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Panel discusses porn industry
Professor says videos may progress to more violence, youth exploitation

By MADLINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Students, professors and rectors presented a wide range of attitudes toward pornography during the "Pornography: Fantasy or Reality and Industry" conference Friday at the Center for Continuing Education in McKenna Hall.

Robert Jensen, a journalism professor at the University of Texas, began the conference by allowing attendees to finish the open session, "Pornography is..." Their answers ranged from "expressive" and "entertainment" to "seductive" and "dehumanizing."

Jensen then filled in the blank with his own answer.

"Pornography is what the end of the world looks like," he said. "When one looks honored at the contemporary porn industry, one sees some disturbing images of where this world is heading."

Jensen said that like any other business, pornography companies have had to continue producing new and interesting content.

In the 1960s and 70s, he said, pornography was generally a male and female participating in vaginal sex. Later, in the 1980s, when this became boring to viewers, anal sex was pervasive in pornographic videos.

"I asked one [pornography producer] about the rise of anal sex in the 80s. He said, 'The producer replied that the majority of women do not seek out anal sex, so when men get angry at their wives, they secretly think to themselves that they would like to do that. Since they can't, they like to watch it.'"

Jensen described this attitude toward anal sex as "the sexualizing of male domination and female subordination. It's a disturbing mirror for the culture in which we live."

A desire to expand the pornography market has led pornographers to create more videos with sex acts that viewers would find boring.

"Our platform is just going to be using a magic 8-ball or drawing names out of a hat," Howes said. "I'm running with Daniel Rimkus on one of the six tickets to become the University's next student body president and vice president.

His answer to the funding question may be the most straightforward, but it is not the most popular.

Robert Reish, who is running with vice presidential candidate Grant Schmidt, wants the student body at large to determine what programs and events students want to see.

To do that, Reish is proposing a student census. "In fact, Reish's platform includes a proclaimed desire to replace the LaFortune arcade, which he says is not used enough to merit its location in the basement, and he promises to promise any changes to students.

The money will be used to further a student life improvement project, the "Our platform," he said, "is a disturbing mirror for the culture in which we live."

DanceFest raises funds for theater scholarship

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

Eight Notre Dame dance groups performed for 600 people this weekend in the LaFortune arcade, one of the premier dance theaters in Indiana. The money will be used to further a student life improvement project, the "Our platform," he said, "is a disturbing mirror for the culture in which we live."

DanceFest started five years ago under the leadership of Mary Dubon, who has since graduated, Hatfield said.

When Dubon founded DanceFest, "there was virtually no exposure for dance groups on campus," Hatfield said. "She was looking for a way to bring dance to campus."

Hatfield performed in DanceFest her freshman and sophomore years, then took over as coordinator. Since she assumed leadership, she said, "there's been more focus on trying to bring every dance group on campus into one show."

Hatfield said every student dance group performed except the Pom Squad, because it had to
Defining relationships

Honesty, I think that is one whole sentence. The word encompasses a noun, a verb and an adjective. You can be in a relationship and that is the noun. You can not be a “relationship” person, so there is the adjective. For the verb, I suppose it still needs inventing, but I promise inadvertent use isn’t new. What does it mean “to relationship”? Well, it must be the act of having together. It is to want to be with a person who you care for and enjoy spending time with. So why do some people find it so hard “to relationship”? To attempt that question could take decades. As a matter of fact, it already has. Men and women have coexisted on this planet for an indeterminable number of years, and even after that all time, love is completely mysterious. We can travel through space, with the power of the sun, use water to generate electricity, but we cannot explain why boy meets girl, girl falls for boy, boy falls for girl, they get married, and live hard times ever after. Not to be cynical, I love love. Another one of those multi-tasking words. However, love does not love us. It is impossible to say why. I mean, it is our heart’s goal, our very aching, something in it is the reason for our existence. We live to love. However, finding that love discourages us from losing to live. Somewhat ironic, I think. People have permanently ended their already brief lives as a result of not finding that love. Which is only counterproductive because dating is hard enough without have the whole “dead” obstacles you can ever face. Where does that bring us then? Love is... yeah, I don’t really know. It depends on who you ask.

Paul McCartney said it was all you need, so is it food or maybe oxygen? - Sweet thought.

I suppose I can’t really come to a conclusion. I hate to disappoint, but if I had the answers, I would probably be the only one with them. The best I can say is we are all going to keep searching. Whether we try intentionally or not. We will find it. It will continue its mysterious presence in our lives.

I apologize for asking you a question that has no obvious answer. If you must have something, I guess we each have our own reasons for why we love the way we do so. I am, I afraid that each have to answer that question yourself. I know, you’re welcome for the extra worry.

Honestly though, any answer I pass along to you will not sound quite right. This is the type of conclusion you come to in 50, maybe 70 years when you look back and wonder about your life. So, all I wanted to do was pose the question, and hopefully, now you don’t have to spend half of your life coming up with it. You can start your journey a little earlier.

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INSIDE COLUMN

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What’s your favorite cartoon character of all time and why?

Christina Zhu
Freshman
Walsh

"Winnie the Pooh. He’s cute."  

Taylor Poulin
Senior
Walsh

"Garfield, because it’s so sarcastic."

Mariana Montes
Senior
Lyons

"Rocko from ‘Rocko’s Modern Life,’ because I like my friend Heifer."

Katrina Epperson
Sophomore
Walsh

"Jimmy Neutron, because I wish he was my lab partner. Jimmy’s hot."

Erika Hagstrom
Sophomore
Walsh

"Batman, because I’d want to ride in the Batmobile."  

Erin Rider
Freshman
Lyons

"Pinky from ‘Pinky and the Brain’ – because I can relate."

OFFBEAT

Police remove 209 cats, 3 dogs from 1 house

BONHAM, Texas — Complaints from neighbors prompted Bonham police to remove 209 cats and three dogs from a home apparently over-run by the animals. The SPCA helped take custody of the animals Friday.

Officials found 40 cats in one bedroom. Bonham Police Chief Mike Bankston said the situation apparently got well out of hand for the couple living in the house.

Owner David Wheeler told WFAA television that they started with just 13 cats, but the animals quickly bred. Wheeler said it’s expensive to spay and neuter so many cats, plus feed them.

NYC artist uses dead animals in art

NEW YORK — In front of a shuttered Chinatown store, artist Nate Hill rummaged through a pile of trash, fishing for the tools of his craft in someone else’s garbage.

"Oh, look, a flounder!" he said, as he dug in one bin wearing blue surgical gloves and drew out a quivering white slip of fish. "Does anyone want some? I think there’s more."

There were no immediate takers among the half dozen or so people who had followed Hill on a drizzly night for a tour of his favorite spots for digging through Chinatown garbage. The goal: Finding interesting dead animals to make into art.

The 30-year-old artist has been using animal carcasses to craft his "animal kingdom," as he refers to it, since 1999. The results are grotesque or sculptural, depending on your point of view.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Professor Dan Graff will present on the largest single-industry strike in US history, which occurred in 1934, in the labor documentary and lecture "Uprising of ’34" today at 4:30 p.m. in Hinshurgh Center Auditorium, Room C-180 as part of the Higgins Center Labor Film Series.

On Tuesday, the women’s tennis team will take on BYU at 5 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Admission is free.

On Tuesday, there will be an alumni and student for Teach for America at 7 p.m. in 100-104 McKenna Hall.

Ash Wednesday services will be celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

The "Let’s Get Forgiven" Two Years After Katrina & Rita’s forum will take place Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Student Lounge.

The event features an affected student panel for discussion and ticket giveaways for the upcoming World View Film Series showing "Desert Bayou."

A campus-wide Lenten peacemaking service will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The deadline for Spring 2008 Intramural entries and fees is Thursday. Entries are due at Rolls SportsRec Center. The botemission doubles fee is $5 and the floor hockey fee $20.

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

LOCAL WEATHER

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safety one of her top priorities. 

"We need to change students' perceptions on what it means to be a good neighbor," she said. "The fact that there's not an ordinance on the books is wonderful but it gives us a lot of room to make progress.

Braun said it is important to find the "right student life balance between life on campus and going off campus." She has spoken with several local restaurants about the possibility of accepting Dining Dollars and also hopes to improve taxi services to prevent students from being cheated by high fares.

One of the skills both Braun and Chamberlain stressed was their ability to deal with the unexpected. Chamberlain said, "You want a government that is adaptable, that is malleable to the changing times.

The first goal Braun and Roscitt have is to turn the redoing of the basin in front of the library into an ice skating rink, something the students have been wanting for years. They believe it would be a successful way of bringing the student body together.

The third goal is to get the required classes for poverty studies. 

It's an issue on campus that is seriously lacking," said Roscitt, who just returned from studying abroad in Uganda. "I think that the University has done a lot of good things with this issue," he said, referring to endeavors like Notre Dame's Millennium Project.

The pair also wants to establish a campus group addressing gay and lesbian student issues.

"It's an issue that is kind of side swept," Ehrlich said. "It would be cool if the University could give them further recognition.

Ehrlich and Roscitt have managed their campaign on their own and have worked hard to raise awareness of their candidacy. They have described the two riding a tandem bike and running on the treadmill in Rolfs Sports Recreation Center, building on their slogan of "community, recreation, life!"

Hollowood-Tomala

Knott sophomores Rick Hollowood and Alex Tomala have decided to run for student body president and vice president. Neither has any experience with student government, although Hollowood is currently Knott Hall's community co-sponsor.

