Eleven seminarians from Old College and Moreau Seminary took a trip this weekend to Mundelein Seminary, north of Chicago, to compete in the eighth annual basketball tournament between nine Midwest seminaries called the "Mundelein Seminary Shootout.

The team won three out of four games, and ended up winning the consolation bracket of the tournament.

S[positional and seminarian candidate Mike Palmer said the weekend is not just about basketball, but is also a chance to get to know other students from all majors, backgrounds.

"All the seminaries we play against are from the Midwest region... and it's really great to have meals and socials together with other seminarians," Palmer said. "It's great to have brotherhood with other seminarians and just fun to play some basketball. We are there to compete but to have fun as well."

The 11 seminarians along with their supporters left for the tournament Friday and competed Friday and Saturday.

Palmer said the team usually includes seminarians both from Old College and Moreau Seminary, but this weekend was a little rebel and government territory,

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**Yo-Yo Ma and the Fun List**

I checked Yo-Yo Ma off my list a week ago, but now I’ve got him put back on.

One of the many perks of witnessing the swearing-in of the 44th president last Tuesday was getting to see the world-renowned cellist play in a quartet.

The sounds of Ma’s cello, Perlman’s violin, Gabriela Montero’s piano and Anthony McGill’s clarinet float-ed from the U.S. Capitol building to my spot standing across the Reflecting Pool last Tuesday, The John Williams piece, “Air and Simple Gifts,” was the most beautiful com-position I had ever heard live.

Due to forecasts of cold weather on the day of the inauguration, the quartet had a list for a while:
- See Yo-Yo Ma perform. Live.
- Scuba dive
- Run a marathon.
- Complete a crossword puzzle. Without using the Internet.
- Do a triathlon.
- Write a book.
- Beat the Graduate School team at Late Night Olympics.
- Swim with dolphins.
- Call into Delilah’s radio show with a true story of love and loss and a song request.
- Be an extra in a movie.
- Hire the Great Wall of China.
- Live in a foreign country.
- Plant/maintain a garden.
- Watch the Irish take on the Huskies.

I heard only the recording. So Yo-Yo Ma goes back on my list, the inventory of fun things I want to do before I die.

Checking off Yo-Yo Ma would have been huge. He’s performing at a concert hall near my hometown in March, but tickets are already sold out. So I’ll probably be on the list for a while:
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**CORRECTIONS**

Due to a reporting error, the article titled "220 ND students attend premier" in the Jan. 23 edition of The Observer said the final paper was offered by Washington Archbishop Donald Wuerl. The paper was actually offered by Washington Auxiliary Bishop Barry C. Knestout. The Observer regrets this error.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE X-GAMES EVENT, AND WHY?**

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**OFFBEAT**

**Boy, 14, impersonates policeman on patrol**

CHICAGO — A 14-year-old aspiring police officer donned a uniform, walked into a Chicago police station and managed to get an assignment — patrolling in a squad car for five hours before he was detected, police said Sunday.

The boy did not have a gun, never issued any tickets and didn’t drive the squad car, Deputy Superintendent Daniel Dugan said.

Assistant Superintendent James Jackson said the ruse was discovered only after the boy’s patrol with an actual officer ended Saturday. Officers noticed his uniform lacked a star that is part of the regulation uniform.

Police said they were investigating how the deception went undetected for so long in what they described as a serious security breach.

**Woman arrested for overdose book**

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa — An Iowa woman has been arrested because she failed to return a library book.

Thirty-nine-year-old Shelly Koontz was arrested Thursday night on a fifth-degree theft charge. She is accused of keeping “The Freedom Writers Diary,” which she checked out from the public library in nearby Jesup in April. Police say the book — which is about a high school teacher’s effort to inspire students to write — is valued at $13.95.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**IN BRIEF**

The Most Reverend Archbishop Angelo Amato will give a lecture titled "Catholicism and Secularism in Contemporary Europe" today at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Winter Career and Internship Fair will be held Wednesday from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The event is free and open to students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross.

Student government and the OFF Campus Council are hosting an information session Wednesday on alcohol, partying, and the law from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in room 101 of DeBartolo Hall. The event is free.

The Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honorary Fraternity is sponsoring a blood drive Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in room 217 of Cushing Hall.

The film "Baghdad High" will be screened Friday at 9:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. This is a free but ticketed event. Call the Ticket Office at 574-621-2880 to reserve tickets.

RecSports and the Department of Athletics will host Late Night Olympics XXIII Saturday from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday. Events will be held in the Joyce Center (through Gate 3) and Rolfs Aquatic Center. Money raised will go to St. Joe County Special Olympics.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
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turnout by the student body was definitely the most surprising part for me. Students began filling into the Joyce arena from the Fieldhouse at 9 a.m., and the general public was admitted at 10 a.m. Numerous ESPN personalities commented on the size and enthusiasm of the Notre Dame student body. Students also said they could feel the excitement in the air.

“We have great school spirit, probably the best in the country, but maybe some people on the basketball side didn’t know that,” Frey said. “And I think myself and a lot of Notre Dame students took pride in the fact that we had so many people out there for the Saturday morning show.”

Junior Doug Hummon said Saturday’s festivities made the day feel more like a home football game than basketball game. “It was electric, really,” he said. “The atmosphere was great. I’ve never seen that kind of support outside of football.

When the show started at 11 a.m., hosts Rece Davis, Bob Knight, Jay Bilas, Hubert Davis and former Irish basketball coach Digger Phelps discussed college basketball news from around the country and previewed Saturday’s slate of games. The crowd cheered for Phelps and boosed the Duke graduate Bilas who earlier in the week said the Joyce was not an intimidating venue to play in as an opposing team. Phelps also played the part of cheerleader, revving up the crowd-starting several cheers.

“It was fun having Digger [Phelps] pumping everyone up,” Hummon said. “The student body also responded to the analyses’ on-air comments. When one of them suggested that North Carolina forward Tyler Hansbrough might be the toughest player in college basketball, the crowd responded with boos and a chant of ‘Hansbrough,’ in support of Notre Dame center Luke Harangody. Fans were also allowed to make signs to hold up behind the student section.

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year there were 10 players from Old College and only one from Moreau Seminary.

"...this year we had lost many of our older players to ordination or ministry, so every player except one on this year’s team was from Old College," he said.

The team’s only loss was its second game against St. Meinrad Seminary from St. Meinrad, Ind., which bumped the Moreau Seminary team to the consolation bracket.

Palmer said that having a young team this year made it more difficult to compete against older teams in the tournament.

"This year we knew it was going to be hard because our team was pretty much all undergraders, and a lot of the teams had graduate seminarians," Palmer said.

