Jenkins to address academic freedom

Queer Film Festival, Vagina Monologues are starting points for discussion

By MADDEE HANNA and MARY KATE MALONE

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University President Father John Jenkins will discuss the interplay between academic freedom and Notre Dame's Catholic character in a series of open-dialogue addresses next week, a decision spurred by the winter break thefts and heightened debate about the university's identity.

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Off-campus student residences burglarized

Locked doors, alarm systems fail to stop winter break thefts

By MARY KATE MALONE

Several off-campus houses occupied by Notre Dame students were burglarized or vandalized during Christmas break in a series of crimes that students said caused serious damage to their homes.

Ten students living at 825 West Washington St. estimated the damage to their 10-bedroom house at about $10,000. Burglars entered the house Dec. 27, stealing everything from DVDs and Monologues.

"Academic freedom is an essential value in any university community, and our Catholic character is essential to Notre Dame," Jenkins said in a statement Tuesday. "I want to address both these central values, and seek comment and discussion from the University community. I believe such discussion is an important one for Notre Dame and Catholic higher education in general.

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Renters disturbed, but not surprised by recent break-ins

By KATIE PERRY

Off-campus students victimized by burglaries during Christmas break said they were not surprised by the events — just shocked they did not happen sooner. And some feared the crimes would increase already-inflamed tensions between Notre Dame students and the South Bend community.

"I was feeling like we were going to get broken into, every single day, from the very beginning," one student said.

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College starts semester day early

By KELLY MEEHAN

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Saint Mary's students' winter break came to an abrupt end Monday when they found themselves sitting in a classroom on a day previously reserved for enrollment, purveyors, books and schedule changes.

The College Academic Affairs Council voted in April 2005 to resume class on the first Monday of the spring 2006 semester and every semester thereafter. The council opted to begin a day earlier in order to achieve an equal meeting time between classes that convene on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and those that meet on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Saint Mary's students listen in class, which started on Monday at the College — a day before classes at Notre Dame began.

Former trustee pleads guilty to misdemeanor

By MEGAN O'NEILL

Saint Mary's Vice President for Student Affairs Linda Timm announced last week she will leave the College in June in order to assume the presidency at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wis.

As a vice president at Saint Mary's for 11 years, Timm interacted closely with students, overseeing various departments on campus including athletics and recreation, student activities, counseling and career development, health and wellness services and residence life.

"This is the next move in my life," Timm said of the job change. "In lots of ways, this will be a new beginning for me, a new beginning professionally and a new beginning personally.

Timm began to consider the possibility of a presidential position in recent years, she said, and was first contacted by the Mount Mary search committee as a potential candidate last August. Timm said that Mount Mary's mission as a Catholic women's liberal arts college resonated with her from the very beginning.

One of six candidates initially identified, Timm visited the Milwaukee campus in mid-September where she met with the search committee — a body which included

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It's the beginning of a new semester, and also still the beginning of a new year. Although the festivities of New Year's Eve are in the past, for many people New Year's resolutions are very much a part of the present. Laura Baumgartner

It has only been about 17 days, give or take a few hours, since these resolutions were made and I hope most of you can still honestly say that you are living up to yours. However, if you didn't choose to converge with the masses and resolve to improve your life in some way this year I think that's OK too. Based on my experiences, I haven't encountered many people who were able to sustain their goals for the New Year through out the month of January, let alone the entire year.

Personally, I don't even remember what my past resolutions may have been. This makes me fairly confident that I did not continue with my resolve to improve myself for very long. I think the problem with New Year's resolutions is that a lot of the time people don't really commit to them. They make up a resolution whether it's to start working out on a regular basis, to quit smoking, or to spend more time doing volunteer work not because they truly want to do those things but because they feel obligated too.

New Year's resolutions are a tradition that dates back to Babylonian times, and because they are still so popular in society today who wants to be the oddball who doesn't make one. However, if you really want to change something about yourself or your life, should you be able to do it any day of the year?

Life is complicated enough as it is; so we really need to have the added pressure of New Year's and its dreadfully obligatory resolutions hung over our heads on top of all the daily stressors we encounter?

If you really are dedicated to changing yourself for the better or resolving to change something else that you think could use improvements and just need that extra push to get started, then I think New Year's was created for you. However, I don't think we should spend a set day too focused on making up resolutions. If you want to change something I think you should just go for it. Take the initiative and start whenever you feel like it.

There's no reason to wait until next year to make a resolution, so if you missed the deadline of midnight on New Year's Eve this year, don't worry about it, start today.

I didn't start my resolution until returning to campus. In fact, I wasn't even going to make one simply because I couldn't think of anything that I thought I wanted to change. Once I had moved in and worked up an appetite after struggling with my and when the ceremony is over, be driven straight up to the aircraft.

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Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Airport becomes hot spot to tie the knot

STOCKHOLM - A busy international airport may not seem like the most romantic setting for a wedding, but it is an increasingly popular venue for exchanging vows in Sweden.

Last year, 488 couples tied the knot at Arlanda airport outside Stockholm, up from 148 in 2004. It was the second consecutive yearly increase, airport spokeswoman Helena Miller said.

The weddings took place in the airport chapel or, more commonly, in a VIP room, where the bride and groom can check in their luggage, order champagne and catering, and when the ceremony is over, be driven straight up to the aircraft.

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In Brief

The film "The Breakfast Club" will be shown Thursday at 11:55 p.m. as part of the Braw and View as Legends. Free breakfast will be served.

The Notre Dame Student Film Festival begins Friday at 7 p.m. in the Dellaireto Center for the Performing Arts. The Festival will feature 12 short films made as class projects during the past year and will include dark comedies and documentaries.

Bill O'Connell's Chicago Skydiners, a swing band, will perform Friday at 10 p.m. at Legends.

The Saint Mary's swim team will compete against Kalamazoo College in its final home meet of the season Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Rolf's Aquatic Center.

The Saint Mary's first year board is sponsoring Battle of the Bands 2006 Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Mary's Student Center. The event will feature Notre Dame bands "Somersaults," "Slap Bracelet Suicide," "Toddlie Blazes," "Ryan Connagham" and "Patrick the Unlikely Genius." Proceeds benefit Riley Hospital for Children.

Tim Reynolds, a collaborator with the Dave Matthews Band, will perform at Legends Saturday at 10 p.m. ND/Saint Mary's/Wholy Cross ID required.

Mission IMPROVable, a Chicago-based improv comedy group, will perform Saturday at 9 p.m. in Washington Hall. Admission is free.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to domarino@nd.edu.
University to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

By PETER NINNEMAN
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Notre Dame has not yet held any campus events to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. observed Monday, but it has plans to do so. In addition, University leaders also participated in off-campus events for the holiday.

Richard Pierce, chair of the University’s department of Africana studies and associate professor of history, led a discussion at Notre Dame Downtown, located on South Michigan Street, which focused on lesser-known civil rights activists.

Dean of First Year of Studies and theology professor Hugh Page was the keynote speaker at the “King Day” gospel program at the Century Center in South Bend. Page discussed the relationship between religion and social change at the annual program.

In recent years, celebrations of Martin Luther King Day at Notre Dame have included prayer services, a “peace quilt” made by students of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, and Holy Cross.

As in 2004, this year Notre Dame will be holding a town hall meeting, “A Call for Your Voice: The Responsibility of Every Man and Woman,” which will take place Jan. 24 and will discuss topics such as politics and global humanitarian interests, economics, education, gender relations and cultural diversity at the University and Catholic social teaching. Faculty members on the panel will include Anthony Burrow, a researcher associate in the department of psychology, and Reanna Urish, a visiting fellow in the department of Africana studies. Student members of the King Day committee, which organized the event, will also share the microphone during the meeting.

The meeting is sponsored by Campus Ministry and Multicultural Student Programs and Services and will be held at 7 p.m. in the student lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center. In addition to Tuesday’s event, there will be a similar discussion by selected student leaders and members of the King Day committee on Jan. 23, in the Main Building.

Students understood why the University did not hold any events honoring King this week.

“Martin Luther King Day is always a somber day,” said a junior who attended the meeting.

“Organizing and advertising any type of event would’ve been pretty hard.”

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Students trek to Tempe over break

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students traveled from all over the United States to Tempe, Ariz., in large numbers over the break to see the Irish take on the Ohio State Buckeyes in the Fiesta Bowl. Despite the loss, students enjoyed the game and the experiences that came with it.

Senior Chris Christensen of Knott Hall made the trip to the Sun Devil Stadium from Virginia with friends and family.

“I had a good time,” Christensen said. “I really enjoyed seeing all my friends there, and being in the student section made it almost like a home game.”

However, Christensen was not a big fan of Sun Devil Stadium. It was disconcerting to him because, he said, due to the stands’ red color, it looked like there were more Ohio State fans than Notre Dame fans.

Kevin Clock, also a senior from Knott Hall, made his way to Tempe and said the weather was ideal for a football game.

“Aside from the loss, I had a great time,” Clock said. “It was good to see all my friends for a game one last time.”

Clock was able to go because a friend secured him a game ticket and because he received a plane ticket as a special gift from his grandfather. He knew some people that were not as well prepared, however.

“One girl I know didn’t initially have a game ticket, but she made all the right arrangements before she even was able to get one,” he said.

Clock also mentioned that he knew a few people who were upset they didn’t win the lottery.

“Seniors were mad that underclassmen got tickets while they were unable to go to what would be their last game as a student,” he said.

Saint Mary’s senior Tai Baird waited in line for several hours in the College’s Student Center to buy one of the 100 tickets allotted to Saint Mary’s students and then flew from Georgia to watch the Irish face off against the Buckeyes.

“It was really neat meeting so many different people from all across the United States that traveled just to see the game,” Baird said.

Will Kurtz was another senior who attended the game.

“It was a lot of fun,” Kurtz said. “I really thought we were coming back in the last 5 minutes, but our defense just couldn’t stop them.”

Kurtz also had positive experiences with Ohio State fans and said they were really amiable.

“I didn’t see any fights or arguments,” Kurtz said. “I expected a little bit more animosity, but there really wasn’t any at all.”

A native of Scottsdale, it was the fourth Notre Dame bowl game loss in Arizona Kurtz attended.

“I’m still waiting for a victory,” Kurtz said. “And hopefully, the fifth time is the charm.”

Ed Kummerer, a sophomore who is also an Arizona native, went to the game with his family.

“It was painful at times, but it was fun to go and support the team,” Kummerer said.

Saint Mary’s student Becky Feauto flew from Iowa to Vegas and then drove to Tempe to tailgate with friends and watch Notre Dame take the field.

“I enjoyed the game despite being disappointed by the loss,” Feauto said.

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Thursday.

Brown said he did not believe a decision had been reached about whether to change the name of the Queer Film Festival, a possibility raised in December. Each address audience will be allowed a chance to respond with comments or questions, an open discussion concept that quickly generated a positive response from the Notre Dame community.

"It's important that Father John is telling us what his thoughts are because [the academic freedom issue] has caused a lot of discord in the community," said anthropology professor James McKenna, whose department has previously sponsored the Queer Film Festival. "What's important is the ability of these issues to be addressed by all constituents of the campus."

But he also expressed uncertainty — a feeling he believes many professors share.

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Tuesday and Thursday.

Some students who utilized the class-free Monday for reading in order to get organized in defense of academic freedom issues, including the Queer Film Festival, said predictions about what the president will reveal are at this point speculative.

"My initial reaction is more in the wait and see mode," Manier said.

"Jenkins is a serious man and this is an important talk. I think it will be a good idea to listen to the talk with something like an open mind ... I certainly plan on attending."

"I think that's part of his responsibility as president to address this issue," Rice said. "I think he's respectful of us, as students in particular." Bar on said he believes there will be a sizeable student turnout at Tuesday's discussion. Jenkins has no choice but to confront an issue of this magnitude, said Charles Rice, law school professor emeritus, who has previously opposed both the Vagina Monologues and the Queer Film Festival.