Hollowood and Tomala say they want to "be the kind of leaders who will say, in the presence of students and the body that age is not a factor." Hollowood and Tomala say they want to be the kind of leaders who will coordinate bowling with members of South Bend's Logan Center. They say they want to be the kind of leaders who are not speaking for just one group. They say they want to be the kind of leaders who will coordinate bowling with members of South Bend's Logan Center. They say they want to be the kind of leaders who will coordinate bowling with members of South Bend's Logan Center. They say they want to be the kind of leaders who will coordinate bowling with members of South Bend's Logan Center.

"We plan to split up the campaign a little bit," Ehrlich added. "I guess you could call our campaign slogan 'Serious. Seriously funny.'"

The pair has outlined four initiatives they want to achieve. The first would be to erect tetherball poles on North and South Quad. This kind of thing would be a good way of bringing people together," they said. "The fact that too often he sees students playing video games in the dorms or watching television during their free time, "Plus, they're not hard to install."
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About 150 applications had been submitted in the lottery as of Thursday, Shoup said, but only 110 residents win, so not everyone who has not yet submitted their own applications will be able to apply. The 150 students who win the lottery will be able to choose from three preferred roommates; however, each roommate has to fill out his own application in order for him to be eligible to enter the lottery drawing.

"This will insure that even if only one member within the group of four wins a lottery ticket, all of the roommates stated in the application will be guaranteed a space in Duncan," Shoup said. "It's a mutual all-or-nothing game." However, groups larger than four will have to be considered together. For example, Shoup said, if eight freshmen were interested in living in Duncan, they would have to apply as a group of four. If only one group won the lottery, then the two of them would be forced to live separately next year.

"Some ideal ORLII would like to announce the results on Friday, the day after the deadline, Shoup said that accounting for any incomplete applications as well as other delays might delay the announcement until Feb. 11.

"One thing we have to consider is that we cannot issue winning lottery tickets that might go to roommates of students from one hall," Shoup said.

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Dance performed at the arcade as part of a Reish administration.

"That's in my opinion," said. "But if no one else can say about the LaFontaine arcade, then maybe we should invest our time there."

"One thing he will promise, however, is free DVD rentals. He said student government owns the DVDs that the Huddle Mari used to distribute. He plans on having the university secretary take charge of the rental in student government section at the LaFortune arcade, then offer a signifi­cantly discounted price to all dorms.

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"For instance, if 50 residents from Sarin Hall, which only has 110 residents, win the lottery, we will deplete their popu­lation by 50. We also cannot do things like direct students to their dorm rooms class, because that is the only way that we will have visitors that are community. However, we are constantly connected to the student body."

"If you want to keep making Dancefester bigger and bet­ter each year," Hatfield said.

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video involving more prac­tices often objectionable to women, Jensen said. "The 'bigger the industry, going and what could possibly come after this?" Jensen said. "I have asked this to several pornographers. Some will say, 'It's just the industry, the only place left to go is overt vio­lence.' The other place to go is to continue to sexualize youth."

After Jensen presented his views, students and the inci­dent peaked during the discussion between Pasquerella West rec­tor Tom Pasquerella and rev­elatory religious superior Father Peter Jarrett, sophomore Patrick Brown, of the faculty and Stephanie Braun addressed pornography on the Notre Dame campus.

"Dependancy on porn has been dubbed a psychological addiction, but there is a group in the counseling cen­ter dedicated to men and women who are depen­dent on porn," Tighe said. In spite of this, Jarrett said, students who have no problem speak­ers for the students in the dorms about pornog­raphy.

"I was surprised by the will­ingness of people to come and knock on my door and talk about porn," Tighe said. "I found these conversations revealing, honest, and had a great appreciation for the per­son sitting next to me, talking. There was a sense of being trapped in this cycle and lost control over." In order for this addiction to be eradicated, and for the cul­ture of pornogra­phy to change, Braun said the student body president Liz Brown, hasn't needed such surveys.

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"I think the best thing is to talk to people who are walking around on your own time," said, "... from dif­ferent rounds, in different groups, and for the cul­ture of pornogra­phy."

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Sister Susan Bruno
Pasquerella West resident

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He argued that people fill­ing out polls say they will use more things than is true. "I would say the thing of seniors today we're not going to get it done," he said. "No one gives a [foul] when they're not getting it done.

The most costly platform for women this year is the Irish campaign is student legal services. Braun said for a student to get legal advice it would cost between $180 and $500. Students who need to talk to someone about a situation that could involve counseling and a lot of free advice — not representation — at a significantly discount­ed rate.

Still, however, he said, even with a nominal fee, a subsidized plan would benefit those students who need the legal help and simply be an added cost to those who do not.

"The majority does not benefit one group, and in a lot of cases you can't really avoid it," he said. "... you try to just hope that it is not, ever, that students would have access to advice.

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"When in the world have you not been in a hook where they're doing things like that?"

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Earthquakes strike Rwanda, Congo

KIGALI, Rwanda — Two earthquakes struck hours apart Sunday in Rwanda and neighboring Congo, killing at least 29 people including some who were in a church that collapsed, officials said. Nearly 300 people were injured.

A magnitude-6.0 quake struck Congo early, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The second quake, which registered 5.0, hit a few hours later near the country's capital of Kinshasa in the nation's rural Eastern District.

"It was at home when the earthquake hit and the next thing I heard, was the house falling down," said Florence Nyirazonge, who was pulled out of the rubble by the Roman Catholic bishop of Goma, Kigali, for treatment of her injuries.

Egypt restores tight Gaza blockade

RAFAL, Gaza Strip — Egyptian police sealed Gaza's border with huge metal spikes and shipping containers Sunday, restoring a tight blockade after a breach that allowed hundreds of thousands to cross freely for days.

Gazo's Hamas rulers are demanding new border arrangements that would give it a say in administration. But that looks doubtful with the international community opposed to any role for the Islamic militant group in running the crossing.

Gaza residents settled back into their dreary closure routine after joyous days of freedom and shoppers that flooded the territory with sheep, chickens and good things to eat.

NATIONAL NEWS

Telescope arms race takes off

WASHINGTON — A telescope arms race is taking shape around the world. Astronomers are drawing up plans for the biggest, most powerful instruments ever constructed, capable of peering far deeper into the universe — as if switching from regular TV to high-definition. Telescope, which was put in orbit in 1979, was long considered superior because its view of the universe was much like switching from regular TV to high-definition. Though the telescope was put in orbit in 1979, it was still considered superior because its view of the universe was much like switching from regular TV to high-definition. But now, land-based telescopes are drawing up plans for the biggest, most powerful instruments ever constructed, capable of peering far deeper into the universe — as if switching from regular TV to high-definition.

A Slovak woman votes in the village of Kovačica Sunday in the Serbian presidential runoff. The election took place days before an expected declaration of Kosovo independence.

Serbia's pro-Western Tadic wins election

Pro-Western Tadic defeated Milosevic ally with 51 percent of vote, sees "great democratic potential"

Associated Press

BELGRADE — Serbia's pro-Western president narrowly defeated an ally of late autocrat Slobodan Milosevic in a closely contested election Sunday only days before an expected declaration of independence by the breakaway Kosovo province.

President Boris Tadic won 51 percent of the vote against Tomislav Nikolic, who ruled with Milosevic during the wars in the Balkans in the 1990s, had 47 percent, according to the state electoral commission.

"Serbia has shown its greatest democratic potential," Tadic said in his victory speech, praising Nikolic for "the number of votes he has won."

Nikolic congratulated Tadic but added, "I will remain on his tough opposition."

Tadic's supporters celebrated in Belgrade, waving Serbian, EU and Democratic Party flags and honking car horns.

The outcome indicated that a majority of Serbians want the country to stay on its path of pro-Western reform and closer ties with the European Union rather than of heading back to the nationalism and isolation that characterized the Milosevic era.

Nikolic's defeat will also likely alleviate fears in the West that Serbia would reject violence to the expected declaration of independence late this month by the Kosovo province, dominated by pro-independence ethnic Albanians.

Both Tadic and Nikolic oppose Kosovo's independence, but Tadic has ruled out the use of force and will likely seek to preserve close ties with the EU and the United States even if they recognize Kosovo statehood.

The province has been run by the United Nations and NATO since the 1998-99 war, when NATO bombs fell for 78 days to stop its brutal crackdown against Kosovo separatists.

Kosovo's Albanian leaders said they would declare independence days after the Serbian runoff, no matter who wins, and they expect the U.S. and most EU countries to follow up with quick recognition.

While pledging never to recognize Kosovo independence, Tadic has said there is "no alternative" to EU membership for Serbia and that it is "the only way forward" for the nation.

Nikolic has insisted that Serbia must abandon its EU membership bid if the bloc upholds Kosovo's independence and should turn to its ally Russia instead.

During the election campaign, Nikolic had advocated measures including armed intervention to protect minority Serbs in the province and imposing a complete economic and travel blockade for Kosovo Albanians.

The election was marked by high turnout — 67 percent — an hour before polls closed, and voters in Belgrade said the balloting was crucial.

"We have just recovered a little, we must not stop now," said Dunan Andjic, a 40-year-old lawyer who voted for Tadic. "This is really a matter of life and death."

Voters for Nikolic said the moment was historic, claiming the pro-Western Serbian leaders were going to sell the country.

"If we don't stop them, they will give away Kosovo," cried Marko Stipcevic, 51, a worker.

Serbia's presidency is formally a ceremonial post, though it gained in importance and influence under Milosevic's virtually unchallenged rule in the 1990s. Serbia's president names the commander of Serbia's army — a post that gains in importance before likely Kosovo independence.

