s plan is going to have very substantial cuts by the fifth year of this budget in all of the domestic priorities from education and health care to low-income rental subsidies and farm programs,” Conrad said. “With Democrats in control, we will hold different priorities.”

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

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

Bush also will seek to trim spending on farm subsidies by $14 billion over five years, mainly by reducing payments to wealthier farmers, an effort certain to cause a rebuff from farm-state lawmakers.

“People will be forced to pay the higher monthly premiums because the administration will stop indexing the income levels for inflation, Bush also wants to make high-income Medicare recipients pay more for their drug coverage as well as the higher premium the drug companies are now paying on the insurance for doctors’ visits.”

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

Broader stock indicators were high. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 2.45, or 0.17 percent, to 1,448.39, its highest level in more than six years, and the Nasdaq composite index advanced 7.50, or 0.30 percent, to 2,472.88.

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

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

Light, sweet crude settled at $59.92 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, concerns in the Middle East, and cold weather in the U.S. Northeast.

Stocks strong amid weak job numbers

Worried about rising crude prices, which could lead corn-fed beef more expensive. It’s also crimping American economist David Rosenberg said.

Alternative fuels like ethanol to reduce a reliance on foreign oil.

That makes everything from soda (sweetened with high fructose corn syrup) to the stock from corn-fed beef more expensive. It’s also crimping

The Dow Jones industrial average was 12,563.49. Shortly after the opening bell the Dow logged a fresh trading high of 12,683.93 before moving lower; the previous high, set Thursday, was 12,682.57.

Federal Reserve’s strategy of standing pat on interest rates is working.

The January jobs report, which showed the country’s unemployment rate at 4.6 percent, came as a surprise on Wall Street, following 4.9 percent unemployment that had been expected. The Labor Department report signaled employers were more cautious in hiring and expected job losses in the new year. The economy added 110,000 jobs last month, below the 150,000 that had been expected.

Investors also received word from the Commerce Department that U.S. factory orders showed their biggest gain in nine months in December, rising 2.4 percent. Also, the final Reuters/University of Michigan consumer sentiment reading for January rose to 96.9 from 91.7 in December, its highest level in two years, but fell short of a preliminary reading of 98.

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

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

After all, we have certainly come a long way from the past portrayed in PENGAM's latest musical, the pre-World War I days of "Ragtime." In an era when members of all races resorted to violence and over­

ral often simply as a means of sur­

vival and self-preservation, it was easy for the United States to glance in the mirror and recognize the hypocrisies of the so-called American dream.

Early in "Ragtime," Coalhouse Walker, the show's black protagonist, glances around at the promise of American democracy and proudly sings, "We'll see justice; Sarah, we'll see plenty of men who will walk up and give our due. Oh, Sarah, it's more than promises; Sarah, it must be true. A country that lets a man like me own a car, raise a family, build a life with you."

Of course, the show's creators slyly directed some racism, violence and the preservation of class stratification - quickly puncturing the wheels of Coalhouse's dream.

Today, however, we seem above that.

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

After all, a comparatively huge big has been made of the fact that African Americans currently hold the posts of secretary of state and secretary of labor. The leading Democratic candidate for the presidency in 2008, Barack Obama, is the son of a Kenyan. One could also point to the fact that yesterday not only gave America its first black coach to appear in a Super Bowl, but its second as well. On top of that, there are individuals like Oprah Winfrey and BET founder Bob Johnson, both of whom are listed as billionaires by Forbes.

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

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

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

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

While no one has yet to file a formal complaint (most likely due to the over­

whelming engagement in the other campus, race-based party themes pop up here all the time, too. "Ghetto Fabulous" parties, "Hampton-Compton" parties, and probably dozens more in which racial stereo­

types are encouraged have certainly taken place in numerous dorms, apart­

ments and houses in South Bend in recent years. I've been to many of them myself.

Sure, racial humor is a remarkably easy way to make people laugh -- partly because in a diverse nation like America, everyone is a little bit racist. The sight of white students wearing black face and dressing as Aunt Jemima, however, is a tragi­

cy on an era of overt racial oppression that no American should use as an excuse to get drunk. You don't see many "Hollywood" themed college parties, and while no even can possibly ever be compared to the systematic killings of that period, racism certainly can be considered America's enduring, albeit less blatant, equivalent.