"We just discussed that we're going to keep an open mind," Liddy said. "Although there's a lot of drama about the Vagina Monologues, we're also really willing to hear what he has to say about academic freedom ... we all want to go." The co-chairs of this year's Queer Film Festival were not available for comment Tuesday.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Countries disagree over Iran
VIENNA, Austria — Pressure on Iran intensified Tuesday, with key European countries and the United States moving ahead with plans to refer Tehran to the U.N. Security Council and Israel vowing to let the Iranians develop nuclear weapons.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Court rules to remove life support
SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — The state's highest court ruled Tuesday that an 11-year-old girl who was allegedly kicked and beaten with a baseball bat could be taken off life support.

No immediate date was set for the removal of Poutre's ventilator and feeding tube with the court ruling: "The 6-1 decision found that the Bush administration improperly tried to use a federal drug law to pursue Oregon doctors who help people die under the law."

Although Roberts did not write his own dissent, his vote signals how he may change the court.

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LOCAL NEWS

Legislature reviews highway plan
OAKLAND, Calif. — As a $1.5 billion major highway plan got several plugs during its first hearing before lawmakers Tuesday, motorists and proponents calling it a bold proposal that would create jobs and boost economic development by funding numerous road and other transportation projects.

The plan would allow the state to lease toll roads and toll bridges for as long as 99 years, offering a new way for the state to build and maintain roads.

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Playstation consoles to food and a bed comforter, the occupants said. Desktop computers and telev ision sets were spared.

Senior John Noell, who lives at the house, said he and his room mates locked every window and door before leaving for break.

"But we have big windows and doors that aren’t sturdy and locking your room isn’t good either (because) those can get kicked easily, too," Noell said. "I was prepared (against burglary), but I wasn’t surprised our house was broken into."

Nearly every door of the house was broken down — including the 10 bedroom doors — all of which were locked.

The tenants didn’t find out about the robbery until one of the roommates, who lives in Granger, drove by the house and realized what had happened.

The damage was not as severe as $1,000 worth of damage, resident Ray Jarosz said.

"The house is equipped with an alarm, which apparently was not triggered during the break-in," Noell said. "I was never there, so I don’t know who triggered it, but I do know that the alarm went off and someone inside the house saw the intruders and notified the police." The burglary was reported on Dec. 28.

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"That’s the problem . . . this is the prime time that something is going to happen, but we don’t have a lot of break-ins," Kramer said. "In all my years of doing this I can count them on one hand.

Kramer said every house he owns has an alarm system, but it’s up to the tenants to make sure it’s connected and working properly.

A break-in was also reported at 524 Corby St. on Dec. 28, where vandals splattered walls with profane graffiti — causing between $500-$1,000 worth of damage, resident Ray Jarosz said.

The vandals broke through a window on the second floor using a futon from a neighbor’s porch.

"There was written on the wall that said ‘I wish I was a face on a chair,’" said James Yesnik, who also lives in the house.

The house’s alarm system was not connected, allowing the vandals to cause serious damage without the threat of getting caught. The only item stolen was an old Notre Dame ID card.

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The South Bend Police Department did not return phone calls seeking comment Tuesday.

Mark Kramer, who owns both houses on Washington Street, said alarm systems are essential to preventing break-ins. He said he sent out an email to all his tenants before the holiday encouraging them to take special precautions to ensure that their houses were safe.

"When I met with the search committees it felt really good. I thought, ‘This could be a really good fit for me,’" Timm said.

Timm was invited back to Mount Mary in late October for a weekend of extensive interviews, which she described as "intense." She was notified she had been selected as the College’s 10th president just before Christmas.

"I’ve very excited," Timm said. "I was feeling confident throughout. I just felt throughout all the interviews I communicated who I am and what my skills are and my interests in the best possible way that I could."

Timm will take the helm at a college that has made notable progress in the past few years. Outgoing College President Patricia Curley said she increased enrollment this year to a record-high 1,722 students. A recent capital campaign raised $28 million, far surpassing the original goal of $16.5 million and enabling the institution to build two new buildings.

However, while Mount Mary is in the South Bend area, the College is better known as a Catholic women’s college. It is quite different when it comes to student life. The school is largely a commuter college, with fewer than 200 students residing on campus. Further, the average age of the students at Mount Mary is 24, meaning many are working while simultaneously pursuing a degree.

Timm said she is looking forward to serving a different type of student body and working to create sense of campus life.

"I think that is going to be a really interesting change," Timm said. She said her immediate goals as president are to ensure the College’s financial stability by increasing its endowment and to pay careful attention to enrollment numbers.

"As we are here at Saint Mary’s, you are always going to be very attentive to your enrollment and how you are going to attract students to your institution," Timm said.

Timm is the second Saint Mary’s vice president to step down from the College’s administration this academic year. In August, Pat White, vice president and dean of faculty, announced he would leave his position in May to take a yearlong sabbatical and then return the English department as a faculty member.

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Leaving Saint Mary’s will be difficult, Timm said, but turnover is part of the “natural transition” at any school.

"I think at any institution there is a circle of change," Timm said. "You always want to continue to assess your contributions to the institution, and bringing in new blood is good."

Colleges at Saint Mary’s have been very supportive of her decisions, Timm said.

In a statement released by the College, President Carol Mooney praised Timm for her contributions to Saint Mary’s.

"Linda’s selection is a great personal achievement for her and a fitting outcome for an exemplary career in higher education," Mooney said. "During her tenure she has shown a consistent level of professional competence and complete devotion to our students. We will miss Dr. Timm at Saint Mary’s."

The College should have no problem attracting a strong replacement for her, Timm said.

"I am certain there will be a great pool of candidates," Timm said. "This is a great job with great people to work with."

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Guidant accepts Boston Scientific offer

BOSTON — For Boston Scientific Corp., the third time was a charm — even if the price it must pay for a rival medical device maker is nearly $3 billion more than when it sparked a bidding war.

Guidant Corp. spurned Boston Scientific’s first two buyout offers in favor of Guidant’s standing deal with Johnson & Johnson.

So instead of bidding higher by another few hundred million dollars, Boston Scientific posted up a big way Tuesday, raising its offer from about $25 billion to $27.2 billion.

Less than nine hours later, Boston Scientific got the change of heart it wanted, Guidant embraced Boston Scientific’s proposal as superior to J&J’s latest offer, which about $1 billion smaller and could offer a speedier route to a completed deal.

J&J now must decide whether to bid higher or walk away with a $705 million break-up fee. The fee was hit at $625 million, but has been increased in the most recent J&J offer.

Tuesday’s price hike, and other new enclaves, left some observers surprised at the lengths Boston Scientific is going to buy Guidant and acquire its lucrative business in implantable heart defibrillators and pacemakers.

Some considered it a last-ditch effort to quickly unsettle J&J, which had bided closely in the process with additional modest offers.

"I didn’t expect a knock-your-stock-off bid," said Nancy Havens, managing partner at Boston-based hedge fund and

Guidant investor. "This has gone higher than anybody ever anticipated."

"But I think this is a very, very smart move for Boston Scientific. They’ve taken the upper hand in this."

J&K and Boston Scientific are close rivals in the market for drug-coated heart stents, but they have increasing competition in that niche and are moving to drive into stent-related markets and pacemakers.

A fast-growing $10 billion business in which neither suitor is a player.

The bidding war began live, 1.5 when Boston Scientific

made an unsolicited $24.6 billion offer — a move that came after J&J reduced its price from the original $25.4 billion to $21.5 billion.

Safety questions arise with hemophilia drug

CHICAGO — A hemophilia drug has been linked to deaths, strokes, heart attacks and other complications in patients, leading its maker to pull it from the market. The drugs' risks are expected to grow for other types of out-of-control bleeding, such as cerebral hemorrhages, according to the manufacturer.

The medicine, NovoSeven, is a clotting drug that was introduced in 1999 after being approved by the Food and Drug Administration to stop bleeding in hemophiliacs. But it has also shown promise in treating cerebral hemorrhages, a potentially lethal type of stroke involving bleeding in the brain.

Most of the reported complications followed strokes, which are one of the more common uses for which the drug was not specifically approved by the FDA. Off-label use is legal, but doctors have less information on possible side effects of such uses.

The report on the complications appears in Wednesday’s Journal of the American Medical Association.

The authors, including Dr. Kathryn O’Connell of the FDA’s Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, called for rigorous safety studies of new uses for the drug, which is made by the Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk.

NovoSeven got fast-track approval as an orphan drug, which means the company received financial incentives to develop it because it treats a rare condition and was seen as having little potential for profit.

Noro Nordisk AS said in a statement that off-label use of NovoSeven has resulted in complications in other people and those with underlying heart disease and acute injuries. The risk for approved uses "is thought to be low," the company said.

The company changed the warning in the package insert in October to include information on side effects in patients without hemophilia. Novo Nordisk said it is conducting studies on the safety of NovoSeven in such patients.

The researchers analyzed 431 reports to the FDA of adverse events, ranging from nausea to death, during the first five years of the drug's use. Drug makers are required to report such side effects when they happen during research on the drug after its approval. Doctors report them voluntarily.

In 185 cases, the drug's clotting action may have led to problems such as strokes and heart attacks, according to the study. Most of those problems followed off-label uses and happened within 24 hours of the last dose.

When it was introduced, NovoSeven was thought to be helpful for only the 10 percent of hemophiliac patients who do not respond to standard treatments. The genetically engineered drug cost about $7,500 per dose.
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Thanksgiving break (because of the reputation of the area," said senior Bill Klobohla, a neighbor of the 524 Corby St. residents whose house was vandalized during winter break.

Senior Stephen Muto — a resident of the 825 Washington St. home robbed during break — said that he felt "upset" his house was broken into, he was "almost expecting" the crime.

"I was surprised that we weren't broken into last year," he said. "I expected it to happen." Derek Gelich, a senior who also lives at 825 Washington St., said he and his roommates were worried of potential crime in the area by previous home renters.

"We had talked to people who lived here last year, and talked to people at Washington Street about how they got robbed," he said. "At some point we knew some houses would get robbed — we were just hoping it wasn't ours.

Senior John Noell, who lives with Muto and Gelich, said he was "prepared" for a break-in and was not surprised when the reputation of the area convinced the 10-man residence.

"If a house is known as a break-in and people know who lives there and we figure there is a decent shot of getting broken into," he said.

Students said their experiences at Notre Dame undergraduates caused them to be sitting ducks for criminals who knew no one would be inhabiting the homes for more than a month during winter break.

"(Intruders) know who we are and saw that our house was empty," said senior Ray Jarosz, whose 524 Corby St. home was vandalized.

Off-campus president Matt Worthington, also a victim of the 524 Corby St. break-in, said there are "always" crimes in off-campus housing while students are home between semesters.

"Landlord and student government and probably parents, as well, have gone through the proper precautions with students, but if someone wants to break into a home they usually can, especially knowing that police forces are already quite busy and no one will be in the home for over a month," said Phil Johnson, associate director of Notre Dame Security Services (NDSS).

"We're not aware students are targeted during break-in periods," he said. "They all have alarm systems but I don't know if they're actually hooked up, he said.

"A lot of students are upset because they feel their neighbors have been calling the police on them with noise complaints and a nuisance, said an anonymous resident of 821 Washington St. who wished to remain anonymous.

"A lot of students are upset because they feel their neighbors have been calling the police on them with noise complaints and a nuisance, but failed to notice that people were in their homes breaking down doors while they were supposed to be empty," he said.

Muto said his neighbors "aren't the biggest fans," and would not call if the police if their house were robbed.

Worthington said the neighbors should not be blamed from the crimes, but thinks the students' response is "a reflection of the growing tensions between students and the community.

"I hope students and neighbors can begin to see this issue from both sides and come to an understanding of one another," he said. "(Student body president) Dave Baron and I still believe the developing dialogue between the two groups will serve to alleviate this tension — but it isn't going to happen overnight."