A victory for Nikolic, whose party boss Vojislav Seselj is now on trial for alleged war crimes at the U.N. tribunal for the former Yugoslavia — would have dashed Western hopes that Serbia will arrest two Bosnian Serb war crimes fugitives, Gen. Radko Mladic and his wartime political leader Radovan Karadzic, any time soon.

Local News

Teen pleads guilty to neglect of infant

LEXINGTON, Ky. — A 14-year-old pleaded guilty to felony neglect for causing injuries that left his infant daughter with severe head injuries that will likely last a lifetime.

Gerald T. Schofield, 19, entered his plea in Tazewell County Circuit Court Friday, where he was being held after he was accused of killing a baby at his Lexington apartment.

Schofield was arrested in June 2006 on a probable cause warrant charging him with child abuse, specifically the death of an infant. The baby was delivered on May 6, 2006, and died June 22, 2006, according to court documents.

"We're very concerned about the physical condition of this baby before it was brought to the hospital," said Denise Leger, 34, a Cajun Catholic in the New Orleans area. "This is a very painful loss for the family."
**Professor runs to lead Czechs**

**Michigan friends, colleagues 'thrilled' about Svejnar's candidacy**

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Michigan — As the U.S. presidential race reaches its final stretch, a Michigan professor is focusing his attention on another election of a different kind.

Jan Svejnar, who has spent years guiding students in his role as a public policy and economics professor, says he's ready to make a real-world impact as the next president of the Czech Republic.

"Being a president is sort of the ultimate public policy one could have," said Svejnar, who naturally dovetails the kind of professional work he does.

His friends and colleagues on campus and in Washington, D.C., however, are thrilled with Svejnar's candidacy.

"I have been waiting for a professor — somebody that the students are directly involved in running a country," said Nick Powers, an economics Ph.D. student and Michigan Michigander who studied under Svejnar.

For Svejnar, it all began in Prague, the city of his birth. He left for the U.S. in 1970 to study at Cornell University. He later moved on to Princeton University, where he continued his work in economics.

Svejnar was hired as a professor at Cornell in 1981 and became a U.S. citizen in 1985. He does not want to relinquish his Czech citizenship, because he was not permitted at the time to be a citizen of both countries. But the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 enabled Svejnar to become more engaged in Europe.

Svejnar and his wife, Barbara, who is also a native of Czech Republic, "in 1992 with their two children and all their sumptuous goods they left the kids got older, Terrell said.

"2000 was a quite easily one week every six weeks since 1990," Terrell added.

Svejnar established an economic policy in Prague during the 1990s that offers an American-style Ph.D. in economics. He also has been a consultant to the World Bank and an economic adviser to European organizations.

Svejnar had to reject a proposal from Pavel to be minister in 1997 because he was not a Czech citizen. He regained his citizenship in 2001 and says now is the right time to make a run for the presidency.

"One doesn't get offered the opportunity to be a candidate really," said Svejnar in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "The opportunity arose. I thought about it a lot. I talked to colleagues, deans at the university. My friends, Mary Sue Coleman and finally decided I would try for it."

"They said I was her husband doesn't have high expectations for a victory, but view his role as a means to have an impact on the political process in the Czech Republic."

"I just established this knowledge that was a great possibility that he would win," said Terrell, a University of Michigan business professor. "I've been lucky because I knew he would receive his message. If he doesn't win, he's at least opened dialogue about a new way of doing politics there."

Benjamin and they were both 50 degree murder in the slayings that the teen had not been get­

He said his family locked their doors Saturday night, fearing a candlelight vigil in front of the Browning's house Sunday night. The crowd stood in silence for about ten minutes.

Police said the teen had not been get­

"That is a very difficult time for me," said Browning, who is 16 and lives in the suburb.

As the two-year-old Michigan senior native, says she would like to move up to Europe.

The tall, gazing sophomore at Dulany High School in neighboring Timonium was deemed a "monster," according to a grand jury.

"The last major party — I quit," joked the boy. "I put his feet up in the car and drive him to work."

The international community of Casshers described the program. Simple Gifts, a series of events, was acclaimed as another poignant scene from everyday life set to summing music by such groups as Strauss, Beethoven, and Brahms. The program was recommended for adults and children age eight and up.

Bowl ads go for $2.7 million

**Dancing lizards, dangerous badgers among this year's commercials**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was an epic battle of the creative minds Sunday night. The ads, ranging from the cute to the menacing to the inexplicably rhyming and of lizard-like reptiles cutting the rug to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." Hey, it's Super Bowl.

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Striking writers end 12-week walkout

NEW YORK — Striking writers have reached interlock contract agreements with four New York-based independent filmmakers, ending their 12-week walkout, the two sides said Sunday in a joint announcement.

The settlement appeared to be another step toward ending the national work stoppage by the Writers Guild of America that has brought films and television production on both coasts to a virtual standstill.

The announcement did not offer details of the agreements but said they were "similar" to agreements reached earlier between the WGA and 13 other film and TV production companies.

The latest agreements with the Writers Guild's east and west units enable the four indie producers, GreeneStreet Films, Killer Films, Open City Films and This is that corporation to "resume business immediately," the statement said.

WGA East president Michael Winship called the pacts "a reaffirmation of their dedication to great writing, bold innovation and good old-fashioned, New York City street smarts" by companies that he said had helped to revitalize the motion picture industry.

Chrysler supplier files for bankruptcy

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chrysler LLC scram­bled to maintain its inventory of plastic parts after a supplier filed for bankruptcy protection.

The Detroit-based capital-partnered Plastic Technologies apparently failed to negotiate a bailout package with its customers, The Wall Street Journal reported Friday.

Debtor-nosed Plastic, which supplied molded plastic parts to Chrysler through the weekend, spokeswoman Michele Tinson said.

The bankruptcy filing had not changed the outlook for Chrysler's suppliers, although several companies are in the doldrums and nobody wants to do business.

Consider Deborah Eli, a 64-year-old diabetic who lives in Pittsburgh. She will exhaust her 26 weeks of regular benefits this month after being laid off from her job as a program coordinator at a nonprofit literacy agency.

It is taking care of her 26-year-old disabled daughter, Orissa, while also looking for a job she is trying to find a new place to live.

"I don't know what I'm going to do. I'm really scared," she said. "I've never been like this before. I've always been employed, I've always worked. I went back to school a few years ago and got a master's degree, but it doesn't mean anything."

As the economy has slowed, more people have signed up for jobless ben­efits. The nation's four-week benefits have gone worse given the report since Oct. 2005, when Hurricane Katrina and the other Gulf Coast storms disrup­ted the economy.

The National Employment Law Project estimates that 1.28 million people now col­lecting unemployment checks is 5 percent in December, the second year in a row to get a job in the next six months and thus lose that benefit.

The plan before the 100-member Senate will need 60 votes to prevail. It would cost $14 billion and extend unemployment payments for 13 weeks nationwide to peo­ple whose 26 weeks of regu­lar benefits have run out.

People without jobs in states where the unemploy­ment rate has averaged 6.5 percent or more for three months could qualify for an additional 12 weeks of ben­efits, or 52 weeks altogether.

Only Michigan would qualify for the extra 13-week extended benefits now; more states could join it if the job market continues to worsen.

"Every economist will tell you that stimulus spending will get into the economy much quicker than a tax rebate," says Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Mark Zandi, chief econo­mist at Moody's Economy, estimates that every dollar spent on extending jobless benefits will generate $1.64 in new economic activity. Income tax rebates, he said, generate $1.26 of economic activity for every dollar they cost the Treasury.

Businesses acquire Indiana companies

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana com­panies for a fifth straight year were most­ly targeted by mergers and acqui­si­tions rather than buyers, a newspaper report said.

Of the largest 10 deals announced in the state last year, four involved Indiana companies being acquired, which was true for 65 percent of the deals overall. The Indianapolis Star reported.

That was also the case in 2006, when 67 percent of announced deals involved Indiana companies being sold rather than making the purchase, the Starreported.

"Being on the sale side of the ledger isn't necessarily bad, economic experts say.

"It tells me Hoosiers are creating, managing, running things of value to others," said Cameron Carter, a vice president at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

Once a company or asset is sold, it frees up money that's often reinvested in the state in other businesses, he said.

"It creates wealth that can be deployed in innovative and inter­esting ways. That injects new capital into our economy."

But there is a downside when Indiana companies are taken over and ownership and top management go out of state, he said.

"If they are being downgraded, that can be troublesome," he said. "There's a perception that if a firm is locally owned, there is more stability to it."

The year's two biggest deals in dollar value were the $5.57 billion sale of Allison Transmission in Indianapolis to Onex Corp., with offices in Toronto and New York, and the Carlyle Group of Washington, D.C., and the $1.64 billion purchase of shopping mall owner Mills Corp., by Indianapolis-based Simon Property Group and Farallon Capital Management.

The Simon-Mills deal led to the addition of about 75 jobs in Indianapolis, as Simon moved Mills' office operations to Simon headquarters.

The Allison Transmission deal switched out-of-state owners, from Detroit-based General Motors to Onex and Carlyle.

Of the 186 mergers and acquisitions involving Indiana companies last year, the largest number were industrial.

Last year, 41 of the 186 corporate deals in Indiana involved retailers or other companies in the consumer seg­ment.

"As the consumer becomes (finan­cially) pinched ... these companies in the doldrums and nobody wants to acquire them until everything shakes out," he said.

A prime example: The $1.5 billion deal announced last year by Indianapolis-based Finish Line to buy rival chain and hat retailer Genesco now is on hold and in the courts after Finish Line sought to get out of the deal and a judge ruled that it must complete the acquisition.

