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INSIDE COLUMN

Epic music? Disney

We can all attest to the fact that our appreciation for different music genres has evolved over the years. If you're like me, you learned to walk on Phil Collins and Ace of Base and your first CD purchase was a Hansel album. After exposure to the Kanyes, Modest Mouse and Daft Punks of the world, is there any real consistency to the contemporary music lover's taste? I remember one day in high school when I was pillaging my dad's sweet collection of Michael Jackson and Ravi Shankar albums, among others, to add to my new iPod (yes, our parents grew up with great artists). Suddenly, I saw the dusty tapes of movies that produced, by far, some of the most epic hits of our generation: Disney films.

What an anchor for our upbringing as innocent children. Who could resist snapping to Baloo the Bear when he sang "Bear Necessities," from The Jungle Book? How inspiring were Pocahontas when she sang "Colors of the Wind?" What a test of our appreciation for such a contemporary music lover's taste? That's just a down payment on Phil Collins and Ace of Base and the Notre Dame Post Office, e-mail detailed in the student tickets are available for all events to or corrections. To submit information to be included at this section of the Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@ind.edu.

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Turtles Pooka and Norbert, who are owned by Art Image Library curator Denise Massa, wander around O'Shaughnessy during one of their daily strolls.

IN BRIEF

The View Express featured an article of interest from the 17th century will be displayed Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit, "Rembrandt and the Art of Printmaking in Holland," will highlight the golden age of Dutch art, depictions of landscapes, portraits of animals and individuals in non-aristocratic social and economic classes, and scenes of their everyday life.

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Sorin College rector publishes new book

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Students walking across Saint Mary's campus this week may notice the nearly 30 women wearing white t-shirts with the slogan "2 Legit 2 Sit" in blue letters across the front. They are student members of the Dance Marathon committee, who are promoting "Whitout Week," the first week of registration for Saint Mary's biggest fundraising event, the Dance Marathon, said Francesca Johnson, co-president of the annual Dance Marathon.

The Dance Marathon is held each year to raise funds for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. This year's "Dance for Chance" Marathon will be held from 8 p.m. on April 4 to 8 a.m. on April 5.

Each night this week a different dorm will host registration for the upcoming Marathon. The registration locations are Monday in Holy Cross Hall, Tuesday in Regina Hall, Wednesday in Le Mans Hall, Thursday in McQuaid Hall and Friday in Le Mans, according to small fliers that were handed out last week.

It was their goal to "plaster the campus" with Dance Marathon's information, co-president Pauline Kittka said. The co-chairs came up with the idea at a conference where they saw that another school did "Teal Tuesdays." They chose the first week of registrations because "it's our biggest week to promote the marathon," Kittka said.

The committee wants participants to register this week so it can proceed with its letter-writing campaign before the Dance Marathon. Kittka added, "It's really important to get people to sign up this week so we can raise money to help the kids," Voss said.

At the registration locations students are asked to fill out a packet and provide contact information for the committee's letter writing campaign, Johnson said. Students can also download registration forms off the Dance Marathon's Web site she said.

"At this point, we're just going to keep promoting," Kittka said. Students who are unable to attend that night are encouraged to turn over a few addresses to the committee either by dropping them off at the registration locations or by emailing them to dmarathon@saintmarys.edu, Johnson added.

Johnson declined to give an exact amount for how many they hope to earn this year. Instead she hopes to increase the number of dancers in attendance and the amount of money raised in general.

Since the event won the "Best New Marathon" award in 2006, it's first year, and doubled its earnings in 2007, Johnson and Kittka have high hopes for its future.

"Our big goal is to increase participation from Notre Dame and Holy Cross," Johnson said.

This year's event will see a few changes, Johnson said. Instead of the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. hours that have been held for the past two events, the time has been changed to 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. in the hopes of including families with small children, she said. The committee hopes that by making the event later in the morning, these families will be able to stop by earlier, she said.

The Dance Marathon will also have the usual bands, music, food, and games.

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Dance marathon begins fundraiser
"Whitout Week" kicks off SMC's efforts to raise money for hospital

ND vs. UConn  Sunday, 5:00  Monogram Room

If you're one of the thousands in the Notre Dame family who've saved local lives by donating blood over the last year, join us for a FREE pregame reception in you honor on Sunday evening in the Monogram Room at the Joyce Center. It's all FREE and it's all for you - food, drinks, and a FREE t-shirt that tells everyone you're saved lives by donating blood. Just bring the invitation you got in the mail, and join us at 5:00 p.m. in the Monogram Room for the party in your honor. Enjoy food and drinks before we cheer on the #1 ranked women's basketball team at 7:00pm.
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The family plans to donate $300,000 from the auction to the Gore Family Memorial Trust, which provides financial aid to economically underprivileged children to enroll in Catholic primary and secondary schools across the United States.

Rather than collecting dust in some cellar at Notre Dame, these assets can be spread across the country.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ches proddy Fisher put to rest REYKVAK, Iceland — Reclusive chess genius Bobby Fischer was buried Monday in a private ceremony at a churchyard in south Iceland, a television station reported.

Fischer, who died of kidney failure Thursday at the age of 64, was interred at Laugardalur church outside the town of Selssos, Iceland's Chief Minister said.

The funeral was attended by only a handful of people, including Fischer's longtime companion Miyoko Watai, and his Icelandic friend and spokesman Gardar Sverrisson, the TV station reported.

Heavy snowfall problematic in China BEIJING — Unusually heavy snowfall in central China has been blamed for at least 15 deaths, and has damaged hundreds of thousands of people ahead of the peak Januwar New Year travel season, state media said Monday.

