Pipe bursts, Library closes for 6 hours

Flooding damages 1,500 books, employees race to preserve materials

By KAITLYNN RILEY
Associated News Editor

Water flooded from the third floor of the Hesburgh Library to the basement after a pipe burst Monday morning, damaging approximately 1,500 books on the second floor, said Nigel Butterwick, associate director for user services at the library. Water was "cascading" from the ceiling of the second floor on the west side of the building when Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wyffelf arrived shortly after the flooding was discovered.

Fire alarms went off throughout the building shortly after 9 a.m., Butterwick said, most likely due to a short circuit caused by the water that created a "smoldering situation."

When library staff members left their offices to evacuate, they discovered water was dripping down from the ceiling on the second floor. The scene was "pretty disastrous," Butterwick said.

"When we came in here, there was water all over the floor," said one library worker.

Firefighters from Evansville, Indiana, were called to help with the cleanup, according to Butterwick.

Librarians are working to rescue as much information as they can. Library records will be checked to determine which books need to be replaced. The library will also work with donors to replace the missing books.

By KAITLYNN RILEY
Associated News Editor

Plastic sheets cover book stacks on the second floor of Hesburgh Library Monday after a pipe burst, causing water to flood from the third floor.

Dems travel to capital

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

For many Democrats, the opportunity to meet and greet with the Democratic presidential candidates in 2008 would be a dream come true. For the Notre Dame College Democrats, this dream became a reality over the weekend at the annual Democratic National Committee (DNC) Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C.

The meetings, the last official gathering of the DNC before the 2008 convention, provided delegates from throughout the country and leaders of both College Democrats and Young Democrats with the opportunity to meet presidential hopefuls and to discuss issues relevant to the party's platform.

Candidates Joe Biden, Wesley Clark, Hillary Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Dennis Kucinich, Barack Obama, Bill Richardson and Tom Vilsack all gave speeches and met with representatives from the College Democrats nationwide this weekend.

The most well known candidates made the biggest splash early at the meetings, as Clinton, Edwards and Obama all spoke on the convention's first day. Obama was greeted with a supportive response, especially from the meeting's younger delegates.

Students embrace ND's mission in Africa

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

After the Notre Dame Forum on global health in the fall and President on a ticket with

Submit to A Day in the Life of a Student Senate and the Hall to Africa. Students have become caught up in the fervor to lend a helping hand to Africa.

Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NDMDI) Assistant Director Tim Lyden pitched a series of forums to the Student Senate and the Hall of Presidents' Council last week to facilitate dialogue between the initiative and intrigued students.

Representatives from the NDMDI student advisory council will visit residence halls this semester for round-table conversations that will introduce students to the NDMDI and also enable them to make proposals.

Lyden said the student advisory council—a team of 21 students from across the campus—will present the initiative's skeleton and Notre Dame's partner village, Nindye, in central Uganda.

But after those formalities are tackled, Lyden said he hoped questions would lead to arguments exploring economic development in Africa, the importance of empowerment over imposition and the role of faith-based organizations.

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Weiss is a junior majoring in political science and economics.

Transfer student runs for vice president

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Junior Ashley Weiss has been a student at Notre Dame for a little more than two semesters and if elected on Feb. 12, she will be the fourth transfer student in University history to serve as student body vice president.

Weiss is running for vice president on a ticket with current Alumni Hall senator Danny Smith.

She said she decided to transfer to Notre Dame because she wanted to be part of a campus that included a community atmosphere.

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Keough-Welsh Family win Olympics

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

The Keough-Welsh Family team reclaimed its title as reigning Late Night Olympics champions last weekend, bringing its record to seven wins over the past eight years.

Winning five of the 17 events helped the Keough-Welsh Family team edge the competition, said Delaware women's basketball coach Stephanie Bendinelli.

Senior Patrick Reidy spent eight weeks in Africa through the Center for Social Concerns Summer Service Learning Program.

Keough-Welsh Family run first with 2,616 points, followed by the MBA Association team with 1,559 points, and the O'Neill-Lyons team with 1,285 points.
Snow, ice and joy

This might sound sappy, but I love this weather. I know. We risk hypothermia every time we go to class, to eat or to work out. I know that every other step, we slip on the ice. And I know that in this sub-zero weather, we can’t even make snow balls. Yet, walking to St. Ed’s from South Dining Hall at 3 a.m., I was mesmerized.
I always try to walk late at The Observer, because that time, the predawn hours, is my favorite time of the day. It’s right before the snow plows start their early shifts, when all the walks are white and walked. The vista kindles something in my heart, seeing Father Sorin, Jesus and Mary wearing robes of white.

I think because I’m from Miami, Fl., and I never saw snow before my freshman year here, being surrounded by a world of white makes me a child. I see an unfurl field of foot deep snow, and I can’t help but to walk through it. I like the sound of my shoes make as they compress the snow under me, and the lightness of it. How the slight touch brushes millions of tiny crystals aside. Beautiful, but fragile.

Sometimes I feel that this fragility can affect us — the cold seeps through our many layers, external and internal. For example, for us non-coffee drinkers, it’s difficult to make a commute from the DPAC to say, North Dining Hall, without looking like a destroys sculpture.

But also, winter is the time when people are the loneliest, especially when it’s cold and dark. That one friend from Frost-0 you passed after dinner could be having a hard time. I know it’s not the Christmas season, but perhaps a little extra cheer from those capable of it could go a long way towards getting us through these cold and gloomy months.

One thing I do regret about this season is the difficulty inherent in visiting friends across campus. The walk is perilous at best, and the many memories one could create are squandered, perilous at best, and the many memoirs could get rubber sidewalks.

City could get rubber sidewalks

PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia official wants the city council to look at whether the city’s sidewalks should be made of rubber.

City councilman Jim Kenney recently toured Chicago to see environmentally-friendly city projects there. He came back with a number of ideas on which he plans to hold hearings. One is using rubber for sidewalks.

No, don’t expect to see people bouncing down the street. Kenney says the rubber is very solid — probably harder than a running track.

He says rubber sidewalks are made from recycled tires. They don’t crack, and they last longer than concrete.

Gambler gives birth on casino floor

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A woman playing the penny slots Saturday morning left the Resorts Atlantic City casino with her own little jackpot — a new baby boy.

Eight-months pregnant Nyree Thompson, 32, went into labor on the casino floor about 9:30 a.m. Thompson said she mis-took labor pains for gas at first, but after going to the restroom told a security guard that she might be giving birth.

Thompson said the guard thought she was joking. Then her water broke. “A guard came over and said, ‘Don’t push,’” Thompson said. “I said, ‘Forget you, this baby is coming right now!’” Minutes later, a boy weighing less than 5 pounds was born.

Thompson named him Quamuel.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Visiting professor of political science Alejandro Poidre will give a lecture entitled “Does Public Funding of Political Parties Improve Governance? Evidence from Mexico’s States” today at 12:30 p.m. in Hesburgh Center, Room C-103.

Samuel Gregg, director of Research at the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, will give a lecture entitled “Beyond Local Compliance: The Moral Life & Business” today at 6 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, former poet laureate of Queens, New York, Hal Sline will read tomorrow at 8 a.m. in the Oak Room at South Dining Hall.

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, essayist and humorist David Rakoff will speak Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Lafontaine-Blooms.

The academic forum “Ragtime 100 Years Later: Defining Our Generation’s American Dream” will be held at 7:20 p.m. tomorrow in Washington Hall. Five campus speakers will comment on the themes of the musical “Ragtime.” The event is free of charge and is co-sponsored by the student groups Shades of Ebony and Wabrutus.

