Board of Trustees elects new chair

By KATE ANTONACCI
Assistant News Editor

Richard Notebaert, a 10-year member of the University Board of Trustees, was elected to a three-year term Friday, becoming Notre Dame’s sixth chairman.

“It has been a privilege to serve as a Trustee of Notre Dame for the past 10 years, and I am honored that the Trustees have elected me as their sixth chairman,” Notebaert said in a statement Friday. “I look forward to joining with our president, Father John Jenkins, in advancing our position as the premier Catholic research university in the world.”

Notebaert, 59, has been chairman and chief executive officer of Qwest Communications International Inc., a Denver-based broadband, data, voice and image communications company, since June 2002. He succeeds Patrick McCarty, who was chairman of the board for seven years.

Notebaert’s term will begin on July 1. “I am confident that under his leadership, the Board will continue to provide the leadership and support we need to make Notre Dame the premier Catholic research university in the world,” University President Father John J. Jenkins wrote in an e-mail.

Notebaert has served as chair of the University Relations and Public Affairs and Communication Committee. Notebaert is also one of the University’s 12 Fellows, who make up the University’s ultimate governing body. Fellows are charged with electing Trustees, adopting and amending bylaws and “maintaining Notre Dame’s Catholic character,” according to the statement.

Notebaert received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

Notebaert is a member of the board of directors of Aon Corp., Cardinal Health Inc., the Denver Center for the Performing Arts and the Denver Art Museum, according to the statement. His professional activities include membership on the board of directors of the Denver Art Museum, the University of Denver, the University of Denver University Relations and Public Affairs Committee and the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

Off-campus options draw students

Break-ins, disorderly house ordinance don’t deter future residents, say local landlords

By MARCELA BERRIOS
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From the threat of burglary to the city’s disorderly house ordinance to the perils of unplowed South Bend roads, there is plenty to give students pause before they move off campus.

Local landlords, however, report no drops in the number of students leasing one of their homes or apartment complexes — saying, in fact, that factors that might drive future residents away are not factors at all.

Burglary concerns

Turtle Creek Apartments general manager Francie Schmuhl said break-ins — one of the biggest fears of students moving off campus — are easily avoided, as long as the student takes simple precautions.

“Preventing break-ins depends largely on the common sense of the resident,” Schmuhl said. “You don’t leave your iPod laying around in your car for everyone to see and you certainly shouldn’t leave the front door unlocked either.”

She said there were no burglary reports filed at Turtle Creek in December, despite the holiday migration of most student tenants — an achievement she credited in part to the presence of a state trooper and a county officer who permanently reside in two of the 192

Stadium Club Condominiums, pictured above, is a popular apartment complex for students looking to live off campus.

Keenan Revue skits amuse, offend audience members

By IVA BINDA
News Writer

With skit names like “Gaybraram Lincoln” and “A Fat Fat Floppy Cavanaugh” based on the program’s 2007 Keenan Revue writers, that targeted everyone from Breen-Phillips girls to University President Father John Jenkins during the three shows this weekend.

Popular skits included “Talk Love with dos Padres,” which featured two priests answering a fictional Notre Dame sex hotline to give students advice. “Catholic Disney World,” a rendition of Aladdin’s “A Whole New World” with inside jokes about Notre Dame substituted for the original lyrics and “And Then We Got In,” which joked about what students learn after arriving at Notre Dame.

The Notre Dame Air Force ROTC hosted its 21st annual basketball tournament this weekend, drawing Air Force, Army and Navy cadets from universities nationwide to the Joyce Center for the largest athletic ROTC gathering in the nation.

Cadets from Texas A&M, San Diego State University and the University of Georgia were among approximately 400 tournament participants.

Although a few teams were unable to make it to the tournament due to weather conditions, 14 women’s teams and 38 men’s teams competed in the three-day event.

“It was extremely competitive in the beginning, there were a lot of weaker teams coming to the tournament for fun but in the final rounds it got very competitive,” said sophomore Air Force cadet Nathan Loyd. “In many games, last second plays decided whether a team would have to start their long drive home or stay for another game. A couple of games were won by points scored in the very last second of play.”

Texas A&M beat Notre Dame’s Navy team in the men’s finals Sunday. Each team was placed in a bracket of four
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**Game times**
6:17 p.m.: William Joel sounds mediocre singing the national anthem.
6:21 p.m.: Ford commercial. "I like to live on the edge." Unoriginality leads to minus 13 mega-bonus points.
6:22 p.m.: CBS game preview with Dan same music as Oldie Oldie's post-Army highlight reel. Sweet.
6:23 p.m.: Jim Nantz introduces the captians, Laura Hunt and Dan Martin. Nantz mistakenly tries to turn the coverage over to Peter Tucci on Amen corner.
6:24 p.m.: Nantz introduce Tony Kringity as the head referee for the game. Apparently Ed Hochuli is off tonight.
6:25 p.m.: Phil Simms appears on screen. If he's an egotist, he'll mention how he went 22-of-25 for 268 yards and how two of his incompletions were drops. But he's not, so down 1.
6:27 p.m.: As Jim Nantz makes the first reference to Devin Hester going to college at Miami and how Indy has trouble covering kickoffs, Hester finishes the sentence by going 96 yards for the score. Memories of Glendale enter the mind.
6:29 p.m.: Rex Grossman appears on the highlights, proclaiming the glory of God for allowing Peyton Manning to be the first quarterback to have to take a snap from behind the center to Devin Hester going to college at Miami and how Indy has trouble covering kickoffs, Hester finishes the sentence by going 96 yards for the score.
6:30 p.m.: Jamal Lewis' second consecutive kickoff return for a touchdown in Super Bowl XXXV stands as the only such score.
6:32 p.m.: Nathan Vasher makes Peyton Manning nearly pull a Rex Grossman. Grossman sits on the sideline handing a small chicken over to the Colt's masseuse.
6:33 p.m.: Chris Harris Intercepts Peyton Manning's third pass attempt of the night. Manning is now 0-for-3 with two deflections and an interception. Bears fans rejoice. Grossman cheers, then tries to turn the coverage over to Pete Tucci on Amen corner.
6:35 p.m.: Bad Light makes a good first impression with the Rocks-Paper-Scissors ad.
6:36 p.m.: Grossman completes his first pass for six yards. His passer rating is 91.6.
6:38 p.m.: Grossman gets plowed and nearly throws a interception on third-and-four.
6:39 p.m.: SalesGenie.com pays $2.6 million for 30 seconds on the Super Bowl. They pay $2.60 for a writer and producer.
6:41 p.m.: The game truly begins.

**Question of the Day:** What was your favorite Super Bowl ad?

Emily Hennessy
freshman
Lyons

The ones with the crabs [Budweiser].

JJ Cappa
junior
Keenan

"But he has a chainsaw [Bud Light]."

Meghan Magargee
freshman
Levis

"Doritos, because the girl reminds me of myself." 

Michell Chressfield
junior
Breen-Phillips

"No speaka English [Coors Light]."

Walter Machnicki
senior
Keenan

"K-Fed [Nationwide Insurance]."

Levente Borvak
grad student
off campus

"The Budweiser smack greeting."

The New Orleans Jazz Orchestra (NOJO) plays at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Saturday night. The show, called "New Orleans: Then and Now," was directed by trumpeter Irvin Mayfield, center.

**Offbeat**

**Competitive eater downs a record 182 wings**

PHILADELPHIA — Professional competitive eater Joey Chestnut devoured a record 182 chicken wings to win his second consecutive Wing Bowl, a butt-busting annual event that draws thousands of revelers to the city's sports complexes in the pre-dawn hours.

Chestnut, surrounded by baxum "Wingettes," had a crown adorned with tiny rubber chicken placed atop his head Friday as his winning total was announced. He also won a 2007 Suzuki Grand Vitara for out-eating his competitors — including a pair of pros who also advanced to the finals.

"I love to eat," said Chestnut, 23, of San Jose, Calif. "Today I was swallowing wangs, swallowing bones, whatever it took." 

**Wookiee impersonator arrested in California**

LOS ANGELES — A man dressed as Chewbacca was arrested after police said the street performer head-bunted a tour guide operator in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood. Frederick Evan Young, 44, of Los Angeles was booked Thursday for investigation of misdemeanor battery, police Lt. Paul Vernon said. Police said the 6-foot-4 street performer was seen arguing with a tour guide who had expressed concern the Star Wars wookiee impersonator was "harrassing and touching tourists" in violation of city law.

