New engineering building approved

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Yet another part of the University's 20-year strategic plan will come to life in the next few years in the form of a new $69.4 million College of Engineering building, the University officially announced Tuesday.

The Board of Trustees approved plans for the 142,000-square-foot construction on Notre Dame Avenue at its Feb. 2 meeting. The construction — which will sit between the McKenna Center for Continuing Education and the Hesburgh Library for International Studies — will replace the existing University building.

The building project comes at a time of expansion for the engineering department in terms of increasing numbers of students and faculty joining the College.

“[This] wonderful new facility will address multiple needs in the College of Engineering — providing much needed space for our emerging research in nanotechnology, and energy, and enhancing the interdisciplinary experiences of our undergraduates,” University President Father John Jenkins said in a press release. The building — to be named Stinson-Rick Hall — will host an 11,800-square-foot semiconductor processing and device fabrication clean room, a nano technology research center and an Energy Conversion Laboratory, according to the release.

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Kite given rights to develop

Eddy construction to begin by end of 2007

By KAITLYN RILEY
Assistant News Editor

Plans for the development of Eddy Street Commons took a leap forward Tuesday when the University announced it had entered into an agreement with Kite Realty Group Trust to give the group exclusive rights to prepare and implement a design for a commercial district south of campus.

“This is a wonderful new facility that we’ve been looking forward to for more than a decade,” Affleck-Graves said.

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A matter of race

Today is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. I thought the emergent social problem of AIDS in the African American community might lie far from the minds of most Notre Dame students, but it does not, on this day, lie far from mine. I have lived in Wilmington, Delaware, since I was 10 years old. Although Delaware is blantly in many ways, it has a particularly long, regrettable history of poor race relations. Disputes in HIV rates are just the latest in a long line of problems to divide ethnic and racial enclaves in my city.

More than 20 percent of Delaware residents categorize themselves as "black" in the last census. African American descent makes up almost entirely white) private high school, which remains the norm throughout much of the state. As a resident of the mostly white northern border marked a vast improvement in conditions for thousands of African Americans in the early 20th century. As in many states, race relations did not quickly improve following desegregation. Riots in Wilmington following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968 precipitated the presence to deploy the National Guard, which remained in place until the following year.

Although public schools were eventually legally integrated, de facto segregation remains the norm throughout much of the state. This seemed unusual to me given that its history of racial antipathy. I don't have course entirely preventable, may be reaching epidemic proportions just miles from my home.

In response to desegregation, many white families chose to withdraw their children from the public school system. In my county today, about a third of school-age kids are enrolled in private or parochial schools. Public education is grossly underfunded in Delaware compared with neighboring states. Race relations also remain exceptionally poor in Delaware. The Wilmington Police Department engages in "jump-outs," in which officers spring from unmarked vans and detain individuals loitering on the street. The details are too typical, photographed, searched, and fingerprinted. The program has drawn heavy criticism for civil rights violations and possible racial profiling.

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OFFBEAT

Teen gets frostbite after run

BUFFALO, Minn. — A teenager who wanted to continue the family tradition of running around the garden barefoot during halftime of the Super Bowl game has learned a painful lesson.

It was 17 below zero at halftime Sunday in this city about 30 miles northwest of Minneapolis, and D.J. Brown's dad said it was too cold to continue the tradition. But the 15-year-old senior at Buffalo High School ran outside in his T-shirt and jeans, threw off his socks and shoes, and ran around the block.

"I consider myself having a high pain threshold, and this was just so 10 out of 10," he said. "I was, like, chewing on a towel."

He was treated for second-degree frostbite on both feet at the burn center at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis and was on crutches and pain medication Monday.

290 climb Empire State Building

NEW YORK — Germany's Thomas Doll, 22, won the Empire State Building Runup on Tuesday for the second year in a row. Suzy Walsham, 33, of Singapore, won the women's competition.

A total of 290 runners from around the world, ranging in age from 18 to 77, competed in the 30th annual race up the famed skyscraper. Doll's winning time of 10 minutes, 25 seconds was just over his 2006 time of 10 minutes, 30 seconds.

Another German, 23-year-old Jahn Mattias, came in second with a time of 10 minutes, 56 seconds. The runners raced up 86 floors, or 1,576 steps, from the building's Art Deco lobby.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

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Freelance writer, editor and publisher Anne Elizabeth Moore will teach her tricks of the trade on Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune Center.

Efrain Imbar, 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.

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, writer, novelist, essayist, editor, and founder of the independent book publishing house McSweeney's, Dave Eggers will read from his latest work in Room 101, Delbartolo Hall at 8 p.m.

The Kellogg Institute will be hosting the annual Celebration of Brazilian Carnaval featuring live music by the group "Chacalamba," Friday, from 8 p.m. to midnight in South Dining Hall. Admission is free.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to onews@nd.edu.
Members discuss use of SUB funds

By SORIA RAO
News Writer

Members discussed redifining the purpose of the Student Union Board's "carry forward" fund during the Council of Representatives (COR) meeting in Lafontaine Tuesday evening.

The fund, which has served as a reservoir for all unused funding from Student Government, Judicial Council, Hall President's Council and Student Union Board (SUB), has accumulated well over $100,000.

SUB manager Patrick Vassel said it's a "large amount of money that seems that it's not being put to the best use."

Money from the fund has not been drawn from any student organizations, student body president Larry Shappell said.

"I can't recall anyone ever asking for money out of the carry forward fund," Shappell said.

There was a general consensus in putting the money in the carry forward fund toward an endowment, using the interest from it each year toward SUB functions. According to a summary of Student Union Programming distributed before the meeting, "Major speakers, national and international leaders, personalites, and the types of speakers that Notre Dame should attract to campus are normally above the total allocation for all speakers. Likewise, major performers cost at least $100,000 for talent alone. Obviously, this is an area of student life that is under-funded."

Brene-Phillips senator Marcia Bruan noted that SUB could invite bigger bands to concerts and improve overall student life at Notre Dame if it had the money. "I don't think it comes down to the fact that SUB can't do it," Bruan said. "I think it's just that we don't have the money."

Vassel said the speaker series and concert series that exist at other universities would be a great asset to Notre Dame, but "dollar signs were just flying through my head as I was sitting in the Joyce Center because those things aren't cheap," he said.

Discussion on endowment possibilities was tabled until more specific information could be obtained about money in the fund.

In other COR news:

• Vice president Bill Andrichuk reported on the Student Senate opinion on the presidential division of SUB's budget discussed at last Tuesday's COR meeting. Senate members seemed to agree that the division should be put under student government rather than SUB, but wanted to "make sure that the money would still be available and that FMB would consider it a separate entity." As for moving SUB's oversight level from $5,000 to $10,000, Andrichuk said members thought it "contentious."

