College Dems leader travels to Washington for historic day

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

WASHINGTON — When Sen. Barack Obama became President-elect Barack Obama on Nov. 4, Notre Dame senior Spencer Howard knew where he would be on Jan. 20. Throngs of people departed the National Mall Sunday afternoon after the pre-Inauguration Day “We Are One” concert, an event that featured the president-elect and Vice President-elect Joe Biden and their families, as well as several dozen big-name actors and performers. Howard, the co-president of the College Democrats of Notre Dame, was standing at the corner of 18th St. and E. following the concert.

Howard watched election night coverage on Nov. 4 from the Democratic headquarters in South Bend, and when the results came back in favor of Obama, he knew he had an aunt and an uncle in Loroton, Va. who would be willing to loan him a bed for a few nights in January.

Driving with a friend, Howard left Notre Dame Saturday at noon and arrived in Virginia at about midnight. As he drove east to the Washington D.C. region, he said he saw many cars with Obama stickers on their bumpers.

“Stopping at rest areas, people were talking about [the inauguration],” Howard said. He arrived in downtown Washington Sunday morning shortly before noon, and a few hours later squeezed into the crowd of people gathered on the National Mall to watch musical acts like Bruce Springsteen, U2, Beyonce and John Mellencamp and speakers like Tom Hanks and Jamie Foxx.

Like most Americans, Howard saw Obama for the first time when he delivered the keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. “I thought it would be eight years later because I was hoping [Sen. John] Kerry would win, but I told my mom while I was watching that I thought [Obama] would be the next president,” he said. “It was a little sooner than I expected.”

Howard went to work for Obama starting in the summer of 2008, and has been involved in campaign activities ever since.

ND ROTC teams take second

By LIZ LEFEBVRE
News Writer

The 23rd Annual Flyin’ Irish Basketball Invitational drew 51 ROTC teams from across the country to campus this weekend, and Notre Dame came just short of winning both the men’s and women’s titles.

The tournament, hosted by Notre Dame’s Air Force ROTC, lasted Friday night through Sunday afternoon at the JACC, where the Notre Dame women’s Air Force team and men’s Navy team earned second place in their...
Stream of consciousness

It's currently 12:45 a.m. on Monday morning. I've been in The Observer office since 2 p.m., minus the hour and a half I took for dinner at Saint Mary's. I'll probably be here for at least another hour and a half, then I'll get six hours of sleep and head to my internship at the South Bend Tribune for four hours. After that I'll head to class, do my homework and will be right back in this same seat at 7 p.m. tomorrow night to do this all over again — though hopefully without having to write the Inside Column.

Anyway, I hope laying out my schedule for you helps to explain why I cannot come up with a cohesive topic for the Inside Column. My ramblings thoughts that have been swimming in my head for the past 10 hours...

• LOST starts this week! Yay! It has been way too long since I've been able to observe over Sawyer, Kate, Jack and, yes, even Locke. Things to think about: Is Jin really dead? Will Jack convince everyone to go back to the island? What did Sawyer whisper to Kate before he jumped out of the helicopter?

• Last week’s episode of “The Office” was one of the best I’ve ever seen. After spending four hours watching the BBC’s version of the show with my family in Salzburg, Austria over Christmas break the BBC was the only channel in English ...

• When you count all the music videos on MTV — I was ready to get away from Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Why thinks kids these days don’t know what MLK did. I was scared to admit that aside from his “I Have a Dream” speech, I don’t really know much else about him.

• Apparently, I’m not too scared to write about Locke. I was ready to get away from Locke. She was sad because she turned right back in this

With the recent sub-zero temperatures and take effect snow falls many students are dealing with scraping ice and snow off their cars and digging them out of parking spaces before they can go anywhere.

IN BRIEF

A prayer service will be held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. today from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Main Building Rotunda. The service will be led by President, Rev. John Jenkins. A reception will follow.

Saint Mary’s Multicultural and Student Programs is sponsoring a Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative March today at 5 p.m. The event will begin in the Student Center Atrium and end in Haggar Plaza. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Mass will be held in honor of Blessed Basil Moreau on Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The service is open to the public.

Health and recreation will be having a Dance Kick-Off on Tuesday at 6-6:45 p.m. at RBSC AR 2. Registration can be done via RecRegister. The class is open to students, faculty and staff.

Campus Ministry is holding a panel discussion titled “Men in Black: Inspirations and Reflections” Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. The panel will be made up of priests talking about their lives and experiences in the priesthood.

Tim Robbins will be giving a lecture called “Theater as Art” at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Leighton Concert Hall in Dillartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased online or through the ticket office for $5.

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SMC book drive benefits area schools
College partners with Senator Lugar to help improve literacy in Indiana

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's Office of Social and Civil Engagement (OSCE) held a book drive last month in cooperation with a program that senator Richard Lugar began to help improve literacy in Indiana.

"Giving children the proper tools will put them on track for a better education," Lugar said in a press release. "Books provide a vital function. Reading with children is essential so that it may enhance their learning, challenge their imagination and open their eyes to new possibilities."

The book drive ran from Dec. 11 to Jan. 9 and Olivia Barydlo Critchlow, assistant director of OSCE and director of the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program helped bring the event to campus.

"A representative from Sen. Lugar's office was visiting Saint Mary's College to learn about the College Academy of Tutoring Program and told me about the senator's book drive," Critchlow said. "I thought it was a perfect event for Saint Mary's to participate in."

The event asked for gently used books that were geared toward infants through third grade students. Books were collected in the OSCE office on the second floor of the Student Center and other various places on campus.

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Richard Lugar
senator

"Each book that is collected will put us one step closer to achieving this goal and to helping the children of the South Bend community."

Olivia Barydlo Critchlow
assistant director of the Office of Civil and Social Engagement

The collected items will be delivered to Coquillard Primary Center, Lincoln Primary Center, and Warren Primary Center. The collected book will put us one step closer to achieving this goal and to helping the children of the South Bend community.

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Cold temperatures cause car problems

By CASEY KENNY

As the temperature in South Bend continues to rival that of the artic tundra, Notre Dame students know the necessity of weather layers of protection against cold weather gear to go outside. What they may not know, however, is that, while bundling up, they should also be taking protective measures to make sure their car is in working order.

"Students should check their car's battery regularly and keep their gas tank filled to reduce moisture in the fuel system and prevent freezing," said David Chapman, assistant director of NDSP. The freezing temperatures can cause a car battery to freeze while sitting on the car immo­bile, he said.

To avoid this deep freeze and dead battery, "students should start and run their cars every couple of days during cold weather and not let their cars sit for extended periods of time," Chapman said.

Should a student find that their car battery is dead, though, NDSP will assist them with a jump start, he said. The National Safety Council (NSC) Web site offers additional suggestions, he said, in preparation including that car owners "start with a checkup that includes the ignition, brakes, distributor, wiring, coolant, fuel plugs, antifreeze level and frame supports.

Many drivers often overlook the importance of the cooling system but, the coolant can freeze and damage an engine in low temperatures.\n
Suggestions from the NSC also include the advice for motorists to "have an ice scraper, snow brush, shovel and bag of salt or cat litter in the car," that they "Inspect the car's windshield fluid level, tire tread and pressure," and "check that the water, defroster and rear defogger are all working properly.

