Six parked cars hit at Castle Point

Early morning accident involves at least three Notre Dame, Saint Mary's students

By KAITLYNN RIELY

A man driving a Lincoln truck hit at least six cars parked in a lot in the Enchanted Forest section of Castle Point Apartments early Sunday morning, residents said. St. Joseph County spokesperson James Thirion did not return Observer phone calls Sunday, so we are unable to track the extent of the damage, but said "nobody was driving any of them today."

The car came down the street through Enchanted Forest and did not turn at the curve in the road, but just kept going straight, she said. It only took about two minutes for police to arrive after Davis called them, she said. A security guard for Castle Point was also on duty.

"He hit my car first, then he hit the back of the car next to me — a Jeep — and then he hit the other girl's car and pushed it forward," Davis said. "Then he hit another car on the side and pushed that car into two other cars."

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ND alumni embrace challenges in Africa

Recent grads live and teach in Uganda, raise awareness of country's social, economic problems

By MARCELA BERROIS

As a primary school teacher in Uganda, Matt Young had to quickly learn how to fight away the snakes and tailor his syllabus to fit the needs of his students — even if it included teaching children how to empty pit latrines and avoid contracting malaria.

"Many of the things I teach these kids would never be on a syllabus in the United States," said Young, who graduated from Notre Dame last spring. "In science class for instance, I teach them how to tend to cattle, goats and chickens."

"Other topics are how to avoid getting tapeworms ... and different methods to prevent malaria and AIDS."

Young and fellow 2006 alumna Clay Allison recently met with University President John Jenkins and other Notre Dame representatives during the group's weeklong trip to Uganda. Both work at the African St. Jude Primary School and Lakeview Secondary School.

The Observer was unable to contact Allison, however, as he was recovering from a bout of malaria.

Before Young graduated, he thought his teaching career would involve lessons about multiplication and grammar, not battling mosquitoes and bats in the classroom. But while certain lessons "aren't very exciting," he said, "they are quite relevant for these kids" — children who spend afternoons caring for siblings and their family's livestock and crops.

When teaching children who cannot afford pencils, Young said every lesson becomes "a slow and tedious process."

"There are many other obstacles to learning that are quite unique here also," Young said. "During the rainy season, it gets too muddy for many of the kids to walk to see Uganda/page 4

SCM reflects on history, tradition

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By KATIE KOHLER

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ND, SMC welcome 36 transfer students

By JOHN PAUL WITT

By second semester most students have become familiar with life in the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's community, but for others life under the golden dome is a whole new experience.

Notre Dame welcomed 25 transfer students and Saint Mary's enrolled 11 — numbers that were on par with the institutions' transfer expectations, College and university officials said.

Notre Dame Associate Director of Admissions Susan Joyce calls "in line with the University enrollment goal of about 125 fall and 25 spring transfers each year."

Unlike the freshman admissions process, transfer students at both institutions must meet certain criteria to be admitted.

Students must attain at least a 3.00 GPA in college courses, and Notre Dame transfer students must attend another institution for at least a full year. And unlike Saint Mary's, Notre Dame does not accept transfers into the first Year of Studies.

Notre Dame students transferred directly into the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Science, or Engineering, Joyce said. Due to enrollment limitations, the University does not admit transfer students to the Mendoza College of Business, and the School of Architecture has not admitted transfer students in several years because of limitations imposed by the architecture program's required year in Rome, she said.

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"So many classes are closed

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Inmate's execution stayed

NDASK cancels trip to Indiana prison

By EILEEN DUFFY

Following the Indiana Supreme Court's decision Wednesday morning to put a stay on Norman Timberlake's Friday execution, Notre Dame Against State Killings (NDASK) cancelled the vigil it had planned to hold concurrently outside his prison in Michigan City.

Timberlake, 59, shot and killed Indiana State Trooper Michael Greene in 1993. He was sentenced to death in 1996, and when the state parole board unanimously denied his final appeal for clemency Tuesday, his execution by lethal injection was slated for early Friday morning.

While Timberlake suffers from paranoia and schizophrenia — including continuous auditory hallucinations — he is still eligible for capital punishment because, according to psychiatrists, he understands that he is going to be executed and why.

The Indiana Supreme Court ordered the stay on Timberlake's execution, however, because, according to U.S. Supreme Court's decision on Monday, "several years" because of limitations imposed by the architecture program's required year in Rome, she said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Terroric 20

Everyone knows the important birthdays: 13, 16, 18, 21 and 40. When you turn 13 you are finally a teenager. You don’t get that same feeling of rebellion when you see a PG-13 movie because you are at the very age that the movies are rated for.

Turning 16 is a News Writer big milestone. There is a lot of new freedom that comes with turning 16. You can finally drive.

More freedoms come your way at 18. When you turn 18 you are a legal adult. You can vote and generally you will graduate from high school and head off to college at the age of 18.

Turning 21 is the biggest milestone in a college student’s life for the most obvious reasons, and as soon as you hit 20 you are over the hill.

Every other age seems to get the shaft.

There are no MTV shows celebrating turning 24, 27, or any other age except for the ‘Super Sweet Sixteen’.

Your 20th birthday is actually a pretty big deal even if you don’t realize it.

You are no longer a teenager and even though there are no new freedoms that come with turning 20, you’re already able to drive and vote. Hopefully, since you are reading this in a college publication, you are already in college, and you are that much closer to being a full-fledged adult.

As I began my 20th year this past week, I started out with the belief that 20 is unimportant. I can no longer use the excuse that I’m just a teenager to try to get out of responsibilities (even though that habit is not worked anymore) and there isn’t as much importance placed on this year as there will be on my 21st birthday.

By this morning, my views on turning 20 changed completely. I have found the most amazing friends over these past 20 years who tell me so many messages on Facebook the day of my birthday that my inbox is full of messages. I also found my best friends, who threw a surprise party for me on Friday night! Everyone is celebrating here at school (my birthday was the last week of break, which by the way are the worst kind to have because you don’t get to see your friends. Other days of birth like that happening this year occur on March 10 and 11, and for anyone who is Irish enough to have been born on Saint Patrick’s Day). So 20 should really get more credit as a birthday.

Just surround yourself with friends and they will make sure your birthday is one to remember, even if it isn’t one of the milestone birthdays. (To be completely sappy: Thanks guys!)

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN THE SUPER BOWL?

Anthony Ashley sophomores Keough
Charlie Spear freshman Keough
Dorlan Mirchandani sophomores Keough
Sara Medek junior Welsh Family
Marcia McDonnell junior Holy Cross
Mike Williams freshman Keough

“I’m gonna go with the Bears because of the clarity which would ensue if they won.”

“Both teams because we’re all winners.”

“Well not the Saints that’s for sure.”

“The Bears, because Peyton Manning is going to choke.”

“The Bears, because of Sexy Rexy.”

“The Bears, because I hate the Colts.”

IN BRIEF

The Mendoza College of Business is hosting the Heritage Leadership Institute program beginning today in Room 133 Mendoza. Pre-registration is required.

Architect Donald MacDonald will deliver a lecture titled “In Detail: From Bridge Design to High-Density Housing” as part of the Teenskirtauer Family Lecture Series at 4:30 p.m. today in 104 Bond Hall, all are welcome to attend.

