Basketball ticket sales, crowds strong

By EMMA DRISCOLL

Last year’s change to the Notre Dame men’s basketball student ticketing policy may have helped keep this year’s ticket sales strong and the crowd enthusiastic, said Director of Ticket Operations Josh Berio.

"I would say our ticket sales are pretty similar compared to the last couple years," Berio said on Jan. 22, noting that while sales haven’t significantly increased, crowd energy has.

The policy for student tickets was altered last year to allow students to “share bouquets,” Berio said, which is a change that has boosted consistent student attendance.

This change was made “due to the fact that we had sold out our student tickets a couple years in a row and there were more students who wanted to attend,” Berio said.

Due to the number of games on the men’s basketball schedule, Berio said, students were not always able to attend every game. The ticket policy change was made to “make it so as many students as possible could attend the games,” he said.

The basketball team currently has a 17-game winning streak at home, something Berio said probably also encourages attendance — which, in turn, helps the team.

“Crowds this year have been great. They’ve been into the game,” he said.

Students travel to D.C. for war protest

By SONIA RAO

Notre Dame students returned to campus Sunday after joining tens of thousands in Washington, D.C. to protest the Iraq war and other policies of the Bush administration.

Saturday’s protest marked a “turning point in the anti-war movement,” said Michael Angelo, vice-president of Notre Dame’s Progressive Student Alliance.

“I think that everyone had a really good time and I think that the protest in general was a really good thing,” he said.

Angelo organized the group of 20 students to drive to Washington on Friday for the protest, a function sponsored by the United for Peace and Justice coalition.

Junior Mike McCann said he was “little hesitant at first” in deciding to go on the trip, not wanting “to go to something that was antagonist.” But he said the protest didn’t have that kind of spirit.

"[It was] a message of peace and bringing home the troops ... There were people of a lot of different ages and a lot of different back­­grounds. It wasn’t just a bunch of hippie college kids — it was people in wheel­­chairs, moms pushing kids in strollers, older couples and young kids,” McCann said.

Angelo said several protesters from other countries, including Iraq and England, were present.

[Foreign protesters] were)

Alums awarded for excellence

By MEGHAN WONS

Four exemplary Notre Dame graduates were honored on campus Friday with awards presented by the Notre Dame Alumni Association.

Awardees included journalist Hannah Storm, doctor Daniel Towlie, artist Anthony Sorce and author Barry Lopez.


Storm was the first woman solo anchor of a network sports package when she served as host of NBC's base­ball and basketball programming from 1992-2002.

She got her start as a sports reporter in South Bend when she worked for WNDU-TV in 1982 while still an undergrad­uate student at Notre Dame.

She has also anchored "CNN Sports Tonight" and worked as a sports anchor and reporter in Charlotte, N.C., and Corpus Christi, Texas.

Storm is currently co-anchor of CBS News’ "The Early Show."

Storm was recognized for her achievements and pio­neering role as a top female sports jour­­nalist in 2005 when she received the American Women in Radio and Television G r a c i e A w a r d for outstanding work.

She has also served as an anchor and has been nominated twice for an Emmy Award for Best Sports Television Host.

The Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award for outstanding service to the poor in Latin America was awarded to Lopez, also an alum of the Class of 2005.

She was honored for her work with the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Fellowship Program and her efforts with the other co-anchors and journalists.

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Looking good, ND

After spending my Sunday immersed in writings of greatness, ancient trade and fine art for this week's classes, I've decided to devote this column to something vastly more superficial for my own sanity and for your guilt-free reading pleasure.

While I was studying this afternoon, I often glanced up at friends, classmates and strangers as they walked past my booth in LaFortune. As the hours passed, one thought kept popping into my head: "You're looking good lately, Notre Dame." Before I write further, let me be clear: I'm well aware that I'm no fashionista. Naturally, I like to look good when the weather is fine. True to my propy roots, I value a golden fake-and-bake, double-popped pastels and liberal application of greasy hair products. But I recognize that in South Bend, there comes a point in January where even the best of us are tempted to leave suede jackets at home in favor of a much warmer North Face.

It could be that those New Year's resolutions to spend some time at Roll's or cut back on late night LaFun runs are starting to show. Or maybe Santa splurged on some high-end Christmas clothing. Sometimes it only takes a mischievous grin at a friend across the room or a glittery glowup from your homework for your peers to take notice.

In three-and-a-half years at Notre Dame, I've learned two key lessons the Northwest used to stand: 1) When you sneaked out of your owner's home as a landmark for patients, the likelessness of the legendary ape-like creature of the Northwest used to stand 8 long feet high, but its 16-inch-long feet had been saved off at the ankles, leaving it 18 inches shorter.

"I'm glad we got him before they cut him anymore," said chiropractor Tom Payne, who had the statue made 5 1/2 years ago and planted at the foot of his secluded driveway as a landmark for patients.

Dog reunites with family after six years

ST. LOUIS — Cujo was a frisky 7-year-old when he sneaked out of his owner's south St. Louis yard in July 2000. Now, thinner and greyer and with a tale that would make you dizzy, he has been found safe and sound and is back with the Barczewski family.

"It's a miracle," Nureen Barczewski, 41, said at Friday's reunion. "We found him!"

Six years and a side trip to Columbia can do a lot to a dog, but it was unmistakably Cujo.

After slipping away from home, Cujo somehow ended up 128 miles in Columbia in the home of an elderly woman. When the woman entered a nursing home, the dog was sent to the Central Missouri Humane Society in Columbia.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

Vincent Carraad, professor of philosophy at the University of Garen, France is delivering a lecture about "The Anti-Augsburgianism of Pascal" today at 3 p.m. in DeBartolo 207.

There is an informational meeting for freshmen and sophomores interested in learning about how to receive funding to conduct research or participate in an internship in Africa, Asia or Latin America tonight at 6 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

"The Vagina Monologues," a play performed by Notre Dame students, is holding auditions from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the basement social space of Pangborn.

Naunihal Singh, assistant professor of political science and Kellogg Institute Faculty Fellow, will speak about "Military Weakness and Civil Wars in Africa," a Work in Progress Seminar, Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center. A box lunch will be served following the seminar.

Gwendolyn Oxenham, the 2006 Sparks Prize Winner, will read from her nonfiction work "Essence Game" in the Hospitality Room of Beckers Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 9. The event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program.

The Winter Career and Internship Fair will be held Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 in the Joyce Center Field House.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Professor looks at political stability

By JACKIE MULLEN
News Writer

Professor Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo of the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico spoke about the correlation between the average expected tenure of a cabinet member in 12 Latin American countries and the stability of that member's government in a lecture Thursday in the Hesburgh Center.

Martinez-Gallardo said many presidents restructure cabinets in order to overcome congressional constraints and that the action is most typical of presidents with a weak political basis.

She said cabinet appointments supply a president with "flexibility in impending crises" and allows them to avoid deadlock.

"Under certain circumstances, presidents will find appointments the best strategy to move policy," she said.

The equilibrium of a country's government, so far as the cabinet influences the larger regime, is affected by the ability of the president to change the cabinet, the ability to use appointments to deal with problems and the constitutionally-imposed constraints on the president, such as formal censure power, she said.

Based on her research, Martinez-Gallardo concluded that, counterintuitively, the presence of formal legislative censure power increases the possibility of removing a cabinet member by 200 percent, compared to presidential systems where the congress does not wield formal censure power.

However, she acknowledged that this may be a result of a political system volatile enough to necessitate censure powers, implying that the power in itself does not trigger the erratic membership of the cabinet.

Martinez-Gallardo also said "presidential systems are almost by every account more unstable than parliamentary systems." She referred to presidential systems' use of cabinet appointments to influence public perception regarding the effectiveness of the government, and also as a scare tactic directed toward other members of the cabinet.

However, in both parliamentary and presidential systems, she said governments with majority coalitions have more stable cabinets than single-party majorities.

Martinez-Gallardo said the ultimate significance of the instability of cabinets is a mechanism "which allows presidential systems to be more stable as a regime."

"Thus, dynamics created through the reappointment of ministers is often used as a political strategy when presidents find themselves unable to influence legislative policy," Martinez-Gallardo said she wishes to further study the impact of popularity upon cabinet tenure in the future in selected Latin American nations.

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Business club holds All-Council meeting

By JENN METZ
News Writer

The Student International Business Council will hold its All-Council meeting this Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Mendoza College of Business' Jordan Auditorium, gathering students of all majors to hear board members speak about career and internship opportunities the club can provide.

Marketing director sophomore Megan Marsh said the club gives students the ability to gain hands-on experience with real-world companies.

"It's a great club people aren't aware of," she said. "We send people around the world on internships and to work with major corporations."

The club, which has been on campus since 1989, has worked with companies like Nintendo, Credit Suisse and Discover Card in the past.

Marsh said she hopes the meeting will allow more students to get involved with SIBC.

"We're really not that new," she said. "People just haven't heard of us."

The club's goal is "to empower students through the ethical advancement of international commerce by developing leadership, entrepreneurial ability, practical management skills and global interaction," according to the SIBC mission statement.

It focuses on areas including business, consulting, accounting, finance, global development, human resources, internship opportunities and marketing.

Within these categories, members can participate in projects, which vary depending on the area of interest.

"We learn presentation skills, gain contacts, learn communication skills and are presented with leadership positions to become more involved," Marsh said.

Marsh said the club has links to approximately 20 international summer internships and an alumni network called the International Business Council.

This network offers mentoring and networking events.

Part of the club's vision is to work for peace through commerce, said both Marsh and SIBC president Kevin Raucci.

"We as a council strive to make a difference in the world and ultimately achieve peace within it, through commerce," he said.

Upcoming events this semester include a spring forum with speakers from the international business world and round table dinners for a smaller, more social setting to discuss projects and ideas.