It's about time we grow up a little, and a good start would be to make a con­

scious effort to think before we crack sub­

culture party themes. Parties, yes, it's a lot different than the clearly offensive party themes depicted in "Ragtime," but America still has a long way to go toward becoming a truly fair and equal nation, and every lit­

ttle bit helps.

With larger issues facing America in the very near future -- global warm­

ning, poverty and terrorism -- it is time to recognize the oneness of the American people for the sake of the greater good.

To quote "Ragtime's" Coalhouse Walker one way to make people laugh -- parfait us for the way we chose to fight, that sometimes there are battles which are more than black or white.

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"THE GOOD NEWS IS IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS SINCE I CAME OUT OF HIS HOLE AND I'M NOT SOLID IN THE GOLD."
U-WIRE

Macs might be pretty, but not much else

If you read the paper Thursday, you know that Ball State University students can download the full top-of-the-line version of Vista. Microsoft’s new operating system, for free. I’m going to download it. Why? Because I’ll be getting a $400 operating system, for free, and software suite for free. I think it’s a great deal.

Insert howls of derision from Mac users here.

Follow this with me blowing raspberries at the Mac users.

I’ve used both Macs and PCs for lots of things I’ve been at college. In fact, as long as I’ve been computer literate, I’ve been able and willing to use both systems. I use Macs in my journalism classes and when I’m at work. They’re excellent machines for graphic designers, musicians, and video production. PCs are notorious for crashing, eating files, deleting data, etc. Macs, on the other hand, have the reputation of an armored car.

Except that in five years, I’ve just moved files to Macs than to PCs. I’ve owned two Windows machines since I came to college, and in all that time I have yet to see a single blue screen of death. Sure, I get a few security problems every now and then, but that’s why God made Norton AntiVirus. PCs get spyware because the world runs on Windows. The only reason Macs don’t get viruses is because one or both of the operating systems refuse to pollute themselves with viruses.

Macs sell themselves as the computer for cool, sophisticated hipsters, PC users, if the commercialism is accurate, are a bunch of dumb businessmen in Silicon Valley. But using Microsoft Word, I don’t show is that when the Mac guy’s trust fund runs out in a few years, he’s going to be flipping burgers because he can’t create a career on the strength of year-old spreadsheets. Meanwhile, the PC guy is sitting pretty in his condo in the Bahamas, sipping a daiquiri and watching his stocks mature. Turns out those boring spreadsheet programs were useful for something after all, huh?

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

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

Does the truth hurt?

This column first appeared in the Feb. 2 edition of The Daily Kent Stater, the daily publication of Kent State University.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Keenan Revue lackluster compared to past

By ERIN McGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

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

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

The worst skits were the exact opposites — they seemed like they would never end. While these often had good intentions and funny moments, they dragged on so long, often losing whatever humor they initially had. Among these was “My Heart Hurts All the Time,” with a guy singing about the sad story of his life. It was humorous at points, but its length and audience interaction made itintent to those familiar with Notre Dame-oriented events hurt its overall performance and effect.

“Talk Love with Dos Padres” had two priests working as Notre Dame sex-help phone operators. This was a genuinely funny skit that wasn’t given nearly enough time, an attention span could have been made longer to replace one of the afore-mentioned skits that weren’t so funny. Similarly, the skills “Next” is parody on the MTV show, but with a search for a sex partner. “As you play the game of ‘go fish’ with girls’ ID cards at the dining hall lunch” had the potential to be a great deal funnier if organizers had devoted more attention and time to them.

The standout performances included "Legends," which mocked the old game show "Legends of the Hidden Temple," “Catholic Disney World,” an outrageous funny parody of the song "A Whole New World" from the Disney film “Aladdin” explaining why Notre Dame is the theme park’s Catholic equivalent and “Captain Planet and the Inconvenient Truth,” which played on the “Captain Planet” cartoon show and Al Gore documentary that depicts global warming. Easily the best skit of the evening was “And Then We Got It In,” which involved two guys hilariously explaining the non-academic preconceptions of Notre Dame and what they learned upon arrival.