Drivers should also clear their cars of snow before driving to avoid a loss of visibility if it blows back onto the windshield or onto other drivers' windows. This would also be removed from the head­lights and break lights to ensure visibility for other motorists."

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SMC theater group attends festival

By ASHLEY CHARLNEY

While most students used the winter break to relax and prepare for the second semester, seven Saint Mary's students spent part of their time attending workshops, performances and competitions at the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) in Saginaw, Mich. Activities are held in areas such as play­writing, audi­tioning, voice, movement, stage combat, theater for children, scene painting and scenery construction.

"It was an absolute blast to be in a place surrounded by so many people who were as passionate— if not more so— about the same things I'm passionate about." Miranda Baxter senior

The festival helped students gain an understanding of what it is like to work in theater and allowed them to possibly bring back some ideas from other schools at the festival.

"Up on stage (ACTF), I felt more in control of what will be expected of me as an artist," said senior Jackie Cattie, another Saint Mary's student in attendance at the event.

"As people, we have questions inside of us and we are looking for answers," Emilian said. "We want to answer these questions in a way that is uplifting, and will help us in the way that is truly fulfilling to us."

The conference will host more than 20 speakers who will present on themes such as the intersection of faith and spirituality, violence against women, pornography, eating disorders, and sexual identity.

"As Notre Dame students, we are women investing a lot in ourselves and in our education, and it's a hard decision to make, whether we are going to get married and have kids, pursue a career, or do both," Caitlyn Podlaski president of the Identity Project said.

"We really want to support our women and let them know that this is possible, not just a choice," Podlaski said. "This is a dia­logue that needs to happen.

Among the speakers will be a psychologist who will discuss conse­quences of body image, identity and women's brains and how that affects women's decisions.

The conference will also feature a workshop for people with a Ph.D. in candidate in economics, students will discuss the history of re­searches with pornography and eating disorders and Bishop D'Arcy of the diocese of Fort Wayne.- South Bend will speak on the issue of domest­ic violence, and it's a hard decision to make, whether we are going to get married and have kids, pursue a career, or do both," Podlaski said."

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Former ex-grantee brings new bail hearing

Associated Press

IOWA CITY — The former chief executive director of a group that runs the nation's largest kosher meat­packing plant was granted a new bail hearing Thursday, she should remain jailed as he awaits a trial on charges stemming from a large immigration raid.

Chief U.S. District Court judge Linda Beade said in an order last week she will hear testimony and consider ten­den evidence at the new bail hearing Thursday for former Agriprocessors CEO Sholom Rubashkin.

He preliminarily faced 12 counts of bank fraud, harboring illegal immigrants, doc­ument fraud and identity theft. He and three other men were arrested on Jan. 10, 2008, the day before a grand jury indi­ment last Thursday that added charges of money laundering and violating orders from the U.S. agriculture secretary.

The plant was raid­ed May 12 by immigration offi­cials, leading to the arrests of 389 people.

Rubashkin has pleaded not guilty and is being held at the Dubuque County Jail. An earli­er request to be released was rejected over our concerns that he might flee to Israel. Prosecutors also have alleged Rubashkin tried to tamper with evidence after earlier sentencing, which would speak as part of a stated examining true beauty and the hook up culture, she said. Emilian said the conference also has the support of many different groups on campus as well as students who find common ground and want to discuss these issues.

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It was so liberating for me leaving the conference the first time," Podlaski said that feeling of being someone who I was and how I could be in a place surrounded by so many people who were as passionate— if not more so— about the same things I'm passionate about."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Palm oil demand threatens orangutans

The demand for palm oil threatens orangutans in Borneo and Sumatra. "We're losing the orangutans one by one," said David Harington, a conservationist from Borneo who has worked with orangutans for years. "We must act now to save these primates before it's too late." Harington is calling for an international ban on palm oil imports and increased conservation efforts.

Gaza
Israeli troops withdraw from Gaza
Hamas ceases fire, Israeli government declares an end to three-week war

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Israeli troops withdrew from Gaza following the end of a three-week war. The cease-fire was agreed upon by both sides after several days of intense fighting. Israeli forces retreated from Gaza, allowing Palestinians to resume normal life and rebuild their homes.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Featuring the voice of Oscar-winning actress Meryl Streep, a new Tom Hanks-produced public service announcement aims to educate the public about the importance of saving water.

"Water is life," said Streep in the PSA. "Conserving water is crucial for the health and well-being of all living beings. Let's do our part to save this precious resource for future generations."

The announcement was released in partnership with the United Nations and the World Wildlife Fund.

LOCAL NEWS
Swimmer rescues coach from pool

NEW YORK — A coach who was trapped in a pool was rescued by a lifeguard. "He was floating in the pool and looked like he was in distress," said the lifeguard. "I immediately went into action and was able to rescue him." The coach was later found to be unharmed.

The lifeguard was commended for his quick thinking and actions in the situation.

Plane's engines lost power simultaneously

NEW YORK — The flight recorders from the Airbus jet that crashed in Hudson River last year showed that both engines lost power simultaneously, investigators said Sunday.

Information from the flight recorders revealed that the aircraft was experiencing engine failure before the incident. It is believed that the loss of engine power was the cause of the crash.

The National Transportation Safety Board said that an afternoon briefing on the investigation was held.

One second later, she said, "the sound of thumps and a rapid decrease in engine sounds" could be heard.

"The captain makes a radio call to Air Traffic Control calling Mayday, and reports that they hit birds, lost both engines and were returning to LaGuardia," said the airport spokesperson.

Higgins said the accident on the cockpit voice recorder was consistent with interviews with the flight crew. She also praised the crew.

"Miracles happen because a lot of everyday things happen for years and years," she said. "These people knew what they were supposed to do and they did it — perhaps as a result, nobody lost their life."
**Technological Innovation to Block Cell Phones in Cars**

Inventors are working on a product that uses GPS system for tracking software

### Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Many parents would love to be able to give their teenagers a cell phone that couldn’t be used while driving. Now some inventors say they have come up with ways to make that possible, but they appear to be relying on wishful thinking.

One product to hit the market, a $10-a-month software by Dallas-based WQN Inc., can disable a cell phone while its owner is driving. It uses GPS technology, which can tell how fast a person is traveling. But it can’t know whether the person is driving — and therefore it can needlessly lock a phone. WQN, which sells cell phone and Internet security software under the name WebSafety, says it signed up about 25 customers for its first month of service.

Dr. Abilities, a Canadian software company, plans to release a similar Global Positioning System-based product next fall, known as DriveAssist T. Argos is in talks with big U.S. wireless phone carriers, which would have to support the software and charge families a fee of probably $10 to $20 a month, said David Toeter, the company’s vice president.

The DriveAssist T system will disable a phone at driving speeds and send a message to callers or users saying the person they are trying to reach is too busy driving. But because that person could be a non-driving passenger, the approach is a blunt tool.

Other product concepts that don’t involve GPS systems have their own flaws. As a result, parents face a quandary: Do they rely on technology and safety, or worry that their children won’t follow another way to stop their kids from calling or texting while driving? Parents are better off taking away a child’s cell phone if it is used improperly.

“More and more, we see any solution is, in large part, education and awareness, parents getting involved,” said Dr. Abilities, executive director of WiredSafety.org, which works to educate and help drivers use cell phone use in a bad combination, “but so is putting on makeup and eating a three-course meal,” Dr. Abilities said. “I wish technology providers would look hard at the problems before knocking up with a kneel-jerk solution.”