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Student International Business Council

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The United States’ budget deficit may be approaching the $5 trillion mark, according to the GAO. Walker and other government officials are concerned about the unprecedented responsibility — and reducing their levels of cholesterol, Comptroller General Walker told students and faculty at the University of Nebraska at the Jordan Auditorium Friday.

In the first installment of the Mandell School of Business “Ten Years Hence” lecture series, Walker updated students on the condition of the country’s debt and urged them to hold their elected officials accountable for the expenditures and taxation formulas they may implement in the future, because the burden of their decisions will fall on the shoulders of forthcoming generations.

“We don’t face a heart attack immediately but we have been diagnosed with cancer,” Walker said. “We need to start treatment today or we’ll face catastrophic results in the future.”

He called the existing fiscal policies “unsustainable” and “unacceptable,” adding that the government must fund homeland security costs, which are just not sustainable. He stressed the importance of health care costs among the federal government, the individual and the individual’s employer.

Similarly, he urged energetic individuals to work toward making the United States “a great place to grow old in,” he said.

“We have no choice but to allow the country’s pension obligations, as well as a federal reexamination of the compensation and taxation formulas that are pertinent to retired citizens. These changes, if implemented, would drastically affect the lives of Americans, but Walker said the fiscal crisis demands drastic measures. ‘Tough choices are required,’ he said. ‘We will not be able to grow our way out of this problem.’

In response to the growing problem, Walker and the GAO launched the “Floral Park-It Tour,” a series of nationwide forums to discuss the federal government’s deficit and the challenges posed by existing trends.

They’ve already visited several universities, including Ohio State University, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska and Duke University, according to the GAO Web site.

Walker said it was important to allow the students to desire to serve their country, and he offered them the students in his personal advice, telling them to give two years of their lives to public service.

Whether through teaching, serving in office or volunteering in community work, Walker assigned young adults the responsibility of caring for America great again.

He also favored increasing the transparency and completeness of the President’s budget and tax expenditures to return to America its glory from an accountant’s perspective.

That would deter uninhibited deficit spending and “unquestionably grow upon prosperity the burden that we are just beginning to bear,” he said.

The taxpayers, he said, have failed to carry the load. Walker said $365 billion had been lost at the close of 2006 alone, as result of the taxpayers’ failure to meet their obligations, excessive deductions and other tax-related violations.

The GAO’s tax proposals called for an expansion of the tax bases and a simultaneous conservation of rates that will stimulate further economic growth.

Walker also scrutinized the intersection of taxation procedure and the tax code, saying “the single largest tax preference in the code is still in the refrigerator,” he said in reference to the exemption of the employer’s health insurance costs on the employee’s return.

He said this practice further disconnects the taxpayer from bearing the burden of his or her own health care, returning to his argument in favor of increasing personal contributions to the relief of America’s deficit.

“We will ultimately rise to the challenge,” Walker said “We just need to do it sooner rather than later.”

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Official warn of fiscal crisis

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He agrees that attendance has shifted throughout the season.

“It seems like attendance has increased with the success of the team,” he said, noting that the games against conference opponents have been well attended.

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Cardinal: Vatican should resist China

VATICAN CITY — Hong Kong's outspoken cardinal Joseph Zen said it was time for the Vatican to stop being "a meek and compromising fire" toward the Chinese government, which broke with the Church more than 50 years ago and has sought to maintain control of Catholic institutes.

The Vatican has long indicated that it wants to establish diplomatic relations with Beijing, even at the cost of moving its embassy from Taiwan. Currently, worship is only allowed in government-controlled churches, but as many as 10 million Catholics are estimated to belong to unofficial congregations loyal to Rome.

The last month has seen a series of arrests of. . .

Irish accept Protestant police force

DUBLIN, Ireland — Sinn Fein members overwhelmingly voted Sunday to begin cooperating with the police force in Northern Ireland. A former hard-line party committed to upholding the return of a Catholic-Protestant administration to the United Kingdom, Sinn Fein is looking for ways to decrease its dependence on state-provided funds.

"We have committed to people in a democratic forum," Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said. "We are being forced to do so because of the lack of democratic participation here."

The result — confirmed by a sea of raised hands but no formally recorded vote — meant Sinn Fein, once a hard-line party committed to a socialist revolution, has abandoned its decades-long campaign to cultivate a separate Catholic state.

It strongly improved the chances of reviving cross-border negotiations, the long-treasured goal of the 1998 Good Friday peace pact, by Britain's deadline of March 26.

Nearly all speakers said they were voting to dump their party's anti-police position for the sake of peace.

PENTAGON to limit longer deployments

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates has ordered that the practice — known as "stop loss" — must "be minimized." At the same time, he is looking for ways to decrease the millions of dollars spent on overhauling the military during the past several years has held tens of thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines on the job in war zones beyond their retirement dates or even their length.

It is a widely disliked practice that the Pentagon, under new Defense Secretary Robert Gates, is trying to figure out how to cut back on. Gates has ordered that the practice — known as "stop loss" — must "be minimized." At the same time, he is looking for ways to decrease the hardships for troops and their families, recruit more people for a larger military and reassure how the active duty and reserves are used.

"It's long overdue," said Jules Lobel, vice president of the Center for Constitutional Rights and lawyer for some in the military who have challenged the policy in court.

Prince Charles visits Harlem youth

NEW YORK — Prince Charles and his wife Camilla visited Harlem Sunday, making a stop at a charter school where they answered children's questions and the prince took some time to shoot hoops with a basketball team.

The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall arrived in New York from Philadelphia by a private train and visited Harlem Children's Zone, which runs the Promise Academy and a number of educational programs for children and teens in the area.

"It's a world of settling international disputes. . .

fewer meth labs found in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — Changes in Indiana law restricting access to cold medicines and the way pharmacies fill prescriptions could have reduced the number of methamphetamine labs found in the state, authorities said at a State Police briefing Friday.

As the highly addictive drug spread into Indiana in the late 1990s, meth-lab detections went from something rare to something all too common.

But the number of labs busted is declining. In 2004, police in Indiana found 1,549 labs. The number of clandestine labs declined in 2005 to 1,303 around the state, with 989 found by State Police.

JAPAN

P.M. calls for military reforms

Tokyo — Japan must overhaul its pacifist constitution, increase its international security role and free itself of World War II's political remanants, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi told Parliament in a major policy speech Friday.

Setting out his administration's objectives for the coming year, Abe highlighted building a defensive constitution, bolstering Japan's security alliance with the United States and implementing classroom reforms that will instill a sense of patriotism in the nation's youth.

"Now is the time for us to boldly pass over the 1945 pacifist constitution and make a new start," he told Parliament, which opened Thursday for a five-month session.

"It's a problem that I think we'll have to deal with in the future," Abe said. "It's not something that's going to end definitively, and there's not going to be a day when we can say, 'This is the end,' so we have to be a bit of a problem solver."

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On Saturday, Abe's cabinet in the government's annual security report, Japan will have to do more to protect its interests, especially in the Pacific.

"We should be more prepared for war," said a government official.

Biden: Weak support for Bush

Committee chair estimates twenty Senators agree with President's Iraq plan

WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman on Sunday dismissed criticism a resolution opposing the buildup in Iraq would ennable the enemy and estimated perhaps only 20 senators believe President Bush's "headed in the right direction."

"The Senate's top Republican, Mitch McConnell, said "It's clear that less than a majority would be able to coalesce behind one of the multiple competing resolutions on Iraq. "It's not certain any" will" get the 60 votes, he said.

The Democratic-controlled Senate plans to begin debate next week on a nonbinding resolution declaring that Bush's proposal to send 21,500 more troops to Baghdad and Anbar province is "not in the national interest."

Last week, Biden's committee approved the measure on a party-line vote of 12-9.

In reaction, Bush challenged lawmakers not to prematurely condemn his buildup and Vice President Dick Cheney said the administration would proceed even if a nonbinding resolution was passed by the Senate.

With the Senate having just confirmed a new top U.S. commander for Iraq, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said it was "pretty clear that the resolution is going through in effect says that the generality going out to take command in Iraq will have the resources he thinks he needs to be successful certainly emboldens the enemy and our adversaries," Senate Republicans mostly oppose the committee-approved measure. They are lining up alternatives that express concern about a buildup or in other cases set performance benchmarks for the Iraqi government.

McConnell said Republican leaders would not seek to block a vote on the nonbinding resolution with a filibuster. He called a proposed resolution that focuses on benchmarks "the best way to go."

"I think I can pretty well speak for virtually all Republican senators when I say this is the only chance for the Iraqis to step up and do their part," said McConnell, R-Ky.

Biden acknowledged that votes in Congress could splinter among several competing proposals but contended that Senate opposition to the buildup was widespread.

"We will have a full threat­end debate on this policy," Biden said. "I will make you a bet, you will not find 20 percent of the Senate standing up and saying the presi­dent is headed in the right direction."

Cheney said most Republicans "recognize that what's ultimately going to count here isn't sort of all the hurrah that surrounds these proposals so much as it's what happens on the ground in Iraq. And we're not going to know that for a while yet," according to a Newweek interview released Sunday.

Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, appears on "This Week at the ABC studios in Washington Friday.
Honduras and Peru; provided financial support and medical technology to remote area hospitals throughout Central America; and cared for children with severe burn injuries in Bolivia, according to Notre Dame’s Department of News and Information. In 2005, Towe and several other Notre Dame alumni and students launched the Touching Tiny Lives Foundation, which is a non-profit “committed to providing medical assistance to children impacted by the pandemic and terrorist attacks,” according to the Foundation’s Web site.

Towe has encouraged and enabled current Notre Dame students to get involved in their global community through founding and sponsoring service opportunities for more than 25 student groups, and through the department of anthropology and the Center for Social Concerns.