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

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DVD REVIEW

‘Lambs’ DVD adds little, historic film

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Just in time for the upcoming “Hannibal Rising” comes a new two-disc collector’s edition of Jonathan Demme’s “Silence of the Lambs.” The film that made Hannibal Lecter the cinema’s most famous cannibal, "Lambs" was also a critical smash, winning all five of its Academy Award categories: Best Actor statuette, despite less than a minute of screen-time. Foster more than held her own, and her strong-willed poster girl for women’s rights and released the teaser trailer. It is interesting and informative, but the features from the covered Criterion edition — a commentary track from the directing screenwriter and stars in particular — are nowhere to be found. The audio and visual quality haven’t been upgraded since the last release, which was more than five years ago, so there really isn’t a reason for anyone who already owns the film to upgrade.

“The Silence of the Lambs” deserves better than this edition, and it’s unfortunate that the Criterion is out of print and its special features with 30. Fans of the film might’ve hoped that Criterion would have reacquired the rights and released a new edition with upgraded picture and sound. As it stands, "Lambs" is a classic in its own right, even if the new DVD doesn’t do it justice.

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Anthony Hopkins created one of the greatest villains of cinema when he starred as Hannibal “The Cannibal” Lecter in 1991’s “Silence of the Lambs.”
New Orleans Jazz Orchestra heats up DPAC
Irvin Mayfield brings Big Easy culture to South Bend

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Writer

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

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

Mayfield is a Grammy nominee and a member of Los Hombres Calientes, which was nominated for two Billboard Latin Music awards and one Grammy and won a Billboard for "Volume One." He is also highly involved in New Orleans politics and culture, serving as the city's cultural ambassador.

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

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

Mayfield composed the next song, "Higher Ground," which was inspired by a statement by a 911 operator during Hurricane Katrina. The song was meant to encourage not just the people of New Orleans, but all Americans, Mayfield said, to rebuild one of the country's treasures. "Higher Ground" began strong and subdued with bassist David Pulphus and rose from there as the rest of the orchestra gradually joined in with both instruments and voices, humming and singing. "People in the city better get to higher ground." As the music wandered away and then came back to its center it soared to greater heights. In "It's a Creole Thing, You Wouldn't Understand," Evan Christopher "put the sexy back in the clarinet," according to Mayfield. Christopher displayed the fluidity and mystery of the instrument.

"Someone Forgot to Turn the Faucet Off, Probably Steve" intertwined a feeling of over­flowing tension and urgency with an oblivious fun, illustrating how a child Mayfield left the faucet running for five hours while his mother was away. Mayfield introduced "Ballad of the Hot Long Night" by saying that jazz ballads are one of the most meaningful mediums for love songs because they embody "love that words can't express." The softly sensual song led by pianist Victor Atkins was beautiful.

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

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

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

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

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

The concert featuring the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra also marked a new experiment between the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and Legends of Notre Dame. Audience members had a chance to purchase the first dinner and performance packages offered by the DPAC, which provided savings on both. Overall, the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra provided a wonderful evening of jazz. It strove to connect with its audience while incorporating truth into its music and personality into its playing.

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Villanova grinds out home win over Louisville

Syracuse ends three-game losing streak; UConn tops Rutgers in overtime; Marquette, West Virginia pick up wins

After a small Villanova run, Williams evened it at 34 after another 3-pointer, making his only minor contributions.

Syracuse 75, DePaul 69

Eric Devendorf scored a career-high 27 points, including four free throws in the final 35 seconds, and Syracuse beat DePaul on Saturday to halt a three-game losing streak.

Syracuse (16-7, 5-4 Big East) snapped after being humbled 103-91 by No. 21 Notre Dame on Tuesday night. DePaul (13-11, 4-6 Big East) lost for the fourth time in five games.

The win was No. 742 in head coach Jim Boeheim's 31-year career at Syracuse, breaking a tie with former Temple coach John Chaney for 14th on the all-time list in Division I.

The victory also averaged an embarrassing 108-69 loss last year to DePaul, which made 16 3-pointers in handling the Orange the worst defeat of Boeheim's Hall of Fame career.

Andy Rautins hit a career-high six 3-pointers for the Golden Eagles 69-53 win over Providence on Saturday.

Golden Eagles 29, Scottie Reynolds 24 points.

Dracoen Burns, who had a career-high 26 points in DePaul's 66-58 win over Connecticut on Wednesday, again scored 26, Wilson Chandler had 13 points and 13 rebounds, and Sammy Mejia had 12 points and seven rebounds.