Concerns are mounting that driving while gabbing or texting has grown significantly dangerous. The National Safety Council said this month that being on a cell phone while driving, even if the signal is off, is now comparable with drinking and driving, and the risk of accident and death is about five times higher.

At least 18 states restrict cell phone use while driving — for some or all drivers, according to the insurance research institute. New York, which banned the practice last year, said it has already seen 600% increase in the number of drivers who are distracted by cell phones.

The question parents would have to ask themselves is whether they want to limit their children’s activities this fall or spend the few dollars it would take to buy a device that would allow parents to know where their child is or when they have taken away the phone.

Mark H. Fulghum said no further information on the parts or other aspects of the investiga­tion were released before Monday evening.

The second spectator struck and killed a 6-year-old girl was struck and killed by a Frisbee-sized ball. The Monster Jam show Friday night in the Tacoma Dome. Police gathered loose parts of the truck and the drive train, a special monster truck device that is supposed to hold the drive train onto the vehicle, said Bill Easterling, senior operations director for Feld Motor Sports of Aurora, Ill., told The Associated Press on Monday.

He said he could give no fur­ther details or description of the loose parts, including where they were found. “I’ve never seen the loop or the drive shaft come off like this,”

### Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — When it comes to homeownership, Hispanics in New Jersey, single parents in California and senior citizens in Rhode Island all have something in common: More than a third have an unaffordable mortgage.

Inequality in America has tra­ditionally followed familiar pat­terns of race, age and education. Those long-standing gaps have been magnified by the real estate boom and then the economic bust, according to an Associated Press analysis of 2007 Census Bureau data.

While minorities have made significant gains in homeownership since 1990, “there are things going on in reverse gears now and the homeowner­ship rate for blacks and Hispanics is falling,” said Edward Wolff, a New York University economist who studies income and wealth distribution.

Nearly 9.5 million households, or nearly 1 in 7, in the metro­politan areas earned the nearly 52 million homeowner­ships with a mortgage, spend 38 percent of their income on their mortgage pay­ment, property taxes and insur­ance, according to a report by the Pew Research Center.

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Corporate America sells Obama's message
As inauguration draws closer, companies manufacture Obama-themed goods

Associated Press
WASHINGTON -- The guys hawking Barack Obama T-shirts and trinkets on the corners of downtown Washington in some new groundswell of public excitement are selling T-shirts to build up to the president-elect's inauguration Tuesday -- Corporate America.

Companies ranging from global giants like soda and tobacco producers to local grocery chain offering cakes with Obama's face in icing are jumping on the Obama commercial wave. Others, like the San Francisco home store idea, are hoping consumers take Obama's mantra of "change" to heart so much that they go out and buy furniture to reflect the change in the White House.

It is relatively rare for corporations keen of altering consumers with any shill of politics to associate themselves with a political figure according to consulting experts. But at a time when many Americans have snapped their wallets shut during a grinding recession, the groundswell of popularity that Obama has generated with his upbeat campaign themes, along with the symbolism he brings as the first black president, is likely too good for many battered retailers to pass up.

"This occasion is more exciting than most presidential inaugurations," said Noel Hankin, senior vice president for multicultural relations for Hennessy, which is selling a limited edition bottle of cognac with the number "44" on it to mark Obama's election and in the line of presidents. "We think this is an appropriate way to celebrate and honor him.

Obama's campaign and election touched off a marketing blitz unparalleled by any previous candidates.

Street vendors in the nation's capital were selling Obama items next to the usual FBI hats and Washington T-shirts well before his election Nov. 4. But the marketing potential around him became clear the day after, when people eager to own keepsakes of the historic event bought out newspapers nationwide. Many papers plan to print extra copies Tuesday to capitalize again on the demand for all things Obama. The hometown Washington Post plans four separate editions that same afternoon.

"The marketing potential around him was really unprecedented," said Doug Shields, a former chief executive of Circuit City. "I feel particularly badly for the people who are employed or until recently were employed."}

Russia and Ukraine reach gas deal
MOSCOW -- Negotiations dragged into the early hours Sunday, but in the end the prime ministers of Russia and Ukraine announced a deal to settle the gas dispute that has threatened a potential gas shortfall in Europe for nearly two weeks.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said Ukraine will pay $29.50 per 1,000 cubic meters of gas, 8.5 percent less than the previous price, and will make a down payment of $78.5 million. Ukraine's counterpart, Yulia Tymoshenko, said Ukraine will pay $31.10 per 1,000 cubic meters of gas over seven months, and will make a down payment of $1.5 billion.

A second actor in the dispute, the Russian-owned gas company Naftogaz, said it was "content" with the deal announced between Putin and Tymoshenko.

Russia and Ukraine have been dispute-ridden since the Soviet collapse and are often at odds over the division of assets. But the two sides have been communicating more since Putin took office three years ago. The White House has been pushing for a resolution before the end of the year, and Putin personally called several fellow leaders to discuss the issue.

Ukraine's Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko said natural gas supplies would resume once the two countries' gas companies sign a contract. It was not clear how soon this would happen. But Russia's Gazprom and Ukraine's Naftogaz, both state controlled, were told to prepare the documents by Monday, she said.

Crew kidnapped near Nigerian coast
Associated Press
NIGERIA -- One person was killed when assailants kidnapped the crew of an oil-industry vessel in Nigeria's restive southern region on Sunday.

About 100 Nigerian citizens and five Americans were kidnapped earlier this week by unidentified gunmen, the maritime regulatory agency said.

The other hostages were later released after ransom was paid. A Nigerian government official said one of its "affiliates" launched the attack to press the message that the military could not protect the oil industry.

The militants are behind nearly three years of rising violence in the southern Niger Delta, where over 200 foreign workers have been kidnapped. The hostages are normally released after a ransom is paid.

The militants say their deep impov...
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tages of past presidents and other important figures from our nation's past and past political extravaganzas, with over 30 performances. "We Are One" paid tribute to past presidents, the military, members of the Civil Rights Movement and everyday folk with a c-h-r-s program that provided the president-elect a platform to speak to the public about his upcoming term in the White House.

Both the president-elect and Vice President-elect Joe Biden spoke during the concert. Obama's short speech near the close of the program offered the audience hopeful words about his presidency, as well as realistic expectations for a timeline for the solution of America's current problems.

"Only a handful of generations have been asked to confront challenges as serious as the ones we face right now."
Barack Obama
president-elect

"I won't pretend that meeting any one of these challenges will be easy. It will take more than a month or a year, and it will likely take many years." Barack Obama president-elect

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organizing Notre Dame volunteers and working out of a College Democrats office in South Bend. He galvanized volunteers into knocking on doors and making signs.

From the time Obama won the Democratic nomination until Election Day, Howard said he worked every day to help get him elected.

Howard said he was attracted to Obama's "forward-looking vision." "He seems to have a way of uniting people and getting people to work together," he said. "The other day he met with conservative journalists from D.C., and that's kind of an interesting thing because he's a democrat. But he's met with both sides on everything."

Steve Wonder's performance was popular among the crowd he was standing in, Howard said, but the highlight of the concert, for him, was Obama's speech to the crowd from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, the same spot where Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech in 1963.

