Four student gov't tickets announced

Student body president and vice president candidates start campaigns, prepare for debate

By JENN METZ and KATHERLYN RILEY

Notre Dame's Judicial Council has approved four tickets to run for the position of student body president and vice president for the 2009-10 school year.

The candidates are: Junior Grant Schmidt and sophomore Cynthia Weber; juniors Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez; junior James Weber; and sophomore Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez.

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Schmidt, the current student body vice president, is hoping to continue what he deems a "successful" administration into the 2009-10 school year with a bid for student body president with junior Cynthia Weber, his running mate. Schmidt chose Weber because she "had the experience, we got along really well, and we work well together."

Weber said she'd be "crazy not to want to run with him. It's a great opportunity to be given. It's a great opportunity to serve the student body," she said.

The pair have a long list of platforms they've presented under their campaign slogan, "Rounding the Bend."

"It means continuity," Weber said. "Turning the corner, building upon success of the current administration[.]" (Current administration[ ] really has just gotten started.) Schmidt and Weber listed their top priorities.

- Successful cab rides safer and more convenient, initiating, for example, a Student Board policy that all cab drivers must display some form of identification and a phone number to call in case of complaint.
- Rounding the Bend.
- Granting more opportunities to students so cab fares are ahead of time.
- Transportation, lower textbook prices, Eddy St. Commons and the Global Water Initiative as their top priorities. The Schmidt and Weber platform seeks to make students' cab rides safer and more convenient, initiating, for example, a Student Board policy that all cab drivers must display some form of identification and a phone number to call in case of complaint.
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Recycling program helps poor

Miraculous Metals raises funds for Catholic Worker

By LIZ O’DONNELL

In the spirit of giving green, a new recycling program has been implemented on campus to help both the environment and the less fortunate.

The Miraculous Metals recycling program will aid both environmentalism and social justice to provide assistance to South Bend residents who reside on the streets during the frigid winter months.

"Miraculous Metals has been doing very well so far, but we have a long way to go," said Lauren Restivo, a sophomore at Notre Dame, who is very well so far, but we have a long way to go.

"We are still trying to get the word out about how to participate in the program and increase participation."

The program allows students at Notre Dame to raise money through the collection of aluminum cans for the Catholic Worker House, a shelter that takes in the homeless in freezing and sub-freezing nights during the winter.

A portion of the proceeds will also be sent to Our Lady of the Road, a charitable that takes in the homeless in freezing and sub-freezing nights during the daytime.

On campus, each dorm has a designated representative who is in charge of ensuring his or her dorm's donated aluminum cans are ready for pick-up. Once a week, paid guests from the Catholic Worker House will be at Notre Dame to collect the cans.

SIBC to offer global internships

Group sends students around world to obtain experience

The Student International Business Council (SIBC) will send about 25 students to countries all over the world, including Thailand, Ghana, the United Kingdom and Belize, to work on business and humanitarian projects this summer.

SIBC president Matt Brownchilde said Sunday.

The SIBC internship program offers positions primarily to freshmen and sophomores every year, but Brownchilde said receiving an internship is still competitive this year than in previous years.

SIBC interns Christian Yang, left, and James Pappas, right, worked in Ghana last summer.

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Fans celebrate Super Bowl XLIII

By CHRISTINE FAGAN

As the 43rd Super Bowl began, North Dining Hall was filled with Pittsburgh fans wearing Steelers gear and Arizona fans wearing Cardinals gear.

But Steelers fans clearly outnumbered Cardinals fans.

"You don't deserve fans unless you win," freshman Sarah Druck said.

"The Steelers did win, with a final score of 27-23 in the match-up that took place in Tampa, Fla."

"But not everyone was happy with the results. "I'm not rooting for the Cardinals," freshman Matthew Steed said. "I'm rooting against the Steelers. I have been since the play-offs."

"We're not for the Cardinals," said two Cowboys fans, "we're just against Steelers fans."

Super Bowl parties began all around campus at about 6 p.m. Students rushed to The Huddle in LaFortune to grab last-minute snacks, quickly purchasing chips and sales and liters of soda.

In dorm rooms, lounges, hall basements and off-campus apartments, fans and non-fans watched the Cardinals' Kurt Warner taxi reform, lower textbook prices, Eddy St. Commons and the Global Water Initiative as their top priorities.

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Iraqs reflect on changes to country

By MOLLY MADDEN

Three Iraqi students talked about their experiences living in a country that has played a large role in recent American foreign policy.

The talk was the conclusion of Holy Cross College's "Faithe and Culture Dialogues," a three-day event that aimed to present new perspectives on Iraq.

The presentation featured Karam Salem and Omar Husein, students at Holy Cross, and Randa Al-Assaf, a student at Saint Mary's. During the introduction, the audience was told that the goal of the talk was to help Americans have a more personal relationship with Iraq and view the country as more than just a political issue.

"Iraq is an old civilization with a wonderful culture and a long history," Karam Salem said in his opening speech.

Salem is originally from Baghdad, but relocated to Syria in 2006 because his Catholic family feared violence. In Nov. 2007, he was chosen for the Iraqi Student Project, a venture that allows displaced Iraqi students to continue their college education either in Iraq or abroad.

"I was raised in a neighborhood that had Muslims and Christians," Salem said. "We lived in peace; there was no difference between people and we all grew up amidst different religions."

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Civil War Re-enactment

When was the last time you saw somebody wearing a hoop skirt? For that matter, when was the last time you wore a hoop skirt?

For me, the answer to both questions is late last August.

In fact, I actually happen to own a hoop skirt, an 1860s corset, petticoats, two hoop skirt-equipped dresses and a bonnet which I consider rather fetching.

I'm a Civil War re-enactor.

No, I don't speak in 1800s dialect, and I don't run away in terror when a bus pulls up.

But I do use a bucket, washboard and clothesline to do laundry when I'm at work. I do wear a snood (ten points if you know what a "snood" is).

I'm not the kind of re-enactor who travels around with a troop of re-enacting Union or Confederate soldiers (we all know what those girls are like).

I work at a museum — in the schoolhouse, actually. I love it.

Anyone who's ever read or watched the "Little House on the Prairie" series, "Anne of Green Gables," or "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," has had secret fantasies about the one-room schoolhouse with rows of wood-top desks, boys on one side and girls on the other. The coal-burning potbelly stove in the middle filled with dry cornhusks the children bring. The old McGuffy's Reader textbooks with their ancient spelling lessons and quaint fables.

The truth: Out back, one for boys and one for girls. The slates and chalk at the back, one for boys and one for girls. The slate and chalk at the narrow little desks, where the re-enacting children often crowd two to a seat — not because they need to, but because they like to sit with their friends.