Security guards escorted Young off theater property, but he decided to strike back and head-butt the tour guide, Vernon said. "The lesson here is you can't have the force with you," Vernon said. "You just can't use illegal form."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**Corrections**

The article entitled "Seniors works at homeless shelter" stated the time and place of the information session in the pre-dawn hours. The article entitled "Graduates see diploma flaws" should have been attributed to news writer Vern Vorin.

The article entitled "Senior works at homeless shelter" for the Summ er Service Learning Program. The session is Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 210 of McKenna Hall and at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

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RecSports launches magazine

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
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Students found a new source of reading material last week when Notre Dame's RecSports delivered a copy of its new magazine to the mailbox of every on-campus resident.

The inaugural issue of RecSports features articles about student-athletes and details ways to become more involved in the recreational activities offered on campus.

The magazine profiles students Maureen Spring and James Zhang and contains information on club sports, nutrition and RecSports' new personal training program.

Co-director of RecSports Sally Derengoski said planning for the magazine began at the start of this year.

"We wanted to do something that was fun, enjoyable and informative," Derengoski said. "This is a little bit different than what RecSports normally does. We have a lot of good stories about students to share."

She said students have responded enthusiastically to the new magazine.

"I've received many phone calls and e-mails about the magazine," Derengoski said. "We're lucky because over 90 percent of students participate in some aspect of RecSports, and our magazine is for them, and those who don't know much about what we have to offer."

Junior Matthew Smith said Rec helped him learn more about what RecSports offers.

"I felt that information about RecSports was scattered before, so it's good to have it all in one place," Smith said.

The magazine was a result of a focus group conducted to determine what kind of stories and information students wanted to read about recreation.

"We wanted to do something that was fun, enjoyable and informative," Sally Derengoski, co-director of RecSports, said.

"Our goal in writing this is to provide students that are already active in RecSports with more information and to tell students that aren't involved not to be intimidated," Woot said.

Originally, RecSports intended to publish Rec just once a semester, but strong student response may lead to more frequent issues, Derengoski said.

"Many students have called and asked us to publish more frequently, but it's something we'll have to look into," she said.

The next planned issue of Rec will be available in September 2007.

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The Department of Economics and Econometrics and College of Arts and Letters present

Christine Todd Whitman
former administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Governor of New Jersey

"Shaping the Future: America's Environment Today"

4 p.m. Wednesday, February 7
Leighton Concert Hall
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
University of Notre Dame

The lecture and a following question-and-answer session are open to the public. There is no charge for admission, but tickets are required and can be obtained at the ticket office or reserved by calling 574-631-2800.

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In addition to the skits, the Revue provided entertainment in the form of music and dancing. The audience seemed to appreciate the first musical number, "Rock & Roll All Nite," performed by band members with KISS-style haircuts. The audience also enjoyed the final musical number, "We've never evicted a student for violations related to the noise ordinance, nor would I," Kramer said. "We try to accommodate the students to make sure they stay out of trouble with the police, and so far none of them have had problems." Still, junior Marina Cardona also leased a Castle Point apartment for the 2007-08 school year, hoping to escape the noise restrictions the University and the city have imposed on the apartment complex. "I just look forward to deciding my own quiet hours," she said. "We've talked to our student neighbors about Saint Mary's girls — this has been offensive," freshman Jack Millhouse said. "We've cut one skit. It didn't just bash Saint Mary's, but it wasn't comical. It was outright ridiculous." Since the Revue takes place on Saint Mary's campus, college student government representatives have been able to review the skits for years. Meldford said, "We put things, but we try to be funny, not offensive." He added, "One can take a joke and that's what the Revue is, we don't want it to be outright ridiculous." Despite treading the line between humorous and "ridiculous," the Keenan Revue seemed to please most audience members. "I'm not gay or [jokingly] feminine, just saw it for fun. However, if I were otherwise, I definitely would have thought it probably the envelope of the joke would have been offended," freshman Anna Prabda said. "Personally, I just thought it was funny." Contact Eva Binda at jbinda@nd.edu

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Turtle Creek apartments. Officer Derek Dieter from the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) — also a member of the South Bend Common Council — advised students contemplating off-campus residences to comb the neighborhood they're contemplating thoroughly before they commit to a deposit.
In his capacity as chairman of the Community and Public Safety Committee, Dieter said high rates of break-ins in the given neighborhood usually signal a large number of students — a high turnover performance for a handful of semesters — or a significant increase in the neighborhood's resident odd. If South Bend's permanent residents also fail to remain there for enough years, oddmakers.
The committee, he said, monitors these turnovers and other indexes to serve as a "barometer for the threats in the city. Some of these threats include criminals who trail out-of-state license plates to pinpoint student residences. He advised off-campus students to be proactive in defending themselves against such lurkers by "closing your blinds, leaving the lights on when you go to class, and threatening your simple alarm system." "The flip side of that will tip the odds in your favor," he said.
The SBPD told The Observer earlier this year the number of break-ins at student residences in South Bend decreased during the summer, vacation decreased from eight in 2005 to three in 2006, which they attributed to increased preventive measures, including additional alarm systems and require residents for patrols to circulate their neighborhoods.
One of the break-in incidents last month occurred at a student residence on S. Peter Street, one of landmark Mark Kramer's 175 properties. "We've talked to our tenant about taking proactive action to deter further break-ins, and many of them have taken that advice," Kramer said. "As a result, this year we haven't received many calls about security concerns in any of the properties." Junior Jack Millhouse will live in one of Kramer's houses on South Bend Street this fall, and through his threat of moving in the neighborhood, the landlord is concerned, he said his desire to have a second-floor house with five friends this coming school year carried more weight.
I heard about the recent wave of break-ins but I figured I could just take most of my valuable stuff home on breaks," Millhouse said. "Plus, I found out some people don't even turn on their alarms as an effective additional-deter and-things-to-scare-the-burglars while we're away."
Millhouse may have developed a strategy that's effective, but in the fall he and his housemates will have to deal with another concern: the city's disorderly house ordinance.
Disorderly house ordinance
Since the Revue takes place on campus and students off-campus have had to abide by a new amendment to South Bend's disorderly house ordinance, which stipulates that the city can send tenants — and their landlords — a notice of a single noise violation.
If the notice remains unanswered, both parties will owe the city a fine, unless the landlord evicts the tenant within 30 days.
"We try to educate the students to make sure they stay out of trouble with the police, and so far all of them have had problems."
Mark Kramer landlord
Millhouse said he was "completely oblivious" to the ordinance when he signed his lease contract — but fellow junior Brett Lilley said he kept the edict in mind when he selected his home for his senior year.
"I will be residing in Castle Point Apartments on Cleveland Road — conveniently outside the ordinance's jurisdiction," he said.
"I knew the ordinance didn't apply to Castle Point because it's located outside South Bend," he said. "And that really sealed the deal for me because I don't want any trouble, and with the ordinance you could get cut after the first warning if your landlord doesn't want to run the risk of getting fined in the future."
However, the ordinance hasn't adversely affected every apartment complex in South Bend. "I've never evicted a student for violations related to the noise ordinance, nor would I," Kramer said. "We try to accommodate the students to make sure they stay out of trouble with the police, and so far none of them have had problems." Still, junior Marina Cardona also leased a Castle Point apartment for the 2007-08 school year, hoping to escape the noise restrictions the University and the city have imposed on the apartment complex. "I just look forward to deciding my own quiet hours," she said. "We've talked to our student neighbors about Saint Mary's girls — this has been offensive," freshman Jack Millhouse said. "We've cut one skit. It didn't just bash Saint Mary's, but it wasn't comical. It was outright ridiculous." Since the Revue takes place on Saint Mary's campus, college student government representatives have been able to review the skits for years. Meldford said, "We put things, but we try to be funny, not offensive." He added, "One can take a joke and that's what the Revue is, we don't want it to be outright ridiculous." Despite treading the line between humorous and "ridiculous," the Keenan Revue seemed to please most audience members. "I'm not gay or [jokingly] feminine, just saw it for fun. However, if I were otherwise, I definitely would have thought it probably the envelope of the joke would have been offended," freshman Anna Prabda said. "Personally, I just thought it was funny." Contact Eva Binda at jbinda@nd.edu
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In April 2003, President George W. Bush appointed Notebaert as a member of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee, which provides industry-based analysis on policy and technical issues, according to the Qest Web site.
Notebaert and his wife, Peggy, have two daughters and five grandchildren.
The Board of Trustees was established 40 years ago when "governance was transferred from the Congregation of Holy Cross to a two-tiered, mixed board of lay and religious Trustees and Fellows," the statement said.
There are currently 33 active members and 35 Life Trustees on Notre Dame's Board of Trustees.
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ITALIAN OFFICER KILLED IN SOCCER MATCH

ROME — Months after a game-fixing scandal shook Italian soccer, the sport was rocked again when rioting by fans left a police officer dead and scores of people injured.

