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A matter of race

Today is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. I imagine the emergent social problem of AIDS in the African American community may lie far from the minds of most Notre Dame students, but it does not, on this day, lie far from mine. I have lived in Wilmington, Delaware, since I was 10 years old. Although Delaware is bland in many ways, it has a particularly long, regrettable history of poor race relations. Disparities in HIV rates are just the latest in a long line of problems to divide ethnic and racial enclaves in my city. More than 50 percent of Delaware residents categorized themselves as "black" in the last census. African American history runs richly through the state. Wilmington is home to the oldest black church in the country. As the East Coast's northernmost outpost of segregation, creating Delaware's northern border marked a vast improvement in conditions for thousands of African Americans in the early 20th century.

As in many states, race relations did not quickly improve following desegregation. Riots in Wilmington following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968 preempted the governor to deploy the National Guard, which remained in place until the following year. Although public schools were eventually legally integrated, де facto segregation remains the norm throughout much of the state. In response to desegregation, many white families chose to withdraw their children from the public school system. In my county today, about a third of school-age kids are educated in private or parochial schools. Public education is grossly underfunded in Delaware compared with neighboring states. Race relations also remain exceptionally tense in Delaware. The Wilmington Police Department has a reputation for "cop racism" for civil rights violations and possible racial profiling. Wilmington has one of the highest per capita HIV infection rates in the country, especially among African American men. Delaware was one of the last states to implement a needle exchange program for intravenous drug users, thanks to stalling by the state legislature.

Teen gets frostbite after run BUFFALO, Minn. — A teenager who wanted to continue the family tradition of running around the garden barefoot during halftime of the Super Bowl game has learned a painful lesson.

It was 17 below zero at halftime Sunday in this city about 30 miles northwest of Minneapolis, and D.J. Brown's dad said it was too cold to continue the tradition. But the 18-year-old senior at Buffalo High School ran outside in his T-shirt and jeans, threw off his socks and shoes, and ran around the block.

"I consider myself having a high pain threshold, and this was just as 10 out of 10," he said. "I was, like, chewing on a towel."

He was treated for second-degree frostbite on both feet at the burn center at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis and was on crutches and pain medication Monday.

290 climb Empire State Building

NEW YORK — Germany's Thomas Dold, 22, won the Empire State Building Run-up on Tuesday for the second year in a row. Sozy Walsham, 33, of Singapore, won the women's competition.

A total of 290 runners from around the world, ranging in age from 18 to 77, competed in the 30th annual race up the famed sky-scraper.

Dold's winning time of 10 minutes, 25 seconds was just over his 2006 time of 10 minutes, 19 seconds.

Another German, 23-year-old John Matthias, came in second with a time of 10 minutes, 36 seconds.

The runners ran up 86 floors, or 1,576 steps, from the building's Art Deco lobby.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, essayist and humorist David Rakoff will speak tonight at 8 in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The academic forum "RageTime 100 Years Later: Defining Our Generation's American Dream" will be held tonight at 7:30 in Washington Hall. Five campus speakers will comment on the themes of the musical "Ragtime." The event is free of charge and is co-hosted by the student groups Shades of Ebony and Wakeboards.

Freelance writer, editor and publisher Anne Elizabeth Moore will teach her tricks of the trade Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune Center.

Elfrain Ibarra, 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.

As part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival, writer, novelist, essayist, and editor and founder of the independent book publishing house McSweeney's, Dave Eggers will read from his latest work in Room 101, Delbartolo Hall at 8 p.m.

The Kellogg Institute will be hosting the annual Celebration of Brazilian Carnival featuring live music by the group "Chuva Samba," Friday, from 8 p.m. to midnight in South Dining Hall. Admission is free.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Members discuss use of SUB funds

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Members discussed realigning the purpose of the Student Union Board's "carry forward" fund during a meeting of the Council of Representatives Tuesday evening.

The fund, which has served as a reservoir for all unused funding from Student Government, Judicial Board's "carry forward" fund during each year toward SUB functions, has served as a big band to concerts and student government rather than SUB, but wanted to "make sure that the money would still be available and that FMB would consider it a separate entity." As for moving SUB's oversight level from Student Senate to SUB, Senate members seemed to agree.

Money from the fund has been drawn from by student organizations, student body president Lizzi Shappell said.

"I don't think it comes down to the fact that SUB can't do it," Braun said. "I think it's just that we don't have the money."

Vassel said the speaker series and concert series that exist at Notre Dame would be a great asset to Notre Dame, but "dollar signs were just flying through my head as I was sitting in the Joyce Center because there aren't change," he said.

Discussion on endowment possibilities was tabled until more specific information could be obtained about money in the fund.

In other COR news: • Vice president Bill Andrichuk recounted on the Student Senate opinion about the presidential division of SUB's budget discussed during last Tuesday's COR meeting. Senate members seemed to agree that the division should be put under student government rather than SUB, but wanted to "make sure that the money would still be available and that FMB would consider it a separate entity." As for moving SUB's oversight level from Student Senate to SUB, Senate members thought it "contentious." • Judicial Council President Liz Kudow announced that the presidential debates will take place Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the main lounge of Lafortune. Voting day is Monday.

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Law & .... Please join the Law School for its 2006-2007 series of interdisciplinary discussions. All programs begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be held in Law School room 120.

Thursday, September 28, 2006 Human Rights and Human Atrocities in Uganda Presenter: Todd David Whitmore Department of Theology Respondent: Doug Cassel Center for Civil and Human Rights, The Law School

Thursday, November 9, 2006 The Biophysics of Life and Public Policy Disputes: Interfacing with the Scientific Community on Bioethical Issues Presenter: Phillip Sloan Program of Liberal Studies Respondent: Carter Snead The Law School

Thursday, February 8, 2007 The Other Alien Debate: Biology and Policy of Invasive Species Presenter: David Lodge Department of Biological Sciences Respondent: Alejandro Camacho The Law School

Identifying Tax Effects on Charitable Giving Presenter: Daniel Hungerman Department of Economics and Econometrics Respondent: Lloyd Mayer The Law School

Author, politician to inaugurate series

By KATIE KOHLER Assistant News Editor

The first annual Plamondon Endowed Lecture in Communications Studies at St. Mary's begins today with nationally accredited author and political campaign expert Dr. Kathleen Hall Jamieson. The lecture, entitled "Deception in Politics," is free and open to the public. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater in the Moreau Center for the Arts on Saint Mary's campus.

The lecture will focus on the role of the media, namely television, in shaping elections today and in the past. Jamieson will also heavily focus on the 2004 presidential election.

The series, named for Ann Plamondon, a professor in the Communications Department since 1983, was chosen for her extensive work with elections, campaign ads and her role as a political critic in several important elections.

Jamieson is the Director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center and a professor of communications at the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. She has written several books on the topic of campaign deception and their influence on election results.

In addition to her role at UPENN, Jamieson serves as a political contributor to CBS News. During the 1996 presidential debates, she also appeared on "The News Hour" with Jim Lehrer. For her work in the field, she has been labeled an expert in political communications.