Recruits are sponsoring a blood drive Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Beile.

Registration is required.

John French, associate professor of history at Duke University and Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow, is speaking Tuesday at the Work in Progress Seminar: “Brazil’s President as Working Class Rafael: Understanding Lula as Politician” from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Hesburgh Center C-103.

Wednesday is the last day to make changes to class schedules for the semester on InsideND.

The Academic Council Meeting is taking place Wednesday in the McKenna Hall auditorium from 3 to 5 p.m. Attendance is by invitation only.

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

OFFBEAT

Shot duck survives two days in fridge

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Neither gunfire nor two days in a refrigerator could slay this duck.

When the wife of the hunter who shot it opened the refrigerator door, the duck filled in his head, giving her a scare.

The man’s wife was going to check on the refrigerator because it had n’t been working right and when she opened the door, it looked up at her,” said Laila Whipple, a receptionist at Killearn Animal Hospital. “She freaked out and told the daughter to take it to the hospital right then and there.”

The 1-pound female ring­-neck ended up as Goose Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, where it has been treated since Tuesday for wounds to its wing and leg.

English language tutors selling sex appeal

HONG KONG — Angela Yiu and Stella Cheng spent weeks meeting with fashion stylists and photographers before deciding on the mini skirts and high heels to wear in their promotion campaign. They’re not models peddling perfume or sports cars. They’re English tutors who earn good money helping secondary school students pass Hong Kong’s grueling exams to get into college.

“Your long legs are the most beautiful ones in the tutorial industry,” said Ken Ng, head of Modern Education, one of the city’s biggest tutoring businesses. “This is our selling point.”

Attractive teachers are marketed like movie stars. Their schools show them off on billboards, full-page newspaper ads and TV screens in railway stations and on buses.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Justine Spencer, the lead drummer in “Recycled Percussion” performs at Saint Mary’s O’Laughlin Auditorium Sunday. Spencer holds the world record for fastest single stick drumming at 21 beats per second. The concert kicked off the College’s Heritage Week events.

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Translating work wins award

Special to The Observer


Jacques Maritain, born in 1882 to a French Protestant family, met Raissa Oumanouff when they were both university students in Paris. Their subsequent love affair was sufficiently complex to include a mutual suicide pact revocable only on condition of their discovery of the meaning of human life and existence. Providentially, the revocation was delivered through their attendance at the lectures of the French philosopher Henri Bergson, and the influence of their friendship with Leon Bloy, the novelist who famously said, "there is only one sadness in life: not to be a saint." They married in 1916 and were received into the Catholic Church in 1906.

Maritain, who described his wife as "dimidium animae meae," or "half my soul," went on to become one of the most influential Catholic philosophers of modern times, exemplifying the intertwining of religious belief and contemporary intellectual and political culture. During the 1940s and 1950s he was a frequent visitor and lecturer at Notre Dame.


College initiates transfer to upgraded e-mail service

Students, staff pleased with change

By LIZ HARTER
New Ways

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He said students, faculty and staff seem to be unaffected by the change in e-mail systems.

"I don't think we could have asked for a better transition so far," Fowlkes said. "The response from everyone has been great. The (new) interface is much better than the Aegis system and integrates shared calendars and address books."

Sophomore Lauren Mangiafrote switched systems early this week and did not experience problems.

"I enjoy the new e-mail," said senior Maria Fanfani. "The migration process worked smoothly for me." Fowlkes advised students to migrate during the College's Required support office hours in case they encounter a problem.

Information Technology is also providing online tutorials and live training sessions focused on the use of the Zimbra server and its components. The new server is not yet complete because Information Technology is still in the process of moving everything from the Aegis system to the Zimbra server.

"We still have some work to do on migration of old calendars from the old Aegis calendar system to the new Zmail system, but that is in the works now," Fowlkes said.

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Dr. Patrick Minnis, NASA Langley Research Center

Up Front on the Future of Global Security
General Richard B. Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Radical Evolution
Jodl Gamrau, Author, Reporter, & Editor, The Washington Post

Immigration Reform: The New Face of America
Ronald Reagan, former President, U.S. House of Representatives

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Pannetti, whose mental afflictions are similar to Timberlake's, the high court will likely decide a definitive process within the next year or so. "(A mentally ill death row inmate) might say, 'I know I'm being executed, and not know that I'm not scheduled to die."" said Andrea Laidman, NDASK co-director. "I think Norman Timberlake knows that he's going to be executed, but at the same time, he lives with delusions that his brain is being tortured by a machine run by the government." Timberlake still alleges he is innocent of murdering Greene, who was a 10-year veteran of the Indiana State Police. He contests that the numerous witnesses who pinned the crime on him were guilty of perjury at his 1992 trial. He also claims he does not suffer from mental illness. "The fact is that the lawyers of death row inmates are going to use whatever line of argument is going to have the prisoner's sentence continued to life imprisonment," Laidman said. "It's a line of argument that is true, but not necessarily the one the prisoner's going to favor.
I would say that more people with mental illnesses aren't straight-forward about saying it and would just say that. Laidman and her co-director Will McAliff had already returned home for Christmas break when the decision to execute Timberlake was made on Dec. 17. Laidman said, and it came as a shock when they found out online in early January.
"When we started the (NDASK) campaign, we went to a site and read the case of all death row prisoners," Laidman said."A lot of occasions we talked to six to seven, they didn't think one would be scheduled this spring." Timberlake, who had been held in South Bend before the scheduled execution, the campaign spoke to its eight co-sponsors (including Notre Dame College) and several advocacy organizations internationally to increase awareness on the case. Laidman and Acosta arranged buses to transport students and community members to the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, where they would hold a vigil during Timberlake's execution.

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school, and during the dry season, the classrooms become like saunas, which makes learning extremely difficult. "If it rains during class, the noise of the rain hitting the tin roof makes it impossible to hear," said Young. Many times the children also go to school with open sores. Young said, limiting their ability to concentrate. But he finds their determination and optimism admirable. "They have a passion for learning that leaves me in awe," he said.
A small number of the kids who live too far away to walk to each day walk to the classroom each night, and Young sometimes accompanies them as they sleep on the classroom floor.

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as a motivation to keep in the future," she said. "Making good relationships with alumni is key and there will be alums at almost every event.
All of the activities planned are meant to educate students about the school's history as well as giving them a chance to meet new people. "Everything we are doing is to help connect the community," McElruff said.
"It is a way to get to know different people and connect in a better way."

BEC is promoting Heritage Week through signs, e-mail and reminders in the dining hall.
McElruff hopes for another successful year but sees room for improvement already.
"Heritage Week has a lot of ways to grow," she said. "We will have to wait and see how it changes in the future.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Sudan accused of violating cease-fire

Khartoum has not abided by the cease-fire agreement in southern Darfur, rebel commanders said Sunday in what they called a "false truce" by the government to lure insurgents to meet with it.

The reports on the bombings, which could not be independently confirmed, came days after the United Nations called on Khartoum to respect the truce.

A rebel official said going to peace talks with the regime is "an act of faith and a dream of liberation," adding that a Sudanese government official had called on rebels to return to their homes.

Sudan's military spokesman, Gen. Mohammed El-Mahdi, said in a statement broadcast by the state-run SUNA that the government has not abided by the cease-fire agreement.