"I think Dr. King would be really proud of our country," Howard said. "That's not to say that there is no work to be done. President Obama was saying there is still more work to do. It's a collective effort. It's not just one person." Obama delivered a short speech towards the end of the concert. On Tuesday, he will again speak, only next time in front of the Capitol building as president of the United States. "I expect big things for the inauguration, but it's the same kind of things he's been talking about for the last two years," Howard said. "Just making sure everybody understands what he wants to do and why he's doing it. If you want to have people follow you, you have to articulate why you are doing it." Howard has no tickets to the inauguration, but he plans to find a spot to watch the swearing-in and the speech among the millions expected to attend the ceremony.

Howard will make the 10-hour drive back to Notre Dame Wednesday morning. His "check engine" light came on during the ride to Washington, but he said the trip was worth it. And his work will not be done when Obama is sworn in on Tuesday. "It's just the beginning," he said.

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Supporters gather in front of the Washington Monument Sunday to attend “We Are One,” a concert with performers ranging from U2 and Beyoncé to Shakira and John Mellencamp. The concert kicked off the three-day celebration leading to President-elect Barack Obama’s Inauguration Tuesday. The viewing area around the Lincoln Memorial, where the concert took place, was closed off, but event staff set up jumbotrons near the Washington Monument and other places on the National Mall to broadcast the event. A family of Obama supporters show their pride while trying to stay warm in the cold weather by bundling up with blankets and winter coats; A street vendor sells inauguration and Obama-themed souvenirs near the National Mall; Concert-goers wait to catch a glimpse of Obama and vice-president elect Joe Biden, both of whom spoke at the event.
Oh, the days are getting longer. Because we passed the winter solstice, I mean. But they’re also getting shorter—or there are less of them. More specifically: less of them on Pennsylvania Avenue for our dear friend and leader of the free world, George W. Bush. As we sit at home and uncom­fortably watch the President hold press conferences intended to shape his legacy, we reflect ourselves upon his administration, his steadfastness, his idiosyncrasies and his contributions to our nation. Where would we be without his determination, his heroism, his fight against petty laws, his op­timistic stance on the state of the envi­ronment and his disregard for the non­senseal English rules of the English language. “So, here’s to you, George: a tribute to the last eight years. To your commitment about individuals. Who could have ever imagined a presi­dent so fond of the lives of people in America that he would authorize wire-tapping of their homes? To your financial legacy, and how thoroughly you have steered the government to mirror the financial situa­tions of everyday Americans; having your party feign concern about spending when it comes to pocket change, think that John McCain and the $300 million to study DNA of bears, while tri­umphantly ignoring any real compila­tion of debt. The National Debt climbed from less than $6 trillion (which it took to study DNA of bears), while the Kyoto protocol in 2005 might not have been popular, but it saved some of that pocket change instead of helping out people that aren’t making enough to contribute to your political campaigns. To your innovative stance on climate change, from withdrawing from the Kyoto protocol in 2001, to hacking top NASA scientists and other government­al agencies in their reports on increasing CO2 levels and the negative effects of climate change, to never attending a major environmental con­ference, despite substantial interna­tional pressure. To your dedication to energy inde­pendence, through allowing mountain­top removal mining strategies in the Appalachians that irreversibly destroy ecosystems and water supplies, allow­ing drilling in Alaska’s Anwar Province, or supporting legal­izing offshore drilling in places that have already been tested and shown to lack cost-effec­tive deposits.

To your refusal of the laws and Constitu­tion of this nation, made apparent through your frequent use of the signing statement (161), which no longer holds in 2008. As the Chief Executive, you were more important than each individual creature and you cer­tainly showed them they can’t tell you what to do!

To your second-in-line executive, and his creativity in his approach to fulfilling his office. We’ll miss Dick and his innovation that worked outside of the trivial constraints of the Constitution—who’d have thought to strengthen checks and balances by simply creating a new branch of government? Genius! We’ll see if Joe Biden is able to step into Vice President Cheney’s large, muddy foot­prints. And most of all, to your consistently entertaining press conferences and speeches, be it your belief that human beings and fish can coexist peacefully, your boldness to ask whether our children are learning or your misinterpreta­tion of the meaning of the word "accomplished." Mr. President, history will certainly not misinterpret your legacy.

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Catholic identity

Three decades ago, in 1978, Notre Dame proclaimed itself a "Research University." Notre Dame's mission had been the provision of affordable education, in an academic context, to undergrads, with research and graduate education in an important, complementing role. The major universities went heavily into the research business in the 1970s. Income limits were raised by Congress on eligibility for federally supported loans. As limits were repeatedly raised, the universities repeatedly raised tuition to finance their research programs and buildings. The federal programs were a Big Rock in an important completion in an important, complementary research fixation, however, has unintended consequences. One is the elevation of tuition and student debt. Another is the "building binge" which has irrevocably transformed the formerly pastoral Notre Dame into a crowded, urban-style campus. One wonders where there will put its inevitably parking garage and which lucky donor will get to put his or her name on it. Another result is a diminished emphasis on undergrad teaching. As one tenured liberal arts professor put it, "You do not really need to have any impact on the undergraduates" to get promoted. "You just need [to have written] a book."

One overlapped result is the decrease of Catholic faculty in the 1970s to less than 80 percent of the Notre Dame faculty identified themselves as Catholic. In 1986 it was 64 percent. Now it is 53 percent and going south.

17 years ago, Dr. David L. Wutz, then a Notre Dame Ph.D. candidate and now professor of philosophy at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi, identified the "real danger" to Notre Dame's Catholic identity as those "who believe that Notre Dame can strive for ever-higher standards of academic excellence and never be the same institution ... by which ... secular universities ... are judged to be excellent — without forfeiting [its] Catholic character." First Things, January 1992. "Elite universities," Dr. Lutz later wrote, "are ranked by ... the research they produce. One ... problem with emphasizing research is that teaching is de-emphasized but a far more important, though less noted, danger is that emphasizing research causes Catholicism to be de-emphasized. This is true, not because there is any problem with doing excellent Catholic research, but because it is more difficult to publish such research in prestigious journals and with elite university presses than to publish the kind of scholarly output that is currently valued in secular universities." Observer, Feb. 17, 1993.

Notre Dame benefits greatly from the presence of faculty who are not Catholic. The Administration, in accord with Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities, is trying to increase the Catholic faculty. One obstacle is the insistence, as the Ad Hoc Committee put it, that those efforts "cannot be allowed to compromise the University's academic quality."
The false dichotomy between faith and academic quality distorts reason as well as faith. It ensures the obfuscation of the Catholic character of the University.

In "The Decline and Fall of the Christian College," in First Things in 1991, Pr. James T. Burchaell, C.S.C., said the Christian college "must have a predominate of committed ... communitarians of its mother church. This must be regarded, not as an alien consideration, but as a professional qualification... [A]cademic qualifications can be ... traded off ... but when one of them is systematically substituted it will sharply disappear from the institution."

Commitment to the Catholic faith is not a non-rational preference irrelevant to suitability for the academic life Catholicity. John Paul II affirmed the "unity between the knowledge of reason and the knowledge of faith... [that] the world and... history cannot be understood in depth without professing faith in the God who is at work in them." Fides et Ratio, no. 16. He described the "knowledge which is peculiar to faith" as "surpassing the knowledge proper to human reason."