When the students are all hunched over their slates working diligently on their spelling or sums, the stove is humming, and there are no tourists snapping photos of us, I could swear it really is 1862.

For me, the answer to both questions is. . .

"Notre Dame winning a basketball game."

"A 30-minute Real Men of Genius commercial."

"The Puppy Bowl."

"Radio Head performing."

"A Donny and Marie reunion concert."

The Notre Dame men's hockey team celebrates a 3-2 win Saturday over Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Irish are ranked No. 1.

In Brief

A lecture by Elizabeth Resnick on "The Graphic Impressive: International Posters of Peace, Social Justice & the Environment" will take place today at 7:30 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. This lecture, co-sponsored by the Department of Art, Art History, and Design, is free and open to the public.

A debate entitled "Separation of Church and State" will be held Tuesday in room E-102 of the Hesburgh Center at 4 p.m. Mark Lilla, Professor of Humanities (Columbia) and author of The Stillborn God: Religion, Politics, and the Modern West, and Daniel Phillips, Associate Professor of Political Science (Notre Dame) will debate important issues of religion, politics and their intersection.

Keenan Hall's annual comedy show "The Keenan Revue" will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College.

L.A. Theatre Works presents "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial" Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Deco Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play is based on original transcripts of the famous 1925 Tennessee vs. John Scopes "Monkey Trial," which challenged the newly passed Tennessee legislature's "Radar Act" banning the teaching of evolution in the state's public schools. Purchase tickets online, visit or call the Ticket Office at 574-631-2900.

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

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to reduce the need to carry cash or worry about cab drives changing the whole undergraduate population involved in a cause: "We are students that want to work for the students," Burdick said. "Not necessarily for the administration, but for the students." Their top priority is to create a loan forgiveness program for students who work in public service. "We just realized that tuition is getting out of control here, and there's not much we can do about that," Sanchez said. They want to help students pay for college, and promote public service, by establishing a program that forgives the loans of students who commit to a career in public service. They said they would look into the possibility of outside funding for the venture.

Burdick and Sanchez are also interested in developing the Athletic Council as a way to "liaison between coaches and the teams and the student body." They also want to expand the current "Gold Rush" program, by providing incentives for students to boost attendance at all Notre Dame sporting events.

The candidates want to negotiate with the Notre Dame administration and the Notre Dame Security Police (NDS) to put into place a new disciplinary system for drinking violations, one in which a first offense would lead to educational development, such as an "alcohol awareness," rather than harsher consequences. "On game days, rather than worrying about being seen holding a beer, we want NDS to worry about students who are out of control, starting fights, getting into fights, rather than worry about someone who can't grow a beard holding a beer," Sanchez said.

Burdick said she wants student government to come up with activities that can make a profit, to offset costs for students.

"It's not really fair for a student to pay for the concert that's coming in the spring if they don't like the band and don't want to go," Burdick said.

The Burdick-Sanchez ticket wants to start a "tailgate row," an area for all students where they can mingle before football games.

They said they are ready for the time pressures that come with being the leaders of student government. "This whole process so far has been like a full-time job, and it's definitely doable," Burdick said. "If you have an idea and you want to get it done, you make the time to do it. So I think that we feel very strongly about what we want to get done, so we will do it."

James McCaughan and Tom Gorski

McCaughan and Gorski told The Observer that "the most pressing issue," for both students at Notre Dame and alumni of the University, is the police presence on and off campus. "If we are elected, we will do everything we can to make sure students can be comfortable when they are in situations where in the past they have been afraid of very strict and aggressive disciplinary measures," McCaughan said.

Their top priority is to persuade the University and NDS to scale back how strictly rules are enforced, especially at and before football games.

McCaughan, a junior, and Gorski, a sophomore, are roommates in Siegfried. McCaughan is a history and economics major from Key Biscayne, Fla and Gorski is an IT Management major from Omaha, Neb. Both were interviewed on TV last fall about the police presence in the tailgate area. Gorski said he was interviewed as someone beside him who was being arrested.

McCaughan and Gorski also want the University to disre­gard evidence obtained by illegal searches and seizures. They want this to extend to cases in which police "are overly aggressive in shutting down an off-campus party." The ticket plans to, should they win, move the student government office from the second floor of LaPorte Hall to the first floor of the building to make it more accessible to students.

They also want to make a Facebook wall application so students can directly voice their concerns and complaints.

Establishing an interhall laser tag league is their No. 4 priority, followed by urging student government to official­ly support the DormBooks.com used textbook program, so stu­dents can save money.

McCaughan said he has not been a part of student govern­ment since fifth grade, but said their ticket still has the experience necessary to lead.

"I think we can bring in new perspectives to student gov­ernment and we can identify very easily with the student government," he said.

Their unofficial slogan, they say, is "Men of the people, working for students."
Metals
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While the on campus participa-
tion has been fairly strong, Restivo said that off-campus members of the Notre Dame community were urged to partici-
pate as well.
"Most of the off-campus resi-
dences we can get, the larger the program will be, and the more money we will raise for the Catholic Worker House," Restivo said.

Iraq
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Salem said his life before the war was simple and comfortable. He talked about how Americans have a misconceived notion about life in Iraq before the invasion. "All that you know about Iraq is from the media but the media is not always correct," Salem said. "The only problem before 2003 was living as I was. I was a soldier in different divi-
sions, like marketing and finance. I could travel anywhere I wanted to." While most of the internships are located in different countries, there are several in Washington D.C., Tovar said. These internships are still interna-
tionally focused, she said.
"I've sent out e-mails to all of the departments, and I put up flyers and the TV and did not believe the future of their country that they didn't happen. Before the war there was no religious conflict," Rasheed said. "I'm a Muslim Sunni and until the war, I was a very good friend with a Christian." Rasheed and Al-Assadi both agreed with Salem that life in Iraq during Saddam Hussein's rule was a time of tranquility.
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

N. Korea warns of war with S. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea warned Sunday that South Korea's confrontation policies may trigger a war on the divided peninsula, a message coming two days after the communist country vowed to abandon all peace agreements with its southern neighbor.

Relations between the two Koreas have been strained since conservative President Lee Myung-bak took office nearly a year ago in Seoul, pledging to take a harder line on the North. Tension heightened Friday when the North said it was ditching a nonaggression pact and all other peace accords with South Korea.

The tension may lead to "an unavoidable military conflict and a war," North Korea's main Rodong Sinmun newspaper said in a commentary carried Sunday by the country's official Korean Central News Agency.

At least 89 killed in Kenyan oil blaze

MOMBAY, Kenya — An oil spill from a crashed truck erupted into flames Saturday in Kenya, killing at least 89 people who were trying to scoop up the fuel and dozens more who were injured.