The Moreau Seminary Team defeated the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary from Peoria, Ill, in the final round, winning the consolation bracket.

Last year, the Moreau Seminary team placed fourth against the Seminary Shootout overall, Palmer said.

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Palmer said the seminarians practiced in preparation for the tournament in the months leading up to the competition.

"Usually we start practicing a couple months in advance ... we practice at Moreau Seminary gym," he said.

Palmer said the team’s starting lineup included junior Kevin Wack, senior Tim Mouton, sophomore Bob Dunsmuir and graduate seminarian Nick Senz.

Moreau seminarian Mike Seidl coached this year’s team.

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Senior Thomas Haan, left, runs the offense for the Moreau Seminary against Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in its final game.

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she can remember. Her series of acrylic paintings is titled "Motherhood: A Reality Check." Her paintings, a result of a Saint Mary’s Faculty Research Grant Harrington received in 2007, represent the fears and vulnerabilities that mothers experience.

"My main message, I suppose, is that it is okay for mothers to feel and express emotions other than contentedness and joy in raising children," Harrington said. "It is my hope that my work expresses experiences that are universal even if not spoken of and therefore, acceptable in the everyday physical and emotional life of a mom."

Kelly Harrington
SMC art professor

There are three of these works displayed in this exhibit: Sculpture-Installation, Video, and Electronic Media.

"During my research leave, I investigated electronic methods of making sound, light, video, and programmatically-based objects," Hoefle said. "So a predominate number of pieces in my exhibition feature some technological component."

The two galleries are free and open to the public until February 27.

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Blagojevich will not participate in trial

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, carrying a biography of Winston Churchill, leaves his home in Chicago on Sunday. The governor's trial starts today.

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — If there's such a thing as a "normal" impeachment trial, the one that starts Monday in Illinois doesn't qualify.

The defendant, Gov. Rod Blagojevich, won't participate. He'll be talking to Wbogi Goldberg and Larry King instead of facing the state Senate. And while the Democrat acknowledges his conviction is certain, he renews his sayings.

Blagojevich (pronounced blah-GOY'-uh-vitch) contes that the trial rules are unfair, but he and his lawyers didn't try to influence the rules as they were written or afterward.

After weeks of near-silence, Blagojevich has begun an energetic public relations campaign, comparing himself to the hero of a Frank Capra movie and denying any link to a crime he didn't commit.

He told NBC's "Today" that when he was arrested on fed­eral corruption charges, he took solace from thinking of other jailed leaders — Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi.

He also said his 5-year-old daughter, Annie, has asked whether he'll still be governor on her birthday in April.

"If I were a betting man," he'd say physically won't." Blagojevich said, according to a transcript released Sunday. "I think the fix is in and ... they've decided essentially to do a hanging without even a trial.

The full "Today" interview will air Monday, the same day the impeachment trial starts and Blagojevich is scheduled to testify. "Good Morning, America," "The View" and "Larry King Live.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said Sunday that Blagojevich should be defending himself at the trial because the extra media attention won't impress the state senators who will be judging him. "Barbara Walters is not on his jury," Durbin said, refer­ring to "View" co-host.

Legal experts see little benefit to Blagojevich from boycott­ing the trial while refusing to resign. The decision means he'll still be leaving office soon, but only after proceedings guaranteed to put him in a bad light.

Senators, and thus the pub­lic, will hear details of the criminal charges against Blagojevich. They're likely to hear recordings that alleged­ly reveal the governor talking about signing legislation in exchange for campaign con­tributions. And in addition to simply removing Blagojevich, the Senate could vote to impeach him from ever again holding public office in Illinois.

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LOCAL NEWS

Man run over by his own truck

PORTLAND — The mayor of Portland, Ore., told city commissioners Sunday he will not resign despite calls for him to do so after he admitted he lied and asked a teenager to lie about their sexual relationship.

Mayor Sam Adams publicly apologized this past week for lying early in his campaign about the relationship with an 18-year-old man in 2005.

City Commissioner Randy Leonard told The Associated Press that Adams left him a phone message Sunday morning saying he had decided to remain in office.

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NATIONAL NEWS

PENNSYLVANIA FOREST KILLS 15 HOMES

GREENTOWN — In an area where about 2,200 homes are under threat from a floating medicine cabinet — a soup of 21 different active pharmaceutical ingredients, used in generics for treatment of hypertension, heart disease, chronic liver ailments, depression, gonorrhea, ulcers and other ail­ments. Half of the drugs measured at the highest levels of pharmaceuticals ever detected in the environment, researchers say.

Ten killed in Turkish avalanche

ANKARA — An avalanche slammed into a group of Turkish hikers on a trip to a remote mountain plateau on Sunday, dragging them from more than 1,640 feet (500 meters) into a valley and fatal­ly burying them.

"We looked up and there was nowhere to run. The snow took us and dragged us along," said 61-year-old Kaivan Koels told reporters from his hospital bed.

"The snow dragged me down into a valley before it stopped," Koels said. "My right hand was stuck beneath me, with my left hand I cleared my face; I began to breathe and called for help."" Hamás seized control of Gaza from Fatah by force in 2007 and Fatah set up a rival Palestinian gov­ernment in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

"We say a prayer every night for the day to come when the range of violence will be limited. But we never forget that this is a kind of situation, anything happens to a hale. There's only one issue the capital building can deal with, and that's impeachment."

"Regeneration might even help Blagojevich with jury in any future criminal trial," said one expert.

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Israel

Gaza campaign seen as temporary success

Associated Press

SEDRAT — Sderot's open-air market is bustling for the first time in a month, thanks to newfound quiet following Israeli military's performance off the Gaza Strip.

Many residents of this rocket-scarred town say they see the operation against Hamas as a long-overdue military suc­cess — but also believe the good times will be short-lived.

"There is no machinery here, only quiet," said Eli Asayag, 55.

Sderot is less than a mile from Gaza, a frequent target for the homemade rockets from militants there over the past eight years. Thousands have exploded in this town of 20,000, trau­matizing residents and damaging many houses and businesses. Six people have been killed and a few dozen wounded.

The satisfaction here with the Israeli military's performance is coupled with the despair of continuing to live in the shadow of violence. People see the recent offensive as a corrective after the inconclusive, frustrating war against Hezbollah guerrillas in 2006, and a stirring example of national unity.

But they also see it as a successful round in a match many expect will continue indefinitely. "If this brings us a half-year of quiet or a year, it's good. If it brings us 10 years, it's great. But we never forget that Gaza will always be our neighbor, and as long as Hamas is in control there, we will be in danger," said David Bensik, the town's mayor.