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Following his Notre Dame football career, Duerson played 11 seasons in the NFL, earning Pro Bowl honors four times and winning Super Bowl titles with the Chicago Bears in 1986 and the New York Giants in 1991. He also played for the Phoenix Cardinals.

Duerson, a 1983 Notre Dame graduate, had been a University trustee since 2001 and the president of the Monogram Club since 2003. He also resigned his position in the Monogram Club following the February charges.

Duerson had been outspoken about Notre Dame football during his tenure as a trustee. In the spring of 2004, the Monogram Club wrote a response to a letter written by a group of Notre Dame alumni that criticized the way the football program was managed. In the Monogram Club's letter, the group claimed that the alumni letter should have never been released to the media because it hurt the University's image, impeded the overall administration of the University and adversely affected negative revenue resources.

Duerson spoke out most recently after former Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham was fired in November 2004 after a 6-2 season, describing a decision that was made with great "dissonance."

"With all the other things going on at the University, the least of the problems was wins and losses," he told the Associated Press last December.

"There's greater dissonance in some other things at the University that need to be corrected and dealt with."

Duerson, president and CEO of Duerson Foods, LLC, was a two-time All-American defensive back at Notre Dame, where he played from 1979-83. He served as tri-captain of the 1982 Irish.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

LEBANON

Protest builds near U.S. Embassy

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Thousands of pro-Syrian Lebanese chanting "Death to America" protested Tuesday near the U.S. Embassy against what they called American meddling in the country's affairs.

Three days ago police violently broke up a similar demonstration that coincided with the visit of a key U.S. envoy to the Middle East.

Tuesday's protest occurred during a visit to the Middle East by Vice President Dick Cheney, who made stops in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Students and political activists from 18 pro-Syrian groups, including the militant Hezbollah organization, chanted in unison "Death to America!" and "Beirut is free! Free! Free! America get out!"

During the peaceful one-hour protest, demonstrators also chanted support for Syria and Iran — the United States' main opponents in the Middle East.

About 150 riot police held the protesters behind a barricade of barbed wire about 500 yards from the fortified embassy compound in Aukar, northern Beirut.

Police estimated the crowd at 17,000. A Hezbollah official put the number at 25,000.

Pro-Syrians accuse the United States of trying to influence Lebanon since Syria was forced to withdraw its troops from the country last April after international and Lebanese pressure over the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

The United States is one of several Western countries that backed a U.N. Security Council resolution in 2004 that demanded an end to Syrian interference in Lebanon and the disarming of all militias in the country — a reference to the pro-Syrian Hezbollah.

The Associated Press

CHINA

Government pledge will help combat flu

Associated Press

BEIJING — The United States intends to pledge $334 million to the fight against bird flu, according to an official statement shown to The Associated Press Wednesday ahead of a pledging ceremony at an international donors conference.

That is significantly more than the conference organizers were anticipating.

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That is the minimum amount needed to avert a possible pandemic, the World Bank and the United Nations have said.

"We're talking about a tremendous amount of money here for an issue that is clearly of global importance. The stakes are very high," said James LeDuc, a viral illness expert at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The U.S. pledge, in grants and technical assistance, includes $41 million for animal and human health supplies, said the statement announcing the pledge. It was to be released at the ceremony later Wednesday.

Conference organizers had expected the United States to make one of the largest pledges, somewhere between $200 million and $300 million.

The pledge would also include $36 million to support international health organizations, $15 million for non-governmental organizations and the private sector, and $41 million for international research, the statement said.

On Tuesday, the European Union and drug maker Roche sharply increased their commitment to combatting bird flu.

The EU pledged about $121 million, $20 million more than it initially announced last week to combat bird flu and the risk of a potential pandemic. The increase came after Turkey recently announced a fourth child had died from the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu.

Most of those who died had been in close contact with infected birds, but health officials fear the virus could mutate into a form easily transmissible among humans.

Overall the pledges could reach $1.7 billion, representing 10 percent of global funding needs for the fight against bird flu, the statement said.

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New York — Another Oprah book club selection is being called into question over the issue of fact vs. fiction.

Barnes & Noble.com and Amazon.com announced Tuesday that they were making changes to charge fee for Wise's "Night" as nonfiction. Barnes & Noble.com is removing the book from its fiction list while, Amazon.com is also changing the categorization of "Night" and revising an editorial description to make clear that it does not consider the book fiction.

"We hope to make these changes as quickly as possible," said Pete Carton, the district's attorney. "We are doing everything we can to return the book to the students who were used, and we have removed the book from the school's library collection.

The El Tejon class "was misidentified as a religious course," said Hall, who has taught a course on English and philosophy. "They should've gotten life in prison," she said. "We are trying to protect our students and prevent this kind of crime in the future.

On Wednesday night, the school district will hold a hearing on the potentially expensive case, which resembles a novel.

"This sends a strong signal to the school districts across the country that they should promote creationism or intelligent design," said Hall, who has taught a course on English and philosophy. "We are trying to protect our students and prevent this kind of crime in the future.

Amazon.com's data source or the Oprah's Book Club Edition of 'Night' inaccurately classified the book as fiction," said Straub, who declined to offer details. "Amazon.com's editorial description of an earlier edition, published by Bantam in the 1980s, is being used to make it clearly that 'Night' is non-fiction, and that 'Night' is non-fiction, and that 'Night' is non-fiction. The Rummel version, which is already classified under "biography", is very similar to the Kedem works, and is not rare. "

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Sept. 11 workers die of illnesses

Direct link between ground zero, fatalities unclear

Associated Press

NEW YORK — James Zadroga spent 16 hours a day toiling in the World Trade Center ruins for a month, breathing in debris-choked air. Timothy Keller said he coughed up bits of gravel from his lungs after the towers fell on Sept. 11, 2001. Felix Hernandez spent days at the site helping to search for victims.

All three men died in the past seven months of what their families and colleagues say were persistent respiratory illnesses directly caused by their work at ground zero.

While thousands of people who either worked at or lived near the site have reported ailments such as “trade center cough” since the terrorist attacks, some say that only now are the consequences of working at the site becoming heartbreaking clear.

“I’m very fearful,” said Donald Faeth, an emergency medical technician and officer in a union with two of the ground zero workers who died last year. “I think that there are several people who died that day and didn’t realize that they died that day.”

Some officials say it is too early to draw that conclusion. Doctors running different health-screening programs say it will take decades to get a clear picture of the long-term health effects of working at ground zero.

The city Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, which is tracking the health of 71,000 people exposed to Sept. 11 dust and debris, said last week that it is too soon to say whether any deaths or illnesses among its enrolled members are linked to trade center exposure.

But Rebimber Herber, who directs a mail-screening program at Mount Sinai Medical Center for more than 14,000 ground zero workers, said “certainly it is not inconceivable” that a mild to moderate rise in respiratory disease related to Sept. 11.

Kari DeShore said she does not need scientists to tell her what caused the death of her friend Keller, 41. DeShore was a Fire Department captain who took Keller to the trade center on Sept. 11, and barely escaped the south tower’s collapse.

“He came back coughing” two days later, she said. Faeth said that Keller told him that he coughed up debris so violently he could barely breathe on Sept. 11, and later developed emphysema.

Keller went home to Trenton on medical leave in March. He died on June 23 of black lung disease and high levels of mercury in his brain. Autopsy results have not been released.

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Because a zygote lacks a mind, there are only three ways to define personhood so as to extend it to the in-utero-born. The first two are similar: one can claim that some common physical attribute (probably DNA) conveys personhood, or one can claim that it is conveyed by an immaterial soul. This line of reasoning has given rise to the popular battle cry: "Life begins at conception!" Many who follow this rallying cry probably used the soul argument. Therefore, saying "life begins at conception" is roughly the same as saying "souls arise at conception." Unfortunately, this last statement suffers from serious flaws, not the least of which is that it cannot be tested empirically. In my opinion, the nontrivial number of those who have been convinced of the pro-choice argument probably noticed some of the weaknesses in believing that human life begins at conception, and concluded that the rest is bunk.

As rallying cries go, "life begins at conception" was useful, but it does more harm than good, and it is past time that pro-lifers abandoned the idea and found a more useable alternative. The trick is to do so without compromising any of the ethical conclusions that follow from the pro-life philosophy. For such a reason, the "simple" conception term, which is roughly the same as saying "souls arise at conception" was useful, but it does more harm than good, and it is past time that pro-lifers abandoned the idea and found a more useable alternative. The trick is to do so without compromising any of the ethical conclusions that follow from the pro-life philosophy. For such a reason, the "simple" conception term, which is roughly the same as saying "souls arise at conception" is the best route, logically and otherwise.

Pro-lifers choose to place a zygote in its own separate category. The chimera problem is subtler. A human chimera is caused by an incredibly rare event (with less than 10 known cases) where two fertilized zygotes fuse into one human person. At the most extreme, a chimera can be split down the center — male on one side, female on the opposite. Others appear normal, with cells of each zygote spread throughout the body, and most probably pass undetected. (One chromosomal was not discovered until she failed a materninity test for her own children.)

However, chimeras become a problem when one tries to work a soul into the equation. Surely it cannot be the case that two souls are cooperating in a single physical body. Nor does it seem plausible to regard each set of cells as a separate body, which happens to work intimately with another, since there is only one mind. It could be claimed that one soul has died, but why should that be when its body is alive in every sense of the word, and many hold that the soul remains in the body after brain death (e.g., Terri Schiavo)? Again, the most reasonable conclusion is that fusion occurs before souls are generated.

Hopefully I have sown the seeds of doubt in your mind that "life begins at conception" is the best route, logically and otherwise, to a sound pro-life ethic. For my part, I am certain that it does more harm than good and effort should be placed on a more sound replacement. The ethic of potentiality may not be the best solution, but it points in the right direction.

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Examining Alito's record

I imagine that the number of Notre Dame students who gathered around ESPN to watch hours of Judge Samuel Alito's confirmation hearings over winter break is fairly small — one might say minuscule. Most students view winter break as a needed vacation from the cerebral. However, in the renewed spirit of academic interest at the beginning of a new semester, we should take a moment to consider the ramifications of Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court. The Senate Judiciary Committee rescheduled the vote on Alito's nomination for Jan. 24, making this the perfect time for us to examine Alito's judicial record and testimony from the confirmation hearings.

The first thing to keep in mind about Alito is that he was nominated to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a truly moderate and evenhanded justice who was the only woman in a generation of influential and influential cases including the separation of church and state, civil rights and abortion. I find it both frightening and illuminating how the same far right that nominated nominee Harriet Miers as not conservative enough has rejected in Alito's nomination, claiming him to be a "mainstream" conservative. Analysis of Alito's rulings as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals reveals a consistent pattern of radically conservative decisions, a pattern we can only assume Alito would continue to follow if confirmed to the Supreme Court.

Make no mistake, Alito's decisions on reproductive rights, terrorism, federalism, discrimination and executive branch authorities show him a wholly conservative judge masquerading as a moderate. Considering his previous rulings, I sincerely doubt that Alito has an open mind regarding discrimination. It's especially important and pertinent to current events to examine Alito's defense in 1984 for Attorney General John Mitchell's illegal domestic surveillance. If you are troubled by the thought of the National Security Administration eavesdropping on your phone calls, you should be equally troubled by Alito's nomination.

The constitutionality of abortion, free speech, discrimination, domestic spying and such other issues are certain to come before the Supreme Court in the time that Alito would serve as a Justice. These issues concern the hard won freedoms of Americans and, given his record, Alito simply cannot be trusted to protect these freedoms.

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**GOLDEN GLOBES Recap**

**Golden Globes offers surprises, laughs**

By CASSIE BELEK

Scene Writer

"Brokeback Mountain" surprised no one when it won best film at Monday night's 63rd Annual Golden Globe Awards, but the evening was still filled with plenty of pleasant surprises and humorous acceptance speeches. The latter may be attributed to the free booze at the awards, an aspect that distinguishes the ceremony from the Oscars.