The official said that the government has not abided by the cease-fire agreement in southern Darfur, where the government is heavily involved in the conflict.

Sudan's government said it would not abide by the cease-fire agreement and that it would use military force to achieve its political goals.


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**L.A. vows crackdown on gangs**

Latest string of killings prompts strong response from police, feds, politicians

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES —** A 14-year-old boy was killed when his Hispanic gang members went over to his home and began shooting blacks. A 9-year-old girl died after being hit by a stray bullet as gang members exchanged shots near her home.

A 17-year-old was wounded in a gunfight with a suspected gang member.

The soothing violence is prompting police and politicians to promise one of the toughest crackdowns on gangs in city history.

"This is the monster, this is what drives people's fears," said Deputy Chief Charles Beck, who oversees a South Los Angeles district where gang-related crime has jumped 24 percent during the year ending in November.

However, the effort has met skepticism in the city that has an estimated 700 gangs with 40,000 members — about five for every police officer — and that gave birth to some of the nation's most notorious gangs, including the Grips, Bloods and Mara Salvatrucha, or MS-13.

"It's too big, it's too entrenched, it's too intimately connected with the urban landscape," Beck said.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who called for a crackdown when he ran for mayor in 2005, has since "shifted policy." But he says the city is prepared to act.

"We are absolutely committed to being proactive," Villaraigosa said.

In some ways, the approach mirrors a multi-agency Boston campaign in the 1990s, known as the Boston Miracle, that resulted in a dramatic decline in gun violence and murder rates.

Past efforts in Los Angeles, however, have produced mixed results.

"We've seen this movie before," said Steve Brice, a former member of the Pacoima Criminals gang in the San Fernando Valley who now works to rehabilitate gang members.

The city has been harnessed in the past by a lack of resources and changing department priorities, according to a city-funded report by civil rights attorney

**VENEZUELA**

Chavez tells U.S. to "go to hell"

Associated Press

CARACAS — President Hugo Chavez told U.S. officials "to go to hell" on his weekly television program Sunday for what he called unacceptable meddling after Washington raised concerns about a massive marketing campaign to attract the nation's youth.

In his broadcast, Chavez said the United States was "forcing" Venezuela into a socialist state. Among his plans are nationalizing the main telecommunications company and the electricity and natural gas sectors.

The president's opponents accuse him of using his political strength to expand his powers.

Relations between Caracas and Washington have been tense since Chavez was briefly ousted in a 2002 coup that he claimed the U.S. played a role in. The Bush administration has repeatedly denied being involved, although it recognized an interim government established by coup leaders.

Since then, Chavez has consistently accused the U.S. of conspiring to oust him and often asserts the CIA is working to destabilize his government. U.S. officials have denied trying to overthrow Chavez, but have labeled him a threat to democracy.

Chavez also announced plans in his broadcast to raise domestic gasoline prices and approve a new tax on luxury goods such as private yachts and second homes.
School lunches revamped

ODN, N.J. — The cafeteria lunch line at Columbus Elementary School moves quickly as students grab portions of carrots celery, apples and oranges. French fries and hamburgers, once cafeteria staples, are not even offered. "I eat carrots or apples every day," said 10-year-old Alan Espino. He said he didn't notice that the bun holding his all-beef hot dog was whole wheat. Even the pizza available in the cafeteria has whole wheat crust. The school cafeteria looks radically different from those of his parents' generation, and it appears many kids aren't turning their noses up at the new offerings. In fact, according to a survey of food service directors, french fries are decreasing in popularity and interest in carrots is skyrocketing. As choices on the lunch line change, many children are accepting them, said Martha Conklin, an associate professor at Penn State University who conducts research about school nutrition programs and school food service. "If you present these healthy offerings to children, they may turn them down the first time, but you can't give up," she said. "Children will adapt. Choice is important, but they can make those selections from healthy offerings." The School Nutrition Association's annual survey given to food service directors around the country shows just that. Among students in kindergarten through 12th grade, french fries dropped in popularity from 1998 to 2006, while carrots and fresh vegetables rose in popularity. "We are dealing with much more sophisticated audiences now, and we working hard to meet their needs in a healthier way," said James Thurman, the association's president. Contact John-Paul Witt at jwitt@nd.edu

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The Observer is now accepting applications for its 2007-08 Editor-in-Chief. Applicants should turn in a resume and a 12-15 page application to The Observer's South Dining Hall offices by Wednesday, January 24 at 5 p.m. Please call Mike Gilloon at 631-4542 with any questions.
BUSINESS

Motorola losses prompt job cuts

Struggling cell phone giant to slash 3,500 positions after dismal fourth quarter

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Motorola Inc. CFO Ed Zander said Friday the cell-phone maker will cut 3,500 jobs, or 5 percent of its workforce, to continue improving operating costs after a disappointing fourth quarter.

Zander, speaking to analysts in New York, said the move will save the company about $400 million over two years. The cuts from Waukegan, Ill., will amount to about 7 percent of about 50,000 workers globally and completed in the first half of 2007.

The world's No. 2 handset manufacturer also said it will boost Wall Street estimates of its 2007 sales by as much as $3 billion, forecasting a full-year total of $46 billion to $49 billion. Analysts had predicted sales of $44 billion.

The announcements sent Motorola's stock soaring despite a fourth-quarter earnings report that showed a profit decline of 3 percent from a year earlier on a stumble in operating results from its handset business.

Motorola shares rose 58 cents, or 3.1 percent, to $19.29 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock began the session down 5 percent this year after a 9 percent decline in 2006.

Zander said Motorola's ill-based company had waged extra weeks before that results would come in well below expectations after a decline in operating profitability.

Zander said a variety of factors, including missed forecasts, had resulted in a widespread expectation for a weak quarter despite strong sales. He said Motorola is sticking to its strategy, in which many analysts had said was not as strong in the third quarter, following the company's Jan. 5 profit warning.

"There's no change in strategy," he told analysts at the meeting, which was broadcast over the Internet. "There may be some changes in tactics." He also dismissed suggestions that the troubled Razr phone, which turned around the company's fortunes two years ago, is running out of momentum.

"It's funny, I keep reading about Razrs being tired," he told analysts on an earlier conference call. "We sold more Razrs in quarter four than in any quarter we ever had. We now have sold over 75 million Razrs worldwide.

"Net profit for the last three months of 2006 was $624 million, or 25 cents per share, down from $1.2 billion, or 46 cents per share, a year earlier.

Results included a net gain of 5 cents per share for various charges. Excluding those items, Motorola said earnings from continuing operations were 21 cents a share, or better than the 13 cents to 16 cents it forecast two weeks ago.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial had lowered their consensus estimate to 25 cents per share following Motorola's Jan. 5 warning. Revenue was $11.8 billion, up 17 percent from the same period a year ago and slightly above Wall Street's $11.7 billion estimate.

"We're not a three-month fix," he said.

The company, which trails Finland's Nokia Corp., said its world market share grew nearly 1 percent in the quarter to 23.3 percent.

Market cools on poor profit reports

NEW YORK — Stocks closed narrowly mixed Friday after profit reports and forecasts from blue-chip names like International Business Machines Corp. and General Electric Co. failed to impress Wall Street and sent investors searching for other catalysts to drive the markets higher.