"She is in the top of her field and embodies what we, at Saint Mary's, stand for," Pauley said. "She is a great person to inaugurate the event."

While Jamieson is a woman, the series will not be limited to female speakers.

"Dr. Jamieson is just a great speaker and a strong figure in communications. In choosing the speaker next year, we will look for people with similar qualifications, regardless of gender," Pauley said.

Pauley and other members of the communications department are hoping for a considerable turnout at the event.

"We have contacted faculty of American studies and political science students over at Notre Dame as well as local schools such as USJ," Pauley said.

Plamondon, who also resides in New York, hopes for the continued success of the program.

"In the future, I would love to come back each year. It all depends on her," she said.

This is not Jamieson's first visit to the College. She was also present at the sesquicentennial in 1994.

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experts. Both keynote speakers are "true believers" in the conference, said Shappell. Olivardia studies body image issues in men and is considered one of the top men's health researchers in the field.

"We've really tried to identify the key players in the field," said Shappell agreed, saying that Dr. Olivardia is one of the top women's health researchers in the field. "We've really tried to identify the key players in the field," said Shappell. Olivardia studies body image issues in men and is considered one of the top men's health researchers in the field.

"We have brought together an excellent group of researchers, and hope that everyone in attendance will walk away with a better understanding of the complexity and urgency of the issue," Wishon said.

A long time in the making
Student Government initia­ tives have addressed eating dis­ orders issues in the past, but student government leaders have been working on the idea of a broader event with a greater impact for years, according to Wishon.

"After watching several students with eating dis­ orders, former student body President Adam Iwanciwiz decided that the Gender Issues Committee needed to take a closer look at the issue," Wishon said.

Since then, Wishon and Shappell have coordinated Eating Disorder Awareness Weeks for the past two years. The pair said "talked a long time... about how we wanted to take it to the next level," Shappell said.

When Shappell was elected president in 2004, Wishon said they were ready to pursue organizing a large-scale confer­ ence.

"When I was elected presi­ dent, it was something that I was very passionate about, so we decided to [start] the very long process of planning for the event," she said.

With help from current Gender Issues Committee members, Shappell's team set up the conference as a student event, which has so far been fully funded by the student organization.

This conference has been a long time in the making and the we are anxiously to showcase and stimulate dialogue," Wishon said.

Anyone interested in attending shoul­ d consider registering in advance, Wishon said, which can be done online at marketplace.nd.edu.

Registration is free for Notre Dame students, faculty and staff. Events will be held at various venues across campus, and the complete schedule is also available online.

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Iran blames U.S. for kidnapping

Diplomat’s seizure may further inflame tensions between Washington, Tehran

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gunmen wearing Iraqi army uniforms seized an Iranian diplomat as he drove through central Baghdad, officials said Tuesday, Iran said it held the United States responsible for the diplomat's kidnap.

One Iranian government official said the Iranian diplomat was killed by an Iraqi army unit that responded directly to the U.S. military. A military spokesman denied any U.S. troops or Iraqis that report to them were involved.

"We’ve checked with our units and it was not an MNF-I (Multi-National Forces-Iraq) unit that participated in that event," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garner, a U.S. military spokesman.

Iran also accused the Iraqi government of kidnaping two foreign journalists after the 文件 showed that the move was operation too slowly.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki acknowledged that preparations for the crackdown were off to a slow start.

"The operations will unite us and we will take action soon," God willing, even though we have the feeling that we have been late and this delay has started to give a negative message," he said in a meeting with military commanders showing his commitment to the Iraqi state television.

Defence Minister Robert Gates said Tuesday the increase in U.S. forces in Iraq is "out of the question" and that there was no chance to succeed and conceded he was considering what steps to take in building a strategy.

"I would be irresponsible if I weren’t thinking about what the alternatives might be," Gates said to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Gates said the operation was to have started on Monday: "It’s probably going to slip a few days, and it’s probably going to be a rolling implementation."

The Iranian government condemned the seizure of Jafar Shariati, the second secretary at the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad, saying he was seized Sunday by gunmen who "operate under the supervision of the American forces in Iraq," the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

"Iran holds American forces in Iraq responsible for the safety and life of the Iranian diplomat," IRNA quoted him as saying.

The incident comes as tensions have been rising between Iran and the United States and the Shiite-led Iraqi government has shown increasing impatience with both sides for letting their disagreements spill over the border, with the U.S. detention of at least eight Iranians in recent months.

The White House also has authorized U.S. troops in Iraq to kill or capture Iranian agents deemed to be a threat, saying evidence was mounting that Iran is supporting terrorists inside Iraq and is a major supplier of bombs and other weapons used to target U.S. forces. Iran has denied the charges.

The Iranian ambassador to Baghdad, Hassan Kazemi Qomi, said the gunmen used American vehicles and the diplomat's seizure appeared to be "within the framework of U.S. president's order to step up encounters with Iranians." In Iraq, Iranian state television reported.

He also told state TV that al-Maliki had appointed a team to investigate the fate of the Iranian diplomat.

There were conflicting descriptions of the abduction.

An official with the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to disclose the information, said the diplomat was heading to check on the planned opening of an Iranian bank Sunday in the central Karadah neighborhood after he was seized by men wearing Iraqi army uniforms.

House plans vote on troop increase

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House is planning to vote next week on a non-binding resolution President Bush's Iraq troop buildup in a war-time clash between Congress and commander-in-chief.

"It depends on what kind of scrapping you do. You have to use common sense," he said Monday as he stood waiting for lunch at the Hope Rescue Mission just south of downtown.

Scrap gathering proves dangerous

SOUTH BEND — Dennis Mackey has collected scrap metal for money, and he knows that some of it is harmful to be around.

"It depends on what kind of scapping you do. You have to use common sense," he said Monday as he stood waiting for lunch at the Hope Rescue Mission just south of downtown.

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Iraq

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Across the Capitol on the Senate side, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday that U.S. forces might be able to start leaving Iraq before the end of the year— if daunting conditions including subdued violence and political rec­ognition are met.

In Iraq, however, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said the Baghdad security operation that the buildup was designed to help was starting slowly and insurgents were responding by killing as many people as possible.

New checkpoints were up, and there were reports of increased vehicle inspections and foot patrols, but vi­olence continued.

The U.S. announced two American deaths—a soldier killed Tuesday at a security post southwest of Baghdad and Marine killed Monday in Anbar province—and eight Iraqis were killed by cur bombs in Baghdad. In all, more than 30 people were killed or found dead in Iraq.

Bush's revised strategy has sparked strong opposition among Democrats and official said that Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., had both pledged to their rank-and-file that next week's vote would merely be the first attempt to pressure the presi­dent to shift course in the war. Other legislation will be binding, they said.

Under House rules, Democratic lead­ers have the authority to advance a measure to the floor for three days of debate and a vote.
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off water supply to the affected area and to replace the damaged pipe or heating coil, Kachmarik said.

Koehn’s housekeeping staff was also on hand to clean up the mess caused by the flooding.