For his outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the film industry, arts, and the community, Anthony Sorce received the Anthony J. Lauck, C.S.C. Award.

Sorce received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University in 1969 and received his master’s degree in 1962. His work has been recognized on both the national and international level. In 2003, he was awarded the Chicago Artists Guild Prize and received a nomination for an Academy Award. In 2007, Sorce was named the chairman of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Since 2001, Sorce has served as chairman of the American Academy of Arts and Letters Foundation. He has been recognized for his literary achievements with the Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the John Burroughs Medal and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and National Science Foundation.

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His body of work includes National Book Award winner, Deer Crossing; the Poetry Book Award finalist, “Of Wolves and Doves,” short stories and two collections of essays.

López has been recently recognized for his literary achievements with the Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the John Burroughs Medal and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and National Science Foundation.

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SAG honors actors in ceremony

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Helen Mirren won the Oscar for Best Actress for “The Queen” and Forest Whitaker won the Oscar for Best Actor for “The Last King of Scotland” on Sunday. Screen Actors Guild Awards on Sunday became a celebration of the latest prizes on the road to next month’s Academy Awards.

The road-trip romp “Little Miss Sunshine” won the prize for outstanding ensemble. It’s the guild’s equivalent of a best picture.

The 15th annual SAG Awards recognized the performances of the year, highlighting 1,000 nominees and 40,000 eligibles.

Coloratura soprano Montserrat Caballé received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson presented the award to Whitaker as a symbol of bonding and support for actors as Oscar nominees, Whitaker won for playing the outspoken British monarch in “Elizabeth II.”

Murphy, 48, who was seated in the audience with his ex-wife, ex-dating actress and singer Eddie Murphy, 48, who was seated in the audience with his ex-wife, ex-dating actress and singer Jennifer Hudson, 30, said: “It’s an amazing year. Congratulations to everyone who’s here tonight.”

Murphy added: “I can’t think of any one person who chooses to wear those clothes. I just can’t do it,” said Mirren, who also won the Oscar as best actress in a miniseries as the complex monarch’s namesake in “Elizabeth.”

“Just thank you for noticing little old me and accepting me,” she said.

Mirren, 64, said she was “speechless” as she accepted the SAG’s highest honor. She has been nominated for 19 SAG Awards and has won six times since 1974.

The ensemble win for “Little Miss Sunshine,” a low-budget film with a picture perfect cast and print marketing, will keep all academy voters from reality that the ensemble voters tend to favor heavy drama as fellow academy voters and members of the Screen Actors Guild and Directors Guild of America.

The guild category has never been a reliable forecast for how the top Oscar might play out. In 2007, the guild created a new category for ensembles, “On the Waterfront,” in the hope of breaking the tie between “The Departed,” “Forest Gump,” “The Good Shepherd” and “Crash.”

“...It’s been the most incredible year for me. That’s been amazing at this end of my life.”

Helen Mirren, Best Actress, SAG

"You can take precautions to avoid these things, but sometimes you just can’t foresee them."

David Austin NDFD captain

"I would like to thank the voting academy members at Volkswagen for making the film "The Queen" in 1999 that is so comfortable, so safe," Kinsey said.

Sorce, 62, said he was a first-time nominee in 1992 for his work on “The Cider House Rules,” but his supporting role in the TV series “Kinese” was his first named role. His only other nomination was in 1999 for an Academy Award.

“...I’ve been playing a fast-talking comic player, but I feel the speech more appropriate for a serious thespian — but his character deserved a gag.”

“What a tremendous honor to be recognized by one’s peers,” he said. “I’ve been acting for some 25 years now and this is a tremendous honor,” said Whitaker, 55, a former British disc jockey.

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Helen Mirren, Best Actress, SAG

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After those in the building were escorted outside for approximation, they were allowed to enter the fire alarm and remain there until the firefighters were done examining the floor, where the fire erupted.

Everyone on duty or non-duty personnel who have gone on to receive the box alarm, including the 2005’s "Crash."

The guild’s individual acting winners were listed in line up with the Oscars, however, there were two of them who were not at the ceremony and were not listed for their roles in "Crash." Whittaker, Mirren, Murphy and Hudson were the Hollywood’s acting heroes this awards season, all four taking home Golden Globes.

Sorce was awarded the prestigious Ivan Moffat Studio Assistanship three times. In 1968, he became the youngest artist ever to win the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship for his "pioneering work and innovation in sculpture with polyurethane rigid foam," according to the National Academy of Arts, for a school for professional and commercial artists.

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Intel tech targets developing world

DAVOS, Switzerland — New technologies are ready to be used to advance health care, while a wildly successful site will start sharing revenue with its users, said Barrett, the chairman of Intel Corp. said in an interview Saturday.

In the spirit of the World Economic Forum’s annual meeting, which has focused on bringing the fruits of technology to the developing world, he walked his talk to countries like Egypt, Chile, Peru, South Africa and China, among others, showing that there is a need for cheap access to computers and the Internet.

“It’s a little bit like the education initiatives,” said Barrett, who chairs the U.N. Global Alliance for ICT and Development. “Education is the key.”

Part of that effort, at least for Intel, is the deployment of more computers, giving an impetus to education and speeding up the availability of cheap access to computers and the Internet.

The company has said it plans to train some 4.7 million teachers by 2011 in China, India, Egypt, Latin America, Saudia, and South Africa, through its Intel Teach program.

Intel also plans to donate more than 36,000 computers with Internet connectivity to Brazil, Chile, India, and South Africa.

YouTube will share revenue with users

DAVOS, Switzerland — Chad Hurley, co-founder of YouTube, said Saturday that his wildly successful site will start sharing revenue with its millions of users.

Hurley said one of the major proposed improvements is a way to allow users to be paid for content. YouTube, which was sold to Google for $1.65 billion in November, has become an Internet phenomenon since it began to catch on in late 2005. Some 70 million videos are viewed on the site each day.

“We are getting an audience large enough where we have an opportunity to support creativity, to foster creativity through sharing revenue with our users,” Hurley said. “So in the coming months we are going to be opening that up.”

Hurley, who at 30 is one of the youngest Internet entrepreneurs, gave no details on how much users might receive, or what mechanism would be used.

The WTO will set new rules

DAVOS — The United States, Europe and other major powers made only a vague commitment Saturday to liberalize global trade, despite encouragement from leaders attending the World Economic Forum.

The nearly 30 countries that make up the会员 of the forum to discuss the lack of progress in the World Trade Organization talked “expressed a strong wish for a quick resumption of negotiations,” but stopped short of making improved offers to break a six-month deadlock.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair told the forum later that he and other leaders recognized the usefulness of a trade breakthrough would still come.

“I think it is now more likely than not, by no means certain, that we will reach a deal within the next few months,” Blair said. “There is a re-ignition of political energy and drive, and an increased recognition of the dire consequences of failure.”

Blair said he also saw prospects for progress in combating global warming because of a “quantum shift” in U.S. opinion, citing President Bush’s support for Union address and steps by states like California to reduce emissions.

But he said China and India also must commit to controlling emissions of greenhouse gases.

If such steps stopped emissions entirely by shutting down the country, the growing China’s use of fossil fuels would make up the difference in just two years, he said.

The WTO meeting in the Swiss mountain resort that focuses on attempts to trade and foreign ministers at reviving the talks since efforts to liberalize trade have systematically collapsed last July.

The U.S. and the EU publicly blamed each other for the failure and both clashed with leading developing countries India and Brazil over slashing subsidies and cutting tariffs, particularly in the agricultural sector.

“There will need to be a new U.S. offer on farm subsidies. There will need to be a new EU offer on tariffs. There will need to be a new offer from India and Brazil on manufactured goods,” WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy said.

Lamy could not predict when negotiators might again be ready to take up the hard numbers of a new trade deal.

“We are not going to hammer out a deal, but we do have a responsibility to move things forward,” EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson told fellow negotiators during the meeting.

Blair and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva sounded confident about progress Friday, a day after 65 of the most powerful business executives warned that failure to reach a new trade deal would undermine the world’s economic growth and risk the dangers of protectionism.

But while pledges of commitment have never lacked, getting countries to open up their markets to foreign competition has been much more difficult since the round’s inception in Qatar’s capital five years ago.

“Having one country go first doesn’t result in a successful outcome.” And focusing on the “top-line numbers” as we did last July doesn’t result in a successful outcome,” U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab told reporters.

U.S. plan: Cut oil use without taxes

DAVOS — Bush’s bid to reduce oil consumption without introducing a gasoline tax, saying such a proposal would be too politically sensitive.

Bush is asking Congress to aggressively explore the use of alternative fuels, mainly ethanol, to reduce the need for gasoline and put the brakes on growing U.S. oil use.

Bush, a delegate at this year’s World Economic Forum, warned policy leaders in the Swiss Alps, said improvements in technology would make these goals possible, rejecting suggestions that fuel or emissions taxes could help spur the move to alternative energy sources.

“The idea of taxing gasoline at an increased level, which is something that gets discussed from time to time, I view as a highly divisive matter,” he said at a World Economic Forum panel including presidents, prime ministers and some of the world’s top oil executives.

“People in New York view the taxation of gasoline as one thing,” Bush added. “People in Texas, Wyoming, in areas where you have to commute very long distances view the taxation in a very different manner. That’s just in our country.”

Bush’s proposal outlined in Thursday’s State of the Union address aims to cut gasoline use by 20 percent by 2017, mostly by replacing the fuel with ethanol, and by expected improvements in automobile fuel economy.

The Forum panel—which also included Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev, Ukrainian Prime Minister Victor Yanukovych, Gazprom deputy chief executive Alexander Medvedev, Exxon Mobil Corp. CEO Rex W. Tillerson and Royal Dutch Shell PLC CEO Jeroen van der Veer — covered a range of topics from climate change to the rise of state-owned producers.