After a disappointing fourth quarter, investors already made skittish by the recent tug-of-war over whether stock will move higher in 2007 with the same resolve as in 2006. Recent weakness in technology stocks had caused some investors to question whether the economy can pull off a soft landing. Martin contemplates Wall Street is now mulling whether the economy will do a "fly-by" and skip a soft landing entirely with growth continuing at a steady clip.

"The Fed is unlikely to lower short-term interest rates if the economy continues at a steady clip or if it begins to accelerate again. The central bank has left interest rates unchanged at its last four meetings after a string of 17 straight increases that began in 2004. Last year, investors propelled stocks sharply higher partly on the widely held view that the Fed would cut rates perhaps as early as the first half of 2007. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 2.40, or 0.02 percent, at 12,565.53.

Broader stock indicators were higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 4.13, or 0.29 percent, to 1,430.50, and the Nasdaq was up 8.10, or 0.32 percent, to 2,451.31.

Despite the modest movement in the major indexes, advancing losses outnumbered decliners by about 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 2.84 billion shares, compared with 2.89 billion traded Thursday.

In Brief

Businesses blast insurance overhaul

NEW YORK — Businesses are wary of a crop of new state health care proposals to reduce the number of uninsured, fearing the programs will drive up their expenses without solving the problem.

Dissension already has surfaced: Maine's health insurers and businesses have balked at how the state's program to expand coverage has been funded and have filed several lawsuits over the policy.

Small companies are especially worried, because they are less likely to provide health insurance to their workers, and because of the proposals call for companies that don't provide coverage to pay into state funds. But experts note that the taxes paid by small businesses aren't sufficient to provide coverage for the uninsured, larger companies that do provide insurance could be tapped to contribute to state funds as well.

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With three student body presidential tickets to choose from, Saint Mary's students have been bombarded by enough promises, goals and initiatives to make their heads spin. A vote for juniors Annie Davis and Courtney Kennedy, however, is a smart one. The realistic duo plan to embrace and enhance College tradition through increased campus communication—a task that promesses everything from renewed respect for the Sisters of the Holy Cross to improved residence hall facilities.

Similar promises were made by the Calleen Ferreira-Jenny Antonelli ticket, but in an almost overly ambitious way. The impressive dream of campus-wide wireless Internet access and microwaves in dorm hallways overstep the financial considerations of Saint Mary's. Kimberly Hodges and Kelly Payne make a strong commitment to campus diversity and service learning opportunities for students. Their platform, however, tends to focus too heavily upon these issues, which might overlook other needs of the College community.

While the other tickets' goals are both ambitious and notable, Davis and Kennedy's platform manages to merge the issues into a reasonable plan that will maintain and reform student government. Davis' outspoken urge to wrangle well-boarded governance meetings to incorporate increased discussion and student activism has the potential to eliminate elements of campus-wide apathy toward student government. The most notable contribution Davis would make to the position is her connection to college administration through her work as admissions commissioner. This position has allowed her to recognize the realities of budgeting and, most importantly, has familiarized her with administrative policy.

While many students would love to see vast and immediate changes such as new laundry facilities and meal plan options, Davis and Kennedy seem open to considering all student needs in a reasonable manner. Their campaign incorporates the development of Saint Mary's future—primarily the complex issue of the ongoing identity initiative, which Davis said she believes needs to receive more attention from the College community.

The duo also recognizes the need to maintain the College's deeply rooted tradition in the sometimes-uncertain future of Saint Mary's identity. Kennedy plans to more closely link the Sisters of the Holy Cross and the student body, a passion she developed during a full break pilgrimage to a Holy Cross community in Mexico.

As Saint Mary's grows, it demands leaders who seek change and dedication to the mission—two attributes Davis and Kennedy bring to the campaign.

While they mean business when it comes to increased communication and revamping BOG, the pair has not overlooked the lightedheated aspects of the College, such as continuing and improving campus events to attract a higher student turnout.

The Observer believes Davis and Kennedy have a realistic attitude paired with a variety of student government experiences that will allow them to foster change and meet the growing needs of Saint Mary's.
Apparentl...anything becomes a certified big deal in this country until Time magazine covers it. That is why Dan Rather downfalls of a few years back, and what about 1975 winner American women — talk about going from zero to hero thanks to a single magazine cover!

Well, this phenomenon has happened once again with Time’s recent announcement that the 2006 Person of the Year is a binary mirror hastily slapped onto the magazine’s front cover with a glue stick. (Apparently the average American woman was required to put the good of our country above moral concern if one understands the basis of Catholic social and moral teaching. That teaching is true; one need only acknowledge the sequelae of America’s becoming a contraceptive society: more abortions, fewer children, more divorce, more AIDS cases, and the list goes on and on. The state has long had an interest in protecting the lives of children and the institution of marriage, and makes human the archite...
By CHRIS HINE
Scene Chief

NBC’s “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip” debuted this season as one of the most anticipated new programs. With the pen of Aaron Sorkin and the artistic vision of director Thomas Schlamme — the creative duo behind the classic shows “Sports Night” and “The West Wing” — “Studio 60” was expected to be built an engaging and quality program. It was also designed to bring in ad revenue for the struggling NBC. The end result is a show that has struggled in the ratings and is still trying to find its feet halfway through the season.

“Studio 60” follows the friendship of Matt Albie (Matthew Perry, “Friends”) and Danny Tripp (Bradley Whitford, “The West Wing”). The pair is a famous writer/director team — not unlike Sorkin/Schlamme — that is forced by NBC president Jordan McDeere (Amanda Peet) to take control of the struggling sketch comedy show “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip,” which is something akin to “Saturday Night Live.” McDeere is a woman in a man’s world & la Mary Richards in the “Mary Tyler Moore Show.” Interestingly, the legendary five-time Emmy winner Ed Asner, who played Mary’s curmudgeon boss Lou Grant on “Moore,” also plays McDeere’s boss.

McDeere reveals to Tripp that she has information concerning his positive cocaine test three months earlier — information that can halt the pair’s burgeoning film career. Reluctantly, Matt and Danny take the job as executive producers of “Studio 60,” much to the chagrin of Jack Rudolph (Steven Weber, “Wings”), who fired Matt and Danny from their jobs as writers on the show years earlier. Complicating matters is Harriet Hayes (Sarah Paulson), the star of “Studio 60,” a devout evangelical Christian who also happens to be Matt’s ex-girlfriend. The two must learn to co-exist despite their rocky past.

Rounding out the cast of “Studio 60” are Tom Jeter (Nate Corddry, “The Daily Show”), whose father is disappointed he did not join the military like his younger brother, Simon Stiles (D.L. Hughley), who feels the show could explore the plight of African-Americans a little more creatively and stage director/resident comic stalwart (Timothy Busfield, “The West Wing”).

“Studio 60” started on the right foot. The pilot featured a blistering tirade by the show’s outgoing producer, Wes (Judd Hirsch), decrying the state of television today. The speech occurred live on the sketch show and led to Wes’s firing and, subsequently, Matt and Danny’s hiring. Contained in the pilot was the vintage fast-paced, wit-filled dialogue Sorkin trademarked with “Sports Night” and perfected on “The West Wing.” More importantly, Perry and Whitford played off each other perfectly, and Peet managed to remain funny and endearing despite her character’s exploitative means of coaxing Matt and Danny into taking the job. The only weak aspect of the episode was the interaction between Matthew Perry, left, and Bradley Whitford star as a writer/director duo co-acted into their jobs in the NBC primetime television program “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip.”

