Pipe bursts, Library closes for 6 hours

Flooding damages 1,500 books, employees race to preserve materials

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

Water flooded from the third floor of the Hesburgh Library to the basement after a pipe burst Monday morning, damaging approximately 1,500 books on the second floor, said Nigel Butterwick, associate director for user services at the library.

Water was "cascading" from the ceiling of the second floor on the west side of the building when Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wydfill arrived shortly after the flooding was discovered.

Fire alarms went off throughout the building shortly after 9 a.m., Butterwick said, most likely due to a short circuit caused by the water that created smoke and a "smoldering situation."

When library staff members left their offices to evacuate, they discovered water was dripping down from the ceiling on the second floor. The scene was "pretty disastrous," Butterwick said. "When we came in here, there was water all over the place."

Plastic sheets cover book stacks on the second floor of Hesburgh Library Monday after a pipe burst, causing water to flood from the third floor.

Students embrace ND's mission in Africa

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

After the Notre Dame Forum on global health in the fall and University President Father John Jenkins' recent trip to Uganda, it's no wonder students across campus have become caught up in the fervor to lend a helping hand to Africa.

Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NOMDI) Assistant Director Tim Lyden pitched a series of forums to the Student Senate and the Hall Presidents' Council last week to facilitate dialogue between the initiative and intrigued students.

Representatives from the NOMDI student advisory council will visit residence halls this semester for round-table conversations that will introduce students to the NOMDI and also enable them to make propositions.

Lyden said the student advisory council — a team of 21 students well-informed in Sub-Saharan African affairs — will present the Initiative's skeleton and Notre Dame's partner village, Nindye, in central Uganda.

But after those formalities are tackled, Lyden said he hoped questions would lead to arguments exploring economic development in Africa, the importance of empowerment over imposition in service interventions and the like.

Keough-Welsh Family win Olympics

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

The Keough-Welsh Family team reclaimed its title as reigning Late Night Olympics champions last weekend, bringing its record to seven wins over the past eight years.

Winning five of the 17 events helped the Keough-Welsh Family team edge the competition, said Welsh Family Hall athletic commissioner Stephanie Bendinelli. Last year they lost to the MBA team.

Keough-Welsh Family took first with 2,616 points, followed by the MBA Association team with 1,559 points, and the O'Neill-Lyons team with 1,285 points.

Weiss is running for vice president on a ticket with current Alumni Hall senator Danny Smith.

She said she decided to transfer to Notre Dame because she wanted to be part of a campus that included a community atmosphere.

"I was looking for a strong Catholic tradition and a united community aspect," Weiss said. "That was something I didn't have previously.

Since she arrived at Notre Dame for the spring semester...
INSIDE COLUMN

Snow, ice and joy

This might sound sappy, but I love this weather. I know. We risk hypothermia every time we go to class, or eat or to work out. I know that every other step, we slip on the ice. And I know that in this sub-zero weather, we can’t even make snowballs. Yet, walking to St. Ed’s for South Dining Hall at 3 a.m., I was mesmerized. I always try to work late at The Observer, because that time, the predawn hours, is my favorite time of the day. It’s right before the snowplows start their early shifts, when all the roads are white and unsalted. The vista kindles something in my heart, seeing Father Sorin, Jesus and Mary wearing robes of white.

I think because I’m from Miami, Fla., and I never saw snow before my freshman year here, being surrounded by a world of white makes me a child again. I see an untrampled field of deep snow, and I can’t help but to walk through it. I like the sound my shoes make as they compress the snow under me, and the lightness of it. How the slightest touch will make millions of tiny crystals vibrate. Beautiful, but fragile.

Sometimes I feel that this fragility can affect us — the cold seeps through our many layers, external and internal. For example, for us non-coffee drinkers, it’s difficult to make a commute from the DPAC to say, North Dining Hall, without looking like a human snowman.

But also, winter is the time when people are the loneliest, especially when it’s cold and dark. That one friend from Frosh-O you passed after dinner could be having a hard time. I know. We risk hypothermia every moment.

One thing I do regret about this season is the difficulty inherent in visiting friends across campus. The walk is perilous at best, and the many memories one could create can be squandered, victims to air that will freeze the hair right out of your head.

Granted, the excuse you used for skipping your 8:30-a.m. lecture seems to disappear when there’s a possibility to be frozen and to be merry. No matter how far TC is from Fisher, or how bad the roads are between D-6 and Feev. But, like nothing else, life can be a thing of beauty! Theodore Roosevelt admired the people who are “in the arena.” Friendship is an arena, but only a few have the fortitude to brave the cold for non-rational ends (or else we’re looking at you, Siegfried).

My last word to you today: Chicagoans and Clevelanders, veterans of many winters, is that you understand you may think I’m too sentimental. But the way you feel about sunny beaches and crashing waves, is how I feel about Notre Dame in the darkest, deepest winter.

God bless us, that we have the chance to be here.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU TITLE YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY?

Fritz Shadley senior
John Paul Witt News Wire Editor
Desiree Moore senior
Siegfried "Ghost Ride: off-campus
Speed and Joy" the way, let Casper drive.”
Danice Brown senior
"Sex and The off-campus
City of God.”
John Coyle senior
Knott "Real Woman of
of Queens, New York, Hal off-campus
Sirowitz Mestrovic sculpture.
Kristen Leist sophomore
"Coyle: Vor ather off-campus
of Gifts
Welsh Family"
Logan Zoeller sophomore
Morrissay "Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, off-campus
The Greeks and Life’s Other Insoluble Mysteries.”

OFFBEAT

City could get rubber sidewalks
PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia official wants the city council to look at whether the city’s sidewalks should be made of rubber.

City councilman Jim Kenney recently toured Chicago to see environmentally-friendly city projects there. He came back with a number of ideas on which he plans to hold hearings. One is using rubber for sidewalks.

No, don’t expect to see people bouncing down the street. Kenney says the rubber is very solid — probably harder than a running track.

He says rubber sidewalks are made from recycled tires. They don’t crack, and they last longer than concrete.

Gambler gives birth on casino floor
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A woman playing the penny slots Saturday morning left the Resorts Atlantic City casino with her own little jackpot — a new baby boy.

Eight-months pregnant Nyree Thompson, 32, went into labor on the casino floor about 9:30 a.m. Thompson said she misook labor pains for gas at first, but after going to the restroom a security guard said that she might be giving birth.

Thompson said the guard thought she was joking. Then her water broke.

"A guard came over and said, ‘Don’t push,’” Thompson said. “I said, ‘Forget you, this baby is coming right now!’”

Minutes later, a baby weighing less than 5 pounds was born. Thompson named him Quailem.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Bengal Bouts fighters "warm down" after practice in the pit of the Joyce Center Monday. The Bouts begin Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the JACC.

IN BRIEF

Visiting professor of political science Alejandro Poiâ will give a lecture entitled “Does Public Funding of Political Parties Improve Governance? Evidence from Mexico’s States” today at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center, Room C-103.

Samuel Gregg, director of Research at the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, will give a lecture entitled “Beyond Legal Compliance: The Moral Life of Business” today at 6 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, former poet laureate of Queens, New York, Hal Shadley will read today at 8 p.m. in the Oak Room at South Dining Hall.

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, essayist and humorist David Rakoff will speak Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Forum.

The academic forum “Ragtime 100 Years Later: Defining Our Generation’s American Dream” will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Washington Hall. Five campus speakers will comment on the themes of the musical “Ragtime.” The event is free of charge and is co-hosted by the student groups Shades of Ebony and Waimorua.

Efraim Inbar, Professor of Political Studies at Bar-Ilan University, will give the lecture “Israel’s Security Environment” Thursday at 8 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to theobserver@nd.edu.
Event no-shows to be charged small price

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governors members discussed fining students a small fee if they sign up for an event but don't show up and do not inform the hosting organization.

"We're just going to be charging a small fee if they aren't going," student body president Susan Mcllduff said at the board's meeting Monday night.

This new rule is taking effect after a group analyzed the attendance of both the Heritage Week Dinner and the last Chicago bus trip.

After all the tickets for space on the two buses had been picked up, about three quarters of the students did not attend the Student Government Association sponsored trip.

The same thing happened with the Heritage Dinner — 138 people were waiting on the list because we were over capacity," Mcllduff said. "We didn't call people on the waiting list because we were already over capacity," Mcllduff said. "People ended up not showing up so more students who wanted to could have attended."

In other BGG news:

• SB Fest will take place Feb. 23-25. Sign ups have been extended until Friday. Students can contact Samantha Peterson at speterson@ndmymary.org if they are interested in registering a younger sibling for the event.

• Elections for the Student Diversity Board and Residence Hall Association president and vice president begin with campaigning today. Voting will take place for running for Student Diversity Board on Monday and is running for Residence Hall Association.

• Board of Governors meeting continues Tuesday. The student body president and vice president, Kim Hodges and Kelly Ciesko, will take over at that time.