Frigid temperatures caused pipes to burst, leading to water shortages for thousands of residents, the Xinhua News Agency and newspapers reported. Power lines carrying electricity from the massive Three Gorges Dam to Shanghai snapped under a heavy accumulation of ice and snow, state broadcaster CCTV said.

About 200,000 people asked for help Monday, and at least one person was crushed to death when a roof collapsed at a gas station, the reports said. Xinhua said that collapsing roofs killed six people, and that nine others died in the town. About 50 white separatists, 100 counter-demonstrators rally in town embroiled in controversy

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Dozens of protestors battle in Jena

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JENA, La. — About 50 while separatists protested the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday in this tiny town, which was thrust into the spotlight months ago by 20,000 demonstrators who claimed prosecutors dis­ criminated against blacks.

Police separated parti­ cipants in the "separatist" rally organized by the Leesville, La., newspaper, The Nationalist Movement from a racially mixed group of about 100 counter-demo­ nstrators outside the LaSalle Parish Courthouse. There was no violence and one arrest, a counter-demo­ nstrator.

Chants of "No KKK" from the mostly college-age counter-demonstrators were met with a chant from the separatists that contained a racial epithet.

At one point, dozens of state police were forced back about 50 people, dressed in New Black Panther uni­ forms, who had gathered around a podium where the separatist's leader, Richard Barrett was to speak.

One man who broke away from that group was arrest­ ed and charged with assault on a police officer and resisting arrest, authorities identified him as William Winchester Jr. of New Orleans. He is the leader of the New Black Panthers. Members of the group at the scene declined to comment.

Race relations in Jena (population about 2,900) have not been as bad as those of nearby New Orleans, Barrett's home town.

About 20,000 people peacefully marched in sup­ port of the so-called Jena Six in January. Monday's demonstration was organized in opposition to a ruling by the three parish sheriff's

Many Jena residents said that coverage of the contro­ versey last year unfairly por­ trayed them as racists, and that Barrett's group brought renewed unwanted atten­ tion. Only when faced with a lawsuit did the town drop a requirement that the Nationalists post a $10,000 security bond for a permit. Almost all the demonstra­ tors and counter-demon­ strators appeared to be from outside of Jena.

"I'd like to see more peo­ ple from Jena here," said George Ferguson, a local resident who was a T-shirt reading "Justice for Justin," referring to Justin Barker, the white teen beaten in the school attack. "I haven't seen anyone else I know.

"A few locals, black and white, watched from the sidewalks.

"I wanted to see what was going on," I've heard a lot about it," said Charlie Bailey, a white 58-year-old Jena resident. "It looks like a big waste of my tax money.

Proclaimed Ku Klux Klan member Michael Brown holds a KKK flag while talking with reporters outside the courthouse in Jena, La. Monday.

Police from several or­ ganizations, including Louisiana State Police and at least three parish sheriff's departments, were on hand. Snipes took out the roof of buildings across the street from the courthouse.

Jena resident Dayna Brown, a black woman who made a scrapbook on the September protest, had her camera in hand Monday. She said she was ready to see Jena's time in the spotlight end.

"I'm hoping this is the last of it," Brown said. "Jena's not a bad place to live if you're black or white. We'd all like to see things set­tle down.

Iraq

Teenage suicide bomber on family mission

Baghdad — An 11-year-old boy who blew himself up in a reception area at his home was the target of an American attack in central Iraq.

The 15-year-old attacker was carry­ ing a box of candy at a gathering of tribal members to celebrate the recent release of a relative, Hadi Hussein, who had been let go after more than a week in U.S. custody, officials said. Hussein, his brother and four guards were killed in the blast.

The youth blew himself up in a reception area as Hussein was greet­ing well-wishers in the compound of the 'Anbar Awakening Council — the first Sunni group to publicly turn against al-Qaeda in Iraq. Al-Isawi said he believed he was the target, but the bomber may have become nervous and detonated his explosives before he arrived.

"This is not the first time that we have been targeted by our relatives who live in the same area around us," said al-Isawi.

The Issawi represent one of the largest tribes in the province, which stretches west of Baghdad in the bor­ ders of Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan. The desert expanse provided a vast safehaven for al-Qaeda in Iraq until Sunni leaders became fed up with the group's brutal tactics and joined forces with the Americans against it.

LOCAL NEWS

Daniels against higher gas taxes INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels is urging Indiana's congressional delegation, saying an increase in federal gas taxes would be harmful and unnecessary for Hoosiers. The leader of the Indiana Toll Road has transportation needs in Indiana for at least a decade, he said.
Nigerian man faces deportation

Immigrant fears return to homeland after working as drug informant

Associated Press

BOSTON — More than two decades ago, Frank Enwonwu got caught smuggling five ounces of heroin into the United States from his homeland in Nigeria. He admitted his mistake and readily agreed to work as an informant, believing the U.S. government had promised to keep him safe.

He went on to pursue his share of the American dream, driving a cab and training as a nurse's aide — until a change in law in 1996 retroactively made him liable for deportation for his drug conviction, despite his work to help the government.

Now, he weeps in a room at a homeless shelter he shares with his 13-year-old son, fearful that any day he could be sent back to Nigeria to be tortured or killed as drug dealers, with whom he has a long memory.

"I can think of few better ways to do so than the share of the American dream," Kirk said.

The decision to allow these students to remain in the United States — a powerful experience to be in the heart of the nation's capital next semester, Enwonwu said. "I do recall excused absences for many college students."

Resolution

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dorm improvement funds are not sufficient to cover the expenses of facilities, Montes said.