Hagit Didi, a mother of three, left Sderot six months ago because of the rocket fire, relocating to the nearby town of Netivot — only to find herself in danger there when the range of Hamas rockets increased.

"There won't be quiet here for long. How can you defeat people like that," she said. Her 8-year-old son has grown up with the rockets and has never slept anywhere but with her in bed, Didi said.
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...change the world. I hope that you will refer to it as a business club. Instead, the club aims to instill in its members an entrepreneurial mentality.

"We try to encourage non-busi­ness majors to join," Ortuqiu said. "We're looking for a diverse group of students with very different ideas and backgrounds. Anybody can be an entrepreneur."

The club's leaders are looking to surpass Stanford and Oxford's Entrepreneurial Societies, both of which have more than 3,000 members.

"We can learn from Oxford and Stanford, even just their recruiting structure," said sophomore Dominic Fanelli, who is in charge of recruitment for the club.

Fanelli and other club members continue to recruit new members with their "road show," where they present the Entrepreneurship Society to various Notre Dame lecture classes.

The club currently undertakes between 40 and 50 projects and events per year. These include social entrepreneurial projects, such as their consulting and service projects. They also create opportunities to give students exposure to the world of business.

The society is hoping to launch a "Type-1" (try, type, fail and start over) program that will be available to students during class time.

"This would be used as a tool for students to write and share their perspective and would be a valuable tool for employers who want to know about our generation," Bennett said.

Club members are given a chance to participate in case studies, where groups research and give a presentation on a certain company. Freshman Kevin Ortno was one of this year's participants.

"There are talented students here who compete better than I do," Ortno said. "It's that competitive atmosphere that drives me to become a part of this club."

Along with the case studies, the club's leaders arranged CEO dinners and keynote speakers to present the society with a short presentation and allow for questions. One of these speakers was Tom Sadd, a Notre Dame alumnus who has founded 19 companies and raised over a billion dollars for non-profit organizations.

"We hope that these presentations are inspiring," Bennett said. "They show the students that the people who accomplish remarkable things are normal people who lived a very similar lifestyle to them in college."

The club's leaders hope to give students experiences they wouldn't usually have — to give them the chance to meet people and make contacts and, by allowing students of varying majors to work together, to expose them to new perspectives.

"We're our biggest focus is edu­cation," Ortuqiu said. "Giving stu­dents the opportunity to work in the South Bend entrepreneur.

Co-presidents Bennett and Ortuqiu knew their efforts would not pay off when Notre Dame's Entrepreneurship Society was offered membership to the Entrepreneurship, the premier inter­college, a full-fledged entrepreneurship net­work whose other members include Brown, Columbia, and Harvard.

"That's how we knew we'd work very hard to gain the elite asking us to join us," Bennett and Ortuqiu hope that through the Entrepreneurship Society, they can convey their vision to a wider audience.

"We're working very hard to instill the same vision in others," Ortuqiu said. "To pass it along to the next group of leaders."

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Lawmakers: casinos can help budgets

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A tell-tale sign America's chips are down: States are increasingly turning to gambling to plug budget holes.

Proposals to allow or expand slots or casinos are percolating in at least 14 states, tempting legislators and governors at a time when many must devise between cutting services and raising taxes.

Gambling has hard-core detractors in every state, but when the budget-balancing alternatives lawmakers must consider include reducing edu­cation funding or lifting sales taxes, resistance is easier to overcome, political analysts said.

"Who wouldn't be interested if you're a politician who needs to fund programs?" said Bob Bernhard, director of research at the International Gaming Institute at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas — a govern­ment-funded program.

While gambling has not been immune from the recession, it has hold up relatively well compared with states' other revenue streams, such as income and sales taxes. This helps explain why past industry growth spurts have been pro­duced by economic downturns, experts said.

For example, Rhode Island opened the country's first race­track casino in 1992, and four states soon followed. More recently, states faced with sag­ging revenues during the 2001 recession joined multistate lot­teries such as Powerball and gave more leeway to Native American tribes seeking to expand their casinos.

Analysts say the latest round of gambling initiatives are noteworthy in intended ambition — a sign that the industry aims to capitalize on states' badly bruised economies.

"From the gambling indus­try's point of view, this is their big chance," said Earl Grinols, an economics professor at Baylor University who special­izes in gambling.

Ohio's casino advocates, including lobbyists working for Penn National Gaming Inc., are pushing a variety of large­scale development projects. In Georgia, a developer working with Dover Downs Inc., wants to transform a blighted section of downtown Atlanta with a 29­story hotel that would attract tourists with more than 3,500 video lottery terminals.

The developer pitching the $450 million Atlanta project, Ian O'Leary, estimates $300 million a year in revenues would be funneled to the state, helping to pay for a popular lottery-funded scholarship that provides in-state college tuition incentives with "C" averages.

Even Hawaii, which along with Utah is one of two states without a lottery or other form of legalized gambling, may con­sider a change. Aides to Gov. Linda Lingle, long an opponent of gambling, say she is open to discussing it as a way to close the state's growing budget gap.

Gambling proponents are quick to tout its benefits and wis­dom: A $4 billion annual indus­try that employs more than 350,000 people, with most state gambling revenues com­ing from lotteries, racetracks and betting devices such as slot and video poker machines. Twelve states reap tax money from full-fledged casinos, and 23 others have casinos on Native American reservations, which generally do not pay taxes to states.

But detractors argue that casinos will help attract employers and revitalize downtown­ areas, religious groups and other critics fear gambling has a disproportionately negative impact on lower-income peo­ple, and does not provide long­term economic growth.

They point to research that shows casinos attract crime, foster gambling addiction prob­lems and divert money from other businesses.

"We've got gambling in 48 states, and you'd think if it wouldn't have budget problems or education problems," said Tom Gray, a field director for StopPredatoryGambling.org.

Many of the gambling pro­posals seek to expand footholds in states that already allow lim­ited gambling.

Kentucky's House speaker had proposed allowing video gambling terminals at the state's racetrack, and legisla­tors in New Hampshire, New York and Texas are seeing pro­posals this year to allow similar gambling terminals at their tracks. Casino advocates plan to push for casino-style gam­bling in hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast.

Lawmakers in other states are talking about reversing hard­sought crowds to tighten restrictions on gambling.

More than a year after South Carolina lawmakers outlawed video poker, state Sen. Robert Ford is fighting to make it legal again. Since July, lawmakers have cut roughly $1 billion from the state's budget to address revenue shortfalls.
Market Recap

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 In Brief

 Governors seek concessions from unions

 COLUMBUS — Governors across the nation are seeking significant concessions from pub-
 lic employee unions in hopes of helping to bal-
 ance their teetering budgets during the eco-
 nomic downturn.