Efraim Inbar, Professor of Political Studies at Bar-Ilan University, will give the lecture “Israel’s Security Environment” Thursday at 8 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
Event no-shows to be charged small price

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

"The College Democrats' main goal for 2006 was to help elect Joe Donnelly to Indiana's Second Congressional District seat, and now the club is firmly focused on the 2008 presidential election."

"We're just trying to position ourselves as best we can for 2008," Adesoun said. "We need to develop new leadership, especially amongst freshmen and sophomores, and that's what this trip was really good for. We're priming other people to take over the club next year." Adesoun is a senior, and will graduate in May. She said the club will not officially endorse a specific candidate in the 2008 primary elections, but will provide members with outlets to work for their favorite candidates.

"When I was a freshman, we went out to Iowa to support Edwards and we did some canvassing for him out there," she said. "I can see the same thing happening in 2008, with a group that's truly rallying around one candidate to go to Iowa." Adesoun said the candidates are competing against each other in those early primaries, but their overall goal remains constant — to get a Democrat elected in 2008.

"A lot of candidates stressed that, no matter what happens, it's important to vote for a Democrat in 2008," Molloy said. "It's the first time in a long time that this field is wide open and it's really exciting to be a part of it.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS


The U.S. Embassy advises all U.S. citizens in Sudan that the United Nations mission in Sudan has received new information that an extremist group with ties to al Qaeda is likely to target Western interests," it said.

The U.S. message followed a similar warning that the United Nations sent its staff in Sudan last week, said a U.N. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the issue with journalists.

The U.S. message warned of the danger of bombings, kidnappings and assassinations. It said the primary threat might come from Sudan, but added that "the war in Sudan does not disinguish between official and civil targets."

Bomb explodes at British company LONDON — A letter bomb exploded Monday at a London company that controls the city's traffic congestion fee, fire officials said. One worker suffered minor injuries to his hand.

The guided envelope exploded in the mailroom of Capita Commercial Services, which on Monday took over control of the city's traffic congestion fee, fire officials said.

"We can confirm that there has been a small explosion at our Victoria Street office this morning," said a Capita spokeswoman, speaking on condition of anonymity because with department policy. Scotland Yard said the injured woman was a Capita employee.

NATIONAL NEWS

Report: Youth suicide rates on rise

CHICAGO — New government figures show a surprising increase in youth suicides after a decade of decline, and some mental health experts think a drop in use of antidepressant drugs may be to blame.

Suicides climbed 18 percent from 2003 to 2004 for Americans under age 20, from 1,737 to 1,965 deaths. Most suicides occurred in older teens, according to the data — the most current to date from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

By contrast, the suicide rate among 15- to 19-year-olds fell in previous years, from about 11 per 100,000 in 1990 to 7.3 per 100,000 in 2003.

Suicides were the only cause of death that increased for children age 19 from 1990 to 2003, according to a CDC report released Monday.

Man pleads guilty to identity theft

WASHINGTON — A 59-year-old man was sentenced Monday to 8 ½ years in prison on charges stemming from his use of stolen identities in an attempt to acquire more than $100,000 in payments intended for victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Jeffrey Alan Rothschild, who's also known as Jeffrey Zahler, pleaded guilty in August to bank fraud, mail fraud and money laundering in late 2005. He was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in Washington.

LOCAL NEWS

Election official won't hear debate

VALPARAISO, Ind. — The debate over whether a newly elected lawmaker actually lived in the district where he was elected to be headed to court after a top state election official announced he'll stay out of the dispute.

The order by the Republican leader of the Indiana Election Division, said Friday he'd be forced to have Devlin's aparrents be headed to court after a top state election official announced he'll stay out of the dispute.

The charges are also alleged that after kidnapping Hornbeck in October 2002, Devlin kept Shawn isolated in Devlin's apartment for the first month. The boy was forced to have intercourse with Devlin throughout that month and at least once a month until Shawn and Ben were found in January 2003.

Authorities refused to discuss other details of the allegations beyond what was described in the charges.

Less than a week after the boys were found, Shawn's parents appeared on Oprah Winfrey's talk show, saying they believed he had been sexually abused during the ordeal.

In a written statement, defense attorneys Ethan Corlja and Michael Kirby said they have explained the charges to Devlin and that he understands they are "very serious."
In addition to the dorm rivalry, the Olympics encourage, the event also raises money for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics. This year students raised a total of $6,207.

Bill Reagan, RecSports assistant director for instruction, special events and family programming, said teams were charged to make donations at the door. Other events — like a penny war and raffle — also helped raise funds.

The RecSports event, now in its 21st year, started at 7 p.m. Friday in the Joyce Center and ended with a broomball match at 3:55 a.m. Saturday, Reagan said. With over 800 students participating, dorm teams competed in 17 sporting events including kayaking, target golf and 3-on-3 broomball.

Reagan said the numbers this year were "commendable," especially considering the timing of this past weekend's event. "It was certainly more challenging this year, because we were competing against other activities on campus — the Dierks Bentley concert, the Cavanaugh dance, the ongoing truck meet — not to mention the weather," Reagan said. "The issue [with weather] showed up in part early on, in the way of forfeited games."

For Reagan, the event was a success, but in planning for next year, organizers will look for ways to update and improve the event after two decades. "There were years, he said, are a tribute to Notre Dame students. "I think they come out [to participate] first for the competition. Some dorm teams take great pride in it," Reagan said, citing Keough-Welsh Family's "return to dominance."

"Second, I think it's the nature of the Notre Dame student to do something good like this," he said. "They know they're raising money for a great cause."

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Weiss is the coordinator of the University of Rochester Eating Disorders Conference and the Arts and Letters Chair for Junior Parents Weekend. At Rochester, Weiss was the freshman president and a member of the Sophomore Class Council.

Weiss made it a priority to get involved in campus life at Notre Dame quickly, and she said she encountered few challenges.

"I had probably the smoothest transition ever," Weiss said. "It was just a matter of getting involved and putting myself out there."

Weiss interviewed for a position in student government last spring and was appointed chair of the Senate Gender Issues committee. She said she was qualified for this appointment due to her past experience at Rochester, where she tackled gender relations issues as the freshman representative of the Residence Life Advisory Council.

"Gender issues is the place that touches on home for me... and it's an issue that needs to be addressed on this campus," Weiss said.

She hopes to continue her involvement with gender relations by restructuring Freshman Orientation activities. She said she wants to "take the focus away from gender individualized activities," and focus more on activities to help new students get to know their dorms and students from their sections, then branch out to "quadrangle activities."

At Rochester, the freshman orientation was gender neutral, but it lacked the family aspect," Weiss said. "From stories I've been told about Frosh-O, the activities can create and maintain a culture of dangerous social behaviors. It's about finding a balance between the family aspect and gender relations.

Weiss said her experience as a transfer student has given her a perspective of "objectivism" and "balance" on student life issues. "Drawing on both experiences has helped me to address issues of the student body collectively as a whole," Weiss said.

If she is elected next week, Weiss — along with running mate Smith — hopes to implement a program for students which would allow free music downloads, expand Domer Dollar use at Notre Dame stadium, send the Notre Dame Marching Band to one more away game and improve the football ticket lottery. The ticket also hopes to stimulate dialogue with Health Services about the price of prescriptions and with the University about the possibility of locked tuition rates, Weiss said.