Tillerson and van der Veer stressed that traditional fossil fuels — coal, oil and natural gas — would remain the primary source of energy in coming decades, and the challenge would be to make them cleaner and more efficient.
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GAZA STRIP

Palestinian factions urged to talk

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Saudi Arabia's king urged Palestinian rival fac­tions Sunday to hold talks in the holy city of Mecca as fighting between the Hamas and Fatah movements persisted in Gaza with no clear winner emerging.

Early Monday, Hamas fighters mobilized around the main Fatah stronghold, the Preventive Security headquarters, and threatened to attack Information Minister Yousef Rizka of Hamas warned the two sides were close to civil war and called President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah to order his forces back to their bases.

The bitter rivals have been buying, smuggling and building weapons for months trying to gain an edge, but they have held back from all-out battle and find themselves in a stalemate.

That leaves many Palestinians with grim hopes that a power­sharing deal still can be worked out between the Islam ic mili­tants of Hamas and the more moderate Abbas of Fatah.

Saudi King Abdullah called the factional fighting a "shame" that has undermined the Palestinian cause. He urged both sides to join talks mediated by his country, Saudi Arabia's official news agency reported.

"I urge them to hold an emer­gency meeting in Mecca to dis­cuss the contentious matters without any intervention from outside," Abdullah told the

Saudi Press Agency.

"Our hearts bleed for what is happening in the land of our Palestinian brothers," he said.

"This great atrocity with all its unjustified and weak reasons has stained the Palestinian people's honorable national struggle."

Both sides welcomed the Saudi king's offer but did not say when talks might be held.

Ghazi Hamdan, spokesman for the Hamas-led govern­ment, said the islamic group was in talks with Egyptian mediators. Bursts of violence have alternated with periods of tense calm since the factional fighting erupted in December following the collapse of Hamas-Fatah coalition talks and Abbas' threat to call early elections.

Clashes involving mortars, grenades, bombs and assault rifles have erupted sponta­neously, without clear objectives or clear affiliation, raged for a few hours, then suddenly fizzled.

Experts expect the pattern to continue. "They are equal par­ties," analyst Nasser Al Lahham said. "No one can cancel the other out."

Thirty Palestinians, including two children, have died during the latest outbreak of street fighting that began Thursday, raising the death toll to more than 60 since last month. A battle erupted early Monday near the parliament building, where a Hamas fighter was killed, Hamas and hospital offi­cials said.

Fatah gunman killed a Hamas security force member early Monday and a Hamas activist in Khan Younis on Sun­day. Another gun­man, whose affiliation was not immediate­ly known, and a 42-year-old civilian were also killed, hos­pital officials said.

Several kid­nappings also were reported in the factional conflict. The most brazen was in the West Bank city of Nablus, where Fatah gunmen walked into a bank and dragged out a local Hamas leader.

Hot spots in the fighting include the headquarters of Abbas' security forces, run mosques and the homes and offices of leaders from both sides, where guards bunker down behind concrete barriers and piles of sandbags.

Traffic jams are getting worse by the day in Gaza City's already crowded streets because more and more roads are being closed to motorists by the rival security forces.

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Associated Press

YELOMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. — The plunging waterfalls and soaring crags chiseled by the Merced River draw millions of visitors each year, but the crowds are pre­cisely what threatens the Merced's fragile ecosystem.

"The park's plans for com­mercial development would bring greater numbers of visitors, thus threatening the Merced's fragile ecosystem," said Bridget Kerr, a member of Friends of Yosemite Valley, one of two local environmental groups that filed the suit.

The government is appeal­ing, fearing the ruling could force the National Park Service to limit the number of people allowed into Yosemite each day, a precedent it doesn't want to see echoed in other parks.

"I don't think we've ever had a ruling with these kind of implications," said Kerri Cahill, a Denver-based plan­ner for the park service. "It's going to have a direct influ­ence on the public who care about those places."

The case has Yosemite's most loyal advocates sharply divided over how to balance preservation with access to public lands. Even environ­mentalist can't agree on how to minimize the human foot­print — some believe cars should be kept out entirely; others say visitors should have to make reservations in advance.

Yosemite was the first land in the country set aside for its scenic beauty, declared a pub­lic trust in 1864 by Abraham Lincoln. Its 1,200 square miles of granite peaks and towering waterfalls became a national park in 1890, and with few exceptions its gates have been open to all ever since, though backcountry permits are limited to mini­mize the human impact on wilderness areas.

The Merced itself is protect­ed under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

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Re-state of the Union

The following excerpts are from various State of the Union Addresses throughout America's history. Due to space limitations, there's not much of each address, but I think that a pattern may emerge nonetheless.

Carter, Dec. 4, 1978: "The practical application of economy to the resources of the country calls for conservation... We have a conservation board working on our oil problem. This is of the utmost importance to the future well-being of our people in this age of oil-burning engines and the general application of gasoline to transportation."

Herbert Hoover, Dec. 3, 1929: "Conservation of national resources is a fixed policy of the Government... Conservation of our oil and gas resources against future need is a national necessity."

Harry S. Truman, Jan. 9, 1952: "In the Middle East, political tensions and the oil controversy in Iran are keeping the region in a turmoil."

Richard Nixon, Jan. 30, 1974: "These measures will require the oil companies and oil-producing countries to provide the public with the necessary information on their supplies. They will prevent the injection of windfall profits for a few as a result of the sacrifices of the millions of Americans."

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"Once the game is over, the king and the pauper go back in the same box."

Italian proverb

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
McAlarney suspension evaluated

University's decision consistent

There is a common theme that students feel that McAlarney's suspension from school was completely overboard. What students fail to realize is that this seems consistent with Notre Dame's philosophy in terms of enforcement. While I was at school I know of no other non-athlete student who was caught with weed and consequently suspended for a semester. Maybe in both cases the sentence didn't fit the crime but it appears as if this is what the school believes is the correct punishment. The bottom line is if McAlarney did not do it then we wouldn't have this problem.

Chris Oronhak
class of 2005
Cleveland, Ohio
Jan. 26

Punishment too severe
for crime

This is one of the many responses I'm sure you have received to Larry Lopez's 'Letter to the Editor' (McAlarney suspension justified, Jan. 25) regarding thejustification for Kyle McAlarney's suspension following his marijuana possession charge. I completely agree with her contention that Notre Dame is one of the most highly scrutinized in the world, and as such, must maintain its respected reputation. However, to suggest the unwavering appropriateness for this punishment for one of its students in possession of a small amount of marijuana is ridiculous. The purpose of rules and regulations for any one of the most highly scrutinized in the world, and as such, must maintain its respected reputation.

Joe Runkle
sophomore
Kirkwood, Iowa
Jan. 26

Case deserves better handling

Kyle McAlarney made a grave error in judgment. Since he probably hasn't even reached legal drinking age, he will have a lifetime to teach others how much he learned from this experience.

Notre Dame appears to have made even greater grievous errors of judgment. First of all, by not releasing a public statement in defense of its actions. The McAlarney family and the entire Notre Dame community would have benefited from an explanation from the University why athletic director Kevin White and basketball coach Mike Brey have reportedly responded that they were shocked by the hardline disposition handed down. Maybe it's because the University does not have a defensible position?

After reading the student handbooks for the first time in over 40 years, I was impressed by its calling students to accountabiltiy for their actions. This accountability was noted to be a difficult process, "particularly in those rare occasions when the conduct in question is so irredeemable in terms of community standards as to warrant separation from the University." I submit that McAlarney's conduct was not intolerable in terms of overall Notre Dame community standards. I was shocked to learn that first offense DWIs are punishable by disciplin ary "probation" for one semester, and second offense DWIs are punishable by disciplin ary "suspension" for one semester. Does he need to have the constant distraction of being "on probation" for his entire academic career? Is he going to grow intellectually by missing two semesters of classes, thus being forced to play academic catch-up for the rest of his undergraduate career? How can anyone expect that such a span away from school could benefit McAlarney?

I'm certain these disciplinary procedures were neither written nor endorsed by the University's school of law. Of even greater import, the handbook begins with the University mission statement, describing Notre Dame as a place of teaching and community prompted by God's grace to assist the world in creating justice grounded in love and the renewal of community in Catholicism explains why Notre Dame has fostered familial bonds in its institutional life.

It seems Notre Dame has ignored erring premises in its mission statement, maybe because we abandoned its underlying justification in love and the renewal of community in Catholicism explains why Notre Dame has fostered familial bonds in its institutional life.

Michael Petersenich
class of 1969
Huntsville, Texas
Jan. 26

Cannot pull support for fashion show

We at the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership and Office of Civic and Social Engagement agree with Sarah Nelson's well-articulated objections in her Letter to the Editor ("Fashion show restricts models to Mexican descent", Jan. 25) to the size specifications in the recent email inviting students to model for The Bernina of America Fashion Show fundraiser for the Breast Care Center at Memorial Hospital.

We appreciate Nelson and other students and faculty sharing this problem so promptly, disagree with Bernina's perpetuation of the fashion industry's unrealistic image of women's bodies in the size specifications they gave to their artists and apologizing for not being alert to it ourselves much earlier in the sponsorship approval process. If you are interested in further context on this process, as the involvement of both students and breast cancer survivors in it, we can send you a summary.

We have spoken to our partners at Memorial Hospital and they are also very receptive to the concerns.