The Wildcats (16-3, 6-3 Big East) won just enough and the Cardinals snapped a four-game winning streak.

The Cardinals never led until Williams hit a 3-pointer early in the second to make it 30-29.

Villanova guard Jerel McNeal goes up for a shot in the Golden Eagles 69-52 win over Providence Saturday.

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**NHL**

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

**NFL**

Manning leads Colts to victory

Associated Press

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

That's what it was for Tony Dungy, too. He became the first black coach to win the championship, besting good friend and protege Lovie Smith in a game that featured two black coaches for the first time in Super Bowl history.

It was a game of firsts: the first rainy Super Bowl and the first time an opening kickoff was run back for a touchdown when sensational Bears rookie Devin Hester sped downfield for 92 yards. And not since the Buffalo Bills self-destructed with nine turnovers in losing to Dallas 14 years ago had there been so much messiness. The first half was mired by six turnovers, three for each team. Even football's most clutch kicker, Adam Vinatieri, missed a chip-shot field goal, and an extra point attempt was botched, too.

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

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

The Colts (16-4) will take it. It's their first title since the 1970 season, when they played in Baltimore. Manning ended up 25-for-38 for 247 yards, with one touchdown and one interception, and was the game's most valuable player.

It was confirmation of his brilliance, even if he didn't need to be dynamic. The son of a quarterback who never got to the play-offs, Manning has been a star throughout his college career at Tennessee and his nine pro seasons with the Colts. Now he is a champion. It also was a validation of Dungy's leadership. He helped build Tampa Bay, one of the NFL's worst franchises, into a contender before being fired after the 2001 season.

**In Brief**

**Woods' putter drops him to third in Dubai Classic**

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

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

Woods can take consolation in that he remains world No. 1, and his future looks bright. He will be among the favorites at the Masters, which starts April 6.

**Irvin, Thomas voted into NFL Hall of Fame**

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

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**Webb shoots even par during final round to win Open**

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

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

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

Paula Marti of Spain and Minea Blomqvist of Finland each shot 69 to finish tied for third at 12-under.

**Brenda Suhr looks on at Thompson's victory**
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NBA

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

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

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Rasheed Wallace scored 34 points, Chris Webber had 15 apiece and the Pistons reminded Cleveland who's the boss in the NBA Central with a 90-78 win over the Cavaliers on Sunday.

Webber added 10 assists, Wallace 15 rebounds and the division-leading Pistons won their fifth straight regular-season game over the Cavaliers, who pushed them to seven games in last year's playoffs.

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

"We expect to win," Bills said.

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

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

This Pistons' squad is very fast, the kind of team you have to win with both Cleveland last May with one big addition: Webber, who on Jan. 16 and was fac­ ing the Cavs for the first time with his hometown team.

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

When Ben Wallace was there, you could kind of relax on the offensive end when he was on the floor," James said.

But now they have five guys that can easily score 20 points. They are a much better team with him (Webber).

Detroit is 7-3 since Webber arrived.

Hawks 101, Nets 99 (OT)

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

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

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

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

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

After a time out, Lue took the inbound pass, dribbled to the 3-point line and launched his game-winner with his foot on the line. The Hawks tackled him at halfcourt seconds after the shot didn't go.

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

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

The Hawks' best season on the road since 2000-01 was 10-31 in 2003-04. Their three­ game winning streak in 00-01 came in a year when they were 1-5 away from home.

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

Raptors 122, Clippers 110

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

Chris Bosh had 27 points as six players reached double fig­ ures for the Raptors, who had a season-high point total in a victory Sunday over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Morris Peterson added 18 points for the Raptors (22-25), who have won three straight.

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

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

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

The Raptors haven't won since 2001-02.

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

"Give them a lot of credit, they played well, they made shots," Sam Cassell said.

"Everything we did to try and stop them, they did better." Ford and Calderon, Toronto's two point guards, combined for 27 points and 19 assists.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

Irish fall to Yellow Jackets in finals of ITA

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

It was nearly a perfect weekend for Notre Dame.

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

Yellow Jackets freshman Amanda Craddock defeated Irish junior Brook Buck in three sets (2-0, 1-0, 3-2) to put Notre Dame (5-1) and the title for No. 6 Georgia Tech (4-0).