Knot rector Sister Denise Lyons echoed that notion, noting that gym costs include maintaining as well as purchasing equipment.

One of the few ways to maintain dorm workout facilities is to increase hall taxes, Lyons said.

Knott rector Brother Jerome Meyer urged students to cover the expenses of facilities, Montes suggested students submit surveys to students inquiring what kinds of improvements they want from their dorm's matching funds to be spent. She asked whether matching funds were sufficient for improvement on dormitory workout facilities. Student government vice president Enrique, a member of the Task Force on Student Development, suggested there should be alternate funding sources, such as a fee to improve workout facilities.

Gustavo Gari, a member of the Task Force on Community Relations, argued the resolution should simply acknowledge the infeasibility of current funding sources.

"We just need to address the issue that facilities are inadequate," Gari said.

Knott will obtain all the equipment for its workout room through the matching funds program. "It's not that we don't have the facilities," he said.

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Reid Hoffman, chairman and founder of LinkedIn, poses for a photo at company headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. More than 1 million people have joined LinkedIn since it was launched in May, 2003.

Reid Hoffman's business networking site, LinkedIn, thriving; corp. might go public

LA Times editor ousted in budget dispute

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Slam Duncan

On second thought, maybe we should be more selective about government relations. Notre Dame already catches enough flak from those damned dirty liberals who like to criticize our Master's Degree alumni and current Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice. Sure, she does have a record of doing things like amically chatting with the dictator of the oil-rich, corruption-ridden African nation Equatorial Guinea and calling him a “good friend” of the United States a month after our State Department reports on his country’s torture, child labor and restricted freedoms — but who are we to judge? All that oil could help our school’s energy concerns, and fund Duncan Hall, if we ask Rice to say a few words for the new dormitory.

We’ll have to be sure not to mention to her our own nuclear Radiation Research building, of course — or she might not be too keen on that. But don’t let me slander her — after all, Rice does have a softer side. She’s played piano accompaniment with Yo-Yo Ma. Speaking of which, what about the Duncan Yo-Yos as a mascot? That sponsorship could rival donuts for the coolest free giveaways.

But I digress. If we really want to find a good energy policy for Duncan Hall, as well as a politically conscious mascot (and when do those two concerns not go hand-in-hand?), perhaps we could consult Charles Duncan, former Secretary of Energy for President Carter. He might be able to find an energy plan for Duncan that does not pump warm water into St. Joseph’s Lake and keep it from freezing even in sub-zero weather. Charles Duncan could spearhead a bold new campus energy initiative.

With Charles in charge of our hall, Pardon the interruption, but I just reminded myself of the hit 1990s sitcom, “Charles In Charge,” starring Scott Baio. You remember — “Charles in charge, of our days, and our nights.” And remember how Charles’ basement room had that cool wall bed that could fold up and create extra space when he needed it? Duncan Hall should really look into those — folding beds would be a huge space-saver, and they could even credit Charles In Charge for the idea. Of course, that show also starred James Wilder, who we all remember played Robert Hoover in Animal House earlier in his career. Connect the dots. No disrespect intended to Wilder, but I think the administration might be better sending the wrong message to dorm residents by installing beds inspired by a prop piece featured on a television show starring a former cast member of a raucous comedy college sitcom. (Of course, that might just be me.)

If Notre Dame really wants a more appealing image, Duncan Hall should be christened Duncan’s Toy Chest. You know, after the giant FAM Schwarz-mobile toy store featured in “Home Alone 2: Lost in New York.” It’s what Mary and Harry plan to rob and where the old toy store guy gives young protagonist Kevin McAllister a turtle dove ornament for a tree. (Kevin later gives one of the down to the homeless pigeon lady.) That was a pretty good movie in 1992, but I don’t know if it has stood the test of time.

Oh, right — Duncan Hall. I can’t really offer any more advice than that. It really comes down to one simple question: donuts or yo-yos? In the spirit of Secretary Rice: The choice is yours. But choose what we want you to choose, or we’ll blow you up.

James Dechant hopes you could follow his correlated train of thought and would like to place blame on Wikipedia and the bad news alert:

[Quote of the Day]

“if everything seems under control, you’re not going fast enough.”

Mario Andretti
Professional racecar driver
By now almost everyone is at least aware of the writer's strike that began on Nov. 5. On that day, for the first time in two decades, 12,000 script writers of film, television and broadcasts put down their pens in favor of picket signs demanding residual compensation for evolving technology. But what does that actually mean for viewers and the entertainment industry?

It means repeating and reality shows. And lots of them. Television has been hit hardest by the strike; on average, television shows only film about a month ahead and most of the programs were forced to stop production immediately.

Jonathan Sommers, a Miami University graduate, who has worked under the executive producers of such television shows as Medical Investigation and this season's Bionic Woman on NBC, is currently on strike with fellow writers.

"This television season is more than done," Sommers said. "Even if we start writing tomorrow, it would be at least May before new programs were on television."

According to TV Guide Magazine, programs including Grey's Anatomy, Gossip Girl and The Office have already been approved for a second season. Other areas of television are reacting to the current strike the same way they did in 1988. Late-night talk shows will be held over for a month, but the network has decided to hold onto the handful of completed episodes until they can air the season uninterrupted as planned.

Currently the Writer's Guild is demanding higher residuals for when television programs and films are streamed on new technology including the Internet, DVDs and cell phones. The union is asking for $2.5 cents per dollar of DVD sales and Internet downloads, an increase from the one-third of a penny per dollar they receive now.