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Law lets former Baath members in government

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BAGHDAD — Iraq's presidency council issued a law Sunday that will allow thousands of former officials to return to government jobs, legislation viewed by critics as a move by the American-backed central government to mend deep fissures caused by the war with Arab states and the majority Shiites who now wield power.

The measure, which was passed by parliament on Jan. 12, was the first of 18 key U.S.-set benchmarks to become law after months of bitter debate. But it was issued without the signature of the Sunni vice president, and the presidency council cited reserved powers to make changes in the bill, clouding hopes it would encourage reconciliation.

The U.S. military, meantime, said a soldier had been killed Thursday in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in Baghdad that killed another man and wounded the number of troop deaths in Iraq since September. A U.S. soldier died also of a non-combatrelated cause in Ninewah province in northern Iraq, the military said.

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The Qaeda's first sizable attack in the former French colony has been a major setback for President Paul Chalid, who was appointed by the African Union to mediate in the crisis.

But the president has said he would not be drawn into the conflict, and his government has been heavily criticized for failing to provide enough support to rebels in Sudan's Darfur region, some of whom are from Debys own tribe, the Amil, who are among the few Sunni in both Chad and Sudan.

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Libya's official news agency, JANA, reported that Chadian rebel leader Mahamat Nouri agreed to a cease-fire Saturday night after speaking with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, who was appointed by the African Union to mediate in the crisis.

Rebel spokesman Mahamat Hassan Boulmuyai said he heard on state radio that Libya had decided to recognize the rebels after speaking with Gadhafi.

The rebels arrived after a three-day push across the desert from Niger into Chad, said the rebel spokesman, whose Union of Forces for Democracy and Development is the biggest rebel group.

The fighters had not believed Nouri would agree to an unconditional end to the fighting, according to a Somali Foreign Ministry statement.

Chad's ambassador in the capital, Oumarou Zein, told The Associated Press "the situation is under control."

"The head of state is fine in his palace. It's true that there are some rebels who have entered the city, but to say the city has fallen is wrong," he said.

"I received a call that information came from a telephone call with the defense minister in N'Djamena," Boulmuyai, the rebel spokesman, told AP earlier that rebel had surrounded the presidential palace and claimed that government soldiers were defecting.

"Many in the military have rallied with the rebels," said Boulmuyai, whose Union of Forces for Democracy and Development is the biggest rebel group.

Rebels invade Chad's capital

Invasion an attempt to oust president; global aid operation endangered

Associated Press

NAIROBI — Hundreds of rebels charged into Chad's capital aboard pickup trucks Saturday, March 23, said the BBC, a French state-owned radio network.

Mali government forces were pushing rebels away from N'Djamena, said the BBC, and were in the process of pushing them back, said the network.

A bomb hit the residence of the Saudi ambassador to Chad, killing the wife and daughter of an embassy staff member, said Brent Ward, a U.S. State Department spokesman.

"It appears clear that Chad has an agreement to hold a referendum for democracy and respecting the constitution," said the network.

"As a result, people are expressing discontent with the government, and this is the cause of the unrest," said the network."

Rebels had also said they were unhappy with the president not providing enough support to rebels in Sudan's Darfur region, some of whom are from Debys own tribe, the Amil, who are among the few Sunni in both Chad and Sudan.

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George W. Bush tells us that we need to remedy our addiction to foreign oil. Al Gore tells us that greenhouse gases that we create are contributing to global warming, which will cause catastrophic climatic disasters, resulting in the deaths of billions. Thomas Malitis warned — as early as 1798 — that environmental population growth would lead to widespread famine and poverty.

Jonathan Swift provided a solution to rampant poverty in Ireland in his Modern Proposal of 1729, radically suggesting the Irish eat their babies to prevent them from roaming the streets in destitution.

No matter where you look, you can find impending crises whose roots trace back to overpopulation, excessive energy usage and dwindling resources. Many hippie-minded environmentalists suggest we put our money into finding alternative energy sources, developing more fuel-efficient cars, and reducing our consumption by sacrificing the lifestyles that we have earned through our persistent work and technological innovation. They then warn us that oil is running out, that coal will not be around forever, that the earth is limited and that one day, the resources we expect will expire whereas those which the earth provides.

Instead of listening to this doom-and-gloomy nonsense, I propose that we stay on the course, that we continue on with the way of life we have cultivated and judiciously reserve thanks to our unique ability as humans to extensively impact the environment and ecosystems around us. If we have the ability to shape the earth’s outputs to our needs, why waste time preserving what we have used to be? Nostalgia for the good old days does not translate to sustainable survival strategies.

One of the biggest fear-embezzling catch phrases these days is “peak oil” and, increasingly, “peak coal.” Energy Watch Group, an environmental organization out of Europe, predicted in summer 2007 that the U.S. has only 200 years of coal left — and that China has a mere 37 years of coal reserves if it continues at its current rate of consumption. The Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas (ASPO) predicted as recently as this January that peak oil will occur in 2010.

If these tragedies are so unavoidable on the horizon, why don’t we just let it happen? Just use up the oil and coal until there is literally not a drop or a lump left. Why interfere with inevitability? It’s foolish to try to fix the plumbing in a house that’s already burning down. Why not sit in the living room and have a cup of tea until it’s time to build a new house?

Some who claim to be looking ahead to “the long run” assert that the only way to save the human race is to establish prescriptive measures to protect the environment. Well, here’s what I have to say. What is one of the biggest causes of the strain on our resources? Overpopulation.

What happens when overpopulation abounds and we do not stop abating environmental problems? Widespread famine and disease. What is the result of famine and disease? Masses of dead. What do mass deaths and extinctions result in? Lower population levels. See the cycle.

In order to truly solve all of our environmental problems, what we really need to do is let them go. These changes are nature running its course. According to Conservation International, a new species goes extinct every 20 minutes. Who are we to assume power over such a statistic? Why fight what is obviously a trend toward another mass extinction? If almost everything dies off, won’t there still be a couple of humans left, domineering over the remnants of the earth?

Onehalf of the human race is already malnourished. We have an already minimal air, land and water resources run out thus providing a solution to overpopulation. We need to clean the playing field in terms of human survival; industrialized countries will no longer hold an unfair advantage.

Overpopulation is an indisputable problem. The loss of biodiversity, exorbitant amounts of pollution and rapidly changing chemical balances in the earth’s atmosphere are testimony to the negativities of our more-than-six billion worldwide human population. So why not kill a few birds with one stone? Get rid of the oil and coal, thereby stopping pollution, let disease and famine occur, so that the few survivors are healthy, the overall population levels are much more manageable for our earth. I wouldn’t dream of proposing that we eat babies—that’s entirely too extreme, and frankly, morbid. Why not just stay the course?

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The Velveteen Rabbit, or how I became real

It all started in a desperate attempt to get a room at a party to be quiet during quiet time. I had tried everything: Calming music, strategic sleeping mat placement, threats leveled against afternoon recess. All to no avail. So on this particular day, I was searching for inspiration. I scoured the bookshelves and came across a copy of The Velveteen Rabbit. "Perfect," I thought, congratulating myself on my cleverness and settling on a table with a clear view of each of my 13 little friends. Sure enough, knocked them out in no time - I'm fascinated by the idea of my stuffed animal sure I was a hypnotist in a past life.

But to be honest, I had no idea what I was reading. I had read The Velveteen Rabbit since I was about seven and, at the time, for the first time, I was surprised at how vividly I remembered it. I thought about my childhood and how much I had missed out on, how much I had taken for granted. I realized that the Velveteen Rabbit is my story. It is the story of anyone who has ever committed a significant amount of time to service. It is the story of how we become real, and how you can become real too.

"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you.

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are real you don't mind being hurt.

My parents were less than thrilled when I told them that, with the cost of a very nice car in undergraduate loans, my grand plan was to spend a year living on a $800 monthly stipend. Even now, I can't really put into words why I did it, except to say that I had to. When it came right down to it, I decided I was Real, most of my hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly except to people who don't understand.

Over the past five months, I have been loved to pieces. I have been hugged so hard and so many times that I think they mistake me for a giant teddy bear. I have my midway covered with stickers (they can't reach much higher!), and I 'love you, Teacher' whispered into my stomach enough times to convince me that the love of a five-year-old could single-handedly bring about world peace. Faced with the reality of a life radically different from the one I led at Notre Dame, I have grown shabby.

In the past, my ideas have been that certain worldviews have dropped out, and comfortable moral absolutes have grown loose when forced to go toe-to-toe with certain painful realities. But I don't care because these have made me...Real.

"I am the nursery magic Fairy," she said. "I take care of all the playthings that the children have loved. When they are old and worn out and the children don't want them anymore, I come and take them away with me and turn them into Real." (Which, I'm sure, is the little Rabbit.

"You were Real to the Boy," the Fairy said, "because he loved you. Now you shall be Real to every one.

My kindergarteners have made me Real. But as the year moves ever more quickly toward May, the question becomes how to be Real without them, how to leave the comfort of reality and carry its transformative character with me wherever I go. And while I'm not quite sure yet how I'm going to do it - I suspect that it will be the love; the transfor-

mative, life-giving love I experience every day here that will pull me through it. So for those of you who are graduating, consider this, don't listen to the people who tell you that it's a foolish dream to think you can change the world. Don't listen to the voice in your head that ticks off the cost of your college loans and how it's going to be hard to explain yourself to people who "have better" plans for you. In the words of the Skin Horse: "Sometimes I know this. Once you are Real you can't become unreal again. It lasts for always."