"We bring a fresh perspective," Weiss said. "When we walk into a room, we know what we are talking about on a multitude of issues."

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From past experience at Rochester, Weiss was eager to become the student government president.

"I think it's my nature," Weiss said. "I'm a leader and I have always pushed myself to the limit."

Weiss is a member of the Gender Issues committee and the Residence Life Advisory Council.
Apple settles Beatles dispute

Company gains rights to Apple name; Fab Four “a lock” to have music on iTunes

**MARKET Recap**

**Apple CEO Steve Jobs plays a Beatles song on the new iPhone at a promotional event Jan. 9. Apple recently settled a trademark dispute with The Beatles.**

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**Russian oil tycoon faces new charges**

MOSCOW — Prosecutors filed new charges Monday against former oil baron Mikhail Khodorkovsky, now serving the fourth year of an eight-year prison term in Siberia. The relentless pursuit of the tycoon has shown President Vladimir Putin’s highly successful campaign to tame Russia’s oligarchs using its politically phalanx justice system.

Lawyers for Khodorkovsky called the new charges against him an “insane” Kemlin bid to neutralize any remaining political threat ahead of crucial elections, calling it as a “vengeful move to crush a man who challenged Putin’s policies and broke an unwritten rule against bringing his vast wealth to bear in the political arena.”

Once Russia’s richest man and the chief of its largest oil producer, OAO Yukos, Khodorkovsky angered Putin’s Kremlin by funding opposition parties before 2003 parliamentary elections. He also questioned government policy on pipelines and foreign participation in the oil industry, running up against a government increasingly bent on restoring its control over Russia’s vast petroleum wealth.

Arrested in October 2003, his trial proceeded at the same time as a tax probe that put most of his blue chip oil giant OAO Yukos in state hands. Khodorkovsky was sentenced to eight years for fraud and tax evasion and shipped off to a prison camp near the Chinese border, where he has been cut off from the public eye but remains for Putin’s critics, a symbol of Russian injustice. For Russia’s super-rich, his punishment served a stark reminder not to cross the Kremlin.

Khodorkovsky would be eligible for parole in October, after serving half his term. With parliamentary elections slated for December and a March 2008 presidential vote — which Putin is barred by term limits from contesting — analysts said the president and those around him want to ensure Khodorkovsky remains behind bars.

For the Kremlin, “The main thing is that he doesn’t get out before 2008,” said Yuri Kurganyuk of the Independent think tank in Moscow. “They very much wouldn’t want that to happen.”

The new charges are about “revenge,” Kurganyuk said.

“The idea is to crush them completely,” he said of Khodorkovsky and his business partner, Platon Lebedev, who is also serving eight years and faces the same charges.
Let me tell you about a serious piece of business we do every year at Notre Dame. It’s the Bengal Bouts. How can that be serious? Because every year since 1931, the Bouts have given to the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh donations averaging in the past decade over $50,000 a year. The annual per capita income of the 141 million people in Bangladesh is $1,470. Among the ultra-poor tribal people (4% of the population) served by the Holy Cross priests, brothers and semi­narians (126 of whom are Bangaladeshi) and the 60 Holy Cross sisters, a family of four could eat for two weeks on what we would casually pay for a pizza. The Bengal Bouts literally provide a lifeline to the poor.

Bangladesh is 83.5 percent Muslim and 15.5 percent Hindu. Catholics are fewer than 300,000. Holy Cross conducts over 200 primary schools and 12 secondary schools, all serving the very poor. Fr. Tom Smith, C.S.C., recently returned from Bangladesh, described the ministry as “evangelization, health care, education and hostels.” The hostel — a bamboo and thatched-roof room with a dirt floor and platforms for sleep and study — provides children from remote villages their only chance for education.”

We stumble on the truth, then we hurry off as if nothing ever happened.

— Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurriedly off as if nothing ever happened.

— Sir Winston Churchill
CLAP clarifies its position

Due to our recent absence from the public eye, we, the members of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP), would like to clear the air on who we are and what we are doing. CLAP is a coalition of staff, faculty, community members, and students who seek to resolve a number of labor issues here at Notre Dame. Although we do support increased wages, we are not simply a living wage campaign. Far too many pressing concerns exist among University employees to limit ourselves to just that one issue.

The reason for our relative quietude last semester was that we recognized flaws in our past actions. Although well-intentioned, certain public actions were overly antagonistic and ultimately destructive rather than constructive. More importantly, we lacked the close relationships with campus employers that could bring legitimacy to our organization and its mission.

Last semester we concentrated on developing stronger ties with campus workers. These relationships now provide a solid foundation for our organization. Although we have acquainted ourselves with staff from various departments, our closest relationships are with Building Services and Food Services employees. These are the people who clean our dorms, classrooms, and offices, and prepare and serve our food whether in the dining halls, in LaFortune, or at one of the various cafes on campus.

In conversations with these workers, a number of issues came to our attention. First and foremost, the primary issue is respect. Workers feel that the University is not being around the students, faculty, and each other, and other, and oftensupply how much appreciation they feel for their work. However, they feel that their employer, the University and its administration, cares little about them and does not value their hard work.

Also, nearly every worker with whom we speak fears being fired or receiving some other reprimand from the University if he or she was to speak out. So, for now, it is our responsibility to tell their stories.

However, for many employees, the most immediate issue is wages. Anyone who believes that a family can barely get by on $17,264 per year (the total annual pay of a Notre Dame employee making the base wage) has not tried to do so. CLAP believes that $12.10 per hour would bring the living wage up to $35,000 a year.

The 2007 number will be adjusted for inflation and included in our organization's revised living wage report within the next month. The figure that we have chosen is the minimum wage that fulfills the line used by the federal government to determine eligibility for public assistance programs, like food stamps and other subsidies. We believe that a living wage means not having to rely on government assistance or the local food bank in order to support a family.

Concerning the benefits provided by the University, staff members appreciate the benefits package that includes subsidized health care and a college tuition benefit do not provide their families with housing, pay the bills, or put food on the table. These workers tell us that their raises, the maximum amount they get per cent per year, do not even cover rising energy costs and have little effect on their living costs. In other words, in exchange for one more year of loyalty and service to our University, the "raises" given by Notre Dame lower their standard of living.

Other staff members point out the they incur injuries from being over-worked. Each employee of Building Services is expected to clean 25,000 square feet of building space each shift. Many of them receive assignments that are far larger than this, and the added load takes a toll on their bodies. A number of custodians with whom we've spoken have had surgery on their shoulders or backs due to these job-related injuries and were expected to work two days later.

There is also an issue with part-time workers. The University has begun to replace retiring full-time employees with part-timers who work 20 to 35 hours a week. This saves the University money, but does not have to offer health care benefits to part-time employees. Instead, full-time employees are expected to union plan, and must work mandatory overtime before they can receive any paid time off. This arrangement also leaves the part-time employee with no health care insurance and a very limited retirement benefit. CLAP has chosen to focus primarily on wages because wages are the issue that matters most in our argument with University employees. By addressing the wage issue, we hope to raise the administration's awareness of other matters as well. We would like to directly address several groups in our community.

To the administration, we believe that you want to be a good employer. The Campus Labor Action Project has spent countless hours into understanding the concerns of your employees, and we would like to share what we have learned with you. We hope that our work can help you to understand what it is necessary to make Notre Dame the best University that it can be.