• Judicial Council President Liz Kozlow announced that the presidential debates will take place Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater in the Moreau Center for the Arts on Saint Mary's campus. The lecture will focus on the role of the media, namely television, in shaping elections today and in the past.

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experts.
Both keynote speakers are “leaders in how eating disorders are addressed,” Shappell said. Notre Dame will not own the property except for land adjacent to campus, he said, and this will be Kiehl’s—not Notre Dame’s—operation.

We decided that this would be something our students would enjoy. We are the people who will judge the project,” Affleck-Grazes said. “In that sense, we’ve done all the planning up till now. We’ll just have to hand the planning over to the construction firms to do it.”

The retail development and the construction of new apartment buildings are just a few of the extended area and to add additional retail and services along the Five Points intersection. Parts of the project will proceed at a pace dependant on city approval. Kiehl has the responsibility to get all plans through the city council. Affleck-Grazes said. He said does not know what this is a “unique opportunity to hear and interact with some of the leaders in this field.”

In addition to stimulating discussion, keynote speakers say that they hope the event results in a greater emphasis on addressing eating disorders across campus.

“The great hope is that this start research and discussion...as to how we address this issue, how we academically and as a campus life,” Shappell said.

Beyond Notre Dame, Wishon said she hopes the event will inspire all people attending to be very involved in the event.

“We have brought together an exceptional group of individuals and experts, and hope that everyone in attendance will walk away with a better understanding of the complexity and urgency of the issue,” Wishon said.

A long time in the making
Student Government initiatives have addressed eating disorders in the past, but student government leaders have been working on the area of a broader event with a greater impact for years, Wishon said.

“After watching several friends struggle with eating disorders, [former student body president] Adam Isiban decided that the Gender Issues Committee needed to take a closer look at the issue,” Wishon said.

Since then, Wishon and Shappell have coordinated Eating Disorder Awareness Weeks for the past two years.

The pair had "talked for a long time... about how we wanted to take it to the next level," Shappell said.

When Shappell was elected president in 2006, Wishon said they were ready to pursue organizing a large-scale conference.

“When I was elected president, it was something that I was very passionate about, so we decided to [start] the very long process of planning for the event,” she said.

With help of current Gender Issues Committee members and board members Ted and Tracy McRae, the conference was announced as the very first event, said Shappell. Affleck-Grazes, said that people "are ready to pursue--but I don’t think construction will affect campus at all.”

Kiehl Realty Group developed Erskine Village on the site of the former Scottsdale Mall on the south side of South Bend. It has developed several properties in Indiana and Illinois, including projects in Chicago, Indianapolis and Naperville.

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This new building! is just additional space for engineering. They will all estimate the benefit to the engineering buildings. It’s not replacing anything it’s providing additional rooms we have,” he said.

The ideal start date for construction would be late November, Affleck-Grazes said, though work may be delayed until early 2006 if all of the planning is not complete by the fall. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2009 or early 2010.

The construction timeline was moved up because funds were collected earlier than expected.

The University is planning to raise money for the new building in early 2000-2001, Affleck-Grazes said, and it took five years to close the project. The collection time was less than half that of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, which opened in the fall of 2004, and is similar in size to the engineering building.

Though the University has been in the “planning stages” for six years, construction on such a project can’t begin until funding is secure.

“The big buildings are more difficult because they are a large amount of money,” Affleck-Grazes said. “The funding has been a little easier, they are a little cheaper.”

Affleck-Grazes said that a board architectural firm has been working with the University for the past six to eight months, Affleck-Grazes said, during which time architects have met with engineering faculty to determine the needs in the building.

The University did not disclose the name of the architect.

Because faculty in biological sciences often work with those in chemical and civil engineering, Affleck-Grazes said that people from different disciplines will use the new building, and were consulted in the planning.

“The event is just another way of talking about what we want to do in the building, what sort of teaching they do in the building,” Affleck-Grazes said. “It’s continual back and forth between the faculty, the University and the architect.”

The next step in the project is to continue working with the faculty, Affleck-Grazes said. The architect has almost finished the design drawings and interviews of three construction firms will begin at the end of February. The construction firm will work with the architect in finalizing architectural design and doing the design drawing.

Gradually, the University will “move to place where we say, is this what we need, is the funding that we have, is this what we can do,” Affleck-Grazes said.

In order for construction to begin, the University Club — a private net— for-profit organization founded in 1956 will be demolished.

“The University Club is an independent organization, with an independent board of directors,” Affleck-Grazes said. “We don’t have much control of the University Club.”

The University Club was first warned about the possibility of being demolished in 2002, Affleck-Grazes said. A few years later, Affleck-Grazes “gave them notice they would have to be out sometime after December 2005.”

The club is moving to a new location to what currently is Greenfield’s International Cafe in the Easthurg Center. But Affleck-Grazes said that it is “really their decision” as the University has no control over the club.

The building gains its name from the previous benefactors—Kenneth and Ann Stinson and Jack and Mary Bremik. Kenneth Stinson graduated from the University in 1964 and currently sits on the Board of Trustees. Jack Bremik graduated in 1959 and sits on the University’s advisory council for the College of Engineering.

The learning center will be named after benefactors Ted and Tracy McCoy.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Cockpit video documents death

LONDON — A leaked cockpit video published Tuesday captures a dramatic exchange between two American pilots whose voices choke up when they learn they have killed a British soldier in a 2003 friendly fire incident in Iraq. “I’m going to be sick,” one pilot says, later adding “we’re in jail, dude.”

Despite British requests, the Pentagon had refused to release the video to the family of Lance Cpl. Matty Hull, who died when at least one U.S. jet fired on his convoy in the southern city of Basra. But after excerpts of the video were released in The Sun newspaper, and the footage was widely broadcast, U.S. authorities agreed to release it for the British inquest.

Neither pilot from the Boise, Idaho-based 190th Fighter Squadron was disciplined in the U.S. military’s own investigation, which concluded the pilots “followed the procedures and processes for engaging targets,” Pentagon spokesman Bryan Wuithan said Tuesday.

Palestinians try to negotiate truce

BRIEFLY — Palestinian factions on the brink of civil war gathered Tuesday in Mecca, Islam’s holiest city, in a last-ditch effort to end their bloody conflict. The Saudi-led push is key to any future peace talks with Israel—and to Arab efforts to blunt Iran’s growing power.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah and Khaled Meshaal, leader of the Hamas movement, flew to the Saudi city of Jiddah before heading to Mecca to meet their peers Wednesday. There are open-ended, a reflection of Saudi Arabia’s determination to keep them going until the Palestinians reach a deal for power-sharing in a new coalition government.