In his 2005 Address at Notre Dame, Archbishop J. Michael Miller, of the Congregation for Catholic Education, addressed the relation between faith and research. He quoted John Paul II: "In carrying out its research, a Catholic university can rely on a superior enlightenment which, without changing the nature of this research, purifies it, orients it, enriches it and uplifts it... This light is not found 'outside' rational research, as a limitation or an impediment, but rather 'above' it, as its elevation and an expansion of its horizons." Address, April 25, 1989. As Miller noted, "the Catholic tradition has unerringly held that the more we probe the mystery of God with the help of faith, the more we understand reality... The gift of faith empowers the intellect to act according to its deepest nature."

Our leaders ought not to subordinate Catholic faith as a professional qualification for the academic life of Notre Dame. The President has authority to appoint faculty. He could solve the "real danger" to Notre Dame's Catholic identity by executive veto of appointments. It is a question of will.

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8. The Last Shadow Puppets: The Age of the Understatement

The side project of Arctic Monkeys frontman Alex Turner, along with Miles Kane of the iIsacals, treads no new ground, but is a loving nod to classic Britrock.

With an orchestra backing them, the duo make sweeping gestures about girls and, well, that’s about it. Singular lyrical focus aside, the music sounds epic, like the score to an old spy movie.

7. These New Puritans: Beat Pyramid

The British group incorporate electronics and hip-hop beats into their second full-length album, the group succeed by repeating that punk music should and can be.


Commercial for their album that insists on being both pop and provocative.

Songs like “Elvis” and “MK3” are catchy while being unlike anything else released in 2008.

5. F*cked Up: The Chemistry of Common Life

This Toronto band’s name is the least provocative thing about them. Instead, their extremely forward-thinking brand of punk rock is their most compelling feature.

Incorporating atmospherics, extensive overdubs and intricate song structures into their second full-length album, the group succeed by repeating that punk music should and can be.

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3. Vampires Weekend: Vampire Weekend

Vampire Weekend could easily have been crushed by the weight of expectation for their debut. Instead, they turned out a pop album that never fails to have hooks, while displaying influences ranging from classical to Afro-pop, while maintaining the exuberance and optimism of the record, where the lyrics seem to turn away cynicism in all its forms. A light record that is neither forgettable nor ignorable.

1. The Gaslight Anthem: The 59 Sound

In a year with so much genre experimentation, why is a straightforward rock and roll album the year’s best? Because no one else makes rock music this good. Passionate as can be, the New Jersey group can sing about all the old clichés — cars, old movies, Tom Petty — without seeming contrived for a second. The “59 Sound” is a record that feels instantly worn-in. It would have sounded just as great 20 years ago, and it’s hard to imagine it won’t sound fantastic 20 years from now.

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The Police: Certifiable: Live in Buenos Aires

One more record of their world tour is all-out perfection. Their songs are still magnificent, but third time’s the charm for these artists — Stilts and ripen has afforded a whole new experience. Sting is always at his best when with Andy Summers and Martin Gordon.

Listening to these three musicians, who each have gowns and done different things for the last three decades, finally come back together to revisit the music that launched them to life is affirming.

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Let the learned listeners at WWFI guide you through their choices for the top releases of 2008. Listeners can check out the station at AM 640. Vampire Weekend: Vampire Weekend
Vampire Weekend came out of nowhere to release this glorious album about roofs, college, grammar, and Cape Cod. Recent Columbia grads, these guys make undeniably fun, catchy music. A mix of Afro-pop, chamber pop and new wave, Vampire Weekend have constructed an album with a definitive sound all their own.

Flying Lotus: Los Angeles
Flying Lotus takes the glitzy, superficial ethos of Los Angeles and somehow makes instrumental hip-hop music. Fractured, but somehow smooth, gritty, while still maintaining a slick feel. The songs show an obvious talent for both production and songwriting — experimental enough for head-phone listening, while still remaining in the realm of hip hop.

Fleet Foxes: Fleet Foxes
Fleet Foxes prove that while genres come and go, classic folk will never go out of style. This debut album is filled with beautiful instrumentation and harmonies. The band roars and somehow makes instrumental hip-hop music. Fractal, but somehow smooth, gritty, while still maintaining a slick feel. The songs show an obvious talent for both production and songwriting — experimental enough for head-phone listening, while still remaining in the realm of hip hop.

Indie hipsters Fleet Foxes took the music scene by storm in 2008 with their self-titled debut album.

**Ranking the Year’s Top Rock Releases**

JAMES DuBRAY

A few opening remarks. First, this is only a ranking of rock albums. Thus, for example, Lil Wayne’s very good rap out-put is not being considered.

Second, only studio LPs are eligible. Thus, Colin Meloy’s solo live solo album and the next installment in Dylan’s Bootleg Series are not considered. Third, only records originally released in 2008 are being consid-ered. Justin Vernon’s solo album under the moniker Bon Iver and Radiohead’s free giveaway are out.

1. **My Morning Jacket: Evil Urges**
Jared James’ love of funk and soul abounds through this complete album. Already acknowledged as one of the country’s best live acts, “Evil Urges” put My Morning Jacket in good company.

Who’s the best American rock band — Wilco or My Morning Jacket? It doesn’t matter; just be thankful we have both.

2. **Fleet Foxes: Fleet Foxes**
The debut from the heartland 20-year-old nouveau hippies is a stunning album. An album both towering and gorgeous, “Fleet Foxes” displays a wide knowledge of rock history. Never has appropriating from your parent’s stored-away boxes been so original and worth-while.

3. **MGMT: Oracular Spectacular**
“Shocked me like an electric eel. Turn me on with your electric feel.”

4. **Drive By Truckers: Brighter Than Creation’s Dark**
Nineteen songs, and yet you still want more when it ends.

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5. **The Hold Steady: Stay Positive**
Many like last year’s best album, “The Boxer,” this album gets better with every listen. Craig Finn’s lyrics are as disturbing as they are fun.

6. **Cat Power: Jukebox**
“Chin Marshall’s voice seems to getting more beautiful with age. Woeing through covers, the best song of the bunch is hers, “Song To Bobby.”

7. **Mike Doughty: Golden Delicious**
The former head of Soul Coughing delivers a listenable album of fun pop rock. While the lyrics can be lacking at times, the album’s melodies rival MGMT’s for the best of 2008. Maybe local bars will take notice and add a couple tunes to their rotation of overused past hits.

8. **Jakob Dylan: Seeing Things**
Making a sparse-acoustic album appeared to be a gigantic undertaking for this blue eyed father from California. Yet, Dylan quietly delivered one of the gems of the year. Perfect for Sunday mornings, Rich Rubin helped craft this record dealing with beauty and evil. Dylan shows that the space between the two may be much smaller than we think.

9. **Sun Kil Moon: April**
Another great album from Mark Kozelek. What else is new?

10. **Blitzen Trapper: Furr**
Gambling, “Viva La Vida.”

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Northwestern shocks No. 18 Minnesota in Evanston

No. 16 Arizona state defeats No. 9 UCLA in overtime; No. 23 Villanova crushes St. John's a week off

Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill. — Craig Moore slammed the ball in front of his face as a teammate had headed out the court, his frustration boiling over.

By the end, he was all smiles.

Moore hit six 3-pointers and finished with 22 points to lead Northwestern over No. 18 Minnesota 65-54 Sunday for first win against a ranked opponent in nearly three years.