To the student body, whether or not you support a living wage is a personal decision. It is up to you to make the decision. The University is not going to be immune to checking your bedroom doors and have been floating around cyberspace unsupervised. Even if you take something off your profile, it might still be accessed by someone's blog or stored on servers. Don’t go out and try any of the more questionable nares at the mall. Our generation seems to be more willing than those of the past to show their personal information to others. If anyone has your e-mail address, they are going to be back, just as they have been in the past. Your privacy profile Facebook is no longer a safe haven for Facebook aside, you also have power over giving to a recent Hatchet front page article Facebook is no longer a safer haven for Facebook at least Facebook is a tool to use to share information.

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Tell me your name, and in less than a minute, I can know where you go to school, where you live, your screen name, who your friends are and what you did last Friday night. Give me another minute and I will know your home address, phone number, the particular circular of your seventh grade blog and anything that you have ever done worthy of attention. Scary, right?

Even though privacy is not one of the topics explicitly guaranteed to us in the Bill of Rights, the American people have been fighting hard for a relatively long time. Important court cases regarding issues as controversial as family planning and women’s rights hinge on this very concept. As children, we have all posted “keep out” signs on our bedroom doors and have been told that it’s not nice to sneak. If your college roommates went through your things or read your journal, you would be upset. So then why are we willing to forego all of this hard-won privacy in favor of photos? Is this an intimate details of our lives online?

When you upload this information is out there and open to the public. In fact, most of it is
count and countless other networking Web sites. After all, what could be better than being able to keep tabs on all of your friends and people you barely know without ever having to leave the comforting glow of your laptop?

The general mindset is that only your friends are going to be clicking through last weekend’s drunken pictures on Facebook in order to leave hilarious comments — wrong. As pointed out in a recent Hatchet front page article Facebook is no longer a safer haven for Facebook at least Facebook is a tool to use to share information.

Unfortunately, the consequences of making fools of ourselves in cyberspace will undo that trust among family members, college students, professors, the university police and anyone else on campus. Candidates, parents and other people whom you most certainly do not want to be able to view private photos on your Facebook profile Facebook is no longer a safer haven for Facebook at least Facebook is a tool to use to share information.

The whole question of privacy comes down to whether we should and shouldn’t be able to view this and that online, but rather, what you personally choose to divulge. It would be close to impossible to police the Internet to make sure that only those whom you personally approve of are allowed to view a particular photograph or read a certain comment. However, do you have power over how you present yourself online. Your profile picture Facebook would look just as charming even without the incr iminating red plastic cup.

Facebook aside, you also have a record of everything you said and did on Facebook. If you think that this is embarrassing video circulating the Internet like wildfire, keep dreaming.

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Super Bowl side dishes disappoint fans

Commercials, music surrounding yearly event not up to old standards

The Super Bowl has been criticized as being overblown pomp, and while certainly not a false statement, Super Bowl XLII is noteworthy because the game itself seemed to have more storylines and drama than the surrounding hoopla. Between featuring Prince during the halftime entertainment, Billy Joel singing the national anthem and the normal influx of new commercials, the Super Bowl always promises to be a complete show. Unfortunately, XLII wasn’t as exciting or entertaining as Super Bowls of years past.

Joel’s rendition of the national anthem was above average, simply because he didn’t indulge himself in it. His belting take on “The Star-Spangled Banner” sounded, well, exactly like you might expect Billy Joel singing the national anthem to sound. Yet Joel played it straight and respectfully, which was exactly what was hoped for. The real entertainment was yet to come.

The decision to feature Prince during the halftime show caused a lot of head scratching in the media, yet it makes sense. Ever since the “wardrobe malfunction” debacle of Super Bowl XXXVII, in which Justin Timberlake famously revealed Janet Jackson’s breast, the halftime show producers have tended toward more traditional fare — Sir Paul McCartney for Super Bowl XXXVIII, in which Justin Timberlake formerly reputed for his bizarre, unpredictable behavior, which puts holes in the theory that the producers wanted someone “safe.”

Evidence of this is the media day conference, during which reporters were told that Prince would not take questions. When he took the stage, however, he told reporters that, “contrary to rumor, I’d like to take a few questions right now.” As soon as the first question was posed, Prince turned to his band and immediately launched into a rendition of Chuck Berry’s “Johnny B. Goode” which featured two white-clad go-go dancers and a brass band. After playing a few more songs, Prince said simply, “Thank you, see you at the Super Bowl, peace,” and left the stage.

The purple-one’s actual halftime show, however, was far less unpredictable, though left much to be desired. The majority of the show consisted of a truly bizarre medley of unrelated songs, including (but not limited to) Bob Dylan’s “All Along the Watchtower,” Creedence Clearwater Revival’s “Proud Mary” and The Foo Fighters’ “Best Of You.”

He performed on a stage shaped like his symbol (from the days when Prince didn’t have a name), slinging his guitar in phallic shadow play that was just downright uncomfortable.

Prince remains a pretty good performer despite the fact that his heyday was over two decades ago, and his take on “Purple Rain” (complete with glow-in-the-dark marching band) was a reminder that once upon a time, The Artist Formerly Known As Prince was a great songwriter.

Most disappointing, however, were the commercials. Generally speaking, the advertisements were sub-par by Super Bowl standards, and none stood out as this year’s “1984 Apple” spot. Among the most notable ads were a Nationwide Insurance spot featuring Britney Spears ex-husband Kevin Federline (reminding of Nationwide’s ad last year, which featured Fabio), a CareerBuilder ad featuring a fight in a jungle and a Taco Bell commercial featuring talking lions. Somehow, all of these ads, while certainly entertaining, feel vaguely familiar — soon-to-be has-beens, overblown action and talking animals seem to have become staples of Super Bowl commercials. There’s nothing new, groundbreaking or gritty, which is why that old Apple ad still seems fresh and original two decades later.

More egregious is that a lot of these advertisements (which cost over a million dollars for companies to air) are not new ads. Some, like the video game Coca-Cola ad, have been shown in movie theaters, while others, like a Flomax ad, are already tiresome (not to mention targeted at a niche audience). It really indicates toward a larger problem when the most popular ad, according to a USA Today survey, is of crabs worshipping a Bud Light cooler.

The media surrounding Super Bowl XLII is of the most disposable variety — entertaining and instantly forgettable. Nothing about Joel, Prince or any of the commercials hinted at a sort of timeless or classic status, which is a shame. Every year, the Super Bowl is a chance for advertisers and entertainers to showcase their wares, and it seems that in XLII the only ones who showed themselves were (for once) the guys getting it done on the field.

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Kevin Federline, pictured here with ex-wife Britney Spears, starred in one of the bright spots for the Super Bowl ads — a commercial for Nationwide Insurance.

Prince, who performed a medley of songs, was a surprise pick for the halftime entertainment, which in recent years has stayed away from volatile musicians.
Perfecting the art of the American handshake

The type of handshake you give someone when you see them in class, or out on the quad, speaks volumes about the type of image you want to present to others. For example, should you go with a high-five when you're saying hello? Or is that too "square"? As you can see, when debating the various merits of the different handshakes and high-fives, picking one can be a very difficult and confusing decision in the best of circumstances. For this reason, I've decided to go through the many different variations we college kids have of saying hi by talking with our hands, and debate their various pros and cons. Let's start off the discussion with the high-five. This classic staple of American greetings, the handshake, this one seems pretty simple at first. Just a quick grab and squeeze of the hand. However, as with many things, the devil's in the details, and you have to worry about scope problems when giving one. People have to think about duration and intensity when shaking someone's hand. If you give them a limp handshake they might think you're a ninny. Squash too hard, and you risk breaking bones. Just make sure your fingers don't get too squarish while putting off closed fist, or people might get the wrong idea while you're hanging out with your buddies. Fortunately for everyone, there are many other potential handshake options out there at your disposal if you're so inclined. For example, you could go with the cousin of the high-five, the standard fist pound, or you could "blow it up" afterward. Another variation on the standard pound is the "lock and load," in which you twist fists after the initial contact. Or perhaps the friendly and informalistic folks at Rudweir have it right as they showed the world during their Super Bowl commercial: perhaps the fist pound is out and the new handshake is a mode in the slap to the face.