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Television Review
‘Studio 60’ surmounts initial shortcomings
Aaron Sorkin writes humor, politics into NBC comedy/drama

Matthew Perry, left, and Bradley Whitford star as a writer/director duo co-acted into their jobs in the NBC primetime television program “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip.”

Comedian D.L. Hughley, center, stars as Simon Stiles, a cast member of the titular sketch comedy program who is a graduate from the Yale School of Drama.
Sorkin ingrains himself in film, TV writing

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

Aaron Sorkin is a man of many words and one of few writers has been known for them. As an award-winning playwright and screenwriter, Sorkin has ingrained his lexicon in popular culture and created an avenue to express his beliefs and philosophies through characters that audiences crave. The man who coined the phrase "you can't handle the truth!" in "A Few Good Men" also wrote the movie "The American President" and television shows "Sports Night," "The West Wing" and current "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip."

Sorkin began his career as a playwright after graduating from Syracuse University with a bachelor of fine arts in musical theatre. After discovering his creative passion, he began writing plays even before he graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor of fine arts in theatre. Common traits include rapid dialogue and obscure popular culture references. All three of the writer's television series have explored behind-the-scenes situations, whether it is a sports news show, the West Wing of the White House, or a long-running sketch comedy series. Sorkin has also become famous for his characters' "walk and talks," in which they speak while walking, as if the next job they need to do is not very sound impressive, but it breaks the style of straight talking and allows the camera to become more creative with the filming.

Sorkin's career has not come without controversy, however, and much of this controversy stems from his willingness to speak his mind through his writing with little concern for whom he offends. While he holds liberal views, Sorkin usually explores both sides in arguments about politics and society, such as in "The West Wing" and "Studio 60." Half the fun of watching these programs is to observe how one man can fight himself and who it is that actually wins.

Sorkin draws much of his material from his own life experiences, particularly in "Studio 60." He modeled the character Matt Albie (Matthew Perry) after himself, yet his history of drug abuse is exposed through the character of Danny Tripp ("West Wing" alum Bradley Whitford). Conservative sketch comedy player Harriet Hayes takes after conservative Sorkin love interest Kristin Chaplin, and many of the struggles Matt and Danny confront each week mirror those that Sorkin has faced. Even the offbeat nature of the amount of jabs that Sorkin is allowed to take at home network NBC through the fictional network's NBS.

Throughout his sometimes turbulent life, Sorkin's work has remained consistently good. Both "A Few Good Men" and "The American President" have received Golden Globe and Oscar nominations. Despite its cancellation, "Sports Night" is still a critical favorite. "The West Wing" won four Emmys for Outstanding Drama Series during each of its four years as the series' writer. "Studio 60" has received lukewarm reviews and is particularly harsh with its attacks on the Red States, but Sorkin's words still flow like poetry. It may be accused of elitism, but his writing genius cannot be denied. If audiences can't handle that, he will certainly have something to write about.

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DVD REVIEW

Wahlberg is true-life Rocky in poignant 'Invincible'

By ERIN McGinn
Assistant Scene Editor

Everyone knows Rocky Balboa is the "Italian Stallion" from Philadelphia whose fame was secured after Sylvester Stallone's original "Rocky" debuted in 1976. That same year, an unknown walk-on named Vincent Papale made his way onto the Philadelphia Eagles. "Invincible," recently released on DVD, tells the story of Papale's rise from a nobody in working-class Philly to a playmaker for the Eagles.

Mark Wahlberg stars as the down-and-out Papale, who is barely keeping ends meet while working as a substitute teacher and moonlighting as a bartender. His wife Sharon (Nola Graudini) leaves him as the Eagles hire Dick Vermeil (Jerry Kindleman) as their new coach. In an effort to get the morale of the downtrodden city, Vermeil calls for open tryouts prior to the '76 football season. Papale is the only person to make the team and joins the team at training camp.

Similar to Notre Dame's Rudy, Papale, who was not scheduled to be celebrated in his hometown, is not immediately accepted by the Eagles players, who still view him as an outsider. Constantly working to prove himself, Papale revitalizes the unflinching spirit of Philadelphia.

The real Papale earned himself the nickname "Rocky" since the movie became popular at the same time that he did. Wahlberg does an excellent job portraying the determination, spirit and energy that the real Papale demonstrated. The football scenes are especially realistic, since Wahlberg took the majority of the jobs delivered. In the same scene in all of the trailers, Wahlberg is hit hard driving down the sidelines — an accidental blow he was never even supposed to take.

The film does an excellent job of portraying 1970s Philadelphia, which was going through plenty of labor problems and high levels of unemployment. The bars and the stadium are excellently recreated with acute attention to detail.

The heart and the spirit of the film are strong throughout because of the story line "Studios 60." The hero is the character Matt Albie (Matthew Perry) and the same production company responsible for 2004's "Miracle."

While the film is very well made, the DVD leaves much to be desired. The DVD is in part because of Disney's rejection for releasing quality DVDs. "Invincible" itself is sharp, but there is no way of special features — unlike most other DVD releases. While there are many additional features, what is there is well worth watching, especially for fans of the film. There is a 45-minute featurette entitled "Becoming Invincible: The Vince Papale Story," which is highly entertaining. The real-life Papale is a very charismatic and entertaining man who, it's apparent, very much enjoyed his experience with the Eagles and the making of this film. Besides giving information on the real Papale (including footage from his NFL career) it also delves into the movie's origins and some experiences during the filming.

The DVD also includes two different commentary tracks. The first features the real Vince Papale, as well as producer Mark Ciardi and writer Brad Gann. It is very interesting to hear Papale talk about the various scenes in the movie and how they were similar/different to his own experiences as well as shared anecdotes about the production of the film. The second track features Core and editor Jerry Greenberg as they talk more about the technical aspects and difficulties they encountered during various shots.

"Invincible" is exactly what the audience expects from the sports underdog genre, which arguably began with "Rocky." While the DVD is a little lacking, the film itself is heartwarming and entertaining story of what is possible to achieve.

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NHL
Gionta scores in shootout to top Philadelphia

Recchi nets three power-play goals as Pittsburgh bows out Toronto 8-2 to move into eighth place in the conference

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brian Gionta came up big once again for the New Jersey Devils.

Gionta scored the tying goal with 20.8 seconds remaining in regulation and had the only goal in the shootout to lead Devils to a 4-3 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Saturday night.

With goalie Martin Brodeur on the bench for an extra attacker, the Devils threw everything at Antero Niittymaki and the Flyers in the closing seconds. Niittymaki turned back Jamie Langenbrunner, Zach Parise and Paul Martin but was helpless as Gionta took another shot and Gionta knocked in the rebound for his team-leading 21st goal.

"I just wanted to keep the net, try to keep it deep," the 5-foot-7 Gionta said. "Sometimes the puck just has to come to you. It's as much position as luck. I was trying to box out and get position in front. It bounced off somebody and laid right in front of me and I jammed it in."