The mayhem, during a game between Sicilian teams Catania and Palermo, prompted soccer officials to suspend this weekend’s matches — the first period of time, Arias said.

Alarm increased just before celebrations following the national team’s World Cup victory in Germany last summer.

Colombian mine explosion kills 32

SARBIA — An explosion tore through a makeshift coal mine in remote northeast Colombia on Saturday, killing 32 miners, a civil defense official said.

Rescue crews had located the bodies buried more than 1,300 feet below ground but were unable to safely remove them, said Yelsid Arias, who was helping to coordinate the operation.

Officials had previously reported that three miners were dead and 28 were missing at the time in the hamlet of San Roque, 235 miles northeast of Bogota.

We have orders to work through the night, but unfortunately there’s still plenty of trapped methane gas that’s making it unsafe for work crews to stay underground for any extended period of time,” Arias said.

NATIONAL NEWS

States oppose National ID plan

WASHINGTON — A revolt against a national driver’s license, begun in Maine last month, is quickly spreading to other states.

The Maine Legislature on Jan. 26 overwhelmingly passed a provision opposing the Real ID Act of 2005. The federal law sets a national standard for driver’s licenses and requires states to link their record-keeping systems to national databases.

Privacy advocates say a national driver’s license would become a form of identity theft. The law’s supporters say it is needed to prevent terrorists and illegal immigrants from getting false identification documents.

States will have to comply by May 2008. If they do not, drivers’ licenses that fail short of Real ID’s standards cannot be used to board an airplane, enter a federal building or open some bank accounts.

Senator calls for U.S. climate summit

WASHINGTON — The head of the Senate’s Environment Committee called on the White House Friday to hold a summit gathering the 12 largest greenhouse-gas emitting nations.

Sen. Barbara Boxer’s comments came on the heels of a report released by a U.N.-sponsored panel of climate scientists which said there was little doubt the man-made emissions are to blame for global warming.

“I am calling on the president to convene a summit at the White House of the 12 largest global warming emitters,” she said.

LOCAL NEWS

Two arrested for South Bend murders

SOUTH BEND — Two men have been arrested following a fire that charged with the murder of four homeless men in December.

Daniel J. Sharp, 56, and Randy Lee Reder, 50, both of South Bend, are in police custody, said a police spokesman Sharp, a former police officer in St. Joseph County and Reder in Berrien County in Michigan — according to prosecutors.

The bodies of Michael “Shan” Nolen Jr., 40, and Michael Lawson, 56, were discovered Jan. 9, inside a manhole in the 600 block of South Scott Street near the Prairie Avenue railroad crossing.

SUDAN

China calls for UN intervention

President warns unwilling Darfur rebels to ‘join the peace process’

Associated Press

ALJALI — Chinese President Hu Jintao told Sudan’s leader on Friday he must give the United Nations a bigger role in trying to resolve the conflict in Darfur and also said China wanted to do more business with the impoverished Sudan state media reported.

In what appeared to be China’s bluntest message to Sudan on the Darfur crisis, Hu urged President Omar al-Bashir in a face-to-face meeting to boost the U.N.’s “constructive role in realizing peace in Darfur” along with the African Union, the official Sudan news agency SUNA reported.

China buys two-thirds of Sudan’s oil and is the largest investor in the country, giving it a leverage with al-Bashir’s government. Sudan has defined its national security, Council call for the under­powered United Nations to increase the number of troops in the western region of Darfur to be taken over by a U.N. operation of 22,000 peace­keepers.

China usually refuses to mix human rights issues with diplomacy, but Hu has come under international pressure with his clout to push it to accept U.N. peacekeepers in Darfur. As of 2010, more than 1,300 people have been killed in four years of fighting in the region between rebel forces and the army, backed by the notorious Janjaweed militias.

Human rights activists expressed concern ahead of Hu’s eight-day visit to Africa that China is overlooking abuses to gain access to Africa’s resources. Africa has become an important source of oil and other natural resources to feed China’s rapid economic growth.

Sudanese officials briskly ushered the Chinese media into the room Friday when Hu began voicing his expecta­tions on Darfur to al-Bashir. Later, a Sudanese official told The Associated Press that he had told al-Bashir his government "should work more earnestly to get the rebels who did not sign the Darfur peace agreement to join the peace process."

The government signed the peace agreement with one rebel group last May, but other rebels rejected the accord as inadequate and the conflict escalated.

This week, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged Sudan to accept a compromise deal by which a U.N. force would deploy in Darfur "as soon as funding and troops were secured."

Diplomats in Khartoum said Hu’s position on Darfur could be linked to Chinese concerns about Sudan’s sta­tability, as well as that of neighboring Chad. The Chinese have recently improved relations with Chad, which also has impor­tant oil reserves and is fight­ing rebels in eastern provinces.

Chad has accused Sudan of backing rebels — a charge that Khartoum denies. Diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the issue is not set­tled, said the U.N. is pushing to have 10,000 to 15,000 peacekeepers in the region.

Akol said Sudan would agree to whatever number a committee of Sudanese, U.N. and AU experts decid­ed.

However, Sudan has a record of backtracking on agreements concerning Darfur, and some president­ial advisers say al-Bashir has not agreed to anything more than an advisory role for the U.N.

Sudan wanted to draw attention to the trade and investment side of its relation­ship with China.

VENEZUELA

Chavez backs environmentalists

Associated Press

CARACAS — His ambitious social programs are built on cuts in the petroleum wealth, but President Hugo Chavez is increasingly talking up environmental causes and urging the world to cut back on oil use to fight Earth’s warming.

He wants to use some oil rev­enues in a venture to manufacture solar power that will help development out millions of energy-saving flu­orescent light bulbs to homes nationwide.

Some critics say Chavez’s campaign is mostly rhetoric, noting this is a country where govern­ment subsidies have gasoline prices at 12 cents a gallon, car sales are booming and vehicle exhaust can literally choke the streets.

But Chavez says Venezuela can be an example, and he has begun exhorting his followers to drive less and take public transport. His government plans a windmill farm to generate electricity on the Caribbean coast and is exploring more uses for cleaner-burning nat­ural gas.

"Venezuela is one of the coun­tries that least contaminates the environment, but nevertheless we want to give an example and be at the vanguard," Chavez said at a news conference Thursday. He called U.S. oil consumption — which he openly funds his gov­ernment — a leading cause of the world’s environmental troubles.

"They’re destroying the world," Chavez said, citing melting gla­ciers in the Andes and predictions of rising sea levels. "The human race will be finished if we don’t change the world capitalist sys­tem."

Leftist ideology colors Chavez’s views, and he has spent time dis­cussing the dilemma of climate change with Cuban leader Fidel Castro, his friend and mentor.
Kevin Federline is featured in a clip from the Nationwide Super Bowl ad “Life Comes at You Fast.”

Super Bowl features competing, funny ads

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Along with the trademark Clydesdales, talking animals and high-end computer graphics, there was a new entry this year in the annual show-down of advertisers in the Super Bowl universe.

Starting in the first quarter, a goofy spot for Doritos showing a hapless driver distractingly driven by a pretty woman passing by marked the first time a company-created ad aired during the Super Bowl. Frito-Lay, the PepsiCo Inc. division that makes Doritos, ran an online competition to pick the winning spot.

Kate Crabbe, a freshman at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, was the winner of a separate contest by General Motors Corp. and had her idea for an ad made into reality by Chevrolet’s marketing division.

Despite being made by a newcomer, that ad was true to the tradition of using oddball humor in Super Bowl ads, showing a number of men stripping off their shirts — and some other articles of clothing — at the sight of a new Chevy HHR rolling down the road.

Sight gaps were back, includ­ ing one from Bud Light early in the game showing a rather unusual tactic for winning at rock-paper-scissors — throwing an actual rock at the head of your opponent. The gag wasn’t completely new, however, since last year Sprint Nextel Corp. fea­ tured a phone with a “criminal detractent” — which turned out to be throwing the phone at someone’s head.

FedEx Corp. combined a sight gag with another trademark of big ticket Super Bowl spots, fantasy computer graphics, with an other-worldly ad showing an office worker drifting off into space from the world’s first office on the moon, only to be clamped by a passing meteor.

A lot is riding on the ads, and not just because CBS Corp. is charging as much as $2.6 million for a 30-second spot during the game. With some 90 million people watching, it’s the most-viewed 30 minutes of tele­ vision and the ads are subject to intense scrutiny, both by am­ateurs and the marketing indus­ try.