For the more adventurous of you out there, you could try the triple fist pound, in which you pound down, then up, then meet your friend's fist head-on. This is a pretty good option. And if you really feel like showing off, you could even go for "The Fresh Prince," as made famous by Will Smith on the show by the same name. For people who really like showboating, you could attempt the complicated choreography which New York Mets baseball players such as Jose Reyes and Carlos Delgado have been known to pull off during games. Or you could go with the "beo hug," in which you give your target a high-five, then kind of lean in with the shoulder until you're in a halfway hug-type thing. This one can be kind of awkward at times but it's a good choice if you find yourself in a "No Man's Land type social situation where you're unsure whether to go for the handshake or the full-out hug.

And then, of course you have the full-out hug, usually reserved for members of the opposite sex or really good friends. Even grown men have been known to "hug it out," as the character Art taught us all on the HBO series "Entourage." Regardless of what you decide to go with, it's vitally important to make sure your intended target knows what's happening. To this end, eye contact is a must when approaching your intended recipient. Perhaps even a finger point to single out your pal is a good idea. Suffering the pain of an unequal handshake speaks volumes about your social stature and overall "coolness" level, and the pain of a denied or ignored handshake or high-five attempt can put quite a bruise on any person's self-esteem. With enough practice and effort, even someone who's all thumbs can pull off some collegiate "cool.

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Subpar writing damages 'Hollywoodland'

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"Hollywoodland" is a film that has great potential and wants to be something profound but can't quite make it to what it wants to be. The film is hampered by a plot that runs amok in too many directions, and the DVD is a typical first release edition that doesn't have what fans really want. This movie is, in a word, boring. What could have been one of the best films of the year due to star power and storyline in the end couldn't quite figure itself out. The film itself is a mystery yarn about the death of Superman actor George Reeves. Reeves is portrayed by Ben Affleck in the best performance of his career. The one redeeming quality of this film is Affleck's performance, and the fact he did not get nominated for a Best Supporting Actor Oscar is one of the biggest crimes of this year. The result of performances, however, are merely mediocre. Adrián Brody plays the detective Louis Simo and Diane Lane is Toni Mannix, the wife of Hollywood executive Eddie Mannix. Diane Lane has made the film better for it. Body and Lane are agreeable and decent but otherwise, nothing special. One of the featurettes, entitled "Recreating Old Hollywood," is probably the best extra on the disc. For all of the plots lack of coherence, the art direction was top notch, Southern California in the glory days of Hollywood was faithfully created and allowed the audience to immerse themselves in the gaudy hotel rooms and elegant parties. There are a few deleted scenes that do little to bring order to the convoluted plot. The final cut drags so much that anymore screen time would only be annoying and unwanted.

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Bryant drops 27 points on Hawks in 90-83 win

The Lakers guard scored nine unanswered points in fourth quarter, wags finger at Atlanta fans in eighth game of road trip

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The roar during pre-game introductions revealed that many in a rare Atlanta sellout came to see Kobe Bryant.

The applause for the Los Angeles Lakers star continued after the game — in the Hawks’ locker room.

Bryant, mostly quiet through three quarters, scored nine straight fourth-quarter points to lead Los Angeles to a victory over Atlanta on Monday night.

"You've got to give it to him," said Atlanta's Joe Johnson, who matched Bryant's 27 points but couldn't equal his fourth-quarter impact.

"Sometimes greats do things in a row, and I was drenched all over him for some of them," Johnson said.

Eleven of Bryant's 27 points came in the final period.

"He's a great player, he's one of the best players who has ever played, our game," said coach Mike Woodson. "When he makes a 27-pointer, falling away in the corner, you've got to come back on the court and execute your offense."

The Hawks were only 4-of-9 from the free throw line in the final period.

Bryant said he didn't look at the game as quite so one-sided against Johnson.

"It's very difficult. It doesn't mean much at this stage of my career, I've played in so many of those situations," Bryant said. "It's just, 'Well, how do I help us win the game?"

"A couple years ago I probably would have tried to end up with 25 points in the fourth quarter. Now it's not what's important. They got a roll on a roll, saw they were double and triple-teaming, I was able to use myself as a decoy."

Smush Parker hit a 3-pointer after Bryant's nine straight points, and Andrew Bynum and Lamar Odom added double-doubles with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lakers, who beat Atlanta 106-95 at home on Dec. 8, swept the Hawks over the season sweep of the Hawks since the 1999-2000 season. Even in recent seasons, when the Hawks bottom out with 13-26 wins, the Lakers managed no better than a split of the two games.

Rockets 105, Timberwolves 77

Tracy McGrady scored 16 of his 32 points in the third quarter on Monday night to lead the Houston Rockets to a victory over three Minnesota Timberwolves.

Luther Head went 5-for-7 from 3-point range in a three-point play during the spurt, which ended with Houston up 14-12.

Garnett ended Minnesota's 4-minute scoring drought with his first basket with 5:05 left in the first half. But after Garnett banked in a shot over Dikembe Mutombo, the Rockets finished the half with a 14-2 spurt. Head capped the run with a fast-break layup and a pull-up 3-pointer that put Houston up 50-30 at the break.

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Sixers 100, Nets 98 (OT)

New Jersey has become painfully familiar with watching other teams beat them in the final minutes.

This time, it was Andre Iguodala and Philadelphia's turn.

Rafael Alston, ejected from the Rockets' loss to New Orleans on Saturday, converted a steal and three-point play during the spurt, which ended with Houston up 14-12.

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Lakers guard Kobe Bryant takes a shot against Hawks guard Speedy Claxton in Los Angeles' 90-83 win Monday night at Phillips Arena in Atlanta.

The Nets didn't score again from the floor until Vince Carter's layup with 36 seconds to play ended the extra period, and then Jason Kidd sank a pair of free throws that trimmed the lead to 99-98.

Korver went 1-for-2 from the free throw line and set up one last chance for the Nets. Carter's 3-pointer hoisted the mark, sending New Jersey to its fourth straight loss.

No, the 76ers didn't wildly celebrate at halftime like the Hawks did on Sunday when Tyrone Lue hit a 23-foot jumper at the buzzer to beat the Nets. But they've at least stopped playing like the worst team in basketball.

"It's starting to get back to normal around here," said Steven Hunter, who had 13 points. "Everyone's head is back to basketball. You can tell on the court we're focused on basketball and nothing else."

Carter had 23 points and 10 rebounds, Howard scored 13 points and Kidd 14 for the Nets, who blew an 11-point third-quarter lead.

"We have to work our way out of it," Carter said. "We have to work hard and hope things start breaking our way."

Nearly everything is breaking the Sixers' way of late. Maybe they'll get fewer ping pong balls in the draft lottery, but the 76ers could create a sense of excitement about the future with some strong play in the rest of the second half.
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**Indianapolis**

Colts celebrate Super Bowl XLI victory

Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy hung the Vince Lombardi trophy with Colts owner Jim Irsay and team president Bill Polian at a congratulatory parade Monday. The Colts beat the Bears 29-17 to win Super Bowl XLI.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The RCA Dome never felt so good to the Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts.