Niittymaki was under siege during that Devils flurry.

"The puck was going everywhere," Niittymaki said. "I shot the hit and a skate and a stick and hit me a little bit. The next thing I know, Gionta is there for a tap-in. Those are the kind of things, you can't control.

Gionta prevailed again in the shootout. First up for the Devils, Gionta whipped the puck past Niittymaki to cap New Jersey's comeback.

Simon Gagne, first for the Flyers in the shootout, fired wide and Brodeur made saves on Peter Forsberg and Mike Richards. Scott Gomez and Langenbrunner also scored for the Devils in regulation. New Jersey has won 10 of the last 13 and enters the All-Star break with a 13-point lead atop the Atlantic Division.

Pittsburgh, B. 2. The Pittsburgh Penguins had made it a goal to hold one of the Eastern Conference's eight power-offs by the All-Star break.

With an emphatic win in their final game before the five-day league layoff, the Penguins achieved just that.

Mark Recchi scored three consecutive power-play goals and Sidney Crosby had a goal and two assists to lead the Penguins to an 8-2 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Saturday night.

Pavol Demsky had five assists, Sergei Gonchar had three assists and Jaromostris Bustris scored on a penalty shot goal for the Penguins, who moved into a tie for the eighth and final playoff position in the Eastern Conference.

"I'm not going to lie to you; we wanted to get there before the break," Recchi said. "And we got to that goal. Guys were talking about it and paying attention to it. Now we can enjoy our break."

Recchi, who also added an assist, recorded the seventh hat trick of his career in a span of 16:57, starting late in the first period. His most recent was March 4 against Carolina, where he was traded five days later before re-signing with Pittsburgh as a free agent in the offseason.

Florida 4, Washington 1

Florida kept shooting again, and Washington couldn't stop the Panthers again.

Martin Gelinas scored twice, and Ville Pelkonen added a goal and an assist to give the Panthers a victory over the Capitals on Saturday.

Florida had 54 shots in a 7-3 victory over Washington last week. The Panthers dominated play after the first period in this game, outshooting the Capitals 42-18 for a 96-35 advantage the last two meetings.

That was our game plan," Florida coach Jacques Martin said. "They've got some excellent players, if you give them the puck or give them time or space they're going to hurt you. They're a hard-working team and they do things offensively."

The Panthers snapped a two-game losing streak overall and a five-game slide on the road in the teams' last game before the All-Star game. Washington, limited by several recent injuries on defense, has lost four of its last five games.

The Panthers pressured the Capitals' young defense throughout, and Washington goalie Olle Kozlowski stopped 38 shots to keep the Capitals close. Florida took command with two goals and an 18-3 edge in shots in the second period alone.

"A quick game," Gelinas said. "We talked about before the game. We just got to keep shooting some rubber on him, and eventually we're going to get some breaks that did happen."

Kozlowski said the Capitals have gotten away from what they do best in the last few games.

Atlanta 3, New York 1

If the Atlanta Thrashers' second half is anywhere near as good as the first, a long-awaited playoff appearance is sure to follow.

Nickas Havig scored his second goal of the season 4:09 into the third period to snap a tie and lift the Thrashers to a 3-1 victory over the New York Rangers on Saturday.

In Atlanta, which already had a healthy lead over the Stanley Cup champion Carolina Hurricanes atop the Southeast Division, beat the Rangers for the fourth time in five trips to Madison Square Garden.

"I have no interest in finding another (goal) as long as it keeps going," coach Bob Hartley said. "If you look at our road record, it's all about the commitment our players are putting in. We've not an easy team to play against."

Havel, a defenderman who hadn't nettled a goal in 10 games, took the puck at the right point — after Steve Rucchin won an offensive zone faceoff — skated down to the right post and flicked a short backhander that pinballed off Henrik Lundqvist and found its way between his pads.

"That was enough to give the Thrashers their third win in four games and send them into the All-Star break in prime position to claim their first playoff berth in franchise history.

Ottawa 3, Boston 0

The Senators seem to have solved the Boston Bruins.

Dany Heatley scored his team-leading 29th and 30th goals, and Ray Emery stopped 18 shots for his fourth shutout to lead the Senators to 3-0 victory over the Bruins on Saturday night.

Chris Phillips also scored for Ottawa, winners of five straight road games and six of seven overall. The Senators have won the last two meetings against Boston after losing the first three this season.

The Senators didn't do anything fancy. They grabbed a lead and played well in front of it.

"It was nice. We've struggled with Boston this season, but beat them the last two," Heatley said. "We need these points. They're big games, especially before the break."

Emery felt his night was easier against Boston because of a defensive attitude this time.

"Sometimes happens against certain teams. Sometimes you lose confidence against certain teams," Emery said. "The start of the season we'd get limits and try to win games 1-0 instead of 2-0."

It was just the second time Boston has been shutout this season; the other came in a 5-0 loss at Nashville on Dec. 30.

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Chicago running back Thomas Jones stiff arms New Orleans safety Josh Bullocks on his way to a 33-yard run Sunday. Williams threw the league and been a question, even first black head coach to make it to the title game in its 41 years. They did it in true Bears fashion — big plays on defense and a steady running game in the sheet and snow, ending the Saints’ spilling saga.

The Bears (15-3) will play either the Patriots or Colts, who met for the AFC title later Sunday, in Miami in two weeks. All the worries about how genuine the Bears’ outstanding season was dispelled thanks to running back Thomas Jones, All-Pro kicker Robbie Gould and a defense that, while not dominant, made enough decisive plays.

For a moment, though, in the third quarter they seemed to be in trouble. Reggie Bush’s electrifying 88-yard touchdown catch and dash to the end zone pulled the Saints within points, 16-14. But from then on, Brian Urlacher and the Bears’ defense took over.

Chicago, which has won nine NFL titles but has been an also-ran for much of the last two decades, later won 85 yards in five plays in the worst of the weather. Often-criticized Grossman had four completions, including a 33-yarder to a diving Bernard Berrian that clinched it, sending the bundled-up fans in Soldier Field into foot-stomping hysteria and chants of "Super Bowl, Super Bowl." Jones had all 69 yards on an eight-play ground drive in the second quarter, scored twice and rushed for 123 yards. Gould nailed three field goals.

The Bears, who led with 44 takeaways, forced four turnovers, and when NFC passing leader Drew Brees fumbled less than a minute after Berrian’s TD, whatever karma the Saints (11-7) carried this season disappeared. Cedric Benson scored on a 12-yard run, and from there it was a matter of searching for the scoreboard.
FENCING

Prot leads Irish women to perfect ND Duals

By KEN FOWLER

Second-place finishes fail to help No. 16 ND

By GREG ARBOGAST

Notre Dame didn't have a perfect weekend, but it came close. The Irish went 16-1 and had just two close contests in the Notre Dame Duals — and both were to 2006 No. 3 Ohio State. The Irish women swept the field Saturday, achieving an exciting 14-13 victory over the Buckeyes. The men from Columbus returned the favor Sunday, with an even more dramatic finish.

Notre Dame and Ohio State were deadlocked at 13 bouts apiece, with Irish sophomore epee Karol Koska dueling Buckeyes sophomore Jason Pryor for the team title-clinching 14th victory. Notre Dame and Ohio State cruised past every other opponent in the 10-team Notre Dame Duals, but when the two squads met each other, centimeters determined the winner.