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"Obama has a huge following right now," said Adozen. "He is very cool and he gave a great speech that resembled his speech at the convention in 2004," Notre Dame College Democrats co-president Helen Adozen said.

While Obama, Edwards and Clinton continue to dominate the presidential debate nationally, former New Mexico governor Bill Richardson's campaign is gaining momentum, as evidenced by the large crowd that surrounded his appearance this weekend.

"Richardson did very well speaking on the second day," Adozen said. "He had a huge presence there. A lot of people are very excited about his campaign and he has everything so rich. Richardson lives up a lot of hope as a candidate and he brings a lot of moderates to the table," Adozen said.

College Democrats co-presidents Megan Hailey and Mcllduff were able to meet Richardson in a small group setting.

"I personally met Richardson on Friday and I saw him again Sunday," I also shook Obama's hand, but I didn't get a chance to talk to him," Mcllduff said.

The College Democrats' main goal for 2008 was to help elect Joe Donnelly to Indiana's Second Congressional District seat, and now the club is firmly focused on the 2008 presidential race.

"We're just trying to position ourselves as best we can for 2008," Adozen said. "We need to develop new leadership of mostly freshmen, sophomores, and what's this trip was really good for. We're priming other people to take over the club next year," Adozen said. He will graduate in May.

She said the club will not officially endorse a specific candidate in the 2008 primary elections, but will provide members with outlets to work for their favorite candidates.

"When I was a freshman, we went out to Iowa to support Edwards and we did some canvassing for him out there," Adozen said. "I can see the same thing happening in 2008, with a group of really rallying around one candidate to go to Iowa."

The candidates are competing against each other in the primaries, their overall goal remains constant — to get a Democrat elected in 2008.

"A lot of candidates stressed that, no matter what happens it's important to vote for a Democrat in 2008," Mcllduff said. "It's the first time in a long time that the field is this wide open and it's really exciting to be a part of it.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

'Dis-orientations' discussed

Resolution urges creation of freshman informational program

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
News Writer

Resolutions recognizing the need for a program addressing freshman 'dis-orientations' and aimed at enhancing the reliability of campus Domino Dollar card swipe systems were passed Monday at the Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting.

The resolution on dis-orientations, which passed 10-2-1 — "urges the Vice President for Student Affairs to form an ad-hoc committee to create an informational program for first year students."

The CLC recommended the committee include individuals from a variety of organizations including Student Affairs, the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education and Student Activities. The resolution left unspecified the direction of the committee so members can develop the most comprehensive program possible.

"The resolution flushes out why disorientations are unique and proves the basis for the addition of a new committee," Mcllduff said. "The resolution incorporates findings into existing programs."

The second resolution CLC passed on Monday aimed to enhance the reliability of campus Domino Dollar card swipe systems. Student concerns task force chair Danny Smith said the resolution is a two-step process. "First a survey needs to be conducted to figure out the timing of why the Domino Dollar card swipe system goes down — especially targeted for laundry," Smith said.

The second part of the resolution urges the Department of Food Services to "work with all appropriate parties" and dedicate "adequate resources to enhance the ability of the system according to the recommendations presented by Carroll Hall rector Father Jim Lewis, among others, questioned CLC's ability to address Food Services directly since it is purely an advisory body to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman. But after changing the wording to "CLC requests the Vice President for Student Affairs to urge the Department of Food Services" and attaching a similar resolution from the spring of 2005, the resolution passed unanimously.

In other CLC news:

• Poorman updated CLC on his response to the Jan. 23 resolution to enhance student life for Native Americans. Arthur Taylor, the assistant director of the Multicultural Student Programs and Services is the existing official who advises Native American students, but Poorman has contacted Associate Provost Jean Ann Linnay to discuss securing a faculty counterpart to Taylor's position. He has also forwarded the resolution to Hillary Crenkovich, vice president for Public Affairs and Communication, in order to address the presentation of Notre Dame's history in a culturally sensitive way.

• The ad-hoc task force on student safety finalized a list of safety tips it wants to include in the Contemporary Ethics book and a similar study during physical education classes. The identification of campus call boxes, the availability of SafeWalk and the addition of an ICE (in case of emergency) entry to cell phones are among the tips included.

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Concerns (CSC). available the Kellogg Institute Steele explore the service options could be beneficial to the income-generating projects groups for solidarity with our marketing the project to prayer Uganda brothers and NOMOI, advisory council, Steele con-

Everybody has talents and M. I. L. a. h. a. n. s. identically utilizing their resources to move the books that needed to be moved and also to protect the books on the book stacks," Butterwick said.

"The Council looks forwards to sponsoring a project that will pursue research in line with its and the broader goals of the MDG, Pineda said.

MGD Task Force
In its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, the Millennium Development Goals task force also rallied troops to support the African relief movement.

"We don't have a policy to freeze-dried," Butterwick said. "We are not in that situation, Nothing's damaged to that extent."

"The flooded section on the second floor contained music and economic subject books, none of which Butterwick thought were irreplaceable."

"After the books have dried, librarians will be able to assess the damage," Butterwick said. "He said he could not estimate the monetary cost of the water damage."

"The library closed Monday p.m. on December 31, 2004. There was no damage to any of the rare books and special collections area in the basement, since the library took precautions to protect against flooding after a similar incident in January 2004."

Cold temperatures three years ago and a broken damper on a heating/cooling unit led to flooding and damage on the first floor and in the basement of the library. Approximately 500 items were damaged in the flooding. After this incident, library officials developed a preservation plan in case of future incidents. Butterwick praised the quick reaction of library staff and other University officials who helped clean up the water. "The University community as a whole was extremely active and got engaged very quickly, with help from Notre Dame Security, Police, from facilities maintenance, housekeeping and many other parts of the University," Butterwick said.

"Butterwick said hundreds of people added in cleaning up the water."

"The library re-opened at 1:00 p.m. Monday. Parts of the library remained close so a company could work on dehumidifying large areas which could work on the damaged parts of the building."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. Embassy: Attack threats rise in Sudan

Khartoum, Sudan — The U.S. Embassy warned Americans on Monday of a heightened terrorist threat against Westerners in Sudan.

The U.S. Embassy advises all U.S. citizens in Sudan that the United Nations mission in Sudan has received new information that an extremist group based in the country is likely to target Western interests," it said. The U.S. message followed a similar warning that international nations sent its staff in Sudan last week, said a U.N. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the issue with journalists.

The U.S. message warned of the danger of bombings, kidnappings and assassinations. It said the primary target of the threat might be Westerners, but added that "terrorists do not distinguish between official and civilian targets."

Bomb explodes at British company

London — A letter bomb exploded Monday at a London company that controls the city's traffic computers, three officials said. One worker suffered minor injuries to her hand.

The padded envelope exploded in the mailroom of Capita Commercial Services, which on Monday controls the government controls the £16 daily fee for central London drivers meant to cut down on traffic in central London.

"We can confirm that there has been a small explosion at our Victoria Street office this morning," said a Capita spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with department policy.

Scotland Yard said the injured woman was a Capita employee.

NATIONAL NEWS

Report: Youth suicide rates on rise

On Tuesday, February 6, 2004, a new government figures show a surprising increase in youth suicides after a decade of decline, and some mental health experts think a drop in use of antidepressant drugs may be to blame.

Suicides climbed 18 percent from 2003 to 2004 for Americans under age 20, from 1.737 to 1.985 deaths. Most suicides occurred in older teenagers, the report said, citing a report to date from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. By contrast, the suicide rate among 15- to 19-year-olds fell in previous years, from about 11 per 100,000 in 1990 to 2 per 100,000 in 2003. Suicides were the only cause of death that increased for children through age 19 from 2002 to 2003, according to a CDC report released Monday.

Man pleads guilty to identity theft

Washington — A 59-year-old man was sentenced Monday to 8 1/2 years in prison on charges stemming from his use of stolen identities in an attempt to acquire more than $100,000 in payments intended for victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Jeffrey Alan Rothschild, who's also known as Jeffrey Zahler, pleaded guilty in August to bank fraud, mail fraud and money laundering in late 2005. He was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in Washington.

LOCAL NEWS

Floods leave thousands homeless

Indonesian capital faced with threat of dysentery and widespread disease

Associated Press

JAKARTA — Filthy brown waters flooded large parts of Indonesia's capital Monday, forcing 340,000 people from their homes and cutting off power and clean water supplies.

"We have a neighbor who is sick with cancer, but no one has come to rescue her," Orinals said aegade.

Authorities estimated between 40 percent and 70 percent of the city, which covers an area of more than 253 square miles, had been submerged.

Skies cleared Monday and floods receded in some parts of the city of 12 million. Residents of some districts were able to begin cleaning out their homes, witnessing and media reports said.

But Indonesia's meteorological agency predicted more rain in the coming days, and officials warned that more floods were possible because river levels were still high.

"I really hope the forecasts are wrong," said Jayeng, 45, as volunteers handed out cups of hot milk to children at a shelter where hundreds have been sleeping under leaky tarps.

"We are still afraid the water might rise again," said Jayeng, who uses a single name.

