Six tickets vie to lead student body

Platforms include Webmail improvements, community relations, DVD rentals, shuttle bus service

By JOSEPH MCMAHON Assistant News Editor

With platforms ranging from revamping Webmail to providing free DVD rentals to advocating implementation of a nuclear power plant on campus, the six tickets running for Notre Dame student body president and vice president all have different visions for improving student life.

Marit Braun and George Chamberlain, Bill Dilricht and Michael Rossitti, Rick Holwood and Alex Tomala, Cooper Howes and Daniel Koning products, Peter Kelly and John Poehlins, and Robert Reish and Grant Schmidt, will compete in this year’s student body elections, the Judicial Council said last week in an e-mail to the student body.

After a year of leadership under an all-female executive board, this year’s tickets include only one female: current student body vice president Marit Braun.

Braun-Chamberlain

Braun, a junior from Brent-Phillips, is running for student body president with junior George Chamberlain, the senior senator.

Their platform includes a number of initiatives focused on improving the lives of Notre Dame students, including implementing a book delivery service to the dorms, increasing the points allotted to a Grab-and-Go meal, improving the Webmail system, and placing a coffee kiosk in the Hesburgh Library.

“I would define our platform as a student life improvement platform,” Braun said. “I think when you look at a student’s experience, the stuff that matters the most is the stuff that impacts them on a day-to-day basis, and I think that a large part of our platform is geared towards that.”

Braun said improving relations with the South Bend community is one of the key tasks of student government. Last fall, she and current student body president Liz Brown dealt with an ordinance proposed by the city to restrict large off-campus gatherings. Braun considering improving off-campus events.

Students apply for transfer to Duncan Hall

New male dorm to house more than 200 students; applications due Thursday

By ROHAN ANAND News Writer

Nearly 200 students are expected to apply to live in Duncan Hall this August, according to the Office of Residence Life and Housing, which will draw 150 winning numbers after the lottery closes Thursday.

Students selected to live in the new male residence hall, currently under construction in west of McGlinn Hall, will choose from singles, doubles, triples and quads, as well as “super-doubles” with large bay windows for extra space and “super-quads,” which contain private bathrooms.

Duncan Hall, the fifth addition to West Quad, will be the only dormitory built at Notre Dame in more than a decade. It will accommodate approximately 234 men. The Office of Residence Life and Housing began accepting applications for the lottery, which is open to all-classmen, last Monday.

“There were a couple of glitches when the Web site opened on Monday,” Director of Residence Life Jeff Shoup said last week, “but it’s been smooth sailing since. We understand that there has been a lot of confusion about the lottery process for Duncan, especially for current freshmen who have not been through the room pick process like upperclassmen.”

Construction continues on Duncan Hall, set to open this August.

Panels discusses porn industry

Professor says videos may progress to more violence, youth exploitation

By MADELINE BUCKLEY News Writer

Students, professors and rectors presented a wide range of attitudes toward pornography during the “Pornography: Fantasy Reality and Industry” conference Friday at the Center for Continuing Education in McKenna Hall.

Robert Jensen, a journalism professor at the University of Texas, began the conference by allowing attendees to finish the open sentence, “Pornography is...” Their answers ranged from “expressive” and “entertainment” to “seductive” and “dehumanizing.”

Jensen then filled in the blank with his own answer.

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Defining relationships

Honestly, I think that is one whole sentence. The word encompasses a noun, a verb, and an adjective. You can be in a relationship and that is the noun. You can be a "relationship" person, so there is the adjective. As for the verb, I suppose it still needs inventing, but I promise inadvertent use isn't new.

What does it mean "to relationship?" Well, it must be the act of being "together." It is to want to be with a person who cares for you and enjoy spending time with.

So why do some people find it so hard "to relationship?"

To attempt that question could take decades. As a matter of fact, it already has. Men and women have exhausted on this planet for an indeterminate number of years, and even after all that time, love is completely mysterious. We can travel through space, witness the power of the sun, use water to generate electricity, but we cannot explain why boy meets girl, girl falls for boy, boys fall for girl, they get married, and live hard times ever after.

Not to be cynical. I love love.

Another one of those multi-tasking words, however. Love, does not love us. It is impossible to say why. I mean, it is our heart's goal, our very yearning, something above is the reason for our existence.

We live to love. However, finding that love discourages us from loving to live. Somewhat ironic, I think. People have prematurely ended their already brief lives as a result of not finding that love. Which is only counterproductive because dating is hard enough without having the whole "dead" obstacle standing in your way.

Where does that bring us then? Love is... yeah, I don't really know. It depends on who you ask.

Paul McCartney said it was all you need, so is it food or maybe oxygen? Sweet thought.

I suppose I can't really come to a conclusion. I hate to disappoint, but if I had the answers, I would probably be the only one with them. The best I can say is we are all going to keep searching. Whether we try intentionally or by default, we are all going to find it. It will continue its mysterious presence in our lives.

I apologize for asking you a question that has no obvious answer. If you must have something, I guess we each find our own reasons for why we love the way we do. So, I am afraid you each will have to answer that question yourself.

I know, you are welcome for the extra worry.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What's your favorite cartoon character of all time and why?

Christina Zhu

fresman

Wulf

"Winnie the Pooh. He's cute."

Taylor Poulin

senior

Wulf

"Garfield, because it's so sarcastic."

Marilana Montes

senior

Lyons

"Rocko from 'Rocko's Modern Life,' because I like his friend Heifez."

Katrina Epperson

sophomore

Welsh Family

"Jimmy Neutron, because I wish he was my lab partner. Jimmy's hot!"

Erika Hagstrom

sophomore

Welsh

"Batman, because I'd want to ride in the Batmobile."

Erin Rider

fresman

Wulf

"Pinky from 'Pinky and the Brain' — because I can relate."


A second goal Ehrlich and Rossiter have is to turn the parking lot in front of the library into an ice skating rink. During their planning, they explained that this would be a successful way of bringing the student body together.

The third goal the two have is to continue addressing issues with developing countries.