NATIONAL NEWS

Court hears Libby grand jury tapes

WASHINGTON — On grand jury audiotapes played at his trial on Tuesday, former White House aide Lewis Libby was heard saying he knew Libby had helped the CIA office from Vice President Dick Cheney, forgot it, then learned it again from NBC News reporter Tim Russert a month later.

The complicated history of Libby’s recollections has been the heart of the perjury and obstruction trial in exposing the identity of Valerie Plame, a CIA employee. She is married to war critic and former Ambassador Joseph Wilson.

Judge orders Church record release

LOS ANGELES — A judge Tuesday ordered the Roman Catholic Church to release about 4,500 confidential files related to a priest who had been convicted of molestation before being transferred to California.

Superior Court Judge Peter D. Lichtman ordered the Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee to make public 3,000 pages of insurance records and hundreds of pages from files on Siegfried Widera, the priest who molested a 13-year-old boy.

Lichtman wrote that Widera’s files prove that “priests with known sexual proclivities have been handed off from location to another without regard to the potential harm to the children of the Church.”

Kathleen Kohl, a spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, said it would abide by the ruling but declined further comment.

LOCAL NEWS

Scrap gathering proves dangerous

SOUTH BEND — Dennis Mackey has collected scrap metal for money, and he knows that gathering it can be dangerous.

“It depends on what kind of scraps you do. You have to use common sense,” he said Monday in his truck waiting for lunch at the Hope Rescue Mission just south of downtown.

Scraping has drawn attention in this northern Indiana city since the bodies of four homeless men known to be “scrapers” were found last month in manholes 75 yards apart. The men were killed when they were struck in the head with blunt instruments, police say.

House plans vote on troop increase

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House is planning to vote next week on an opposition to Bush’s Iraq troop buildup in a wartime clash between Congress and commander in chief.

The precise nature of the nonbinding resolution to be determined by House leaders on Tuesday that U.S. forces might be able to start leaving Iraq before the end of the year if daunting conditions including subdued violence and political reconciliation are met.

In Iraq, however, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said the Baghdad security operation that the buildup was designed to help was starting slowly and insurgents were responding by making fighting as many people as possible.

New checkpoints were up, and there were reports of increased vehicle inspections and foot patrols, but violence continued.

The U.S. announced two American deaths—a soldier killed Tuesday at a security post southwest of Baghdad and a Marine driving a patrol in Kirkuk province—and eight Iraqis were killed by car bombs in Baghdad. In all, more than 50 people were killed or found dead in Iraq.

Bush’s revised strategy has sparked strong opposition among Democrats, and officials said that Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., had both pledged to their rank-and-file that next week’s vote would merely be the first attempt to pressure the president to shift course in the war. Other legislation will be binding, they said.

Under House rules, Democratic leaders have the authority to advance a measure to the floor for three days of debate and a vote.

IRAQ

Iran blames U.S. for kidnapping

Diplomat’s seizure may further inflame tensions between Washington, Tehran

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gunmen wearing Iraqi army uniforms seized an Iranian diplomat and left a note threatening to kill him, as he drove through central Baghdad, officials said Tuesday. Iran said it held the United States responsible for the diplomat’s seizure.

One Iraqi government official said the Iranian diplomat was seized by a British army unit that requested the assistance of the U.S. military. A military spokesman denied any U.S. troops or Iraqis that report to them were involved.

“We’ve checked with our units and it was not an MNI-I (Multi-National Forces-Iraq) unit that participated in that event,” said Col. Christopher Garver, a U.S. military spokesman.

Iraqis also faced more violence on Tuesday as U.S. and Iraqi forces set up more checkpoints proving dangerous for a security sweep in Baghdad and complained that the operation was moving too slowly.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki acknowledged that preparations for the crackdown were off to a slow start.

“The operations will unite us and we will take action soon, God willing, even though this has been delayed a little and this delay has started to give the Palestinians a deal for power-sharing in a new coalition government.

The incident comes as Iran appears to be considering releasing a U.S. diplomat as it drives through central Baghdad, officials reported.

An official with the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad, saying he was seized Sunday by gunmen who “operate under the supervision of the American forces in Iraq,” the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

“Iran holds American forces in Iraq responsible for the safety and life of the Iranian diplomat,” IRNA quoted him as saying.

The incident comes as tensions have been rising between Iran and the United States and the Shiite-led Iraqi government has shown increasing impatience with both sides for letting their disagreements spill over the border, with the U.S. detention of at least eight Iranians in recent months.

The White House also has authorized U.S. troops in Iraq to kill or capture Iranian agents deemed to be a threat, saying evidence was mounting that Iran is supporting terrorists inside Iraq and is a major supplier of bombs and other weapons used to target U.S. forces. Iran has denied the charges.

The Iranian ambassador to Baghdad, Hassan Kazemi Qomi, said the gunman used American vehicles and the diplomat’s seizure appeared to be “within the framework of U.S. president’s order to step up encounters with Iranians” in Iraq, Iranian state television reported.

He also told state TV that al-Maliki had appointed a team to investigate the fate of the Iranian diplomat.

There were conflicting descriptions of the abduction.

An official with the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to disclose the information, said the diplomat was heading to check on the planned opening of an Iranian bank Sunday in the central Karrada neighborhood when he was seized by men wearing Iraqi army uniforms.

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off water supply to the affected area and to replace the damaged pipe or heating coil, Kachmarik said.

Kegog’s housekeeping staff was also on hand to clean up the mess caused by the flooding.

"The men of Kegog Hall have been exceptionally patient and very helpful with the clean-up process," DeMott said. "Everything should be back to normal by the end of the week at the latest."

While Kegog is the only dormitory to report flooding and burst pipes, O’Neill Hall experienced minor problems due to the cold weather.

"We just had, on Sunday afternoon, two radiator leaks," rector Edward Mack said. "The first one was a little more major, but once the plumber got here and showed me how to turn the water off we were able to handle the second leak pretty easily."

The radiators, located on the first and third floors, were a direct result of open windows.

"We had to manually turn off the radiators and remove belongings from the room," Assistant Rector Patrick Roach said.

Mack and Roach sent out e-mails, hung up flyers and made an announcement at Mass to avoid similar problems in the future.

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A Missing Chapter on the Missing Chains: Telling Tales and Making it up in the Irish Countryside

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Followed by the launch of Beiner’s new book
Remembering the Year of the French: Irish Folk History and Social Memory
Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2007
by James Smyth, Department of History

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Wal-Mart faces class-action lawsuit

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world’s largest private employer, must face a class-action lawsuit alleging as many as 1.5 million female and current and former female employees were discriminated against in pay and promotions.

The ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds a 2004 federal judge’s decision to let the nation’s largest class-action employment discrimination lawsuit go to trial, possibly exposing the Bentonville, Ark.-based retailing powerhouse to billions of dollars in damages.