The seasonal, torrential rains in Jakarta and the hills to the south forced rivers to overflow their banks Thursday. Some residents initially chose to stay in the upper stories of their homes, expecting the waters to quickly subside, but as the disaster drifted into Monday, some left for makeshift camps at schools and mosques, or to stay with relatives.

Hundreds of thousands of residents remain without electricity and clean water.

Landslides and flash floods during the wet season kill hundreds in Indonesia every year, and the capital is not immune, but it has rarely _ if ever _ seen floods as bad as those in recent days. The high water washed into rich and poor districts alike, inundating schools, schools and businesses.

Environmentalists blame the annual flooding on trash-clogged storm drains and rivers, inadequate urban planning and deforestation of hillsides south of the city, often to make space for the development of luxury villas.

Low-lying river areas _ where thousands of people are crammed into shacks made of plywood and metal sheets _ are often the most devastated. On Monday, many of these areas were only accessible by boat.

Some people rented horse-drawn carriages to ford flooded streets or were pulled to dry land in garbage carts.

The floods entered most districts slowly, causing little initial structural damage to buildings or city infrastructure, but residents expect they will accelerate in full, allowing residents to return.

An Indonesian man wades through a flooded area of Jakarta, carrying his belongings on his head. More rain is predicted in the coming days.

Associated Press

CLAYTON, Mo. — A Missouri man accused of kidnapping two boys and holding them captive for four years was charged Monday with molesting them nearly 70 times.

Officials said the first time authorities have openly accused Michael Devlin of molesting the children.

Devlin, a 41-year-old pizzeria manager, faces 59 counts of forcible sodomy, all felonies and each punishable by up to life in prison.

Louis County prosecutor Robert McCullough said 17 of the counts related to 13-year-old Ben Owney, who disappeared Jan. 8, and the remaining counts were related to Shawn Hornbeck, now 15, who was abducted in 2002.

McCullough said the evidence includes interviews with all of the people involved. "Devlin acknowledged committing these acts," McCullough said.

Both boys were found inside Devlin's apartment in the St. Louis suburb of Kirkwood on Jan. 12.

The charges allege that Devlin forced Ben to have "deviate sexual intercourse" four times each day for the four days he was held.

The charges also allege that after kidnapping Hornbeck in October 2002, Devlin kept Shawn isolated in Devlin's apartment for the first month. The boy was forced to have intercourse with Devlin throughout that month and at least once a month until Shawn and Ben were found in January.

Authorities refused to discuss other details of the allegations beyond what was described in the charges.

Less than a week after the boys were found, Shawn's parents appeared on Oprah Winfrey's talk show, saying they believed he had been sexually abused during the ordeal.

In a written statement, defense attorneys Ethan Corlija and Michael Skelley said they have explained the charges to Devlin and that he understands they are "very serious."
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in addition to the dorm rivalry, the Olympics encourage, the event also raises money for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics. This year students raised a total of $6,207.

Bill Reagan, RecSports assistant director for instruction, special events and family programming, said teams were charged game fees and students were asked to make donations at the door. Other events — like a raffle — were also tied to the point system used to determine an overall winner

— also helped Keough-Welsh Family win. Bendinelli said.

"Keough raised a lot of silver money to put in other team's jars," she said. "And, they raised a lot of bills for our jack." Keough-Welsh Family walked away with a $600 grand prize this year and the remaining money will go directly to the Special Olympics.

The grand prize is typically taken by the winning team and used to fund events within dorms, but last year the winning MBA donated its prize to the Special Olympics. Bendinelli said it was "too soon to say" how the prize money would be used.

The RecSports event, now in its 21st year, started at 7 p.m. Friday in the Joyce Center and ended with a broomball match at 3:55 a.m. Saturday, Reagan said.

With over 800 students participating, dorm teams competed in 17 sporting events including kayaking, target golf and 3-on-3 basketball.

Reagan said the numbers this year were "commendable," especially considering the timing of this past weekend's event.

"It was certainly more challenging this year, because we were competing against other activities on campus — the Dirks Bentley concert, the Cavanaugh dance, the ongoing track meet — not to mention the weather," Reagan said. "The win (with weather) showed up in part early on, in the way of forfeited games."

For Reagan, the event was a success, but in planning for next year, organizers will look for ways to update and improve the event after two decades.

These twenty years, he said, are a tribute to Notre Dame students.

"I think they come out (to participate) first for the competition. Some dorm teams take great pride in it," Reagan said, citing Keough-Welsh Family's "return to dominance."

"Second, I think it's the nature of the Notre Dame student to do something good like this," he said. "They know they're raising money for a great cause."

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ter of her sophomore year from the University of Rochester, Weiss was eager to become involved in student government.

"I think it's my nature," Weiss said. "I'm a leader and I have always pushed myself to the limits." Weiss is the coordinator of the upcoming Notre Dame Eating Disorders Conference and was the Arts and Letters Chair for Junior Parents Weekend. At Rochester, Weiss was the freshman president and a member of the Sophomore Class Council.

Weiss made it a priority to get involved in campus life at Notre Dame quickly, and she said she encountered fewer challenges.

"I had probably the smoothest transition ever..." Weiss said. "It was just a matter of getting involved and putting myself out there."

Weiss interviewed for a position in student government last spring and was appointed chair of the Senate Gender Issues committee. She said she was qualified for this appointment due to her past experience at Rochester, where she tackled gender relations issues as the freshman representative of the Residence Life Advisory Council.

"Gender issues is the place that touches on home for me... and it's an issue that needs to be addressed on this campus," Weiss said.

She hopes to continue her involvement with gender relations by restructuring Freshman Orientation activities. She said she wants to "take the focus away from gender individualized activities, and focus more on activities to help new students get to know their dorms and students from their sections, then branch out to "quad-size" activities."

"At Rochester, the freshman orientation was gender neutral, but it lacked the family aspect," she said. "From stories I've been told about Frosh-0, the activities can create and maintain a culture of dangerous social behaviors. It's about finding a balance between the family aspect and gender relations."

Weiss said her experience as a transfer student has given her a perspective of "objectivism" and "balance" on student life issues.

"Drawing on both experiences has helped me to address issues of the student body collectively as a whole," Weiss said. If she is elected next week, Weiss — along with running mate Smith — hopes to implement a program for students which would allow free music downloads, expand Domer Dollar use at Notre Dame stadium, send the Notre Dame Marching Band to one more away game and improve the football ticket lottery. The ticket also hopes to stimulate dialogue with Health Services about the price of prescriptions and with the University about the possibility of locked tuition rates, Weiss said.

"We bring a fresh perspective," Weiss said. "When we walk into a room, we know what we are talking about on a multitude of issues."

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Apple settles Beatles dispute

Company gains rights to Apple name; Fab Four “a lock” to have music on iTunes

Apple CEO Steve Jobs plays a Beatles song on the new Apple iPhone at a promotional event Jan. 9. Apple recently settled a trademark dispute with The Beatles.

Associated Press

Russian oil tycoon faces new charges

MOSCOW — Prosecutors filed new charges Monday against former oil baron Mikhail Khodorkovsky, now serving the fourth year of an eight-year prison term in Siberia.

The relentless pursuit of the tycoon has shown no sign of letting up. President Vladimir Putin’s highly successful campaign to tame Russia’s oligarchs using its politically-fuelled justice system.

Lawyers for Khodorkovsky called the new charges “a political act” and accused the Prosecutors’ Office of an “insane” attempt to neutralize his political influence.

Arrested in October 2003, his trial proceeded at the same time as a tax probe that put most of his blue chip oil giant OAO Yukos in state hands. Yukos was sentenced to eight years for fraud and tax evasion and shipped off to a prison camp near the Chinese border, where he has been out of the public eye but remained outside the official justice system.

Once Russia’s richest man and the chief of its largest oil producer, Yukos, Khodorkovsky angered Putin’s Kremlin by funding opposition parties. President Vladimir Putin’s successful campaign to tame Russia’s oligarchs using its politically-fuelled justice system.

For the Kremlin, “the main thing is that he doesn’t get out before 2008,” said Yuri Koryukov of the Indem think tank in Moscow. “They very much wouldn’t want that to happen.”

But new charges are about “revenge,” Koryukov said. “The idea is to crush them completely,” he said of Khodorkovsky and his business partner, Platon Lebedev, who is also serving eight years and faces the same charges.
Bengal Bouts essential

Let me tell you about a serious piece of business we do every year at Notre Dame. It's the Bengal Bouts. How can that be serious? Because every year since 1973, the Bouts have given to the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh donations averaging in the past decade over $50,000 a year. The annual per capita income of the 141 million people in Bangladesh is $1,470. Among the ultra-poor tribal people (15% of the population) served by the Holy Cross priests, brokers and semi-narians (116 of whom are Bangladeshi) and the 60 Holy Cross sisters, a family of four could eat for two weeks on what we would casually pay for a pizza. The Bengal Bouts literally provide a lifeline to the poor.