Unlike the more formal and traditional Academy Awards, the Golden Globes are presented during a dinner party - the food and alcohol give the affair a more intimate feel. Presenters Harrison Ford even brought his drink on stage and made co-present Virginia Madsen hold it.

"Brokeback Mountain" took home Best Motion Picture - Drama, and Ang Lee won Best Director for the movie. On the other side, "Walk the Line" won Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy, picking up two awards with Joaquin Phoenix, both won for Lead in a Musical or Comedy. Felicity Huffman lost for "Desperate Housewives," but Best Actress in a Drama for "Capote," beating out perennial favorite Russell Crowe and breakout stars Heath Ledger and Terrence Howard.

The television part of the awards offered some shocking upsets, most notably Mary-Louise Parker winning Best Actress in a TV Series - Musical or Comedy over "Grey's Anatomy." The competition was exceptional in both categories.

With the Globes over, the entertainment industry can now focus on the Academy Awards. "Brokeback" may be the current favorite, but the addition of those nominees would put it into a whole new competition that it may not have won.

However, the Globes may be dead on for the best actor categories. As of now, Best Actress competition boils down to Reese Witherspoon and Felicity Huffman. And Best Actor comes down between Philip Seymour Hoffman and Joaquin Phoenix. Now that all four have won the Globe, there is no doubt they will be among the Oscar nominees.

Hollywood has only a few weeks to regroup and decide who it wants to crown with Oscar gold, but Monday night was all about the Globes, which has gained significant prestige over the years. Movie and television stars gathered for one night to honor the year's best and take advantage of the open bar.

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**MOBILE REVIEW**

"Chronics of Narnia" a charming, faithful book adaptation

By MOLLY Griffin

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"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" has received a great deal of press, but most of it hasn't actually dealt with the film itself.

Most press has focused on how the film compares to the massively popular "Harry Potter" franchise or analyzed how much of author C.S. Lewis' Christian themes made it into the movie.

Fortunately for viewers, director Andrew Adamson's adaptation of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" surpasses these categories and can be enjoyed by all audiences, including fans of the entire Narnia series.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" chronicles the adventures of the Pevensie children who discover the magical world of Narnia in the back of a wardrobe. The four children, Peter (William Moseley), Susan (Anna Popplewell), Edmund (Skandar Keynes), and Lucy (Georgie Henley), soon find themselves embroiled in a battle between the forces of good and evil in a land they never knew existed.

Narnia has been in a state of perpetual winter under the rule of the tyrannical White Witch, Jadis (Tilda Swinton), who maintains her power through a mix of spies, treachery and evil magic. She fears the arrival of the children, because they are an integral part of the prophecy that foretells the return of Aslan the lion (Liam Neeson), who possesses the power to overthrow the witch. The children themselves are drawn into the battle for control over Narnia, and in the process, the four children learn that deal with themselves and the relationship they have with each other.

The four actors who portray the Pevensie children do a decent job in the film, considering that they have to shoulder much of the acting burden in the movie. They aren't quite as adept at acting as their peers in the "Harry Potter" films, but they still manage to hold their own in a multi-million dollar movie, especially considering how much green screen work was involved in the film's production.

Tilda Swinton manages to steal the movie with her portrayal of the White Witch. Her distinctive appearance, coupled with a convincing portrayal of evil, makes her extremely effective on screen and allows her to steal every scene in which she appears. She manages to create a terrifying bad guy that still manages to be appropriate for a children's film.

The film's most impressive scenes between the forces of good and evil are entertaining, but they see very reminiscent of similar scenes in the "Lord of the Rings" films. It is admirable, though, that the makers of the film managed to pull off a convincing battle sequence with no blood and very little on-screen violence, which keeps it acceptable for children.

All of the CGI in the movie, especially the digitally-created characters like Aslan, is very impressive. It is good enough to create the magical atmosphere necessary for the film to work, but it is real enough so that it doesn't detract from the beautiful scenery in the movie.

Overall, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" manages to prove what critics expected wrong. It isn't simply a "Harry Potter" rip-off, and it doesn't push a Christian agenda, as many expected. It is an entertaining film that is appropriate for all viewers, and, as a bonus for the studios, will probably prove to be a very lucrative franchise in the future.

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By PAT LEONARD

Tempe, Ariz. — Notre Dame scored the only six plays on the opening possession of the 2006 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Jan. 2, but Ohio State’s response was just as quick and even more emphatic.

The Buckeyes (10-2) scored three touchdowns before halftime and did not surrender points again until the 4:25 mark of the third quarter, as No. 4 Ohio State cruised to a 34-20 win over No. Notre Dame (9-3) on Jan. 2 at Sun Devil Stadium before 76,196 fans, the largest Tostitos Fiesta Bowl crowd in a many years.

They definitely were the better team today,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said matter-of-factly following the game.

A common theme in the post-game Notre Dame locker room was that there was nothing else to say. Ohio State piled up 617 yards of total offense, almost 300 more than Notre Dame’s 319.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn was held without a touchdown pass on the day, and Irish receivers Corey Mays (2 catches, 36 yards) and Brandon Hoyte led the Irish in receiving with 123 yards on the day.

Irish strong safety Tom Zbikowski said. “We thought we were gonna do some something and get better, and he learns from every bail game,” Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said.

The Irish again could mount no offensive momentum when they began the next drive with 2:16 remaining, and Ohio State then drove downfield to set up a 28-yard field goal attempt as time expired.

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Irish tight end Anthony Gonzalez’ fumble in the post-game locker room resonated despite the season’s success in comparison to recent seasons.

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With just 3:50 left, Gonzalez lost possession of the ball and the Buckeyes offense set up a 28-yard field goal attempt as time expired.

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The Irish were counting their blessings to even be in the game when the fourth quarter arrived. Ohio State’s defense held strong almost all game, led by 12 tackles (nine solo) from star middle linebacker A.J. Hawk. And Irish receivers dropped several passes early that stalled drives.

“Your coaches got us very prepared, but they just outplayed us today,” Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said.

Tom Zbikowski
Irish strong safety

The ruling was incomplete. Ohio State settled for a 40-yard field goal and also escaped retaining just one-point lead heading into the fourth quarter.

“That was the play,” Weis said. “What I said to the official on the field is I hope your guy upstairs was right because that changed the whole complexion of the game.”

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Total yards of Ohio State offense, the most set by USC in 2002.

game. The previous record was 610 yards, Ohio State surrendered record yardage.

quarterbacks: Quinn threw no interceptions and dealt with uncontained pressure and dropped passes, but the junior also did not throw a touchdown pass and the offense scored just 20 points.

running back: Notre Dame ran the ball well when it could afford to. Walker was the only bright spot on the offense, scoring three touchdowns and gaining 53 yards on just 16 carries.

receivers: Stovall caught nine passes for 126 yards and Shelton showed up late, but Samurdzija dropped a few passes and Fanaan was a non-factor. The receivers could not get open when it mattered.

offensive line: The unit run-blocked well, especially early on, but the line did not protect Quinn and never found a consistent rhythm. Ohio State’s front-seven dominated throughout the day.

defensive line: The Irish had zero pressure on Buckeyes quarterback Troy Smith, and when they did, they couldn’t tackle. Antonio Pittman gained 136 yards rushing, as well, as Notre Dame surrendered record yardage.

linebackers: Mays and Hoyte each finished with double-digit tackles, but Ohio State ran the ball well and did whatever it wanted on the offensive end.

defensive backs: Even if Notre Dame had scored more points, the Irish secondary proved it could not contain Ginn and Holmes. Zbikowski’s negated fumble return almost swung the momentum, but not quite.

special teams: The unit blocked two field goals and did not surrender any big returns. Fitzpatrick missed one extra point, but it didn’t hurt the Irish much.

coaching: Notre Dame seemed prepared and determined for the first 2:01 of the game, then the wheels came off. Whether it was due to Wells or personnel, the Irish didn’t get it done.

overall: The Irish performed well consistently in the 2005-06 season. The team that showed up Jan. 2 was a more shadow of itself.

Bucks can’t bury Irish optimism

Mike Gilloon
Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz. — It might not have felt like one, but Notre Dame left Tempe with a win. No, the Irish didn’t earn a victory over Ohio State in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Troy Smith, Ted Ginn, Jr. and A.J. Hawk made sure of that. But Charlie Weis’ team came away from Arizona with something more important than a victory’s trophy and a win — motivation.

All that was needed for Notre Dame to be everyone’s preseason No. 1 pick in 2006, besides the early departures of Vince Young and Reggie Bush, was a convincing Irish victory over the Buckeyes in the final Fiesta Bowl to be played at Sun Devil Stadium.

But Weis’ first season didn’t end like it was supposed to. Maurice Stovall’s final game came to a conclusion without a touchdown. Mark LeVoir and Dan Stevenson’s dedicated careers hit a scarlet-and-gray dead end.

Despite the frustration of many underclassmen for not giving the seniors a better going-away party, this loss could be the best thing to happen to the Irish.

With Brady Quinn, Jeff Samardzija and most other starters returning, the team will be as talented as any in college football next season. After the loss, that talent is much hungrier — 617 yards hungrier, in fact. That’s the amount of total offense Jim Tressel’s Buckeyes racked up on Notre Dame.

The Irish coaches’ task of keeping egos under control suddenly became a little easier after Ohio State blew past Notre Dame in a game that wasn’t as close as the score indicated.

Irish strength and conditioning coach Ruben Mendoza should send a few thank-you notes to Columbus, Ohio, especially to Hawk and Ginn, Jr., who reminded Notre Dame that simply showing up doesn’t win football games. It will take a passionate performance to match into Atlanta in the 2006 season opener on Sept. 2 and beat Georgia Tech. It will take plenty of execution to topple Joe Paterno and Penn State one week later. And Reggie Bush or no Reggie Bush, winning at USC in next year’s regular-season finale will require intense focus.

Regardless of how well Smith ran the Buckeyes’ offense and how effectively Hawk stopped the Irish running game, it was the lack of passion, execution and intensity that clouded Notre Dame’s experience in the Valley of the Sun. As he has insisted all season, Weis says the play of the team rests mostly on his shoulders. He is not a genius, a miracle worker or a messiah — just a few of the names the coach has thrown around by Notre Dame fans in 2005.

Weis is a football coach, a very good football coach, but too often the media and fans tag Weis and others in his business as miracle workers before a miracle is performed.

There was no miracle in Tempe. Instead, one team was outplayed by another in a game that could have had a different outcome if the Irish had played like they knew they can. Now they have a spring and summer to think about the loss and re-dedicate themselves to playing up to their potential every week.

They have just over seven months before their next game. That’s 227 days the Irish have to work toward a 2006 season with a happier ending than 2005 — a long time to wait for a team hungry for a chance to show it’s better than it looked on Jan. 2.

Weis will surely give them plenty of food for thought.

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Walker upset for outgoing seniors

Sophomore running back maintains solid Irish rushing game

By PAT LEONARD
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TEMEPE, Ariz. — Darius Walker has two more years of eligibility in a Notre Dame backfield that includes Fitzpatrick, Brandon Hoyte, Mark LeVoir, one other tailback, Stevenson, Corey Mays, Maurice Stovall and a slew of others that don’t even have one.

The sophomore running back was experiencing mixed emotions in the post-game locker room, none of them pleasant. But he was being educated by the experience. Disappointed, he could not honor the senior with a victory but also aware he will be in their position one day.

"If really hurts to not be able to send the seniors out right, to not send the seniors out on top," Walker said. "So I knew when my decision came, my energy was hurting for that. But I guess we can use this game to start putting things into the offseason, so maybe we can have a little more drive and determination to make our seniors’ last year better.

Walker was not necessarily blaming himself. He perceived that he could have done something different had he had another chance. He could have scored more than two touchdowns against Ohio State, which came into the game ranked No. 1 nationally in rushing defense.

Walker’s three touchdowns fell one score short of tying the Fiesta Bowl record set by Arizona State's Woody Green against Missouri in 1972.