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

Before Sunday’s final match, the Yellow Jackets faced No. 1 Stanford in the semifinals Saturday. The Cardinal had not lost in their last 89 matches - an NCAA record that spanned the past three years. Georgia Tech snapped that streak with a 4-3 victory, winning the final two singles matches of the meet to complete the upset.

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

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

Caritna Thompson put Notre Dame on the board with a hard-fought victory over Miller (6-3, 2-6, 6-1), and Ciobanu kept the pressure on the Yellow Jackets by beating Tarryn Rudman (7-3, 6-2) to pull the Irish within one. With the win, Ciobanu earned a perfect 4-0 record in her singles matches for the tournament.

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

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

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

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**ND SWIMMING**

**ND tops Louisville on the road**

Squad sets four pool records at Cardinals’ Ralph Natatorium

By GREG ARIBOGAST
Sports Writer

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

Senior Katie Carroll continued her impressive season with pool record times of 2:00.46 and 4:52.35 in the 200-yard butterfly and 500-yard freestyle, respectively.

Those two wins increased her team-leading number of individual victories to 17 on the season.

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

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

On the men’s side, the No. 17 Irish defeated Louisville 147-94. Notre Dame won seven of the 13 events to help them obtain their 11th dual meet victory in 14 tries this season.

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

Freshman Andrew Deters built on his recent strong performances by winning the 1,000-yard freestyle with a team season-best time of 9:25.35.

Notre Dame dominated the diving events on the evening, taking three of the top four spots in both the one and three-meter diving. Junior Steven Crowe posted a career-best total of 332.25 to win the three-meter diving, and sophomore Michael Boffin won his ninth event of the season with a total of 332.53 points in the three-meter diving.

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

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Snow delays Belles’ trip to league leaders

Squad will take on Calvin tonight in rescheduled contest

By BILL BRINK Sports Writer

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

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

The Belles were on the bus Saturday, ready to leave for Grand Rapids, Mich., when Saint Mary’s athletic director Lynn Kachmarik called Belles coach Jennifer Henley and told her to wait a few minutes. Before long, the game had been called.

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

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

The Belles worked hard in anticipation of this big game and were slightly let down by the delay, she said. “The team was a little disappointed. We were prepared and ready to go,” she said. “But it was out of our control — there’s not much we can do about it.”

Saint Mary’s has the luxury of this Tuesday. Its next scheduled game after tonight’s league matchup is Feb. 10 at Kalamazoo.

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ND Track and Field

Watson closes in on 4-mile mile

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

By JAY FITZPATRICK Sports Writer

For another year, the high-light of the Meyo Invitational was the men’s mile run.

Notre Dame junior Jake Watson took the Meyo Mile honors this year, running the third-fastest mile time in the NCAA this season at 3:47.81. Watson was also the fifth-best ever for an Irish runner and good enough to qualify provisionally for the NCAA Championships.

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

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

“I’d say as far as the distance squad goes, almost all the girls had season highs, which we’re all really excited about,” Irish distance runner Emily Woufford said. “And the sprinters and hurdlers also represented well. It was a positive meet overall for our team.”

Squad senior Christopher Jacques set a new personal best in the long jump and 7.44 meters, with a personal best of 6.68 meters in the triple jump.

“I have my coach to thank for that and all the training that we’ve done and my teammates who have helped me in practice,” he said. “It is definitely an accomplishment I know we were capable of and I think the coach Joe Flaherty helped us make it possible.”

“I think it was just last qualifying times for 35 events during the weekend competition.”

“We’ve been training all year round and the coaches have been a great group of having us ready for the season and doing well and getting us ready for what counts the most — the Big East conference championships.”

The Meyo Invitational is the squad’s final tune-up before the Big East Championships Feb. 15-16. Even though some athletes may not choose to head north to Ontario for the invitational match, the majority of the team will spend the next two weeks focused completely on the Big East meet.

“I think the team is definitely ready for a great performance this weekend,” Jacques said.

“As long as we keep training hard and if we do what we’re capable of, we should be in great shape to win another Big East championship.”

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Men’s Tennis

Irish topple Seminoles in early-season home matchup

By DEIRDRE KRASULA Sports Writer

Experience on the courts led to an Irish sweep of three home matches this weekend. No. 11 Notre Dame started off its winning streak with a 5-2 defeat over No. 13 Florida State Friday.