Bangladesh is 88.3 percent Muslim and 10.5 percent Hindu. Catholics are fewer than 300,000. Holy Cross conducts over 200 primary schools and 12 secondary schools, all serving the very poor. Fr. Tom Smith, C.S.C., recently returned from Bangladesh, described the ministry as "evangelization, health care, education and hostels." The hotel—a bamboo and thatched-roof room with a dirt floor and platforms for sleep and study—provides children from remote villages their only chance for education. If we grumble about having to walk from North Quad to South Quad, it might help us to think about the 14-year-old boy who told Smith he walked three days through the jungle to reach the hostel in a Chittagong Hill parish near the border with Myanmar (formerly Burma). The education, the boy said, was his "only hope." Smith visited a pastor in another jungle parish where four teenage girls were lying on a hostel platform "burning up with malaria fever." When Smith asked the pastor why he had too few mosquito nets in the hostel, the pastor replied, "We do give nets, but at the first opportunity they take them home for their infant brothers and sisters. They consider themselves able to survive the malaria but they worry about their weaker siblings in the village. They care for the little ones first."

The Tripura tribe, incidentally, "is embracing Christianity, whole villages at a time, with 600-700 Easter baptisms in each parish each year." In one village in Kalipur, 60 were baptized this last Christmas.

So the Bouts have a purpose. The program, under the sponsorship of Rich O'Leary and Dave Brown of RecSports, is run by the student officers, president Andrew McGill, and captains Stu Stypula, Stephen Hansen, Mike Hennig, Dan Ward, Chris Calдорone, Hunter Land, Lawrence Sullivan and Jesse Brower. The officers run every aspect of the training but they agree that it would all come to a grinding halt without the student managers, Erika Meyer, Meghan O'Farrell and Melanie Bodarz. Working with Jimmy Rogers of RecSports, the managers maintain impeccable financial, medical, surprising and other records.

The volunteer coaches, Chicago lawyer Terry Johnson, Columbus developer Tom Suddes and University pilot Pat Farrell, are former Bengal champs. The training, under Suddes, builds character. Among the assistant coaches are Sweet E. Robinson of the Buchanan Police Department and former boxers Ryan Risus, Chip Farrell and Judge Roland Chamblee. The Church gets into the act through the chaplains, Fr. Bill Sweth, C.S.C., who is in Rome this term, and Father Brian Daley, S.J., who also coaches, and the rev. Mgr. John Hagenty of Erie, Pa.

If you want to know why this program has had such a serious impact in 76 years, give credit to Dr. James Moriarty, the University chief of medicine, and the Emergency Medical Technicians, led by Terri Engel, who attend every sparring session along with two of the Notre Dame Fire Department paramedics, Jordan Lary, Baker Jones, Gordon Martinzakis, Wayne Bishop and Damien Cruz. Safety is the controlling concern of the medical staff as well as of long-time trainer Jack Zimmerman.

The Bengal Bouts will be held in five sessions, all in the Joyce Center: Feb. 21, 22, 26 and 28, all at 6:30 p.m. and the finals on Saturday, March 3 at 8 p.m. The "season ticket," at $10, is good for all sessions.

S. Joseph Parish in Srimangal is 60 miles long with 70 villages. To finish a hostel to house and educate 50 girls, grades 3-5, from those tribal villages, they need a well, latrines, wiring, fixtures, equipment and furnishings. The cost: $2,800. In Fatima Bani parish in Bandarban, an area infested with malaria and also typhoid and jaundice, they need $1,500 to cover medical care for one year. King of Peace parish in Thanai, the most rural and remote parish in Bangladesh, needs to build a medical dispensary. The parishioners will do the labor but they need $1,500 for materials. The list could go on. These may be trifling amounts to us, but not to them. These people need the Bengal Bouts. Be there.

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Due to our recent absence from the public eye, we, the members of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP), would like to clear the air on who we are and what we are doing. CLAP is a coalition of staff, faculty, community members, and students who seek to resolve a number of labor issues here at Notre Dame. Although we do support increased wages, we are not simply a living wage campaign. Far too many pressing concerns exist among University employees to limit ourselves to just that one issue.

The reason for our relative quietude last semester was that we recognized flaws in our past actions. Although well-intentioned, certain public actions were overly antagonistic and ultimately destructive rather than constructive. More importantly, we lacked the close relationships with campus employees that could bring legitimacy to our organization and its mission. Last semester we concentrated on developing stronger ties with campus workers. These relationships now provide a solid foundation for our organization. Although we have acquired ourselves with staff from various departments, our closest relationships are with Building Services and Food Services employees. These are the people who clean our dorms, classrooms, and offices, and prepare and serve our food weather in the dining halls, in LaFortune, or at one of the various cafes on campus.

In conversations with these workers, a number of issues came to our attention. First and foremost, the primary issue is respect. Workers are often not being around the students, faculty, and every other, and often supply how much they appreciate our work. However, they feel that their employer, the University and its administration, cares little about them and does not value their hard work.

Also, nearly every worker with whom we speak bears being fired or receiving some other reprimand from the University if he or she was to speak out. So, for now, it is our responsibility to tell their stories.

However, for many employees, the most immediate issue is wages. Anyone who believes that a family can live well-projected on $17,264 per year (the total annual pay of a Notre Dame employee making the base wage) has not tried to do so. CLAP believes that $12.10 per hour would be a minimum wage.

The 2007 number will be adjusted for inflation and included in our organization's revised living wage report within the next month. The figure that we have chosen is not arbitrary. We have looked at the line used by the federal government to determine the number of stipends and other subsidies. We believe that a living wage mean not having to rely on government assistance or the local food bank in order to support a family.

Concerning the benefits provided by the University, staff members appreciate the benefits packages provided to them, such as a subsidized health care and a college tuition benefit do not provide their families with housing, pay the bills, or put food on the table. These workers tell us that their raise, the maximum amount that per cent per year, do not even cover rising energy costs and basic necessities. In other words, in exchange for one more year of loyalty and service to our University, the "raises" that each employee gets lower their standard of living.

Other staff members point out that they incur injuries from being overworked. Each employee of Building Services is expected to fill the square feet of building space each shift. Many of them receive assignments that are far larger than this, and the added load takes a toll on their bodies. A number of custodians with whom we've spoken have had surgery on their shoulders or backs due to these job-related injuries and were expected to return to work two days later.

There is also an issue with part-time employees. The University has begun to replace retiring full-time employees with part-timers who will work 35 to 35 hours per week. This saves the University money because it does not have to offer health care benefits to part-time employees. Instead, full-time employees are expected to pick up the slack. We believe that must work mandatory overtime and must work mandatory overtime. The wage for part-time employees is not included in the Federal Government's definition of living wage. This arrangement also leaves the part-time employee with no health care insurance and a very reduced paid time off.

As can be clearly observed, numerous labor-related issues exist on our campus. CLAP has chosen to focus primarily on wages because issues are that issue wages men and women inter agree that the living wage issue concerns the University that it can be.

To the student body, whether or not someone lives a personal decision that each of us makes based on our own interpretation of theology, economics and politics. We invite your dissenting opinions. They have sharpened our focus as an organization. We only ask that you appreciate and respect the important work that campus employees perform for our community and support them in their efforts to obtain fair compensation and working conditions.

Lastly and most importantly, to the employees of this University, we thank you for the hard work you perform to serve each of us. We hope that you will hear our concerns and will continue to address them as we have done. However, students can not resolve these issues alone. For change to occur, you must overcome your fears and speak out on your own behalf. We stand beside you. We support you.

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Super Bowl side dishes disappoint fans

Commereials, music surrounding yearly event not up to old standards

The Super Bowl has been criticized as being overblown pomp, and while certainly not a false statement, Super Bowl XLI is noteworthy because the game itself seemed to have more storylines and drama than the surrounding hoopla. Between featuring Prince during the halftime show, Billy Joel singing the national anthem and the normal influx of new commercials, the Super Bowl always promises to be a complete show. Unfortunately, XLI wasn’t as exciting as entertaining, as Super Bowls of years past.

Joel’s rendition of the national anthem was above average, simply because he didn’t indulge himself in it. His beltin take on “The Star-Spangled Banner” sounded, well, exactly like you might expect Billy Joel singing the national anthem to sound. Yet Joel played it straight and respectfully, which was exactly what was hoped for. The real entertainment was yet to come.

The decision to feature Prince during the halftime show caused a lot of head scratching in the media, yet it makes sense. Ever since the “Purple Rain” debacle of Super Bowl XXXVIII, in which Justin Timberlake famously revealed Janet Jackson’s breast, the halftime show producers have tended toward more traditional fare — Sir Paul McCartney for Super Bowl XXXIX and The Rolling Stones for Super Bowl XL.