Patrick Nyongesa, the regional manager for the Kenya Red Cross, said 89 people died and more than 200 were injured. A crowd gathered around the crash in search of free fuel.

The crash was in Molo, several hours outside the capital, Nairobi. Local newspapers have criticized the government for poor safety measures.

On Wednesday, a massive fire swept through a supermarket in downtown Nairobi, killing at least 25 people.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ill. governor delivers church message

CHICAGO — In his first Sunday since being thrust into the chief executive's office, Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn delivered a church service message of service and humility, calling on residents to work together despite challenges.

"We have to address each day with new eyes, no grudges," Quinn told the congregation of thousands at Salem Baptist Church. "We always have to learn every day."

Quinn did not specifically mention former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was ousted from office Thursday Dec. 8. Some are already questioning the Adams' legal strategy — including their decision last week to Blagojevich go on a whirlwind New York media tour before his impeachment trial ended.

Fielding questions about the criminal case from Barbara Walters, Diane Sawyer, Larry King and more. Blagojevich also gave an impassioned plea during an appearance to senators before he removed himself from office, insisting he's "fit to testify under oath."

His unwillingness to stay quiet cost him the help of his former lead attorney, Edward Siskin. The now-discarded, Siskin announced he was withdrawing from the case before the media blitz.

Lawyers say Blagojevich tipped his hand about a possible defense when he said in his Senate plea that he had no intent to commit any crime.

"There will be an instruction — the jury will be told that for them to find him guilty he has to have intended to commit fraud," says defense attorney John M. Beale. "The ousted governor also gave a peek at another defense strategy during his media interviews, saying secret recordings contained conversations that were cited in the criminal complaint — including one of him calling the Senate seat a valuable thing not to be given away for free — were taken out of context."

"Blagojevich is likely to say, as he has been saying, his words were taken out of context and politics is a tough business that frequently requires tough talk and a lot of bluster to achieve your goals," says defense attorney Michael Petrakis.

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Outbreak due to inspection problems

Bill would allow DNA sample at arrest

INDIANAPOLIS — Collecting DNA could become almost as common for police as collecting fingerprints under a bill making its way through the Indiana Senate.

Senate Bill 24 would allow police to collect DNA samples under a felony arrest, including a traffic charge, rather than just those who are convicted.

Supporters say adding that DNA to state and federal databases could help solve crimes and potentially prevent them.

Local News

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WASHINGTON — A Georgia health inspector who toured the peanut butter plant now at the center of a national salmonella outbreak noted only two minor violations in October. Less than three months later, federal inspectors found dozens, mold, a leaking roof and other sanitation problems.

Food safety experts say the lapse is a major concern and shows state inspectors are spread thin and might need more training on how to spot unsanitary conditions.

"It's surprising to me that that many major deficiencies were observed at one time, and none of these were picked up previously," said Michael Doyle, head of the food safety center at the University of Georgia.

In October, state inspector Donna Adams noted only two violations in her report on the Peanut Corp. of America plant: tote containers with peanut residue and "black buildup" and "mildew and possibly some static dust on ceiling of butter storage room."

No samples of the finished product were taken for salmonella testing during the October inspection, despite a push by the state to check for the bacteria after a salmonella outbreak was traced to another Georgia peanut butter plant in 2007.

The October report showing only minor violations seems to conflict with conditions observed by at least one former employee, though others said they saw no problems.

Jonathan Prather, who said he worked in the plant's peanut butter room until he and most of the plant's other employees were recently laid off, said he sometimes saw old and soggy peanuts being used and other unsanitary conditions. When he raised concerns about the plant's cleanliness, Prather said he was ignored by managers.

Associated Press

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No one doubts that if the father-and-son legal duo — "the two Sams" — take the case to trial they'll arrive with a full supply of firework to keep the jury entertained.

The elder Adam is a serious legal scholar with an oftbeat sense of humor and a flair for the dramatic — some say the eccentric, one-dime once dug his thick fingers into the crop of pure white hair sported by a client, a judge accused of corruption, right after implored jurors to "send this good man back to his wife of 50 years and 23 grandchildren." They looked startled, but later acquitted him.

People who know him best warn against taking the elder Adams for a lightweight.
GOP leader doubts stimulus bill will pass

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said Sunday the massive stimulus bill backed by President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats could go down to defeat if it’s not stripped of unnecessary spending and focused more on housing issues and tax cut.

The Senate version of the bill, which topped out at nearly $900 billion, is headed to the floor for debate. The House bill totaled about $819 billion and earned no Republican votes, even though it easily passed the Democratic-controlled House. At some point lawmakrs will need to compromise on the competing versions.

McConnell and other Republicans suggested that the bill needed an overhaul because it doesn’t pump enough into the private sector through tax cuts and allows Democrats to go on a spending spree unlikely to jolt the economy.

The Republican leader also complained that Democrats had not been as bipartisan in writing the bill as Obama had said he wanted.

"I think it may be time ... for the president to kind of get a hold of these Democrats in the Senate and the House, who have rather significant majorities, and shake them a little bit and say, 'Look, let's do this the right way,'" McConnell said. "I can't believe that the president isn't embarrassed about the products that he had before the election."

"I'm confident that the time we have the final package on the floor that we are going to see substantial support, and people are going to see this is a serious effort. It has no earmarks. We are going to be trimming out things that are not relevant to putting people back to work right now," Obama said.

However, he declined to predict how many Senate Republicans might switch parties.

Biden, a former senior member of the Senate before his election, similarly declined to offer predictions last in an interview after her personal phone calls for support of colleagues.

"Look, the important thing is getting the thing passed," Obama told NBC's Matt Lauer during a live pre-Super Bowl interview. "And I've done extraordinary outreach. I think to Republicans because they have some good ideas and I want to make sure those ideas are incorporated.

Obama also said that his administration would announce plans to spend the second $300 billion of a bank bailout after Congress deals with the separate economic recovery plan.

Under Obama's plan, strained state budgets would receive a cash infusion, projects for roads and other infrastructure would be funded, and "green jobs" in the energy sector would be created. In its centerpiece tax cut, jobless filers reporting in recent years and couples $1,000 even if they don't earn enough to owe federal income taxes.

Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate, said he was seeing an erosion of support for the bill and suggested that lawmakers should consider beginning anew.

"When you start from scratch, what I mean is that the basic approach of this bill, I believe, is wrong," Kyl said.

Among the major changes Kyl said would be needed to gain Republican support in the Senate was the tax rebate for individuals and couples, which he criticized as going to too many people who didn't pay the tax to start with. He also criticized the bill for seeking to create nearly three dozen government programs and giving states far more money than they need.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., argued that $3 out of every $3 in the bill goes to tax cuts and defended it as aimed at helping working families. While he contended that Democrats were "more open" to compromise on the competing Republican proposals, he cited only what he said were calls for more money in job-creating public works projects, typically a Democratic priority.

Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., characterized the proposal as "a spending plan. It's not a stimulus plan. It's temporary, and it's wasteful.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who was chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, said the bill was designed to help people who have been damaged in the economic melt-down as well as stimulate the economy.

"I never saw a tax cut fix a bridge. I never saw a tax cut pay for public transportaion. The fact is, we need a mix," Frank said.

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take on the Steelers' Ben Roethlisberger.

Steelers fans were quickly sent on an emotional roller coaster when their team's first touchdown was overturned by a coach's challenge. Fans had to settle for a field goal instead, and they were not too happy.

"I wish we started off with a bigger lead," senior Emily Toates said. "It would have made the rest of the game a whole lot less unnerving."

The second quarter had Pittsburgh fans jumping up and down when linebacker James Harrison intercepted a pass at the zero yard line for a 100 yard return for a touchdown with only 8 seconds left on the clock.

"It's a good day," Diznik said. "But I think the Steelers deserved to win."

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In Brief

No answer at Davos global forum

DAVOS, Switzerland — Mired in indecision and uncertainty, the world's foremost gathering of the best and brightest in government and business failed to come up with any new plan to stem, much less reverse, the global financial downturn.

The five-day World Economic Forum in this Swiss alpine resort wrapped up Sunday in the back of the housing boom. Now, employers are fighting for survival and laid-off workers are conserving cash.

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"There's a feeling of worthlessness," said Jeff. "A former tool-and-die maker. A severance package is helping, but the lack of jobs could force the family to move."

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Americans spending less, saving more

WASHINGTON — Americans are buying less and saving more. For a recession-battered economy, it couldn't be happening at a worse time.

Economists call it the "paradox of thrift." It's a self-inflicted recession. People are spending less, saving more — bad for the economy when everyone does it.

On Friday, the government reported Americans' savings rate, as a percentage of after-tax incomes, rose to 2.9 percent in the last three months of 2008. That's up sharply from 1.2 percent in the third quarter and less than 1 percent a year ago.

Like a tether-totter, when the savings rate rises, spending falls. The latter accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity. When consumers refuse to spend, companies cut back, layoffs rise, people pinch pennies even more and the recession deepens.

The downward spiral has hammered the retail and manufacturing industries. For years, stores enjoyed boom times as shoppers splurged on TVs, fancy kitchen decor and designer clothes. Suddenly, frugality is in style.

Grace Case, 38, of Syracuse, N.Y., is a self-described recovering credit-alcoholic. For 13 years, she charged it all — cars, clothes, repairs, vacations. She'd make only the minimum card payments to sustain her buying spree for her and her family, which includes her husband and two children.

But after being laid off 2½ years ago from her job as an accountant, she funded another accounting job that cut her salary from $60,000 to $40,000. It was impossible to meet minimum payments on her credit card balances.

Now, the Cases are on a strict budget. They take "stayingcations," grow their own vegetables, buy only used cars and pre-pay cell phones. Case hasn't used a credit card in two years. And she's saving more.

"It's really a liberating feeling," she said. "If you want something, you have to have the money for it."
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We won’t...

In response to Rob Kessler’s, Jan. 30 letter “We are...”, I need to voice my discontent. While I have noticed that we are often times told that we are special and whatsoever, by chanting “We are ND,” I do not see how this can possibly be taken as arrogance. The Northwestern chant is arrogant, true, but through chanting who we are, we represent, we are not in any way or form condescending those who have beaten us. I, for one, am saying who I am and pride, saying they have not beaten down the spirit that embodies the campus.

I believe that this chant is much better than saying words such as “Suck it, (insert lesser school’s title),” yet you do not mention anything towards this. You probably say that it is in the sport of athleticism, of college events, to try to irritate the other team so as to give us the upper hand. Yet I guarantee that hearing a student body insulting the entire American, brought up again the chantings that their next opponents sucked, that they didn’t play of arrogance in the face of an opponent.

Austria and Germany hate nuclear energy. They hate it. What radiation did not reach them during the Chernobyl incident was supplemented by the radiation of bad Pili that swept through eastern Europe. Western Europe, Austria’s two existing power plants have not been able to use to put to use due to the overwhelming sentiment against their installation into their country. On 1978 referendum, almost a full decade before Chernobyl. The opposition is deeply rooted. And yet, thanks to the Russian giant natural gas supplier Gazprom. In the last few weeks nuclear power has been one of the main topics of discussion in every Austrian newspaper, blog, television, radio, university common space, coffee shop, etc. The aftermath of the early January scare of a western, wealthy, large amounts of natural gas flow not only to the East, but also to Europe is still resonating strongly. For two weeks, 90 percent of Gazprom’s natural gas was flowing to Austria to cut off, and many other European countries received none from the supplier. Such a drastic cutoff reawakened, yet again, Austrian and other Europeans to their frailty in energy sustainability matters. The economy and lifestyle of this western, wealthy, unquestionably industrialized country with a standard of living that ranks in the top 15 in the world is completely reliant on a country with whose politics it disagrees. Sound familiar?

The cutoff, much like the high oil prices last summer here in America, brought up again the increasingly important topic of energy security. How can a “powerful” nation be brought to its knees by one closed pipeline? By the rising prices of one single commodity? That is not security, under any circumstances.

But with the much-needed concept of “Energy Security” comes other dangers. Secure, but at what price? Most Austrians hold the opposition of nuclear energy as one of their core beliefs. Removing myself momentarily from the argument for or against nuclear power, the Austrians themselves believe that it would spell certain dangers for their nation if they were to allow such plants to proceed. Their country holds its existence to the environment, present and future, to proceed with nuclear energy.

When does Energy Security harm other environmental properties? Often the two are interlinked, can play off each other and promote one another simultaneously. Renewable energy development not only helps our energy security, but also has the potential to improve air quality, provide long-term health benefits, lessen carbon dioxide emissions and minimize invasive and environmentally detrimental mining techniques.

However, Energy Security often becomes a force that hampers environmental goals. Austrians who do not choose to build nuclear power plants have the option. Desperate needs for Energy Security force them into comprising their values. Plans for dams and hydro-power plants are popping up all over Europe in places once valued for their relatively untouched ecosystem.

We in America are all too familiar with such compromises. In the name of Energy Security, it’s okay to move mountains, displace elk, irreparably ruin oceanic ecosystems or deplete already strained soil. Granted, the last administration often tried to switch heaven for hell in the name of security, insisting it was a good idea, but the bipartisan rush to wean off of foreign oil and gas runs the risk of depleting the last health of our country and people, a resource that is unsustainable.