With no end in sight to the current strike, it appears that networks are once again turning to reality. Unlike the strike in 1988, reality television is no longer uncharted territory, but rather a proven success. As the impending strike grew closer, CBS quietly rushed another season of Big Brother into production, casting has begun for season six of ABC's Dancing with the Stars, and FOX's mega-hit American Idol returned this week.

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To bring this discussion close to home, Stephen Colbert in his segment, is by not voting. This portion of Colbert's discussion reaches out to the disaffected and apathetic voters because by not voting, fewer voters allows either Bethany or the religious right to dictate who the president will be — both are scary thoughts.

The lesson here: Find a candidate who shares your beliefs.

Meet Bethany, an average American and a lifelong Republican who wishes she could vote for President Bush a third time, but interestingly enough, is considering Sen. Barack Obama as her horse in the race for the presidency.

Her reasons are not grounded in a ideological shift, but are as simple as describing Obama as fresh, good-looking and smooth.

"Aristotle felt democracy was a poor form of government because it can become easy for a population to slip into intellectual laziness by letting trivial characteristics such as a candidate's looks justify their support for a leader."

Meet Bethany, a part of the population that likes to vote based on gut, instead of on intellect. These feel-good gut feelings, as observed by Colbert, are triggered by on-lookers such as Gov. Mike Huckabee's, "I cannot part the Red Sea, but I believe I can part the red tape."

What Colbert is getting at is what the French writer Voltaire observed: "A witty saying proves nothing," but sadly, will tickle the American political bone into votes.

The other way to f— up an election, explained by Colbert, is by not voting.

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**Review: 'Dresses' Is One-Size-Fits-All**

By NICOLE EGGENBERGER

Fox's plan to maximize holiday ticket sales by pushing the release date of "27 Dresses" back to Jan. 18 proved to be a smart one.

"27 Dresses," opened second with a gross weekend total of $22.4 million behind the movie "Cloverfield," which totaled $41 million on opening weekend. Its chick-flick competitor, "Mad Money," only opened seventh with $7.7 million—making the film a clear favorite alternative to the Sci-Fi thriller "Cloverfield.

Katherine Heigl stars in "27 Dresses" as Jane, a serial bridesmaid who, after performing all the necessary bridesmaid duties 27 times, has trouble completing her 28th. Her younger sister Tess (Malin Akerman) plans to marry Jane's boss George (Edward Burns), whom she secretly loved. Adding to her distress, a writer for the commitments section, Kevin (James Marsden), follows her around to cover the big event.

After telling Vanity Fair in an interview that "Knocked Up" was "a little sexist," Heigl chose her next role to be more female friendly. "Dresses" gives audiences what—it if not more—they expect in a classic romantic comedy. Previosu films did not do the movie justice for the depth of the plot.

The film does not only showcase the horribale 27 weddings Jane had to attend, but also centers around her personal career, passions, love life and family. By the end of the film, Jane's personality is so understood that her happiness and growth is a concern for everyone in the audience. Jane was a woman who would only try to please everyone else before herself, but in order to find love she had to start thinking for herself. Kevin pushes Jane to stop being a doormat by persistently getting on her nerves. For viewers, the irritated but cute exchanges between Jane and Kevin set the playful romantic mood. The pair on-screen chemistry was perfect in making the story believable and desirable.

"Awwing" out loud moments included a modeling show for Kevin of all 27 dresses; a drunken rendition of Elton John's classic "Bennie and the Jets," sung by both on top of a bar; and the big romantic gesture at the end of the film. Marsden makes a simple line—"Come here"—unbelievably sexy and dream-worthy.

The talent of the cast did not stop with Heigl and Marsden. Burns played the perfect clueless and overly dependent boss whose main concern was himself unlike Jane's problem of concern for others. George is a tofu loving outdoor adventure fanatic who falls for Tess his deceivingly perfect match. Tess is more of a burger loving spa girl whose only thing she may actually say. Following Jane around to all the weddings for all of the fun that can be had there as laid out in "Wedding Crashers," it may be disappointing that Jane only thinks about herself. Akerman plays the role of a snotty younger sister so well that it may be disappointing that Heigl never actually punches her out.

A near-show stealer was Jane's sassy and sarcastic friend Casey played by Judy Greer. Most of Casey's lines were the type of inappropriate thoughts that people only think in their heads but never actually say. Following Jane around to all her wedding events seemed to have given Casey a perpetual hangover. Casey goes to the weddings for all of the fun that can be had there as laid out in "Wedding Crashers." It may seem that "27 Dresses" has the typical romantic comedy characters and plots—and that's because it does. It doesn't fail to give the target audience exactly what they hope for in chick-flick and that's the best thing about the movie. Love scenes in the rain, cute romantic phrases and a breakout everybody sing-along song are all included.

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**Review: 'Dresses' Not Much**

By JESS SCHAFFER

Do romantic comedies exploit wint blues? I think so. And "27 Dresses" headlined by Katherine Heigl, is an exception.

It's that time of year when a cup of cocoa is just not enough to warm your heart. And the bleakness of 10-degree below-zero weather doesn't exactly help. Parkas, earmuffs, scarves and mittens are probably not the cuddly consolations you had in mind for surviving the remaining winter months. Hollywood to the rescue. In an effort to satisfy—exploit, cough cough—whims of froo-foo-ten love, the annual wintertime romantic comedy invades the box office. Last year, it was "The Holiday," and this year it is "27 Dresses." With a trendy cast, lots of fashion faux pas, and the minimal requirement of witty banter and physical humor, "27 Dresses" complies to the chick-flick standard, with little innovation.