“Plaintiff’s expert opinions, factual evidence, statistical evidence and anecdotal evidence present significant proof of a corporate policy of discrimination and support plaintiffs’ contention that female employees nationwide were subjected to a common pattern and practice of discrimination,” the court wrote in a 2-1 decision.

Wal-Mart said it would ask the court to rehear the case with the same three-judge panel or with 15 judges, a move likely to idle the case for months. Tuesday’s ruling came nearly three months after the case was argued.

“This is one step of what is going to be a long process,” said plaintiffs’ lawyer Shelly Simonds.

Zucker’s rise from directing Katie Couric in the morning to running a huge media conglomerate was completed when corporate officials, announcing his appointment as president and CEO of NBC Universal, replaced Bob Wright, who has run the company for 21 years.

Zucker, 41, and a two-time cancer survivor, has essentially been trying out for Wright’s job over the past two years in running the company’s television operations.

“We like the way Jeff has handled tough times,” said Jeffrey Immelt, chairman and CEO of GE. “He never got down and continued to drive the company in a positive way.”

In addition to directing NBC’s attempts to revive its prime-time fortunes, Zucker is in charge of a stable of networks including CNBC, MSNBC, Sci-Fi and Telemundo. The company also owns the Universal Movie studio and theme parks in Florida and California.

Coca-Cola secretary faces jail term

ATLANTA — The government said in court papers Tuesday it believes a former Coca-Cola secretary conspired of stealing trade secrets from the beverage giant should be jailed immediately because she poses a flight risk.

In a motion filed in U.S. District Court in Atlanta, Assistant U.S. Attorney Byung J. Pak said clothing, prescription medication, papers and other personal items were found in Joya Williams’ Mustang during a search after a fire destroyed her apartment Friday.

The fire, which has been ruled accidental by local officials in Norcross, occurred nearly 90 minutes after the guilty verdict was reached in federal court in Atlanta.

Facebook, Comcast ally to air series

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Comcast Corp. and Facebook.com are joining forces to create a television series from user-generated videos that will appear online and through video on demand.

Called “Facebook Diaries,” the series will consist of 10 half-hour episodes produced by R.J. Cutler, known for his edgy work gathering stories from regular folks in shows such as “American Bandstand” and a nonfiction TV series chronicling the lives of suburban teens at an Arizona high school.

The shows, which will start airing later this year, will be seen simultaneously on Facebook and Comcast’s Zidio.com, a video uploading Web site similar to YouTube that was launched late last year. The videos also will be carried on Comcast’s video on demand service, which stores shows on its cable TV system for viewers to watch whenever they want.

“We’ve been having some dialogue with Comcast for a couple of months just on and off, just as they were putting their video plans together,” Owen Van Natta, chief operating officer of based Facebook, said Tuesday. “Then we engaged R.J. Cutler and we came up with this idea.”

He said the ability to get users’ videos on cable TV as well as online appealed to the company.

The social networking Web site doesn’t have a video uploading feature; users share links to their favorite videos. The deal with Philadelphia-based Comcast, the nation’s largest cable TV operator, will expand Facebook’s video sharing capability.

The deal also is expected to drive more Web traffic to Zidio from Facebook’s more than 16 million users. Facebook, based in Palo Alto, Calif., is the second biggest social networking site behind News Corp.’s MySpace.com and the seventh most trafficked site in the country.

“We’re tapping into Facebook’s very large and very young demographic,” said Elizabeth Schimel, senior vice president of entertainment for Comcast Interactive Media.

Comcast and Facebook wouldn’t comment on the deal’s details, but Van Natta did say there will be “sponsorship and advertising opportunities.”
Parallels exist between drunks, government

Each week, my view towards the government more closely resembles my opinion toward Fisher Hall’s dorm drunk — when he throws up on the side of the building on Monday night, it is hardly an unexpected event, yet still quite pathetic. Similarly, as the government continues to sow bad laws and make poor decisions on a daily basis, it is still disgusting, but it happens so frequently nowadays that I’m never surprised. However, there are a number of reasons why the dorm drunk is preferable to the United States government.

Firstly, the “legislation” emanating from the dorm drunk rarely impacts me, despite the fact that I live in Fisher Hall as well. Sure, I might catch an occasional whiff of upchucked Baking Soda Nuggets (rightfully so). I might have to side-step them on the second floor stairwell on my way to lunch on Tuesday afternoon. I might even have to help keep the dorm drunk stumbly to his left and turn him on his side so he can pass out. But the dorm drunk’s actions rarely have a lasting impact on me; they are fleeting college experiences that I will one day look back on and laugh about. I’m never worried that the dorm drunk is going to install surveillance cameras in my room or steal my money and call it the income tax. The dorm drunk will never bang drinking or gambling and tell me it is for my own good. The government, on the other hand, does all these things with impunity.

Secondly, the dorm drunk doesn’t even attempt to rationalize his actions. He knows his actions are corrupt and doesn’t make vague references to inherent concepts in an Orwellian fashion. He doesn’t claim he did the technicolor yarn all over the 38 bathroom last night for the common good, moral values, national security, spreading democracy, the poor or the children. He isn’t foolish enough to tell me that banning online gambling protects “American values” (apparently freedom of choice, personal responsibility and the right of contract aren’t “American values”). He won’t attempt to persuade me that I have a “right” to universal health care tapparently, the “right” to steal other people’s money through the tax code and use it for your own purposes was what John Locke was talking about when he talked about “rights.” He doesn’t start wars and then pretend the purpose was to spread “democracy” or “freedom.” He doesn’t pretend that his actions are anything other than what they are — he engages in no double-speaks. The US government and its politicians, on the other hand, do all these things.

Thirdly, the dorm drunk usually limits his partying to the area directly around the dorm. He is seen as a good-natured fellow (full-tall a drunk) one by the rest of the Notre Dame community who rarely does them wrong. Yes, he might occasionally wander in a drunken haze all over campus and pee on the side of another dorm, but he parties almost exclusively in Fisher Hall. Unluckily, one of the other dorms hurts his person or steals his booze, he has no motivation to venture outside the walls of Fisher. His actions are confined to his home. He exists peacefully alongside everyone else. The dorm drunk does not go brawling into battle like a learning-disabled jackass against another dorm that did him little or no wrong. The dorm drunk isn’t foolish enough to give those who already don’t like his partying ways another excuse to hate him. He does not warmonger. The US government, on the other hand, does all of these things. Finally, the dorm drunk isn’t too much of a burden on society. Yes, perhaps he will mistake a fellow Fisherman’s laptop for a urinal in the wee hours or the morning or pass out naked in Ellie’s bed (our rector’s dog) in the middle of the first floor entrance way, but at least his shenanigans provide much needed college stories to a college that is relatively tame compared to other schools. Although it is true that he wreaks havoc on other people’s belongings, he is still personally fiscally responsible for whatever damage he causes. He cannot legally take 39 percent of my earnings without repercussion. He is not endowed with the power to take half of the belongings of my dead relative without suffering the consequences of doing so. He can’t institute programs to punish the productive for being successful. The US government, on the other hand, does all of these things.