 From Maryland to California, Ohio to Hawaii, governors have asked or ordered state
 workers to accept furloughs, salary reductions, truncated workweeks or benefit cuts. 

 Unions argue their members shouldn't be
 single out and are even more vital in hard
 times — securing neighborhoods and prisons, educating children and providing social serv-
 ices in growing numbers.

 In hard-hit Ohio, Democratic Gov. Ted
 Strickland has been a friend of the unions.
 But as the state's economic woes have deepened, he is asking unionized state employees to consid-
 er a 5 percent pay cut, a 35-hour workweek
 and the elimination of paid personal days and
 holidays, to save the state hundreds of millions
 of dollars.

 Hudson River plane hits a soft body

 WASHINGTON — A visual inspection of
 the battered, dented left engine of the US Air
 ways jetliner that ditched in the Hudson River
 found no evidence of engine failure, but there
 are signs the plane hit a soft body, federal investiga-
 tors say.

 The engine and the right engine, which remained attached to the Airbus A-320 after the crash,
 were shipped to their manufacturer, CFM International, in Cincinnati for thorough examination by safety board investiga-
 tors. Both engines will be completely torn down
 to examine damage, and advanced equipment will be used to search for organic material not apparent during visual inspection.

 The pilot reported the plane hit a flock of birds shortly after takeoff from LaGuardia Airport which shut down both his jets.

 National Transportation Safety Board investi-
 gators said Saturday they examined the left engine after it was finally pulled 65 feet from the river bottom but saw no evidence of organic material.

 Gambling used to stimulate economy

 ATLANTA — A tell-tale sign America's chips are down: States
 are increasingly turning to gam-
 bling to plug budget holes.

 "People's going to ear-
 mark it somewhere," said
 Howard Marlowe, a consult-
 ant for a coalition working
 to preserve beaches.

 "Lobbyists are hard
 at work figuring out ways to
 grab a share of the money
 for their clients, but the new
 rules mean they're doing so
 indirectly — and sometimes
 in ways that are impossible
to track.

 "Congressional earmarks
 have had a bad name since
 the 2004 scandal that sent
 superlobbyist Jack Abramoff to prison and
 earned the congressional spending committees a new nickname: "The Favor
 Factory."

 "Obama, who campaigned
 promising a more transpar-
 ent and accountable gov-
 ernment, is advocating a
 system that will eventually
 let the public track exactly
 where stimulus money goes
 through an Internet-pow-
 ered search engine. In addi-
 tion, Democratic lawmakers
 have devised an elaborate
 oversight system, including a new board to
 track how the money is spent.

 "We hate earmarks, but at
 least it's a way of tracking
 where influence is had," said Keith Ashdown of the
group Taxpayers for Common
Sense, "stands in the doorway at the group's office in Washington on Friday.

 Gambling has hard-core
 supporters in every state, but when the ban on earmarks in the
 recent economic stimulus bill doesn't mean
 states soon followed. More
 experts said.

 Gambling initiatives are noteworthy
 on states' badly bruised economies. 

 "From the gambling industry's
t point of view, this is their big
counterpart," said Earl Grimsal, an eco-
 nomics professor at Baylor
 University who specializes in gam-
 bling.

 Ohio's casino advocates, includ-
 ing lobbyists working for Penn
 National Racing Corp., are push-
 ing a variety of large-scale devel-
 opment projects. In Georgia,
 a developer working with Dover
 Downs Inc., wants to transform a
 blighted section of downtown
 Atlanta with a 29-story hotel that
 would attract tourists with more
 than 2,500 video lottery terminals.
Does post-partisanship mean the end of liberal arts?

Change, having come to Washington, now seems poised to redraw the academic landscape as well, and humanities scholars are worrying once again about the future of their discipline. Last Monday, Stanley Fish of the New York Times argued that higher education, driven by popular and administrative demand, is shifting irrevocably toward giving students useful, work-applicable skills and away from the "determined inutilities" of the humanities. The very next day, newly-mined President Barack Obama promised to "transform our schools and colleges and universities to meet the demands of a new age." And since then, graduate students and untenured faculty in the humanities have begun a new bout of soul-searching, wondering whether the life of the mind that they had signed up to live would be around by the time they reached their own professional maturity.

Publishing and rebutting pre-mortems of humanistic scholarship has almost become its own academic field. Critics on all sides suggest that scholars in the humanities are incapable of comprehending the relevance of their work to anyone outside of their field, that the American public is too anti-intellectual to understand the humanities' value or that the liberal arts are any less relevant than some others. The question is not whether Fish and company have overstated the case; rather, the humanities have not been any place that it is easy to understand the humanities in the 21st century in any significant way. They are paying a steep penalty: apathy among the public, the academy at large and you, their students (and except for majors, how many among you would say that you would prioritize your humanities requirements above all your other classes?). It may very well be the case that the humanities are in danger of total obscurity, and certainly purely humanistic studies are not ever going to be as privileged as they once were. But the problem is not that scholars of liberal arts are any less relevant than some others. The problem is that they stay alone in the academy have refused to reinvent their disciplines and restate their appeal for the 21st century in any significant way. Until they do so, the humanities may as well accept their reputation as an academic dinosaur.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Mary Catherine Bateson cultural anthropologist
Dangers of denying fair trial

With regard to Nathan Furtado’s Jan. 23 letter titled “Objectivity, please,” I agree with his main point that “objectivity is a cornerstone of journalistic integrity” and that The Observer should strive for it. However, I cannot agree with another, more subtle point made in his letter, in which he worries about “the dangers of providing unrepentant terrorists with civilian trials.”

I cannot imagine that he has been reading objective journalism if he actually believes a statement like that. Under the Constitution, all citizens are granted the right of habeas corpus, which means the right to a fair trial. This was said by Thomas Jefferson to be “one of the essential principles of our government.” And yet, since the beginning of the “War on Terror,” we have denied this right to assumed enemy combatants. There is no proof needed to impound these individuals and they do not have the right to an attorney or trial.

Mr. Furtado, if you are so sure that everyone in Guantanamo Bay is guilty of terrorism, why are you unwilling to grant them a trial to which we as citizens have the right? Surely the courts will prove them guilty as well. The truth is that while a number of the prisoners in Gitmo are terrorists, others are not. Many are only guilty of being Arab and in the wrong place at the wrong time. I think it would be dishonest for us to call America “the land of the free” if we were to continue to leave the freedom of these individuals up to the discretion of an anonymous few.