Though Irish quarterback Brady Quinn had no touchdown passes, Quinn also threw no interceptions and gave Walker the room he needed to operate early on.

"They've got a great defense. They really do," Walker said. "We really just have to get on the board to run the ball, even though we were going against the No. 1 defense in the nation. It was to run the ball. We did have some success early, but the Irish were forced into rushing attacks.

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis did not feel the Buckeyes ever actually contained Walker.

"We really didn't get shut down running the ball," Weis said. "We had to start throwing. That's really what happened. We decided at halftime we were not going to allow the tempo of the game to stay the way it was. Notre Dame's defense couldn't find a consistent run at that point. The Trojans, Antonio Pittman, Ted Ginn and company on Ohio State's offense hurt them this year.

That meant fewer carries for Walker. Walker averaged more than one carry from the 21-7 halftime deficit.

But the game didn't start that way.

Walker carried the ball three times on Notre Dame's opening drive, rushing for 72 yards in six plays and only 2:01. Walker's third carry was a 28-yard touchdown run.

"I learned a lot... about the game of football and things aside from football," Brandon Hoyte Irish lineman

Irish were able to block and contain Ohio State's aggressive linebackers on the play, despite solid penetration by Hawk and others.

"It seemed like the first drive we got a chance to execute and we were clicking on all cylinders," Walker said. "And somewhere along the line it just didn't, and we really never regained our composure.

Walker finished the season with 1,196 yards rushing, averaging 4.7 yards per carry and 99.7 yards per contest.

He accounted for nine of the team's 21 rushing touchdowns and 60 percent of its offense on the ground. Add that to his 43 catches for 591 yards and two touchdowns, and it creates a productive and efficient ground game that balances an offense.

But when the opposition forces Notre Dame into passing situations like Hawk and others, "We're really what happened. What really was going on was our defense," Ivy said.

"It depends on us," said Irish defensive back Asante Samuel. "They've got a great offense, but we have to go out and play on a day like this. We didn't really come to play."

"We didn't play like Notre Dame has this entire season," Walker said. "So that's what really hurts about losing this game is that we lost to a team that we really didn't come to play."
Sunburned

A season that many believe brought a spark back to the Notre Dame football program ended with a thud on Jan. 2 when the Irish fell to Ohio State 34-20 in the Fiesta Bowl. A.J. Hawk and the No. 1-ranked Buckeyes rushing defense held Darius Walker and Notre Dame to 62 total yards on the ground. Quarterback and Dublin, Ohio native Brady Quinn realized a childhood dream when the Irish were paired with the Buckeyes. But Quinn threw no touchdowns for the first time all season and Ohio State sacked him five times — two courtesy of his sister’s boyfriend Hawk. Though Quinn received most of the attention before the game after setting nearly every Notre Dame passing record this season, it was the Buckeyes’ Troy Smith who shined under the desert sun as he went 19-for-28 for 342 yards and two TDs, including an 85-yarder to Ohio State speedster Ted Ginn, Jr. Irish coach Charlie Weis was frustrated that his team was only down 27-20 late in the game but couldn’t force Ohio State to give the ball back, as running back Antonio Pittman streaked 60 yards down the Buckeyes’ sideline with 1:46 remaining to cement the victory. Notre Dame has now lost eight consecutive bowl games, with the last win a 24-21 victory over Texas A&M in the 1994 Cotton Bowl when Quinn was nine years old.

Irish wide receiver Jeff Samardzija stiff-arms Ohio State cornerback Ashton Youboty, top left. Notre Dame running back Darius Walker sprints away from Buckeyes free safety Nate Salley, top right. Irish quarterback Brady Quinn is dragged down by Ohio State linebacker A.J. Hawk on one of Hawk’s two sacks, bottom right. Ohio State flanker Ted Ginn, Jr. eludes Notre Dame’s Marcus Freeman during a return, bottom left. Irish coach Charlie Weis shouts orders to his team, middle left.
**'King Kong' a grand, wild ride**

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Scene Critic

With his "Lord of the Rings" master­piece behind him, Peter Jackson returns to the screen with another epic of knapsack proportions. The release of "King Kong" brings together a motley mix of proven actors, one known for his comedy and the giant simian himself. Kong.

The film brings the audience to an unknown island filled with natives and stories of wonders too great to be spoken of. Jackson takes viewers on a ride filled with a mysterious sea captain, a woman in love with acting and looking for a paycheck, a fame-starved movie director and the plethora of oversized fauna that only a long-lost island could provide.

The first half of this three-hour carniv­al ride involves director Carl Denham (Jack Black) bringing his cast and crew to an uncharted island on a map he discovered to film what he believes will be his ticket to fame and fortune. Jack Black adeptly plays Denham, giving the right amount of crazed genius to the character.

King Kong, the eponymous character of Peter Jackson's latest epic, is a CGI creature whose body movements were actuated by Gollum actor Andy Serkis. Without going over the top, Naomi Watts stars as Ann Darrow, an actress who goes along for the ride. Literally, as Denham promises her she will be a star and finally get the credit she thinks she more than deserves.

Andy Brody, as a writer whom Denham takes to write his script, and Thomas Kretschmann, as the mysterious and opportunistic Captain Englehorn, fill out the rest of the cast.

Once they arrive at the aforementioned island, the situation begins to come apart at the seams, as the natives capture Darrow and offer her to Kong. The oversized gorilla takes her away into the forest, which is when the audience begins to have fun. The island where Kong abides is filled with some of the most wonderful creatures seen on the silver screen in a long while. Viewers, along with the characters, happen upon lions and skin-crawling insects, looze the size of lions and crustaceans as long as an arm. There are giant bats and, most impressively, dinosaurs that stampede through the valleys of island and T-Rexes whose only purpose in life, it seems, is to eat Darrow. All of the strange animals that are encountered on this long-lost island create a fun-filled ride that Jackson seems to have had a blast directing and creating.

The real star of the show, however, is the giant gorilla Kong. Using motion-capture technology, Andy Serkis brings his Gollum acting chops to this gigantic behemoth of a gorilla. The gymnastic movement employed by Serkis gives a life­ to Kong that would be otherwise imposible. This is most vividly expressed when Kong battles three Tyrannosaurus Rexes while managing to keep them away from Darrow. There is perhaps a more enjoyable moment in the film than watching Kong battle three dinosaurs through the canopy of the island's forests and then down onto a plain where he finally defeats the final one in a glorious, bone-crushing moment.

The film's plot revolves around Kong falling in love with Darrow and how she conflicts with her growing fondness for him and her desire to get away from him and back to the humans. This may seem concocted or pretentious to some, but if disciplined is suspended for three hours and audiences allow themselves to be wowed by the strange encounters in the film, this is one of the most fun and entertaining films one can see this year.

After finishing "Lord of the Rings," Jackson said he wanted to have some fun and with this film, he gives us some fun and entertainment. This may seem a waste of talent. He needs to take a step back and reconsider what made him so successful in the first place, something he must have forgotten—otherwise, how could he ever possibly in his right mind think that a chase scene in which Academy Award winner Adrien Brody and Tenacious D singer/guitarist Jack Black chase CGI dinosauiorS on top of the Empire State building seems credible.

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**'Kong' an illogical, self-indulgent bore**

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There is a scene midway through "King Kong" that may be one of the worst in recent memory, and in picture history. Adrien Brody and Jack Black are chased by staggeringly unconvincing CGI dinosaurs and wound up by them, this time not being made up hitting the raptors in the face.

Such is the stuff of "King Kong," Peter Jackson's long-awaited follow-up to his Academy Award winning "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. Critical consensus on the picture would indicate that the director has delivered a phenomenal film in the same epic mold as his previous pictures. Critical consensus would be wrong.

"King Kong" isn't a great film, or even a good one. Instead, it is a misguided, over­blunted, self-indulgent picture posing as quality cinema. Sadly, "King Kong," rather than the grand spectacle disaster it seems to be, is a train wreck on par with the "Star Wars" prequels and the "Matrix" sequels, a disappointing but effective reminder of what happens when directors let success go to their heads.

Conventional wisdom dictates that good sequels are rare and good remakes even rarer. Peter Jackson adds his name to the numerous list of great directors who have fallen victim to the remake bag, a surprisingly high-profile list that includes Gus Van Sant (1998's "Psycho") and Tim Burton ("Planet of the Apes"). To its credit, "King Kong" starts out as an impossible period piece, but once the plot sputters to a start, it becomes far more problematic.

At the heart of Jackson's remake is the retold love story. Now it's a bizarre and highly modern love triangle between Adrien Brody, Naomi Watts and Kong himself. While in the original Anne was terrified of Kong, here she's kind of attracted to him. Who wouldn't love a giant gorilla, especially one who can take down more than one T-Rex dinosaur at the same time? So Anne falls in love with Kong (and vice versa, obviously) while Jack Black schemes, Adrien Brody fumes heroically and pretty much everyone else becomes a subplot.

In a strange twist of fate, "King Kong" feels undeveloped in many ways, despite a massively overblown running time of 186 minutes. The plot finds no true cohesion, which means the whole enterprise is flaccidly paced throughout. "King Kong" should feel adventurous and spontaneous—the original classic, what is less than self-indulgent and over-long. Resolution rarely derives from the plot, and instead stems from either convenient deus ex machina or weight of its inexcusable plot holes.

There is little character development and few fulfilled character arcs.

Though Kong himself is easily the most interesting character in the picture, that's really not saying much. None of the others get much to do except run from dinosaurs and fight giant insects. Character arcs are started, then abandoned; despite a plethora of great actors, no humans in the film generate much interest. It's not a question of talent, though—it takes some serious horror-movie-esque fearlessness for Adrien Brody and Tenacious D singer/guitarist Jack Black to non-entities, but Jackson somehow manages to pull it off.

Perhaps the only thing to good about the whole enterprise is fit­ into the movie without effort. This is most vividly expressed when he fights three Tyrannosaurus Rexes while managing to keep them away from Darrow. There is perhaps a more enjoyable moment in the film than watching Kong battle three dinosaurs through the canopy of the island's forests and then down onto a plain where he finally defeats the final one in a glorious, bone-crushing moment.

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Moss grows fat on ‘The Family Stone’

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Every year, theaters are flooded with holiday films that emphasize the importance of family. “The Family Stone,” which, like its predecessors, is both comedic and bittersweet, is a contemporary take on this American staple. Although the thoroughly modern family dynamic and the subtle manner in which the film deals with serious family issues are less and less apparent which shots are contemporary and which are from the vault.

This artistic blending is made seamless through the presence of the acting. Clooney and Downey are able to leave behind remnants of their more typical suave/romantic typecasting and fully inhabit the roles that Clooney and Heslov some­ how forget the audience members are familiar with McCarthyism. Although it is a famous event in American history, those who have little specific knowledge or experience about the original broadcasting and events may be slightly confused at the beginning of the film. Despite this, the film’s focus is clear, and once the audience adapts to the style of the movie, it is easy to follow. However, this initial confusion presents one major artistic flaw—while any audience member will learn from this film, the characters who have some prior knowledge on the subject will both enjoy the film more and extract more meaning from it.

The story is very different from a typical Hollywood movie in that it does not have the exciting plot line of many modern films. Instead, it is much more reflective of real life. It has many characters that each have their own individual story. It is a compilation of everyday events in the lives of everyday people that unexpectedly create something extraordinary.

This style is to the story’s advantage. The down-to-earth quality of the characters and television blurs allow the audience to connect to the story and understand its pertinence to life as an American. The story is so authentic to the 1950s styles, manners of speech, behavior and life that it feels completely non-fictional. It becomes apparent that it is Clooney’s goal to record a story, not to write one.

Like no other movie that is out in theaters, “Good Night and Good Luck” addresses the importance of American heritage. It leaves behind the typical themes of drama to address the issue of the common man and his role in our country. The tagline for the movie states, “We will not walk in fear of one another,” emphasizing the need for Americans to confront issues valiantly at a grassroots level. “Good Night and Good Luck” inspires change in a country filled with fear and provides a hopeful outlook for the future.