While there is certainly a resemblance between the US government and our dorm drunk, the dorm drunk is obviously preferable to the US government. Let’s replace our representatives with dorm drunks. It can’t get any worse.

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First step, second step, third step...

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Roll down the window and let the wind blow back your hair. The night’s baking open, these two lanes will take us anywhere."

Bruce Springsteen
singer and songwriter
Human rights violations often ignored

According to a recent BBC undercover investigation, Oct. 1 has many interesting meanings in the People's Republic of China. It is, of course, the country's National Day. It is also, the BBC reports, the peak of organ harvesting through hidden camera footage taken by undercover correspondents Rupert Wingfield Hayes. In the video, Hayes strolls into one of the largest organ transplant centers in northern China in order to procure a liver for his "ailing father." Not particularly in the mood for subterfuge, Hayes asks the doctors if they received the organs from executed prisoners. The hospital officials cheerfully proclaim, "The prisoners on death row have done many bad things. Before they die they give their organs as a present to society."

However, Hayes notes that the idea that Chinese prisoners are willingly donating their organs to "society" (i.e. to Westerners) is tenous at best. In a country where convicts are often taken directly from the courtroom to the execution ground and due process is a figment of the imagination, ethical considerations about prisoners' rights seem a bit out of place. Indeed, Hayes' conversation with the father of an executed prisoner highlights this reality. When asked whether his son ever consulted with him about donating his organs after his execution, the father replies, "I didn't even get to see my son after he was arrested... The day he was shot they called me and said I could come and pick up his ashes."

This practice should be disturbing to Westerners for a few reasons. Most obviously, the Chinese government's decision to profit off the remains of executed prisoners is one more nail in the coffin of civil liberties in the country. Even more importantly, unrestricted organ harvesting creates a juicy financial incentive to maximize the number of executions in China, which already happens to execute more people than the rest of the world combined. Yet, perhaps the most frightening part about China's crimes against its citizens is that, for the most part, we don't care about them.

Specifically, the West seems to be suffering from a bad case of myopia. A 2005 Pew Research Center Global Attitudes Poll found that, in countries such as Britain, Germany, Spain, France and Russia, China is viewed far more favorably than the United States. One can only conclude that a giant fourth of July organ harvest might do the trick in winning these nations' approval.

Another revealing instance of Western apathy toward non-Western abuses is the ongoing U.S. military prison abuse scandal. If foreign prisoners are mistreated by Americans, activists immediately spark a worldwide, front-page furor — and rightly so. But when it comes to the far more routine, and more sinister, abuse of prisoners rights in China, we are deaf and dumb. Since it is not the U.S. committing the acts, Americans feel no guilt. Europeans feel no vindictiveness, and therefore no one has any notable reason to object.

Nor is China the only country that stands to gain from this selective moral blindness. Africa is another success story, where for years massive human rights abuses went effectively unchallenged while the world arbitrarily decided to monitor other issues, such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with eagle eyes. A bit of data from the Center for Public Affairs in Jerusalem: Between the years 2000 to 2003, Amnesty International released 52 reports on Sudan, where, even before Darfur, a heavily civilian-targeting civil war was killing hundreds of thousands. In the same interval, 190 were released about Israel.

In any objective valuation, these numbers would make no sense. But who ever said objectivity mattered? Indeed, when the United States and Israel are viewed by many as the greatest human rights violators in the world, while a country like Sudan has as recently as 2005 served on the U.N. Commission for Human Rights. It quickly becomes clear that Lady Logic has run away from us. Similarly, while China conducts executions en masse and then makes a profit off the bodies of the deceased, and the world claps its hands in approval, we can rest assured that objectivity lies safely in its grave. Such selective morality, which lacks any and all perspective on who the true enemies of human rights in our world are, is a farce at best, and a crime against humanity at worst.

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Super Bowl activities raise larger questions

Before you read this, please know I don't hate the United States of America. Some of you will read this and think I do. I don't. I love this country and am grateful I grew up here. But, to paraphrase Spider-Man's phrase Spider-Man's creators $3.3 million to air. So what does all this tell us? First, I hope none of us take for granted how truly blessed we are. Stop complaining about your professor, your classes, your roommate, your living situation or how "poor" you are. You're one of the one percent of people worldwide who is able to go to college. If anything should characterize the citizens of the United States, it should be a profound sense of gratitude and humility because, for whatever reason, God has blessed us with some amazing resources few others have.

The hard fact is that if we really wanted, we could end poverty. The only thing stopping us is our excessively affluent lifestyle, but we have to decide, are they up for negotiation ... or not?

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The Future of Interactive Entertainment

Wii Would Like to Play

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Writer

Nintendo took a chance with the release of the Wii. It would compete with the latest Microsoft and Sony releases by traditional measures — such as enhanced, high-definition graphics — but Nintendo's innovation made the Wii a highly interactive console that appeals to both hardcore and casual gamers.

Nintendo's new system packs power, customization, and high levels of interactivity into its hardware for the intense gamers while adopting a sleek, white look similar to the iPod in order to attract a more general audience.

The Wii comes with an LED equipped sensor bar (centered above or below any television screen) that in conjunction with the remote picks up the player's movements. The console is the smallest of all Nintendo units, only about the size of three DVD cases, and can be oriented horizontally or vertically. The front of the console accepts Wii optical disks and Nintendo GameCube discs (though not standard DVDs and CDs). The console also has two USB ports and one SD card slot. The remotes run on AA batteries. The remotes (or WiiMotes) are surprisingly sensitive. While there are limitations as to how far and from what angle a player can approach the sensor, the remotes can distinguish a multitude of different motions and provide six degrees of movement. Most of the time, the required motions are intuitive. The remote takes some time to get used to for more complex games, but the basic games, like those offered in "WiiSports," can be picked up in a couple of plays.

Often, for those more complex games the remote is paired with the included nunchuck, which adds on an analog stick and two additional buttons. The remote has a speaker on it, allowing the user to hear the sounds of their movements. Most of the time, the required motions are intuitive, but can be just fun.

Wii sports well with more traditional user — players can tune in to 10 on the remote and bring them to play on another Wii console. Eventually, Wii is supposed to have online game play where gamers play as their Miis in multiplayer online games, although this feature has not yet been perfected. The merger of gaming with online interactivity will bring a sense of community to video gaming that has never been accomplished before.