Bernina's practices are consistent with the handbook signed for months, and today it's too late to change the shape of the "wearable art." It would be very unfair to Memorial Hospital's great work - and more importantly, to women fighting breast cancer - to pull our support at this late date. Given this, we would like to continue a conversation with our community about not only the best response now, such as registering our objections with Bernina in order to raise their awareness and influence any future events they undertake, but also to commit ourselves to future actions and events that speak to these concerns. One such event that we have supported in previous years and invite more support for next year is St. Margaret's House "Fashioning Our Lives" with "real women on stage" who "model" how they have recreated their lives against a backdrop of extraordinary challenges like poverty, homelessness, addictions, racism and physical and mental health challenges. We would also welcome any proposals for events to co-sponsor on these issues in February in honor of National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness month. In addition, we recommend to our own ongoing educators to recognizing and speaking against oppression in all its forms and applaud the Saint Mary's students who have all done so in this situation.

Elaine Meyer-Lee
Director of the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership
Saint Mary's
Jan. 26

'Bigot' an unfairly applied term

As exemplified by Liz Coffey's column ("Save it for the toilet", Jan. 25), it's politically correct these days to label someone who is opposed to illegal immigration as "anti-immigrant" and thus a bigot. I personally believe that bigotry is a terrible thing. As such, I consider it a serious charge to call someone a bigot.

Anyone who makes the charge should have a good basis for it. In making the leap to calling those in the Minuteman Project bigots, Coffey fails to establish such a basis.

Bigness It's because of those crossing the Mexico-Arizona border are Mexicans, then why aren't the "Minutemen" doing anything to stop Mexicans who enter our country illegally? Why didn't they do this before 9/11? She fails to even address the possibility that the modern-day "Minutemen" are motivated by a sincere desire to prevent illegal immigration and the dangers of terrorism and various other problems that came along with it. How can these new dedication being called the "Minutemen" be in any way different than the groups that Coffey has been to or met any of the "Minutemen," yet she knows they are bigots.

Coffey's making assumptions about people without really knowing about them more sounds like bigotry than anything about the "Minutemen." It's bigotry to try and prevent people from coming into this country illegally? If that's the case, then I guess all of our border security measures are bigoted. The fact that we even have checkpoints where people must stop to come across the border legally must be bigotry too. U.S. Border Patrol Agents?

Joe Runkle
sophomore
Kirkwood, Iowa
Jan. 26

Bigots, I guess. They are trying to stop illegal entry in to the U.S., after all.

I am not sure I agree with the approach taken by the Minuteman Project. Anything that resembles vigilantism has the potential to degenerate into something dangerous, and generally it is better to let law enforcement do its job. But that does not make the Minuteman Project a group of bigots. If she is opposed to the Minuteman Project, is Coffey also opposed to adding more Border Patrol agents to the border, or illegal immigration? If so, what is her solution to the problem? Or does she even think there is a problem?

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**THEATER FEATURE**

**‘Le Mèdecin’ just what the doctor ordered**

By ANALISE LIPARI  Assistant Scene Editor

Despite the blanket of newly fallen snow and the obvious language barrier with most of its audience, the annual French Theatre Production class’s performance of Molière’s “Le Mèdecin malgré lui” drew a full house Sunday at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s (DPAC) Philbin Theater.

With its blend of witty dialogue, physical humor and outrageous situations, “Le Mèdecin malgré lui” drew the crowd in through the strength of the students.

Molière’s centuries-old text takes its comedic cues from the exploits of Sganarelle, the frequently intoxicated squire. Debray who spends his days nursing (and often singing to) a bottle of wine and occasionally beating his wife.

Few playwrights could create humor and sympathy out of such a character, but the strength of Molière’s comedic writing helps make Sganarelle a memorable and amusing protagonist.

Professor Paul McDowell gives Sganarelle a thick, booming voice to match his faux-pastry figure, and an over-the-top sense of self-importance helps cement the image of this most loutish of leads.

The play opens with an angry dispute between Sganarelle and Martine (Anne Lauver), his beleaguered and oft-beset spat. The rapport between McDowell’s Sganarelle and Lauver’s Martine implies a humorous power struggle at the core of their relationship, with Martine criticizing his drunken gluttony and Sganarelle defending himself with roundabout “logic” and a large stick.

To get back at her husband, Martine conspires with an unwilling pair of servants, Lucas (Tom Dorwart) and Marie (Mary Corrigan) try to trick Sganarelle into believing he is a doctor (or “mèdecin”) in order to treat the up-to-condition-of-Lucinde (Jana Miller), the newly-mute daughter of a wealthy neighbor, Gérôncine (Michael Barrett).

What follows is a zany mix of physical comedy and Molière’s sharp wit, as Sganarelle comes to believe he is a doctor, and proceeds to treat patients with items such as wine and cheese. As is custom with most works of Molière, at the center of the turmoil is a thwarted pair of young lovers, Lucinde and the poor but sweet Leandre (Matthew Goodrich).

Lucinde has been promised by her father to an unseen and other wealthy man, and until Leandre’s miniscule fortune can catch up, the two are doomed. That is, until Sganarelle decides to get himself involved.

Rounding out the cast are Heidi Storer as Jacqueline, the wet nurse in whom Sganarelle is all-too-interested, and Theresa Weich and Stephanie Brauer as Parette and Perrinette, respectively, two local women who misguidedly seek the help of the reputed “mèdecin” to treat their sick relative.

The production’s energy and sense of humor undoubtedly came from the students. From Dorwart’s Lucas, who stumps and hops across each scene, to Miller’s girlish, maddening, and amusing Sganarelle.

Lucinde pretends to be mute, the cast’s most endearing and dedication to the production to be on both the players themselves and the humor of their speech.

The continued strength and success of each year’s performance is, according to McDowell, due to none other than the students themselves. “It’s all because of what the students in each other,” McDowell said at the end of Sunday afternoon’s final performance. “It’s what they find in a playwright who hasn’t graced this earth in over 300 years.”

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**THEATER FEATURE**

**Balletic beauty and grace astound in ‘Swan Lake’**

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The latest in the "ND Presents: Live at the Morris" series of attractions at South Bend’s Morris Performing Arts Center, the Moscow Festival Ballet’s production of Tchaikovsky’s “Swan Lake” elevated a simple Saturday night into a symphonic experience of music and dance. The prodigious skill of each member of the company, combined with beautiful costumes, lush lighting and scenery and the venerable reputation of the Moscow Festival Ballet, created a unforgettable evening of dancing. Despite being performed without the aid of an orchestra, and instead incorporating the use of a recording of the ballet’s score, the production was an exuberant success.

The three act story of “Swan Lake” opens at an event in honor of Prince Siegfried’s birthday, at the behest of his mother, Leontine (Jana Miller), and the court jester each perform various dances in celebration of the Prince, and Siegfried receives a crown as a coming-of-age gift. The multiple smaller dances featured during this portion of the ballet were of a more lighthearted, nature than much of the rest of the ballet’s more dramatic portions, especially the numbers where the court jester took center stage.

As the ballet continues, that evening, Siegfried explores the woods with his crossbow and discovers a mysterious group of white swans who - in the mythology of the story - turn out to be an enchantment of women imprisoned by an evil wizard, Rotbart.

By day, the women are swans, but by moonlight change back into their human forms. The queen of the swans, the beautiful Odette, falls in love with the Prince, and he vows to save her from Rotbart’s evil, and to win her true love for her at tomorrow’s Ball.

It is here, as Siegfried first discovers the bewitched swans, when the famous theme of “Swan Lake” is first heard, and the haunting melody subtly appears throughout the rest of the ballet as Odette’s theme. Both mellow and love-sick, it conveys the aesthetic of the ballet as a whole in its simplicity and beauty.

At the courtly Ball the next night, the Queen urges her son to seek a queen, but Siegfried can think only of Odette. Other princesses are introduced, each with their own musical themes. Highlights included the “Dusse Espagnole,” with its elegant, playful melody; the “Danse Napolitaine,” with its unique open strumming pattern of trumpets; and the energetic “Mazurka.”

Rotbart strangely appears at the ball with Odille, his daughter who has been disguised to look remarkably similar to Odette. Miskately thinking that he is with the real Odette, Siegfried declares his love for Odille, effectively dooming the enchanted swans to an eternity of imprisonment. It is only when Siegfried

flies to Swan Lake and defeats Rotbart that he and Odette can finally be united and the swans can be free.

The Russian Festival Ballet dancers, especially those in the roles of Siegfried and Odette, were remarkably talented. The role of Odette is considered to be one of the most technically difficult in the entirety of classical ballet, as the ballerina plays both the white swan, Odette, and the black swan, Odile, as well as performing over thirty fouettés en tournant during the ballet’s third act. Olga Grippioni, the ballerina who danced the role of Odette/Odile, said she has mastered the difficulties of the role with ease, playing both the timid and pure Odette and the seductive Odile very well.

The costumes and scenery were very well done, adding to the production’s elegant feel. The lighting in particular was striking. The ballet’s finale closed with the rising of the sun, as a stage former bathed in a blue and green wash was subtly overcome with the warm, pinkish-white glow of morning.

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THEATER FEATURE

Shakespeare shake-up retells classic story

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The story of Romeo and Juliet has been reinvented time and time again in everything from the 1996, "Romeo + Juliet," starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes, to the upcoming animated film "Gnomeo and Juliet," starring lawn gnomes and produced by Elion John, but some versions stand out for their memorability and appeal. Summer Shakespeare's "The Romeo and Juliet Story: In Concert." brings the best of these together in a wonderful show that focuses on the timelessness of the love between Romeo and Juliet.

The production, adapted by the producing director of Notre Dame's Summer Shakespeare, Jay Skelton, unites songs from Charles Gounod's opera "Romeo et Juliette," Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," parts of Shakespeare's original dialogue, and an original narration. The music was provided on-stage by the wonderful thirty piece New Millennium Orchestra of Chicago joined by nine Notre Dame students.