“The men of Koehn Hall have been exceptionally patient and very helpful with the clean-up process,” DeMott said. “Everything should be back to normal by the end of the week at the latest.”

While Koehn is the only dormitory to report flooding and burst pipes, O’Neill Hall experienced minor problems due to the cold weather.

“We just had, on Sunday afternoon, two radiator leaks,” rector Edward Mack said. “The first one was a little more major, but once the plumber got here and showed me how to turn the water off we were able to handle the second leak pretty easily.”

The radiators, located on the first and third floors, were a direct result of open windows.

“We had to manually turn off the radiators and remove belongings from the room,” Assistant Rector Patrick Roach said.

Mark and Roach sent out e-mails, hung up flyers and made an announcement at Mass to avoid similar problems in the future.

He has since covered the hockey, baseball and women’s volleyball beats.

Cassily, a junior history major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor, is originally from Rochester, N. H. He lives in Siegfried Hall.

A g l o n e started at The Observer as a news writer in fall 2004. Since then, she has reported on the academic free-concept character debate, the administration’s use of Facebook, the controversy surrounding the dome regilding and student government.

Fowler is from Long Beach, N. Y., and he lives in Siegfried Hall. Cassily joined The Observer as an Interhall writer in fall 2004.

“This is not the first time things like this have happened,” Roach said. “We know it happens when it is this cold, so we want people to be smart about leaving their windows open.”

Kachmarik’s office has also heard of problems in “one other hall, which hasn’t been confirmed.”

DeMott said that students need to remember to keep windows closed during cold weather, a point that was echoed in an e-mail sent to all-on-campus residents Monday by the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

“Because of the extremely cold temperatures and wind chills, the Department of Facilities Operations has requested assistance to insure that residence hall windows are shut tightly and secured,” the e-mail said. “Even the smallest opening allows for a draft to enter the room and cause pipes to freeze and break.”

Students unable to regulate the heat in their dorm rooms were encouraged in the e-mail to notify a member of residence hall staff so “a work order can be submitted for diagnostic and repair.

The time frame for fixing the burst pipe depends on the extent of the damage, the thawing of the pipe and the availability of access to the broken pipe, Kachmarik said.

As for the flooding, cleaning up the water happens pretty quickly, though drying out affected objects may take a few days, Kachmarik said.

“Generally, clothing, books and furniture can either be laundered or simply left to air-dry,” he said.

“Electronic components should not be turned on until they have completely dried out internally.”

To protect items that may be permanently damaged, Kachmarik stressed the importance of having adequate insurance coverage on belongings through “your family’s homeowners insurance or some other type of ‘renter’s insurance plan.”

Kachmarik noted one company — Haylor, Fryer & Coon, Inc. — that offers students as much as $6,000 coverage for under $100 per year.

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A Missing Chapter on the Missing Chains: Telling Tales and Making it up in the Irish Countryside

Guy Beiner
Department of History
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Thursday, February 8th
4:00 PM Heisburg Auditorium

Followed by the launch of Beiner’s new book
Remembering the Year of the French: Irish Folk History and Social Memory
Madinon: University of Wisconsin Press, 2007
by James Smyth, Department of History

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Club Information Meetings
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Monday, Feb 5th @ 5 pm - Academic Clubs
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Wednesday, Feb 7th @ 5 pm - Cultural Clubs
Wednesday, Feb 7th @ 6 pm - Performing Arts Clubs
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Thursday, Feb 8th @ 6 pm - Special Interest Clubs
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Coca-Cola secretary faces jail time

ATLANTA — The government said in court papers Tuesday it believes a former Coca-Cola secretary conspired of stealing trade secrets from the giant to use in her new job. Zucker

The company also owns the Universal movie studio and the theme parks in Florida and California.

Facebook, Comcast ally to air series

Philadelphia — Comcast Corp. and Facebook.com are joining forces to create a television series from user-generated videos that will appear online and through video on demand.

"We've been having some dia­logue with Comcast for a couple of months just on and off, just as they were putting their video plans together," Owen Van Natta, chief operating officer of based Facebook, said Tuesday. "Then we engaged R.I. Cutler and we came up with this idea."

Facebook and Comcast would not comment on the deal's details, but Van Natta did say there will be "sponsorship and advertising opportunities."
Parallels exist between drunks, government

Each week, my view towards the government more closely resembles my opinion toward Fisher Hall’s dorm drunk—when he throws up on the side of the building on Monday night, it is hardly an unexpected event, yet still quite pathetic. Similarly, as the government continues to ignore bad laws and make poor decisions on a daily basis, it is still disgusting, but it happens so frequently nowadays that I’m never surprised. However, there are a number of reasons why the dorm drunk is preferable to the United States government.

Firstly, the “legislation” emanating from the dorm drunk rarely impacts me, despite the fact that I live in Fisher Hall as well. Sure, I might catch an occasional whiff of unpowered alcohol seeping into my Sea Nuggets (rightfully so). I might have to side-step them on the second floor stairwell on the way to lunch on Tuesday afternoon. I might even have to help the dorm drunk stumble into his left and turn him off his side so he can pass out. But the dorm drunk’s actions rarely have a lasting impact on me; they are fleeting college experiences that I will one day look back on and laugh about. I’m never worried that the dorm drunk is going to install surveillance cameras in my room or steal my money and call it the income tax. The dorm drunk will never hand drinking or gambling and tell me it is for my own good. The government, on the other hand, does all these things with impunity.

Secondly, the dorm drunk doesn’t even attempt to rationalize his actions. He knows his actions are corrupt and doesn’t make vague references to important concepts in an Orwellian fashion. He doesn’t claim he did the technicolor yarn all over the 38 bathroom last night for the common good, moral values, national security, spreading democracy, or the poor and the children. He isn’t foolish enough to tell me that banning online gambling protects “American values” (apparently freedom of choice, personal responsibility and the right of contract aren’t “American values”). He won’t attempt to persuade me that I have a “right” to universal health care (apparently freedom or “freedom”). He doesn’t pretend that his actions are anything other than what they are— he engages in no double-speak. The US government and its politicians, on the other hand, do all these things.

Thirdly, the dorm drunk usually limits his partying to the area directly around the dorm. He is seen as a good-natured fellow full of a drunk one by the rest of the Notre Dame community who rarely does them wrong. Yes, he might occasionally wander a drunkener haze all over campus and peer on the side of another dorm, but he parties almost exclusively in Fisher Hall. Underage of the other dorms hurts his person or steals his booze, he has no motivation to to venture outside the walls of Fisher. His actions are confined to his home. He stays peacefully alongside everyone else. The dorm drunk doesn’t go baraying into battle like a learning-disabled jackass against another dorm that did him little or no wrong. The dorm drunk isn’t foolish enough to give those who already don’t like his partying ways another excuse to hate him. He does not arrogant. The US government, on the other hand, does all of these things.