We must approach the concept of Energy Security while keeping in mind what we may be sacrificing for it. Chasing energy at all costs. All countries should in return for this result in a cumulative 1.6 percent greater domestic crude oil production by the year 2030, hardly enough to justify the permanent dam to the environment, present and future. To proceed with nuclear energy.

Matt Roe
Mortuary Manor
Feb. 1
Letters to the Editor

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Ben Linsky
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Right to Life discussion

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THE DUDE ABIDES: A DEEPER LOOK AT "THE BIG LEBOWSKI"

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But Oscar season also reminds us of why we love movies, especially those movies which never win awards, and really shouldn’t. Yet some of those flicks are our personal favorites. I can think of one that sticks out most for me.

When I turned 14, a friend of mine gave me as a present the Coen brothers’ cult hit, "The Big Lebowski." As a teenager somewhat shielded from R-rated movies by overprotective parents, the fact that I was watching something prohibited made me grips more before the movie even started. And when it did, I laughed nearly the entire 117 minutes.

Yet at the time, my being home alone was the greatest part of the film’s unique, hasty plot, its eccentric characters, goofy ruses played by John Goodman and John Turturro (though some claim the number of the viewers to be closer or closer), in fact, it would be four years during my freshman composition class before I seriously entertained. The film’s premise starts off simply. Jeff "The Dude" Lebowski (Jeff Bridges) is mistaken by a pair of thugs for the extremely wealthy and crippled philanthropist Jeffrey Lebowski (David Huddleston). These thugs knock the Dude around before proceeding to urinate on his favorite rug, a rag that according to the Dude’s valiant bowling buddy Walter Sobchak (John Goodman), “really tied the room together.”

The Dude then sets out to seek recompense for his damaged upholstery, getting himself stuck in a complicated web of ransom-seeking nihilists, porn kings, playboy wives, raging feminists and inept private detectives along the way. But the film is more than its farcical,umbling plot points to be.

My freshman year composition class focused on representations of gender, class and race in media. In order to demonstrate contemporary critiques of the subject, the instructor chose to screen "The Big Lebowski" as an example, and that’s when I began to decipher what the Coen Brothers were really doing with their film. "The Big Lebowski" provides masculine (and feminized) role models that no one would willingly want to associate with. Most of these representations are done through extremes.

The Dude’s hardly potty-trained antagonists are completely home-headed, mistaking the debt of a millionaire philanthropist’s playboy wife to be associated with the unemployed, Welfare-dependent Dude. The nihilists, who later pretend to kidnap the philanthropist’s wife and then extract ransom from the Dude, turn out to be spineless, cowardly bozos when confronted by Walter in a showdown outside the bowling alley.

Contrasting their representation is that of Walter himself, a character negatively warped and existing in testosterone. A Vietnam veteran with an exceptionally short temper, Walter comically bounces around the Dude’s situation throughout the film, constantly making matters worse for the Dude by attempting to fix them with violence and war tactics. At one point, while interrogating a teenager who stole and crashed the Dude’s car, Walter becomes fed up with the boy’s refusal to answer any questions and takes a crowbar to what he believes is the boy’s brand new car. The car actually belongs to a neighbor, who comes out bowing and holliering and takes a baseball bat to the Dude’s vehicle, bashing its windshield.

In between these extremes of cowardice and belligerence, but still in the negative realm of masculinity, fall the Dude and his buddy Donny’s powerless representations. The Dude, because of hisパス ivism, laziness, alcoholism and even hatred stupidity, lacks the power to rationally communicate or combat injustice and oppression. His inability to solve his own problems, as seen through his constant manipulation by and abuse from other characters, forces him to turn to Walter for help.

In the film’s final showdown, the nihilists set fire to the Dude’s car, destroying it. The car then explodes, killing the Dude’s impiousness. Throughout the story, it is shot, crashed, stolen, used as a urinal, crashed again, assaulted with a bat and finally burned. Like the car, the Dude has no control over the events happening to or around him.

Donny is even more powerless, despite being the best bowler of the bunch. Every time he speaks, Walter immediately contradicts him or tells him to shut up! The film provides extreme malevolent representations associated with defeat and failure. "The Big Lebowski" encourages its viewers to come up with their own conception of masculinity somewhere between those extremes, and with-out the help of a traditionally represented hero.

If you look for a literal hero within the film, you will not find one. I hope. Instead, the film works to promote a different type of view-ing, a viewing where individuals create and construct their own conception of gender rather than relying on what they see to form their own thoughts.

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While the narrator may not know the answer to his question, neither may we, and that’s something to think about.

For me, "The Big Lebowski" will always have a special place in my heart. Since first watching it eight years ago, I have shown it to numerous friends and family. And whether or not they’ve understood the film’s gender critique, we’ve shared laughter at the Dude’s expense nonetheless.

But hey, at least the guy is housebroken.

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THE DUDE ABIDES: A DEEPER LOOK AT "THE BIG LEBOWSKI"
**Defiance**

Directed by: Edward Zwick
Starring: Daniel Craig, Liev Schreiber and Jamie Bell

When the four Bielski brothers escaped from the Nazis in Belarus in 1941, it's likely none of them ever thought the subsequent four years of their lives would evolve into a major motion picture 68 years later. But that's exactly what "Defiance" is — only problem is, it's just a big bad motion picture.

Looking at trailers for the movie, one would think they were going to see an action-adventure movie complete with Daniel Craig in a role the current James Bond, Tuvia Bielski, blowing stuff up, shooting people, dodging bombs and bullets from the Nazis. Apparently, the viewer is supposed to not remember that a blond-haired, blue-eyed actor is playing someone who's Jewish. The filmmakers tried to keep Craig's hair filled with dirt for most of "Defiance" — which makes sense, as the film is set in a forest — but it's clear that he remains a blond for unknown reasons.

If you can get past the fact that Craig is one of the most Jewish actors in film history, you won't be disappointed.

While "Defiance" tries to do the Bielski history justice, any film about the Holocaust will undoubtedly be compared to the titans that came before it, particularly "Schindler's List" and "The Pianist." While it touches on the same subjects as those films, "Defiance" fails to pack the same emotional punch of those movies. It introduced too many minor characters that somehow prove to be important, no matter how small their roles.

The film also clocks in at an unnecessary 137 minutes. The humor is awkward, and the relationships aren't developed enough to be maintained throughout the running time.

Had the director, Edward Zwick ("Blood Diamond"), cut out half of the characters and an extraneous 30 minutes, "Defiance" would have been far more watchable.

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**WHO MAKES THE CUT?**

Rewriting the rock canon


Can the list go on, and, more importantly, do we deserve to be on it? Would adding Nirvana to that list be like blaspheming Mary, the M.O.G.? Does anyone really want to see the rock and roll anymore? Why would they?