After a rain-soaked victory in Miami the night before and then a frigid, bone-numbing homecoming parade through the streets of downtown Indianapolis on Monday night, the Colts finally arrived back at their stadium for a raucous celebration with their fans.

More than 40,000 of them, just as loud and boisterous as they were when the Colts left the Dome two weeks earlier with the AFC championship, welcomed them home, reveling in the city's first major professional sports championship in more than 30 years.

"It sure feels good to be back in this Dome after playing in that weather last night," shouted Peyton Manning, the MVP in the Colts' 29-17 victory over the Chicago Bears. "On behalf of the players, we want to thank the greatest fans in the world."

Most of the fans had been there for hours, patiently waiting for the team to arrive. The parade was supposed to begin around 4 p.m. but got under way late because the Colts' plane from Miami was delayed. No matter.

"It might be a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Robert Smith of Indianapolis said while watching a giant-screen TV replay of Sunday night's victory over the Bears.

Many of the fans were wearing Colts blue. Many held signs such as "We love our Colts" or just a simple "Thank You."

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**IN BRIEF**

**Mears names crew chief for 2007 NASCAR Season**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Casey Mears got a new crew chief Monday, just four days before NASCAR begins preparations for the season-opening Daytona 500.

Fortunately for Mears, his teaming with last year's race-winning crew chief was fortuitous.

Darian Grubb, who led Jimmie Johnson to the Daytona 500 victory, will now lead Mears' No. 25 team at Hendrick Motorsports. Grubb, an engineer on Johnson's crew, filled in for Chad Knaus during his four-race suspension last season.

Grubb led Johnson to a pair of wins during his stint.

"Darian is one of the most respected voices in our organization and has proven to be a terrific leader," team owner Rick Hendrick said. "He and Casey represent an exciting new combination for the No. 25 team, its sponsors and its fans."

Flight restrictions from Lidle made permanent

WASHINGTON — Flight restrictions imposed around Manhattan after New York Yankee pitcher Cory Lidle crashed his single-engine plane into an apartment tower will be made permanent, government documents indicate.

The plan for the rule change was revealed as the National Transportation Safety Board released papers Monday detailing its investigation of the Oct. 11 crash that killed Lidle and his flight instructor.

"The pilot and owner was New York Yankee player Cory Lidle, and a California based flight instructor was with him," the NTSB said, also identifying Tyler Stanger elsewhere as the "passenger/flight instructor."

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Dempsey joins American migration to England

**Associated Press**

PHOENIX — Two days after appearing in an English Premier League game with three other Americans, midfielder Clint Dempsey worked out with the U.S. national team Monday afternoon. He hopes the jet lag will wear off before the U.S. meets Mexico in a friendly Wednesday night.

"This morning, I woke up at 6 o'clock," Dempsey said after practice at Grand Canyon University. "Normally I don't do that. I'm not quite there yet, but it's getting better." On Saturday, Dempsey was one of four Americans on the field when Fulham beat Newcastle 2-1 in the Premier League. Dempsey, who came on in the 75th minute, joined defender Carlos Bocanegra and forward Brian McBride while defender Oguchi Onyewu played for Newcastle.

"It's kind of cool just to think about," Dempsey said. "It's funny to know somebody on the other team and joke around with him during the game. It's good to see more Americans making the move over there, and hopefully there'll be more to come."

Dempsey joined Fulham on Jan. 10 for a transfer fee that could reach $4 million. Dempsey said he's enjoyed his brief time in England and is looking forward to earning a start. This week, though, he is concentrating on beating Mexico, the United States' fiercest rival.

The United States has dominated the rivalry recently, going 7-2-1 against Mexico since 2000. The Americans are 6-0-1 on home soil in that stretch, outsourcing Mexico 11-0 in those games.

Bradley said he selected Dempsey for this game because he likes his attacking style, which earned him a job in England.

Dempsey is one of four U.S. team members who have returned from England to join the squad this week. The others are Bocanegra, midfielder Bobby Convey of Reading FC; and goalkeeper Tim Howard of Everton FC. Each was dealing with dramatic changes in time and temperature. London is seven hours ahead of Phoenix, and it was nearly 40 degrees warmer in the desert.

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Dempsey grew up in Texas and followed the Mexican national team as a youngster. He's looking forward to facing them on Wednesday, even though it may feel like a road game for the Americans. More than 50,000 tickets have been sold for the match at 62,000-seat University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, and the crowd is expected to be heavy pro-Mexico.

"The reason he's there is he's got an aggressiveness going forward, fearlessness when he gets around the goal in terms of making changes, and that's what we're looking for from him every time he steps on the field," Bradley said. Bradley said he didn't know whether Dempsey would play in the middle or on the outside.

"It depends on how the team plays," Bradley said. "The most important thing is to still find a way for him to get the ball in situations going forward where his attacking skills come into play."

Dempsey scored the only goal by an American at last year's World Cup and was voted U.S. player of the year.

The 2004 MLS rookie of the year with New England, Dempsey scored 25 goals in 71 games in his three seasons with the Revolution. He has scored six goals in 23 games for the United States.

"He's a dangerous, attacking player," Bradley said. "He gets chances for himself. He's not afraid to go into the box and mix it up. So I think he's an important player for us."

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**TENNIS**

Sampras eyes return with Boston tourney

Associated Press

BOSTON — The last time Pete Sampras played competitive tennis in Boston, his doubles team notched the only victory for the United States in the Davis Cup quarterfinals against Australia in 1999.

The winner of a record 14 Grand Slam singles titles returns in three months for his first tournament since 2002, when he participates in the Outback Champions Series at Boston University from May 2-6. He wants to see how he feels before committing to any of the other five tournaments in the series for players older than 30.

"I just want to see how it goes," Sampras said in a telephone interview Monday. "I don't want to commit to a bunch of them, just see how I enjoy the week, the playing. I didn't want to commit to something I wasn't 100 percent sure about.

His participation in the event was announced last Tuesday. Boston is the second stop on the tour and Sampras prefers the hardcourt on which it will be played to other surfaces in the series. He said he enjoyed the city when he played in the Davis Cup quarters when he teamed with Alex O'Brien for a five-set victory. Australia won the quarterfinal 4-1 and beat France in the final.

The 35-year-old Sampras retired after winning the U.S. Open in September 2002 with a victory over Andre Agassi. At first, he didn't miss the grueling routine of tournament tennis and practices.

"Initially, you enjoy it, you decompress, and it's nice not having to worry about tennis," he said. "The stress of trying to win the majors was gone. It was fun. I did some things I didn't get the chance to do."

One of those was golf.

"After a couple of years of that you kind of wake up as the mornings go on feeling you need to do a little bit more and feel more fulfilled," he said.

"Get up in the morning to play golf is fun, but you miss a little bit of the structured life you had.

One reason he's returning is his relationship with series co-founder Jim Courier, who also will be in the eight-man field in Boston along with John McEnroe. Total prize money is $142,000. To qualify for the series, now in its second full year, a player must have reached a Grand Slam singles final, been ranked in the top five, or played singles on a Davis Cup championship team.

"I almost in a way wish he came back and played regularly," McEnroe said Monday night after attending the Rangers' hockey game in New York. "I know he sort of in a way wants to play, but he wants to do it his way. He wants to make sure he's ready. But no one can take that away.