“The dangers” that Furtado associates with extending our rights to those who we hold captive in Cuba pale in comparison to the dangers that will arise if we do not, such as the risk of dishon­oring the document that gives our country integrity and moral standing. In his inaugural address, President Obama stated that “we reject as false the choice between our safety and our ideals,” which he corroborated by signing the order to close Guantanamo Bay. I hope that Mr. Furtado may also see that those two objectives do not have to be mutually exclusive.

Lucy Ceglio
sophomore
Farley Hall Jan. 25

Our big-eyed, bushy-tailed

The winter months are well upon the students of Notre Dame. Snow falls incessantly, faces disappear under mounds of scarves and campus squirrels run rampant. Some of my peers have suggested that the squirrels are simply poor, lost students, mutated victims of punishment via mysterious experiments in the depths of the radiation building. Some more astute science majors, however, can see the root of the problem: a classic case of an ecosystem imbalance. Overrun with noisy, hormonal class-goers, the squirrels have turned to violent revolt in an attempt to reclaim their ground. Loggers are attacked, muffins are stolen and nuts are thrown in the path of innocent wanderers in these daily acts of aggression. Some more desperi­ate members of the squirrel cause have resorted to suicide missions, hurling themselves beneath the wheels of unsuspecting bicyclists. These acts of aggression are alarming and can­not stand. As a strictly entrepreneurial strategy, I know that souvenir squirrels would sell faster than monogrammed Snuggies. I fear, however, that such an exploitation of a group of creatures would only further disrupt their communities and increase their anger.

The best and only solution to our problem is to work with nature, not against it. Students: Take action now to amend the DuLac dorm room pet clause to include not only “non-carnivoro­eous fish,” but “locally displaced squirrel refugees” as well. Squirrels need homes, too.

Kirsten Adam
freshman
Welsh Family Hall Jan. 22

Uphold Constitution

Here at Notre Dame, it is currently rather unfashionable to express an opinion on subjects other than football, hot girls or pop cultural phenomena such as “Pey in My Pants.” Being at heart a timid young man, overly susceptible to peer pressure, I am naturally inclined to censor myself on a great number of just such socially unacceptable subjects. Further, my reputation as an easygoing man-about-town with a weakness for the fairer sex is at stake. Why compromise my carefully constructed persona by revealing myself to have thoughts and interests deeper than getting drunk and hooking up with girls on the weekends?

Unfortunately, a letter one Nathan Furtado wrote to The Observer has so offended the part of my brain that is responsible for thinking that I cannot help revealing myself to have political opinions. I know that expressing such opinions is about as attractive to girls as a piece of spinach lodged between the front teeth. Therefore, I must respectfully request that any hot girls, or girls in which I have a prurient interest, stop reading this letter immediately.

- Mr. Furtado, the indirect denial of the existence of innocents at Guantanamo by speaking of the “unrepentant terrorists” lodged there represents more spin than the most biased liberal media outlet could possibly offer. Unless you’ve been living under a rock, you cannot be unaware that: a) Guantanamo has innocents, and b) we’ve been torturing them. Unfortunately, you’ve been living under a rock. You probably weren’t aware that the Nazis got habeas corpus. No matter which way you slice it, holding terrorists publicly accountable for their crimes is a hell of a lot better than torturing them.

I find it hard to believe that we find ourselves in such a state of emergency that we can cavalierly dispense with the basic civil rights in the Constitution. I haven’t exactly seen any henchmen decked out in suits, throwing the Sears Tower or the Dome. And before you tell me that it was the Bush administration’s hard-line stance on torture that has prevented further terrorist attacks, I fail to see why people who are not afraid of death would be deterred by the threat of a little waterboarding, a few electrified nipple clamps, or (gasp!) watching books get flushed down toilets.

The real partisans here, Mr. Furtado, are not the law professors who applauded the closing of what represents at the very least the worst publicity the US has received since Vietnam. They are people like you who, through spin and distortion, handwave away or overlook the obvious facts, the existence of tortured innocents in Guantanamo, global warming and evolution. Married to their theories of the way the world should work, they fail to take into account the way the world does work; and the sorry state of our economy and reputation at home and abroad is what we have to show for it.

That’s the end of my rant. I sincerely hope that the girls can overlook my transgression of propriety and continue to see me as an easygoing, devil-may-care sex object.
The Observer
SCENE

Monday, January 26, 2009

SYMON RYZNER
Screen Writer

The nominations for this year's Academy Awards emerged last week and it seems that the criticism surrounding the selections is significantly more present than in recent years past. Best Picture nominations went to many deserving films, albeit films that everyone expected to garner nominations. Films such as "Milk" or "Frost/Nixon" could be nominated for Oscars simply because of their trailers, historical dramas, great performances, and successful directors. What the academy needs is to reinvigorate the film fan, to reform the interest in movies that seems to be on a decline.

In spite of its flaws, "Benjamin Button" was put together extremely well. The artistic aspect of the film was excellent, and the technology used to make Brad Pitt age in reverse was stunning. "Benjamin Button" was also the most nominated film, and it gained nominations in every major category. Instead of stirring the collective ego of the academy community they should reward the films that teach, the actors that emote, directors that teach and to provide the artists of the film industry dreams. The purpose of a film is to entertain, to be enjoyed, to touch the audience. "Slumdog Millionaire" and "Milk" are the only films that were nominated this year that brought something different and new to the table. The remaining nominees are films about the holocaust, "The Reader," a love story drama, "Benjamin Button," and a historical drama, "Frost/Nixon." No doubt all films of quality, but not films of substance, of lasting significance.

The films that left out of any contention were "The Dark Knight," "The Wrestler," and "Gran Torino." Take "The Dark Knight," a film that was taken very seriously publicly, was hailed by critics, and, above all, surpassed every expectation and elevated the superhero genre. Still, there were no nominations for the director, Christopher Nolan, who masterfully crushed this epic contribution, no doubt a film that will be talked about for years to come. Despite memorable performances, the only significant nomination for the film was a supporting actor nod to Heath Ledger. Heath Ledger was a good third of the film, if not half, and yet he is only given a supporting actor nomination.

"The Wrestler" was snubbed too. The director, Darren Aronofsky ("Requiem for a Dream," "The Fountain." ) took a chance casting Mickey Rourke. It wasn't going to be the box office smash it could have been if Nicholas Cage had remained in the role, but it was meant to be a comeback film for the motivated and talented Mickey Rourke. It was a labor of love and this is obvious, but apparently not obvious to the academy, which only nominated Rourke for best actor but left the film and director out of contention. The academy also managed to over look the films musical merits, which are found in the original song by Bruce Springsteen written for the film.

"Gran Torino," Clint Eastwood's latest attempt was also obviously a labor of love for the actor/director. Despite a weak supporting cast, Eastwood was able to carry the film, and he was both entertaining and crafted an emotional tale of gang violence and family. He did not receive any nominations for his memorable performance despite the popularity among fans and critics alike.