Coca-Cola Co. was back in the game after a long absence, throw­ing on its rival Pepsi with a num­ber of creative ads, including an homage to Black History Month with an understated ad showing the changing shapes of Coke bottles over time as milestones in black history appeared alongside. Other ads also highlighted Black History Month and high­lighted the fact that, for the first time, both coaches in the game are black.

Some of the uses of humor didn’t resonate well with experts. Stephen Greysen, a pro­fessor at Harvard Business School, said it was creative and also “had a nasty char­acter to it.”

Bud Light, which often swings for the fences with wacky jabs at humor, scored better with Greysen with a different spot showing an auctioneer saying wedding vows at hyper-speed. Greysen said that spot had a much broader appeal.

The job-search company CareerBuilder ditched its long­ standing office-monkey pitchmen of years past in favor of a jungle combat scene among office workers, where office supplies become weapons. Think of “Gilbert” meets “Lord of the Flies.”

Tim Calkins, a marketing pro­fessor at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University who runs a panel of students to rate the ads, called this year’s batch a “mixed bag,” saying advertisers were “being safe,” with no one “pushing the edge of either creativity or taste.”

An ad early in the game for Blockbuster Inc. with computer animations of animals trying to push, click and — or such — drag an actual mouse resonated well with members of his panel, who said it was creative and also delivered the company’s message.

The panel found a spot by King Pharmaceuticals Inc. show­ing a guy dressed up in a giant red heart costume “puzzling,” while Garmin International Inc.’s offbeat spot with a showdown between a superhero-like char­acter and a monster made from maps was deemed “hard to fol­low.”

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Kids join weight-loss surgery trend

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the popu­larity of stomach surgery has skyrocketed among obese adults, a growing number of doctors are asking, “Why not children, too?”

For decades, the number of kids trying weight-loss surgery has been tiny. The operations themselves were risky, with a death rate of about 1 in 50. Children rarely got that far, and when they did, pediatrici­ ans hesitated to put the developing bodies under the knife. Only 350 U.S. kids had such an operation in 2004, according to federal statistics.

But improvements in surgical technique and huge increases in the number of dangerously obese children have begun fueling a change of heart.

A group of four hospitals, led by Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, are starting a large-scale study this spring examining how children respond to various types of weight-loss surgery, including the gastric bypass, in which a pouch is stapled off from the rest of the stomach and connected to the small intestine.

Three more hospitals have approval from the Food and Drug Administration to test how teens fare with a proce­du re called laparoscopic gas­t­ric banding, where an elastic collar is installed around the stomach to show how much someone can eat.

The FDA has hesitated to approve the gastric band for children, but surgeons at New York University Medical Center reported in the Journal of Pediatric Surgery this month that the device holds promise.

The 53 boys and girls, aged 13 to 17, who participated in NYU’s study shed nearly half their excess weight over 18 months, while suffering rela­tively minor complications.

Crystal Kasprowicz, of St. James, N.Y., said she lost 100 pounds from her 250-pound frame after having the band installed at age 17.

“I’m a totally different per­son,” she said.

Before the procedure, Kasprowicz said she took med­ication for a rapid heartbeat and was showing signs of develop­ping diabetes.

Every effort she made to stop get­ting bigger failed. Dieting didn’t work, she said.

Her heart prob­lems made it hard to exercise. Even walking up stairs was a challenge.

Now, she’s off the heart drugs. Her blood-sugar levels are in check. She also feels better about herself.

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NYU patients who have under­gone gastric banding, where an elastic band is placed around the stomach to show how much someone can eat, have shed an average of 100 pounds over time as milestones in Black History appeared alongside. Other ads also highlighted Black History Month and high­lighted the fact that, for the first time, both coaches in the game are black.

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Doctors, she said, still know relatively little about the long­ term effects of such operations on very young patients.

The federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality released a study in July that said four in 10 weight-loss surgery patients develop complications within six months. Among adults, mortality rates among gastric bypass patients remain at between 1 in 100 and 1 in 200 patients.

Laparoscopic gastric banding has been shown to have a much smaller death rate — about 1 in 10,000 patients — but complications do occur.

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Bush wants to spend $2.9 trillion
Plan to reduce deficit directs money to Iraq, cuts health care costs, keeps tax cuts

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — President Bush will send Congress a $2.9 trillion spending request today that seeks billions of dollars more to fight the Iraq war and tries to restrain the spiraling cost of the government's big health care program.

Responding to the new proposal, a Democratic-controlled Congress will propose budget-cutting steps of its own, which will be followed by months of debate in Congress. Democrats argue that Bush wants to make painful cuts in a wide swath of government programs while protecting tax cuts that will make the deficit worse after 2012.

"This budget is plunging us toward a cliff that will take us right into a chasm of debt," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said in an interview Thursday. "In real terms, Bush's plan is going to have very substantial cuts by the fifth year of this budget in all of the domestic priorities from education and health care to low-income assistance programs."

Conrad said with Democrats in control, we will be able to deliver different priorities.

The federal deficit hit an all-time high under Bush of $413 billion in 2004. It has been growing since then and the 2008 budget projects it will continue to decline and show a surplus in 2012, three years after Bush leaves office.

To accomplish those reductions, Bush would allow only modest growth in the government programs outside of defense and homeland security. He is proposing eliminations or sharp reductions in 141 government programs, for a savings over five years of $12 billion, although Congress has rejected many of the same proposals over the past two years.

Bush also will seek to trim spending on farm subsidies by $18 billion over five years, mainly by reducing payments to wealthier farmers, an effort certain to spark resistance among farm state lawmakers.

Bush's budget would achieve nearly $100 billion in savings over five years by trimming increases in Medicare, the health insurance program for 43 million retirees and disabled, and Medicaid which provides health care to the poor.

The restrictions in Medicare spending would total $66 billion over five years while the savings in Medicaid would total $12.7 billion. Most of the Medicare savings would come in slowing the growth of payments to hospitals and other health care providers. But $11.5 billion in savings would come from boosting insurance premiums paid by the wealthiest Medicare recipients, those making more than $80,000 annually for individuals and $160,000 for married couples.

More people would be forced to pay the higher monthly premiums because the administration would stop indexing the income levels for inflation. Bush also wants to make high-income Medicare recipients pay more for their drug coverage as well as the higher premium they are now paying on the insurance for doctors' visits.

Stocks strong amid weak job numbers

New York — Wall Street ended a strong week narrowly mixed Friday after the market absorbed a weaker-than-expected employment report that nudged investors' bullish sentiment following three days of straight gains.

The January jobs report, which showed the country's unemployment rate at four-month low of 4.6 per cent, came as a surprise on Wall Street, a day after the government had been expected. The Labor Department report signaled employers were more cautious about expanding hiring needs in the new year. The economy added 111,000 jobs last month, below the 150,000 that had been expected.

Investors also received word from the Commerce Department that U.S. factory orders showed their biggest gain in nine months in December, rising 2.4 per cent. Also, the final Reuters/University of Michigan consumer sentiment reading for January rose to 96.9 from 91.7 in December, its highest level in two years, but fell short of a preliminary reading of 98.

"They're by no means terrible numbers here," said Andy Bichman, fixed-income strategist at SunTrust Bank's personal asset management arm. He contends the readings signal the Federal Reserve's strategy of standing pat on interest rates is working. "This validates their wait-and-hold approach is starting to pay off."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 20.19, or 0.16 per cent, to 12,633.49. Shortly after the opening bell the Dow logged a fresh trading high of 12,683.93 before moving lower; the previous high, set Thursday, was 12,682.57.

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Racism is certainly a strange bird: recognized by some, overlooked by others, even considered extinct by a few more. It is tempting, at times, to take a look around modern America and conclude that color blindness truly has become the norm.

All too often, we have certainly come a long way from the past perceived in PEMC's latest mural, the pre-World War I days of "Ragtime." In an era when members of all races resorted to violence over racial slurs simply as a means of survival and self-preservation, it was easy for the United States to glance at the mirror and recognize the hypocrisies of the so-called American dream. Early in "Ragtime," Coalhouse Walker, the show's black protagonist, glances around at the promise of American democracy and proudly sings, "We'll see justice, Sarah; we'll see plenty of men who will stand up and give us our due. Oh, Sarah, it's more than promises; Sarah, it must be true. A country that lets a man like me own a car, raise a child, build a life with you." Of course, this was supposedly taught to look beyond the confines of one's race, racism, and the preservation of class stratification — quickly punctures the wheels of Cou hull' s dream. Today, however, we seem above that. The American enlightenment of the 1960s, led by prophet-philosophers like Martin Luther King Jr., opened the nation's eyes to the tragic cruelty of a country that promises equality but gives nothing. Today, almost 40 years after Dr. King's assassination, some would say, is also in order.