Pryor got off to a fast start, scoring consecutive points to open the bout before earning a double-touch to put him up 3-1. Notre Dame assistant coach Gia Kvaratskhelia called timeout with 1:35 left in the bout to regroup Koska. He delivered immediately, scoring a tough point to bring the deficit to 3-2 but then surrendering a double-touch point to Pryor to fall behind 4-2.

Koska responded once again, making the score 4-3 with 36 seconds left. But Pryor tied up Koska and managed a double-touch to give him a 5-4 victory and the Ohio State men a season-opening win over their newfound rivals.

"This was a clash of two very equal teams, and I think our kids did a very good job," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "After so many touches during the day, one touch decides it."

"If Pryor loses, we lose. That was an amazing moment. It was a thriller."

Gia Kvaratskhelia
Irish assistant coach

"I had no idea how close the teams were, Prot said. "I think if I did, I would have lost." Kvaratskhelia said that bout was the crucial one for the Irish against the Buckeyes.

"If Prot loses, we lose," he said. "That was an amazing moment... It was a thriller."

Moments after Prot's victory, Irish senior epee Amy Orlando won her bout to give the Irish a 13-11 lead.

"I knew what I had to do against the people I was fencing," Orlando said. "I just put the whole score and everything out of my mind and focused on what I needed to do."

Prot won her final bout, and the Irish took the 14-13 victory over the Buckeyes. The Irish women beat every other team by at least seven bouts.

Although the men lost, Bednarski, who was worried about how his squad would perform before the competition, said Notre Dame's performance was pleasantly unexpected.

"For me, this was a little bit surprising, positively," Bednarski said. "It was a nice surprise how well we did."

Notre Dame started the men's competition with big wins, easily beating Cal State-Fullerton, Wayne State, Lawrence and Northwestern. After the Ohio State bout, the Irish topped UC San Diego, Detroit Mercy, Cleveland State and Stanford.

Notre Dame was down 10-6 to Ohio State before mounting a furious comeback fueled by junior epee Greg Howard and senior epee Aaron Adjemian. Both Howard and Adjemian captured their final two bouts, and the Irish climbed to a 13-12 lead seconds before Buckeyes junior foil William Jeter best Irish senior Frank Bontempo to set up the climactic final bout.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles optimistic despite two weekend losses

By BILL BRINK  Sport Writer

The Belles had a rough weekend in the pool. The Belles lost to Kalamazoo, 125-85, and against Saturday against Hillsdale, 126-96.
The Belles (2-6) have only one loss at Saint Mary's before the MIAA championships in March. The Belles are now 21-4 run sparks come-from-behind victory

By DAN COOPER  Sport Writer

In their most important conference game to date Saint Mary’s pulled out an impressive victory, defeating Adrian 84-72 Saturday at the Angela Athletic Center.
The win improves the Belles record to 6-10 on the season while Adrian falls to 7-9 (2-7 in the MIAA). More importantly the Belles move to 5-4 in the MIAA, good enough for third in conference play. Should the Belles stay in the top four of the conference standings, they would be guaranteed home-court advantage in the MIAA tournament first round.

Kasie and the Belles" Anna’s been doing well all season long. She’s been improving every time she steps on the block,” Henley said.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Allen notches double-double in win

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

For the second game in a row, Notre Dame rode a strong performance by junior guard Cheryl Allen to topple a Big East opponent at the Joyce Center, this time beating Syracuse 83-55 Saturday.

"I'm just feeling really confident and my shot's falling," Allen said. "My teammates are looking for me so I'm taking my shots."

Allen tallied 25 points to lead the Irish 13-3, 4-1 Big East) over the Orange (8-2, 2-0) in addition to grabbing 10 boards for the second double-double of her career. She was similarly impressive last Tuesday against St. John's in an 83-62 Notre Dame win.

"Cheryl Allen is just playing great basketball right now," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They made a nice job with Allen's play on the defensive end of the court. The junior finished with three steals and a block to go along with her double-double."

Lechlitner was the other standout performer for the Irish, with career highs in points (18) and rebounds (6) off the bench. Lechlitner also helped run the offense effectively in her 25 minutes, noticing six assists and not once giving up the ball — the second time this season she has finished without a turnover. "I'm trying to run the team," Lechlitner said. "I'm looking for my shot — today they were finally going in. I'm just looking for my teammates and trying to keep the turnovers low. I think it's finally starting to come together for me."

Lechlitner made her biggest play with 12:24 remaining in the game after the Orange used a nine-point run to shrink the Irish lead to 46-41. The junior, smallest of the five starters, had been since 7:18 remaining in the first half at 27-17. Lechlitner took the inbounds pass down the court and drove the lane, sinking a tough layup while being fouled. The conventional three-point play gave Notre Dame back momentum, as the Irish would continue to push their lead further out of the Orange's reach.

The Irish used tight ball control to control the tempo throughout the game, notching 11 steals while turning the ball over just 11 times. The Irish defense also caused problems for the Orange, who turned the ball over 20 times.

"We're really doing a nice job taking care of the ball and we have veteran guards out there with [Brenna Gray], Tulyah [Kingsby], [Leah] Marques in the starting lineup, and [Lechlitner] is nobody who turns the ball over much," McGraw said. "I think we're playing within ourselves and I think that's why we're not turning the ball over."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame's hustle crucial to its success


"They made a lot of hustle plays," he said. "They got every loose ball and rebound."

"That's how it's been all season for this Irish team."

This was supposed to be a rebuilding campaign, but now, in mid-January, Notre Dame finds itself 16-3 overall (4-2 in the Big East and ranked No. 20 in the country). How did a tightly regarded and inexperienced squad find itself in contention for the conference title?

Hard work.

It started this summer with conditioning, and it has carried over into games. The Irish dive for every loose ball, crash the boards on every missed shot and help out in the paint on defense. That hustle was key in Sunday's win over the Bulls. Trailing 24-21 early, the Irish went on a 21-2 run to end the first half, keyed by several offensive rebounds and the fact that they hit the floor every time the ball came loose.

"The loose balls, we had bodies on the floor," Brey said. "The end of the half was really symbolic of our season. We were fighting, clawing and working in the paint. That gave us the lead."

And much of the reason Notre Dame got so many loose balls and key rebounds is in depth — a weakness in the team's last few seasons when Brey rarely strayed from his core group.

This season, the Irish are always fresh because Brey's bench goes nine deep. And with a quick, hard working rotation including forward Zach Hillisland and guards Jonathan Peoples and Tory Jackson, there's never a loss of energy. "It's helped us," Brey said. "When you have good depth, you can out there and they can all catch, pass and make shots, that really helps."

Of course, the season hasn't been perfect. Notre Dame hasn't won a game on another school's campus. The last time the Irish tried, last Wednesday at The Pavilion at Villanova, they lost 102-87. Falls said it was one of the few times this season that Notre Dame got outworked.

"We think we got out hustled on Wednesday and we took that personally so we made a point of getting the loose balls against South Florida," Falls said. Falls hit on a key point.

This Irish team may be good. They may be deep and they may be quick. But they cannot expect to be outworked and win, especially against the road. They've only been achieving right now because they put in more work than their opponents.