As there are many snubs, there are also charming revelations and perhaps even hope for the Academy within some of their other nominations. Robert Downey Jr., controversially played an actor who changed the color of his skin to effectively portray a black Vietnam War officer. Downey garnered a nomination for this very silly role, but it was meant to be a comeback movie for the motivated and talented Mickey Rourke. It was a labor of love and this is obvious, but apparently not obvious to the academy, which only nominated Rourke for best actor but left the film and director out of contention. The academy also managed to over look the films musical merits, which are found in the original song by Bruce Springsteen written for the film.


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The academy needs to branch out. It needs to reward those who innovate, those who fulfill dreams, and those who for who are simply joyful in fulfilling their film industry dreams. The purpose of a film should not be to collect various awards. A film should be made to entertain, to be enjoyed, to teach and to provide the artists of this world with a way to share their talent. The Academy Awards should reward those who achieve these goals, who go above and beyond great filmmaking. It should reward those who truly love their work. It should recognize those who realize that creating reels of cinematic brilliance is the only reward necessary.

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NOMINATIONS SNUB LASTING CINEMATIC BRILLIANCE
Frost/Nixon
captures history & captivates audiences

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

"Frost/Nixon" deserves its Oscar nomination for Best Picture. The Academy Awards have for the most part become associated with rewarding 'serious' films, but "Frost/Nixon" delivers on all levels, producing not only an introspective play, but also some wonderful performances, entertaining characters, and an understated commentary on how we view history, especially for those of us who weren't alive in the 1970s to see the initial interviews. It is a film based off of a play based on a set of interviews between two people doing their best to spin the results in their favor. Peter Morgan, who wrote the original play and adapted it for film, has made a career out of capturing the spirit of historical events, even if they are not wholly accurate. Writing the scripts for films such as "The Queen," "The Last King of Scotland," "The Other Boleyn Girl," and "The Deal," he has learned to package and dramatize real life events. Throughout the film, the characters talk about how the audience will perceive the interviews and how important it is that the people involved not only understand the history of what actually happened, but how to use television and the power of the perfect close-up. It's a statement of how history is captured and produced for us to consume at many levels.

Frost/Nixon

Directed by: Ron Howard
Starring: Frank Langella, Michael Sheen, Kevin Bacon, Sam Rockwell, Matthew Macfadyen, Oliver Platt
Contact Michelle Fordice at mfordice@nd.edu.

In the Buns: Fair Fare

By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

Three years ago, a good friend of mine was given a gift certificate for Between the Buns, just east of campus on E. Notre Dame Ave, and she was immediately enthralled by the thought of a free breakfast. She liked it so much, she came back with our parents, and a few years later I was looking for a job and happened upon the gift certificate. In Spring 2008, my friend left Notre Dame with a diploma and the still-unused gift certificate. But last week, I finally paid off this debt of honor. I went to Between the Buns, and I found out exactly why a gift certificate is great for a student looking for a place to eat on their own.

My friend and I were quickly seated at the worst seat in the house, a table for two. The servers were friendly and accommodating. They were able to find a spot for us even though the restaurant was nearly full. We ordered a breakfast special: $3 Miller, Coors and Killian's on Thursday nights. I that it supplies the regular bar food that it promises. The many

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**NBA**

Celtics rout struggling Mavericks to extend win streak

Los Angeles back to full strength with return of Farmar, get easy victory over Western Conference foes for San Antonio

Associated Press

BOSTON — Paul Pierce, reached over and gave Kevin Garnett a hearty slap on the back as they laughed off the suggestion that now, with virtually everything going right, would be a good time to buy a lottery ticket.

“I’ve got a lottery ticket already,” Pierce said. “I was watching Garnett score 23 points and help shut down Dirk Nowitzki to lead the Celtics to an eighth straight win, 124-100, over the Dallas Mavericks.

“Trusting in God, I know when he had a jean jacket,” Pierce said. “Somebody had to score 23 — including seven 3-pointers — and Ray Allen scored 20 of those points in the first half as the Celtics opened a 27-point lead and took their sixth straight double-digit victory.

Since a 2-7 slump that was the worst of the new Big Three era, the defending NBA cham­pions have won eight in a row by an average of 16.2 points — almost an entire 20-point game better than their margin of victory in the franchise-record 19-game winning streak earlier this sea­son.

“I just think we’re playing together,” Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. “In the 19-game winning streak, we were winning games but in my opinion we were playing Celtics basi­kethall the way we established last year.”

Jason Terry scored 27 for the Mavericks, who have won just three of their last nine games. Nowitzki missed his second game in a row because of a strained left knee, and scored 14 points. Although TV cameras focused on owner Mark Cuban, who was complaining about the decision, theצוען was apparently against assistant coach Mario Elie.

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After a month of playing short-handed, the Los Angeles Lakers are back to full strength. They are a season high for them .814 winning percentage is the best in the NBA although the defending champion Boston Celtics (37-9) lead them by a half-game in the overall stand­ings by virtue of their 124-100 victory over Dallas during their 18-game winning streak.

Backup point guard Jordan Farmar returned after missing 18 games because of an injured left knee, and scored 14 points. Kobe Bryant scored 22 points and 14 assists for the Lakers.

But coach Rick Adelman warned that Farmar’s return was no guarantee of their 124-100 victory over Dallas earlier Sunday.

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“A lot, Big,” coach Phil Jackson replied when asked how important Farmar’s return was to the Lakers. “It helps us a lot. Jordan obviously has attrib­utes — the speed and the quickness. Those are things that we missed, that tempo change in our game.

Farmar wasn’t expected to return before Tuesday night against Charlotte or during the Lakers’ upcoming five-game road trip that begins Friday in Minnesota.

“I’ve been feeling better about a week now,” he said. “I still had to go through a process to make sure I was OK. No pain, no swelling — it felt normal. I have been watching these guys play and I expect to be playing like this all season. That’s how I am; I work hard and I’m dis­ciplined whenever I don’t happen.

Jackson said before the game that Farmar was on his season list, but he wasn’t sure he’d play the third-year pro.

“I was in his ear the whole time on the bench,” Farmar said with a smile. “He would have had to deal with that the whole game.”

Farmar entered the game late in the first quarter and played almost seven minutes in his first action since Dec. 19. He returned late in the third period and played another 10 minutes.

Tony Parker had 19 points and six assists and Tim Duncan added 15 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs (29-14), who lost for just the fourth time in 18 games. Neither played in the fourth quarter.