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NCAA Men's Basketball

Killingsworth leads Hoosiers over Illinois

Pittsnogue scores 18 as West Virginia dominates Providence; Villanovan erases halftime deficit, beats Seton Hall 73-64

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON — Marco Killingsworth scored 20 of his 23 points in the second half to help No. 13 Indiana beat No. 7 Illinois 62-60 on Tuesday night.

Indiana (11-3, 3-1 Big Ten) won for the seventh time in eight games and became only the fourth team to beat the Fighting Illini in the regular-season since Jan. 24, 2004. The victory set off a wild celebration as Indiana extended its home-winning streak to 11 against Big Ten teams.

Indiana used a 15-6 run in the second half to make it 55-40 with 8:23 to go.

The Illini rallied with 12 straight points to close to 55-52 when Randle completed a three-point play with 4:52 left. Brown missed a 3-pointer with 4:52 left that would have tied the game. Jamar Smith tipped in the miss to make it 61-60.

Robert Vaden then made one of two free throws with 3.6 seconds left, and Rich McBride’s half-court heave at the buzzer was off the mark as fans raced onto the court.

West Virginia 64, Providence 48

Providence was No. 12 West Virginia’s final tuneup before a nationally televised matchup No. 18 UCLA. It looked like it.

Kevin Pittsno gle scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to help No. 12 West Virginia win its 11th straight game, beating Providence on Tuesday night.

“We didn’t shoot as well as we did (against Marquette) and still won by 13,” Pittsno gle said. “It’s a great confidence builder for our defense.”

The 11 straight wins are the school’s most since the Mountaineers won 22 in a row during the 1988-89 season.

“It’s really good news that we’re not living or dying by the three,” West Virginia coach John Beilein said. “And now we can look at the next game. Everybody knows who we play.”

West Virginia (13-3, 5-0 Big East) is also off to its best start in the league since joining 11 years ago.

“The schedule is a little bit different this year,” Beilein said. “Don’t give us too much credit yet.”

Mike Gaines added 18 points for West Virginia. Pittsno gle and Gasey are the Big East’s leading scoring tandem, averaging 22.8 and 21.8 points, respectively. The two also rank first and second, respectively, in Big East 3-point shooting percentage.

The game was the finale of a three-game homestand for the Mountaineers. West Virginia travels to California to face UCLA on Jan. 21.

Pittsno gle could miss the game because his wife, Heather, is more than eight months pregnant with their first child, a boy. The guards are eight years back or stay behind if she begins contractions. The Feb. 1 due date has tempered his enthusiasm for the game.

“I can’t go any longer, that’s why I am kind of nervous about it,” Pittsno gle said of the trip. “Hopefully it happens when I’m out there. I’ll be thinking about it. But when I’m on the court, I’m with all I think about.

West Virginia led the last-place Friars (7-8, 0-4) 33-21 at the end of the first half. The Mountaineers used a 14-2 run early in the second half to extend their lead.

Providence pulled within eight points before Pittsno gle and Gasey combined for nine straight points. Frank Young added four points in the push. He finished with eight.

Randall Hanke led Providence with 14 points. Donnie McNicholl added nine.

West Virginia’s biggest lead was 54-28 with 1:54 left in the first half, 14 points closer than 11 points afterward. The Mountaineers have not trailed in two games after having to rally from double-digit deficits in their first two Big East games.

Providence started 0-4 in conference play for the second straight season. It lost its first seven conference games last year.

After shooting a miserable 27 percent against the Longhorns on Saturday, the Wildcats rebounded with a decent 43 percent and had five players in double digits.

Villanovan got 12 points from Will Sheridan, the only true frontcourt player in its four-starting lineup. Often left to do the little noticed dirty work — like setting screens and boxing out — the 6-foot-8 Sheridan worked hard for tough baskets inside and got to the free-throw line seven times.

“He played like a veteran tonight,” coach Jay Wright said. "He's the most consistent guy we have. That's what we count on him for.

He also had two big blocked shots that defined Seton Hall’s defense. Nearly unstoppable while building a 13-point first-half lead, the Pirates (9-6, 3-1) came crashing back and shot only 31 percent in the second half.

"For some reason in the first half, it was like our feet were frozen," Wright said. "I've got to watch the film to understand it.'
World Baseball Classic

Rodriguez unsure which country to represent

Yankees third baseman eligible to suit up for United States, Dominican Republic, says he doesn’t want to offend either country

Associated Press

Alex Rodriguez was among 60 players on the Dominican Republic’s preliminary roster for the World Baseball Classic, but it wasn’t immediately clear whether he would play.

The AL MVP, eligible to play for the United States and the Dominican Republic, said last month that he intended to play for the Dominican team, then said he wouldn’t play at all because he didn’t want to offend either country.

His agent, Scott Boras, said last week that Rodriguez had not made a decision. Gene Fitz, the No. 2 official of the players’ association, said he would attend to persuade A- floid to participate.

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Nfl

Cowher unwilling to criticize officials after Polamalu call

Controversial replay overruling almost cost Pittsburgh game

Associated Press

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“Of our officials are doing the very best that they can do. Obviously, at times, there’s going to be mistakes made,” Cowher said. “To me, those guys are human like the rest of us, and we’re moving on.”

Cowher also dismissed line- backer Joey Porter’s angry comments that the officials were determined to get Indianapolis into the AFC championship game, calling them “ridiculous.”

Porter criticized the officiating repeatedly during postseason interviews, saying, “At one point, I didn’t think the refs were going to let us out of here with a victory.”

Cowher, no doubt trying to temper Porter’s unusually strong comments, said that the Steelers

have a 15-minute cooling off period for players but that, “we’ve got some guys who could probably use a little longer than that.”

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Mike Pereira, the NFL’s vice president of officiating, said in a statement Monday that the officials made the correct call. "If we have the capability to add him to ours, we definitely will do that.”

The Polamalu play was one of only a series of disputed rulings during the NFL’s four divisional playoff games last weekend. Two touchdowns were reversed in the Panthers’ 29-21 win over the Bears in Chicago, and there was considerable debate whether Champ Bailey fumbled out of bounds at the end of his pivotal 100-yard interception during Denver’s 27-13 victory over New England on Saturday night.

Patriots tight end Ben Watson ran from one corner of the field to another to knock the ball out of Bailey’s hands just as Bailey was about to score. If the officials had determined the ball crossed the goal line before going out of bounds, it would have been a touchdown and New England would have gotten the ball at its own 20.

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Olympics

American fans confused over host city's name

The northern Italian city of Torino, commonly anglicized to 'Turin,' will host Winter Olympics in February

Associated Press

It's the Olympic version of "You say tomato, I say tomah-bole." The city in northern Italy that's hosting the Winter Olympics next month is "Torino" to the locals and NBC. For most of us non-Italians, it's always been Turin.

"I believe readers are seeing it on television with the NBC logo, it says 'Torino,' the Olympic Games," Ron Fritz, sports editor at The News Journal in Wilmington, Del., said Tuesday. "And then they see it in the paper, 'Turin,' and they're thinking we got it wrong."

The explanation for the different versions is simple.

Sort of. "Turin is the English translation of the Italian word Torino," said Clara Orban, a professor of Italian at DePaul University. "Standard practice in the United States is if a city name has been translated differently, go with the English translation."

That's what The Associated Press is doing. Its policy — and it was around long before Turin was awarded the Olympic Games — is to use the English version of foreign cities. It's Rome, not Roma. Munich, not Muenchen. Moscow instead of Moskva.

And Florence isn't going to be called by its Italian name, Firenze. At least not without an accompanying map so people would know what city that is.

"We use Turin in accordance with our long-standing style to use English names on English-language wires," said Terry Taylor, AP sports editor. "It's the Shroud of Turin, for instance, not the Shroud of Turin. And when the World Cup comes to Germany this summer, we will write that games will be played in Munich, not Muenchen.

"Of course, in the interest of accuracy, we will not Anglicize the name in full references to the Olympic organizing committee, which uses Torino, and we will not change Turino to Torino in quotations."

The New York Times, Sports Illustrated and many other news organizations follow similar policies. Travel writers at the Times, for example, have been calling cities by their English names for years.

"For us, it's a pretty simple style rule," said Tom Jolly, sports editor at the Times. "We follow Webster's and The World Fact Book as our guide. Generally those are spelled in an Anglicized fashion."

Even the Italians go with English translations sometimes. One of their top soccer teams is AC Milan, not AC Milano, and it's supposedly because when the club was founded, the names were wanted to stick with the sport's English roots.

So why the linguistic confusion?

The official name of the games is "Torino 2006," and the International Olympic Committee refers to the city by its Italian name. When the games were awarded in June 1999, then-IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch announced, "The host of the 2006 Games will be Turin."

After NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol took a trip to Turin, he decided the network would go with Torino, too. NBC has the U.S. broadcast rights to the games.

"Dick was hearing the way the locals were saying Torino, and how it's so magnificently Italian how it rolls off the tongue," said Mike McCarley, vice president of communications and marketing for NBC Sports.

"He decided on that trip that we would call it Torino."

And with as many as 200 million people tuning in to watch the games, that means there'll be a lot of Americans speaking at least one word of Italian for a few weeks.

USA Today also went with Torino because that is the official name, said Monte Lorell, the paper's managing editor for sports.

"We had to decide what is the least confusing to our readers. You could say the Torino Olympics in Turin, but that just leads to confusion," Lorell said.

"We decided to just make it uniform all the way throughout. I feel a little bit better that NBC is using Torino," Lorell said, "because that's what readers will be seeing on TV."

So, Turin or Torino. Either way, the Winter Olympics will simply call the city home next month.

"I think," Jolly said, "people will be able to figure it out." Until they do, confusion is sure to be the rule.

A torchbearer carries the Olympic Torch on a Gondola on a Venice Canal. The torch will arrive in Turin Feb. 10 for the Opening Ceremonies.

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Irish ride five-meet winning streak into new year

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The Irish continued to make a splash during Christmas break, extending their winning streak to five.

With their 1-2-0-to-1-111 defeat of No. 1 Michigan in last weekend's tri-meet that also included Illinois, the Irish extended a streak that includes two dual meet victories, two invitational championships and now a tri-meet victory.

This win was especially impressive given that the Irish had to come from behind to catch the Wolverines. Notre Dame trailed Michigan by 42 points after the first day and 45 points heading into the final events Saturday night, but the Irish came through when it mattered.

Katie Carroll and Casey Wagner secured a one-two finish in the 200 butterfly to give the Irish the lead. After the 200 butterfly, Notre Dame needed at least a second place finish in the 400 freestyle relay to win the meet. The team of Christi Higgins, Casey Wagner, Meghan Linelli and Rebecca Grove was up to the challenge, securing a second-place finish in the event with a time of 2:39.81 and a first-place overall finish for the Irish.

"I think that this meet showed we're a great dual meet team," coach Carrie Nixon said. "It really showed that we can rally when our backs are against the wall."

Last weekend's victory gets the new year off to a good start for the Irish, as they are picking up where they left off before winter break. While most student-athletes spent winter break in the harsh weather of winter, the swimming and diving team spent two weeks in warm Las Vegas. The two weeks were spent in the most intense training of the season with breaks to compete against UNIX and North Carolina.

"Over break, you don't have other worries such as school," said Nixon. "The point of the trip was to maintain the training, get some competition in, and give the team some bonding time. We reminded the girls that this is the home stretch, and we want them to refocus on our goals."

Goals remaining for the Irish include wins in the final two dual meets this weekend. After that will come the MIAA Championships and NCAA championships. Nixon hopes that as many as 10 swimmers will qualify for the NCAA for one of the team's best performances ever.

"Our performance until now has been expected," Nixon said. "I think the people who are surprised by our performance are those on the outside looking in. We expected this to be a special year."