Sampras said he won't return to the regular tennis tour but is ready for the competition again although it's "nothing as intense as it used to be.

"I know that I can beat most of these guys still — certainly at Wimbledon — so there's a temptation for him to want to do that," McEnroe said.

"But he's not the crunching, huffing, handling those guys but that's his call.

Sampras did play some exhibitions and World Team Tennis last year.

"I've been hitting the ball pretty well and using the bigger racket with the new technology string," Sampras said. "It's really given me the ability to hit the ball better today than I did in my prime.

For the first time in 4 1/2 years, fans will get a chance to judge for themselves in a tournament setting.

"You still have a lot of pride and you want to play well and you want to win," he said. "Every time I step on the court I still want to hit that big shot, hit that big serve.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dominik Hasek flashed a smile and cracked some jokes even though he had just endured the worst period of an otherwise stellar season.

"My teammates played great," Hasek said. "They scored four goals and we won the game. All I can say is I made some mistakes that I usually don't make.

Zetterberg got to a loose puck off the stick of Rangers forward Blair Betts in front of the New York net and quickly slammed in a shot to break a 3-all tie with 7:24 left.

The Red Wings will certainly want more trips to New York than the current schedule allows. Their last two road games have both been in the metropolitan area and featured big third periods in comeback victories.

"What happened? All I can say is it was the worst period for me this year."

Dominik Hasek

Red Wings goalie

The winner of a record 14 majors was gone. It was one of those things that happened," Lundqvist said. "They took advantage. It was a tough night.

That put another crimp in the Rangers' fading playoff hopes. New York has dropped three straight, seven of 10 and 14 of 21, slipping to fourth in the Atlantic Division and 11th in the Eastern Conference. The loss, in the only NHL game Monday night, left the Rangers five points out of a playoff spot with 29 games left.

"There's lots of hockey left but we're digging ourselves a hole," Shanahan said.

Wild Thang

Freshman right wing Ryan Thang carries the puck down the ice during a 4-1 win Jan. 26 over Miami.

**SPORTS**

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Being able to share that experience with her new team has been a dream of MacKenzie's since she signed on with the Belles in 2003. After checking with

Saint Mary's Athletic Director Stephen Hinkel, she began researching the trip.

The Belles selected Go Play Sports, a well-established travel agency based in Boston, Mass., that specializes in this type of event, to organize the tour.

The last obstacle that the team is currently in the process of hurdles is the fundraising to fray the hefty costs of international travel. Members of the team have been working for over two years now to collect money by parking cars during Notre Dame home football games.

"As a Division-III school, there are opportunities we can't really give our athletes because we don't have a huge budget," MacKenzie said.

The Belles are also auctioning a chance to win a four-day, three-night stay in Paris with the purchase of a $10 raffle ticket. The drawing will take place during Saint Mary's final home basketball game, Feb. 17 against Hope College at 3 p.m.

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NFL

City mourns Super Bowl loss

Bears fans of all ages attempt to digest loss, look towards future

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Everyone from rush-hour commuters to T-shirt vendors to transit workers started the week here in a collective funk, lamenting how their Bears fell short of their first Super Bowl championship in 21 years.

Asked if he was a Bears fan the day after Chicago lost 29-17 to the Indianapolis Colts, Bill Lorz peered over a cup of coffee at the city's Billy Goat tavern Monday morning, looked up and grumbled, "Not any more."

But Lorz softened minutes later, saying he still held out hope "they were able to stay in the game." 2003. After checking with

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and Villanova.

But when the Notre Dame women enter the pool on Feb. 14, few around the Notre Dame community other than those wearing their swimsuits will realize that the Irish will be defending a record 10 consecutive Big East titles.

"I don't think it's been publicized very much," senior captain Katie Carroll said. "It would be nice if people knew that we held the record. It would give a good name to the University."

With a victory at this year's Big East championships in Long Island, N.Y., No. 19 Notre Dame would become the first school in Big East history to win 11 consecutive conference titles in any sport.

The only other program to match Notre Dame's current streak is the Pittsburgh men's swimming and diving program, which won 10 consecutive titles from 1983-1992.

"We've been fairly consistent over the years," Carroll said. "We've had some good coaching and some good recruiting, and it's helped us accomplish something pretty special."

Carroll, a four-year standout for Notre Dame, has been an integral member of the last three Irish teams to earn the Big East title. In 2006, Carroll was the Big East champion in the 400-meter individual medley, and she has earned seven all-conference certificates.

Despite the individual accolades, Carroll realizes the magnitude of what the program has accomplished.

"It's pretty cool because in the past four years I've been part of something that's bigger than myself," Carroll said. "People ten years ago started this winning streak, and we're just trying to carry it on."

Despite being the highest-ranked team nationally from the Big East this season, the Irish can expect to face some stiff competition at this year's championships. By finishing second in five of the past seven Big East championships, Rutgers is a worthy adversary. And this season figures to be no different.

The No. 23 Scarlet Knights cracked the top 25 for the first time all season in the latest College Swimming Coaches Association of America poll.

"Rutgers almost beat us last year, and that would have been huge for them," Carroll said. "Honestly though, I think it's going to be a competition for second place. We have a lot of confidence in ourselves."

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31 assists in conference games, compared to only 12 turnovers. But Barlow has provided the biggest spark to the Irish offense, averaging 10.6 points and 5.2 rebounds per game this season.

"It's been a challenge, but I think I'm up for it," said Barlow of the transition to college basketball. "I just try to come in and try to bring energy to the team and do what I need to do for the team."

Even though these three garner the majority of the team's substitutions playing time, they are not the only ones sitting with McGraw at the start of the game.

Joining them off the bench for the Irish are freshman Danielle Ben-Tsvulun and junior Amanda Tsipis. Tsipis and Ben-Tsvulun have been able to get some time on the floor this season, although it has generally been limited to late-game situations in already decided games.

For Tsipis, her biggest game of the season was Dec. 28 against Prairie View A&M, where she played seven minutes, grabbed two boards and had two points.

Ben-Tsvulun had her breakout game Sunday against the Mountaineers, coming in late in the first half after not playing in the first 20 minutes.

Even though Ben-Tsvulun had only one minute in the game, she worked hard up and down the court. The freshman forward scored four points, including one fast-break layup to close out the half.

"She did a really nice job at the end of the half, and I was really pleased with her," McGraw said. "We thought about playing her a little bit more in the second half, we were just about to when they went on that run, because I think she can really post up strong."

For McGraw, the freshmen performances have been a highlight for her team this season. Coupled with the five veterans that make up the starting lineup, Barlow, Lechlitner and Williamson have been able to enter the game and play strong enough that the Irish don't miss a step.

"Our bench — they've been outsourcing the other team's bench all year long. And you know it's all freshmen," she said. "So it's great to see that every game, that our freshmen are coming in and playing like veterans. And this time of the year we need them to do that."

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top five. The Irish grabbed 20 first-place votes to Minnesota's nine and New Hampshire's five. The Gophers and Irish are tied for the most wins in college hockey this season with 23.

With the sweep in league play over Bowling Green, the Irish secured a first-round bye in the CCHA playoffs that are set to begin March 2. Notre Dame holds first place in the standings currently with 36 points, while Michigan (32 points) sits in second, Miami (30 points) is in third and Michigan State (28 points) rounds out the top four teams that receive a bye and home ice, in the second round. With only six games left in the regular season, the Irish cannot be caught by fifth-place Nebraska-Omaha (23 points).