Yet Prince isn’t as far in the audience’s cultural radar as either McCartney or The Stones, so his selection was still puzzling. Prince is a performer reputed for his bizarre, unpredictable behavior, which puts holes in the theory that the producers wanted someone “safe.” Evidence of this is the media day conference, during which reporters were told that Prince would not take questions. When he took the stage, however, he told reporters that, “contrary to rumor, I’d like to take a few questions right now.” As soon as the first question was posed, Prince turned to his band and immediately launched into a rendition of Chuck Berry’s “Johnny B. Goode” which featured two white-chocolate-go-go dancers and a brass band. After playing a few more songs, Prince said simply, “Thank you, see you at the Super Bowl, peace,” and left the stage.

The purpled-one’s actual halftime show, however, was far less unpredictable, though left much to be desired. The majority of the show consisted of a truly bizarre medley of unrelated songs, including (but not limited to) Bob Dylan’s “All Along the Watchtower,” Credence Clearwater Revival’s “Proud Mary” and The Foo Fighters’ “Best Of You.”

He performed on a stage shaped like his symbol (from the days when Prince didn’t have a name), slinging his guitar in phallic shadowplay that was just downright uncomfortable.

Prince remains a pretty good performer despite the fact that his heyday was over two decades ago, and his take on “Purple Rain” (complete with glow-in-the-dark marching band) was a reminder that once upon a time, The Artist Formerly Known As the Artist Formerly Known As Prince was a great songwriter.

Most disappointing, however, were the commercials. Generally speaking, the advertisements were sub-par by Super Bowl standards, and none stood out as this year’s “1984 Apple” spot. Among the most notable ads were a Nationwide Insurance spot featuring Britney Spears ex-husband Kevin Federline (reminiscent of Nationwide’s ad last year, which featured Fabio), a CareerBuilder ad featuring a fight in a jungle and a Taco Bell commercial featuring talking lions. Somehow, all of these ads, while entertaining, sort of felt vaguely familiar — soon-to-be-has-beens, overblown action and talking animals seem to have become staples of Super Bowl commercials. There’s nothing new, groundbreaking or gritty, which is why that old Apple ad still seems fresh and original two decades later.

More egregious is a lot of these advertisements (which cost over a million dollars for companies to air) are not new ads. Some, like the video game Coca-Cola ad, have been shown in movie theaters, while others, like a Florex ad, are already tiresome (not to mention targeted at a niche audience). It really indicates toward a larger problem when the most popular ad, according to a USA Today survey, is of crabs worshipping a Bud Light cooler.

The media surrounding Super Bowl XLI is of the most disposable variety — entertaining and instantly forgettable. Nothing about Joel, Prince or any of the commercials hinted at a sort of timeless or classic status, which is a shame. Every year, the Super Bowl is a chance for advertisers and entertainers to showcase their wares, and it seems that in XLI the only ones who showcased themselves were (for once) the guys getting it done on the field.

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The type of handshake you give someone when you see them in class, or out on the quad, speaks volumes about the type of image you want to present to others. For example, should you go with a high-five when you’re saying hello? Or, do you want to go for the full-out hardcore handshake, in which you attempt to crush your opponent’s hand in a vise-like grip in order to project an image of power? Or is that too “square”? As you might imagine, when debating the various merits of the different handshakes and high-fives, picking one can be a very difficult and confusing decision in the best of circumstances. For this reason, I’ve decided to go through the many different archetypes we college kids have of saying hi by talking with our hands, and debate their various pros and cons. Let’s start off the discussion with the high-five. This classic staple of college vernacular is a fairly low-risk endeavor, or, it’s also low-reward. Not a lot of style points are given for pulling off the old up-top routine. Shaking things up with the occasional low-five helps to break the monotony a little. You have to keep in mind that you want to hit your pal with a solid, accurate, straight arm. Anyway, give your target a half-hearted high-five which is just lame. Common complaints of poorly executed handshakes are grounds such as, “Oh, that sucked” or “Let’s try that again.” Both of these scenarios are extremely awkward, and can make it hard to look cool. Also, your intended target should be very aware that you are coming in for the high-five, because if he isn’t, there is a slight chance you could inadvertently end up smacking your friend with a five-star noodle to the face. Just some food for thought.

After high-five the other staple of American greetings, the handshake. This one seems pretty simple at first. Just a quick grab and squeeze of the hand. However, as with many things, the devil’s in the details, and you have to worry about scope problems when you pick up something you might want to think about duration and intensity when shaking someone’s hand. If you give them a weak handshake they might think you’re a wimp, and you’re missing out on a potential high-five. Just make sure your fingers don’t get too squishy while pulling off said handshake, or people might get the wrong idea while you’re hanging out with your buddies. Fortunately for everyone, there are many other potential handshake options out there at your disposal if you’re so inclined. For example, you could go with the cousin of the high-five, the standard fist pound, or you could “blow it up” afterward. Another variation on the standard pound is the “lock and load,” in which you twist fists after the initial contact. Or perhaps the friendly and informative folks at Budweiser have it right as they showed the world during their Super Bowl commercial: perhaps the first pound is out and the new handshake a la mode is the slap to the face.

For the more adventurous of you out there, you could try the triple fist pound, in which you pound down, then up, then meet your friend’s fist head-on. This is a pretty good option. And if you really feel like showing off, you could even go for “The Fresh Prince,” as made famous by Will Smith on the show by the same name. For people who really like showing out, you could attempt the complicated choreography which New York Mets baseball players such as Jose Reyes and Carlos Delgado have been known to pull off during games. Or you could go with the “bro hug,” in which you give your target a high-five, then kind of lean in with the shoulder until you’re in a halfway hug-type thing. This one can leave you feeling awkward at times but it’s a good choice if you find yourself in a No Man’s Land type social situation where you’re unsure whether to go for the handshake or the full-out hug.

And then, of course you have the full-out hug, usually reserved for members of the opposite sex or really good friends. Even grown men have been known to “hug it out,” as the character Art taught us all on the HBO series “Entourage.” Regardless of what you decide to go with, it’s vitally important to make sure your intended target knows what’s happening. To this end, eye contact is a must when approaching your intended recipient. Perhaps even a finger point to single out your pal is a good idea.

Suffering the pain of an unrequited handshake speaks volumes about your social stature and overall “coolness” level, and the pain of a denied or ignored handshake or high-five attempt can put quite a bruise on any person’s self-esteem. With enough practice and effort, even someone who's all thumbs can pull off some collegiate “cool.”

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Bryant drops 27 points on Hawks in 90-83 win

Lakers guard scores nine unanswered points in fourth quarter, wags finger at Atlanta fans in eighth game of road trip

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The roar during pre-game warm-ups revealed that many in a rare Atlanta sellout came to see Kobe Bryant.

The applause for the Los Angeles Lakers’ star continued after the game — in the Hawks’ locker room.

Bryant, mostly quiet through three quarters, scored nine straight fourth-quarter points to lead Los Angeles to a victory over Atlanta on Monday night.

"You’ve got to give it to him," said Atlanta’s Joe Johnson, who matched Bryant’s 27 points but couldn’t equal his fourth-quarter impact.

"He made some great shots down the stretch, and I was draped all over him for some of those," Johnson said.

Eleven of Bryant’s 27 points came in the final period.

"He’s a great player; he’s one of the best players who has played our game," said Atlanta coach Mike Woodson. "When he makes a 27-footer, falling away in the corner, you’ve got to come back on the other end and get an offensive rebound right away in the corner, you’ve got to come back on the other end and get an offensive rebound right away in the corner, you’ve got to come back on the other end and get an offensive rebound right away in the corner, you’ve got to come back on the other end and get an offensive rebound right away in the corner, you’ve got to come back on the other end and get an offensive rebound right away in the corner, you’ve got to come back on the other end and get an offensive rebound right away."

The Hawks were only 4-of-9 from the free throw line in the final period.

Bryant said he didn’t look at the game as a scoring contest against Johnson.

"It doesn’t mean much at this stage of my career; I’ve played in so many of those," Bryant said. "It’s just, what can I do to help win the game?"

"A couple years ago I probably would have tried to end up with 25 points in the fourth quarter. Now it’s not what’s important. Once I got on a roll, saw they were double and triple-teamed me, it didn’t make as much sense to try to abuse myself as a decoy."

Smush Parker hit a 3-pointer after Bryant’s nine straight points, and Andrew Bynum and Lamar Odom combined for 28 rebounds.

"It’s a big difference in our team," said Bynum. "Ourstanding of when enough is enough," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "And when they started throwing extra bodies at him, there was open opportunities for other guys."

The Lakers swept the Hawks for the first time in seven years and improved to 3-2 on their eight-game road trip with their seventh straight win.

Bryant wagged his index finger in front of Atlanta’s Andre Johnson after his fourth straight jumper in his hot streak, which left the Lakers up 17-7. Bryant didn’t need to tease; it seemed most of the 19,600 fans in Atlanta’s sixth sellout of the season were cheering for him.

The Hawks, led by Zaza Pachulia’s inside scoring, put up 19 points and 10 rebounds in the final quarter to keep the nine-time All-Star hot.

Johnson made only 10 of 26 shots. Josh Smith scored 20 points and Pachulia added 14.