“We didn’t play very smart in the first half; gave them 15 minutes of bonus and ended up being down six,” Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. “That was the tale of the first half: just too many mistakes, foolish­ly. In the second half, we stopped them two quick, we opened up some bad rotations and never caught up after that. The game was over at that point.”

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**How can I think I’m funny when you’re mad**

Trying hard not to smile though I feel bad

I’m the kind of guy who laughs at a funeral

Can’t understand what I mean?

Well, you soon will

I have a tendency to wear my mind on my end

I have a history of taking off my shirt

Its been one week since you looked at me

Throw your arms in the air and said you’re okay
New York Yankees GM Brian Cashman, left, talks with then-Yankees manager Joe Torre during batting practice. Torre takes some harsh swings at Alex Rodriguez, Cashman, and the Yankees in a book due out early next month.

Torre takes swings at Yanks

NEW YORK — Joe Torre takes some harsh swings at Alex Rodriguez, Brian Cashman and the New York Yankees in a book due out early next month, according to New York newspaper reports.

"The Yankee Years" reveals that Rodriguez was called "A-Fraud" by his teammates and the star slugger developed an obsession with shortstop Derek Jeter, the New York Post and the Daily News reported Sunday.

Torre, who managed the Yankees from 1996-2007 before taking over the Los Angeles Dodgers last season, also says he was betrayed by Cashman, New York's longtime general manager, the Daily News reported on its Web site.

Torre had a hot-and-cold relationship with Yankees ownership, including George Steinbrenner, but Cashman was thought to be a consistent ally. The GM did not immediately return a phone message from The Associated Press.

The book, co-authored by Sports Illustrated's Tom Verducci, is due out Feb. 3 and is being published by Doubleday. It is not a first-person account but instead a third-person narrative by Verducci based on dozens of interviews with Yankees players and employees, ESPN.com reported, citing an unidentified source.

In the book, Torre also says Steinbrenner learned the manager had prostate cancer (during spring training 1999) before Torre even had a chance to inform him.

Torre guided the Yankees to the postseason in all 12 years as manager and won four World Series titles from 1996-2000. But he was offered a one-year contract with a pay cut after the 2007 season, following New York's third straight first-round playoff exit.

Torre turned down the proposal, saying he felt insulted by the offer of bonuses based on post-season performance. He soon agreed to a three-year contract with the Dodgers and led them to the NL championship series last year before they were eliminated by the Philadelphia Phillies, who went on to win the World Series.

**Division I Women's Basketball AP Top 25**

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**In Brief**

**Seton Hall stuns No. 12 Georgetown 65-60**

NEWARK, N.J. — Seton Hall celebration its first Big East victory of the season on the same day it honored its team that almost won it all 20 years ago.

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**Federer through to Aussie quarterfinals**

MELBOURNE, Australia — Two sets down. A 6-foot-5 Tomas Berdych ripping forehand winners and powerful backhands on his way to defeating Roger Federer.

Roger Federer's campaign to equal Pete Sampras' record 14 Grand Slam singles titles was in serious jeopardy in the fourth round Sunday at the Australian Open.

On the court where women's No. 1 Kim Clijsters won the title in 2004, Federer had to save set points in the second set before Berdych won the third.

In the third round, Federer had to save two set points against the American Andy Roddick.

"Not in my mind," Federer said after reaching the quarterfinals with a 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-2 win. "The finish line was still very far for Tomas. I knew that."
Women's Swimming
Irish complete sweep at Shamrock Invitational
Squad defeats three teams on senior day
By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

In commanding fashion Notre Dame took full advantage of swimming at home to sweep Michigan State, Denver and West Virginia this weekend at the fourth annual Shamrock Invitational. Wins of 259.5-106.5, 233-131 and 265.5-97.5, respectively 'raised the No. 24 Irish to an overall record of 6-2 for the dual meet season.

"We had three good schools coming into the Rolfs Aquatic center this weekend," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "In the end we were tough, and that was the difference."

"Notre Dame started strong with an impressive win in the 200 medley Relay, winning in 1:44.91. Junior Maggie Behrens led the crew along with sophomores Samantha Maxwell, Kellyn Kuhlke and Anyvereen Miller."

"The relays performed very well this weekend, especially the medleys," Barnes said. "It is a good indicator that we are having multiple outstanding individual performances."

Building on the team's earlier success, sophomore Katie Behrens edged out Michigan State's Becca Enber in the 100 fly for a win in 56.19. The standout sophomore and defending Big East champion in the 200 fly won that event as well in commanding fashion, holding on to the lead after a fast start for a time of 2:03.00.

In the 800 free relay, Sophomore Lauren Sylvester swam the Irish to an early lead. Junior Zealia Shanta and freshman Amy Presutti held the lead for the Irish with a time in 7:30.04. Farrell also held off a tough field in the 200 free and won with a touch at 1:51.35.

National swimmer of the week, Samantha Maxwell continued her individual success at the Invite. In the 100 breast, a speedy finish sent Samantha Maxwell the win over Denver's Emily Kuhr in 1:03.13. She also opened up a quick lead in the 200 breast and continued to pull away for one more win.

Sophomore Heidi Grossman and junior Natalie Stitt took the top two spots in the one-meter dive with scores of 280.70 and 273.20.

"We are getting into the two-week season when details become more and more important with the championship run. It is important to focus on the individuals as parts of the whole," Barnes said. "Right now coaching each girl individually will lead to the most successful postsea-son possible."

"The team's four seniors, Lucy Hirt, Claire Stitt, Christina Higgins and Casey Wagner, were honored by their teammates with the dominating wins in their last ever meet."

"It was important for the team to help our seniors out with these wins," Barnes said. "For the seniors it was emotional having their last home meet, but they didn't let it affect the way they treated the competition."

The Irish are now focused on their final dual meet at Michigan on Feb. 7. The meet will be the final tune-up for Notre Dame's swimmers and divers before the dual task of winning their 13th consecutive Big East Championship in Indianapolis Feb. 18-21.

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ND Track & Field
Men, women win at home
By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

In their first scored meet of the year, both Notre Dame track teams scored 181 points, and both took first place. The other schools men's and women's teams also posted identical marks as Michigan State took second, Wisconsin third and Marquette placed fourth.

Friday's Notre Dame Invitational saw many Irish athletes qualify for the Big East Championships in less than a month.

In the men's 800-meter race, five Irish qualified for the Big East Championships, led by junior Jack Howard, who finished third in the race with a time of 1:50.84, and junior Jim Notwell, finishing fourth in 1:51.99.

Five more Notre Dame athletes qualified for the conference Championships in the men's weight throw. Sophomore Greg Davis took fourth, and freshmen Mitchell Gormley's throw earned him fifth, with distances of 16.93 meters and 16.78 meters, respectively.