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

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

Sheeva Parbhoo and senior Ryan Keckley took a decisive 8-1 win over Florida State’s Haiti Cadet and Sean-Yves Aubone at first doubles to give Notre Dame early momentum. Senior Barry King and sophomore Brent Helgeson secured the doubles point with an 8-6 win over Jonasch Sucupira and Bradley Maxson.

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Notre Dame continued its winning streak Sunday afternoon, sweeping No. 8 Duke 6-1. The Irish once again jumped to an early 1-0 lead by taking doubles play 2-1. Duke’s No. 4 Senior Barry King and sophomore Brent Helgeson secured the doubles point with an 8-6 win over Jonasch Sucupira and Bradley Maxson.

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Irish left wing Garrett Regan fights for the loose puck during Notre Dame’s 4-1 win over Miami Jan. 22.

**Sweep**

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

The Falcons got one skater out as the second, giving them an advantage of a long rebound out of the box after the goal, Thang’s 16th on the year — put him one “ahead of the team lead,” Brey said.

"I knew we hadn’t scored in a while, so we tried to run the play and they didn’t step up as open so I took it," Burov said.

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

"West Virginia’s a really good team and they play with such energy as well as the first half as they normally do," Irish coach Mattewson said. "I thought we got outrebounded, we were really attacking the second half what a good team they are." Mountainair center Olayoaku Sanni scored eight of her 16 points in the final 7:15 minutes of the game, including six during a 16-2 West Virginia run that helped the Mountaineers take a 50-34 lead in Notre Dame’s first half.

"We had that little bit of a lull, (and) we gave up too many easy baskets to West Virginia," McGraw said. "I think we got outrebounded. We were afraid to foul and we didn’t play our best defense ... that kind of turned the game around for them." With 3:27 left, Irish freshman guard Ashley Barlow made a layup that broke a 14-0 West Virginia run and allowed Notre Dame to increase the lead back to 10 and curb the Mountaineers momentum.

"I think that was one of her better games," McGraw said. "She did an outstanding job pursuing the ball." Bartlett sealed the deal in a 68-63 win over the Mountaineers in the second half.

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

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

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Mountainair coach Mike Carey said. At the outset, it seemed like neither team would have much success offensively. Notre Dame didn’t score for the first 3:19 of the game, and West Virginia (7-6, 4-6 Big East) didn’t get onto the board until 5:35 had elapsed.

But behind eight first half points from forward Crystal Erwin and six from guard Charul Allen, the Irish went on a 20-6 run to open the game and took a 13-8 lead into the intermission. The Mountaineers tallied for the first half marked the fewest points the Irish have allowed in a half this season.

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

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

"We know that unit has been promoted at this point even losing a bout, but they were trying," Brey said.

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Irish coach

"It was very important to bring the confidence for those who don’t have that big experience," Bednarski said. "All those who got the chance to compete — really all of them fenced very well. ... Sometimes we were even losing a bout, but they were trying." Cota, who is a regular in the Irish lineup, said her teammates made sure the fencers getting a rare chance to compete heard the support.

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

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

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The Bulls took a 31-26 lead into halftime and extended the lead to 10 and 14 early in the second half.

Notre Dame recovered and took a 44-44 lead with 10 minutes left but couldn’t hold on. Forward Michael McCullough led South Florida with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

"Mattis was fabulous tonight," Brey said. "He made every big play and cleaned every missed shot. We had a hard time with him." Guard Colin Falls led the Irish with 26 points, but Notre Dame shot 36 of 55 (65 percent) from the field.


"We couldn’t get much inside defensively," Brey said. "We need to be able to get to the basket to take a little pressure off our shooters.

Kurz, who was nursing a sprained ankle, played 19 minutes and was 2-of-2 from the floor, but missed the floor and fouled out.

"I think we have to do over the next few days is get Kurt healthy," Brey said. "He gave us some minutes but he was hurting." The Irish will try to bounce back Thursday against DePaul at Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill.

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

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HOCKEY

Skating to the top

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By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

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

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

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The pair of wins brings the Irish (14-8, 5-4 Big East) to No. 9 Maine Friday night.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bulls use slow tempo, strong rebounding to down Irish

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