Only two players joined Bryant in double figures for the Lakers. Odom had 15 points and 18 rebounds, and Bynum added another double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lakers, who beat Atlanta 109-95 at home on Dec. 8, completed their first sweep of the Hawks since the 1999-2000 season.

Even in recent seasons, when the Hawks bot­tomed out with 13- and 26-win totals, the Lakers managed no better than a split of the two games.

Rockets 105 Timberwolves 77

Trace McGrady scored 16 of his 32 points in the third quarter, and the Houston Rockets rolled to a victory on the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Luther Head went 5-for-7 from 3-point range and had 20 points, and Juwan Howard had 20 points and eight rebounds for the Rockets, who’ve won nine of their games since an 0-2 start to the season.

The Timberwolves in Minnesota on Jan. 28.

Kevin Garnett had 18 points, 12 rebounds and five assists for Minnesota, which has lost 10 of its last 12 games and four in a row.

The Wolves are 2-6 since a 10-game winning streak.

"We’re around," said Head of the run with a fast-break layup and a pull-up 3-pointer that put Houston up 20-30 at the break.

McGrady was 6-for-10 in the third quarter, all of them long jumpers, and he had a good time doing it.

He playfully spanked Wittman after a shot in front of the Wolves’ bench with 3:12 left. This time, he high­ fived fans in the front row after beating the buzzer with another jumper that gave Houston an 82-52 lead heading to the fourth quarter.

Head, who finished in league’s third points and Kidd 14 for the Wolves.

Head finished in league’s third point shooting, sank his fourth and fifth 3-pointers early in the final quarter to keep Houston in control.

Sikkers 100, Nets 98 (OT)

New Jersey has become painfully familiar with watch­ers other teams beat them in the final minutes.

This time, it was Andre Iguodala and Philadelphia’s turn.

Iguodala had 23 points, a career-high 15 assists, and seven reb­ounds in the Nets’ overtime victory over New Jersey on Monday night, the Nets’ second OT loss in two days.

Samuel Dalembert had 14 points and 17 rebounds, and Andre Miller had 18 points to give the Nets their fifth win in eight games and sixth in 10.

"We’re turning it around," said Kyle Korver, who scored nine points. "We’re not winning as frequently as we’d like to, but we’re doing so much bet­ ter."

The can’t be said for the Nets.

One day after losing at overtime buzzer against Atlanta, the Nets couldn’t avoid another crucial defeat.

They did pull off a late-game surge against Eddie House’s 3­ pointer with 7.8 seconds left in regulation sent the game into OT.

But after Clifford Robinson’s 3 gave them a 93­ 92 lead into the second extra period, New Jersey went cold from the floor.

Miller hit a running jumper for the lead, then Iguodala calmly sank a 3 with 1:06 left that gave the Nets a needed cushion.

Iguodala hit the clutch basket at the right time, the Nets needed to put away the Nets.

He’s one of the most well­ balanced players in the NBA and he’s only in his third year," Korver said.

The Nets didn’t score again from the floor until Vince Carter’s layup with 36 seconds left to pull them within 2 at 105-103, then Jason Kidd sank a pair of free throws that trimmed the lead to 99-98.

Korver went 1-for-2 from the free throw line and set up one last chance for the Nets.

Carter’s 3-point heave was off the mark, sending New Jersey to its fourth straight loss.

No, the Nets didn’t wildly celebrate at halfcourt like the Hawks did on Sunday when Tyrone Lue hit a 23-foot jumper at the buzzer to beat the Nets. But they’ve at least stopped playing like the worst team in basketball.

"It’s starting to get back to normal around here," said Steve Hunter, who had 13 points. "Everyone’s head is back to basketball. You can tell on the court we’re focused on basketball and nothing else.

Carter had 23 points and 10 rebounds, House scored 15 points and Kidd 14 for the Nets, who blew an 11-point third-quarter lead.

“We have to work our way out of it,” Carter said. “We have to work hard and hope things start breaking our way.”

Nearly everything is breaking the Nets’ way lately. Maybe they’ll get fewer ping­pong balls in the draft lottery, but the 7ers could create a sense of excitement about the future with some strong play in the rest of the second half.

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Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy holds the Vince Lombardi trophy with Colts owner Jim Irsay and team president Bill Polian at a congratulatory parade Monday. The Colts beat the Bears 29-17 to win Super Bowl XLI.

Colts celebrate Super Bowl XLI victory

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The RCA Dome never felt so good to the Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts.

After a rain-soaked victory in Miami the night before and then a frigid, bone-numbing homecoming parade through the streets of downtown Indianapolis on Monday night, the Colts finally arrived back at their stadium for a raucous celebration with their fans.

More than 40,000 fans lined the streets, just as loud and boisterous as they were when the Colts left the Dome two weeks earlier with the AFC championship, welcomed them home, reveling in the city’s first major professional sports championship in more than 30 years.

"Sure feels good to be back in this Dome after playing in that weather last night," shouted Peyton Manning, the MVP in the Colts’ 29-17 victory over the Chicago Bears. "On behalf of the players, we want to thank the greatest fans in the world."

Most of the fans had been there for hours, patiently waiting for the team to arrive. The parade was supposed to begin around 4 p.m., but got under way late because the Colts’ plane from Miami was delayed. No matter.

"It might be a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Robert Smith of Indianapolis said while watching a giant-screen TV replay of Sunday night’s victory over the Bears.

Many of the fans were wearing Colts blue. Many held signs such as "We love our Colts" or just a simple "Thank You."

Once the team arrived, still wearing their parkas or hooded sweatshirts from the below-zero chill outside, it was the Colts themselves who delivered all the thank yous.

"You guys are awesome," coach Tony Dungy told the crowd. "For the last 16 or 18 hours, we’ve been enjoying this championship. We had a team party in Miami last night, but we were looking forward to coming home. This is more than we could have ever expected. Thank you for this turnout."

Two giant inflatable balloons resembling Colts players flanked a stage that was set up on the floor of the Dome. Amid a barrage of camera flashes and cheers, the team entered, led by quarterback Peyton Manning with the Vince Lombardi trophy.

"It’s been a great year for us," said Senate Minority Leader Mark Schauer of Michigan, whose district includes Jackson.

Schauer plans to sponsor a legislative resolution proposing "Tony Dungy Day" along with Democratic Reps. Marty Griffin of Jackson and Mike Simpson of Jackson County’s Liberty Township. They had not yet determined which day to honor Dungy.

Michigan lawmakers propose day to honor Dungy

LANING, Mich. — State lawmakers on Monday proposed a day honoring Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy, who was born and raised in Michigan.

Dungy, whose Colts won the Super Bowl, is from Jackson, where he excelled in football at Parkside High School. He is the first black coach to win a Super Bowl.

"Because of the strength of his character, as well as his success on the field, Tony Dungy is an inspiration to all of us," said Senate Minority Leader Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek, whose district includes Jackson.

Michigan basketball Men’s big east standings

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Flight restrictions from Lidle crash made permanent

WASHINGTON — Flight restrictions imposed around Manhattan after New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle crashed his single-engine plane into an apartment tower will be made permanent, government documents indicate.

The plan for the rule change was revealed as the National Transportation Safety Board released papers Monday detailing its investigation of the Oct. 11 crash that killed Lidle and his flight instructor.

"The pilot and owner was New York Yankee player Cory Lidle, and a California based flight instructor was with him," the NTSB said, also identifying Tyler Stanger elsewhere as the "passenger/flight instructor."

Included in the papers are toxicology reports showing that neither Lidle, 34, nor instructor Stanger, 26, had drugs or alcohol in their systems.

Mears names crew chief for 2007 NASCAR Season

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Casey Mears got a new crew chief Monday, just four days before NASCAR begins preparations for the season-opening Daytona 500.

Fortunately for Mears, he’s teaming with last year’s race-winning crew chief.

Darian Grubb, who led Jimmie Johnson to the Daytona 500 victory, will now lead Mears’ No. 25 team at Hendrick Motorsports. Grubb, an engineer on Johnson’s crew, filled in for Chad Knaus during his four-race suspension last season.

Grubb led Johnson to a pair of wins during his stint.

"Darian is one of the most respected voices in our organization and has proven to be a terrific leader," team owner Rick Hendrick said. "He and Casey represent an exciting new combination for the No. 25 team, its sponsors and its fans."

Around the dial

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Colts celebrate Super Bowl XLI victory

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The RCA Dome never felt so good to the Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts.

After a rain-soaked victory in Miami the night before and then a frigid, bone-numbing homecoming parade through the streets of downtown Indianapolis on Monday night, the Colts finally arrived back at their stadium for a raucous celebration with their fans.

More than 40,000 fans lined the streets, just as loud and boisterous as they were when the Colts left the Dome two weeks earlier with the AFC championship, welcomed them home, reveling in the city’s first major professional sports championship in more than 30 years.

"Sure feels good to be back in this Dome after playing in that weather last night," shouted Peyton Manning, the MVP in the Colts’ 29-17 victory over the Chicago Bears. "On behalf of the players, we want to thank the greatest fans in the world."