"It's not an issue on campus that is so seriously lacking," said Rossiter, who just returned from studying abroad in Uganda. "I think that the University has done a lot of good things with this issue," he said, referring to endeavors like Notre Dame's Millennium Project.

The pair also wants to establish a campus group addressing gay and lesbian students' issues.

"It's an issue that is kind of swept under the rug," Ehrlich said. "It would be cool if the University could give them further recognition."

Ehrlich and Rossiter have managed their campaign on their own and have worked to raise awareness of their candidacy. They have also depicted the two riding a tandem bicycle and running on sidewalks in Notre Dame's Rocket Recruitment Center, building on their slogan of being "two for one." They are also one of the few pairs attempting to make up for the lack of traditional experi- ence with creative ideas. Junior Jon Kelly, who was president of St. Edward's Hall last year, and junior Jon Poehlman, who has no student government experience but was a leader within the Band of the Fighting Irish, are also running for president.

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Kelly and Poehlman say they understand the limits of student government, and simply hope to improve student life. "We think it's what's possible and what's not possible." Reich said. "I think our hope is that we can make the political and social issues more feasible and that what's not feasible — and what's not feasible — can't change the way the University does anything but they can make those changes that will help the student body."

The team has plans to reform student government, and if they are elected, they will go for fixing student government, including using Temple Guards to enforce parietals. "The main thing I've learned is that student government is more feasible and what's not feasible and what's not feasible is truly important to the students," Reich Schmidt said. "In order to improve parietal breaking prevention we are going to implement Temple Guards from the hit Nickelodeon show 'Legends of the Hidden Temple' to enforce parietals.

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About 150 applications had been submitted as of Thursday, Shoup said, but the group would not reach 190 since some applicants put down names of prefer- rences which they had not yet submitted or given their applications.
The 150 students who win the lottery will be able to choose together, in three preferred rooms; however, each roommate will have to fill out his own application in order for to be eligible to enter the lottery drawing.

"This will insure that if one or more roommates of a group of four wins a lottery ticket, all of the roommates stated factor of their preferences will be guaranteed a space in Duncan," Shoup said. "It's a mutual all-or-nothing deal.

However, groups larger than four will be considered together. For example, Shoup said, if eight freshmen were interested in living together in Duncan, they would have to be in one group of four. If any one group won the lottery, the other four students would be forced to live separately next year.

Though ideal- ly ORLH would like to announce the results on Friday, the day after the deadline, Shoup said that accounting for any incom- plete applications as well as other factors might delay the announcement until Feb. 11.

"One thing we have to con- sider is that we cannot issue winning tickets that might live in a group larger than one from one hall," Shoup said.

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Office of Residence Life and Housing

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"For instance, if 50 residents from Sea gulls, which only has 110 residents, win the lot- tery, we will deplete their popu- lation by a lot. We also cannot do things like place seniors in hall- eries because that is when we will have to fill a larger-than- normal class in Duncan fol- lowing year once the seniors graduate.

Shoup said the ORLH might have to conduct an additional ap- process after it working on winning num- bers to insure these imbal- ances do not occur. While we did not specify how that screening would work, he said the process would be "very fair.

"The only way that we can prevent running into any prob- lems is to attract a very diverse group of applicants from all dorms and grade levels to make things easier for everybody," he said. Shoup said he has not yet looked closely at the breakdown of the appli- cations to identify if any imbal- ances are occurring; right now, he said, ORLH is more concerned with providing gener- al information to students interested in the lottery as well as assisting those who are having difficulties with the online system.

Once the 150 winners have been determined, the next stage of the process will be room selection. Residents will take place on two sepa- rate nights with rising seniors and just rising sophomores choosing the next night.

"We are also working on planning some events — in the form of a game or watch something — I know between Feb. 11 and Feb. 27 so prospective Duncan resi- dents can get to know each other," Shoup said.

He noted, however, that students who win lottery tickets are not guaranteed the room they requested. As with any regu- lar inter-hall room picks, upperclassmen have first dibs on room selections, and popu- lation groups such as singles or singles may be taken all before underclassmen can choose those options.

"There may be situations where students have to split into doubles or triples," Shoup said. "We have all of this information Figure 2 the section of the ORLH Web site, which we are generally aware of.

He also said that incoming freshmen will not be assigned to any of the super-quads, super-doubles, or singles in order to stay close to each dorm tradition on campus.

"Our philosophy all along is to have a ladder system so that you may not have the best room as a freshman, but you will have a better room the longer you stay in the dorm," Shoup said.

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Pasquerella Wester Hall

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"I was surprised at the willingness of people to come and knock on my door and talk about their 'addiction.' I found these conversations revealing, honest, and had a great appreciation for the per- son sitting next to me, talking. There was a sense of being trapped in a someone (that) lost control over.

In order for this addiction to be changed and getting culture of pornog- raphy to change, Bruno said people must work toward ending it.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Earthquakes strike Rwanda, Congo

KIGALI, Rwanda — Two earthquakes struck hours apart Sunday in Rwanda and neighboring Congo, killing at least 29 people including some who were in a church that collapsed, officials said.

No other people were injured. A magnitude-6.0 quake struck Congo early according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The second quake, which registered 5.0, hit a few hours later near the countries border in its rural Rutshuru District.

"This was at home when the earthquake hit and the next thing I heard was the house falling down," said Florence Nyiranzega, who was buried under the rubble of her house and was treated in a hospital nearby, Kigali, for treatment of her injuries.

Egypt restores tight Gaza blockade

RCAF, Gaza Strip — Egyptian police sealed Gaza's border with high metal spikes and shipment containers Sunday, restoring a tight blockade that a breach allowed thousands of Palestinians to cross freely for nearly 14 days.

Gaza's Hamas rulers are demanding a new border arrangement that would give it a say in administration. But that looks doubtful with the international community opposing any role for the Islamic militant group in running the crossing.

Gaza residents settled back into their dreary closure routine after joyous days of freedom and shopping that flooded the territory with sheep, parades and raucous crowds of New Year's celebrations.