"We knew we were capable," Moore said. "We just had to fin­ ish." Long a Big Ten doormat, the Wildcats 0-1-4) have hinted that better days are coming. Well, this certainly was one.

The Wildcats had not beaten a Top 25 team since a three-point victory over then-No. 18 Iowa in 2006. They dropped 26 of 27 Big Ten regular-season games, including their first four this season after going 1-17 in the conference a year ago.

Yet, there they were, going 16-6 run in the first half to grab a 10-point lead and knocking off a Minnesota team that had rolled over the Gophers 88-72 on Saturday.

The Gophers (16-2, 4-2) simply stumbled — particularly in the second half. Northwestern was outrebounding Minnesota 39-29 and quickly took control of the game.

"We wanted to come back from because of their (Princeton) offense," Westbrook said. "They slow down the tempo and they use the game clock. If you get down big in the second and you're actually impossible to come back.

"They had already shown they could hang with the best teams in the conference before this game. They just had nothing to show for it. They failed to protect leads in losses to Penn State and then-No. 10 Michigan State, but the biggest loss came when No. 19 Purdue on Thursday, when they blew a 14-point lead.

This time, there were no collapses. Just plenty of smiles.

Arizona State 61, UCLA 58

The Sun Devils (15-3, 4-1) held the Bruins (16-5, 4-1) to a season-low four 3-pointers and Jeff Pendergraph added 18 to help Arizona State to its all-time high 14th conference victory.

"Coach was in our head saying if we were going to win, it was going to be a defensive end," Harden said. "Guys just locked in and came up with some big stops.

The biggest one came on a deflection of a shot by the Sun Devils after they had the game tied at 48 with two minutes left.

"I told Darren that we wanted to go all the way to the basket," Bruins coach Ben Howland said. "We didn't need to go for a 3-pointer, but we brought it up too slowly. Not getting a shot off, that's really bad.

"I thought it was an attention time out for us," Sendek said. "They needed to have so much respect for UCLA's defense.

"I'll give Villanova a lot of credit," coach Norm Roberts. "They did a great job pressuring us and getting us out of our offense. We let them get off to such a good start and that didn't help.

"The big run, the Red Storm still held a 59-43 edge over Villanova, its most fre­ quent opponent, in the all-time series.

Villanova started the game with a 19-3 run and led 44-27 at the break. Villanova hit on 17 of 23 shots in the first half while Steve Reddor committed a dozen turnovers leading to 19 Wildcat points.

"We think we played hard and competed most of the game," Wright said. "At times, we were trying not to be its usual crispness, committing 16 turnovers, but gave a great shooting performance, hitting on 30 of 51 shots (58.8 per­ cent), its top shooting percentage of the season. The Wildcats also had 18 assists in the game but missed seven of 18 free throws.

St. John's, on the other hand, was 17-44 (38.6 percent) and turned the ball over 19 times.

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Cole Hamels throws a pitch in the 2008 World Series on his way to the World Series MVP. On Monday, Hamels and the Phillies settled on a three year deal before the negotiations went to arbitration hearings.

Hamels agrees to $20.5 million

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Cole Hamels has about everything an ace pitcher could want after only three years in the major leagues.

The Phillies left-hander was the MVP of the World Series, he's earned a reputation as a big-game pitcher, he's been an All-Star and he's married to a former Playboy playmate.

Now, Hamels has a hefty three-year, $20.5 million contract to go with the championship he's still savouring.

While the Phillies paraded with a parade, Hamels planned a low-key celebration.

"I'm not going to Vegas any time soon," Hamels said on Sunday. "I could afford the trip and even a seat at the high-rollers table."

Hamels still has one goal ahead of him: He wants to show Philadelphia his history of injuries are really behind him.

"It's not something I've necessarily been blessed with over the past couple of years, but I think this is where I've finally I've been able to get over that hump," Hamels said. "Knowing I can go through a full season and what it's like on my body, physically and mentally, I think that challenge is over."

The deal avoids an arbitration hearing and keeps the 25-year-old Hamels in Philadelphia through the 2011 season. Hamels went 4-6 in the postseason with a 1.30 ERA as the Phillies claimed their first championship since 1980.

He was the only player to win both his regular season and playoff games and was the MVP of the World Series.

Hamels, who lives in Florida for the regular season, said he still gets goosebumps every time he watches the World Series highlights video and believes the roster is still good enough to contend for years.

"If I'm able to go out there and reap the rewards, I think it's just going to make it a really nice, sweet time for this baseball city," Hamels said.

He was plagued by injuries in his minor-league career and spent parts of the 2006 and 2007 seasons on the disabled list. This year, Hamels went 14-10 with two shutouts a 3.09 ERA during the regular season. He made 33 starts and pitched a career-high 227 1-3 innings, finishing with 196 strikeouts and 53 walks.

IN BRIEF

Cubs trade centerfielder Pie to Orioles for pitchers

BALTIMORE — The Chicago Cubs finally lost patience with former prized prospect Felix Pie, trading the outfielder to the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday for left-hander Garrett Olson and minor league pitcher Henry Williamson.

The 23-year-old Pie hit .241 in 43 games with the Cubs last season after batting .287 in 85 games with Triple-A Iowa. He was chosen the top player in Chicago's minor league system by Baseball America in 2007 and 2008, and appeared in the Major League Futures Games for the World Team from 2003 through 2005.

Pie has a .299 career batting average in 628 minor league games. He was signed by the Cubs as an undrafted free agent in 2001 and made his major league debut in April 2007.

Olson went 9-10 with a 6.65 ERA in 26 starts with Baltimore in 2008.

American Davis captures overall speedskating title

MOSCOW — Shani Davis of the United States set a track record to win the 1,000-meters and earn the overall title at the sprint speedskating world championships.

Wang Beixing of China won her first overall sprint title.

Davis won in 1 minute, 8.66 seconds, with Duffy Morrison of Canada in second and Yevgeny Lasakov of Russia in third. Defending champion and overnight leader Lee Kyou-kyuk of South Korea fell with 100 meters left.

The titles were decided by two 500-meter and two 1,000-meter races over the weekend.

"I know after yesterday, I had a lot of work to do," said Davis, who was fourth in the overall standings after two races Saturday. "But I stayed positive and every race I just approached it like it was my last race."

Koichiro Nagashima of Japan won the 500 in a track-record 34.91 seconds, while Davis was sixth.

Stoudemire leads Suns to first win in three games

TORONTO — Still seething from an overtime defeat in Denver and a narrow home loss to Minnesota, Phoenix Suns forward Amar'e Stoudemire poked Sunday's game and, with the Raptors charging in the fourth quarter, Stoudemire took over.

Stoudemire scored 31 points, Steve Nash had a season-high 18 assists and the Suns beat Toronto 117-113 on Sunday afternoon, their ninth consecutive victory over the struggling Raptors.

"After a tough loss to Minnesota, it felt like this was a win we definitely needed," Stoudemire said.

Jason Richardson added 17 points, Shaquille O'Neal and Matt Barnes each had 16 and Leandro Barbosa scored 14 for Phoenix.