Doug MacKernie did a superb job as the narrator. In his role he took on nearly all of the play's characters except for Romeo and Juliet, simply but strongly switching from one character to another while maintaining a small size in posture or by using the occasional prop, such as glasses for Friar Lawrence. The choice to concentrate the action of the play not directly involving the two lovers into one scene with a warden who MacKernie was able to act as a sound-board for the love story around him so that the audience was allowed to concentrate purely on the love of Romeo and Juliet, leaving behind for a moment the other plotlines and themes of the play that are generally more conflictual.

The rest of the cast consisted of two pairs of lovers, one pair taking on the majority of the acting and the other the singing. Steven Marzoff and Blair Robertson made good use of their acting scenes to both pay tribute to the original Shakespearean dialogue and portray the youth and passion of Romeo and Juliet. Stacey Tappan, a Lyric Opera of Chicago soprano, and Jay Morrissey, tenor and Notre Dame alumn, both rose to the occasion in singing the raptures between the opera and the musical. Together all did a beautiful job at mixing the love story and, most importantly, the transitions between the actors were smooth. Furthermore, by using multiple actors to play the same characters, as well as mixing the pairs, it allowed the audience to truly focus on Romeo and Juliet as a whole, and not one single production. "The Romeo and Juliet Story: In Concert." seamlessly united a 16th century play, a 19th century opera, and a 20th century musical into a production that showcased so many of the interpretations of Romeo and Juliet that it actually reduced the show down to the essential vision of the lovers. In doing so, it proved that the story of the two "star cross'd lovers" would romance its audience no matter their surroundings. "The Romeo and Juliet Story: In Concert." was a special off-season event for the Summer Shakespeare company whose proceeds went toward establishing the Dr. Paul A. Rathburn Scholarship Fund. Rathburn is a professor emeritus of English at Notre Dame who founded Summer Shakespeare and received both the Charles E. Sherry Award for Excellence in Teaching (1983) and the Frank O'Malley Award for Teaching Excellence (1999).

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MOVIE REVIEW

Family 'Pursuit': Two Smiths star in 'Happiness'

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The "Will Smith Show" has become something of a given at the American box office. Every several years, the comedic actor would turn out a block-buster film that went on to earn huge profits. In his first weekend at the box office, "Pursuit of Happyness," Actor Jaden Smith helps his father Will Smith knot his tie in "The Pursuit of Happiness." amid stiff competition. The movie aired on network television, but aside from "Ali," never cemented his status as a legitimate actor. Smith's latest film, "The Pursuit of Happyness," however, puts this criticism to rest and shows the world that Smith has immense acting talent.

The film tells the true story of Chris Gardner (Smith), a salesman struggling to support his wife (Thandie Newton, "Crash") and son (Jaden Smith) while entertaining dreams of becoming a stockbroker in 1980s San Francisco. After losing everything — one 1-in-20 shot of becoming a broker — in the face of his wife leaving him and having to live out of homeless shelters with his son. Despite the fact that Gardner is extremely intelligent and hard-working, failure seems to find him at every corner, denying him his dream of becoming happy.

It is obvious that "Happyness" (the title is misspelled because of the way the word is written on the wall outside Gardner's son's daycare center) was designed for Smith, and without him, it would not work. His charm and humor stand out against the suffering and sadness which he must endure, which creates a very real and emotional character. The audience thrives on the high points and sinks to the low ones together with Smith, whose superb performance earned him an Oscar nomination for Best Actor. Nowhere is this emotional roller coaster more apparent than in a scene where Gardner and his son go from playfully running from imaginary dinosaurs in a deserted subway station to shamefully trying to sleep in the station's bathroom while someone pounds on the door from the outside. Smith's son Jaden performs remarkably well in his first film but his acting is nothing more than a physical appearance and the connection between real life father and son is evident in their characters, which only makes the movie more believable.

"The Pursuit of Happiness" is the most American film for Italian director Gabriele Muccino, who creates a harsh, gritty world, but does so while being anything but outstanding to the table. Smith's acting dazzles here, but everything else seems so ordinary and unimaginative that one cannot help but wonder if the only intent in producing "Happyness" was for Smith to be nominated for an Oscar.

This type of story is of course a recreation of Hollywood theme, and just about anyone is able to guess whether Gardner succeeds in the end. In the face of these obstacles, one would hope that a director could keep the film fresh and original, but Muccino — while he does not do a bad job — attempts nothing to make the film stand head and shoulders above the many others that inhabit the genre.

In spite of any possible missed opportunity for "The Pursuit of Happiness" to be an outstanding film, Will Smith, like his character in the movie, takes on a seemingly insurmountable burden — to make the film a very good one and succeeds. "Happyness" ultimately becomes another "Will Smith Show," but one that is inspirational, uplifting and worth watching over and over again.

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Clemson center James Mays is fouled by Virginia's Jamil Tucker in the first half of the Cavaliers' 64-63 victory in Littlejohn Coliseum in Clemson S.C. Sunday afternoon.

"Just read it, just trusted my instincts, and I was able to come up with the ball and make a big play at the end," McNeal said.

"We have to get it back together," Virginia's Jamil Tucker added. "This is a special team, and we need to come back and win the next one."
Tiger Woods delivers his signature fist-pump Sunday after holing a putt for eagle that tied him for the lead of the Buick Invitational. Woods won the tournament for his seventh straight PGA Tour victory.

Tiger roars back for seventh straight

Associated Press

NAGASAKI, Japan — The United States will send 12,000 troops and up to 200 tanks to South Korea next week in a show of force that comes amid tensions heightened by North Korea's nuclear threat.

By framing the deployment as a defensive measure against North Korea, the Bush administration seeks to reassure South Korea, which has expressed concerns about the U.S. commitment.

"We have a continuing commitment to South Korea," said Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who earlier traveled to South Korea with President George W. Bush.

"When we talk to the South Koreans and other nations in the region, they understand that the United States' security commitment is unaltered. It's firm. It's strong.

"This exercise is simply an example of that commitment. It's an example of our resolve to defend our alliance, and to be ready to defend South Korea."
Bears arrive in Miami to begin Super Bowl week

MIAMI — Coach Lovie Smith thumbed through the Indianapolis Colts press guide on a three-hour flight that delivered Bears from the cold of Chicago to the warm comfort of Florida — a trip that landed them back at the Super Bowl.

"I looked at 18 pages of Peyton Manning," Smith said Sunday night, about two hours after the Bears touched down at Miami International Airport. The Bears know they will have to contain No. 18, the Colts' star quarterback, in one week at Dolphin Stadium, or they won't finish off the goal they set for themselves way back in the spring.

Wearing an orange tie reflecting one of the Bears' team colors, Smith bounded down the steps of the plane and hurried to one of six buses waiting to take his team to the hotel.

"I was one of the first guys to get off the plane, I got a chance to get my seat real quick and see the players get off and see the smiles on their faces," Smith said.

"We feel good about where we are right now, but you know they all say the same thing: One more step, and they can't wait."...

Their chartered plane sported a big Bears logo on the side when it arrived at Miami International Airport. As they taxied up, the pilot opened the window of the mammoth jetliner and flew a Bears flag.

The temperature was about 60 degrees warmer than the frigid teens the Bears left on a snow-covered field to palm trees. It also took Smith just three seasons to lead the Bears back in the Super Bowl for the first time since 1986.

The team hotel, just five minutes away from the airport and miles from the glitter of South Beach, featured a big orange and blue "C" on the elevator doors and a large sign above many of the doorways with...
Bucks beat Knicks, end losing streak

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Up two with 28 seconds left, Mo Williams didn’t want to give the charging Knicks another chance.

“I told myself, ‘I’m going to take the shot and if I don’t miss, they aren’t going to have a lot of time left,’” Williams said. “I had to set it up right.”

Williams had 30 points, including an awkward, 20-foot jumper with 1.1 seconds left, and 10 assists to lift the Milwaukee Bucks to a 107-105 victory over the New York Knicks on Sunday to snap a six-game losing streak.

The Knicks nearly came back anyway after Williams’ shot. Jamal Crawford hit an open 3 to make it 106-105 and the Knicks fouled Williams with 0.4 seconds left.

Williams, who meant to miss his second free throw, made it, giving the Knicks a chance to tie or win.

“The way things have been going lately when I made it I thought we were going to over­

time,” Williams said. “We played too well today to get a moral vic­
tory.”

But Crawford couldn’t get a 3-point off from the corner in time.

“I was trying to rush just to get it up,” said Crawford, who wasn’t sure if the shot even would have counted.

Williams, who missed the last time left,” Williams said. “I had another chance.

Associated Press

With injury problems over, Ducks down Stars

Shane O’Brien of the Anaheim Ducks and Stu Barnes of the Dallas Stars battle for the puck in Anaheim’s 4-1 win Sunday.

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jean-Sebastien Giguere refused to blame the Anaheim Ducks’ recent skid on injuries to himself and defensemen Chris Pronger and Francois Beauchemin.

Now that they’re all back, there are no excuses.

Andy McDonald scored twice and Tomas Vokoun had a goal and an assist, leading the Ducks to a 4-1 victory over the Dallas Stars.

Pronger returned to the lineup after missing nine games with a broken left foot, and Beauchemin played for the first time since Dec. 26 after being sidelined for 11 games with a lacerated spleen.

“We know that injuries are part of this game, but it’s not an excuse whether we’re going to win or lose. It’s about 20 guys working hard,” Giguere said.

“The fact that the three of us were injured had nothing to do with us losing some games. It had everything to do with guys not bearing down in our zone and not doing the little things we were doing at the beginning of the season.”

Playing for the first time since Jan. 19 because of the All-Star break, the rested and replenished Ducks displayed the form that resulted in their 25-3-6 start. The perennially-needed Ducks ended a 12 games and snapped a four-game losing streak.

Dustin Penner also scored and Giguere made 30 saves after missing 11 games with a strained groin.