All too soon, a massively big deal has been made of the fact that African Americans currently hold the post of secretary of state, Supreme Court Justice, House majority whip and the chairmanship of the Senate Appropriations, Ways and Means, Homeland Security and Ethics Committees. Other races, as well, are strongly represented politically in such posts as attorney general, secretary of commerce and secretary of labor. The leading Democratic candidate for the presidency in 2008, Barack Obama, is the son of a Kenyan. One could also point to the fact that yesterday not only gave America its first black coach to appear in a Super Bowl, but its second as well. On top of that, there are individuals like Oprah Winfrey and BET founder Bob Johnson, both of whom are currently listed as billionaires for Forbes. However, to steal a line from Hamlet, this nation doth protest much too much.

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Macs might be pretty, but not much else

If you read the paper Thursday, you know that Ball State University student can download the full top-of-the-line version of Vista, Microsoft's new operating system, for free. I'm going to download it. Why? Because I'll be getting a $400 operating system and software suite for free. I think it's a great deal.

Insert howls of derision from Mac users here.

I've used both Macs and PCs for lots of things since I've been at college. In fact, as long as I've been computer literate, I've been able and willing to use both systems. I use Macs in my journalism classes and when I'm at work. They're excellent machines for graphics, math and writing. PCs, on the other hand, have the reputation of an armored car.

Except that in five years, I've lost more files to Macs than to PCs. I've owned two Windows machines since I came to college, and in all that time I have yet to see a single blue screen of death. Sure, I get a few security problems every now and then, but that's why God made Norton AntiVirus. PCs get spyware because the world runs on Windows. The only reason Macs don't get viruses is because no one's both

Macs sell themselves as the computer for cool, sophisticated hipsters. PCs market themselves as a reputation of an armored car.

In this path to success, too many times a person must rule out passions and hobbies because they can't be done.

Macs may be pretty, but like I said: "Macs are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

This column first appeared in the Feb. 2 edition of the Daily Kent Stater, the daily publication of Kent State University.

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Although this year's Keenan Revue was not up to par with the caliber of past shows, skits such as "Jedi Inferno" still made it a successful event.

"Silence of the Lambs" is also a modern classic, and Anthony Hopkins created one of the greatest villains of cinema when he starred as Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lecter in 1991's "Silence of the Lambs.

By ERIN McGINN Assistant Scene Editor

While this year's Keenan Revue featured several hilarious skits, the show did not have the punch levels of great-ness. Slightly taller than past productions, this year's show still maintained the Revue's trademark humor — just not as much as in past years.

The Revue followed a Dr. Seuss theme with the title "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Revue Fish." The opening skit was by the same name and cleverly introduced "fish" common in the Notre Dame community (the "jewel-chaser fish," the "Lizzi Shappell fish" and the "O'sama Bin Laden fish").

The strongest skits were usually the simplest. In order to provide time to prepare for the entire skit piece, there were short 30 second to one minute-long skits in the vein of a one-liner joke. The skits "Stegadadder," "GECO" and "Jedi Inferno" were among the best of this variety. They worked so well because of their punch and quick wit — there was basically no time to cock up.

The worst skits were the exact opposites — they seemed like they would never end. While these often had good intentions and funny moments, they dragged on too long, often losing whatever humor they initially had. Among these was "My Heart Hurts All the Time," with a guy singing about the sad story of his life. While it was humorous at points, it quickly lost audience interest, especially since it came close to the end of the first act.

This skit was quickly outdone by "Driving My Uncle" less than a minute later. Again, while the idea of a kid driving around with his very bizarre uncle is funny for the first couple minutes, it quickly waned as the stranger and less funny the longer that it was allowed to continue. This skit did not have the performance of "Silence of the Lambs" as it came across and funny but too random.

Similarly, the second half of the Revue was marred by such failures as "The Wigglers" (a song about long mockery of children's shows), "Gaybraham Lincoln" (a terribly unfunny and mildly offensive portrayal of a play about our 16th president being gay), and "A Big Fat Floppy Cavaunaga" (a string of sexual innuendos and jokes told only using the names of female dorms on campus).

There were also several skits that were good, but definitely short of great. Among them were the "Keenan Revue News," usually considered a favorite amongst audience members. While it was stronger and funnier than most of the Revue, it wasn't as good as in past years. Foof and off it delivered along with a lack of enough Notre Dame-oriented events hurt its overall performance and effect.

"Talk Love with Dos Padres" had two priests working as Notre Dame sexy phone operators. This was a relatively funny skit that wasn't given nearly enough time and could have been made longer to replace one of the aforementioned skits that weren't very funny. Similarly, the skit "Next" is a parody on the MTV show, but with a search for a particular fish called "To To Fish" (where fish play the game of "go fish" with girls' ID cards at the dining hall) had the potential to be a great deal funnier if organizers had devoted more attention and time to them.

The standout performances included "Legends," which mocked the old game show "Legends of the Hidden Temple," "Catholic Disney World," an outrageous and funny parody of the song "A Whole New World" from the Disney film "Aladdin" explaining why Notre Dame is the theme park's Catholic equivalent and "Captain Planet and the Inconvenient Truth," which played on the "Captain Planet" cartoon show and Al Gore's documentary that deliriously global warming. Easily the best skit of the evening was "And Then We Got In," which involved two guys hilariously explaining the non-academic preconceptions of Notre Dame and what they learned upon arrival.

The 2007 Keenan Revue had its moments, but it couldn't stack up to those of the past. Although it was evident much thought and hard work went into the Revue, it wasn't the best Keenan has offered.

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DVD REVIEW

'Lambs' DVD adds little to horrific, historic film

By BRIAN DOXTADER Scene Editor

Just in time for the upcoming "Hannibal Rising" comes a new two-disc "collector's edition" of Jonathan Demme's "The Silence of the Lambs." The film that made Hannibal Lecter the cinema's most famous cannibal, "Lambs" was also a critical smash, winning five of the major Oscars at the 1991 Academy Awards (Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Screenplay).

The second film based on the novels of Thomas Harris — the first is 1991's "Manhunter," directed by Michael Mann and starring Brian Cox as Lecter — "The Silence of the Lambs" launched Anthony Hopkins into superstardom and solidified Eddie Izzard as a major talent. It featured rookie FBI agent Clarice Starling (Foster), as she pursues the serial killer Hannibal Lecter (Hopkins) and she's aided by his skillful lawyer, Jack Crawford (Scott Glenn), employ the help of incarcerated serial killer Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lecter. Lecter slowly leads Starling to the murderer, but through a series of mind games that threaten to break down the fragile agent.

"The Silence of the Lambs" is anchored by its strong performance and the seductive manner of Demme, who gives the film a stylish — and somewhat stylized — look and feel. Hopkins' performance is one of the all-time greats, and he managed to take home the Best Actor statue, despite less than 20 minutes of screen time. Foster, more than holds her own, and her strong-willed performance also won her a Best Actress Oscar.

"Lambs" is also a modern classic, and its plodders of awards helped make it a template for its genre — it is the only horror film that has ever won the Best Picture Oscar, though the term "horror" has to be used loosely. As a chilling and disquieting piece of psychological drama, it remais unsurpassed, especially by its inferior sequels, "Hannibal Rising." Directed by Ridley Scott, with Julianne Moore in the role of Starling and "Red Dragon" (directed by Brett Ratner), it is difficult to believe that "Hannibal Rising" will come close to matching the effectiveness of "Lambs," without Hopkins, who was the life-blood of "The Silence of the Lambs.

The two-disc collector's edition adds little to the third DVD edition of "The Silence of the Lambs." The first was the Criterion Collection edition, which eventually wore out of print. MGM released its own "Special Edition," which was intended to coincide with the theatrical release of "Hannibal." Fortunately, this new version isn't as complete as it could be. It includes most of the special features from the special edition, with a couple of new documentaries and the teaser trailer. The documentaries are nice, interesting and informative, but the features from the covered Criterion edition — a commentary track from the director, screenwriter and stars in particular — are nowhere to be found. The audio and visual quality haven't been upgraded since the last release, which was more than five years ago, so there really isn't a reason for anyone who already owns the film to upgrade.

"The Silence of the Lambs" deserves better than this edition, and it's unfortunate that the Criterion is out of print and its special features with it. Fans of the film might've hoped that Criterion would have reacquired the rights and released a new edition with upgraded picture and sound. It stands, "Lambs" is a classic in its own right, even if the new DVD doesn't do it justice.