Heigl was perhaps the perfect pick for being leading lady of "27 Dresses." With the hype surrounding her engagement and recent wedding, her "Grey Anatomy" publicity, and her previous film success in "Knocked Up," Heigl no doubt generates the perfect media storm necessary for box office triumph. Just as with her previous movie and television ventures, Heigl succeeds in her role as Jane's problem of concern for others.

Jane is the underdog that the entire audience is rooting for. With Heigl at the wheel, fond sympathy overrides indignation, as she continuously suffers the plight of the curse of "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride." The trend is to extremes when Jane begins arranging her sister's wedding in the hopes of making everyone else happy, but in reality, making everyone else happy makes her unhappy.

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I tend to have extremely high expectations when it comes to romantic comedies. It’s my favorite genre, because when a romantic comedy is truly good, there is nothing more fun and enjoyable to watch. Maybe I should cut the genre a little more slack, but to me, watching a terrible romantic comedy is almost as bad as watching “Citizen Kane” more than once. (I’m a film student, but that doesn’t make that film any less boring.) “27 Dresses” is significantly better than romantic comedy train wrecks “Failure to Launch” and “How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days” (note that both movies star Matthew McConaughey). But it’s no “You’ve Got Mail” or “Love Actually.” It has its ups and downs, but overall it’s an enjoyable movie that gives you some laughs and ample opportunities to stare at James Marsden’s chiseled face. Here are the hits and misses from “27 Dresses,” according to me.

Top Five Hits

1. Judy Greer as Jane’s drunken best friend. The evil woman of the film is Jane’s overindulged sister, Tess. Played by Malin Akerman, Tess is more jaded, droll best friend. The evil woman

2. The bar scene featuring Jane and "Citizen Kane" more than once. (I’m a film student, but that doesn’t make that film any less boring.)

3. James Marsden sings! Sure he’s not much too the film and it is overly reliant on the formulaic preconceptions of the chick flick. While meeting the standards of mediocrity, don’t go into this film with high expectations for it to become a romantic comedy classic. Still, it may be good enough to satisfy the needs of your winter blues with some old tricks.

4. Jane’s 27 dresses. It was pretty hilarious to see her try on each one of these, even though I doubt that a person in real life would not have at least one dress that she liked. I’ve been a bridesmaid five times and I liked a couple of my dresses, but just like Jane, I never did get any of them shortened so that I could wear them again. That just doesn’t happen.

5. James Marsden’s smile. I’m going to make it my screensaver.

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NBA

Outlaw's game-winning sparkles Blazers' OT win

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ATLANTA — As the final seconds in overtime expired, it became clear that both the Atlanta Hawks and Portland Trail Blazers were in a must-win scenario. The Hawks had a 111-109 victory over the Hawks on Monday.

Outlaw, who led Portland with 23 points, said coach Nate McMillan asked if he wanted the shot.

"I was like, 'Yeah,'" said Outlaw, grinning. "It was nice for him to call my number. It felt good when I shot it. It was on it kind of the whole game so I felt good about it."

The Hawks, who expected Outlaw to pass to Brandon Roy, did not give Josh Smith extra defensive help on Outlaw.

Outlaw held the ball outside the 3-point line until under 5 seconds remained. Then he took a couple of dribbles inside the circle before pulling up and shooting over Smith.

McMillan said he made the call for the hot shot. Outlaw made 9 of 14 shots. Roy, who had 18 points, was 6-for-22.

McMillan said Outlaw had "perfect execution" on the shot.

"He got his rhythm and shot the jump shot," McMillan said.

"And he nailed it. Just another big shot."

The Hawks gave Outlaw credit for making the long shot their defense was designed to force.

"It was a contested shot," Smith said. "I wanted him to shoot a jump shot instead of driving, and he knocked it down. It was just a tough shot."

The Hawks called a timeout with 0.9 seconds left; Joe Johnson, who scored 37 points, missed a shot at the buzzer.

Portland's reserves — led by Outlaw, Sergio Rodriguez, who had 16 points, and James Jones, who had 10 — out-scored Atlanta's reserves 62-30.

"Their bench outplayed our starting five, if you ask me," Johnson said.

"They've got a good team."

The Hawks trailed 96-89 with 3:50 left in regulation but came even at 100 with 31.9 seconds left.

Tim Duncan had 19 points and 10 rebounds and San Antonio ended its offensive drought.

Behind a balanced effort with five players in double figures, the Spurs snagged a two-game losing streak and ended a three-game stretch where they failed to reach 90 points.

Manu Ginobili and Tim Duncan added 16 points each and Michael Finley scored 13 for the Spurs, who shot 49 percent.

Emeka Okafor had 21 points and 10 rebounds and Gerald Wallace added 15 as New Orleans beat Golden State for the first time this season.

Kendrick Perkins scored 22 of his career-high 24 points in the first half for the Celtics, who shook off the loss of leading scorer Paul Pierce, ejected after New York's Quentin Richardson late in the third quarter after both picked up a technical fouls for jawing with each other during the period.

BOSTON (34-6) has won three straight following the only rough patch in its season, a stretch of seven games with a sore left calf and knee.

Celtics 109, Knicks 93

Wizards hang on for 11th straight win

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INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy insists family always comes before football.

But Dungy believes he can make those priorities coexist — even if it means long commutes.

With his passion to coach high, his family supportive of his ambitions, and the Colts team owner intent on bringing him back, Dungy followed his heart and his family's wishes Monday deciding to return for at least one more season as head coach before turning the job over to his chosen successor, Jim Caldwell.