It's been said there exists a rock and roll canon. There are a select few artists who only Neil Gallagher, more than he would dare to cross. Sure, they've all had their missteps. Neil Young writes a terrible album about every five years. Dylan couldn't escape the 1980s. Mick Jagger refuses to put his Megalodon away, and Springsteen has tried to make the same record about seven too many times.

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Flawed 'Defiance' fails to tell Bielski's story

By LIZ HARTER

When the four Bielski brothers escaped from the Nazis in Belarus in 1941, it's likely none of them ever thought the subsequent four years of their lives would evolve into a major motion picture 68 years later. But that's exactly what 'Defiance' is — only problem is, it's just a big bad motion picture.

Looking at trailers for the movie, one would think they were going to see an action-adventure movie complete with Daniel Craig in a role the current James Bond, Tuvia Bielski, blowing stuff up, shooting people, dodging bombs and bullets from the Nazis. Apparently, the viewer is supposed to not remember that a blond-haired, blue-eyed actor is playing someone who's Jewish. The filmmakers tried to keep Craig's hair filled with dirt for most of 'Defiance' — which makes sense, as the film is set in a forest — but it's clear that he remains a blond for unknown reasons.

If you can get past the fact that Craig is one of the most Jewish actors in film history, you won't be disappointed.

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The film also clocks in at an unnecessary 137 minutes. The humor is awkward, and the relationships aren't developed enough to be maintained throughout the running time.

Had the director, Edward Zwick ('Blood Diamond'), cut out half of the characters and an extraneous 30 minutes, 'Defiance' would have been far more watchable.

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Can the list go on, and, more importantly, do we deserve to be on it? Would adding Nirvana to that list be like blaspheming Mary, the M.O.G.? Does anyone really want to see the rock and roll anymore? Why would they?

It's been said there exists a rock and roll canon. There are a select few artists who only Neil Gallagher, more than he would dare to cross. Sure, they've all had their missteps. Neil Young writes a terrible album about every five years. Dylan couldn't escape the 1980s. Mick Jagger refuses to put his Megalodon away, and Springsteen has tried to make the same record about seven too many times.

Yet, these artists have all blown the minds and broke the hearts of baby boomers. Not just the cats, too. From hedge fund managers to Neomarxists, everyone sings along to "Under My Thumb." Their kids have benefited from growing up to melodic acoustic numbers and avant-garde crashes. These storytellers have bashedexus, while also swooning at first sights.

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Nadal beats Federer for Australian Open title

Top-ranked player claims Men's Singles championship in five sets; Becomes first Spaniard to win title

Rafael Nadal shakes hands with Australian tennis legend Rod Laver during the award ceremony after defeating Roger Federer in the Men's singles final match at the Australian Open.

Associated Press

Melbourne, Australia — Rafael Nadal held off Roger Federer in another five-set Grand Slam final, keeping Pete Sampras' record of 14 major titles intact for now.

Nadal became the first Spanish man to win the Australian Open, beating Federer 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-2 in a momentum-swinging, 6-hour, 22-minute final that finished just after midnight on Sunday.

Federer, trying to equal Sampras' record, sobbed at the net as they walked off the court. He returned to Grand Slam history, and it's killing him.

"Remember, it's killing me," Federer said, crying. He returned to congraulate Nadal within minutes, saying: "You deserved it. You played a fantastic final!"

Top-ranked Nadal, who has won five of the seven Grand Slam finals they've contested, now has a major on hard courts to go with his titles on clay and grass.

The only man capable of a Grand Slam this season, 21-year-old Nadal advanced to the final after holding off fellow Spanish left-hander Fernando Verdasco on Friday in 5 hours, 14 minutes — the longest match in the tournament's history.

Federer had a straight-sets win over Andy Roddick the previous night, but said the difference in preparation had no influence on the final.

He said the fact he'd missed the Sampras record was "a dream for me." He added: "I am happy for the final after holding off fellow Spanish left-hander Fernando Verdasco on Friday in 5 hours, 14 minutes — the longest match in the tournament's history.

Nadal has four consecutive titles on clay at Roland Garros and beat Federer on grass in a five-set epic at Wimbledon last year.

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TAMPA, Fla. — The winning play of the Super Bowl was right out of a schoolyard. Scamble right, scramble left, find someone open. The perfect unp scripted ending to a game of improbable swings. Their Steel Curtain shredded. Ben Roethlisberger and Santonio Holmes improvis ed the 6-yard touchdown with 35 seconds left that gave the Pittsburgh Steelers a record-setting sixth Super Bowl victory, 27-23 over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday night.

"Great players step up in big time games to make plays," said Hol mes, the game's MVP. He said he told Roethlisberger that he "wanted to be the guy to make the plays for this team."

And he was. This thriller certainly matched last year's upset of the New England Patriots by the New York Giants that ended with Plaxico Burress' TD catch — with 35 seconds left, too.

But this one was even wilder. With the last two-point conversion blocked, the perfect game for this title.

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IN BRIEF

NFL greats Smith, Woodson make Hall of Fame

TAMPA — Bruce Smith, Rod Woodson and Derrick Thomas, all with the early wake-up call clearly had a great deal of resolve.
ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame to play in indoor championship

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's No. 1 men's tennis team moved into the round of 16 at ITA National Indoors Friday after a 4-0 win over Johns Hopkins. In their consolation match, the Irish were able to take down the No. 20 team in the nation, Texas Tech.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish win one, lose one at ITA National Invite

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

No. 32 Notre Dame dropped its first match of two on the weekend to No. 12 Tulsa at the ITA National Indoors. The Irish dropped the doubles points with two 8-2 losses at one and two. However, the doubles team of freshman Steven Havens and junior Collin Reiley clinched the Irish's doubles point with an 8-5 victory over their opponents.

Tulsa's fourth-ranked doubles team of Arnao Bruges and Philipp Stevens were able to take down the Irish's No. 37 ranked doubles team of junior Brett Helgeson and sophomore Tyler Davis. At three, freshman Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Matt Johnson fell to Alberto Sottocorno and Ashley Watling by the same score. "Casey Watt and Niall Fitzgerald are great shot makers," Irish coach Bobby Byalls said. "Sam Keeton has the ability to flat out rip the ball from the back court. Each has skills that rank up there with some of the better players we have had here. The question with our guys is whether or not they can each adopt the practice of daily life habits.

At No. 2 doubles, freshmen Casey Watt and sophomore Steven Havens were able to defeat Marko Ballok and Ross Cunningham in an 8-1 win. Fitzgerald was able to earn a win at singles over Michael Broder by a score of 6-1, 6-4. Keeton continued his unbeaten spring season in 4-0 doubles with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Ballok which moved the Irish into a 2-1 lead in Notre Dame's favor. The Irish could not hold on, losing at one, two and four singles to lose the match 4-2.