Finally, the dorm drunk isn’t too much of a burden on society. Yes, perhaps he will mistake a fellow Fisherman’s laptop for a urinal in the wee hours or the morning pass out naked in Ellie’s bed (tell your dog in the middle of the first floor entrance way, but at least his shenanigans provide much needed college stories to a college that is relatively tame compared to other schools. Although it is true that he wreaks havoc on other people’s belongings, he is still personally fiscally responsible for whatever damage he causes. He cannot legally take 39 percent of my earnings without repercussion. He is not endowed with the power to take half of the belongings of my dead relative without the consequences of doing so. He can’t institute programs to punish the productive for being successful. The US government, on the other hand, does all of these things.

While there is certainly a resemblance between the US government and our dorm drunk, the dorm drunk is obviously preferable to the US government. Let’s replace our representatives with dorm drunks. It can get any worse.

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Bruce Springsteen

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**REPUBLICAN CONSERVATIVES**
Human rights violations often ignored

According to a recent BBC undercover investigation, Oct. 1 has many interesting meanings in the People's Republic of China. It is, of course, the country's National Day. It is also, the BBC reports, National Day. It is, of course, the country's peak of organ sea-... .

Chinese prisoners are willfully denoting their organs to "society" (i.e. to rich Westerners) is treasonous at best. In a coun-... of many a rich Westerner in need of a liver or two. The reason for this October surge in organ supply is simple, the BBC reports: Prisoner executions in China always go up before the national holiday. The BBC learned of this fall prisoner organ harvest through hidden camera footage taken by BBC correspondent Rupert Wingfield Hayes. In the video, Hayes strrolls into one of the largest organ transplant centers in Northern China in order to procure a liver for his "ailing father." Not particularly in the mood for subterfuge, Hayes asks the doctors if they received the organs from executed prisoners. The hospital officials cheerfully pro-...s. However, Hayes notes that the idea that Chinese prisoners are willfully donating their organs to "society" (i.e. to rich Westerners) is treasonous at best. In a country where convicts are often taken directly from the courtroom to the execution ground and due process is a figment of the imagination, ethical considerations about prisoners' rights seem a bit out of place. Indeed, Hayes' conversation with the father of an executed prisoner highlights this reality. When asked whether his son ever consulted with him about donating his organs after his execution, the father replies, "I didn't even get to see my son after he was arrested... The day he was shot they called me and said I could come and pick up his ashes." This practice should be disturbing to Westerners for a few reasons. Most obvi-..." I didn't even get to see my son after he was arrested... The day he was shot they called me and said I could come and pick up his ashes." This practice should be disturbing to Westerners for a few reasons. Most obvi-...s. However, Hayes notes that the idea that Chinese prisoners are willfully denoting their organs to "society" (i.e. to rich Westerners) is treasonous at best. In a country where convicts are often taken directly from the courtroom to the execution ground and due process is a figment of the imagination, ethical considerations about prisoners' rights seem a bit out of place. Indeed, Hayes' conversation with the father of an executed prisoner highlights this reality. When asked whether his son ever consulted with him about donating his organs after his execution, the father replies, "I didn't even get to see my son after he was arrested... The day he was shot they called me and said I could come and pick up his ashes." This practice should be disturbing to Westerners for a few reasons. Most obvi-...s. However, Hayes notes that the idea that Chinese prisoners are willfully denoting their organs to "society" (i.e. to rich Westerners) is treasonous at best. In a country where convicts are often taken directly from the courtroom to the execution ground and due process is a figment of the imagination, ethical considerations about prisoners' rights seem a bit out of place. Indeed, Hayes' conversation with the father of an executed prisoner highlights this reality. When asked whether his son ever consulted with him about donating his organs after his execution, the father replies, "I didn't even get to see my son after he was arrested... The day he was shot they called me and said I could come and pick up his ashes." This practice should be disturbing to Westerners for a few reasons. Most obvi-...s. However, Hayes notes that the idea that
The Future of Interactivity

Wii Would Like To Play

By MICHELLE FORDICE

Nintendo took a chance with the release of the Wii. It would not compete with the latest Microsoft and Sony releases by traditional measures — such as enhanced, high-definition graphics — but Nintendo's innovation made the Wii a highly interactive console that appeals to both hardcore and casual gamers.

Nintendo's new system packs power, customization and high levels of interactivity into its hardware for the intense gamers while adopting a sleek, white look similar to the iPod in order to attract a more general audience.

The Wii comes with an LED equipped sensor bar (centered above or below a television screen) that in conjunction with the remote picks up the player's movements. The console is the smallest of all Nintendo units, only about the size of three DVD boxes, and can be oriented horizontally or vertically. The front of the console accepts Wii optical discs and Nintendo GameCube discs (though not standard DVDs and CDs). The console also has two USB ports and one SD card slot. The remotes run on AA batteries.

The remotes (or WiiMotes) are surprisingly sensitive. While there are limitations as to how far and from what angle a player can approach the system, the remotes can distinguish a multitude of different motions and provide six degrees of movement. Most of the time, the required motions are intuitive. The remote takes some time to get used to for more complex games, but the basic games, like those offered in "WiiSports," can be picked up in a couple of plays.

Often, for those more complex games the remote is paired with the included nunchuck, which adds an analog stick and two additional buttons. The remote has a speaker on it, allowing the user to hear the sounds of their movements, such as the crack of a sword. Nintendo also included a vibrating feature on the remote, which is perfect for reminding the player to make a menu choice. An additional controller can be purchased that allows users to play classic Nintendo games they have downloaded to their Wii. "WiiSports" — a game which comes bundled with the console — allows users to play basic versions of games including tennis, golf, bowling, boxing and baseball. Tennis and boxing stand out as the more fun of the five, but all the WiiSports games are entertaining as players physically roll the bowling ball down the alley and swing their tennis racquet.

Other games specifically designed to be played on the Wii showcase the range of its ability. "WarioWare: Smooth Moves" requires the user (like in past editions of the game) to play a series of short, random games in which they must figure out what to do on their own. There are no more button combinations; the player has to move the remote in many different ways, all of which the system can differentiate, from letting it drop in free fall, hitting it between two hands or using it like a pencil. "Super Monkey Ball: Banana Blitz," which similarly cashes in on the motion capability of the remote, is a little more difficult to use as the motions are a little less intuitive, but can be just as fun.

Wii also works well with more traditional games that have been updated to work with the Wii controllers, such as "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess" and "Madden NFL 07." Players swing their sword and throw passes, making the games more immersive than their predecessors. The Wii console is also backwards compatible with all Nintendo GameCube software, though a GameCube controller is still necessary to enjoy those games.

The interactivity of the Wii makes it most suitable for multiplayer use. Unfortunately, most of the multiplayer games require the use of multiple remotes, which adds on hefty $60 fee for each new remote and nunchuck pair.

Unlike other game consoles, the Wii is attempting to create a more versatile piece of equipment than just a pure video game system. Users can upload photos from their SD memory cards and use the basic image editor to view and change them (mostly in fun, rather than serious ways). They can also send messages for other players on the console and send messages over the internet and to cell phones. Also if they connect the Wii to the internet, users can check the weather, surf the internet, use the shopping channels and get news updates.