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Letters to the Editor

Check facts

Facts can be a dangerous thing especially when they are wrong. The Observer quoted Joe Russo, director of student financial strategies, as stating "the financial aid budget has risen from $55 million to $72 million over a 18-year period." Simply stated, this is not accurate. According to the Notre Dame Magazine (available online), tuition costs were $6,626 in 1987. Tuition costs for the 2007-08 year are $35,190. This is more than a 400% increase and of course, even so misleading. First, the article reads that the University's financial aid budget has risen from $55 million to $72 million over the last 18 years, or an increase of 13 percent, but that an increase of 31 percent, on a total basis? (It certainly does not equate to 13 percent over an annual basis.) Second, the financial aid officer says that over the same period, Notre Dame's tuition has risen only five to six percent. Isn't that misleading as well, since obviously the tuition increases are on an annual basis, whereas the financial aid budget increases were over an 18-year period? Obviously, over the same 18-year period, the Notre Dame's tuition has probably risen well over 100 percent, versus the apparent 31 percent increase in financial aid, money that hopefully these comments help clarify how significant the financial aid problem at Notre Dame really is. If we don't get this situation rectified, and rectified soon, we will become a university with little to no economic diversity among its student body, and we will lose many highly qualified students to other Catholic universities.

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Class of 2001

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The dreaded Greek cheek kiss

"Meet my Grandma," my friend said, pointing in the direction of a gray-haired woman firmly planted in my clay colored seat. "Hello," I said extending my hand out to her, "It's nice to meet you.

"You too," she responded.

I slowly began to feel her grip on my hand. My friend had warned me that a Greek cheek kiss is a tug. I began to feel her grip quickly turn to a tug. As I was about to feel her grip, "Gone," she shouted in my ear. I didn't know what to do. First, did where did she want me to kiss her? Initially, I assumed the cheek, but this lady really wanted a kiss, perhaps she was hoping for more of the mouth business. Also, I just met her, was this the right thing? I was confused. I was scared. I did not want to be surrounded by every person ever to exist in my friend's extended family, so I had to do it. I went for the cheek.

And, thankfully, she wasn't expecting anything more.

I've never been so happy to end an introduction with a person and plan to avoid that person at any future

family functions I may attend.

But you cannot escape the fear — the fear of introductory kisses.

Two years ago one of my roommates was Greek. This was real Greek, as in she actually spoke the language and had a house in Greece. Her grandparents were Greek American. No matter what I did, I couldn't seem to get used to it. It would start, and I would see them and somehow think that maybe this time they wouldn't kiss me. I'm not the European one, I'm the non-kisser, and if the non-kisser initiates the kiss then but that just strange. All this would just led to unwanted head bobbing, and a stressed-out mind. I sought a remedy. I couldn't be European. I was far too comfortable being an awkward American with a gigantic personal bubble, and I decided I would no longer apologize for being American.

From that moment on, upon every foreign introduction, I would place my hand in a wave-like position, and state very firmly I was my Greek friend's American friend. Generally, people understood. I haven't received a Greek cheek kiss since. I'm not sure if this works for other cultural norms? Should it be normal for people to kiss each other on the cheek? Are we a culture so shrinking that we can't even have enough to be comfortable with a kiss on the cheek?

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Class of 2001

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Revue shows courage

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Writer

There’s only one place you can see Jesus and excessive pelvic thrusting on the same stage. That’s right, it’s that time of year again.

The annual Keenan Revue hit Notre Dame last Thursday under the zombie theme, “The Night of the Living Revue.” But it didn’t need the help of the undead to deliver a thoroughly delightful showing. Under the direction of John Siegel, well executed and hilariously contrived skits flowed between musical numbers brought to life by half-naked Keenan dancers. Using a lot of wit and a dash of shock value, Keenan once again placed a monopo­lizing claim on Notre Dame’s funny bone.

Sticking with tradition, no one was exempt from the dorm’s scathing humor. The Revue took jabs at popular campus figures and average Notre Dame students alike. Father Hesburgh, Lou Holtz, Father Jenkins, Charlie Weis and Officer Tim McCarthy were all pop­ular subjects. Though insult could have easily tainted these topics, Keenan expertly used the sensitive material to its full advantage. In this way, the show proved the proverb, “a little bit goes a long way.” Comments like, “There’s enough life support and busty nurses on the fourth floor to keep Father Hesburgh alive until he’s 150,” delivered swift digs without taking heavy-handedness.

Of course, there was plenty of mock­ ing to go around. The hilarious image of Tim McCarthy struggling to formu­late his famous double entendres was an excellent opening act. Documenting a series of duds, the skit turned writer’s block into crafty humor. And not soon after, a scene called “Juno” integrated the popular elements of the film, “Juno,” into the Notre Dame mainstream. Replacing Juno McDuff and Bleaker with a pregnant Father Jenkins and Jesus in short-shorts, the skit created a memorable if not tur­tling fusion.

Apart from pop­culture refer­ences, tried-and­true material on Notre Dame females and Saint Mary’s students were also granted a fair share of attention. Evidence of a reported restraint on Saint Mary’s jokes was mea­ger. On several occasions, Saint Mary jokes slipped into the show, through allusions and substitutes like “St. Monica’s College.”

Though the Revue is perhaps best known for this type of potentially sexist material, in reality the show is an equal opportunity offender. Exhibiting consciousness of a wide range of stereotyping, Keenan didn’t keep any­thing off limits, including males. Indeed, Keenan was just as willing to mock a stereotypical male disposition of horribleness, oblivious and ineptitude.

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Disclaimer: There are two types of people: people who watch "The Wire" and people who don't. If you are one of the latter, feel free to continue living in ignorance of the best show on television. However, if you are one of the former and haven't yet seen Sunday night's episode of Season 5, this column contains plot details that may ruin your viewing experience. Continue reading at your own risk.

Fans of HBO's "The Wire" breathed a collective sigh of relief Sunday night as fan favorite Omar Little (Michael K. Williams) escaped certain death. Or did he?

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Giants disrupt historic season, upset Patriots

Eli Manning named game MVP, leads fourth-quarter comeback culminating in game-winning TD pass to Plaxico Burress

Giants wide receiver David Tyree makes a difficult catch over Patriots defensive back Rodney Harrison during the game-winning drive in New York's 17-14 Super Bowl win Sunday.
Tiger Woods poses Sunday with the trophy for the Dubai Desert Classic in, the United Arab Emirates. Woods birdied five of his last seven holes in the final round to claim the victory over rival Ernie Els.

Late surge lifts Woods to victory in Dubai

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Tiger Woods watched his 25-foot putt race down the slope and bend toward the cup, then he skipped backward and punched the desert air in celebration when it disappeared into the cup for a final birdie. So ended his spectacular charge Sunday to win the Dubai Desert Classic over Ernie Els, a familiar victim. Woods birdied his last two holes, and five of his last seven, for a 7-under 65 to start his season with two victories that looked nothing alike.

One week was an eight-shot victory at the Buick Invitational. The next week was his largest comeback in eight years when Woods rallied from a four-shot deficit with an array of impressive shots that make him look tougher to beat than he already is.

"I'm just happy to get a win out of this," Woods said.

It was the third time Woods has started his season 2-0, another sign that he could be headed for a big year. He now has won his last four official tournaments, and six of his last seven dating to the Bridgestone Invitational in early August. Woods also won his unofficial Target World Challenge by seven shots in December.

"It's the ideal start, isn't it?" Woods said. "You play to win. So far, I've done that every year this year."

Woods finished at 14-under 274 for a one-shot victory over Martin Kaymer of Germany. Woods had already posted his score when Kaymer, who won two weeks ago in Abu Dhabi, closed his birdie-birdie-eagle for a 66.

But the real victim was Els. He started the final round with a one-shot lead over Henrik Stenson and was four shots clear of Woods. The 38-year-old South African missed par puts inside 5 feet on the 11th and 12th holes to lose the lead, but he still had a chance to force a playoff with a birdie on the par-5 18th. Instead, Els hit 5-wood that came up well short and ended up in the water.

He finished with a bogey for a 71 and tied for third with Louis Oosthuizen. It was a devastating blow to Els, who started the day as the world's top-ranked player as he walked toward the 18th green. He is in the middle of a three-year plan to overtake Woods at No. 1 in the world, and said at the start of his season that he needed to start winning.

This was the perfect occasion, and he let it slip away in familiar fashion. Two weeks ago at Dubai, Woods birdied the last two holes to force a playoff against Els, then beat him when the South African hit his second shot into the water on No. 18.

IN BRIEF

Holmes’ birdies outdistance Mickelson in FBR Open

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona — J.B. Holmes failed to birdie the 18th hole in the first three rounds of the FBR Open. Then he did it twice Sunday, coming back from the brink of defeat to steal a victory from one of the biggest names in golf.

Holmes’ 13-foot birdie put forced a playoff with Phil Mickelson, then moments later he sank an 8-footer after a monster, 359-yard drive to win the tournament for the second time in three years.

"I can play under pressure, I guess," he said.

Woods, whose victory as a rookie at the FBR in 2006 is his only other PGA Tour win, had blown a four-stroke lead and was one shot behind going in to the 18th. The far more seasoned Mickelson seemed destined for his third victory in the tournament and 33rd of his career.

Miller wins slalom in World Cup super-combi

VAL D’ISERE, France — Bode Miller was far from his best in the slalom portion of Sunday’s World Cup super-combi, and that might be why the American won both the race and clinched the discipline title.

"I was at 40 percent in the slalom," Miller said after winning in a combined time of 2 minutes, 18.45 seconds. "I know that if I’m at 100 percent in the slalom, chances are that I won’t finish.

The American skied the Face de Bellevarde downhill leg in 1:33.88 in the morning, 1.37 seconds faster than second-place Didier Defago of Switzerland. Most of the slalom specialists trailed by more than a second.