One thing that needs to be improved on the Wii is the straps on the remote. Considering how much the remote sways around, Nintendo should have created a stronger way of keeping it attached to the user's wrist to prevent it from falling across the room. However, Nintendo is offering to replace the original straps with new ones made from a slightly thicker material.

As video games like "Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band" become more and more immersive as gaming technology becomes more advanced, the versatility and interactivity of the Wii should serve it well.

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Inside the World of Interactive Entertainment

History of Video Games

by MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

In 1958, William Higinbotham wrote what many consider the first video game — the "Pong" emulator "Tennis for Two." It was sold as a platform transformer to IBM to use in the computer center. It is still considered a computer game, but it was not considered a video game, as it was played in a "Pull-Your-Own-Strings" format. It was later played on cell phones.

The history of the video game began with the rise of cutthroat business practices and the invention of the home video game market.

Atari was the first company to create a mass market for video games. They released their first game, "Pong," in 1972. It became the first commercially successful video game, and it was a hit. Atari went on to create other popular games, such as "Space Invaders" and "Miss Pac-Man.

The company continued to release popular games, such as "Bomberman" and "Minecraft," but eventually went bankrupt in the mid-1980s. Although Atari is no longer in existence, its legacy lives on in the video game industry today.

The history of video games is a history of innovation and change. As technology advances, so does the video game industry. From the early days of "Pong" to the latest titles, video games have evolved into a major part of popular culture.
GAMES: FROM "PONG" TO THE Wii

2600 in 1977, which was capable of using game cartridges so multiple games could be purchased and played on the system. Although it took some time to be noticed, it became the best selling present during the Christmas season in 1979, selling over a million units. By 1982, the Atari was selling eight million units per year, making it the most successful game console of the late 1970s and early 80s, and familiarizing users with a diverse array of games including "Pac-Man," "Space Invaders" and the first incarnation of "Donkey Kong.

Following the success of the Atari 2600, it would be some years before something truly lasting would be released in the world of the home console market. The Commodore 64, released in 1982, had the most advanced graphics at the time but relied on a system that straddled the gap between home computer and home console. Quickly overtaken by other video game and home computer companies, it would last for a few years more but not as long as the non-interactive market names.

Mario takes control
The next windfall for video games came in 1983 in the form of the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) outside of Asia. Along with the now legendary "Super Mario Bros.," this console signaled the end of the 8-bit crash and the start of what is considered a video game console today. While measured by many as the symbol of their childhood, this system was a big success not only in Asia, but also North America, having sold over 60 million units since its launch.

Nintendo was the first console maker to openly accept games from third-party developers. Capcom's "Street Fighter II," Square's "Final Fantasy" series were games that have been in the stuff of legend but were not developed in house by Nintendo. This is not to say Nintendo did not make games for its own system. The "Mario Bros.," "Zelda" and "Metroid" series were all created by Nintendo and are still being released today for newer systems. With games such as these, Nintendo showed not only technical advancement in its console hardware, but a creative capacity in game design that altered what people thought were video games.

All good things must come to an end and it was no different for Nintendo's near monopoly on the game video market. In 1989, the Japanese gaming company Sega released the Sega Genesis in America. This system was an improvement over the old NES due to the increase from an 8-bit to a 16-bit processor.

Increased graphics capabilities were showcased in the now famous Sega franchise, "Sonic the Hedgehog." Another advancement on the part of Sega, which predicted the rise of the CD formatted game, came in the form of Sega CD. This could play music CDs and some games. As foreshadowed as this was, the CDs suffered from extended load times, which hampered the success of this console.

Nintendo, seeing competition in the form of better graphics and game franchise creations from Sega, released the Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES). Available in North America in 1991, this system sparked the biggest console war in the history of video games between the Sega Genesis and the SNES. With games such as "The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past," Nintendo took back some of the market share it had lost to Sega. Other games such as "Super Mario Kart" helped the SNES become a home console staple.

Games go 3D
The Nintendo 64, released in 1996, was a huge jump in graphics capabilities from the old 16-bit SNES. As the title of the console makes clear, this was a 64-bit system that had the first fully 3-D graphics showcased in games such as "Super Mario 64" and "The Legend of Zelda Ocarina of Time." Aside from these games, the first person shooter (FPS) based on the games Resident Evil "Goldendieu" passed the way for the explosion of first person shooters so popular today such as shown in games like "Half-Life." Sony also jumped into the console market with its release of the PlayStation 1 in 1995. The biggest change in video games associated with the PS1 was the shift to games on CD's instead of cartridges. Also, separate, removable memory cards used to save games were introduced, allowing people to transport their memory cards to play saved games instead of an entire system. Load times were somewhat of an issue — the main reason the Nintendo 64 opted for the cartridge format — however, the CD format offered third-party developers more disc capacity and the ability to create epic RPGs such as the successful "Final Fantasy VII."

After these, Sega had its last console in the Dreamcast, which was one of the first consoles to be able to connect to the internet and allow game play over it. However, due to poor business decisions, Sega left the console industry and is now focused on being a third-party game developer. Nintendo released the Gamecube, which focused on familial and social game play with games such as "Mario Party," "Super Smash Brothers Melee," the sequel to the very popular "Super Smash Brothers" on the Nintendo 64.

Sony has had the most success so far with its Playstation 2. This system currently has the biggest share of the market even with Microsoft's introduction of its own Xbox. The situation today is one of held breath and anticipation. Nintendo has released its Wii, Microsoft has the Xbox 360 and Sony has the PlayStation 3. No one system has emerged as the victor in this seventh generation of video game consoles.

The high-definition DVD war was now in play as Sony is backing Blu-ray and Microsoft backs HD-DVD. "Gears of War" for the Xbox 360 has set the tone for FPS's and Wii's revolution in controller technology since the inception of the home console. Sony has had its last console in the PlayStation 3 and it struggled.

The history of the home console is one of creative genius and hard-line business. From humble beginnings with analog technology and no more graphic power than two bars hitting a circle across the screen, video games are a mainstay for everyone from children to business professionals. As more and more people who grew up with video games enter their adulthood and have children of their own, the future is bright for this always innovative entertainment.

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Console evolution flirts with virtual reality

As accessory technology develops, gamers find themselves "in the game"

The new and improved version of "Duck Hunt" (with the Wii-mote attachment pictured here) will mark the 21st century reincarnation of the classic game.

With each new generation of consoles, the level of player interactivity continues to evolve.

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

Video gamers can now get their virtual groove by playing "Dance Dance Revolution," which lets players boogie down in the privacy of their living rooms.

Would-be guitarists can now put down those air guitars and pick up "Guitar Hero," a video game which lets players rock out with their socks out at home.