No. 112 sophomore Dan Stahl was not able to finish his match against No. 91 Stephens which would have finished in a third set.

Notre Dame v. Texas Tech

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FENCING

Women top No. 1 Penn St.

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's No. 1 women's fencing team (13-8) and No. 2 women's fencing team (12-2) combined for an 11-0 record at day one of the Northwestern Duals this weekend in Evanston, Ill. Both squads posted victories over top-ranked Penn State teams. The men turned in wins over Johns Hopkins (23-4), Northwestern (20-7), Cleveland State (24-3), No. 10 North Carolina (21-6), and Penn State (14-13), who currently are tied with the Irish atop the USOCA poll.

On the women's side, the team went 6-0 with wins against Johns Hopkins (25-2), Penn State (19-8), No. 8 Temple (19-8), Farleigh Dickinson (24-3), Lawrence (25-2) and Wayne State (23-4). The team's early success has established the young Notre Dame fencers as one of the toughest squads in the country, and Irish coach Janusz Bednarski has his eyes set on his third national championship in seven years with the program. The highlight of the first day of competition was the men's team's 14-3 bout against rival Penn State. Holding a narrow 13-12 lead late in the match, Bednarski made a late substitution, placing Sophomore Jacob Osborne into the epee 1 in a 14-10 victory behind 4-3 in the 3-touch bout, but rallied off the next two points to clinch the match for the Irish. "(Osborne) is a fencer who can win against anybody," Bednarski said. "At the same time, we can run the technical show and score sophisticated touches as he gets more stable and more mature in his bouts." The Notre Dame women put on a clinic against Penn State, with a dominating 19-8 blowout against the first-ranked rival. Sophomores epeeist Ewa Nelp, foilist Hayley Reese, and sabre Eliven Hansen each went undefeated at 3-0 in the match, with Reese's second victory against the 2007 National Champion, sophomore foilist Doris Willette.

"Reese is a young fencer who cannot stand to lose. Defeat is not an option when she is coming on to the strip," Bednarski said. "She is a very intelligent player who forces opponents to fence her way." The Northwestern Duals concluded Sunday afternoon. The men squared off against Wayne State and No. 3 Ohio State in the afternoon, while the women took on Cleveland State and No. 3 Ohio State in the morning. Results were not available as of Sunday night. Contact Michael Blasco at mblasco@nd.edu

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Phelps discusses pot photo

Associated Press

Olympic great Michael Phelps acknowledged "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment" after a photo in a British newspaper showed him inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

In a statement to The Associated Press, Phelps, who won a record eight gold medals at the Beijing Games, said he was regrettable and demonstrated bad judgment. "Phelps said in the statement released by one of his agents. "I'm 23 years old and despite the successes I've had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and inappropriate way, not in a manner people have come to expect from me. For this, I am sorry. I promise my fans and the public I will learn from this and improve."

News of the World said the picture was taken during a November house party while Phelps was visiting the University of Southern California. On that trip, he attended one of the school's football games and received a big ovation when he returned to the pool a little later and received a big ovation when he received a big ovation when he.

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Phelps impressed in first two-day meets of year

By DOUG FARMER

Sporz Wire

The Irish split up this past weekend, sending partial teams to the Final Four in Ohio and the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington. Notre Dame looked sharp in both of its first two-day meets of the year.

"In his book "No Limits: The Will to Succeed," Phelps recounted how his first phone call was to his agent, and not his mother or coach Bob Bowman, because he knew they would yell at him. At the time, he called Bowman, who was supportive but told him, "Michael, just because you want to blow off some steam doesn't mean you can be an idiot."

Debbie Phelps, his mother, cried at the news.

"That hurt worse, maybe, than anything," Phelps wrote. "I had never seen my mother that upset."

Bowman did not immediately respond to phone and e-mail messages Sunday.

Last year, News of the World posted video on its Web site showing Max Mosley, the president of the British Olympic Committee, bathing next to his wife and their sons.

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Notre Dame athletes qualifying for the 600-meter medley relay included Jessica Saxer, Joanna Weber, and Anna Schneider, who won the women's 600-meter medley with a time of 1:20.33. Schneider won the men's 600-meter medley with a time of 1:19.80. In the shot put, junior Jaclyn Espinosa took third with a toss of 13.41.

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SMC swimming

Belles drop close match in final event of season

By ERIC PRINTER

Sporz Wire

In their second last meet of the season, the Belles fell to the Kalamazoo Hornets 155-145 in a match decided by the last event.

Caroline Cavadini had the 400-yard freestyle relay, the final competition, the by the Belles. They were edged in the event, and therefore dropped their third head-to-head MIAA meet this season.

Despite the loss, the Belles had a season-best meet, recording 10 sea-son-best times.

The team started off quickly, set-ting two season-best times in the first two events of the night. Sophomore Maggie Williams and freshmen Audrey Dalrymple, Eva Cavadini and Barbara Beider started off the meet with a season-best time in the 400-medley relay.

Then, in the next event, senior Melissa Gerbeth posted her sea-son-best time in the 100-freeestyle event, which gave her first-place finish. Gerbeth was also victorious in the 500-freeestyle competi-tion in which she swam 5:22.87, another season-best.
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Offensively for the Irish, the biggest difference in the second half was 3-point shooting. In the first half, Notre Dame regressed its shooting form, looking nothing like the team that shot a combined 16-for-33 (48.5%) from beyond the arc. Emily Garbo

didn’t do that in Big East

said.

She’s a great player, she’s one

said.

encouraging

ference, so to be able to shut

her down I thought was a very

really good to finally start hit-

ting them again. I just wanted to be productive and help the team score some points.

Cincinnati was 4-for-8 without scoring late in the first half, when Stevens converted a 3-

point play to make the score 23-19 Irish. By then, however, Schrader decid-

ed to bury the Bearcats.

In the final 2:49 of the first half, Schrader scored seven points and ignit-

ed a 13-2 Notre Dame run. She had a chance at two 3-point plays but missed the free throw both times. She had 13 points and 11 rebounds at the half, when the Irish led 36-26.

Note: Despite its second half struggles, Notre Dame became the first team to crack the 80-

point plateau this season against Pittsburgh.

“A silver lining,” Brey said. “When we had 45 on the board (at halftime), I said to my staff, ‘Let’s get 90. Even 90 wouldn’t have given us a chance today.’

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nd-chance points.

“We’re just sick of losing, and we’re sick of talking about los-

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Sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski finished with 15

points and seven rebounds, junior guard Ashley Barlow had a career-high eight steals

and junior guard Melissa Chang had seven assists and eight rebounds.