"I’ve understood that when I’m at 100 percent in the downhill, it gives me more maneuvering room over my opponents," Miller said. "I can then adjust in the slalom."

Germany-U.S. match rained out at Fed Cup

SAN DIEGO — Steady rain washed out Sunday’s matches at the Fed Cup quarterfinal between Germany and the United States, forcing organizers to try again on Monday.

Officials waited four hours past the scheduled starting time before calling it a day. The rain let up for about an hour and workers attempted to dry off the court at La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club before the rain resumed and the match was postponed.

The rain was supposed to clear out by Monday. The best-of-5 series was tied at 1-1. When it resumes, Lindsay Davenport is to play Tatjana Malek in the first reverse singles match, followed by Ashley Harkleroad against Sabine Lisicki. The doubles match is scheduled to be Davenport and Lisa Raymond against Julia Goerges and Anna-Lena Groenefeld.
Kobe’s 30 points propel Lakers over Wizards

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Driving and dunking and dropping in a 3-pointer, Kobe Bryant delivered a game’s worth of highlights in the first quarter Sunday, outsoring the Washington Wizards all by himself.

Then he let his Los Angeles Lakers teammates join in all the fun.

Bryant put up 19 points in the opening period on his way to finishing with 30, and the Lakers won the offensive war there was no need for the newly acquired Pau Gasol to don a uniform in a 103-91 victory over the Wizards.

“Just taking what they were going to give me,” said Bryant, “an efficient 10-for-15 on field goals.

Gasol, the 7-foot Spaniard who came over from the Memphis Grizzlies in a trade Friday, sat on the sideline in a pinstriped suit jacket, listening to tips on the Lakers’ triangle offense from assistant coach Brian Shaw.

The 2002 NBA rookie of the Year now teammates put on quite a clinic, too, repeatedly making the extra pass to find wide-open looks. He compiled 27 assists on 41 field goals, with Vladimir Radmanovic scoring 15 points, Lamar Odom 14, and Ronny Turiaf 13.

Another measure of how well the visitors played: Nine Lakers combined for 26 assists, with 14 coming in the first quarter.

“We grew a lot together. And we understand how to play with one another,” Bryant said. “That’s the big thing — the chemistry. Knowing where guys are.”

Asked whether he’d like to see the Lakers make another move before the trade deadline, he said: “I’m letting (general manager) Mitch (Kupchak) handle that stuff. I gave up playing GM in the summer.”

His every move greeted by a mix of boos and cheers — even some “M-V-P” chants — from the sellout crowd of 20,173, Bryant gave the Wizards fits whenever he was on the floor.

Leave it to Wizards rookie Nick Young, who grew up in California as a Lakers and Bryant fan, to sum things up: “He’s just better in person.”

Young, a reserve, tried guarding Bryant some, and wound up with three fouls before halftime. That, at least, was better than the player chiefly assigned to guard Bryant, DeShawn Stevenson. He was sitting down, a black T-shirt over his jersey, with three fouls, only 6 minutes into the game.

“He’s going to get calls,” Stevenson said. “Two of them, I don’t think that was a foul, but that’s the way it is when you’re guarding a guy like that.”

Caron Butler — back after missing three games with a hip injury — also tried to defend Bryant, with similar results. On one sequence, Butler was spun around on Bryant’s twisting baseline drive for a layup. On another, Bryant made a 3-pointer over the outstretched hand of his former teammate.

Add it up: Bryant belted Los Angeles build a 30-15 lead after one quarter — or, put another way: Kobe 19, Wizards 9. Bryant had 25 points by halftime, when the Lakers were up 63-41 — the most points allowed by Washington in a first half this season. Los Angeles made 66 percent of its shots in the half, while limiting Washington to only 36 percent.

“He took us out of the game,” Stevenson said. “We were passive. We weren’t trying to attack. That’s not like us.”

Wizards coach Eddie Jordan noticed that, too.

“Games were really critical of his team, which has lost three games in a row.

“We didn’t play as a group as well as we need to play to beat a team like the Lakers. Or anybody. We don’t win this game against anybody tonight,” Jordan said. “We had bailouts, we had short cuts and not enough passion from everybody and not enough concentration from everybody.”

Pistons 90, Mavericks 67

Clutch! The Detroit Pistons held Dallas to its worst game offense in franchise history Thursday night as Rashad Wallace backed up his talk with 21 points and nine rebounds in a win Sunday.

The Mavericks had their lowest scoring game while making a season-low 30 percent of their shots.

Dallas missed 16 straight shots — spanning 8 minutes in the first and second quarters — leading to a season-low 28 points and shooting a season-worst 29 percent in the first half.

“We were active and switched more than we usually do,” Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. “And, we threw a couple zones in.

Dallas had a rough day at the other end of the floor, too.

Wallace said the Pistons had to take advantage of the undersized Mavericks by going inside, and he did. The bombastic center scored over Dirk Nowitzki on a fadeaway jumper in the third quarter as Detroit pulled away, and Wallace had more to say to the Mavericks.

“He can’t guard me!” Wallace screamed toward Dallas’ bench.

Saunders isn’t sure anybody in the NBA can effectively defend Wallace under some conditions.

“When Rashad is ready, motivated and focused, he can dominate anyone he plays,” Saunders said. “He’s that good.”

The Pistons were on the other end of a 102-86 rout a month ago in Dallas.

“They looked a little like the Mavericks the time we played them down in Dallas,” coach Avery Johnson said. “They really wanted to even up the series, and they came out and took care of business.”

Nowitzki had 15 points on 3-of-15 shooting and 10 rebounds, Josh Howard scored all 10 of his points in the second half for the Pistons, who got solid contributions off the bench for the second straight game. Stuckey scored a career-high 19 and Arriv Hayes had 10.

The Pistons have won five straight.

The Mavericks, who missed a chance to pull into a first-place tie with New Orleans in the Southwest Division, have lost two in a row after winning 12 of 14.

“We didn’t have too much of a rhythm on offense, and we’ve got to figure that out,” Jason Terry said. “We know what we are facing — we’re under-manned right now — but we have to get things done.”

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NBA

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant drives to the basket past Washington center Brendan Haywood in a 103-91 Los Angeles win Sunday.
Kelvin Sampson switches to zone defense in second half to impede Wildcats; Tar Heels take down FSU in overtime

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana switched its defense just in time to cool Northwestern's shooters.

Eric Gordon scored 29 points, D.J. White added 26 points and 13 rebounds, and the 11th-ranked Hoosiers used a zone defense much of the second half to beat the Wildcats 75-63 Sunday.

"It was hard to get them out of their offense," Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Those kids are good players. At least in the zone, we could dictate where their shots were coming from."

Once the Hoosiers went to the zone, Northwestern went more than nine minutes without a field goal, and the Hoosiers pulled away to its 35th straight win at home against the Wildcats since 1968. The Hoosiers (18-3, 7-1 Big Ten) also snapped a two-game losing streak, but it wasn't easy.

"In the second half, we played with a lot of energy and effort on defense," Gordon said. "It's obvious what we have to do."

"Their cuts were fast. They were coming in all kinds of directions. Their offense was clicking in the beginning, so we just had to make an adjustment," Northwestern (7-12, 0-8) coach Chris Collins said.

The Wildcats, who shot 64 percent from the field, also had two blocks and a steal.

"Our game plan was to be aggressive on the offensive boards," said White, whose six offensive rebounds helped give Indiana an 18-3 advantage in second-chance points. "We wanted to attack and when the guards take shots get the offensive rebounds."

Northwestern cooled to 35 percent shooting in the second half and 48 percent for the game.

Gordon, who had 17 points in the first half, had eight points during a 14-2 run that broke the game open.

Indiana took a 6-5 lead after a 3-pointer by Gordon, but the Big Ten's leading scorer, Northwestern, losses its 14th straight Big Ten game over two minutes remaining.

"We missed a few, it gets contagious," Northwestern coach Bill Carmody said. "All night, neither team looked like they were stopping each other. ...

"If we're going to play with this team — and we did for 30-some minutes — you can't have missed opportunities."

Hoosier star freshman Gordon scores 29 in win

Hoosier star Eric Gordon shoots over Northwestern guard Sterling Williams in a 75-63 Indiana win Sunday.

The Wildcats, who shot 64 percent for the game and 48 percent in the second half before the Hoosiers began pulling away for good.

"When a team like Northwestern gets comfortable on offense, you just have to get them out of their comfort zone," Sampson said.

Tar Heels 84, Seminoles 73

Florida State had a miracle shot that had Tyler Hansbrough thinking of the famous "Miracle on the Ice" in the Frozen Four.

But a basket by Moore and a 3-point shot by Florida State's Ryan Reid with 6.1 seconds left that sent the game into overtime.

"When you have a game like this and you're winning, you're really happy," Reid said.

When North Carolina (21-1, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) and Florida State (13-10, 2-6) met Sunday, Reid had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

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"Our goal was to make it close," said North Carolina's Danny Green, whose three-point play with 2:33 left in the overtime ignited the 10-2 run that doomed the Seminoles (13-10, 2-6).

The shot that tied the game was the first 3-point attempt of Reid's career and the 6-foot-9 sophomore drained it from deep in the corner with aplomb.

"I saw that I really couldn't pass the ball to anyone so I shot the 3," said Reid, who admitted he more-or-less wished the ball into the basket.

"In my head: Just get in there," Reid said. "It got in!"

And when North Carolina couldn't even get a shot off in the final seconds of regulation, the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucous crowd already rearing about Reid's unexpected heroics.

"You can't do anything about that," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "When things aren't pretty you can still find a way to win."