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Anthony Hopkins created one of the greatest villains of cinema when he starred as Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lecter in 1991's "Silence of the Lambs."
New Orleans Jazz Orchestra heats up DPAC

Irvin Mayfield brings Big Easy culture to South Bend

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Staten Island Advance

From the moment the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra walked on stage Saturday and bridged the tuning of its instruments straight into a melody, the group filled the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Leighton Concert Hall with an energy it doesn't often see. Flexible and stirring, the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra is not one to miss.

Director, composer and trumpeter Irvin Mayfield established the non-profit Orchestra in 2002. The group presents the strong tradition of music in New Orleans culture, mixing jazz, blues, swing and spirituals. It has performed in arenas like Ravinia, Jazz at Lincoln Center and the Congressional Black Caucus. It also symbolically re-opened New Orleans with the first major cultural event after Katrina — a performance of "All the Saints at Christ Church Cathedral. The 16-piece orchestra tours the country not only as a talented musical ensemble but also as an ambassador from the Katrina-devastated city.

Mayfield is a Grammy nominee and a member of Los Hombres Calientes, which was nominated for two Billboard Latin Music awards and one Grammy and won a Billboard for "Volume One." He is also highly involved in New Orleans politics and culture, serving as the city's cultural ambassador.

The players are as good performers as they are musicians. On Saturday night, they joked with each other and the audience throughout the concert. Mayfield treated his introductions to each song as a personal conversation; explaining the context of the songs, introducing his uncle who sat in the audience and "dedicating" the performance to getting back at the Bears for beating the New Orleans Saints in January. The audience taxed every instrument as each musician took his solos. During these, the fellow players gave murmurs of approval and whooped their appreciation, displaying their own love of the music.

The orchestra's first song after the opening, "Second Line" from Duke Ellington's suite dedicated to New Orleans, was cool and fun, featuring the clarinet and trombone. Mayfield composed the next song, "Higher Ground," which was inspired by a statement by a 911 operator during Hurricane Katrina. The song was meant to encourage not just the people of New Orleans, but all Americans, Mayfield said, to rebuild one of the country's treasures. "Higher Ground" began strong and subdued with bassist David Pulphus and rose from there as the rest of the orchestra gradually joined in with both instruments and voices, humming and singing, "People in the city better get to higher ground." As the music wandered away and then came back to its center it soared to greater heights.

In "It's a Creole Thing, You Wouldn't Understand," Evan Christopher "put the sexy back in the clarinet," according to Mayfield. Christopher displayed the fluidity and mystery of the instrument, "Someone Forgot to Turn the Faucet Off, Probably Steve" intertwined a feeling of overflowing tension and urgency with an oblivious fun, illustrating how as a child Mayfield left the faucet running for five hours while his mother was away.

Mayfield introduced "Ballad of the Hot Long Night" by saying that jazz ballads are one of the most meaningful mediums for love songs because they embody "love that words can't express." The softly sensual song led by pianist Victor Atkins was beautiful.

The vocalist on "Route 66" twisted and turned through the piece and passed it on to a wonderful small ensemble featuring the clarinet, trombone and trumpet.

The diverse array of solos played on every instrument during the concert met with cheers not only from the audience but also from fellow band members.

The orchestra concluded with "May His Soul Rest in Peace," composed by Mayfield in memory of his father and the other victims of Hurricane Katrina. The song was both mournful and filled with hope. Mayfield's trumpet rose above the rest of the surging orchestra, moving the audience and laying the souls to rest. It was also wonderful to hear the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra try its album, "Strange Fruits," which features the Dillard University Choir. "Strange Fruits" builds on Billie Holiday's song by the same name — which protested the prevalent lynching of African Americans in the South during the early 20th century — expanding it into a nine-movement jazz oratorio. Like its concert, the CD covers a wide range of jazz sound.

The concert featuring the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra also marked a new experiment between the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and Legends of Notre Dame. Audience members had a chance to purchase the first dinner and performance packages offered by the DPAC, which provided savings on both. Overall, the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra provided a wonderful evening of jazz. It strive to connect with its audience while incorporating truth into its music and personality into its playing.

Contact Michelle Fordice at mfordice@nd.edu
Villanova grinds out home win over Louisville

Syracuse ends three-game losing streak; UConn tops Rutgers in overtime; Marquette, West Virginia pick up wins

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Shane Clark scored 12 points and Mike Nardi had 11 to lead Villanova to a 57-53 win over Louisville on Saturday.

Curts Sampeter scored 10 points and Scottie Reynolds had 10 assists as Villanova (15-7, 4-5 Big East) snapper a two-game losing streak with a win the Wildcats sorely needed if they want to crack the top half of the Big East standings.

Clark led the Wildcats (16-7, 6-3 Big East) with 14 points while all four of their double-digit scorers failed to reach that mark. Terrence Williams, Juan Palacios, David Padgett and Edgar Sosa were all non-factors, combining for only 24 points.

Sosa, who averaged 11.2 points, didn’t get going until it was too late. He scored his first bucket on a layup with 29 seconds left that pulled the Cardinals to 55-50 and hit 3-pointer with 4.3 seconds left that made it 55-53. But it wasn’t enough and the Cardinals snapped a four-game losing streak.

The Cardinals never led until Williams hit a 3-pointer early in the second to make it 30-29.

Marquette guard Jerel McNeal goes up for a shot in the Golden Eagles’ 69-62 win over Providence on Saturday.

Dravon Burns, who had a career-high 26 points in DePaul’s 66-58 win over Connecticut on Wednesday, again scored 26, Wilson Chandler had 13 points and 13 rebounds, and Sammy Mejia had 12 points and seven rebounds. Karl Burke, who was 5-for-5 on 3-pointers and finished with a career-high 27 points in last year’s win, had six points.

Jeff Adrien had 19 points and Connecticut ended a five-game losing streak by beating Rutgers in overtime.

Connecticut (14-8, 3-6 Big East) won despite not scoring a field goal in the final 4:37 of regulation or in the extra period.

The Huskies’ last field goal, by Craig Austin, put them up 42-34.

But the Scarlet Knights chipped away and pulled within two when Anthony Farmer hit a 3-pointer with 11 seconds left in regulation.

UConn extended the lead back three but Farmer grabbed the rebound of a missed free throw by Stanley Robinson, drove down the right side of the court and hit a running shot from just behind the arc as time expired.

Another 3-pointer by Farmer with just over three minutes left in overtime gave the Scarlet Knights the lead at 50-49, but UConn ended the game on an 12-0 run, all on foul shots.

UConn was 24 of 36 from the line.

Adrien scored 14 of his points after intermission. Jerome Dyson and Austin each had 13 points for UConn and freshman center Hasheem Thabeet added eight points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots.

Jaron Griffin led Rutgers (9-12, 4-8) with 18 points. Herbert Hill added 14.

With the victory, the Golden Eagles (20-4, 7-2) reached the 20-win mark for the second straight year and fourth time in coach Tom Crean’s seven-plus seasons.

The Golden Eagles last won seven straight conference games in 2002-03. Wade’s last win with Marquette, en route to a 27-6 season and Final Four berth.

“We can get a lot better,” Crean said. “I tell the team I was part of 22 straight at Michigan State as an assistant.”

Wesley Matthews made all 10 of his free throws and finished with 30 points for the Golden Eagles.

Providing, coming off its first road win with Marquette last Saturday, held Marquette star Dominic James at bay.

West Virginia 81, Seton Hall 70

For the next three years, Seton Hall and Rutgers are going to regret not having recruited Da’Sean Butler of Newark a lot harder.

Butler capped a show for both New Jersey schools over the past four days by scoring a career-high 21 points to lead New Jersey over Seton Hall on Saturday.

It was the second straight conference game for Butler, a back-up freshman forward who had 15 points in over Rutgers on Wednesday.

“It was definitely special coming back to see my family and just to play the teams we were playing,” said Butler, a former Bloomfield Tech player who came into the game averaging 9.5 points. “Rutgers and Seton Hall are well coached and play hard. It felt real good to come on and play real well here.”

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**Around the Dial**

NCAA Basketball

Syracuse at Connecticut

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9 p.m., ESPN

**NFL**

Colts corner back Kelvin Hayden returns an interception 56 yards for a touchdown during Indianapolis' 29-17 Super Bowl win over the Bears Sunday. The interception was one of two thrown by Bears quarterback Rex Grossman.