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SMC SWIMMING

Saint Mary's falls to Alma

Belles win just three events en route to conference defeat

By BECKI DORNER and DEDRE KRAUSU
Sports Writers

Alma defeated Saint Mary's 119-60 Tuesday, and won nine of 11 events in the first MIAA meet for both teams. This was also the first meet for the Belles after a long winter training break. The Belles performed well in the swimming events, but lack of divers led to a forfeit in those areas.

The Belles picked up three first-place finishes on the night, with two by Kelly Neils. Neils won the 500-yard freestyle race with a time of 5:44.51 and the 1,000 yard freestyle, touching out in 2:25.32. Katie Dingeman and Katie Carroll took first and second in the breaststroke, respectively. Smith's teammate Sara Swanton was first in the 200 fly in a time of 2:32.32, but Dingeman took second with 2:26.76.

Alma's Trzebaski was first in the 100 free with a time of 1:04.36, but Kelly Tighe posted a second-place finish for the Belles. Cox took first place in the 200 back while Dolan was first in the 200 breaststroke. The Scotts' Emily Smith took first in the 200 IM, touching out in 2:24.43. Katie Dingeman and Katie Carroll took first and second in the breaststroke, respectively. Smith's teammate Sara Swanton was first in the 200 fly in a time of 2:32.32, but Dingeman took second with 2:26.76.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles play 500 ball over Christmas break

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Before Christmas break, the Belles stepped up their preparation for the face NCAA rival Alma on Dec. 7.

The Belles won that game and split their 10 games during finals and winter break to run their record to 6-4. The Belles moved up to fifth place in the MIAA coming into tonight's showdown with conference rival Albion College. If the Belles win against the Britons they will push the Belles up to fourth place in the standings, a position now held by Albion.

The Belles are pleased with their play in their last 10 games but know they have to improve even more.

"We've made tremendous progress," coach Steve Bender said. "Our inexperienced post players have come long way, and our freshmen."

Bender believes his team is as good as anybody but is puzzled about why it can't win at Saint Mary's.

"I'm really proud of ability to play well on road," he said. "We've got to solve the mystery of why we play poorly at home. We need to step it up at home, starting tonight."

Despite the difficulties while playing on their home court, the Belles had plenty of memorable games during the winter break.

"We can't shoot much better than we did at Kalamazoo — 12 threes is a school record," Bender said. "We had a great game at Calvin and a great game at Albion."

When asked which players had carried the team to its recent 5-5 stretch, Bender pointed to his captains, as well as other role players.

"We have great veteran leader- ship (Bredice, Lilke, [and Albion] Kosler), have shown really great leadership ... and we're a great team defensive team."}

The Belles will need to have a good week of practice to win against Albion, a tough team with a 12-4 record overall.

"We've got to execute offensive- ly tomorrow and cut down on turnovers," Bender said. "They are a great team defensive team."

Bender believes he has developed a game plan for victory, however.

"It has to be our ability to stop their inside game," he said. "They have great half court, great defensive court coverage. We've got to make them work for it."

The Belles know that a win tonight would help them break off their troubles playing at home, and will certainly help their conference record.

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Around the Dial

HAMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Eric Mangini has worked for Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick, learning from two of the greatest coaches in the NFL.

The Jets are banking on Mangini to turn around a franchise that failed to make the playoffs for the 14th time in 14 seasons.

Despite his youth and relative inexperience, the organization hired Mangini as its coach Tuesday. The former Patriots defensive coordinator, who turns 35 on Thursday, becomes the youngest head coach in the league.

Terms of the deal weren't known but it is believed he will get between $2 million and $2.5 million per year over five years. "Being compared to Bill Belichick is one of the highest compliments you can be paid," Mangini said. "I am not Bill Belichick. I am not Bill Parcells. I am Eric Mangini. I am going to approach it my way. I'm going to take the experience and the lessons that I learned from those guys and I'm going to apply that to my team."

The baby-faced Mangini won't be confused with former coach Herman Edwards, who left for Kansas City last week.

Mangini was reserved and low key at his introductory news conference, hard to envision any of the fire and energy that is Edwards' trademark.

But this is a new era for the organization, which hopes Mangini can instill a different attitude after the Jets finished 4-12 last season.

Much of those expectations have to do with the people Mangini has worked under.

While Mangini was going to Wesleyan, he figured he would be an investment banker. But he spent two summers studying in Australia while coaching a semipro football team. It was there he realized he wanted to go into coaching permanently.

Mangini took a job as a ball boy with the Cleveland Browns, then went to work in the public relations department. He then met Belichick, who gave him a few assignments to do. Belichick liked his work and gave him a job as an assistant in 1995.

From there he worked for Ted Marchibroda in Baltimore in 1996, then for Parcells and Belichick with the Jets from 1997-99.

IN BRIEF

Seahawks prepare to face tenacious Panther defense

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Two weeks ago, Seahawks coach and former high school history teacher Mike Holmgren gave his assistants some homework for their playoff bye week — start studying the other NFC post-season teams and compile preliminary scouting reports on each.

Soon, the coaches were scribbling notes on large dry-erase boards in their offices.

But when Washington became Seattle's first-round foe, the assistants erased all of the other teams' information.

Thankfully for Holmgren, offensive quality-control coach Gary Reynolds copied the notes on the Panthers.

"Bless his heart," Holmgren said. "So we did get a bit of a start on Carolina."

He's glad they did.

What Seattle's assistants saw during their extra studies — and what Holmgren saw on television — was an staunch Panthers defense led by athletic 6-foot-7 defensive end Julius Peppers and former Seahawk Ken Lucas in the defensive backfield. It's a unit that is sure to provide a stern challenge for Seattle's offense, which aquired in separate trades last month.

The Panthers also agreed to one-year deals with right-hander Adam Eaton ($4.65 million) and outfielder Brad Wilkerson ($3.9 million), avoiding arbitration with two players acquired in separate trades last month.

IN BRIEF

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Men's Swimming

Irish see hard work pay off in Dallas, Evansville

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

The Irish took advantage of the break from classes with a grueling training schedule, which paid off with a road win against Evansville and a fifth-place finish in the 24th annual Dallas Morning News Classic.

Coach Tim Welsh said the training went well for his team. "The weather was beautiful, and when you're training outdoors, good weather makes for good training," Welsh said of his team's two-week stay in Boca Raton, Fla. "We did a great deal of training, and I think we got a lot accomplished, so from an athletic point of view, it was great."

Following a 10-day hiatus after finals, the team reconvened on Dec. 27 to train at St. Andrew's High School for 15 days of brutal work. "We had a lot of sunscreen on," said senior Patrick Davis. "A couple of people got burned, but we knew what to expect."

Still, the No. 19 Irish weren't there to relax. "We were training four hours a day, every day, and we had something like 29 straight practices," he said. "I don't remember the exact number, but Sunday was our first day off since Christmas."

The team makes the trip to Florida annually, but this is the first time the Irish have been invited to the prestigious Dallas Morning News Classic. The meet's format had each school sending eight swimmers and one diver.

In addition to the Irish, this year's field featured No. 7 Florida, which took first, followed by No. 16 Northwestern, No. 14 Florida State, host Southern Methodist, Notre Dame and Washington. "The field was extremely tough," Welsh said. "It was a great field, and with a small format, it was probably the fastest field we've raced against."

Though the Irish finished 120 points behind Florida and more than 100 points behind Northwestern, Welsh expressed no displeasure with his team's effort. "I thought our swimmers were very strong, and especially strong considering where we were in our training phase," Welsh said. "The guys that swam there trained every day since the 27th...they had a right to be tired. They were tired and they still raced well."

Among the highlights were freshman diver Michael Buffle capturing second place in the three-meter diving, while junior Ted Brown took fourth in the 500-yard freestyle and sixth in the 200-yard butterfly with a season best time of 1:51.76. "The team was split, however, as last Friday had the Irish competing in both the Dallas meet and a dual meet in Evansville. Assistant coach Matt Tallman went with nine members of the swim team to Texas, while Welsh coached the remainder of the squad across the state. Despite missing many of the team's top swimmers, the Irish pounded their in-state foes 163-73 while capturing first in nine of 13 events.

With the win, the Irish improved to 0-1 in dual meets on the road and 5-1 overall. Davis was one of three Irish swimmers to win in two events.

"It was good because you could see people who don't normally win events step up and score a lot of points," Davis said. "Also it was good because everyone was tired before training so long in Florida, and yet we still posted good times after that."

The team has developed since the beginning of the year, as swimmers have matured and grown into their roles. "The most important part is [having two road meets] gave us a chance to race on the road right after a training period, and it forced new people to step up in unfamiliar roles," Welsh said. "I think we'll be better this weekend and next weekend because we raced last weekend."

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Track and Field

Team begins indoor season with solid showing at Purdue

Irish send a select group of runners to West Lafayette in preparation for Notre Dame Opener this Saturday

By JORDAN BIELTZ
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While most of the student body was returning back to campus after Christmas break, a select group of Irish track and field team members competed in the Purdue Invitational, held Jan. 14 in West Lafayette.

After the four-week holiday break, the Irish turned in a good performance, earning two first-place finishes and six second-place finishes. Although both sides notched solid starts to 2006, both first-place finishes were earned on the women's side.

The jumpers and throwers turned in the best performances of the weekend, with the Irish women sweeping the high jump competition. Freshman Lauren Biscardi took home top honors, clearing 1.68 meters to lead the way. Emily Loomis and Cassie Gullikson also were able to clear 1.68 meters, which meant the final order was determined by a jumpoff. Freshman Mary Saxer, fresh off of her NCAA qualification in the pole vault that she earned at the Blue and Gold Invitational in December, took home the pole vault title with a vault of 3.80 meters.

"I'm pretty happy with how it went," Saxer said after qualifying for the NCAA Tournament. "It wasn't my best jump, but being my first college meet, and looking at where I am at this point in the season, I'm pleased."

Other notable performances on the women's side of the ledger were turned in by Alyssia Hasan, who earned a berth in the Big East Championship with a long jump of 5.43 meters, and senior Meghan Horn, who was the runner up in both the shot put and weight throw events.

While the women turned in a stellar performance, the men showed a marked improvement from their first meet as well. The men saw their biggest improvement take place in the weight throw, with all four participants in the event bettering their marks from the last meet.

Junior Garet Koxlien led the way, finishing second with a throw of 16.45 meters, followed by sophomore Kyle Allen in third. After Saturday's event, the Irish have now qualified 29 athletes for the Big East Championships in 20 different events, along with the spot that Saxer has locked up for the NCAA Championship to be held in May.

The Irish will return to action this Saturday for the Notre Dame Opener, to be held in Loftus. The Opener marks the first of three consecutive home meets on the indoor track and field schedule.

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Irish runners compete in the 2005 Notre Dame Invitational. The team will host the Notre Dame Opener at the Loftus Center Saturday.
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session with his own 3-point play. Falls led all scorers with 26 points on 8-of-13 shooting. He was 6-of-11 from 3-point range.

Pittsburgh 300, Notre Dame 97
Quinn scored 27 points and led the Irish back from a nine-point deficit with less than a minute remaining to force overtime, but Pittsburgh guard Ronald Ramon hit a game-winning 3-pointer in double overtime to keep the Panthers undefeated Jan. 4.

Thursday's 37 points came after halftime, as the Irish point guard hit big shots down the stretch to keep his team in the game. He scored 16 consecutive points during the second half.

Notre Dame 74, Wofford 71
In Notre Dame's final game before Big East play, the Irish escaped with a win after Torin Francis hit two free throws with 12.6 seconds remaining at the Joyce Center Dec. 30.

Wofford had a chance to tie the game when it moved the ball up the court following Francis' free throws. Wofford forward Howard Wilkerson had a look from 3-point range, but his shot hit off the front rim. Wilkerson led all scorers with 27 points.

The Irish were well balanced on the offensive end with four players finishing in double figures. Guard Russell Carter led Notre Dame with 16 points. Falls and Quinn each had 12, and freshman guard Kyle McAulary finished with 10.