National News

Telescope arms race takes off

WASHINGTON — A telescope arms race is taking shape around the world. Astronomers are drawing up plans for the biggest, most powerful instruments ever constructed, capable of pushing far deeper into the universe — and further back in time — than ever before.

The building boom, which is expected to play out over the next decade and cost billions of dollars, is being driven by technological advances that allow unprecedented clarity and magnification. Some scientists say it will be much like switching from regular TV to high-definition television.

In fact, the super-sized telescopes will yield even finer pictures than the Hubble Space Telescope, which was put in orbit in 1990 and has long considered superior because its view was freed from the distorting effects of Earth's atmosphere. But now, land-based telescopes can correct for such distortion.

Cajuns celebrate last 'bon temps'

LAFAYETTE — A teenager has pleaded guilty to felony battery and aggravated battery.

Schofield admitted in court Friday that he left his infant daughter with severe brain damage after a breach that allowed hundreds of protesters dropping charges of felony battery.

The two people were injured.

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Serbia

Pro-Western Tadic wins election

New president defeats Milosevic ally with 51 percent of vote, sees 'great democratic potential'

Associated Press

BELGRADE — Serbia's pro-Western president narrowly defeated an ally of late dictator Slobodan Milosevic in a closely contested election Sunday only days before an expected declaration of independence by the breakaway Kosovo province.

President Boris Tadic won 51 percent of votes in the runoff, preliminary results showed, while his opponent Tomislav Nikolic, who ruled with Milosevic during the wars in the 1990s, had 47 percent, according to the state election commission.

"Serbia has shown its great democratic potential," Tadic said in his victory speech, praising Nikolic for "the number of votes he has won."

Nikolic congratulated Tadic but added, "I will remain to be his tough opposition."

Tadic's supporters celebrated in Belgrade, waving Serbian, EU and Democratic Party flags and honking car horns.

The outcome indicated that a majority of Serbians want the country to stay on its path of pro-Western reform and closer ties with the European Union instead of heading back to the nationalism and isolation that characterized the Milosevic era.

Nikolic's defeat will also make it less likely that Serbia will seek a reading of Kosovo as a "no alternative" to EU recognition.

Nikolic opposed Kosovo's independence, but Tadic has ruled out the use of force and will likely seek to preserve close ties with the EU and the United States even if they recognize Kosovo statehood.

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Nikolic has insisted that Serbia must abandon its EU membership bid if the blue- 30-year-old lawyer who voted for Tadic. "This is really a matter of life and death."

Nikolic said the moment was historic, claiming the pro-Western Serbian leaders were going to sell out the country. "If we don't stop them, they will give away Kosovo."

Local News

Teen pleads guilty to neglect of infant

LEXINGTON, Ky. — It was the first and may remain the most compelling visual memorial to the 49 people killed in a crash at Lexington's airport, but the huge banner bearing his name and image and months of support is fading and showing signs of wear.

Now the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, which owns one of the banners commemorating the victims of the Dec. 28, 2004 crash of Continental Airlines Flight 5191, is working to preserve the original and to produce a life-sized replica that can remain on display.

On the morning of the crash, when the airliner went down in a field after the crew mistakenly took off on a runway that was too short, there was an immediate need for both friends and strangers to express their condolences.

The makeshift solution was a 20-foot by 5-foot cloth and plastic banner, which Blue Grass Airport posted at a parking lot near the terminal so people could put their thoughts in writing.

"It is a positive and uplifting thing that came out of this," said Anita Thrift, whose husband, Greg, was among those killed. "I've viewed it only a few times, but only been able to see a handful of signatures. I was hoping they'd put it in a format where I could really take some time to read it. Those people are expressing their thoughts about our loss."

Since the crash, the combination of sunshine and wet weather has caused some of the ink to bleed through the banner material. The edges have started to fray.

"At that point, no one was thinking about preserving this," said Jack Baugh, director of the aviation museum. "They were just thinking about this horrible tragedy and the loved ones who were lost."

The museum has been holding discussions with the Smithsonian museums in Washington, as well as with the Kentucky Historical Society, about storing the banner in inert gas to prevent further deterioration.

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**Michigan friends, colleagues ‘thrilled’ about Sevnej’s candidacy**

Associated Press

Svejnar and his wife, Amanda, who lived in the Czech Republic, in 1992 with their two children and the woman that she summited if the kids got older, Terrell said. Svejnar is an involved in running a country, but this year saw some problem, but he would have been better off putting his cell phone down. The last major party — the Christian Democrats, are split over the new. The trolley is an asset in the race. The next president could have," he said. "It kind of naturally dovetails the kind of work I do," he said.
Senate vote to extend benefits

Dispute arises over extension of $161 billion in House-passed tax cuts, rebates

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Unemployed people stand in line at the California Employment Development Department in San Jose, Calif. Senators think extra unemployment checks will help the economy.

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Businesses acquire Indiana companies

IN BRIEF

Striking writers end 12-week walkout

NEW YORK — Striking writers have reached an interim contract agreement with four New York-based independent filmmakers, ending their 12-week walkout, the two sides said Sunday in a joint announcement.

The settlement appeared to be another step toward ending the national work stoppage by the Writers Guild of America that has brought filmmaking and television production to a virtual standstill.

The announcement did not offer details of the agreements, but said they were "similar" to agreements reached earlier between the WGA and 13 other film and TV production companies.

The latest agreements with the Writers Guild's east and west units enable the four indie producers, GreeneStreet Films, Killer Films, Open City Films and This is that corporation in "resume business immediately," the statement said.

WGA East president Michael Winship called the settlement a "reaffirmation of their dedication to great writing, bold innovation and good old-fashioned, New York City street smarts." by companies that he said had helped to revitalize the motion picture industry.

Chrysler supplier files for bankruptcy

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chrysler EEC scrambles to "resume business immediately," the statement said.

Calls to Plastech headquarters were not returned late Friday.