After creating a Mii — a 3-D caricature of the user — players can store up to 10 on the remote and bring them to play on another Wii console. Eventually, Wii is supposed to have online gaming where players play their Mii in multiplayer online games, although this feature has not yet been perfected. This merger of gaming with online interactivity will bring a sense of community to video gaming that has never been accomplished before.

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History of Video

By MARTY SCHROEDER

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As much as the Odyssey milestone, it failed to occur on the newly emerging solitary market. It was a Christmas 1975 — Atari released its already popular game "Pong" — that the sole market exploded, but based on the success of the Odyssey, Atari, now the success of "Pong," released

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in the late 1970s and early '80s, and by 1982, the Atari was selling eight million units per year, making it the most successful game console of the late 1970s and early 90s, and familiarizing users with a diverse array of games including "Pac-Man," "Space Invaders" and the first incarnation of "Donkey Kong." Following the success of the Atari 2600, it would be some years before another system that straddled the gap between home computer and home computer companies, quickly overtook other video games and home computer companies, it would last for a few years more but not as long as the now-defunct market names.

Mario takes control

The next windfall for video games came in 1983 in the form of the Nintendo Famicom, or Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) outside Japan. With the now legendary "Super Mario Bros.," this console signaled the end of the 1983 crash and defined what is considered a video game console today. Adored by many as the symbol of their childhood, this system was a big success not only in Asia, but also North America, having sold over 60 million units since its launch.

Nintendo was the first console maker to openly accept games from third-party developers. Capcom's "Super Street Fighter II" and Square's "Final Fantasy" series were games that had become the stuff of legend but were not developed in house by Nintendo. This was to say much, in that Nintendo did not make games for its own system. The "Mario Bros.," "Zelda" and "Metroid" series were all created by Nintendo and are still being released today for new systems. With games such as these, Nintendo showed not only technical advancement in its console hardware, but a creative capacity in game design that altered what people thought were video games.

All good things must come to an end and it was no different for Nintendo's near monopoly on the video game market. In 1989, the Japanese gaming company Sega released the Sega Genesis in America. This system was an improvement over the old NES due to the increase from an 8-bit to a 16-bit processor.

Increased graphics capabilities were showcased in the now famous Sega franchise, "Sonic the Hedgehog." Another advancement on the part of Sega, which predicted the rise of the CD formatted game, came in the form of Sega CD. This could play music CDs and some games. As foresighted as this was, the CDs suffered from extended load times, which hampered the success of this console.

Nintendo, seeing competition in the form of better graphics and game franchise creations from Sega, released the Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES). Available in North America in 1991, this system sparked the biggest console war in the history of video games between the Sega Genesis and the SNES. With games such as "The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past," "Nintendo took back some of the market share it had lost to Sega. Other games such as "Super Mario Kart" helped the SNES become a home console staple.

Games go 3D

The Nintendo 64, released in 1996, was a huge jump in graphics capabilities from the old 16-bit SNES. As the title of the console makes clear, this was a 64-bit system that had the first fully 3-D graphics showcased in games such as "Super Mario 64" and "The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time." Aside from these games, the first person shooter (FPS) based on the games Bond film "Goldeneye" paved the way for the explosion of first person shooters so popular today as shown in games like "Halo." Sony also jumped into the console market with its release of the PS1 in 1995. The biggest change in video game terms associated with the PS1 was the shift to games on CDs instead of cartridges. Also, separate, removable memory cards used to save games were introduced, allowing people to transport their memory cards to play saved games instead of an entire system. Load times were somewhat of an issue — the main reason the Nintendo 64 opted for the cartridge format — however, the CD format offered third-party developers more disc capacity and the ability to create epic RPGs such as the successful "Final Fantasy VII."

After these, Sega had its last console, the Dreamcast, which was one of the first consoles to be able to connect to the internet and allow game play over it. However, due to poor business decisions, Sega left the console industry and is now focused on being a third-party game developer.

Nintendo released the Gamecube, which focused on family and social game play with games such as "Mario Party" and "Super Smash Brothers Melee," the sequel to the very popular "Super Smash Brothers." The Nintendo 64. Sony has had the most success so far with its Playstation 2. This system currently has the best share of the market even with Microsoft's introduction of its own Xbox.

The history of the home console is one of creative genius and hard-line struggle. From humble beginnings with analog technology and no more graphic power than two bars hitting a circle across the screen, video games are a mainstay for everyone from children to business professionals. As more and more people who grew up with video games enter their adulthood and have children of their own, the future is bright for this always innovative entertainment.

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Console evolution flirts with virtual reality

As accessory technology develops, gamers find themselves ‘in the game’

By ERIN MCGINN
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From the beginning, virtual reality has always been seen as the final frontier for video games. The desire to make players really feel like their onscreen actions are controlled not just by pushing a button, but by actually performing the motion involved has been omnipresent throughout the history of video games. And as video games have evolved, they have come closer and closer to reaching that level of sophistication.

When the original Nintendo system (NES) first came out, it came with games and accessories that had already begun to simulate real-life actions. “Duck Hunt” involved the use of a light gun which players pointed at the screen in order to take down the ducks. It has been so popular and beloved as a game that a new version will be released on Nintendo’s latest system, the Wii. Players could also run in “World Class Track Meet” by using Nintendo’s Power Pad. Even back in 1989, the initial plans for the current Wiimote could be seen in Nintendo’s Power Glove. which had limited capabilities of sensing hand movements.

The ideas behind the original Nintendo accessories carried through into the following generation of interactive gaming accessories which accompanied new consoles. Sega’s popular “House of the Dead” franchise emerged in the mid-90s in both arcade and home consoles (Sega’s Saturn and Dreamcast), which used a light gun evolved from Nintendo’s original model. The Dreamcast gun receives light through a photodiode located within the barrel to detect light reflecting off of the screen and translates the player’s shooting to carnage onscreen. Nintendo’s Power Pad found itself reincarnated through the “Dance Dance Revolution” (DDR) craze of the late-90s. By following arrows moving on the screen, players stepped on the corresponding directional arrow spaces on a pressure-sensitive foot pad. The popularity of “Dance Dance Revolution” spawned a number of music-related titles, each with their own interactive accessories.

“Karaoke Revolution” is based on karaoke singing, where the players sing into a microphone and the game detects the pitch of the singer’s voice and awards points based on how close the singer is to the actual pitch of the song being sung. There are currently several versions of the game on the market, including “Karaoke Revolution Presents: American Idol,” in which the player must suffer through the criticisms of Idol judges Simon, Paula and Randy at the end of each performance. The critiques of their virtual renditions even affect the player’s final score.

Recently popular are the “Guitar Hero” games for the PlayStation 2. Much like “DDR,” the players follow the notes as they appear on the screen and “play” their guitar by simultaneously pressing the corresponding notes and strumming the main key in rhythm. The game features popular songs by such artists as Cheap Trick, Kiss, Nirvana, Foo Fighters and Rage Against the Machine.