The 2003 playoff MVP, who was leading the NHL with 23 wins when he was injured Dec. 26 at San Jose, gave up his only goal on a penalty shot by Jere Lehtinen with 12.14 remaining.
NBA
Finley shot gives Spurs OT victory

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Finley was often the No. 1 option in his 8 1/2 seasons with the Dallas Mavericks. It’s a different story in San Antonio, where he comes off the bench and is well down the list.

But Finley got the ball with the game on the line Sunday as the Los Angeles Lakers swarmed Tim Duncan, and his 3-pointer with 1.3 seconds left in overtime gave the cold-shooting Spurs an improbable 96-94 victory.

"It looked like it was going in, but I didn’t know until it went in," Finley said with a smile. "It was just a normal shot for me. We supposed to kick it out to a teammate, as he always does." Duncan found Finley, who shot from well beyond the arc and hit nothing but net on his long jumper over Lamar Odom, helping the Spurs avoid their first regular-season sweep at hands of the Lakers in nine years.

"Mike stepped into it and it was just an incredible shot," Duncan said. "Those are the kinds of shots we want him to step up and take."

Finley, who entered averaging 7.7 points, scored 17 on five 3-pointers in 10 attempts along with another basket.

"Same things we planned, some things we didn’t, but that was just the fortuitous circumstance that he knocked down the shot," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Sometimes, you’ve just got to be lucky."

Vladimir Radmanovic’s 3-pointer as time expired didn’t come close. Kobe Bryant, who had 31 points, six rebounds and seven assists, was unable to get open, leaving it up to Radmanovic to try the final shot.

"They’re just going to set two guys on me — and the guy taking the ball out," Bryant said. "I tried to make cuts off of that accordingly, and I just wasn’t able to get a good look."

The Spurs won despite shooting a season-low 33.7 percent (32-of-95). But they made their last two shots to go 5-of-8 in overtime, when Tony Parker scored seven of his 19 points.

"We just couldn’t make a shot," said Manu Ginobili, who had 21 points and seven rebounds. "Even in the overtime, when they made their first four shots, we stuck with it. It’s great to win like this."

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[Image of a basketball player]

[Image of a flyer for an event]
Irish split road matches with Virginia, W & M

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

It may have been a long trip back to South Bend, but it was worth the trip for Notre Dame. The Irish fought severe weather delays coming home from Virginia and William and Mary in order to make it back for a match against Indiana today at 4 p.m.

"There were obviously concerns about our ability to get into South Bend," head coach Bobby Bayliss said, "and for the guys to get a good night rest and he ready to play (Monday)."

Notre Dame split its two matches this weekend. The Irish opened their season with a 6-1 loss to No. 8 Virginia Friday. Senior Ryan Keckley was the sole Irish player to gain a win, knocking off Ted Angelinos at No. 5 singles 7-6(1), 6-2. Keckley batted the match on a sore ankle — play had to stop so that the senior could have his ankle taped to allow him to finish.

"The Irish fell behind early on in the match, dropping all three doubles challenges to the Cavaliers. Keckley and junior Sheeva Parhbu (No. 11) fell 8-4 to Soudnev Desvarman and Treat Huey (No. 8). The other two matches followed suit with the No. 2 and 3 teams both dropping their matches 8-5. Besides Keckley’s win, the rest of the day wasn’t very successful for the Irish. After dropping set point in the first set, senior Stephen Bass (No. 14) struggled to succeed at second doubles falling 7-6(2), 7-5 to Huey (No. 10)."

"Perhaps it was first match indecisiveness, perhaps Virginia, I think that good — it’s hard to know," he said. "The Cavaliers went on to defeat No. 5 Illinois 5-2 Sunday. Saturday in Williamsburg proved more rewarding for Notre Dame. The Irish made up for their 6-1 loss to Virginia with a 7-0 dousing of William and Mary."

A sweep in doubles competition gave the team an early 1-0 lead. Keckley and Parhbu started the Irish, who went 6-0 in singles matches went smoothly for the Irish, who went 6-0 in singles matches and were on the upswing entering the meet against Indiana.

S M C S W I M M I N G

Belles fall to Calvin for third straight loss

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s fell short to Calvin 129-86 Friday at South Bend’s Washington High School. It was the Belles’ third straight defeat in MIAA action.

"The Knights were able to come out on top for seven of the 11 swimming events. They had six different swimmers win individual events and won the 200-meter medley relay.

Calvin was also able to secure valuable second and third place finishes in many events.

Freshman Sara Niemann provided a bright spot for Saint Mary’s. Niemann won the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 26.95 and the 100-yard backstroke in 1:07.13."

The Belles also won the 100-meter breaststroke as junior Kelly Tigue posted a time of 1:16.22 and the 1,000-meter freestyle as Melissa Gerbeth posted a time of 11:03.88.

Bell head coach Ryan Dombkowski also found positives in swimmers that didn’t win.

"[Freshman] Meredith Lierz had a fantastic swim in the 100 free as did [sophomore] Jennifer Nicol in the 100 butterfly," Dombkowski said.

Niemann talked about the mini-challenges she met and some of her personal goals.

"For this meet against Calvin, I think everyone has at the mindset that we would have the chance to compete against some very fast swimmers," she said. "Personally, I wanted a chance to compete in some of my weaker events before conference, and have some fast competition to race."

"Despite the loss, Dombkowski said he thinks the team has improved this season.

"I think we’ve made great progress both in and out of the water," he said. "Only four of our current team members were on the on the squad last year, meaning basically our whole team was new."

"After almost a complete season, we’re not too better in the water in just about every event, but we’re better as a unit as well.

Niemann said she is excited about the young team’s potential in future years.

"I didn’t really know what to expect from Saint Mary’s coming into the season," she said. "But as the season comes to a close, I couldn’t be happy. Everyone has worked hard to prepare and I excited to see what happens at conference, and what next year will bring.

We’ve become more competitive and hopefully we can get even stronger next year."

However, before the Belles can worry about the off-season and next year, they have the MIAA Swimming & Diving Championships in Grand Rapids, Mich. from Feb. 8-10.

"We’ll need to focus on improving the little aspects of our races, starts, turns, finish, etc," Dombkowski said of his team’s chances in Grand Rapids. "We’ve already started resting out of the water. Physically ready to be our best, but we also have to focus on strategy and getting our minds mentally prepared for the championships as well.

"A three-day meet with prelims in the morning and finals at night can be both physically and mentally exhausting, so we’ll have to be prepared for the challenges ahead."

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The No. 4 Irish kicked off their dual match season this weekend, winning 3-2 against Illinois and avenging their lone 2006 loss against No. 12 Vanderbilt.

“It was great for us to come out and really open our home schedule with a victory, but to get a victory against such a quality opponent is tremendous,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “I know for us and the returners and a lot of our returning players after last season’s meeting.

Sophomore Katie Puts sealed the 4-3 victory for the Irish over the Commodores Sunday, rallying the 4-3 victory for the Irish over Vanderbilt. The Violet women went 1-6 on the day, left her mark. Her time of 2:16.26 in the 200-yard breaststroke left Julia Hardy’s 2005 mark in her wake.

“I wasn’t expecting [to get the result],” Carroll said. “It hit a couple of us that this was our last time swimming at this place, so it was nice to go out on a high note.”

Carroll also touched the wall first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:02.40. Over the course of the two days, Notre Dame amassed nine second-place finishes, two of which came from sophomore Christa Bigger, who placed third in the 100 and 200-freestyle. Bigger also teamed up with Carroll, Caroline Johanson and Rebecca Ghattas to take second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

On the men’s side, No. 17 Notre Dame defeated Oakland (230-129) and Connecticut (224-86), but fell short against Penn State (225-147.5) and No. 19 West Virginia (228-142).

Notre Dame was the latest to sweep the top 4 spots in the 500-yard freestyle led by senior Ted Brown’s time of 4:31.35. Notre Dame also took three of the top five spots in the 200-yard freestyle.

Both the men and women will travel to Louisville next weekend to conclude the weekend, and the Mountaineers won 6 consecutive races on Saturday morning.

“This weekend helped us realize that we have a major challenge in West Virginia ahead of us for the Big East championships,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “We’ve been in this position before, and we know what to do in it. Game on.”

A bright spot for the Irish was sophomore diver Michael Buff who picked up two of the three Notre Dame victories on the weekend. On Friday evening, Buff set a pool record in the one-meter diving with a total of 339.40 points, and he nearly duplicated his efforts on Saturday missing the pool record in the three-meter diving by 5.5 points.

“An outstanding diver,” Welsh said. “He’s been doing very well all year, and everything is really coming together for him at the right time.”

Other highlights on the weekend for the Irish included sweeping the top 4 spots in the 500-yard freestyle led by senior Ted Brown’s time of 4:31.35. Notre Dame also took three of the top five spots in the 200-yard freestyle.

Both the men and women will travel to Louisville next weekend to conclude their season's final meet before the Big East championships Feb. 14.

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Wildcat forward Dante Cunningham and guard Reggie Monrian Monday, January 29, 2007

I think it was a step forward for us because we haven't had to muck free throws on the next possession.

Villanova's last field goal. Notre Wildcats a 60-57 lead with 3:46

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SCMC (Sports)

Newsm drops 30 in road victory
By BILL BRINK
Super Writers

Center Erin Newsum had 30 points and 11 rebounds as Saint Mary's defeated Tri-State 83-66 Saturday in Angola, Ind. The win was the Belles' second over Tri-State this season—honed to 9-10-7, 4 in SCMC play.

The Belles came out firing, leading 10-0 in the first five minutes of the game and never trail.

"It is very important to get off to a good start," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "If you don't play catch-up then there is no way to get back in the game.""If you don't play catch-up then there is no way to get back in the game.”