The Irish have been a target for struggling teams capable of pulling off mid-season upsets since they jumped into the rankings Oct. 23 at No. 11 following a 7-1 destruction of then-No. 1 Boston College.

"Our guys are getting more accustomed to dealing with it since everyone plays their A-game against us," Jackson said. "I think that makes us a better team. It makes our opponents play their best games against us and in turn makes us play our best as well hopefully that will benefit us down the road."

Notre Dame has never been named the best team in college hockey before, but it has come close several times.

On Jan. 31, 1977, the Irish were voted No. 2 following a two-game sweep of Colorado College on the road. The teams remained at the spot for several more weeks after they beat and tied Minnesota the next weekend. The team fell short from a NCAA Tournament bid that year when it lost to the Gophers in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs, preventing the Irish from earning one of the limited four spots in the Tournament.

Several years earlier in 1973, Notre Dame was voted No. 2 in the preseason poll and held the spot for the first two weeks of the season, but ultimately could not hold on and finished the season below .500 and unranked.

The Irish were ranked No. 2 earlier this season when the polls were released Jan. 2, but dropped to No. 5 after a 4-2 loss to Robert Morris Jan. 7.

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Hockey Magazine poll, Notre Dame earned a little bit more breathing room in the national
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ward Zach Hillesland said. "He's been our best rebounder. His size and strength give us a definite advantage on the boards."

In the first meeting between South Florida and Notre Dame Jan. 21, Kurz led the way for the Irish with 21 points and 10 rebounds. His limited playing time and hampered mobility in Saturday's loss allowed South Florida to get 22 second-chance points and dominate the Irish on the glass 48-to-37.

"They were more physical on the boards," Irish guard Russell Carter said. "They had five guys rushing in every time as opposed to Syracuse, who had bigger bodies but they weren't as tough inside.

Hillesland filled in well against Syracuse, piling up 14 points and 10 rebounds, but got into foul trouble early against the Bulls. Kurz and then had to come off the bench, and forward Luke Harangody was left with the front's share of the workload inside.

"We just couldn't get into the flow of the game, and we needed to hit the boards harder," Hillesland said. "It's hard to play with [Kurz] not out there."

Without Kurz's usual offensive production, Carter and guard Colin Falls — Notre Dame's two leading scorers — are under more pressure to score, but opposing defenses have focused their gameplan more toward shutting them down without Kurz. This has forced traditional role players like Hillesland and guard Tory Jackson to look to shoot more often.

Falls scored 26 points to keep the Irish in the game against South Florida, but Carter and Jackson struggled from the floor, shooting a combined 7-of-24 from the field. Hillesland, who has started in Kurz's place the last two games, had four points and three rebounds against the Bulls.

"I've been up and down. I was a little off the other night because of foul trouble the other night," Hillesland said. "I was trying to protect the ball, and we were pretty athletic getting to the boards. I've been trying to pick up some of the productivity we lost with Rob."

Without a healthy Kurz on the defensive end of the floor, the Irish will try to avoid more games like South Florida where they gave up two or three shots on each opposing possession.

"This size and strength on the boards really gave us an advantage (rebounds)," Hillesland said. "We have to have the whole team rebound, from the forwards to the guards. Everyone can come back and be that force on the boards."

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HOCKEY

Number one

Striding to the top:
Notre Dame hockey's climb to No. 1

By KYLIE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Light up that bright yellow sign on top of Grace Hall; there's a new No. 1 team on campus.

For the first time in the program's 39-year history, the Irish hockey team is ranked No. 1 in the country. With the release of the two national polls Monday, the Irish leapfrogged — if just barely — previous leaders New Hampshire and Minnesota after a weekend in which the Irish slid past Bowling Green and got a helping hand out of New England.

"It's really insignificant at this point," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of the ranking. "We just have to keep the mindset of focusing on the next game and the next weekend. We can't allow ourselves to get caught up in those types of things. The only poll that matters is the one that they take at the end of the season."

Notre Dame (23-2-2) defeated the last-place Falcons on the road 3-2 and 2-1 last weekend, while then-No. 1 New Hampshire fell 4-2 to No. 9 Maine in one of college hockey's most fierce rivalries, before taking the second game 2-1 over the Black Bears. The New Hampshire loss was enough to lump them down to No. 3 as Minnesota swept Alaska-Anchorage at home to jump to the No. 2 spot. And the then-No. 2 Irish became the third team in three weeks to take over the top spot.

The Irish received 17 first-place votes in the USCHO.com/STAT poll, while the Gophers earned 12 and the Wildcats took home 11. Only four regular votes separated the Irish (750) from No. 3 New Hampshire (752).

In the USA Today/USA Today poll, the Irish (11th) had 10 first-place votes to Minnesota's (12th) two. The Gophers also earned 11 and the Wildcats took home 11 more.

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.nd Women's Bball
Freshmen fulfill key bench roles

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Irish coach Muffet McGraw has stressed the importance of the bench in her team's success. That was the case Sunday night, as it has been all season, with freshman guard Ashley Barlow helping lead Notre Dame past West Virginia 77-67.

I think [Barlow has been] a spark for us all year, and when she comes in the game we're trying to get her to be a little more aggressive offensively because we need her to score," McGraw said.

"She really did that tonight.

Barlow is one part of Notre Dame's trio of freshmen that comprise the large portion of the team's substitutes — along with guard Melissa Lechlitner and center Erin Williamson.

These two have each been integral to the team's success, filling in at the point and the post, respectively, to run the offense when Irish's veterans rest on the sidelines.

Williamson has been a presence inside all season, averaging six rebounds per game while blocking a team-high 28 shots. Lechlitner has filled in all season off the bench for starting point guard Tabyh Gaines and has

Men's Basketball
Kurz expects to play against DePaul

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Irish forward Rob Kurz said before practice Monday that he would play in Notre Dame's game Thursday at DePaul. Kurz missed last Tuesday's game at Syracuse and saw limited action on Saturday at South Florida because of a sprained right ankle he sustained in Notre Dame's 60-52 win over Villanova Jan. 27.

Against the Orange, the Irish were able to win without their third leading scorer (13.4 points per game) thanks to an impressive offensive display. Notre Dame put up 61 points in the first half before besting the Orange 103-91, but the story was different against South Florida.

Kurz, who leads the Irish with 19 minutes of action against the Bulls, scored no points and committed four fouls in Saturday's 69-63 loss in Tampa.

"[The biggest difference with- out Kurz on the floor] is definitely with his presence inside all season," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "One of the things we've stressed all season is that this team is different and the key things that we're trying to get her to be a little more aggressive offensively because we need her to score," McGraw said.

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ND Women's Swimming
Irish look to make history

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

If it had been accomplished by the soccer team, Notre Dame would be known as the Indiana soccer powerhouse, rather than the cross-state rival Hoosiers.

And if it had been done by the basketball team, the Joyce Center would certainly be selling out home games other than Alabama.

Lechlitner and center Erica Williamson. led by third-year coach Caryn MacKenzie, will depart for Edinburgh, Scotland July 23 and return in time to start its regular training schedule for the fall. After spending the first three days in Scotland, the Belles will head to Manchester, England and then London before returning to the United States.

SMC Soccer
Belles travel to British isles, train for season

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

For the first time in Saint Mary's history, a Belles team will travel overseas to participate in international competition — specifically, a little European football.

The Belles soccer team, which finished regular season play at 3-8-2, will spend 10 days training in England and Scotland this July.

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