On a similar note, would-be virtual drummers can enjoy playing with the Donkey Kong Rongos while playing the “Donkey Konga” titles on Nintendo’s Game Cube or through the “Taiko: Drum Master” system on the PS2. With both systems, players use an electric bongo drumset and its accompanying drum beats to play a song, or, in “Donkey Konga,” to control the characters on the screen.

In 2003, the PlayStation 2 released the EyeToy, which is a device similar to a webcam. The EyeToy allows players to interact with the game through motion, color and sound detection. There were several games developed for the PS2 which implemented the EyeToy, in addition to games such as the “Harry Potter” series which included several mini-games which utilized the EyeToy’s capabilities.

The relatively new handheld Nintendo DS brings interactivity directly to the palm of the player’s hand. The DS is capable of detecting sound and light, as well as making use of a touch screen which allows more interaction between the game and the player, even with old-school games such as “Mario” or “Mario Kart.”

With each new generation of consoles, the level of player interactivity continues to evolve. And although none of the current game systems have yet advanced to the point of true “virtual reality,” it is now possible for players to shoot virtual guns, sing virtual karaoke and play virtual guitars and drums, all from the comfort of their sofas at home.

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Knicks need just one more victory to tie last year's total after win

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers knows that his team would struggle to beat anyone in the NBA at the moment.

Trying to beat the Detroit Pistons with newly acquired Chris Webber was nearly impossible.

Webber had 17 points and six assists as the Pistons put on a passing clinic for three quarters while handing the Celtics their 15th straight loss, 109-102 on Tuesday night.

“We really didn’t have a chance,” Rivers said. “We played a better team tonight. They had some matchup advantages, and they went right at us. The problem is that, with Webber in the middle, there’s not much you can do. He might be their best passer.”

Antonio McDyess finished with 18 points in 20 minutes, hitting his first eight shots before Kendrick Perkins blocked the ninth.

“I got some easy baskets early and I just kept going,” he said. “He didn’t find me on the ninth one, either. That was a good block.”

Webber and Webber combined to shoot 17-for-22 against Boston’s overmatched interior defense.

“We just couldn’t stop anything in the post,” said Wally Szczerbiak. “When we didn’t double, they got a layup. When we did double, someone cut to the basket, they made a pass and they still got a layup.”

Pistons coach Flip Saunders was only disappointed by the fourth quarter, which saw the Celtics rally from a 24-point deficit to make the final score respectable.

“Your main guys should have the opportunity to sit down and rest in the fourth quarter of a game like that,” he said. “We had to bring those guys back with five minutes left to make sure we won the thing.”

Rivers, though, wasn’t impressed.

“I’m not going to put a lot of stock in that,” he said. “I’m not sure how much the other team was still competing at that point.”

The Celtics, who extended the worst losing streak in franchise history, haven’t won since a 128-119 victory in Memphis on Jan. 5. They have allowed at least 100 points in five straight games.

“We did what we were supposed to do,” said Chauncey Billups. “That team is obviously struggling, and we jumped on them. They kept fighting, but we won the game.”

Boston also had to send forward Paul Pierce home with an infected left elbow. Pierce, who has missed Boston’s last 23 games with a foot injury, is expected to be hospitalized for at least two days, which will push his possible return back past the All-Star break.

Billups led Detroit with 24 points, while Richard Hamilton had 10 points and a season-high 11 assists.

“That was surprising, given the way Rip usually chases shots,” McDyess joked as Hamilton got draped in the adjoining locker. “He actually throws a nice pass.”

Bucks 116, Magic 111

Ruben Patterson scored 14 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter and the struggling Milwaukee Bucks beat the Orlando Magic on Tuesday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

The Bucks won their seventh straight at home against the Magic but have still lost 15 of their last 18 games overall, in part because Michael Redd remains sidelined with a sprained left knee.

Milwaukee hopes to hit its stride when Redd returns as early as this week from an absence of at least 16 games. Regardless, the Bucks finally found the much-needed offense they’ve been missing since his departure.

Patterson was the big reason why. He scored eight straight points as Milwaukee seized control late in the fourth quarter, starting with a free throw to make it 99-94. On the Bucks’ next possession, he hit a desperation, 29-foot, rainbow 3-pointer before Dwight Howard answered with an alley-oop slam to make it 102-96.

Next, Patterson picked off Javante’er Nelson’s pass, the 17th and final turnover of the game for the Magic, and was grabbed hard on the ensuing fast break by Hedo Turkoglu, who was whistled for a flagrant foul.

Patterson hit both free throws, then followed Me Williams’ miss with an emphatic dunk off the carom to give the Bucks a 106-96 advantage with 3:23 left.

Orlando never got closer than the final margin as both teams traded free throws. Milwaukee finished 29-of-46 from the line, while Orlando was 26-of-38.

Earl Boykins had 24 points, Charline Villanueva 22, Charlie Bell 20 and Williams 13 for the Bucks.

Howard had 21 points and 11 rebounds, his 34th double-double of the season for the Magic. Orlando’s Keith Bogans scored a season-high 19 points, Turkoglu 18, Carlos Arroyo 14 and Tony Battie 11.

Orlando started the fourth quarter by missing its first five shots and going 10-45 spanning the final two quarters with only one field goal. At one point in the dry spell, Bo Outlaw slapped an empty chair repeating after failing to save a loose ball that had bounced high off Patterson and would have been the Magic’s ball anyway.

Still, Orlando pulled within four before Patterson’s spat began.

Knicks 102, Clippers 90

The New York Knicks spent the first half looking like the team they have been for too long inconsistent on offense and ineffectual on defense.

Then suddenly, they turned to the team they think they can become.

Stephon Marbury scored 12 of his 15 points in an early second-half run that overwhelmed the Clippers and turned the game around, sending New York in a victory over Los Angeles on Tuesday night.

Jamaal Crawford and Eddy Curry each scored 23 points to lead New York, which shot poorly and defended worse in the first two quarters before controlling the second half of its second consecutive victory.

New York (22-28) improved to 13-11 at home and needs to win only once on a three-game road trip before All-Star weekend to match its victory total from last season’s 23-9 failure under Larry Brown.

“You hate to look at it like that, but that’s crazy,” Crawford said. “I think we’ll definitely have that win by total of the break. We’re a better team.”

New York never led in the first half and trailed by as much as 12. But the Knicks stormed out of halftime with a 24-4 spurt, turning a 10-point deficit into a 10-point lead in a span of 9-1/2 minutes and handing the Clippers their second straight loss.

Elton Brand had 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Clippers, who lost for the third time in 10 games and fell to 1-2-2 on their seven-game Eastern trip. Reserve Tim Thomas also had 22 points.

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Squash team splits matches at Washington

Notre Dame participated in the second annual West Coast Round Robin, hosted by Washington. The Irish dropped a pair of matches in opening play, but rebounded to win two matches to close out the weekend.

Friday, the Irish fell to the host Huskies 6-5. James Zhang and Phil Moss posted straight game wins at No. 1 and No. 5, respectively, while Pedro Godinho came back to win a close five game contest at No. 6. Later on Friday, Notre Dame dropped its second match, 9-0, to No. 19 Stanford.