Notre Dame 85, Fordham 49
Notre Dame outplayed its opponent from the tip, dominating Fordham at the Joyce Center Dec. 28 and earning its sixth consecutive victory in the process.

Leading by 12 at halftime, the Irish exploded in the second half, outscoring the Rams 44-20.

The Irish had five players in double figures. Quinn led the Irish with 14 points, freshman forward Luke Zeller had 11 and Carter, McAulary and forward Rob Kurz had 10.

Notre Dame shot 55 percent from the field while limiting Fordham to 28 percent shooting.

Notre Dame 75, Columbia 68
Despite being outscored 44-16 in the paint by the Lions, the Irish escaped with a victory led by the impressive free throw shooting Dec. 23 at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame outscored Columbia 28-6 from the free throw line. The Irish trailed the Lions for much of the first half, but managed to take a 34-33 lead into halftime.

Quinn led the Irish with 18 points — 15 of which came in the second half. McAulary added 14 points in the victory.

Notre Dame 80, Niagara 59
Notre Dame shot 55 percent from the field and made a season-high 12 shots from 3-point range to defeat Niagara Dec. 21 at the Joyce Center.

Falls scored 19 points for the Irish and McAulary added 16. The two Irish guards were 5-of-10 and 4-of-6 from the arch, respectively.

Francis played strong inside, scoring 24 points and 4-0-7 shooting. The Irish forward also grabbed nine rebounds.

Notre Dame 65, IPFW 63
Notre Dame narrowly avoided a big upset at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, but Francis' points and 11 rebounds saved the night Dec. 18.

Francis scored in the final six points for the Irish.

Freshman forward Ryan Ayers came up with a big defensive stop when IPFW had the ball with 3.3 seconds left, knocking the ball loose at the buzzer.

Notes:
Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese announced Wednesday that the Big East Tournament, to be held March 8-11 at Madison Square Garden in New York City, has sold out in advance for the first time ever. The Big East has played its postseason conference tournament at the Garden for 24 years. All tickets were sold to "fans and constituents" of the 16 member institutions, Tranghese said.

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specific school," junior Valerie Providenza said. "So (the North American Cup) is used to determine the top fencers in the U.S., and those who earn the most points at the end of the season go on to make the national team. But others go just to prepare for the NCAAs or the World Cup. It all depends on your skill level."

In the Division I Men's Epee competition, junior Patrick Gettings led the Irish at 34th, and freshman Mark Kohl placed 28th in the men's foil. The Division I Sabre competition was led by junior Patrick Glattas, 18th, and freshman Bill Thanhouser, 24th, who recently earned the No. 1 ranking in the USFA under-21 men's saber rankings.

"The men fenced well, it was just tough competition," Providenza said. "There are many more events for us to perform well in."

Junior captain Amy Orlando agreed.
"Fencing is a mental sport that varies from day to day. There are so many little aspects and technical elements," she said. "We just see it as a bad day for both the men and the women and it doesn't dictate what we should expect for the rest of the season."

In the Division I Women's portion of the competition, Orlando finished 19th and fifth-year Becca Chimahusky took 23rd. Freshman Adi Nott led the Irish in the women's foil in 21st place. The saber competition showcased sophomore Mariel Zagnis and Providenza, placing sixth and tenth overall, respectively.

In the junior men's portion of the competition, Kohl finished 15th in men's foil and Thanhouser placed 11th in the men's saber.

For the women, Monica placed 15th in the epee and Nott and Prov placed third and fifth in the foil.

The Irish return to action on Jan. 22 at the NYU Duals.

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Duffy is fearless leader of scrappy Irish squad

Just seven minutes into the second half, Tuesday's game looked to be well on its way to being decided. After playing what coach Muffet McGraw called its best half of basketball all year, Notre Dame seemed about to fold, trailing 31-39 after an 18-0 DePaul run. Things were not good for a struggling Notre Dame team.

But the Irish rose to the occasion. In fact, they responded by playing like they hadn't all year, coming back from 12 down and going on a run of their own while holding DePaul scoreless for 8:29 and coming away with a hard-fought 75-73 victory over the No. 10 Blue Demons. It was the first win over a top-10 team this year for No. 24 Notre Dame after the thrilling second-half comeback.

"We've had a lot of practice getting behind teams," McGraw somewhat sarcastically after the game. "The Irish, after all, had lost three of their last four Big East games before losing to DePaul, Tuesday, 80-78, by no less than 10 points, and all three to unranked teams. But this was different. Thanks to Megan Duffy.

The senior guard took on team on her shoulders for the entire 39 minutes she played. And for the minute she was out of the game in the first half, the Irish looked dazed and confused, forcing McGraw to put her star point guard and leader back in the game. Duffy played some of the best basketball she's played all year. Lifting shots when the shot clock was winding down, making key shots after shot, The 5-foot-7 guard even rebuffed, putting down a career-high eight boards. She just missed a triple-double, adding 23 points and nine assists to her game to go along with three steals and just two turnovers.

She was the glue this Irish team needed to win the game. She set the tone, she played the way her team needed to play and they followed her without missing a beat. The normally offensive quietly Brozyna hit two big threes while scoring 10 points on the night. Lindsay Schrader hit big shot after big shot for good for nine points and Crystal Erwin brought the attitude and physical presence to the post to help Courtney

Hockey

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some bad bounces.

The Irish and Redhawks tied 2-2 Friday at the Joyce Center. Saturday night, in front of a sellout crowd including Notre Dame senior hockey alum and several pro scouts, the Irish had early chances to open up a commanding lead to 39-33 early in the second half, the Irish didn't give up. In fact, they came back. After a few minutes of collecting myself and shaking it off. I was fine after a few minutes of collecting myself and shaking it off. I was fine after. "I wasn't really sure if I was going to take it or not, but I was wide open, so I thought, 'Why not just take it?'" Gray said. "I'm used to shooting wide open spaces.

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lead with 13:30 to play in the game.

"During that stretch we had just some communication breakdowns because we were switching defenses so much," senior point guard Megan Dufly said.

The Blue Demon run was started and led by guard Jenna Robbins, who finished with nine points of the stretch, all of them from behind the arc.

Robbins' standout performance was aided by Notre Dame's commitment to stopping American center Khara Smith from dominating inside the post. "We were trying to get some one down there so she couldn't get the ball," McGraw said. "We were trying to limit her touch.

Ultimately, just as the Joyce Center crowd was on the verge of sighing a collective "here we go again," Notre Dame regained the form it had displayed at times early in the game. With 13:06 left to play and the game quickly slipping away, guard Brozyna hit a 3-pointer that ignited the Irish to their own 18-point lead, giving them a 57-41 lead with less than a minute to play.

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The Irish at times still looked like they were struggling team. After center Melissa D'Amico's 3-point lead bookended by frustrating turnovers.

Still, after playing yet another streak bookended by frustrating turnovers. The game was marked by several after-the-whistle skirmishes, including one in the third period that sent five players to the penalty box, plus a career-high eight boards. Despite coming off the bench, she was the glue this Irish team needed to win the game. She set the tone, she played the way her team needed to play and they followed her without missing a beat. The normally offensive quietly Brozyna hit two big threes while scoring 10 points on the night. Lindsay Schrader hit big shot after big shot for good for nine points and Crystal Erwin brought the attitude and physical presence to the post to help Courtney

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man guard Lindsay Schrader, who finished with nine points despite coming off the bench backing up Charel Allen, who has been an unfamiliar role for her this season.

"It bothered me. I just wanted to prove to McGraw that I belonged in the starting line up," Schrader said. "Charle's an excellent player, you can't doubt that. She deserves to be in the starting lineup right now."

With 2:40 left in the game, DePaul was able to cut the Irish lead to 63-61 after forward Rachel Carney hit a 3-pointer, but the Blue Demons were never able to regain the lead. Down the stretch, Duffy took over in the clutch, scoring six points in the final 2:11, including getting 4:4 from the free throw line with less than a minute left to help ice the Blue Demons. Overall, she finished with 23 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, the latter tying a career high set back in 2003 against Villanova.

In the end, McGraw somewhat sarcastically credited the Irish's recent struggles for the comeback win.

"I don't think [falling behind big] really bothered us because we've been here before," she said. "I thought the preparation over the last couple weeks for that particular moment really helped us."

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TAR S (April 20-May 20): Gear up, get ready and put on the big push today. You have everything going your way but if you are honest and keep a close watch over anyone you feel may be stroking you along. Leave nothing to chance.  

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You can expect to feel a little left out today. So much is going on but it will be difficult for you to get a piece of it. Don't think too much about what everyone else has. Consider your own abilities. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You will look at things differently and take in all the pieces and that is a good thing. Don't back away from something because it appears to be too complicated. Now is the perfect time to figure through the details and come out with a reasonable decision.  

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've been so serious lately. Put that side of you on hold and have some fun. You've been in pursuit of something you wish to do. Don't let anything or anyone spoil you.  

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make a move and know that it is your time to excel. Don't hold back, waiting to see what everyone else is going to do. Go after the standard and you will be a strong, impressive leader.  

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's time to weed out a few of the things that are taking up space but not benefiting you in any way. It can be very liberating and can help someone or anyone see those things for which you no longer have a use.  

**PICTURE THIS** (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional ups and downs will leave you confused today. Try to not make something out of what's been dismissed. Keep things simple and trust not a much better chance with both money matters and relationships.  

**BIRTHDAY BASH** (March 21-April 19): You have a strong will to power and a sense of humor that may sometimes cruelly tease you live by. You are persistent, loyal and quick to try to convert others to see your own point of view.  

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Defeating the Demons

Irish overcome deficit, upset No. 10 DePaul

By ERIC RETTER
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For No. 24 Notre Dame, beating a top-10 ranked opponent is always a big win. When that victory comes after losing four out of five, it can be a momentous one.

The Irish found themselves in that position Tuesday night, taking on DePaul No. 10 at the Joyce Center.

Though all three losses were by six points or fewer, the Irish have surrendered an average of 84.5 points per game thus far in conference play. DePaul, on the other hand, has averaged an identical 84.5 points in those four games and ended its conference-opening game against SU with a 95-77 win over Providence.

Irish point guard Chris Quinn led all scorers with 31 points on 11-of-14 shooting. Guard Collin Falls added 24, combining with Quinn to make 10-of-16 shots from behind the arc. Quinn is tied for second with Villanova's Randy Foye in scoring average, netting 24 points per game in the team's first four conference appearances.

Syracuse defeated Notre Dame 82-75 Tuesday. The Irish defeated the No. 10 Blue Demons, 78-75.

See also "Duffy is fearless" leader of scrappy Irish squad"

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FOOTBALL

Gridiron seniors will play in all-star games

By MIKE GILLOON
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The season isn't over just yet for several Notre Dame football players. The University's athletic Web site announced Monday that five departing Irish seniors — kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick, wide receiver Maurice Stovall, offensive lineman Dan Stevenson and linebackers Corey Mays and Brandon Hoyte — have been selected to play in postseason all-star games taking place during the next two weeks.

Fitzpatrick and Mays will participate for the East team in the Hula Bowl Saturday at 7 p.m. in Honolulu, Hawaii. Hoyte and Stevenson will play on the same day at 4 p.m. in the East-West Shrine game in San Antonio, Texas. The pair will suit up for the East squad as well.

Stovall will head south to Mobile, Ala., to play in the Senior Bowl on Jan. 28 at 4 p.m.

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HOCKEY

Irish finish break at 2-2-2

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So close and yet so far. Notre Dame had its chances to upset No. 3 Miami University (Ohio) Saturday night at the Joyce Center, but the Irish couldn't turn enough opportunities into goals as they dropped a 3-2 decision to finish Christmas break 2-2-2.

"The difference [between us and Miami] is finding a way to win," Notre Dame forward Wes O'Neill said. "Miami's a good team, but we let it slip away [Friday and Saturday]. We had enough opportunities, we just couldn't finish them."