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Dungy believes he can do both well. Owner Jim Irsay offered to make Dungy's life easier by reducing his day-to-day workload, provide his own private jet for trips to Tampa, and give Dungy a chance to groom his long-time friend, Caldwell.

"I enjoy my job, the players, the staff we have here and Bill (Polian) and Jim," Dungy said. "But it is a platform that's something I talked to my wife and pastor about. I said I could stop and start a new ministry, but I might not have as much here, it was a little more than a job."

Irsay wasn't the only Colts official relieved. Team president Bill Polian was pleased with the outcome, and last week players repeatedly expressed their desire to have Dungy back.

"I think there's not a guy in this locker room who wouldn't love to see him back," defensive tackle Darrell Reid said then.

The 52-year-old Dungy has spent more than half his life coaching in the NFL, and became the first black coach to win a Super Bowl last season. He'd like to add to that collection next season.

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Colts head coach Tony Dungy addresses the media Monday in Indianapolis. He decided to coach next year, saying he can balance both family and football.

Dungy will return to coach Colts next year.

IN BRIEF

Defensive end Hargrove suspended for one year

BUFFALO -- Buffalo Bills defensive end Anthony Hargrove was suspended without pay for all next season Monday by the NFL after violating the league's substance abuse policy a third time.

The violation was Hargrove's second since August, when he was suspended without pay for the first four games of the regular season.

A third violation triggers an automatic one-year suspension, and Hargrove must apply for commissioner Roger Goodell for reinstatement.

The NFL did not disclose how Hargrove violated the policy. Violations can result from positive tests, failure to cooperate in the testing program or failing to comply with a treatment plan.

Hargrove's agent, Phillip Williams, was out of the country and not immediately available for comment.

NFL

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NORTH DAKOTA

Women's AP College Basketball Poll

Notre Dame, Ohio State, UCLA, Wisconsin and Texas A&M received votes in the coaches' poll and are not included in the final standings.

Men's AP College Basketball Poll

No teams received votes in the coaches' poll and are not included in the final standings.

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New York seemed well in control after carrying a 2-0 lead into the third period, but Commodore and Wallin each broke 11-game droughts to get the Hurricanes even.

Stillman netted the power-play winner in overtime for the Hurricanes, who earned a 3-2 victory over the New York Islanders on Monday.

"It was a gross game," Commodore said. "The ice was slow, flexing his right leg. He eventually, captain Bill Guerin said. "These points are huge," Witt said. "We have to find a way. We have to be better, we're not pointing fingers."

Coyotes and Nashville have each scored 26 goals this season, and earned four-game season series at the top of the Central Division with the win. Nashville and Columbus each had an empty-netter to complete the franchise-record eighth consecutive victory.

Tkachuk accounted for the third of the season. Tkachuk, Phoenix's 19-year-old center, scored his 13th goal and extended his points streak to seven games.

Predators goalie Chris Mason tries to avoid a loose stick while protecting his own net during Nashville's 6-3 win over St. Louis.

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"Weber had a power-play goal and Nichol also beat Manny Legace to help Nashville take a 2-1 lead after the first period. Nichol scored two short-handed goals against Legace on Saturday in the first game of the home-and-home series between the teams. The Blues tied it on Hinostroza's rebound goal in the second but Nashville went ahead for good at 16:12. Gelinis' deflection of Greg deVries' shot from the left point with just 37.2 seconds remaining in the period made it 4-2.

"It was a little tweak. Nothing major," said DiPietro, who finished with 26 saves.

Cam Ward stopped 23 shots and helped the Hurricanes build a 2-1 home win on Friday that ended their skid.

"He's just taking the team on with his 27th goal of the season at the 3:56 mark in the first. He's just a freaking good player," said DiPietro, who finished with 26 saves.

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The Hurricanes didn't have any power-play chances until Staal was plunged into the end boards by Radek Martinek with 1:23 left in the third period. Their second advantage was enough to give them a second consecutive win following a four-game skid.

"Carolina hadn't won in a row since Dec. 15 and 18, both after regulation.

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Jay Lees continued to be an asset for the Blues, who have lost five straight.

"It was a tough night for Joe," Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said. "They got off to a tough start with the first one. He battled back the rest of the period, and I thought he was going to be OK, but I think it was a night we couldn't overcome those goals and we didn't give him enough support.,

"We should be flying a bit higher and I think we had," Guerin said. "I think sometimes you get a lead at home and you take it for granted."

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"There's a saying that the worst lead in hockey is a two-goal lead, and it proved to be right," Witt said.

New York, which squandered a two-goal edge for the second straight night, was chased out of its last 10. Not even the return from injured DiPietro, who had an injury and said this was unre­lated, could turn the tide.

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"Weber had a power-play goal and Nichol also beat Manny Legace to help Nashville take a 2-1 lead after the first period. Nichol scored two short-handed goals against Legace on Saturday in the first game of the home-and-home series between the teams. The Blues tied it on Hinostroza's rebound goal in the second but Nashville went ahead for good at 16:12. Gelinis' deflection of Greg deVries' shot from the left point with just 37.2 seconds remaining in the period made it 4-2.

"It was a little tweak. Nothing major," said DiPietro, who finished with 26 saves.

Cam Ward stopped 23 shots and helped the Hurricanes build a 2-1 home win on Friday that ended their skid.

"He's just taking the team on with his 27th goal of the season at the 3:56 mark in the first. He's just a freaking good player," said DiPietro, who finished with 26 saves.

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The Hurricanes didn't have any power-play chances until Staal was plunged into the end boards by Radek Martinek with 1:23 left in the third period. Their second advantage was enough to give them a second consecutive win following a four-game skid.