As a sign of unity and support for McAlarney, each Irish player wore "23," the point guard's jersey number, on their shoes for the game against the Wildcats.

Sophomores Zach Hillesland and Ryan Ayers also wore sweatbands on their arms with "KM 23" written on them.

"We all just wanted to do something for him," Kurz said.

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McAlarney's plan to return for the game against the Belles. He said "I took him out not to take him back next year because he's not only a good player, but also a great teammate."
**Hockey**

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seized the opportunity, crashing hard into the net he picked up his 12th goal of the season and knotted the score at two.

"I was override this weekend — I had a lot of chances — it was nice to finally score," Deeth said. "Our line battled all weekend so it was good to get a big one like that."

Deeth, Condra and Linemen Randy Kueny and Michael Deeth scored this season's scoring line this year — were successfully shut down for the major part of the game by swarming Miami defense.

Coach Jackson said Notre Dame needs to hold the Blue Devils to three goals this season first period — it seemed like both teams spent a lot of time in the remaining in the opening period.

The freshman defender turned the Blue Devil quicksquickly worked the puck around the area to Jones, who was waiting on the side.

In the second, Jones ripped a shot from the top of the circles on an odd-man rush. The puck bounced in and out of net minder Brown's glove and scrapped Brian Kaufman cut across the crease and slid the puck over the goal line for a 2-0 lead.

ND 4, Miami 1

A fired up Notre Dame squad got off to a quick start Friday night. The Irish scored three goals in the first 10 minutes of play and were able to coast to an impressive victory, adding a fourth tally in the second stanza.

"When we had success we were good in the first period and we had some good chances," coach Jackson said.

A few minutes later freshman Dan Kielz exploded off the bench in his first shift and beat Miami goalie Charlie Effinger, but the puck couldn't get to the side. The goal, which was assisted by senior defenceman Tom Sawatske, was Kielz's fifth of the year and first since a Nov. 24 win in Nebraska-Omaha.

Thang rounded out the Irish offensive duo with two power-play goals against the vacationing killing unit. "They pressure really hard so our strategy was just to move the puck and hopes seasons would open up, and they did tonight and we were able to get pucks to the net," Thang said.

The freshman's second goal was a laser wrist shot that zipped over Effinger's shoulder and into the top-left corner of the twine. Fellow freshman Brett Batlha and sophomore Kyle Lawson were credited with the assists.

"That shot was pretty impressive, that's a pro shot," Jackson said. "When [Thang] has a good game, boy, you better keep your head up because he can shoot the puck with the best of them."

While the freshman lined up the scoreboard — collecting seven of the team's 10 goals — it was the defense veterans that played a huge role in securing one of the most dominating defenses in the country.

Seniors T.J. Cuddy, Michael Bartlett and Jason Paige were matched with Hobey Baker candidates and his line mates all night long and were able to keep them from scoring a serious threat for 60 minutes. "It's not always the most pressure, but it's what our team needed to win tonight and what we did," Paige said.

Brown, another senior, also came through big for the Irish defense, making 26 saves on 27 shots while fighting off a constant crowd in front of his cage.

This weekend improved Notre Dame's record to 21-5-2 overall and kept them three points ahead of the RedHawks in the national rankings when released Saturday.

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**ND Track and Field**

ND invites another success

31 athletes qualify for the Big East tourney at weekend's home meet

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame continued its strong indoor track season with an impressive performance Saturday at the Luhrs Classic in the Notre Dame Invitational, qualifying a total of 31 athletes for the Big East championships.

The main reason the Irish have been so successful this season — especially at the Notre Dame Invitational — is their hard training in preparation for the season. "It's been a lot of running and a lot of work," said distance runner Patrick Smyth.

"I think our training over break has been by far our best for our success," said Smyth. "So with the season starting we have to get on it right away and try to get in at a fast time and try to qualify for as many meets as possible.

The Irish were headed by their distance runners, a team, which qualified six runners for the Big East meet and took home six of the top six in the meet.

Leading the pack for the men's mile was senior All-American Thomas Chamney, who set a new personal best with a finish of 4:02.63. Following Chamney across the line for the Irish were junior Jake Watson and sophomore Smyth, who each set new besttimes at 4:03.30 and 4:08.89 respectively. Joining these three in qualifying were senior Todd Placek (4:09.45), junior Adam Carrie (4:12.06) and junior Adam Brooks (4:12.94).

With our long break we have to work hard," Smyth said. "I know Thomas Chamney and Jake Watson [both] went to Albuquerque, which is 6,000 plus feet of altitude, and I was in Salt Lake City, Utah, which is in the high altitude and we all trained [hard] and came back in great shape.

The men's team's sprinters also performed well as the invite, garnering 10 bids. Freshman Jeff Farrello set two personal bests in the 500 meters (6:46.1) and 600 meters (1:20.40), as did senior Matt Moore in 200 meters in 20.86 and 400 meters. Freshman Austin Wechter and sophomore Josh Luzzier also qualified in the 400 meters. Running out of the male qualifiers were sophomore Rob Kuny in the 500 meters and junior John Cavanaugh. Young freshmen Jim Notwell and Cameron Eckert in the 800 meters.

On the women's side, the sprinters were able to hold their own, with seven qualifying times. Even though the Irish earned seven bids, they only went to four different runners. The trio of senior Uchechi Ogbuguiri, junior Crystal Swayzer and freshman Joanna Ogbuiri, junior Crystal Dominguez Mann set two personal bests in the 200 and 400 meter dashes. Junior Dominique Manning set two personal bests, winning the 60-meter dash in 7.85 seconds and qualifying for the 60-meter hurdles in 8.61 seconds. Also qualifying for the women's team were Brianna Schmidt in the 800 meters, sophomore Heidi Rocha and freshman Lindsey Ferguson in the 3,000 meter steeplechase and seniors Amy Kohmiller and Katie Kiker in the mile.

With the impressive qualifying numbers and one meet remaining, the Irish are confident in their chances at a Big East indoor championship this season.

"Everybody's showing that they can shine and they want to win a Big East title," Smyth said. "I think we were third last year and we're just looking for more motivation. I know a lot of the sprinters are getting a lot of respect, a lot of people qualified, and the distance team is holding our own as well.

The Irish resume competition this weekend at home with the Meyo Invitational.

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Connecticut lead. Charles would finish with 12 points, 10 rebounds and nine blocks — one shy of the second triple-double in Connecticut history.

"I told Tina that this was her best defensive game, not just because of the blocked shots but I thought it was her best defensive game because she was in the right place at the right time most of the time," Huskies head coach Geno Auriemma said in his post-game press conference Saturday.

The Irish finished the game with 18 turnovers, considerably higher than their previous three-turnover totals. Notre Dame only gave the ball up 12 times against Marquette Jan. 23, 11 times against Syracuse Jan. 20 and 10 times against St. John's Jan. 16.

On the other side, Notre Dame was able to take advantage of the Lady Huskies' mistakes, forcing 27 turnovers and outscoring Connecticut 22-19 after a giveaway.

"We did a lot of really good things and unfortunately our biggest problem was that we just couldn't score, and I think the turnovers were a result of not having the open looks we would normally get or maybe forcing the ball a little bit," McGraw said.

One of the bright spots in the Irish loss, McGraw said, was the play of her three freshmen center Ericia Williamson and guards Ashley Barlow and Melissa Liebmann.

"That's pretty an intimidating environment — the biggest crowd we'd played in front of since Tennessee — and I think they handled themselves really well," McGraw said. "I think that we outscored their bench [23-16]. I think that's a big thing for us.

The loss was Notre Dame's second in a row — the first time this season it has lost back-to-back games. The Irish will try to turn their luck around Wednesday as they finish off a three-game road trip at Pittsburgh.

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Irish coach Jeff Jackson, left, and his team look on during Saturday's 2-2 tie with the Miami Redhawks. Notre Dame won the first game of the series 4-1 Friday night at the Joyce Center.

Irish get good win, good news this weekend

Falls scores 23 points in Big East showdown with Wildcats Sunday

By CHRIS HINE Sports Writer

With just over a minute to play and Notre Dame leading 62-60, Villanova guard Scottie Reynolds dribbled around a screen at the top of the key and met Irish forward Luke Harangody. The freshman big man, who finished with four points and seven rebounds, knocked the ball away toward Luke Harangody.

"For Harangody, getting that thing loose there and making a hustle play, that was the play of the game," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said after the game. "Luket diving on the floor right there probably was the key play to break it open."

Falls' basket was a part of a 9-0 Irish run that gave Notre Dame a 66-60 lead with 37 seconds remaining. Late free throws by Irish guard Colin Falls raced down the floor and laid in two of his game-high 23 points to give the Irish (17-4, 5-3 Big East) a two-possession lead they would not relinquish en route to a 66-63 victory Saturday over Villanova (14-6, 3-4) at the Joyce Center.

"I think our resilience again that guard Charel Allen — Notre Dame's leading scorer — was able to find her shot, finishing with only eight points on 2-of-17 shooting. We really need Charle to shoot the ball. That's something she's been doing well for us all year long," McGrath said. "She was covered really well and Kalana Greene from Connecticut did just a great job on her."

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"We're a really need Charel to make a shot and we played pretty good defensively," Notre Dame was unable to find its offensive rhythm throughout the game, shooting only 42.4 percent (16-of-38) from the floor to Connecticut's 46.7 percent.

One main aspect of the team's offensive struggles was the fact that guard Charle Allen — Notre Dame's leading scorer — was unable to find her shot, finishing with only eight points on 2-of-17 shooting.

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But the Irish offense started to lag as Connecticut pulled farther away and the half drew to a close at 29-23.

Following the intermission, the Irish were unable to create an offensive spark and the Lady Huskies quickly increased their lead. Huskies center Tina Charles took control of the game in the post, blocking shots and grabbing rebounds to secure the