The Irish men qualified four individuals in the 1600-meter run as senior Dan Clark finished second with a time of 4:07.63. Freshmen Jordan Riggins and Carlsson crossed the line right behind him in third with a time of 4:08.63.

The Irish men middle distance runners performed just as well, qualifying four runners. Freshmen Jordan Riggins won the 400-meter dash with a time of 47.65 and Korenstra finished sixth in 49.69. Senior Bill Buzaid and junior Balazs Molnar took third and fourth in the 200-meter, in times of 1:03.45 and 1:04.34, respectively.

The all around success for the Irish men's team promises more to come.

"The meet showed we are a complete team this year," Buzaid said. "I'm not saying there aren't outstanding individual performances on the team this year. There are great athletes. We have a real balanced team and will be exciting to go to the Big East Championships and see what we can do as a team."

The Irish women were led by a brilliant performance by junior Joanna Schultz. Schultz took third in the 60-meter, first in the 200-meters, and first in the 400-meters, qualifying in both the 200-meters and the 400-meters.

Senior Mary Saxer continued her strong season as she followed her qualifying pole vaults of last week with a strong performance in the long jump. Her second place jump of 5.57 meters earned her a slot at the Big East Championships as well.

The Irish teams look to continue with such building success next week at the Indiana Relays.

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NFL
Browns hire Kokinis as new GM
Associated Press
CLEVELAND — Baltimore pro personnel director George Kokinis has been hired as Cleveland's general manager, reuniting him with Browns owner Randy Lerner. Kokinis was hand-picked by Lerner after the Browns fired coach Norv Turner early this season when details were second in the 200-

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For that. But it only got that far, because everybody stepped up big time, which made this a giant step for our team."

Coach Welsh was pleased with the team's strong effort, which he viewed as an excellent preparation for the Big East Conference Championships in February.

"In terms of preparation, we told the team that we couldn't imagine a better preparation for a conference championship than to have three losses over every event in the conference championship come down to the last event. So we think win, win all the way along."

Olivet on Saturday to improve to 20-7 and 20-4 in the conference. While the Belles can't get their revenge against Albion in MIAA play, Notre Dame continued its string of impressive diving performances, as senior Michael Sullivan finished third and fourth, respectively. The Thunder finished first place honors in the 200 freestyle relay.

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Olivet on Saturday to improve to 5-4.

With 7:47 left in the first half senior Katie Rashid hit a tie-breaking layup to put the Belles on top for good. Going into the locker room at halftime the Belles maintained a 36-31 lead.

The Thunder fouled throughout the second half but were never able to pull within a basket over every minute of the Belles. Junior Anna Kammrath proved to be a big force down low, stretching her scoring to 10 of her 13 points in the second half and half to put Trine away.

Freshman Patsy Mahoney also pulled her weight chimping in with 12 points. Guards Erin Newsom and Nicole Beier led all scorers with fifteen points each.

"I think we see all the conference teams as big rivals," Newsom said. "Some schools are seen as tougher teams to beat like Hope and Calvin, but we go into every game with the attitude that we need to play our best in order to win, regardless of the team we're up against."

Natalie Dowling
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Saint Mary's opened its conference schedule with a win over Trine in December and since then have only lost to Albion in MIAA play. While the Belles can't get their revenge against Albion until Valentine's Day, they will begin looking ahead to this week's games, that includes Calvin, and their arch rivals in the conference.

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Trine put their two-game winning streak against Calvin, and junior Caleb Dvunichay finished in the top three spots. Hufflin broke his own school record on the one-meter board in his final dive at home.

Notre Dame returns to action with a friendly swim against Saint Mary's and Olivet on February 7 at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**No more streaking**

Brey loses first game at home since 2006 at the hands of UConn

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

With 3:15 remaining in the game, Connecticut's Kemba Walker drained a 3-pointer to give Connecticut a 12-point lead. A sudden hush came over the crowd at the Joyce Center as the basket all but confirmed the sobering fact that Notre Dame's 45-game home winning streak was about to end Saturday.

A few minutes later, Connecticut left Notre Dame with a 69-61 win. There was no late run as there was to save last year's game against Pittsburgh, and no quick-thinking play was needed to win.

Connecticut junior Jerome Dyson skies over Irish guard Tory Jackson for two of his 15 points in the Huskies' 69-61 win over Notre Dame Saturday night in the Joyce Center.

**SMC BASKETBALL**

Belles win again over Thunder

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

For the second time in a little more than a month the Belles defeated the Thunder of Trine University Saturday. The 69-58 win moved Saint Mary's to 8-1 at the top of the MIAA Conference.

The win keeps Saint Mary's tied for first place in the conference with Hope also having one loss.

"In this league you can't over-look anyone," Belles coach Jen Henley said. "Records and standings never truly indicate the strength of a team.

The loss dropped Trine to 4-5 in conference play, which puts them in sixth place in the conference after Adrian defeated Notre Dame.

The Irish improved to 6-6 on the season with a win over the Buckeyes.

Irish start season right with big win over the Buckeyes

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Villanova pulls off upset

3-point shooting leads underdog Wildcats past favored ND team

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Villanova's three 3-pointers in the first four minutes established a trend: the Wildcats would shoot three's until they were stopped.

They kept making them, and their long-range shooting upset No. 13 Notre Dame, 55-48, Saturday at The Pavilion in Villanova, Pa. Villanova shot 37 percent from 3-point range and finished with 10 three's in the game.

"That's their game," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "I actually thought we did a decent job holding them to 35 points."

Notre Dame dropped to 15-3.

**MEN'S SWIMMING**

ND doubles win total in final meet at home

Seniors lead the way as team sweeps at the Shamrock Invitational

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team doubled its win total for the season with a sweep in the Shamrock Invitational at the Rolfs Aquatic Center this weekend.

The Irish improved to 6-6 on the season with wins over Denver, Michigan State and West Virginia.

The wins were a big lift for the Notre Dame squad, which had yet to earn a win in 2009 entering the weekend.

"The meet tonight was extremely good for the team," Irish coach Tim Welsh said after the final session on Saturday night.

Although the Irish defeated both the Spartans and Mountaineers by more than 90 points, the Irish needed four victories in their last two sessions to seal a 10 point win over Denver. The Irish clinched the win when the Notre Dame relay team of senior Jeff Wood, juniors John Lytle and Andrew Hoffmann, and sophomore Joshua Nosal finished first in the 400 freestyle relay, out-touching Denver by just over half a second.

"What we've been looking for all season is a meet where we could take a giant step and these three sessions have helped us do that," Welsh said. "We talked during today's break about how the meet would come down to the last relay, so we prepared..."