Associated Press

Manning leads Colts to victory

MIAMI — A wet and wild Super Bowl, the winning conditions for Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts. A team built for indoors found its footing on a rain-soaked track and out-played the Chicago Bears to win the NFL title. The Colts' victory Sunday night was the third for each team. Even football's most clutch kicker, Adam Vinatieri, missed a chip-shot field goal, and an extra point attempt was botched, too. The second half wasn't quite so ugly, but when much-maligned Bears quarterback Rex Grossman's wobbler was picked off and returned 56 yards for a touchdown by Kelvin Hayden with 11:44 remaining, it was over. Chicago (15-4), which led the league in takeaways this season, finished with five turnovers, including two interceptions by Grossman. The Colts (16-4) will take it. It's their first title since the 1970 season, when they played in Baltimore. Manning ended up 25-for-38 for 247 yards, with one touchdown and one interception, and was the game's most valuable player.

It was confirmation of his brilliance, even if he didn't need to be dynamic. The son of a quarterback who never got to the play-offs, Manning has been a star throughout his college career at Tennessee and his nine pro seasons with the Bears.

Now he is a champion. It also was a validation of Dungy's leadership. He helped build Tampa Bay, one of the NFL's worst franchises, into a contender before being fired after the 2001 season.

**In Brief**

Woods' putters drops him to third in Dubai Classic

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Exasperated by his poor putting, Tiger Woods headed home after one of those rare weeks in which he did not win a tournament.

He finished two strokes behind winner Henrik Stenson in third place Sunday, unable to make a successful tilt defense at the Dubai Desert Classic before a gallery that included Roger Federer and Michael Schumacher.

Woods can take consolation in knowing his streak of seven straight victories on the PGA Tour is still alive, but he knows there's work ahead.

"That's one of the worst putting weeks I've had in a long time," said Woods, who shot a 3-under-par 69 to finish at 17-under 271. "I'm going to go home and just kind of figure it out. Hopefully get my putting organized before I compete again."
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Pistons guard Carlos Delfino looks to pass in Detroit's 90-78 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers Sunday at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland.

NBA
Pistons earn win on the road in Cleveland, 90-78

Lue makes game-winner in overtime to lift Hawks over Nets; Raptors hit season-high points in win over Clippers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Rasheed Wallace stepped out of the shower area and reset the track on the portable stereo in Detroit's locker room. Seconds later, he swayed to the boom- ing beat and began to rap.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish fall to Yellow Jackets in finals of ITA

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

It was nearly a perfect weekend for Notre Dame.

For the first time in school history, the Irish advanced to the finals of the ITA National Indoor Tournament, but a red-hot Georgia Tech squad stung No. 4 Notre Dame’s dream of victory.

Yellow Jackets freshman Amanda Craddock defeated Irish junior Brook Burk in three sets (2-6, 6-4, 6-2) for the victory over Notre Dame (5-1) and the title for No. 6 Georgia Tech (4-0).

“They just have really good singles and doubles play,” Irish freshman Cosmina Ciobanu said. “They just played better than we did.”

Before Sunday’s final match, the Yellow Jackets faced No. 1 Stanford in the semifinals Saturday. The Cardinal had not lost in their last 89 matches — an NCAA record that spanned the past three years. Georgia Tech snapped that streak with a 4-3 victory, winning the final two singles matches of the meet to complete the upset.

On Sunday, the Yellow Jackets came out firing against the Irish, claiming the doubles point to take a 1-0 lead. After the teams split the first two doubles matches, the unranked tandem of Whitney McCroy/Kristi Miller upset Notre Dame’s pairing of No. 11 seniors Christian and Catrina Thompson 9-7 to claim the point for Georgia Tech. It was the first time all year the Irish lost the doubles point.

Yellow Jackets freshman Kirsten Flower knocked off Irish freshman Celenna Reiley (6-2, 6-1), and Tech sophomore Christy Steflin defeated Christian Thompson (6-1, 6-3) to give the Yellow Jackets a 3-0 lead.

Catrina Thompson put Notre Dame on the board with a hard-fought victory over Miller (6-3, 2-6, 6-1), and Ciobanu kept the pressure on the Yellow Jackets by beating Taryn Rudman (7-5, 6-3) to pull the Irish within one. With the win, Ciobanu earned a perfect 4-0 record in her singles matches for the tournament.

But Craddock’s victory over Burk ended hopes of an Irish comeback. The final singles match between Notre Dame sophomore Keely Triff and Tech senior Alison Silverio was suspended before it could finish because the Yellow Jackets had already won the title.

The Irish reached the finals with wins over No. 18 Creesmon and No. 10 Baylor in the early rounds and then a victory over No. 8 Northwestern sophomore Nazlie Ghahari 16-7, 7-64 to boost the Irish to their first ever finals appearance in the tournament.

The Observer was unable to contact Irish coach Jay Lladerbund Sunday.

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ND SWIMMING

ND tops Louisville on the road

Squad sets four pool records at Cardinals’ Ralph Natatorium

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The No. 19 Notre Dame women set four pool records at Louisville’s Ralph Natatorium on Saturday en route to a 134-90 road victory over the Cardinals in the team’s first meet of the season before the Big East Championships.

Senior Katie Carroll continued her impressive season with pool record times of 2:00.46 and 4:52.35 in the 200-yard butterfly and 500-yard freestyle, respectively. Those two wins increased her team-leading number of individual victories to 17 on the season.

Carroll, along with sophomore Christa Riggins, freshman Megan Farrell and senior Rebecca Grove, was also part of the record-setting 400-yard freestyle relay team that touched the wall in 3:27.48. Sophomore Claire Hiltz and freshman Delissa Edmiston were the final swimmers to etch her name in the record books when she won the 100-yard backstroke freestyle with a time of 10:17.08.

Saturday’s victory over Louisville brought Notre Dame’s dual meet record to 8-1 on the season. It is the 15th time in program history that the Irish have accumulated eight or more dual meet victories in a season.

On the men’s side, the No. 17 Irish dispatched of Louisville 147-94. Notre Dame won seven of the 13 events to help them obtain their 11th dual meet victory in 14 tries this season.

Leading the way for the Irish were sophomore Jeff Wood and freshman Andrew Hoffman, who each picked individual as well as relay victories. Wood won the 200-yard backstroke and Hoffman touched the wall first in the 200-freestyle. Both were also members of the victorious 400-yard freestyle squad along with freshman John Lytle and senior Ted Brown.

Freshman Andrew Deters built on recent strong performances by winning the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time-season-best time of 9:23.32.

Notre Dame dominated the diving events on the evening, taking three of the top four spots in each the one and three-meter diving. Junior Steven Crowe posted a career-best total of 302.28 to win the three-meter diving, and sophomore Michael Biffen won his ninth event of the season with a total of 333.53 points in the three-meter diving.

Neither men’s coach Tim Welsh or women’s coach Carrie Nixon could be reached for comment Sunday.

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Snow delays Belles' trip to league leaders

Squad will take on Calvin tonight in rescheduled contest

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's Saturday game against Calvin was postponed due to heavy snow in the central Michigan area. The game was rescheduled for today at 6 p.m. at Calvin.

The Belles have won four straight heading into the game and are 9-10 on the season. Including an 8-4 record in MIAA play. Calvin gam e and are 11-0 conference record in MIAA play. Calvin
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Irish topple Seminoles in early-season home matchup

The Belles have won four games this season. They were on the bus to Florida State on Friday. They are 105 O'Shaughnessy fellows@nd.edu

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Men's Tennis

Irish topple Seminoles in early-season home matchup

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Experience on the courts led to an Irish sweep of three home matches this weekend.
No. 11 Notre Dame started off its winning streak with a 3-2 defeat over No. 13 Florida State Friday.

"It is a significant win for us because I'm pretty confident Florida State is going to be a team that we're going to see a lot of," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

The Irish went 2-1 in doubles to give them the opening point.
Sheeva Parbhu and senior Ryan Keckley took a decisive 8-1 win over Florida State's Yal Saffarian and Jean-Yves Aubone at first doubles to give Notre Dame early momentum.
Senior Barry King and sophomore Brett Helgeson secured the third point with an 8-6 win over Jonathan Sucupira and Bradley Mixon.

"We were a little weak last year and it's turning into a strength," Bayliss said.

No. 14 Stephen Bass opened up singles play with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Alonzo Garcia - avenging his 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 defeat last year to the Florida State junior.


The Seminoles grabbed their first point of the day when Aubone triumphed in singles over No. 30 Parbhu 7-5, 7-6. Seniors Keckley and King helped the team get back on track with wins at third and fifth singles, respectively.

Keckley started the match off slow but quickly rallied to take the match 6-4, 6-2 from No. 76 Maciek Sykut, improving to 12-2 for the season. King captured the third set point of the night at No. 5 singles with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Misson. Helgeson captured a win at No. 4 singles earlier in the night over Sucupira, taking the first set 6-2 and jumping out to a 5-0 lead in the second to finally take it 6-2, 6-2.