Chrysler was Plastech's fourth-largest customer, The Journal said. The company has 8,000 employees at more than 30 plants in North America.

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IRAQ

Law lets former Baath members in government

President Bush as Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's pro-American-backed government has been able to take advantage of a political development to move forward on the political front. "As security has improved, it is in the interest of the Iraqis to move forward with political reconciliation," said John Hopkins, spokesman for the White House National Security Council. "This is a means of seeking more legislative progress in this area."

Other draft legislation, including measures to divvy up the country's vast wealth and amend the constitution and define rules for new provincial elections remain in limbo.

The law will allow thousands of former members of Saddam's ruling Baath party to return to their jobs, and those who have reached retirement age will be able to receive pensions.

The strict implementation of de-Baathification rules meant that many senior bureaucrats who knew how to run ministries, university departments and state companies were fired after the 2003 U.S.-led ouster of Saddam.

Legislators also stressed the law would protect people in the future from being prosecuted as those committed by Saddam Hussein and to ensure those who were damaged by a Sunni-dominated regime had a means of seeking compensation.

The law included an explanation that it was passed due to the severe suffering of the Iraqi people for 35 years during which they were subjected to the ugliest forms of repression, oppression and deprivation at the hands of the most criminal of regimes.

Many Sunnis in Iraq were skeptical.

Abu Wisam, 51, a former Baath party minister who was fired in 2005, complained the law continued to emphasize on punishing past regime members found guilty of crimes.

This law brings nothing new. It still charges Baathists because of past events. The government should be busy fighting current criminals and corruption instead of settling scores with us," said Wisam, who currently owns a computer store in Baghdad's predominantly Sunni neighborhood of Amariyah.

"I am not willing to go back to my work because I fear assassination," he added.

Government institutions are controlled by anti-Baathist politicians. I do not expect good from a law that was written and will be implemented by the pro-Sunnism Hashemi government.

Still, the move was seen as a key step in the reconciliation process. The decision to out-law the Baath party was described as a step towards the official act of L. Paul Bremer's Coalition Provisional Authority, and along with his order to disband the Iraqi army has been widely blamed for setting in motion the Sunni insurgency in the fall of 2003.

Chad, a French colony until 1960, has been convulsed by civil wars and invasions since independence, and the recent discovery of oil has only added to the intensity of the struggle for power in the largely desert country about three times the size of California.

In April 2006, one Chadian rebel group launched a failed assault on N'Djamena. The rebel force is believed to be a coalition of three groups, including the biggest led by Nouri, a former diplomat who defected 16 months ago, and a nephew of Yamine. Many Sunnis in Chad were unhappy with the president not providing enough support to rebels in Sudan's Darfur region, some of whom are from Debays own tribe, the Belas, who are found in both Chad and Sudan.

The African Union, holding a summit in Ethiopia, said it would not recognize the rebels because of their ties to Tanzania's President Jakaya Kikwete, new head of the 52-nation bloc, said leaders had selected Gadafi and Republic of Congo President Denis Sassou Nguesso to try brok­er peace.

France said it firmly con­demns the attempt to take leader­by force.
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George W. Bush tells us we need to remedy our addiction to foreign oil. Al Gore tells us that greenhouse gases that we create are contributing to global warming, which will cause catastrophic climatic disasters, resulting in the deaths of billions. Thomas Malthus warned — as early as 1798 — that human population growth would lead to widespread famine and poverty. Jonathan Swift provided a solution to rampant poverty in Ireland in his Modern Proposal of 1729, radically suggesting the Irish cut their babies to prevent them from roaming the streets to destitution. 

No matter where you look, you can find impending crises whose roots trace back to overpopulation, excessive energy usage and dwindling resources. Many hippie-minded environmentalists suggest we put our money into finding alternative energy sources, developing more fuel-efficient cars, and reducing our consumption by sacrificing the lifestyles that we have earned through our persistent work and technological innovation. They then warn us that oil is running out, that coal will not be around forever, that the earth is limited and that one day, the resources we expand will supersede those that which the earth provides.

Instead of listening to this doom-and-gloom nonsense, I propose that we stay the course, that we continue on with the way of life we have cultivated and justly deserve thanks to our unique ability as humans to extensively impact the environment and ecosystems around us. If we have the ability to shape the earth's output to our needs, why waste time preventing what we created? We should not be afraid of change; only the radical would argue that changes to our lifestyle would prove detrimental to our quality of life.

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The Velveteen Rabbit, or how I became real.

It all started in a desperate attempt to get the kindergarteners to be quiet during quiet time. I had tried everything: Calming music, strategic sleeping mat placement, threats leveled against after­noon recess. All to no avail. On this particular day, I was searching for inspiration. I scoured the bookshelves and came across a copy of The Velveteen Rabbit. "Perfect," I thought, congratulating myself on my cleverness and settling on a tabletop with a clear view of each of my 13 little miscreants to read. Sure enough, I knocked them out in no time — I'm pretty sure I was a hypnotist in a past life. But, to be honest, I hardly even noticed that they were asleep. I haven't read The Velveteen Rabbit since I was about seven years old, and at the time, I was more fascinated by the idea of my stuffed animals talking than I was by the story itself. But 15 years later, in the midst of my year as a Jesuit Volunteer teaching Kindergartners at an American reservation in rural Montana, I finally get it. The Velveteen Rabbit is my story. It is the story of anyone who has ever committed a significant amount of time to service. It is the story of how we became real, and how you can become real too.

"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you." "Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit. "Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are real, you don't mind being hurt." My parents were less than thrilled when I told them that, with the cost of a very nice car in undergraduate loans, my grand plan was to spend a year living on an $800 monthly stipend. Even now, I can't really put into words why I told them, except to say that I had to. When it came right down to it, nothing else made sense. I was being called to service. God knows I tried to avoid it, and with all those loans some would probably say I should have, but I couldn't. And that's okay; it's worth the pain and the tears and the sometimes seemingly endless frustration. Because it couldn't have been any other way.