And if it let up, Notre Dame will not achieve its goals this season.

The Irish saw a hint of that lesson last week against Villanova. And instead of looking complacent against a less talented South Florida Sunday, they blew them out of the gym.

Now let's see if they remember it the rest of the way. Games against St. John's in the Garden on Tuesday and the watch with the Wildcats Sunday won't go well for the Irish unless they bring the effort they've shown most of this season.

But call it energy, playing hard, or just outright hustle, if the Irish play the way they do, there isn't anyone else on their schedule they can't beat.

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Irish coach Mike Brey said in his post-game press-conference, "I'm glad he hunted his jump shot. I still think he can hunt it out but not make him shoot his shot."

"They weren't that early in the possession he can shoot it."

With 8:32 left in the first half, Irish guard Tory Jackson found Jenzel Luke with an open layup to cut South Florida's lead to 24-23. From there, the Irish dominated both sides of the ball, developing an offensive rhythm and holding the Bulls to zero field goals for the remainder of the half.

"I thought the bench came in and did a really good job," Irish guard Colin Falls said. "Got our boys like Jon [Peoples] and Luke [Zeller] on the floor, a lot of guys came in and they were all over the floor — and we got a nice run because of it.

Kurz scored eight points, grabbed four rebounds and blocked two shots in that stretch.

"Tory Jackson seemingly involved directly or indirectly on every hustle play," Bulls coach Robert McCullum said in his post-game press-conference. "He was a big spark plug during that stretch.

South Florida opened the second half on a 12-2 run to pull within 10 with 15:53 remaining. But Irish freshman guard Jenzel Luke came in and they were all over the floor — and we got a nice run because of it.

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Robert McCullum
Bulls coach

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Irish guards

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think that having the support of all those guys and those guys as mentors, I would like to think that I've learned something along the way.

Statistically, Notre Dame's defense has not been a team strength the past two years, finishing seventh in the NCAA in total defense in 2005 and 65th in 2006.

One of the team's strengths, however, was its offense, led by quarterback Brady Quinn. 2006 backup Evan Sharpsy is expected to compete with top recruit Jimmy Clausen, who enrolled this January, and last year's recruits Zach Frazier and Demetric Jones.

Brown hopes to use his experience as a Notre Dame quarterback and his job as director of player personnel to help other quarterbacks adjust to what he calls the "attention" the position receives.

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MLB
Samardzija picks baseball, inks 5-year deal with Cubs

By CHRIS KHOREY
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame senior Jeff Samardzija has chosen to pursue a career in professional baseball rather than enter the NFL draft, according to a statement released Friday.

"I will devote my full time and attention to professional baseball," Samardzija said in the statement. "I cannot lie. Leaving football will not be easy. But playing baseball is my first love. It is what I want to do for a living."

The former Irish pitcher and wide receiver signed a five-year contract with the Chicago Cubs reportedly worth $10 million and will report to spring training in Mesa, Ariz., with the rest of the Cubs pitchers and catchers Feb. 14. The deal includes a $2.5 million signing bonus and club options for 2012 and 2013 that would make the deal's total value equal to $16.5 million.

"This is a dream come true for a kid who grew up in Northern Indiana facing up the road at this great city and its loyal fans," Samardzija said in the statement. "I feel very comfortable that this is exactly where I belong."

Samardzija was drafted by Chicago last summer and played for Cubs minor league affiliates in Boise, Idaho, and Peoria, Ill., during the 2006 season.

He is expected to begin the 2007 season with the A- Daytonas.

The Cubs played three season-highs for the Notre Dame baseball team, compiling a 21-6 record with a 3.82 ERA in 50 appearances.

On the football field, where he was initially recruited to play, Samardzija led the Irish in catches and set season single school records with 1,249 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns in 2005. He was also named a consensus All-American.

In his senior year in 2006, Samardzija again led the team in catches with 78, this time for 1,017 yards and 12 touchdowns.

"I will always love football," Samardzija said in the statement. "My four years at Notre Dame — playing for the Fighting Irish — were amazing. I could not have asked for more from my teammates, our fans, and our coaches."

In his statement, Samardzija thanked Irish football coach Charlie Weis and former Irish baseball coach Paul Mainieri for their "understanding and cooperation."

"The two of them figured out a way for me to live out my dream of playing two sports in college," he said.

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HOCKEY
Change in line sparses ND victory

By KYLE CASSHY
Sports Writer

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — One night after a favor of the center Kevin Deeth and wings Erik Cundari and Ryan Brown was neutralized by Western Michigan on route to a Notre Dame loss, Irish coach Jeff Jackson turned the words of a legendary NHL coach.

Jackson broke up his strike line of three of Notre Dame's top four scorers and inserted left wing Evan Rankin for Thang for a portion of the first period. The substitution was rewarded halfway into the period, but the change was enough to throw the Broncos' defensive pair off Jackson's top line and generate enough offense for a 3-0 Irish win Saturday night at Lawson Ice Arena.

"That was meant more for trying to create a little bit more offensive depth," Jackson said. "It's a matter of matchups, and I learned a little bit less from Scotty Bowman a number of years ago that when a team matches so intensively on the roof, and you can't get away from the matchup — you have to do some things that force them to change, so that was kind of the philosophy."

The shutout win gave irish that No. 3 Notre Dame (20-5-1, 14-3-1) (CHA) would remain in first place in the CCHA going into next weekend's series against second-place Miami, after a 3-2 loss Friday night in Western Michigan (9-13-1, 8-10-1) (CHA) threatened to topple the Irish with a three-point lead.

FOOTBALL
Weis adds Brown, Powlus to staff
Former Jets defensive backs coach new DC

By KATE GALES
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Notre Dame has named Corwin Brown its defensive coordinator and Ron Powlus as his quarterbacks coach, coach Charlie Weis said Friday.

The contracts of former defensive coordinator Rick Minter and quarterbacks coach Peter Vaas were not renewed.

Brown was formerly the defensive backs coach for the New York Jets, and Powlus has served as Notre Dame's director of personnel development for the last two years.

"When I got ready to make a couple of tweaks in our staff, when it came to the offensive side and my hiring of Ron, it didn't take me very long to figure out what direction I wanted to go to find a guy to work with the quarterbacks," Weis said. "Ron's been with me now for the last two years. He's done an outstanding job for me off the field, and he's earned my trust."

Brown came on the recommendation of some of Weis' former NFL co-workers, including Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells and New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick.

"They said, 'You should hire Corwin Brown,'" Weis said. "And all I know is if I can get recommendations — ringing recommendations — with one name from Parcells and Belichick and (Baltimore) Ravens and (Al) Groh, and they all give you the same person, then I must be on the right track."

Corwin is originally from the Chicago area and played safety for Michigan. He played for the Patriots from 1993-96 and the Jets from 1997-98, coinciding with Weis' stints as an assistant with those programs.

"I've been around some good coach-es," Brown said. "And I used to always say to myself, 'If I could be half as good as all of those guys, if I could be half as good, I'll be okay.' And I see BROWN/page 18

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Notre Dame was able to take three events against No. 8 Northwestern, but ultimately fell 167-131.

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Indianapolis erased a 21-6 halftime deficit to advance to the team's first Super Bowl appearance since 1977.

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