Notre Dame concluded its winning streak Monday in the second to finally take it 6-2, 6-2.

"It was a positive meet overall for what counts the most — the training that we've done and my teammates who have helped me in practice," he said. "It is definitely an accomplishment I knew we were capable of and with [Irish coach Joe Piana's] help we made it possible."

"I'd say as far as the distance squad goes, almost all the girls had season bests, which we're all really excited about," Irish distance runner Emily Wauford said. "And the sprinters and jumpers also represented well. It was a positive meet overall for our team."

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ND Track and Field

Watson closes in on 4-minute mile
Junior wins the Meyo Mile in nation's third-fastest time this season

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

For another year, the highlight of the Meyo Invitational was the men's mile run.
Notre Dame junior Jake Watson took the Meyo Mile honors this year, running the third-fastest mile time in the NCAA this season at 3:57.41. Watson's time was also the fifth-best for an Irish runner and good enough to qualify provisionally for the NCAA Championships.

In the 3,000-meter run, Wisconsin All-American Chris Selimk set a national season-best time of 7:52.42.

But the Irish distance runners were not the only squad to perform well in the Meyo Invitational. Notre Dame's field team and sprinters also held their own against the tough competition.

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David Goulet and Joey Atas defeated Keckley and Parbhu in a close 9-7 battle. King and Helgeson rallied for the Irish with an 8-6 win over Peter Rodrigues and Dylan Arnold to give their second doubles team the win all year round and the coaches have been using a great deal of having us ready for the season and doing well and getting us ready for what counts the most — the Big East conference championships," Jacques said.

The Meyo Invitational is the squad's final tune-up before the Big East Championships Feb. 17-18. Even though some athletes were still nursing injuries, Director of Student Affairs was at the Meyo Invitational, the majority of the team will spend the next two weeks focused completely on the Big East meet.

"I think the team is definitely ready for a great performance down in Philadelphia," Jacques said. "As long as we keep training like we mean to train, our athletes will be in great shape to win another Big East championship."
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The Irish left wing Garrett Regan fights for the loose puck during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Miami Jan. 26.

**Sweep**

during a 5-on-3 advantage when junior Mark Van Guldd found him open on the doorstep, and the rookie slipped it past goaltender Jimmy Sprat for his sixth of the season.

The Falcons got one skater out of the box after the goal, but before they could return to full strength the Irish power play struck again.

This time, defensemen Brett Blake and Greg McShea got a pass from the point and Thang, who was parked on the point, deflected it into the back of the net. The goal — Thang's 16th on the year — put him one ahead of Senior Michael James Ungerecht Brown's shoulder with just over a minute left in the first.

"We know that unit has been productive for us most of the season," Jackson said of the Irish special teams. "It's just a matter of finding a different combination, sometimes with other unit," Jackson said of the Irish special teams.

Brown tied the score in the second period with two goals of its own. Sophomore Brandon Svendsen put the Falcons on the board when he got just enough behind the puck to put it over goaltender Dave Brown's shoulder with six minutes left in the first. Senior James Unger then evened the score at 2-2 in the second when he took advantage of a long rebound from goalie Colin Fallet.

Brown made the initial save but was not able to regain his feet to stop the second attempt.

The score remained tied until Irish senior Michael Bartlett netted the game-winner for the Irish on a rebound opportunity of their own. With less than a minute remaining in the second, junior Jason Patton took a shot from the top of the faceoff circle and Bartlett sealed the deal in a shorthanded matter.

"I decide to keep that [lone] together because they played well against Miami last weekend," Jackson said. "They generated some good cycle plays for us on offense and I can always trust them defensively."
CROSSWORDWORLD

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You've been working hard for a long time and need to start shaking the rewards before you get discouraged. Do something nice for yourself: Give yourself a candlelit oasis. It's time to shake things up a little.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Travel or educational pursuits should be on your mind. Check out the possibility of taking a trip for employment and learning. A partnership is looking good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A good day to reach out and make friends. If you are not feeling like making friends, you can still feel good about the day. SOCIALIZING can bring about some fun, new friends to mix with friends with. Socializing can bring about some fantastic ideas that can be implemented into a present. Each day can be made so long as you can play up.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Partnerships will dominate your day. Whether you are considering one or at odds in one you should be able to come out on top today. You will be lucky in love and fortune when circumstances are concerned.

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HOCKEY

Skating to the top

No. 2 Irish sweep No. 8 Falcons; top-ranked Notre Dame nearly squanders 24-point lead to West Virginia

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

For the second week in a row, Notre Dame got off to a slow start on a Saturday night. And for the second week in a row, the Irish fought back for points.

After falling behind 1-0 in the first period against Bowling Green Saturday, Notre Dame scored twice to complete a weekend and season sweep of the Falcons, putting itself in the mix for the No. 1 ranking.

"[Bowling Green] played their best series of the year. They made it difficult to create a lot offensively," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "It was a matter of grunting out or gritting out a couple of wins."

The pair of wins brings the Irish junior right wing Evan Rankin storms up ice during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Miami Jan. 26. The pair of wins brings the No. 2 Irish — who beat the Falcons twice in November — to 23-5-2 on the year and 17-3-2 in conference play. Jackson's squad will find out today if it's earned the nation's top ranking after current No. 1 New Hampshire dropped a 4-2 contest to No. 9 Maine Friday night.

Notre Dame 3, Bowling Green 2
Notre Dame earned a tough win Friday against a determined Falcons squad. A pair of power-play goals in the first period from freshmen Dan Kissel and Ryan Thang gave the Irish enough of an early edge to hand the Falcons their ninth straight game without a win. Kissel got the scoring started.

The Irish fought back for their best series of the year, the first period against Bowling Green Saturday, Notre Dame got off to a slow start on a Saturday night.

"We've had a couple people the mix for the No. 1 ranking," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "It was a slow start on a Saturday night."

"What they promised they delivered," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said.

"We were digging out of a hole the whole time," Brey said. "On the road, if you don't

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bulls use slow tempo, strong rebounding to down Irish

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame's road woes returned Saturday. The No.19/21 Irish could not capitalize on momentum from their first true road win of the season — a victory over Syracuse at the Carrier Dome Tuesday — and fell to South Florida 69-63 at the Sun Dome in Tampa, Fla.

South Florida (18-5, 6-4 Big East) dropped to 3-5 away from the Joyce Center this season and fell to sixth in conference.

The win was the first over a ranked team this year for the Bulls (12-11, 3-6 Big East), and South Florida students stormed the court after the game.

"We've had a couple people storm the floor on us this year," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a post-game interview, referring to the crowd's reaction when struggling St. John's topped the Irish in Madison Square Garden Jan. 23.

The Bulls' intentionally slow tempo held Notre Dame 29 points below its season scoring average. South Florida's 48-28 rebounding advantage — including 16 offensive boards — made the Bulls' strategy even more effective.

"They hurt us with second shots," Brey said. "Their athletic ability on the offensive boards was the key to the game."

Notre Dame scored just 11 points in the first 10 minutes of the game and just 26 in the opening half.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Squad survives Mountain scare

Notre Dame nearly squanders 24-point lead to West Virginia

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Not even a 25-6 West Virginia run in the second half could help the Mountaineers overcome Notre Dame Sunday in a near-empty Joyce Center.

The Irish (14-8, 5-4 Big East), who had amassed a commanding lead and led by as many as 24 with 9:19 to play, were able to weather the Mountaineers' attack en route to a 77-67 victory.

"At least we didn't quit," Irish guard Charel Allen looks to pass during Notre Dame's 77-67 win over West Virginia at the Joyce Center Sunday.

"We were digging out of a hole the whole time," Brey said. "On the road, if you don't

FENCING

Foils go undefeated as team sweeps Duals

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame junior foilist Rachel Cota wanted the women in her weapon to go undefeated against Purdue, Michigan State and Indiana in the Midwest Duals Saturday.

The dualists delivered.

In route to sweeps on both the men's and women's sides, the Irish women foils swept 27-0 against the lesser competition, Cota, junior Melanie Bautista and senior Colleen Walsh each went 9-0 for Notre Dame.

"They promised they delivered," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said.

"The Notre Dame men beat Indiana 22-5, Michigan State 20-7 and Purdue 24-3. The Irish women topped the Hoosiers 23-4, the Spartans 25-2 and the Boilermakers 27-0.

Women's sabres Ashley Serrette, a sophomore, and Anna Rodriguez, a senior, both went 9-0 in their bouts.

"It was a good weekend to get our skills back together," Cota said. "It's just good to get some wins under your belt after the tough competition last weekend in New York."

A week after facing four