"It does happen at all once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?" "It doesn't happen at all once. You become a boy. Then you become a man. Then you become a Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your ears drop out and you get loose in the paws and very softly, but these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly except to people who don't understand." Over the past five months, I have been loved to pieces. I have been hugged so hard and so many times that sometimes I think they mistake me for a giant teddy bear. I have had my midsection covered with stickers (they can't reach much higher) and I love you. Teacher whispered into my stomach enough times to convince me that the love of a five-year-old could single-handedly bring about world peace. Faced with the reality of a five-year-old rapping my midsection, I learned to love it.

"I am the nursery magic Fairy," said the Skin Horse. "I take care of all the playthings that the children have loved. When they are old and worn out and the children don't want them any more, I take them away and turn them into Real." "What is Real?" asked the little Rabbit. "It is a very rare thing that really is something real too. When a little boy loves a toy for a long time, his love will become Real.

"Meet my Grandma," my friend said, pointing in the direction of a gray-haired woman who was sitting in a chair behind the counter. "This is my friend Emily," she would say. From that moment on, upon every foreign introduction, I would place my hand in a wave-like position, and state very firmly that I was my Greek friend's American friend. Generally, people understood. Emily was the kind of person who was never able to adapt to other cultural norms? Should it be normal for people to kiss each other on the cheek when I've got a little wine in? To be perfectly honest I'm much more comfortable with a kiss on the cheek when I've got a little wine flowing through my bloodstream. Does this mean that I should always be drunk at affairs that involve a kiss on the cheek?

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Revue shows courage

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Writer

There’s only one place you can see Jesus and excruciating pelvic thrashing on the same stage. That’s right; it’s that time of year again.

The annual Keenan Revue hit Notre Dame last Thursday under the zombie theme, “The Night of the Living Revue.” But it didn’t need the help of the undead to deliver a thoroughly delightful showing. Under the direction of John Siegel, well executed and hilariously contrived skits flowed between musical numbers brought to life by half-naked Keenan dancers. Using a lot of wit and a dash of shock value, Keenan once again placed a monopling claim on Notre Dame’s funny bone.

Sticking with tradition, no one was exempt from the dorm’s scathing humor. The Revue took jabs at popular campus figures and average Notre Dame students alike. Father Hesburgh, Lou Holtz, Father Jenkins, Charlie Weis and Officer Tim McCarthy were all popular subjects. Though insult could have easily tainted these topics, Keenan expertly used the sensitive material to its full advantage. In this way, the show proved the proverb, “a little goes a long way,” to perfection like, “There’s enough life support and busty nurses on the fourth floor to keep Father Hesburgh alive until he’s 120,” delivered swift digs without taking heavy-handedness.

Of course, there was plenty of mocking to go around. The hilarious image of Tim McCarthy struggling to formulate his famous double entendres was an excellent opening act. Documenting a series of duds, the skit turned writer’s block into craggy humor. And not soon after, a scene called “Juno” integrated the popular elements of the film, “Juno,” into the Notre Dame mainstream. Replacing Juno McGoff and Bleacher with a pregnant Father Jenkins and Jesus in shorts, the skit created a memorable if not disturbing fusion.

Apart from pop-culture references, tried-and-true material on Notre Dame females and Saint Mary’s students were also granted a fair share of attention. Evidence of a reported restraint on Saint Mary’s jokes was meager. On several occasions, Saint Mary jokes slipped into the show, through allusions and substitutes like “St. Monica’s College.”

Though the Revue is perhaps best known for this type of potentially sexist material, in reality the show is an equal opportunity offender. Exhibiting consciousness of a wide range of stereotyping, Keenan didn’t keep anything off limits, including males. Indeed, Keenan was just as willing to mock a stereotypical male disposition through allusions and substitutes like “St. Monica’s College.”

The “Asians of Domination” raise cameras during a skit from the Keenan Revue.

By taking on a variety of subjects, Keenan represented a commendably diverse talent that was just plain funny. Not all teasing was done at the expense of the Notre Dame community. Several stronger skits proved Keenan’s sense of humor extends beyond the University. A skit entitled “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Firecrack” was perhaps one of the most memorable highlights of the show. Presenting a Hogwarts turned on its head, Dumbledore, Harry and Ron took the stage, Keenan style. Returning from break, pupils find Dumbledore out and flamboyantly homosexual. In a nice reference to an on-campus controversy, Dumbledore donned a “Gay? Fine By Me!” shirt. Rounding out the ensemble, flagstaff appeared as a sketchy child-molester with eyes for Harry, while Voldemort took a form reminiscent of a drunken frat boy. These well defined, amusing charac- ters created an enjoyable scene evocative of Saturday Night Live.

The Keenan Revue was a well round- ed display of comic aptitude. It clearly understood the duality of humor: social commentary and laughter. It did both well. No wonder it sold out tickets in 20 minutes.

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Disclaimer: There are two types of people: people who watch "The Wire" and people who don't. If you are one of the latter, feel free to continue living in ignorance of the best show on television. However, if you are one of the former and haven't yet seen Sunday night's episode of Season 5, this column contains plot details that may ruin your viewing experience. Continue reading at your own risk.

Fans of HBO's "The Wire" breathed a collective sigh of relief Sunday night as fan favorite Omar Little (Michael K. Williams) escaped certain death. Or did he?

In his ongoing blood feud with Baltimore drug czar Mario Stanfield (Jaime Hector), Omar and an associate launched an assault on some of Stanfield's men, who had holed themselves up in an apartment. Normally, the ever-vigilant Mr. Little has a leg up on the competition with his patience and seasoned eye, but on this particular evening, the ever-vigilant Mr. Little has a leg up on his competitors.

In his resolutions of earlier plot arcs in seasons past, "The Wire" creator David Simon has proven that he's not one for happy endings, instead opting for realistic conclusions to conflicts on the show. He has also shown no hesitation in killing off show regular characters and fan favorites. As such, in Omar's case it'll be a surprise if he'll give the fans what they want and if Omar will get his revenge. However, one thing is certain: the man, the myth and the legend that is Omar Little lives to fight another week.