Most of the fans had been there for hours, patiently waiting for the team to arrive. The parade was supposed to begin around 4 p.m., but got under way late because the Colts’ plane from Miami was delayed. No matter.

"It might be a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Robert Smith of Indianapolis said while watching a giant-screen TV replay of Sunday night’s victory over the Bears.

Many of the fans were wearing Colts blue. Many held signs such as "We love our Colts" or just a simple "Thank You."

Once the team arrived, still wearing their parkas or hooded sweatshirts from the below-zero chill outside, it was the Colts themselves who delivered all the thank yous.

"You guys are awesome," coach Tony Dungy told the crowd. "For the last 16 or 18 hours, we’ve been enjoying this championship. We had a team party in Miami last night, but we were looking forward to coming home. This is more than we could have ever expected. Thank you for this turnout."

Two giant inflatable balloons resembling Colts players flanked a stage that was set up on the floor of the Dome. Amid a barrage of camera flashes and cheers, the team entered, led by quarterback Peyton Manning with the Vince Lombardi trophy.

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Dempsey joins American migration to England

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Two days after appearing in an English Premier League game with three other Americans, midfielder Clint Dempsey worked out with the U.S. national team Monday afternoon. He hopes the jet lag will wear off before the U.S. meets Mexico in a friendly Wednesday night.

"This morning, I woke up at 6 o'clock," Dempsey said after practice at Grand Canyon University. "Normally I don't do that. I'm not quite there yet, but it's getting better." On Saturday, Dempsey was one of four Americans on the field when Fulham beat Newcastle 2-1 in the Premier League. Dempsey, who came on in the 78th minute, joined defender Carlos Bocanegra and forward Brian McBride while defender Oguchi Onyewu played for Newcastle.

"It's kind of cool just to think about," Dempsey said. "It's funny to know somebody on the other team and joke around with him during the game. It's good to see more Americans making the move over there, and hopefully there'll be more to come." Dempsey joined Fulham on Jan. 10 for a transfer fee that could reach $4 million.

Onyewu, who is looking forward to facing Mexico, is concentrating on beating Mexico, the United States' fiercest rival.

"The reason he's there is he's got an aggressiveness going forward, fearlessness when he gets around the goal in certain situations, and that's what we're looking for from him every time he steps on the field," Bradley said.

Bradley said he didn't know whether Dempsey would play in the middle or on the outside.

"It depends on how the team plays," Bradley said. "The most important thing is to still find a way for him to get the ball in situations going forward where his attacking skills come into play." Dempsey scored the only goal by an American at last year's World Cup and was voted U.S. player of the year. The 2004 MLS rookie of the year with New England, Dempsey scored 25 goals in 71 games in his three seasons with the Revolution. He has scored six goals in 23 games for the United States.

"He's a dangerous, attacking player," Bradley said. "He gets chances for himself. He's not afraid to go into the box and mix it up. So I think he's an important player for us." Dempsey is one of four U.S. team members who have returned from England to join the squad this week. The others are Bocanegra; midfielder Bobby Convey of Reading FC; and goalkeeper Tim Howard of Everton FC.

Each was dealing with dramatic changes in time and temperature. London is seven hours ahead of Phoenix, and it was nearly 40 degrees warmer in the desert.

"I think it's like 4 in the morning for me right now," Convey said after the U.S. practice. "For us, that's the disadvantage to playing in England and being on the national team. I think my flight was like 15 hours to get all the way here. We'll see how it goes, I feel OK." Dempsey grew up in Texas and followed the Mexican national team as a youngster. He's looking forward to facing them on Wednesday, even though it may feel like a road game for the Americans. More than 50,000 tickets have been sold for the match at 62,000-seat University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, and the crowd is expected to be heavily pro-Mexico.
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*Australia in 1999.*

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**Tennis**

**Sampras eyes return with Boston tourney**

Associated Press

**BOston — The last time Pete Sampras played competitive tennis in Boston, his doubles team sloshed by the only victory for the United States in the Davis Cup, Krajicek routed Australia in 1999.**

The winner of a record 14 Grand Slam singles titles returns in three months for his first tournament since 2002 when he participates in the Outback Champions Series at Boston University from May 2-6. He wants to see how he feels before committing in any of the other five tournaments in the series for players older than 30.

"I just want to see how it goes," Sampras said in a telephone interview Monday. "I don't want to commit to a bunch of them, just see how I enjoy the work, the playing. I didn't want to commit to something I wasn't 100 percent sure about."

His participation in the event was announced last Tuesday. Boston is the second stop on the tour and Sampras prefers the hardcourt on which it will be played to other surfaces in the series. He said he enjoyed the city when he played in the Davis Cup where he teamed with Alex O'Brien for a five-set victory over France in the 1996 U.S. Open.

The 35-year-old Sampras retired after swinging the U.S. Open in September 2002 with a victory over Agassi. At first, he didn't miss the grueling routine of tournament tennis and practices.

"Initially, you enjoy it, you decompress, and it's nice not having to worry about tennis," he said. "The stress of trying to win the major was gone. It was fun. I did some things I didn't get a chance to do."

**Wild Thang**

Freshman right wing Ryan Thang carries the puck down the ice during a 4-1 win Jan. 26 over Miami.

**NHL**

**Hasek beats out rough stretch**

**Red Wings goalie bailed out by teammates late in game, makes 17 saves**

Associated Press

**NEW YORK — Dominik Hasek flashed a smile and cracked some jokes even though he had just endured the worst period of an otherwise stellar season.**

When your teammates bail you out with three goals in the third period, there is every reason to be happy.

The 42-year-old Hasek gave up seven shots in a shaky first period, but Henrik Zetterberg copped the Red Wings’ big finish by scoring the decisive goal late in Detroit’s 4-3 victory over the New York Rangers on Monday night.

“What happened? All I can say is it was the worst period for me this year,” Dominik Hasek Red Wings goalie

Detroit, which hadn’t played in Madison Square Garden since Oct. 25, 2003, erased a 3-0 deficit to the Islanders in the third period last Tuesday before winning in overtime.

“We haven’t had a lot of come-from-behind wins this year,” defenseman Mathieu Schneider said. “It’s huge for a team when you feel like you can win no matter what the deficit is.”

Zetterberg helped set up Pavel Datsyuk’s first-period goal, and Hudek took advantage of Lundqvist’s misplay early in the third to make it 3-2. Lang tied it at 10:54.

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That made up for Hasek’s poor early effort. He yielded goals to Brendan Shanahan, Michael Nylander and Marcel Hossa before 15 minutes elapsed. Hasek earned his 29th victory despite making only 17 saves. Lundqvist stopped 22 shots.

Shanahan, in his first game against the Red Wings since leaving as a free agent in the off-season, gave the Rangers the lead just 2:18 in on New York’s second shot.

Nylander doubled the advantage 13 seconds later after Hasek flubbed the puck behind his net, and Hossa wrapped up the Rangers’ most productive period in nearly a month at 14:24.

Lundqvist saved his meltdown until the end. He committed a costly turnover to Valteri Filppula that turned into Hudler’s ninth goal, then flubbed a soft, bouncing puck that Lang knocked in for the tying tally.

“It was one of those things that happened,” Lundqvist said. “They took advantage. It was a tough break.”

That put another crimp in the Rangers’ fading playoff hopes. New York has dropped three straight, seven of 10 and 14 of 21, slipping to fourth in the Atlantic Division and 11th in the Eastern Conference. The loss, in the only NHL game Monday night, left the Rangers off the pace of a playoff spot with 29 games left.

“There’s lots of hockey left but we’re digging ourselves a hole,” Shanahan said.

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Boars was fortunate enough to travel with the team to Scotland one culture. MacKenzie, who played for the team has been a dream of MacKenzie’s since she signed on with the Belles in 2003. After checking with Saint Mary’s Athletic Director Stephen Hinkel, she began researching the possibility of the trip.

The Belles selected Go Play Sports, a well-established travel agency based in Boston, Mass., that specializes in this type of event, to organize the tour. The last obstacle that the team is currently in the process of hurdling is the fundraising to pay for the team’s share of the trip. Members of the team have been working for over two years now to collect money by parking cars during Notre Dame home football games. “As a Division-III school, there are opportunities we can’t really give our athletes because we don’t have a huge budget,” MacKenzie said. The Belles are also auctioning off a chance to win a four-day, three-night stay in Paris with the purchase of a $10 raffle ticket. The drawing will take place during Saint Mary’s final home basketball game Feb. 17 against Hope College at 3 p.m.

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City mourns Super Bowl loss

Bears fans of all ages attempt to digest loss, look towards future

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Everyone from rush-hour commuters to T-shirt vendors to transit workers started the week here in a collective funk, lamenting how their Bears fell short of their first Super Bowl championship in 21 years. Asked if he was a Bears fan the day after Chicago lost 29-17 to the Indianapolis Colts, 41-year-old rail janitor for the Chicago Transit Authority. They represented us well. At Castello’s, a spokeswoman for the city’s office of special events. “We would have done something, but it was the team’s wishes not to unless they had a victory.”