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By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

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AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers knows that his team would struggle to beat anyone in the NBA at the moment.

Trying to beat the Detroit Pistons with newly acquired Chris Webber was nearly impossible.

Webber had 17 points and six assists as the Pistons put on a passing clinic for three quarters while handed the Celtics their 15th straight loss, 109-102 on Tuesday night.

"We really didn't have a chance," Rivers said. "We played a better team tonight. They had some matchup advantages, and they went right at us. The problem is that, with Webber in the middle, there's not much you can do, I'me he best passer we have.

Antonio McDyess finished with 18 points in 20 minutes, hitting his first eight shots before Kendrick Perkins blocked the ninth.

I got some easy baskets early and I just kept going," he said. "He didn't feed me on the ninth one, either. That was a good block."

McDyess and Webber combined to shoot 17-for-22 against Boston's overmatched interior defense.

"We just couldn't stop anything in the post," said Wally Szczerbiak. "When we didn't double, they got a layup. When we did double, someone cut to the basket, they made a pass and they still got a layup."

Pistons coach Flip Saunders was only disappointed by the fourth quarter, which saw the Celtics rally from a 24-point deficit to make the final score respectable.

"Your main guys should have the opportunity to sit down and iron in the fourth quarter of a game like that," he said. "We had to bring those guys back with five minutes left to make sure we won the thing."

Rivers, though, wasn't impressed.

"I'm not going to put a lot of stock in that," he said. "I'm not sure how much the other team was still competing at that point."

The Celtics, who extended the worst losing streak in franchise history, haven't won since a 128-119 victory in Memphis on Jan. 5. They have allowed at least 100 points in five straight games.

"We did what we were supposed to do," said Chauncey Billups. "That team was often struggling, and we jumped on them. They kept fighting, but we won the game."

Boston also had to send forward Paul Pierce home with an infected left elbow. Pierce, who has missed Boston's last 23 games with a foot injury, is expected to be hospitalized for at least two days, which will push his possible return back past the All-Star break.

Billups led Detroit with 24 points, while Richard Hamilton had 10 points and a season-high 11 assists.

"That was surprising, given the way Rip usually chases shots," McDyess joked as Hamilton got dressed in the adjoining locker. "He actually throws a nice pass."

Bucks 110, Magic 111

Ruben Patterson scored 14 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter and the struggling Milwaukee Bucks beat the Orlando Magic on Tuesday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

The Bucks won their seventh straight at home against the Magic but have still lost 15 of their last 18 games overall, in part because Michael Redd remains sidelined with a sprained left knee.

Milwaukee hopes to hit its stride when Redd returns as early as this week from an absence of at least 16 games. Regardless, the Bucks finally found the much-needed offense they've been missing since his departure.

Patterson was the big reason why. He scored eight straight points as Milwaukee seized control late in the fourth quarter, starting with a free throw to make it 99-94. On the Bucks' next possession, he hit a desper­ate 29-foot rainbow 3-pointer before Dwight Howard answered with an alley-oop slam to make it 102-96.

Next, Patterson picked off Jameer Nelson's pass, the 17th and final turnover of the game for the Magic, and was grabbed hard on the ensuing fast break by Ifoje Turkgoglu, who was whistled for a flagrant foul.

Patterson hit both free throws, then followed Mo Williams' miss with an emphatic dunk off the court to give the Bucks a 106-96 advantage with 3:23 left. Orlando never got closer than the final margin as both teams traded free throws. Milwaukee finished 29-of-46 from the line, while Orlando was 26-of-36.

Earl Boykins had 24 points, Charlie Villanueva 22, Charlie Bell 20 and Williams 13 for the Bucks.

Howard had 21 points and 11 rebounds, his 34th double-double of the season for the Magic. Orlando's Keith Bogans scored a season-high 19 points, Turkoglu 18, Carlos Arroyo 14 and Tony Battie 11.

Orlando started the fourth quarter by missing its first five shots and going 10-45 spanning the final two quarters with only one field goal. At one point in the dry spell, Bo Outlaw slapped an em­pty chair repeatedly after failing to save a loose ball that had bounced high off Patterson and would have been the Magic's ball anyway.

Still, Orlando pulled within four before Patterson's spurt began.

Knicks 102, Clippers 90

The New York Knicks spent the first half looking like the team they have been too long: inconsistent on offense and ineffective on defense.

Then suddenly, they turned it in the team they think they can become.

Stephon Marbury scored 12 of his 15 points in an early second-half run that overwhelmed the Clippers and turned the game around, sending New York in a victory over Los Angeles on Tuesday night.

Jamaal Crawford and Eddy Curry each scored 23 points to lead New York, which shot poorly and defended worse in the first two quarters before controlling the second half of its second consecutive victory.

New York (22-28) improved to 13-18 at home and needs to win only once on a three-game road trip before All-Star weekend to match its victory total from last season's 23-29 failure under Larry Brown.

"You have to look at it like that, but that's crazy," Crawford said. "I think we'll definitely have that win total by the end. We're a better team." New York never led in the first half and trailed by as much as 12. But the Knicks stormed out of halftime with a 24-4 spurt, turning a 10-point deficit into a 10-point lead in a span of 9-21/2 minutes and handing the Clippers their second straight loss.

E llen Brand had 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Clippers, who lost for the third time in 10 games and fell to 1-2 on their seven-game Eastern trip. Reserve Tim Thomas also had 22 points.

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Squash team splits matches at Washington

This weekend, the Irish fell to the host Huskies 6-3. James Zhang and Phil Moss posted straight game wins at No. 1 and No. 9, respectively, while Pedro Gochicoa came back to win a close five game contest at No. 6. Later on Friday, Notre Dame dropped its second match, 3-0, to No. 19 Stanford.

Silver Point Capital Q&A

Representatives from the Chicago office of Silver Point Capital, a multi-strategy investment fund that currently manages over $6 billion of capital will be available to answer questions regarding hedge funds, private equity, distressed debt and other alternative investment strategies on Wednesday, February 7th from 5 pm – 5:30 pm in the Stadium Room at The University Club.

This will be structured as a Q & A session so please come prepared with any questions you may have about the industry and career opportunities in this sector.

Silver Point is made up of a diverse group of individuals with backgrounds at firms such as Goldman Sachs, The Blackstone Group, Texas Pacific Group, Wells Fargo Foothill, Madison Dearborn and Merrill Lynch. The firm based in Greenwich, Connecticut currently employs over 200 individuals with additional offices in London, Chicago, Atlanta and Los Angeles.
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the roster. The trio of seniors has had the job of shutting down the opponents’ top lines to give the Irish youth plenty of chances to fill the nets. Bartlett’s role when on the ice, he says, is to keep the puck out of the Irish zone, finish his checks, and crash the net hard — something that earned him his two most recent goals. All of these jobs are as much about heart as they are about talent, and Bartlett has shown he has both. “I’ve always known I would be in a defensive role, which is completely fine with me,” he said. Throughout the season he has performed well in his niche for the team. That is why the 5-foot-11, 200-pound right wing was not surprised at all when Irish coach Jeff Jackson came to him over two weeks ago, a few days before their matchup with CCHA rival No. 12 Miami.