And by then, Florida State's big men were all in foul trouble from trying to contain the 6-9 Hansbrough inside.

"In the second half he just kept fighting his way through," Florida State's Uche Echefu said. "He just keeps going, no matter what."

Echefu, Reid and freshman Julian Vaughn — who took turns guarding Hansbrough — all fouled out in the overtime.

"He's such a relentless player that he finds a way," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said. "North Carolina point guard Ty Lawson, who is averaging 14.1 points and 6.0 assists, sprained his left ankle in 4 minutes into the game after colliding with the 240-pound Reid underneath the North Carolina basket.

"Some guys had to step up and play well," Hansbrough said. "We knew it was going to be tough without Ty."

Green scored 19 points and Deon Thompson had 11 for North Carolina, which overcame 21 turnovers, the loss of Lawson and a mediocre 42.6 percent shooting effort.

"I think Florida State is a very good team, they have great guards, they have a great frontcourt," Hansbrough said.

"But we came closer than they would have liked," Hansbrough said.
NFL HALL OF FAME

Pair of Redskins teammates inducted together

Long-time friends Art Monk and Darrell Green celebrate honor in same induction class; Tagliabue denied for second time

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Like the two old friends they are, Darrell Green and Art Monk chatted about the latest news in their lives: making the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Never mind that thousands of people were listening to the conference call after Saturday’s announcement.

This was simply two former Washington Redskins sharing verbal hugs after receiving the sport’s highest honor.

"May I just say to you when I first came to Washington, you had just won the Super Bowl, you guys worked me over for nine weeks and I hated all of you," Green told Monk, drawing laughter.

"I appreciate your words," Monk said.

The two joining Green and Monk included New England linebacker Andre Tippett, San Diego/San Francisco defensive end Fred Dean, Minnesota/Denver tackle Gary Zimmerman and senior committee choice, Kansas City linebacker Emmitt Thomas.

Monk finally was chosen in his eighth year of eligibility. He concluded his career after the 1995 season with Philadelphia, but spent 13 years with the Redskins as one of the NFL’s premier receivers. Monk held records for most consecutive games with a reception (164) and career catches (820). Both have been surpassed, but Monk didn’t play in as wide-open an era on offense as many other receivers. He was one of the most consistent possession and third-down receivers in the league throughout his 14 pro seasons.

"Whether I deserved to play in the NFL or deserve even to be in Hall of Fame, I just loved the game, loved to play, loved being out there," Monk said.

Green, one of the NFL’s speediest skilled cornerbacks for two decades, spent his entire career (1983-2002) with the Redskins. He holds the record for consecutive seasons with an interception (19), and had 54 picks for 621 yards and six TDs. A member of the 1990s All-Decade team, Green made seven Pro Bowls. 

"This is incredible. This is so special," Green said when informed of the vote. "This is out of this world. This literally transends football, everything I have gone through to do what I was able to do. It was more than the ability to run and cover. It just goes so far beyond that."

Darrell Green
Hall of Fame inductee

Former Patriots linebacker Andre Tippett poses for pictures after being inducted into the Hall of Fame Saturday.

Bob Kuechenberg, Vikings guard Randall McDaniel, and Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas.

Senior committee nominee Marshall Goldberg was not elected, either.

Tippett, who is in town as the Patriots’ director of community affairs, was considered the best linebacker in the AFC during an era when Lawrence Taylor ruled the other conference. An outstanding pass rusher who also could handle coverage, Tippett was a force against the run after a stint in junior college and a standout career at Iowa.

"This is by far the proudest moment of my professional football career," said Tippett, who made the NFL’s 1980s All-Decade team and waited 10 years for this day. "I will be joining the greats of the game and I am deeply honored.

Although he weighed only 220, Dean was a fearsome pass rusher because of his speed and agility; blockers struggled to get their hands on him. He starred with the Chargers from 1975-81, then with the 49ers from 1981-85.

"All I can say is thank you. I am trying to get my heart in order, it’s still racing," Dean said.

Zimmerman was a standout for the Vikings from 1986-92 and the Broncos from 1993-97, winning a Super Bowl in his final season. He made his reputation in the USFL before joining Minnesota.

"I am in shock right now," Zimmerman said.

Thomas, who also was Green’s position coach for years in Washington, was a superb bump-and-run and coverage cornerback for the Chiefs from 1966-78. He was the interim coach of the Falcons at the end of the 2007 season and has been retained as an assistant by new coach Mike Smith.

Thomas was thrilled with the company he is keeping, most specifically Green and Monk.

"Those guys have high character. I’m proud to go in with them."
Belles break losing streak

Kessler, Rashid have 14 pts, 6 boards each

By GRIFFIN DASSATI
Sports Writer

Entering their game against Adrian after losing consecutive conference games to Calvin, Hope and Olivet, the Belles (9-10, 5-6 MIAC) needed a win. Thanks to a solid performance, they did.

Kammrath said, "We were able to catalyze our turnovers. We stopped making little mistakes, too, and we finally hit the shots we weren't making in the first half.

Kammrath was right to credit the defense, which forced four turnovers during the game.

After going down 14, the Bulldogs were unable to get within eight for the remainder of the game. Rashid and senior guard Kammrath led the Belles with season-high five sacks each, and for 356 yards and two touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady broke the league mark for points scored and total touchdowns, while Brady break...
**Men’s Tennis**

Irish lose doubles point but fight back for win

Freshmen contributions key against No. 15 Duke

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame overcame a rocky start to improve its dual-meet record to 5-1 Sunday with a 4-3 win over No. 15 Duke in Durham, N.C. The Irish gave the Blue Devils their second loss of the season.

The Irish got into a hole early by dropping the doubles point. The Blue Devils No. 1 doubles team of David Gauthier and Christopher Price defeated seniors Sheeva Parhizi and junior Brett Helgeson 9-7.

"Neither of those guys likes to take charge on court," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said of Parhizi and Helgeson. "This hurt them tonight, and sometimes a relationship on and off court can go sour."

Reid Carllton and Kirill Dimitrov defeated Irish freshman Stephen Ilavens and senior Andrew Roth 9-7 (7-2).

"Both really took control of points on court," Bayliss said. "He lets you know that he is in charge, and that's definitely been beneficial with him playing with Ilavens."

Junior Santiago Montoya and freshman Tyler Davis earned the Irish their only doubles win of the day. Montoya and Davis, the No. 3 doubles team, defeated Dylan Arasold and Alex Stone 8-5.

Bayliss said the doubles performance was uncharacteristic of his team.

"Irish doubles teams have played well lately," Bayliss said. "We had a rough day today."

The Irish picked up the pace of the match in singles. Freshman Daniel Stahl earned the first singles win for the Irish, 6-2, 6-4.

"Stahl is trying to stay in the middle of the court as much as possible," Bayliss said. "The freshmen have really stepped up and made their presence known. There are six of them, so they are going to make quite an impact."

Ilavens earned his first win of the day by beating Arnold 6-4, 6-4. The win tied the score at two.

Parhizi earned his win at No. 2 singles by beating Dimitrov 7-5, 6-4.

"Parhizi has been a great asset for us the last four years," Bayliss said. "He will probably go pro after this season, and then possibly go to medical school."

Freshman David Anderson earned the decisive win for the Irish. Anderson defeated Jared Rinsky in three sets by scores of 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

This is the second straight win for the Irish over the Blue Devils, in the matchup last year, Notre Dame toppled Duke 6-1. The Irish improved their record against the Blue Devils to 6-15, and Bayliss' record is 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

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**SCMC Swimming**

**Belles drop fourth straight**

By PETE REISENAUER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s came close, but couldn’t stop the bleeding. Its losing streak stretched to four meets when it fell to Kalamazoo 149-145 Friday night.

The Belles fell for the third straight time to Kalamazoo that now owns a team that now has a three-year record in MIAA meets.

"The meet was close, and if anything, we were the ones that had gone the other way," Dombkowski said. "Belles could have pulled it out."

Belles coach Ryan Dombkowski praised his team’s effort, despite the loss.

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**NCAA Women’s Basketball**

No. 2 Lady Vols oust Kentucky

Candace Parker notches 20 points, seventh career dunk in win

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Candace Parker didn’t consider taking it easy against Kentucky.

"I understand that they’re a really good team," Parker said before Saturday’s game. "But we are not the team that is going to go easy on them." Parker had 17 points and 11 rebounds in the Lady Vols’ 71-51 victory over Kentucky.

"Coach (Pat) Summitt wanted to make sure the Lady Vols take it to the hoop. Instead, the All-American went above the rim.

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Shannon Byrd, who scored 14 points for the Lady Vols, said Parker and Alexis Horneback go. They have to be ready to go the opening to the last possession. We saw that happen when they do that.

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McGraw said she was "thrilled" with her defense's performance. This came less than two weeks after saying the worst defensive team in the conference. McGraw said the Irish defense's performance. McGraw said the Irish defense's performance was "certainly not what we thought it would be," McGraw said.

"We thought bringing her back in for the last three minutes of the half really helped turn things around," McGraw said. She compared it to the beginning of Notre Dame's game against Providence on Jan. 30. Notre Dame scored only two points in the first five minutes of that game, but pulled out an 85-54 win.

"Just didn't have any energy and weren't able to get anything going. We only had a couple steals, we hadn't any transition points, we weren't rebounding," McGraw said. "We played okay defensively holding them to 26, but we couldn't get anything going offensively and that really changed in the second half."

One reason for the team's sluggishness was that its flight out of South Bend was delayed for three hours on Friday, meaning it missed its usual shoot-around. The Irish got into some foul trouble early — Peters committed her first two infractions in the first 7 minutes of the half, but she was a little disappointed she was a little disappointed.