Stoudemire scored 11 points in the fourth as the Suns won the opener of a six-game road trip.

around the dial

NCAA Men's Basketball
Syracuse at Pittsburgh 7:00 p.m., ESPN

NCAA Women's Basketball
Connecticut at North Carolina 7:00 p.m., ESPN
The Notre Dame family and the Congregation of Holy Cross join in an annual celebration of the feast day for Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., and his legacy, including joy in community, faith and hope in the Cross of Christ, and excellence in education of both the mind and the heart.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

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St. Mary Hall
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Lady Chapel
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Mass for the Feast of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C.
The Holy Cross community joins hands with the Notre Dame family in observing this feast.

Pilgrim: Rev. Dan Tipton, C.S.C.

Notre Dame University
5:15 p.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Men in Black: Inspirations and Reflections
A panel of Holy Cross priests offers casual recollections and conversation about their life and work—a chance to get to know Holy Cross better.

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Rev. Robert Dowd, C.S.C.
Rev. Bill Los, C.S.C.
Rev. Peter McCormick, C.S.C.

7:30 p.m.

Washington Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

The Blessed Basil Moreau Lecture:
Prof. John Cavallini
The chair of Notre Dame’s Department of Theology offers insights on daily life and Holy Cross spirituality in a lecture, “The Cross Our Only Hope: Two Views of Suffering in the Christian Tradition.”

Prof. Mary Ellen O’Connell of the Notre Dame Law School, an expert on Christian values in international affairs, will offer comments for discussion.

7:30 p.m.

Jordan Auditorium,
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Tough singles matches determine loss for Irish

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sport Writer

The Irish dropped their spring opener Friday against Pepperdine in a 4-3 decision that was decided by a trio of three-set singles matches.

The Irish were able to gain the doubles point when sophomore Stephen Havens and freshmen Casey Watt teamed up to defeat Stuart Kapler and Alex Lompart. Freshman Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Matt Johnson also teamed up to earn a doubles victory at No. 3, defeating Hugh Johnson and Bassam Beidas 8-4.

Sophomore Bobby Bayliss and freshmen Keplar and Alex Fitzgerald made up the mix to play a lot this year. Dr. Mario Livio

"Our freshmen are very talented this year."

Bayliss Irish Coach

In singles action Stephen Havens was the first Irish man to fall at No. 2 singles dropping his match against Alltmann who is ranked 51 in singles. Helgeson was the next singles match to finish. Helgeson is ranked No. 180 in the world and was pitted against No. 122 Beidas. In a tough three set match Helgeson fell to Beidas 1-6, 7-6, 6-2. Keeton was able to secure his first victory in an Irish uniform after losing the fall season with a broken wrist defeating Turner 7-6, 6-1 to knot the score at two a piece.

The biggest surprise from our pre-season two-a-day practice routine has been Sam Keeton," Bayliss said. "He missed the entire fall semester with a broken right wrist, but has quickly made up for lost time."

Watt was not able to pull out his third set singles match falling to Lompart by a final score of 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4). Sophomore Dan Stahl came away with a tough victory over No. 57 Mahmood kamel 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 (6-7). Stahl battled back from 2-4 deficit to push the third set to a tie break.

Davis’s match proved to be the deciding factor in the win for Pepperdine. Davis was matched up with Alejandro Moreno at No. 6 singles. After dropping the first set 6-4, Davis continued to battle and won the second set by the same score to push the match to a third. Davis was down 5-6 in the third set but again battled back to push it to a tie break in which he fell 7-5.

The Irish next travel to Virginia to take on No. 64 William and Mary, and then No. 5 Virginia the following weekend.

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Saxer breaks vault record

Team qualifies over 30 athletes for the Big East Championships

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sport Writer

Senior Mary Saxer broke her own Loftus Sports Center pole vault record from three years ago, as Notre Dame competed in the Indoor Opener on Friday.

Saxer’s vault of 4.06 meters just beat her previous mark of 4.05 meters, which she set as a freshman.

The team also qualified over thirty athletes for the Big East Championships.

Irish coach Joe Piane was pleased with his team’s performance in the meet and the early portion of the season in general.

“Quite a few men and women have qualified for the Big East Championships and we are in good shape for the remainder of the season,” Piane said.

Sophomore Abby Higgins and junior Molly Sullivan both qualified for the conference tournament in the 1,000-meter race. Nathalie Johnson also earned a spot in the post-season in the 400-meters and senior Alyssa Hasan won the 60-meter hurdles for the Irish.

Sophomore Kevin Labus won the 800-meter race with a time of 1:53.00 to lead the male qualifiers. He was joined by fellow sophomore Justin Schneider who qualified for both the 60-meter hurdles and the pole vault.

Andrew Kolbeck and brothers Kevin and Matt Schipper also qualified in the pole vault. Kevin, a freshman, earned din-
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to create a situation where it will work in the future," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

Jackson said that he was pleased with his team's comeback effort Saturday.

"That's the sign of a little bit of experience that the young guys aren't making mistakes," he said. "They also scored first on Friday night when Will Acton scored 10 minutes into the game. The Irish quickly bounced back with goals from senior Justin White, sophomore Calle Ridderwall and junior Christian Minella to secure a win. The last time Notre Dame trailed by more than a goal was Oct. 25 to Miami — the last game they lost.

After the Lakers' Steven Kaunisto and Chad Nehring scored early in the first period, the Irish began to mount a big-game streak in the regular season only to see them lose in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

"It's going to end at some point," he said.

Notre Dame will have its hands full in the weeks to come. After a one-week hiatus for the Shootout and Pearce was able to pull the Irish within one. After scoreless third and overtime periods, young guns Jackson said that he was on track for an Olympic team. His goal is to keep his team competitive. Freshman Curley Hurley, sister of junior All-American epee Kelley Hurley, finished first in class to earn her A2009 ranking, while Diane Zieglerski ended up in 3rd place.

Senior All-American Karol Kostka opened Saturday's play with a fifth place showing and an A2009 ranking in men's epee. Freshman Christopher Pinkowski finished 202nd. Sophomore Hamley Reese and freshman Radenka Sarkisova placed 17th and 24th in the women's Junior foil competition.

In the women's saber, freshman Armed Almeida and senior Ashley Serrette finished 61st and 91st. Competitions finished last Sunday night in men's junior foil, men's saber, and women's epee, while Monday hosts men's junior epee, women's full, and women's junior saber. The excellent start to Notre Dame's 2009 season has not gone to Bednarski's head, whose goal is to keep his team on track for an NCAA Championship.

"It's very hard for coaches to predict," Bednarski said. "I've been in this business for so long. There are so many factors we can't control, especially on such a young team. But anything can happen if we make it to the Bloody Four."

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Arizona earns first Super Bowl berth with defeat of Eagles

Cardinals blow 18-point halftime lead but come back strong in fourth quarter behind arm of quarterback Warner

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — That’s not a mirage rising out of the desert, folks. It’s the lowly Arizona Cardinals scoring to their first Super Bowl.

Yes, the Cardinals, founding members of the NFL, but historically among the most dysfunctional of franchises, finally have joined the big boys. Capitalizing on Larry Fitzgerald’s three first-half touchdown receptions, then coolly marching downfield to Kurt Warner’s 5-yard scoring pass to rookie Tim Hightower with 2:53 left, they beat the Philadelphia Eagles 32-25 Sunday for the NFC championship.

“That drive where we scored a touchdown at the end of the game and took seven minutes was really the difference,” Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt said.

Donovan McNabb was superb in leading Philadelphia’s second-half rally, but he missed from midfield four times in the final moments.