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Omar (Michael K. Williams) may have nine lives. He narrowly escaped with his life again on Sunday night's episode.

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Giants disrupt historic season, upset Patriots

Eli Manning named game MVP, leads fourth-quarter comeback culminating in game-winning TD pass to Plaxico Burress

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Giants had the perfect answer for the suddenly imperious Patriots: a big, bad defense and an impenetrable comeback led by their own Mr. Cool quarterback, Eli Manning.

In one of the biggest upsets in Super Bowl history, New York shat­tered New England's unbeat­en season 17-14 Sunday night as Manning hit Plaxico Burress on a 13-yard fade with 35 seconds left. It was the Giants' 11th straight victory on the road and the first time the Patriots tested defeat in more than a year.

It was the most bitter of losses, too, because 12-point favorite New En gland (18-1) was one play from ending its record 20-game winning streak and sending the franchise revenge for being penalized for illegally taping opponents' defensive signals in the season­ opener against the New York Jets.

But its defense couldn't stop a final, frantic 12-play, 83-yard drive to set up a special double­leaping catch by David Tyree, who caught Manning's first touchdown on the opening drive of the fourth quarter.

"It's the greatest feeling in professional sports," Burress said before bursting into tears.

"That's what you want to do," said Manning, who followed older brother Peyton's MVP performance last year with one of his own. "You can't write a better script. There were so many big plays on that drive."

And now the 1972 Miami Dolphins can pop another bottle of champagne in celebration of a record still intact, the only perfect season in New England's lowest scoring game of the season.

"They played well," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "They made plays. We made some plays. They just made a few more. We played as well as we could. We just couldn't make enough plays."

Hardest a familiar position for the record­setting Patriots and their megastar quarterback. And a totally strange outcome for a team that seemed destined for historic glory.

Oddly, it was a loss to the Patriots that sparked New York's stunning run to its third Super Bowl and sixth NFL title. New England won 38-35 in Week 17 as the Patriots became the first team in 33 years to go spotless through the regular season. But by playing hard in a thankless game, the Giants (14-6) gained something of a swagger and Manning cast found his footing.

Their growing confidence cur­ried them through playoff victories at Tampa, Dallas and Green Bay, then past the mightiest opponent of all.

Not that the Patriots were very happy this day. They even con­ceded with 1 second on the clock as coach Bill Belichick ran across the field to shake the hand of jubilant Giants coach Tom Coughlin, then headed to the locker room to try his kneecap.

That it was Manning taking that knee was stunning. He not only matched his brother's achievement of last year with the Indianapolis Colts, but he showed the brilliant precision in last year's game usually associated with, well, Brady.

Peyton Manning was seen in a luxury box jumping up and pumping both fists when Burress, who didn't practice all week because of injuries, caught the winning score.

"We just hung in there on offense, kept execution," said Manning, who was off after the 23-17 prediction he made a few days ago. "We came down in one play and we made it."

The Giants became the first NFC wild card team to win a Super Bowl; four AFC teams have done it. They also are the second wild­card champions in three years, following the Pittsburgh Steelers after the 2005 season.

The upset also could be viewed as a source of revenge not only for the Giants, but for the other NFL teams over Spygate back in Super Bowl week, and could have placed an infinite cloud over New England's perfection.

Until that fateful fourth quarter, the only scoring came on the game's first two drives.

The Giants did almost exactly what they sought with the opening kickoff, using up nearly 10 minutes to go 63 yards. Almost exactly, but not quite, because they settled for a 12-yard field goal after converting four third downs in the 16­play series. The 9:59 drive was the longest in Super Bowl history.

That 3-0 lead lasted for the rest of the quarter, but only because the Patriots were stopped at New England's 1 as the period expired. On the next play, Laurence Maroney scored.

New England's 12­play drive was aided by a 16­yard pass interference penalty on linebacker Antonio Pierce in the end zone. It began with Maroney's 43­yard kick return.

It was the finest possessions in the first quarter of a Super Bowl. New York's first series of the second quarter looked dangerous after Amani Toomer's lunging 20­yard pass catch for 38 yards. But rookie Steve Smith mishandled Manning's throw at the New England 10, Fells Hobbs inter­cepted it and returned it 23 yards.

Those are opportunities teams can win on. Against a weak opponent, let alone the Patriots. It was Manning's first interception of the postseason, albeit entirely not his fault; the last was by Hobbs in the season finale.

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**Late surge lifts Woods to victory in Dubai**

Tiger Woods poses Sunday with the trophy for the Dubai Desert Classic, in the United Arab Emirates. Woods birdied five of his last seven holes in the final round to claim the victory over rival Ernie Els.

Associated Press

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** — Tiger Woods watched his 25-foot putt race down the slope and bend toward the cup, then he skipped backward and punched the desert air in celebration when it disappeared into the cup for a final birdie.

So ended his spectacular charge Sunday to win the Dubai Desert Classic over Ernie Els, a familiar victim. Woods birdied his last two holes, and five of his last seven, for a 7-under 65 to start his season with two victories that looked nothing alike.

One week was an eight-shot victory at the Buick Invitational. The next week was his largest comeback in eight years when Woods rallied from a four-shot deficit with an array of impressive shots that make him look tougher to beat than he already is.

"I'm just happy to get a win out of this," Woods said.

It was the third time Woods has started his season 2-0, another sign that he has an edge. He has now won his last four official tournaments, and six of his last seven dating to the Bridgestone Invitational in early August. Woods also won his unofficial Target World Challenge by seven shots in December.

"It's the ideal start, isn't it?" Woods said. "You play to win. So far, I've done that this year."

Woods finished at 14-under 274 for a one-shot victory over Martin Kaymer of Germany. Woods had already posted his score when Kaymer, who won two weeks ago in Abu Dhabi, closed birdie-birdie-eagle for a 66.