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Irish freshman Ewa Nelp won the open division of the women’s epee competition, and junior Karol Koszta captured the breast in the 250- competitor men’s epee senior division.

“I think our whole team made a huge, huge statement with that competition—that we’re not just competitive at the NCAA level, but we’re competitive on the international circuit,” Kvaratskhelia.

The Irish will use this momentum from the finishes in Atlanta Saturday when they travel to New York City for the NYU Duals.

There, Notre Dame will face most of the top teams from the Midwest and Northeast, including Notre Dame’s bitter rival, Ohio State.

Note: The U.S. Fencing Coaches Association released its first set of rankings for the season. Notre Dame is No. 1 on the women’s side and No. 3 on the men’s side.

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CLUB SPORTS

Ski team travels to Michigan, dominates races

Women’s Hockey scores plenty, nets one win; Bowling warms up for next week’s home invitationals

Associated Press

Men’s Ski

Wearing new bright-green jackets, the Notre Dame men and women’s epee competition, will be traveling to Crystal Mountain in Langlois, Mich., to compete this weekend.

“Never have I ever seen a team so ready to win,” senior Mike Chulito said. “The amount of young talent on the team is like a slap in the face for the upperclassmen. I’m stoked.”

Grand Valley State, Michigan, Central Michigan and Ferris State provided the competition this weekend. Next week the team will be traveling to Crystal Mountain in Langlois, Mich., and hopes are high for another set of victories.

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Orange fall to Hoyas in OT as last shot rims out

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even when Georgetown is a huge favorite, the Hoyas always have their hands full with Syracuse. It was no different Monday night, when No. 9 Georgetown had to rally from a seven-point deficit to keep the final five minutes of regulation then outscored the Orange 4-2 in a ragged overtime to escape with a 64-62 victory.

Donte Greene then made two of three free throws — he was fouled attempting a 3-pointer to cut the Orange’s deficit to two with 44 seconds left. But Syracuse’s Jonny Flynn, who scored 24 points, missed a long 3-pointer as the buzzer.

Georgetown (15-2, 5-1 Big East) improved to 9-0 at home and avoided the upset that marked last season under almost identical circumstances. Syracuse upset then-No. 9 Georgetown 72-58 on a Monday night last season to stop the Hoyas’ 11-game winning streak in the series. Georgetown had won seven of the last eight in the series.

Syracuse (13-7, 3-4), which is down to nine scholarship players including five freshmen, has lost four of five overall. Orange coach Jim Boeheim remains one victory shy of tying Henry Iba at 10 for all-time in Division I with 644.

Georgetown center Roy Hibbert goes up for a shot in the Hoyas’ 64-62 overtime win over Syracuse on Monday.

Greene finished with 15 points on 5-for-19 shooting. He was 1-for-13 from the field at one point before his layup gave the Orange their first lead of the second half, 45-44, with 10:34 to play.

Greene’s 3-pointer gave the Orange a 58-51 lead with 4:31 remaining, and his wild bank shot made it 60-55 with 2:02 remaining, but Jessie Sapp hit a 3-pointer and converted a Syracuse turnover into a layup that tied the game at 60 with 1:14 left.

BOWLING

Notre Dame turned up for the upcoming Blue Gold Invitational with a league tournament in Toledo.

Chris Kieser led the Irish with a 128 average on the difficult Viper PBA pattern shot on the lanes. Nick Manieri followed with a 148, while James Breen (137), Allie Hensley (130), CJ Kaltenbach (109), Lindsey Zimmerman (131) and Alex Dech (110) completed the scoring for a 29th-place showing on Saturday.

On Sunday, the club showed significant improvement, bowling on a PBA Chameleon pattern. Nick Manieri had high game with a 219 and averaged 167. The Breen improved 24 pins as he posted a 161 average. While Hensley improved 18 pins to a 148.

The club moved up to 27th place in the second event of the weekend.

This year’s Blue Gold will move to Chippewa Bowl, and approximately 70 teams from across the country are expected to attend on both Saturday and Sunday.

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**Hospital**

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D.C. to play Georgetown, if you get past [visit Walter Reed] you can."  

Brey, who still keeps in contact with his players from Kuwait, said his interest in using Devereaux Peters to support the military comes from his parents. His father was in the Army during World War II, and his grandfather was a physical therapist at Walter Reed.

"What's more, Brey makes a living in sports and has often been with players who are the same age as many of the soldiers currently serving overseas. He has tried to help his players understand lessons from meeting the soldiers that apply on and off the court, including the idea that "life is a game like the loss to the Hoyas."

"Sometimes when you’re a college athlete, you don't live in your own reality," Brey said. "After you [visit Walter Reed], you should never feel sorry for yourself again."

Irish forward Bob Kurz said that the realization of how much he needed most was the commitment of the soldiers being treated, several of whom he said were anxious to get back overseas and continue their service.

Point guard Tori Jackson said the soldiers trying to cope with sometimes life-changing injuries affected him the most.

"Whatever we go through, they’re worse off than we are," Jackson said. "It let everybody know that we shouldn’t complain about anything."

Brey said he likes to take his team on "field trips" to schedule around road games, especially when Notre Dame visits cities with historical and political significance, like Washington.

"In the midst of basketball, in addition to getting an NCAA tournament bid, there’s an educational side," Brey said.

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**Demon's**

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they want to run, but they shoot plenty of threes in transition whereas we don't shoot as many."

One player that gave Notre Dame trouble in the three games last year was guard Allie Quigley, who averaged 21 points in the contests.

"She says that we definitely need to know where she is all the time," McGraw said. "Quigley has played well all season. She has 20 consecutive games in double figures dating back to last season and is averaging 18.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game so far in 2007-08."