Bartlett, Jindra and Paige were given a mission to shutdown the RedHawks’ Ryan Jones, Nathan Davis, and Brian Kaufman — one of the most dangerous lines in the conference and the nation. Mission accomplished. Coach said he needed us to be real strong defensively. It’s not always the most prestigious job but we all did our job,” said Paige following Friday night’s 4-1 victory. The group was able to hold Davis — one of the top three candidates for the Hobey Baker award — in a scoreless weekend and keep the rest of his linemates from causing any serious damage as the Irish took three points from Miami, who had been nipping at Notre Dame’s heels for the top spot in the conference. All three players have worked together on and off throughout the past four years and have built a strong chemistry that allows them to smother opponents before they even get the chance.

“Basically we just tried to keep the puck down in their end, the more we are down there the less chances they have to play offense,” Bartlett said. Bartlett, who has scored 10 goals and 17 assists in his collegiate career, is no stranger to being a role player. The Illinois native has been a defensive-minded skater since his high school days as well as the two years he spent playing for the U.S. National Development team. The senior has quietly become an irreplaceable part of the Irish hockey machine, and the Irish anticipate that he will keep his nose to the grindstone if Notre Dame hopes to retain its No. 1 ranking as the season winds down. Bartlett and company will have their hands full once again this weekend as Nebraska-Omaha comes to town for a weekend series at the Joyce Center. The first game begins Friday at 7:35 p.m. with Saturday’s matchup at 7:05 p.m.

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per game. “I think our post play overall has been our recent success with the win streak,” Henley said.

Both Kammrath and Newsom feel that their individual contributions merit downplay with the team’s play as a whole. “It’s a team that has shown that it is very balanced, and if one player can’t get the job done others have been able to have big nights,” Kammrath said. “We have had quite a few games when more than two players have been in double figures. It’s hard for other teams to handle a team like ours.”

Nevertheless, there is a strong association between the six games the Belles played — five of which were victories between Jan. 13 and Jan. 31 — and the performance of Newsom and Kammrath. After the first six games of the season, Kammrath averaged 6.5 points and 5.5 rebounds in 24 minutes per game, while Newsom averaged 7.9 and 5.9 in 21.9 minutes.

During the recent six-game stretch, Kammrath averaged 29.5 minutes per game, scored 10.2 points and pulled down 9.2 boards. Newsom averaged 30.5 minutes, 19.8 points and 7.8 rebounds during the same period. It was in that span that each player brought their true potential into stark relief.

On Jan. 20 against Adrian, Kammrath broke out for 25 points and 14 rebounds, shooting 10-of-14 from the field.

“was fun to play that game in particular because everyone did so great,” Kammrath said. “I just found myself open on offense and was able to convert.”

Newsom displayed the same abilities on Jan. 27 against Tri-State, scoring 30 points and grabbing 11 rebounds while shooting 7-of-13.

“We definitely had a height advantage which all of us post players made good use of,” Newsom said.

Henley also noted the size difference.

“Our guards recognized this early and got Erin the ball,” she said.

As a result, Newsom was named the MIAA Player of the Week that week. Both players have taken the increased action in stride.

“I don’t care how many minutes I play as long as we walk away with a win,” Newsom said.

Kammrath, in her first season at the college level, had a tougher adjustment period, but has tried to feel comfortable around the fifth or sixth game of the season.

“At the beginning, it was scary for me to be playing at a college level. I was nervous and didn’t have much confidence in myself,” she said.

Kammrath and Newsom have a competitive but helpful relationship with each other, continuously trying to make the other better.

“Anna (Kammrath) is great to play with,” Newsom said. “She’s a very supportive and unselfish teammate.”

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Irish guard Ashley Barlow eyes West Virginia's defense in Notre Dame's 77-67 win Sunday. The Irish take on Louisville tonight at 7.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Trudging along

No. 17 Louisville up next for lady hoosesters

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame broke its three-game losing streak with a 77-67 win over West Virginia Sunday, but it will face another tough challenge in No. 17 Louisville tonight at 7 at the Joyce Center.

The Cardinals (21-2, 7-2 Big East) enter the game having won four straight, including an 86-68 victory over DePaul in their last game Feb. 3.

"They're a great team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "It gives us a great chance to boost our RPI and play a ranked team."

Notre Dame's defense will have to focus on shutting down Cardinals forward Angel McCoughtry, who scored 29 points in 11-of-20 shooting.

Irish guard Charee Allen pushes the ball up the floor while center Melissa D'Amico follows during Notre Dame's 77-67 win over West Virginia Sunday.

SMC BASKETBALL FEATURE

Post workers delivering results for Belles

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

It all started Dec. 6, 2006. Saint Mary's traveled to Adrian that night after a 1-6 start to its season. The Belles had lost their only previous conference game by 25 points and scored an average of 57.4 points in those first seven games.

Still, the Belles managed a 56-48 victory that night. It could have been because they held every Bulldog to single digit point totals. It could have been their 47 percent shooting from field goal range in the second half.

Or it could have been the fact that this was the first game in which both freshmen center Anna Kammrath and sophomore forward Erin Newsom started.

It could be a coincidence. The game didn't ring any bells with Belles coach Jennifer Henley.

"I don't recall the first start for either of them. You'd have to go back and check all the box scores," Henley said. "But I do know once they started that first game, they continued to start."

Since that win, the Belles have gone 8-6 — including a streak during which they won four straight and five of six — and now score 64.8 points per game.

SMC BASKETBALL

Calvin crushes St. Mary's

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Belles had momentum on their side, but not enough to push them past No. 3 Calvin Monday night as the Knights defeated Saint Mary's 75-44 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Belles (9-11, 8-5 MIAA) trailed by eight points in the second half, but a tip-in by guard Nikki Zimmerman — who has started in every game since that win, the No. 1 ranking in the country.

The goal also snapped a 24-game goal drought for Bartlett, who now has six career points, two assists). The senior added a second goal Saturday night in a 2-1 Irish victory.

"It felt great ... it's been a while," Bartlett said. "They don't always come but when they do it's nice."

Although he has not been lighting up the scoreboard this season, he and linemates T.J. Jindra and Jason Paige have been just as much a part of the team's success as anyone on that first game, they continued to start."

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