But the real victim was Els. He started the final round with a one-shot lead over Henrik Stenson and was four shots clear of Woods. The 38-year-old South African missed par puts inside 5 feet on the 11th and 12th holes to lose the lead, but he still had a chance to force a playoff with a birdie on the par-5 18th. Instead, Els hit 5-wood that came up well short and ended in the water.

He finished with a bogey for a 71 and tied for third with Louis Oosthuizen.

It was a devastating blow to Els, who started at the 18th green. He is in the middle of a three-year plan to overtake Woods at No. 1 in the world, and said at the start of his season that he needed to start winning. This was the perfect occasion, and he let it slip away in familiar fashion.

Two years ago at Dubai, Woods birdied the last two holes to force a playoff against Els, then beat him when the South African hit his second shot into the water on No. 18.

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**IN BRIEF**

Holmes' birdies outdistance Mickelson in FBR Open

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona J.B. Holmes failed to birdie the 18th hole in the first three rounds of the FBR Open. Then he did it twice Sunday, coming back from the brink of defeat to steal a victory from one of the biggest names in golf.

Holmes' 13-foot birdie putt forced a playoff with Phil Mickelson, then moments later he sank an 8-footer after a monster, 359-yard drive to win the tournament for the second time in three years.

"I can play under pressure, I guess," he said.

Woods, whose victory as a rookie at the FBR in 2006 is his only other PGA Tour win, had blown a four-stroke lead and was one shot behind going into the 18th. The far more seasoned Mickelson seemed destined for his third victory in the tournament and 33rd of his career.

Miler wins slalom in World Cup super-combi

VAL D'ISERE, France — Bode Miller was far from his best in the slalom portion of Sunday's World Cup super-combi, and that might be why the American won both the race and clinched the discipline title.

"I was at 40 percent in the slalom," Miller said after winning in a combined time of 2 minutes, 18.45 seconds. "I know that if I'm at 100 percent in the slalom, chances are that I won't finish."

The American skied the Face de Bellevarde downhill leg in 1:33.88 in the morning, 1.37 seconds faster than second-place Didier Delegg of Switzerland. Most of the slalom specialists trailed by more than a second.

"I've understood that when I'm at 100 percent in the downhill, it gives me more maneuvering room over my opponents," Miller said. "I can then adjust in the slalom."

**Germany-U.S. match rained out at Fed Cup**

SAN DIEGO — Steady rain washed out Sunday's matches at the Fed Cup quarterfinal between Germany and the United States, forcing organizers to try again on Monday.

Officials waited four hours past the scheduled starting time before calling it a day. The rain let up after an hour and workers attempted to dry off the court at La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club before the rain resumed and the match was postponed.

The rain was supposed to clear out by Monday.

The best-of-5 series was tied at 1-1. When it resumes, Lindsay Davenport is to play Tatjana Malek in the first reverse singles match, followed by Ashley Harkleroad against Sabine Lisicki. The doubles match is scheduled to be Davenport and Lisa Raymond against Julia Goerges and Anna-Lena Groenefeld.
Lakers guard Kobe Bryant drives to the basket past Washington center Brendan Haywood in a 103-91 Los Angeles win Sunday.

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WASHINGTON — Driving and dunking and dropping in a 3-pointer, Kobe Bryant delivered a game's worth of highlights in the first quarter Sunday, outsoring the Washington Wizards all by himself. Then he let his Los Angeles Lakers teammates join in all the fun.

Bryant put up 19 points in the opening period on his way to finishing with 35, and the Lakers rolled to their offense so well there was no need for the newly acquired Pau Gasol to don a uniform in a 103-91 victory over the Wizards.

"Just taking what they were going to give me," said Bryant, an efficient 10-for-15 on field goals.

Gasol, the 7-foot Spaniard who came over from the Memphis Grizzlies in a trade Friday, sat on the sideline in a pinstriped suit jacket, listening to tips on the Lakers' triangle offense from assistant coach Brian Shaw.

The 2002 NBA Rookie of the Year, who had been out with a broken hip for three games, had his debut on the bench.

Another measure of how well the visitors played: Nine Lakers players scored at least six points in the first quarter.

"We're going to win a lot together. And we understand how to play with one another," Bryant said. "That's the big thing — the chemistry. Knowing where guys are.

Asked whether he'd like to see the Lakers make another move before the trade deadline, he said: "I'm letting (general manager) Mitch (Kupchak) handle that stuff. I gave up playing GM in the summer."

His every move greeted by a roar of 18,206 in the Verizon Center as he played in Washington for the first time since the Wizards coach Eddie Jordan noticed that, too.

"He's critical of his team, which has lost three games in a row," Jordan said. "We weren't trying to attack. That's not like us." Wizards point guard Devin Harris (left ankle) and key reserve Jerry Stackhouse (right hamstring).

The Wizards, however, stood little chance against Bryant. He was sitting down, a black T-shirt over his jersey, with three "M-V-P!" chants — from the visitors played: Nine of the Wizards players had three or fewer points.

"He's just better in person," said Wizards coach Flip Saunders. "We're not going to give me," said Bryant, an efficient 10-for-15 on field goals.

"Forget about who we are as a group as well as we need to play to beat the Lakers. Or anybody. We don't win this game against anybody tonight," Jordan said. "We had bad habits, we had short cuts and not enough passion from everybody and not enough concentration from everybody.

Pistons 90, Mavericks 67

Clash!

The Detroit Pistons held Dallas to its worst game offensive night of the season as Rasheed Wallace backed up his talk with 21 points and nine rebounds in a win Sunday. The Mavericks had their lowest scoring game while making a season-low 30 percent of their shots.

Dallas missed 16 straight shots — spanning 8 minutes in the first and second quarters — leading to scoring a season-low 28 points and shooting a season-worst 29 percent in the first half.

"We were active and switched more than we usually do," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. "And, we threw a couple zones in.

Dallas had a rough day at the other end of the floor, too. Wallace said the Pistons had to take advantage of the undersized Mavericks by going inside, and he did.