Sunday’s defeat also hit souvenir vendors hard — right in the pocketbook. Orange and blue Bears gear sold briskly in the lead-up to Sunday, and a Super Bowl would have boosted sales to new heights, said Farid Muhamad, a manager at the Press-Relay souvenir store at Chicago’s Union Station.

“People were buying everything last week — Bears mugs, shirts, hats,” he said. “We sold thousands of things ... Today, no one’s bought a single thing.”

The store had ordered 5,000 “Chicago Bears — Super Bowl Champions” shirts in advance, Muhamad said. The order from the manufacturer was contingent on the Bears winning Sunday. He added, so the store didn’t have to pay for any of the merchandise. Some fans focused anger on Bears quarterback Rex Grossman, who had two fourth-quarter interceptions when the Colts still seemed within striking distance.

“I don’t dislike Grossman. But he cocked in a big game,” said 28-year-old Jon Rink, a native Chicagoan who flew in from his Brooklyn home to watch the game on TV. “Their offense did not look like they knew what was going on.”

Others took solace in the fact that, however hard, the defeat could have been worse.

“They could have gotten blown out pretty easily,” said Jose Reyes, 40, a Chicago-area computer applications developer. “They were able to stay in the game. It could have been like a 40-3 game.”

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and Villanova. But when the Notre Dame women enter the pool on Feb. 14, few around the Notre Dame community other than those wearing their swimsuits will realize that the Irish will be defending a record 10 consecutive Big East titles.

"I don't think it's been publicized very much," senior captain Katie Carroll said. "It would be nice if people knew that we held the record. It would give a good name to the University."

With a victory at this year's Big East championships in Long Island, N.Y., No. 19 Notre Dame would become the first school in Big East history to win 11 consecutive conference titles in any sport.

The only other program to accomplish such a streak is the Pittsburgh basketball teams in the late 1970s, although the Panthers have had three streaks of eight or more in other sports over the years. The closest school to Notre Dame's current streak nationally is Rutgers, who have won the Big Ten conference titles in all eight of its seasons of existence.

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Carroll, a four-year standout for Notre Dame, has been an integral member of the last three Irish teams to earn the consecutive Big East titles. In 2006, Carroll was the Big East champion in the 400-meter individual medley, and she has earned seven all-conference certificates. Despite the individual accolades, Carroll realizes the magnitude of what the program has accomplished.

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AROUND THE COMPETITION

Irish guard Collin Falls drives around Alabama guard Mykal Riley during Notre Dame's 99-85 win on Dec. 5.

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31 assists in conference games, compared to only 12 turnovers. But Barlow has provided the biggest spark to the Irish offense, averaging 10.6 points and 5.2 rebounds per game this season.

"It's been a challenge, but I think I'm up for it," said Barlow of the transition to college basketball. "I just try to come in and try to bring energy to the team and do what I need to do for the team."

Even though these three freshman garner the majority of the team's substitution playing time, they are not the only ones sitting with McGraw at the start of the game.

Joining them off the bench for the Irish are freshmen Danielle Ben-Tsvulun and junior Amanda Tsipis. Tsipis and Ben-Tsvulun have been able to get some time on the floor this season, although it has generally been limited to late-game situations in already decided games.

For Tsipis, her biggest game of the season was Dec. 28 against Prairie View A&M, where she played seven minutes, grabbed two boards and had two points. Ben-Tsvulun had her breakout game Sunday against the Mountaineers, coming in late in the first half.

Even though Ben-Tsvulun had only one minute in the game, she worked hard up and down the court. The freshman forward scored four points, including one fast-break layup to close out the half.

"She did a really nice job at the end of the half, and I was really pleased with her," McGraw said. "We thought about playing her a little bit more in the second half, we were just about to when they went on that run, because I think she can really post up strong.

For McGraw, the freshmen performances have been a highlight for her team this year. Coupled with the five veterans that make up the starting lineup, Barlow, Lechlitzner and Williamson have been able to enter the game and play strong enough that the Irish don't miss a step.

"Our bench — they've been outstanding the other team's bench all year long. And you know it's all freshmen," she said. "So it's great to see that every game, that our freshmen are coming in and playing like veterans. And this time of the year we need them to do that."

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The Irish have been a target for struggling teams capable of pulling off mid-season upsets since they jumped into the rankings Oct. 23 at No. 11 following a 7-1 destruction of then-No. 1 Boston College.

"Our guys are getting more accustomed to dealing with it since everyone plays their A-game against us," Jackson said. "I think that makes us a better team. It makes our opponents play their best games against us and in turn makes us play our best as well hopefully that will benefit us down the road. Notre Dame has never been named the best team in college hockey before, but it has come close several times.

On Jan. 31, 1977, the Irish were voted No. 2 following a two-game sweep of Colorado College on the road. The Irish remained at the spot for several more weeks after they beat and tied Minnesota the next weekend. The team fell short from a NCAA Tournament bid that year when it lost to the Gophers in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs, preventing the Irish from earning one of the limited four spots in the Tournament.

Several years earlier in 1973, Notre Dame was voted No. 2 in the preseason poll and held the spot for the first two weeks of the season, but ultimately could not hold on and finished the season below .500 and unranked.

The Irish were ranked No. 2 earlier this season when the polls were released Jan. 2, but dropped to No. 5 after a 4-2 loss to Robert Morris Jan. 7.

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**Notre Dame and ranked teams: how the Irish fared**

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ward Zach Hillesland said. "He's been our best rebounder. His size and strength give us a definite advantage on the boards." In the first meeting between South Florida and Notre Dame Jan. 21, Kurz led the way for the Irish with 21 points and 10 rebounds. His limited playing time and hampered mobility in Saturday's loss allowed South Florida to get 22 second-chance points and dominate the Irish on the glass 48-to-37.

"They were more physical on the boards," Irish guard Russell Carter said. "They had five guys rushing in every time as opposed to Syracuse, who had bigger bodies but they weren't as tough inside."

Hillesland filled in well against Syracuse, piling up 14 points and 10 rebounds, but got into foul trouble early against the Bulls. Kurz and then had to come off the bench, and forward Luke Harangody was left with the lion's share of the workload inside.

"We just couldn't get into the flow of the game, and we needed to hit the boards harder," Hillesland said. "It's hard to play with Kurz not out there."

Without Kurz's usual offensive production, Carter and guard Colin Falls — Notre Dame's two leading scorers — are under more pressure to score, but opposing defenses have focused on their gameplan more toward shutting them down without Kurz. This has forced traditional role players like Hillesland and guard Tory Jackson to look to shoot more often.

Falls scored 26 points to keep the Irish in the game against South Florida, but Carter and Jackson struggled from the floor, shooting a combined 7-of-24 from the field.

Hillesland, who has started in Kurz's place the last two games, had four points and three rebounds against the Bulls.

"I've been up and down. I was limited the other night because of trouble the other night," Hillesland said. "I was trying to contain [Kurz], but they were pretty athletic getting to the boards. I've been trying to pick up some of the productivity we lost with Rob."

Without a healthy Kurz on the defensive end of the floor, the Irish will try to avoid more games like South Florida where they gave up two or three shots on each opposing possession. "His size and strength on the boards really gave us an advantage (rebounding)," Hillesland said. "We have to have the whole team rebound, from the forwards to the guards. That's how we can come back and be that force on the boards."

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Kurz expects to play against DePaul

By CHRIS HINE

Irish forward Rob Kurz said before practice Monday that he would play in Notre Dame's game Thursday at DePaul. Kurz missed last Tuesday's game at Syracuse and saw limited action because of a sprained right ankle he sustained in Notre Dame's 66-63 win over Villanova Jan. 27.

Against the Orange, the Irish were able to win without their third leading scorer (13.4 points per game) thanks to an impressive offensive display. Notre Dame put up 61 points in the first half before beating the Orange 81-71, but the story was different against South Florida.

Kurz, who leads the Irish with 8.5 rebounds per game, saw only 19 minutes of action against the Bulls, scored no points and committed four fouls in Saturday's 69-63 loss in Tampa.

"The biggest difference without Kurz on the floor is definitively rebounding," Notre Dame forward Tim Williams has been known as the Indiana soccer powerhouse, rather than the cross-state rival Hoosiers.

And if it had been done by the basketball team, the Joyce Center would certainly be selling out home games other than Alabama.

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

Irish look to make history

By GREG ARBOGAST

Notre Dame freshman Vivian Healey swims in the 400 medley relay during the Dennis Stark Relays on Oct. 6.

Saint Mary's, led by third-year coach Caryn MacKenzie, will depart for Edinburgh, Scotland July 23 and return in time to start its regular training schedule for the fall. After spending the first three days in Scotland, the Belles will head to Manchester, England and then London before returning to the United States.

**SMC SOCCER**

Belles travel to British isles, train for season

By DAN MURPHY

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