Saturday saw Notre Dame on the Irish as they opened with a 5-4 victory over USC. No. 2 Javier Palomo, No. 4 Mike McConnell, No. 5 Jose Palomo, No. 7 Leigh Chapman and No. 9 Julian Luger won for Notre Dame, while Zhang, Moss, Godinho, and Thomas Lee also played hard in losing close matches.

The Irish completed the tournament on a high note, with a 6-3 win over Cal. Zhang, Javier Palomo and Phil Moss won four game matches at the top three spots. Jose Palomo and Lee posted four game wins as well at Nos. 5 and 6, and Chapman came from 2-0 down to win a 2-3 contest at No. 7.

This season featured a pair of first weekend MEXA event of the season. The men's team finished second, while the women's team took third. Both men's and women's squash teams captured first place in their respective competition.

In Slidom competition Saturdays, Notre Dame's Molly Fox, Stephanie Vosler, Liz Keedy, Katie Pagano and Anna Janson finished ninth through 13th respectively. Teammates Caitlin Kelly and Mary Kate Swemere were 15th and 16th while Nicole Hernandez and Kelly Gallagher came in at 28th and 29th.

In snowboarding's first combined race results, Casey McCullough, Cat Dunne and Katie Feihlberger captured first, second and third overall in the women's division, respectively, and took first, third and fourth, respectively, in the second race combined results. In the two men's races, Joe Wells finished first and third, Alex Gorrell took third and fifth. Andy Martin took first in the second race, with Jeff Kroon at fourth.

Notre Dame completed its competition season this weekend with a performance at the Frazier Mich. that earned the club silver medals. The 10 Irish skaters finished just behind Northwestern, a 20-member team.

The Irish skated in music from "Phantom of the Opera," the dramatic family theme song and a musical score from "Edward Scissorhands."

This season featured a pair of silver medalists finishes and a first place at the D. Porter competition in December. The Irish will conclude their performances with a Feb. 25 exhibition, "Ice Ice Baby," at the Joyce Center.

Women's Water Polo

In their first game of the season, the Irish gained a major victory over the Michigan State Alumni team, which boasted six players from the 2006 National Championship team. With two scores by Bridget O'Neil, and one each from Cristina Romano, Kat Kenmiller and MC Cinino, the Irish took a 5-4 lead in the game before the Spartans scored a quick goal before time expired, forcing sudden death overtime. Bridget O'Neill scored the winning shot in the second period of OT on a pass from Kristin Schmitt. Freshman goalie Betsy O'Neil came up huge in the goal, recording 14 saves.

The Irish next faced Wisconsin on route to a 15-2 victory, everyone got good minutes for Notre Dame. Schmitt, who had five goals, led the Irish in scoring. Romano, who had four, and Kelly Horner, who had two, were also strong offensively for Notre Dame. Cinino, Katie Geofrey, Emily Harig, and Kristen Harchut all added to the tally, and goalie Maggie Hyde came out with eight saves, including a blocked penalty shot to shut down the Badgers.

Sunday morning piloted Notre Dame against the Toronto. The Canadians came out first, scoring three quick goals. The Irish answered with two scores by Horner and coke to tie it up.

Four unanswered Canadian goals were just enough to keep the Irish at bay, despite a quick but trick by Bridget O'Neil in the fourth quarter, ending the game at 7-6 loss. Betsy O'Neil had 15 saves in goal.

Playing for third place in the tournament, Notre Dame met the hosts Michigan State in a defensive struggle, with no score put on board until the end of the third quarter. With only one score by Romano, the Irish lost 2-1. Betsy O'Neil had eight saves in goal.

Women's Ice Hockey

Notre Dame traveled to Chicago to play three different squads. Friday night, it struggled the entire game against the Irish, yet prevailed 3-2. While the Irish scored first in the first period, Notre Dame senior Jamie Tilton answered with a goal in the second period.

In the third period the game picked up and the Irish scored twice more. First, freshmen Emily Chappell scored with an assist from sophomore Margaret Knode, and then Knode scored the net, assisted by sophomore Lauren Beuke. The Irish scored once more, but the Irish held on for the victory.

The Irish dominated Saturday's game against the Tigers. The Irish had four goals in the first period alone. Beuke scored first of a pass from senior Jed goal in the second period.

Second goalgetter Emily Stuck played a solid game as she backed up the Irish defensively. The Tigers broke their scoreless run with a goal within the last minute of playing time, but the Irish stayed on top to win 5-1.

Sunday afternoon, Notre Dame faced off with the Penguins, its final opponent for the weekend. Chappell opened the scoring in the first period with a goal off an assist by Knode and sophomore Amy Willetts.

Notre Dame eventually pulled out the 3-1 win.

The team's success this weekend helped to boost its overall record to 14-5-1, which is important as its starts looking at the upcoming playoff games.
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per game. "I think our post play overall has been our success with the win streak," Henley said.

Both Kammrath and Newsom feel that their individual contributions merely dovetail with the team's play as a whole.

"It's a team that has shown that it is very balanced, and if one player can't get the job done, others have been able to have big nights," Kammrath said.

"We have had quite a few games when more than two players have been in double figures. It's hard for other teams to handle a team like ours."

Nevertheless, there is a strong association between the six games the Belles played — five of which were victories between Jan. 13 and Jan. 31 — and the performance of Newsom and Kammrath.

After the first six games of the season, Kammrath averaged 6.5 points and 5.5 rebounds in 24 minutes per game, while Newsom averaged 7.9 and 5.9 in 21.9 minutes.

During the recent six-game stretch, Kammrath averaged 29.5 minutes per game, scored 10.2 points and pulled down 9.2 boards.

Newsom averaged 30.5 minutes, 15.5 points and 7.8 rebounds during the same period.

It was in that span that each player brought their true potential into stark relief.

On Jan. 20 against Adrian, Kammrath broke out for 25 points and 14 rebounds, shooting 10-of-14 from the field.

"It was fun to play that game in particular because everyone did so great," Kammrath said.

"I just found myself open on offense and was able to convert," Newsom said.

Henley also noted the size difference.

"Our guards recognized this early and got Erin the ball," she said.

As a result, Newsom was named the MIAA Player of the Week that day.

Both players have taken the increased action in stride.

"I don't care how many minutes I play as long as we walk away with a win," Newsom said.

Kammrath, in her first season at the collegiate level, had a tougher adjustment period, but her desire to feel comfortable around the fifth and sixth game of the season.

"At the beginning, it was scary for me to be playing at a college level. I was nervous and didn't have much confidence in myself," she said.

Kammrath and Newsom have a competitive but helpful relationship with each other, continuously trying to make the other better.

"Anna (Kammrath) is great to play with," Newsom said.

"She's a very supportive and unselfish teammate."
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and added 12 rebounds against the Blue Demons. She leads the Cardinals with 21.7 points (49 percent from the field) and 11.5 rebounds per game.

McCoughtry was recently named to the John B. Wooden Middleseason All-American team, a prestigious group of 20 players who will compete for the Player of the Year award at the end of the season.