On the other bench, Cincinnati played with a limited roster due to injury and had to stick with players in foul trouble for most of the game. Guard Kahla Roudabush finished with four personals and guard Stephanea Stevens fouled out with 1:27 to play. Cincinnati's Bearcat starters still played most of the game, McGraw said, she did not notice that they were in any foul trouble.

Notre Dame finished with four players in double figure for the 13th time this season. Guard Charrel Allen led the Irish with 16 points, followed by Peters with 12 and guards Tulyah Gaines and Ashley Barlow with 11 apiece.

**Irish guard Lindsay Schrader drives the lane during Notre Dame's 61-64 loss to Cincinnati on Jan. 27.**

**Irish Women's Track**

**Irish sweep top 4 mile spots at Indy invite**

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**By ANDY ZICCARELLI Sports Writer**

Building on last week's success at the Notre Dame Invitational, the Irish set themselves apart again this weekend at the Indiana Invitational. The foursome of Marissa Treece, Amy Kohlmier, Lindsay Ferguson and Becca Bauman rolled over the competition, finishing with the top four spots in the mile run.

The most consisted of 20 other teams, including No. 22 Indiana and Big East rivals Marquette and Cincinnati. Despite the stiff competition, the mile runners were able to come home with the top times. Treece captured first with a time of 5:04.00, while Kohlmier was right on her heels with a time of 5:04.96. Ferguson finished in 5:07.67 and Bauman posted a time of 5:08.94. Irish coach Tim Connelly expected more future success from the group.

**North Dame 4x800 relay team also takes first**

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**By ANDY ZICCARELLI Sports Writer**

"We still have a very long way to go to be at full strength and be close to our full potential," Connelly said. The 4 by 800-meter relay team looked in top form, however. The squad, consisting of Treece, Kelly Langhans, Molly Sullivan and Natalie Johnson, blew by the rest of the field, posting a time of 9:04.97. The mark was good for first place, with the next closest team finishing four seconds behind.

Notre Dame also found success in the field. Anna Weber continued her strong season, besting her season highs in both weight throw and shot put. Her mark of 63-7 1/2 in the weight throw was good for third place, and her shot put of 47-1 1/4 was good for fifth place.

Notre Dame will return home next weekend for the Meyo Invitational, which will take place Friday at the Loftus Sports Center.

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**Atkins finished with seven top-10 finishes**

The team's next event is the Meyo Invitational, hosted at the Loftus Center. Events begin at 5 p.m. Friday and at 8 a.m. Saturday.

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more finished with 10 offensive boards, and the Irish finished with 30 second-chance points to DePaul's 10. Tory Jackson stole the ball on the next Blue Demons possession and pushed it up court to Ayers for a thunderous dunk. The home crowd went wild and Notre Dame never looked back.

The Irish held off every subsequent Blue Demons run and made their crunch-time free throws to put their conference rivals away. Notre Dame finished with a 17-1 edge in foul shots made.

After beating Providence Al-74 Thursday night in overtime, the Irish trailed for much of the first half against DePaul. But their legs were fresh enough to build a 46-36 halftime lead.

"Today our energy was back," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "Thursday night, we invested a lot physically and emotionally."

With DePaul leading 21-19, Ayers nailed a baseline jumper with 6:24 left in the first half. Blue Demons center Wesley Green then turned the ball over and Jackson found Irish guard Jonathan Peoples for a transition layup. Overall, the Irish converted 11 fast-break points to just two for DePaul.

After the basket by Peoples, the Irish led for the remainder of the game and improved their record to 10-4 overall and 6-2 in Big East play. The squad is alone in second place in the conference standings, trailing only Georgetown.

"I told our guys we're in great position but we're not even halfway through the league yet," Brey said. "But I'm proud of how we've handled ... this week."

Brey said his team hopes to crack the top 25 in the national rankings this week but is not overly concerned with the polls.

"I think we probably have earned that [rank]," he said. "But if we don't get it, nobody's losing any sleep here."

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was the best finish by a U.S. team in the tournament ever. Jackson said he was struck by memories of his time running the national team during the national anthem, even more strongly than when he first coached against Lake Superior State — the team with which he won three national championships.

"When I was in the NHL, walking around rinks and every team had graduates from that program, that makes me proud," he said. "So many kids have come from that program that have helped Notre Dame and helped a lot of college hockey programs. Those kids come in much more complete to play."

Sean Lorenz, Patrick Gaul and Kyle Palmieri — three U.S. national players — had the chance to play against their future team. Lorenz and Gaul will join the Irish as a defensemen and forward, respectively, next season, while Palmieri will enroll in the fall of 2009.

Lorenz said there was a little trash talk between himself and former national players, such as freshmen defensemen Ian Cole and Teddy Ruth.

"The guys are great on the ice, off the ice," Lorenz said of his future teammates. "You can't go wrong with that group of guys."

Gaul had family who went to Notre Dame and said the Irish coaching staff was the main reason he gave his verbal commitment to the Irish, a reason echoed by Lorenz as well.

"They're not an easy team to play against," Gaul said of the Irish. "I'm happy I'm going to be on the other side of that meeting next year."

Irish senior Evan Rankin scored the winning goal 2:24 into overtime when he beat U.S. goalie Joe Cannata from the bottom of the right circle.

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The Irish tied the game 1-1 three minutes later in the first when a wide shot took a large bounce off the boards back to the front of the U.S. net. Irish left wing Garrett Fogin picked up the carom and slid it into the net.

"I knew that by playing these guys it would be a high tempo game because they are extremely fast," Jackson said.

"And by playing a team like that, they're not overly physical to where it's going to put us in a position to get injured."
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): The day will move along faster than you think. Your priorities will be well met. You will be able to get a lot accomplished if you stick to what you normally do. 4 stars

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You will have to do something about a bonfire. It's not as long as you would like. 2 stars

Aries (March 21-April 19): Slow down and just enjoy the moment. Things have moved too fast. 3 stars

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You will not be able to get things done. 2 stars

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): You will have to work on your priorities. 4 stars

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will have to work hard to get things done. 3 stars

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have to work hard to get things done. 3 stars

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have to work on your priorities. 4 stars

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have to work hard to get things done. 3 stars

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have to work hard to get things done. 3 stars

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will have to work hard to get things done. 3 stars

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Monday, February 4, 2008

1. Kathleen Kinmont, 43;
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3. Blythe Danner, 65;
4. Fran Tarkenton, 68

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hot Hand Luke

Harangody scores 29 in win over DePaul

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame forward Luke Harangody scored 29 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to win his game-long battle against DePaul big man Mac Koshwal as the Irish defeated the Blue Demons 89-80 Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Koshwal's 18 points and nine rebounds were not enough as DePaul's second-half rally fell short and the Irish won their 33rd straight home game.

"It's a lot of fun," Harangody said. "When you're playing like this, it's just great to be on the court.

After DePaul cut Notre Dame's lead to 68-66 on a 3-point play by Blue Demons guard Cliff Clinkseales, the Irish responded with a 9-2 run. On Notre Dame's next possession, Irish guard Kyle McAulay, who finished with 17 points, took a pass from point guard Tory McCraw and drilled a 3-pointer.

After McAulay's trey, Irish forward Ryan Ayers nailed a baseline jumper and Harangody tipped in his own miss to give the Irish a 75-68 cushion. The sophomore

Second-half scoring surge leads Irish to win over Cinci

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Though Notre Dame played what Irish coach Muffet McGraw considered solid defense in the first half against Cincinnati, allowing just 26 points, she still felt she needed to switch defensive schemes. The result was a dominating performance.

The Irish outscored the Bearcats 47-15 in the second half — including a 21-0 run spanning 13:22 — and controlled the game at both ends of the court in a 73-41 win Saturday in Cincinnati. It was Notre Dame's ninth 30-point win of the season.

"We extended the defense. We played a little man-to-man full court, when (forward) Devereaux (Peters) came in," McGraw said. "And we tried to trap them in the back court a little bit more. We played a little more zone than we did in the first half; I thought that was more effective. I thought we rebounded better too, which I thought helped us."

The Irish forced 13 turnovers with the press in the second half after tallying only six takeaways in the opening period.

"In the second half we switched our press up to take away the sideline pass that they had been throwing in the second half,' McGraw said.

HOCKEY

Irish beat U-18 team in OT

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

It was a nostalgic game for one person and an introduction for another.

No. 8 Notre Dame defeated the U.S. National Under-18 team 2-1 in overtime Friday night in an exhibition game. It was the first time Irish coach Jeff Jackson coached against the program he forged a decade ago, and it was the first time three future Irish players laced up skates in the Joyce Center.

Jackson was the first coach of the National Development Program team, which he led in 1997 to a silver medal in the World Junior championships. It

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Molnar smokes field at Indiana Invitational

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

This weekend, a different Hungarian runner shined for the Irish.

At the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind., sophomore sprinter Balazs Molnar won the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.35 seconds, more than six tenths of a second faster than the rest of the field. While freshman Miklos Szefeny has been tearing up the competition of late, Molnar has flown under the radar this season.

Molnar also performed well at last week's Notre Dame Invitational, finishing in second with a time of 48.40 seconds.

Molnar, however, was not the only successful Irish runner at the Indiana Invitational. Senior John Cavanaugh took second place in his first 800-meter race of the season with a Big East qualifying time of 1:50.66.

Freshman Chandler Brooks ran a 22.54 in the 200-meter dash, good enough for a second-place finish. Freshman Tyrrell Atkins finished in fifth place in the event with