Senior forward Kellie\n
Lechlitner had seven assists

for the Irish and finished with 13

rebounds because it enabled Michigan in her first collegiate career high of 14 rebounds on

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Irish senior

Irish senior Kyle McAlarney goes up for a layup in Notre Dame’s 71-64 loss to Marquette Jan. 26 at the Joyce Center.}

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The curse was started by the Michigan coach Red Berenson. "It was just one of those games where the puck took our bounces," he said.

Irish defense-man Kyle Lawson thought the No. 1-ranked Irish coach was just being humble. "I think he's being a little modest," Lawson said. "That's why he's so good at what he does. They call in plays and executed their gameplan better than we did, I think."

Despite the loss, Jackson remained confident after the game. "Sometimes losses are good for the soul," he said. "It's good to have a nice streak like that; it's been good for the program. But at the same time it's about us getting ready for the end of the season and games like this help us do that."

The Irish got right back to work, starting a new streak Saturday, holding off a Michigan rally to walk out of Yost Arena with a win. Notre Dame got on the board first after freshman right wing Billy Maday punctured a Cali-Ridderdwall rebound past Wolverine goalkeeper Bryan Hogan at 8:15 of the opening frame.

Junior right wing Ryan Thang made the lead 2-0 on a penalty shot goal at 4:03 in the second period. After being bailed down from behind by Michigan defense-man Steve Kampsfer, Thang started the penalty shot moving wide to his backhand side, before switching to forehand and snapping a shot over Hogan’s glove. The goal was Notre Dame’s first on a penalty shot since Rob Glick’s in 2001.

A goal from Ridderdwall at 12:50 in the second gave the Irish a 3-0 lead going into the final period.

No lead, however, is safe at Yost Arena, and the Wolverines refused to go quietly. A pair of power-play goals, the first at 4:27 from Aaron Palushaj at 8:45, made for a tense finale in Ann Arbor. But despite being outshot 14-3 in the final period, Pearson and the Irish defense held strong. Notre Dame’s senior goalie finished with 36 saves on the night.

Despite the rinse’s intimidating size, Notre Dame has won two of its last three trips to Yost Arena, and could easily face Michigan again in the CCHA Championship in Detroit.

The Irish return to action next weekend with a trip to No. 14 Ohio State.

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THE OBSERVER
**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Pitt comes back to give Notre Dame its fifth straight loss

By GREG ARBOGAST

Sports Writer

Fifty-six seconds into the second half, Irish coach Mike Brey called a timeout to slowdown the Pittsburgh Panthers. It was too late.

The No. 3 Panthers had already put the Irish in the &quot;win may not happen&quot; mindset. Notre Dame Halftime lead and they continued to roll, handing the Irish their fifth consecutive loss with a 93-80 win in Pittsburgh Saturday.

For the first 20 minutes Saturday, Notre Dame rebounded, defended and shot its way to a 45-39 lead at intermission. But that didn’t last long.

Receiver the ball to start the second half, the Irish turned it over on their first possession. Pittsburgh guard Levance Fields hit a three to cut Notre Dame’s lead in half. Then the Irish turned it over on their second possession. The Panthers’ Sam Young, who stole the ball, went coast-to-coast finishing strong while getting fouled for a bucket. He hit the free throw to tie the game at 45.

After a timeout, the Panthers scored the next two baskets, with forward DelJuan Blair capping the 10-0 run on a thunderous put-back slam of a Jermaine Dixon miss. Poor. Just like that, everything the Irish had worked for in the first half was suddenly rendered irrelevant.

Irish forward Luke Harangody ended the Pittsburgh run with an inside basket, but consecutive 3-pointers by Dixon and Fields put the Panthers up by eight with 15:40 remaining. Notre Dame wouldn’t get any closer the rest of the way.

What hurt us is how we started the second half, Notre Dame coach Mike Brey told the AP. &quot;You can’t do that against a really good team in their building. It’s hard to overcome.&quot; The Panthers outscored the Irish 54-35 in the final 20 minutes of play.

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**HOCKEY**

**Dances with Wolverines**

Team splits weekend series with Michigan

By SAM WERNER

Sports Writer

In two close games that lived up to their billing, the Irish split their weekend series with Michigan, falling 2-1 Friday night in the Joyce Center, and winning 3-2 Saturday night in Ann Arbor.

The split allowed the No. 1 Irish (24-4-3, 14-7-0-0 CCHA) to maintain their hold on first place in the CCHA, two points ahead of Miami (OH) with two games in hand on the RedHawks.

Friday night, in front of a packed crowd sporting &quot;White Out&quot; T-shirts, the No. 7/8 Wolverines (19-9-0, 13-7-0-0 CCHA) brought an end to Notre Dame’s学校-record 20-game winning streak.

Irish junior Ryan Thang scored Notre Dame’s first penalty shot goal in eight years Saturday at Yost Arena in Michigan. The Irish split the weekend series with No. 7 Michigan.

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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Irish rebound against Cinci**

Schrader leads the way as ND snaps two-game losing streak

By BILL BRINK

Sports Editor

To senior guard Lindsay Schrader, no rebound was too far away, no loose ball too much effort, and no shot too difficult.

Schrader had 19 points and a career-high 15 rebounds during No. 17 Notre Dame’s 66-50 win over Cincinnati Saturday at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame’s offensive rebounding and ability to force turnovers sealed the win, which snapped its two-game losing streak.

The Irish (16-4, 5-3 Big East) grabbed 20 offensive rebounds and forced Cincinnati (13-7, 3-4) to turn the ball over 26 times. They scored 26 points.

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Hope gets revenge in win over Saint Mary’s

By ALEX WEST

Sports Writer

On Jan. 3, Saint Mary’s pulled off an upset of then-No. 1 Hope College to take control of the MIAA. Saturday afternoon, the No. 3 Flying Dutch (16-1) got redemption and put back on top of the MIAA with a 84-59 victory over the Belles (11-8).

The Flying Dutch started out the game strong and never took their foot off the gas. Just six minutes into the contest, Miranda Wuikier hit a 3-pointer that put Hope up 11 points. The Belles were able to cut the lead back to seven with 12:44 in the first half, but Hope pulled away to a 39-25 lead at halftime.

The Flying Dutch continued to dominate both sides of the ball in the second half. The Belles couldn’t find an answer for Carrie Snikkers who scored a game-high 21 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Jessica Cenla was the leading scorer for the Belles with 12 points. Senior forward Erin Newsom added 10 points and five rebounds, both under her season average.

On the bright side for the Belles, they forced the Flying Dutch into 18 turnovers and held them under 39 percent shooting. But the Flying Dutch dominated the boards, out rebounding the Belles 57-45.

The Belles finished their four-game road trip 3-1, but fell to 7-9 overall. It’s hard to bounce back at home after such a cussing.

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