DePaul's Quigley's offensive output, McGraw said that she isn't doing anything specific in practice to shut her down. Instead, she is focusing on the team's man-to-man defense. Both teams will look to push the tempo of the game by running fast-paced offenses. The Irish average 79.4 points per game this season, and the Blue Demons score 82.2. DePaul also shoots 33 percent from 3-point range, while the Irish defense has allowed conference foes to shoot 38.5 percent from beyond the arc.

McGraw said that she has not changed her practice plans this week. "He's always been kind of defensive against DePaul, but instead has worked on keeping the offense off the court.

"We're starting to get a little bit and I just hope we can keep that going," she said.

The Blue Demons' success will be the play of its bench, including freshmen Brittany Mallory and Devereaux Peters. Peters has been a force off the bench for the Irish this season, with 8.6 points per game, 5.3 rebounds per game and a total of 38 blocks and 34 steals.

Peters' biggest flaw, McGraw said, is simply her inexperience. The 6-foot-2 forward fouled out of every conference game except Notre Dame's 69-58 win over Villanova on Jan. 16.

"She's just making a lot of freshman mistakes. She wants to contribute, so she's trying to do whatever she can," McGraw said. "I think she probably gets a little frustrated with herself when she fouls out."

McGraw recruited Mallory as a 3-point specialist, but the freshman only shot 21.8 percent (11-of-52) from 3-point distance before entering Big East play. Since then, the guard 7-of-15 from behind that arc, and her confidence continues to grow.

"We've encouraged her to keep shooting the ball, we want her to shoot the 3, and it's really been successful, but mostly because she feels her confidence has really soared," McGraw said.

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**Davis**

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His main competition for that goal will be Louisville junior Andrew Hackney. Hackney and Davis threw in the same club while both were in high school in suburban Atlanta.

"He finished in the top ten last year and threw in my high school throwing club," Brey said. "He's the mark in the Big East right now."

At 17.58 meters, Davis' throw on Saturday qualified him for the Big East meet — an achievement that most freshmen would celebrate. But for Davis, the throw was merely average.

"I didn't really put much thought into it. I threw that far my junior year in high school, so I wasn't too worried," he said. "However, it's always good to get that mark out of the way."

Davis credits his throwing coach, Irish assistant Adam Beltran, and senior teammate Mike Schubert with the freshman's blossoming throwing career at Notre Dame.

"As a first-year throwing coach, coach Beltran has been amazing," he said. "Also, Andrew Hackney is awesome and has influenced me a lot in adjusting to college track and field."

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Fencing
Freshmen impress at North American Cup
Osbourne, Hasset, Reese perform well vs. continent's best
By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

Call it a freshman frenzy in A-Town.
Notre Dame's strong showing at the North American Cup event in Atlanta culminated Monday with three more notable finishes by first-year fencers.
Freshman Hayley Reese cracked the top-12 of the women's foil senior division. Reese finished second in the junior division earlier in the weekend, behind only foil prodigy Nzingha Prescod.
"Hayley is a girl who has been in every competition, you know," Irish assistant coach Gia Kvaratskhelia said from Atlanta. "This time she barely missed final eight. ... I think the tournament was very hard, but her going that far was surprising for me."
Kvaratskhelia said Reese would have made the final eight if not for a slew of controversial calls by the officials.

Men's Track and Field
Freshman takes throwing title at ND Invitational
By EUGENIA ALFONZO  
Sports Writer
After starting off the new year at the Notre Dame Invitational with a victory in the men's weight throw, freshman Greg Davis hopes to improve even more as the season progresses.
"Although the beginning of the season has started off OK, it hasn't been fantastic," he said. "However, I'm pretty happy with how it's going."
Davis has proven to be an essential part of the throwing team, coming back from winter break with the rest of the team three days early in order to prepare for the meet. He also hopes for a successful indoor season, in which he hopes to put his name in the Notre Dame record books.
"I look to break the school record in the weight throw, and I'm four feet away from that now," he said. "Also, my other goal is to win the weight throw in the Big East Conference meet."

ND Women's Basketball
Familiar foe
After playing DePaul three times last year, Irish face them again
By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Associate Sports Editor

After notching the 10th triple-digit score in school history, Notre Dame returns to the Joyce Center tonight to face a familiar foe.

The Irish take on DePaul at 7 p.m. — a team that Notre Dame faced three times last season. The two squads had a home-and-home series last season and played again in the first round of the Big East tournament last March.
Notre Dame (15-3, 3-1 Big East) also plays DePaul twice this year; the Irish will travel to Allstate Arena outside Chicago on Feb. 24.
Despite all that familiarity Irish coach Muffet McGraw said that she did not think the experience against DePaul last year will make much of an impact in tonight's game.
"They're a tough team for us to guard. They score a lot of points; they're really good in transition. They shoot a lot of threes," McGraw said. "They're kind of like us in that.


Men's Basketball
Team visits wounded veterans
Brey calls side trip to D.C.'s Walter Reed Hospital 'educational'
By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Editor
Notre Dame traveled to Washington last week to play a basketball game — they also got a lesson in life.
On Friday, the day before their 84-66 loss to the Hoyas, the Irish visited Walter Reed Army Military Center in Washington to meet with wounded, injured and ill members of the Armed Forces.
Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said he first came up with the idea to take his team to the hospital during his trip to Kuwait last summer for Operation Hardwood, a basketball tournament for members of the armed services with the help of coaches from the states.
"When I made the Kuwait trip last year, the contact said, 'Hey, when you come to

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