But the recognized forward is only one reason why the Irish will have their hands full in the paint.

Although Notre Dame out-rebounded West Virginia 46-23, it faced a Louisville team that averages 10 more rebounds per game than Notre Dame does—the Cardinals grab 47.8 boards per game compared to Notre Dame’s 37.8.

Aside from McCoughtry, center Jazz Covington (7.5 rebounds per game) will be another obstacle in the post. Louisville also holds a plus-10.8 rebounds per game ratio over their opponents.

But for all of Louisville’s strengths in the post—they struggle from the perimeter. The Cardinals have shot only 29 percent from behind the arc and in their two losses combined sank only 20 percent of their three-point attempts.

Both Louisville losses have come on the road—a 106-94 overtime loss at Providence Jan. 3 and a 74-58 loss to South Florida on Jan. 16. And McGraw understands the importance of capitalizing on the home-court advantage.

"You have to take care of your home court," McGraw said. "Everyone in the league is struggling to win on the road. There’s not been a decent road win until Monday night when Connecticut beat Marquette—that was the first one. I think we really have got to take care of our home court. And we have a lot of great opportunities coming up.

Junior guard Charel Allen will lead the Irish offensively. Allen was named to the Big East Honor Roll for the third time last week, and she also has one Big East Player of the Week under her belt this season.

The most important factor, however, may still be the Joyce Center and the fans who were noticeably absent on South Florida Sunday.

“We’re hoping that the crowd comes back on Wednesday’s Game,” McGraw said. “We’re going to need all the help we can get.”

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ers will mark the second straight top-10 class according to Tom Lemming, the national recruiting analyst for CSTV.

On one end is Armando Allen, a 5-foot-10 running back from Miami suburb. On the other is Chris Little, a 6-foot-1, 260-pound tackle from Jeffersonville, Ga.

In between are the coveted Chauls, an Italian kid named Ragone from Wens’ old Jersey stomping grounds and a wide receiver from Tennessee with a name that destined him for Golden glory.

The Irish are expected to land only two defensive linemen—end Kerry Neal and tackle Ian Williams—but will grab two running backs, two receivers and five offensive linemen. And the one quarterback everyone wanted but only Wells got.

It’s the second straight year the Irish will bring in two top tailbacks, and this year’s receivers compare favorably to last year’s group. What’s more, after receiving a bare cupboard on the offensive line, Wells restored both of his shelves with six big men last year and this year’s five.

But the recruiting saga this year was more moving than most. Clasen’s commitment helped the Irish reel in the top offensive recruits, Lemming said, but the Irish experienced frustration on the defensive side of the ball.

Linebacker Chris Donald passed on the Irish and will stay in state and look at the future.

The recruits who sign today will talk to media only once or twice between now and their sophomore seasons, and the continual rebuilding focus will shift to a new year of high school players. Analysts and coaches are already following this year’s group in hopes of making an impact in Division I.

But today, the Irish can be happy with what they’ve got.

The national signing day is a long way away.

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jumpstarted Calvin’s offense.

The Knights never looked back.

“We came out flat,” Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. “We didn’t step up. When you play Calvin you have to bring your best, and we didn’t do that tonight.”

The Belles trailed 34-21 after a first half in which the Knights (19-1, 12-0 MAC) shot 51 percent from the field (14 percent from three-point range). Saint Mary’s forward Lisa Winke led with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Harrington led the Knights with 17 points on 6-of-9 shooting. Forward Lisa Winkle had 13 rebounds.

The game marked the second season for Saint Mary’s on the season. The Belles scored 42 points in a loss to Hope on Nov. 28.

The loss came after a two-day delay due to a Blizzard in the Grand Rapids area. Henley hoped the delay had no effect on the Belles.

“I talked to the kids about it, but at this point in the season, that’s out of our control,” she said. “I have to be ready to go. I would hope something like a delay that’s out of our control wouldn’t affect us.”

But the team’s lackluster play, Henley credited Calvin’s skill.

“You have to give Calvin credit,” she said. “They’re really good right in the country for a reason.”

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Trudging along

No. 17 Louisville up next for lady hoopsters

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame broke its three-game losing streak with a 77-67 win over West Virginia Sunday, but it will face another tough challenge in No. 17 Louisville tonight at 7 at the Joyce Center.

The Cardinals (12-2, 7-2 Big East) enter the game having won four straight, including an 86-68 victory over DePaul in their last game Feb. 3. "They're a great team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "It gives us a great chance to boost our RPI and play a ranked team."

Notre Dame's defense will have to focus on shutting down Cardinals forward Angel McCoughtry, who scored 29 points on 11-of-20 shooting during Notre Dame's 77-67 win over West Virginia Sunday.

SMC BASKETBALL FEATURE

Post workers delivering results for Belles

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

It all started Dec. 6, 2006. Saint Mary's traveled to Adrian that night after a 1-6 start to its season. The Belles had lost their only previous conference game by 25 points and scored an average of 57.4 points in those first seven games.

Still, the Belles managed a 56-48 victory that night. It could have been because they held every Bulldog to single-digit point totals. It could have been their 47 percent shooting from field goal range in the second half.

Or it could have been the fact that this was the first game in which both freshmen center Anna Kammrath and sophomore forward Erin Newsom started.

It could be a coincidence. The game didn't ring any bells with Belles coach Jennifer Henley. "I don't recall the first start for either of them. You'd have to go back and check all the box scores," Henley said. "But I do know once they started that first game, they continued to start." Since that win, the Belles have gone 8-5 — including a streak during which they won four straight and five of six — and they now score 64.8 points per game.

SMC BASKETBALL

Calvin crushes St. Mary's

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Belles had momentum on their side, but not enough to push them past No. 3 Calvin Monday night as the Knights defeated Saint Mary's 75-44 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Belles (9-11, 8-5 MAAC) trailed by eight points with 14:55 left in the first half, but a tip-in by Calvin forward Marcia Harris followed by a three-pointer by guard Nikki Zimmerman — who was 3-of-5 from 3-point range in the first half en route to 11 total points — gave Calvin a 33-23 lead.

It was the start of a 36-20 run over the second half.

The Belles center Maria Canfield, left, and guard Bridget Lipke play defense in Saint Mary's 81-72 win over Olivet Jan. 31.

HOCKEY

Bartlett, linemates shut down Irish opponents

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

With the score tied 2-2 and less than a minute remaining in the second period of Friday's game against Bowling Green, right wing Michael Bartlett got loose in front of the net and hammered home a rebound that gave Notre Dame a 3-2 win and secured the No. 1 ranking in the country.

The goal also snapped a 24-game goal drought for Bartlett, who now has six career points against the Falcons (four goals, two assists). The senior added a second goal Saturday night in a 2-1 Irish victory.

"It felt great ... it's been a while," Bartlett said. "They don't always come but when they do it's nice."

Although he has not been lighting up the scoreboard this season, he and linemates T.J. Jindra and Jason Paige have been just as much a part of the team's success as anyone on the roster.

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