Arizona (12-7) will face the AFC champion in two weeks in Tampa for the NFL title. Baltimore played at Pittsburgh later in the day for the AFC crown.

The Cardinals, the first No. 4 seed to host a conference championship game, were supposed to be thunderstruck by their surroundings, they instead responded like playoff veterans. With playoff victories over Atlanta, Carolina and the Atlanta Falcons, the first team since the 1970 merger to make it this far, the Cardinals were in the first team to win nine games in the regular season to make the Super Bowl since the 1979 Rams lost to the Steelers.

For the favored Eagles, it was another disappointing end. Coach Andy Reid’s team reached the NFC title game five times in the last eight seasons, losing four. They lost to New England in their only Super Bowl appearance during that run.

“You never want anything to end, and you don’t see it end,” McNabb said. “To end this way, it’s tough, when you’re that close to making the Super Bowl.”

This one looked like a romp through the Valley of the Sun for the hosts until Philadelphia brought more pressure on Warner in the second half. The Cardinals gained only 8 yards in the third quarter, while McNabb hit Brent Celek for touchdowns of 6 and 31 yards.

And Fitzgerald has one more impressive return to professional football, an All-Pro wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, center, catches a touchdown pass Sunday in the first quarter of the Cardinals’ defeat of Philadelphia in the NFC title game.

Arizona wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, center, catches a touchdown pass Sunday in the first quarter of the Cardinals’ defeat of Philadelphia in the NFC title game.

AP Photo/

Cycling

Armstrong plays it safe in first race

Associated Press

ADELAIDE, Australia — Lance Armstrong made a cautious return to professional cycling racing Sunday, finishing 61st among 133 riders in a 30-mile criterium in downtown Adelaide.

More than 138,000 people watched Armstrong return from three years of retirement and begin a campaign to win his eighth Tour de France title.

He stayed well back in a tight field throughout Sunday’s race on a winding circuit around leafy Rymill Park, failing team instructions to avoid any chance of crashing.

Armstrong will compete in the six-day Tour Down Under, which starts Tuesday. The criterium does not count toward Tour overall standings.

“That was fun,” the 37-year-old Armstrong said. “It felt good. I’ve been training a lot for this comeback and this race. It’s good the first day is over and now I can get into the racing.”

Australia’s Robbie McEwen, a winner of 12 stages in the Tour de France — won the race for the Russian Team Katusha ahead of Willem Stroetinga of the Netherlands and fellow Australian Graeme Brown.

Armstrong was ushered to the front of the field for the start of the race with another Tour de France winner, Oscar Pereiro of Spain, defending Tour Down Under champion Andre Greipel of Germany and Australian Stuart O’Grady.

The seven-time Tour de France winner quickly settled in the middle of the peloton, avoiding any possibility of pile-ups on the tight corners of the 1-mile circuit.

“I think the last time I did that fast a race was back in probably 1996,” Armstrong said. “It’s fun to get back into it. I found it a bit safer and easier in the back.”

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With the chance to tie the game, Lindsay only made one of two foul shots. Two seconds later, St. John's guard Monique McLean fouled Becca Bruszewski for a game-tying three, but guard Lindsay Schrader continued from page 24

for a game-tying three, long-range sharpshooter Kelly Storm's lead over Notre Dame led 34-27 at the half. However, she found her stroke and space to use it. She finished with 17 points and four 3-pointers. "We left her alone," McGraw said. "She's a killer back," Press. "She's the reigning Big East player of the year."

"Coach told us to stay down and make him take tough shots," Onuaku said to the Associated Press. "He's such a great player that you have to make him think about it. You just try to put a hand in his face to discourage the shot." Irish guard Kyle McAlarney had 24 points, including seven 3-pointers, and almost led his team on a comeback from a 15-point second-half deficit. The senior sharpshooter drained a three with 4:05 left in the game to cut the Orange lead to 74-69. But that was as close as the Irish would get.

Syracuse forward Arinze Onuaku scored 19 points and, perhaps more importantly, held Irish forward Luke Harangody to 9-of-28 field goal shooting. Harangody finished with 25 points and 16 rebounds but said he was disappointed with his performance. "This one's on me," Harangody told the Associated Press. "I've reached the time in my career where I need to step up and knock down shots from the field if unacceptable. I can't lay a goose egg like that, especially on the road."

"This one's on me." Luke Harangody Irish junior

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"You fight so hard to get back in that position, and when you get to that point, it's hard to switch gears a little bit. We did a good job of trying to, but they just kept pushing on us, kept pushing on us and made some big shots down the stretch." The Orange closed the game by draining eight consecutive free throws as the Irish couldn't convert a free throw in the closing seconds and fouled the Irish in its own end to stop the clock.

Six Orange players scored in double figures whereas only Harangody, McAlarney and forward Ryan Ayers topped 10 points for Notre Dame.

Flynn hit a 3-pointer early in the first half to give Syracuse a 15-12 advantage and the Orange did not trail for the rest of the contest.

The Irish have now lost nine of their last 10 road games against ranked opponents. But they will return to the Joyce Center next Saturday to take on No. 4 Connecticut and lay their 45-game home win streak on the line.

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Horoscope

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MUSICIANS (April 1): You are ready to go out on your own and from your mistakes. A period of breaking ties and getting clear. You will grow from your experience.***

LITERARY FIGURES (April 3): You may be due for a major change in your life. The time to act now will help you.***

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**HOCKEY**

20 and counting

ND needs shootout to finish weekend sweep

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

No. 1 Notre Dame needed two comebacks and a shootout to do it, but the Irish stretched their unbeaten streak to an even 20 games this weekend against Lake Superior State.

After a 3-2 win Friday night, Notre Dame (19-3-3) found itself in a two-goal hole in the first period. The Irish came from behind twice to force overtime and eventually won 2-1 in a shootout.

"Our forward group seems to be more proactive and trying to eliminate ties from the game, just to try and help Notre Dame hang on in games," said Notre Dame's cold shooting...

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**MEN'S SWIMMING**

Irish continue skid by dropping two more over weekend

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame came into the weekend with its sights set on returning to the win column with dual meets against Northwestern and Oakland after falling at Louisville on Jan. 10.

However, after dropping both contests, the Irish are still looking for a win to stop their slide.

Despite the losses, the Irish still saw some positives from their performances.

"The Irish switched their strategy outside of Syracuse's Carrier Dome Saturday. The Irish 175-125 loss to Northwestern. Despite the loss, the Irish had a fair amount of quality individual performances. Junior John Lytle swept both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle races, duplicating a feat that he accomplished in Notre Dame's 2008 dual meet against the Wildcats.

The Irish were also dominant on the diving board, led by senior Michael Bulfin, who placed first in both the one-meter and three-meter events. The Irish claimed the top five spots from the one-meter platform. Rounding out the top five in order were sophomores Eric Lex and Wesley Villafor, junior Caleb Duncanich, and sophomore Nathan Geary. Notre Dame's other first place finish in the meet came from junior Andrew Deters, who won the 1,000-free.

The Irish had little rest after the loss to the Wildcats, as they flew west to Rochester, Mich. to face Oakland on Saturday afternoon. The Grizzlies narrowly edged out the Irish by a score of 161.5-150.0, but the Irish had a fair amount of quality individual performances.

Senior Avery Blasco led the Irish in the meet's 16 events. Lytle took first in the 50-yard freestyle,...