The baptismic center scored over Dirk Nowitzki on a fadeaway jump shot in the third quarter as Detroit pulled away, and Wallace had more to say to the Mavericks.

"Can't guard me!" Wallace screamed toward Dallas' bench.

Saunders isn't sure anybody in the NBA can effectively defend Wallace under some conditions.

"When Rasheed is ready, motivated and focused, he can dominate anyone he plays," Saunders said. "He's that good.

The Pistons were on the other floor of a 102-86 rout a month ago in Dallas. They looked a little like the Mavericks the way they played them down in Dallas," coach Avery Johnson said. "It's a rhythm that one of the Mavericks scored in the first half and we can, it seals the game," rookie Rodney Stuckey said.

The Mavericks, who missed a chance to pull into a first-place tie with New Orleans in the Southwest Division, have lost two in a row after winning 12 of 14.

"We don't have too much of a rhythm on offense, and we've got to figure that out," Jason Terry said. "We know what we are facing — we're undermanned right now — but we have to get things done."

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Kelvin Sampson switches to zone defense in second half to impede Wildcats; Tar Heels take down FSU in overtime

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Northwestern went more than nine minutes without a field goal, and once the Wildcats pulled away to its 35th straight win at home against the Wildcats since 1968. The Hoosiers (18-3, 7-1 Big Ten) also snapped a two-game losing streak, but it wasn’t easy.

“In the second half, we played with a lot of energy and effort on defense,” Gordon said. “It’s obvious what we have to do.”

Their offense was clicking in the beginning, so we just had to make an adjustment.”

Northwestern (17-2, 6-1) never led, but twice rallied, but the Hoosiers couldn’t pull away for good.

When a team like Northwestern gets comfortable on offense, you just have to get them out of their comfort zone,” Sampson said.

Tar Heels 84, Seminoles 73
Florida State had a miracle shot away. North Carolina still had Tyler Hansbrough.

Danny Green, whose three-pointer gave him North Carolina’s 21-1, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference record, was the first 3-point attempt of the second half before the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucoous crowd already roaring about the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucous crowd already roaring about the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucous crowd already roaring about the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucous crowd already roaring about the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucous crowd already roaring about the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucous crowd already roaring about the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucous crowd already roaring about the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucous crowd already roaring about the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucous crowd already roaring about the Tar Heels were staring at overtime before a raucous crowd already roaring about 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PHOENIX — Like the two old friends they are, Darrell Green and Art Monk chatted about the latest news in their lives: making the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Never mind that thousands of people were listening to the conference call after Saturday's announcement. This was simply two former Washington Redskins sharing verbal hugs after receiving the sport's highest honor.

"May I just say to you when I first came to Washington, you had just won the Super Bowl, you guys worked me over for nine weeks and I hated all of you," Green told Monk, drawing laughter.

"I appreciate your words," Monk said. "I've always felt the same way."

For the second straight year, former commissioner Paul Tagliabue failed to elected.

Other players joining Green and Monk included New England linebacker Andre Tippett, San Diego/San Francisco defensive end Fred Dean, Minnesota/Denver tackle Gary Zimmerman and senior committee choice, Kansas City cornerback Emlott Thomas.

Monk finally was chosen in his 17th year of eligibility. His eight-year run with the Redskins started in 1977.

"I am in shock right now," Monk said. "I am trying to get my heart in order, it's still racing." Dean said.

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Pair of Redskins teammates inducted together

Long-time friends Art Monk and Darrell Green celebrate honor in same induction class; Tagliabue denied for second time

Associated Press

Darrell Green, Hall of Fame inductee

"This is incredible. This is so special. This is out of this world. This literally transcends football, everything I have gone through to do what I was able to do. It was more than the ability to run and cover. It just goes so far beyond that."

Darrell Green

Former Patriots linebacker Andre Tippett poses for pictures after being inducted into the Hall of Fame Saturday.

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NFL HALL OF FAME

Bob Kuechenberg, Vikings guard Randall McDaniel, and Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas.

Senior committee nominee Marshall Goldberg was not elected, either.

Tippett, who is in town as the Patriots' director of community affairs, was considered the best linebacker in the AFC during an era when Lawrence Taylor ruled the other conference. An outstanding pass rusher who also could handle coverage, Tippett was a force against the run after a stint in junior college and a standout career at Iowa.

"This is by far the proudest moment of my professional football career," said Tippett, who made the NFL's 1980s' All-Decade team and waited 10 years for this day. "I will be joining the greats of the game and I am deeply honored.

Although he weighed only 230, Dean was a fearsome pass rusher because of his speed and agility, blockers struggled to get their hands on him. He starred with the Chargers from 1975-81, then the 49ers from 1981-85.

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Belles break losing streak

Kessler, Rashid have 14 pts, 6 boards each

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI Sports Writer

Leading by five with 2:52 left before halftime was Brady's most brilliant performance for the Patriots, who lost 17-14 to the Giants in the Super Bowl on Sunday. Brady had a career-high 324 passing yards and three touchdowns, including a 20-yard strike to Moss in the fourth quarter to set up the winning field goal.

The Belles will look to continue their winning ways as they host Alma Wednesday night. The game will be a tough test for the Belles, as they will be facing a strong offensive line from the Giants. However, the Belles have shown they can compete with the best of the best, having defeated several top-ranked teams this season.

This marked the end of a remarkable season for the Belles, who went 9-10 overall and 5-6 in the MIAA. They ended the season with a 72-65 loss to Olivet, the Belles' second consecutive loss.

Belles' head coach Janusz Bednarski said, "We showed great form and forced superpowers against some of the best of the best teams."

Top-ranked women perfect over weekend

By MEGHAN MCAHON Sports Writer

The No. 1 women finished 8-2 in their match, marking a 21-6 victory over No. 10 Salina.

The Irish men's only losses came against Penn State and Ohio State, the nation's first and second ranked teams. The Nittany Lions topped Notre Dame 16-11. The Irish men came up short in the final best versus Ohio State, losing to the Buckeyes by a narrow 14-13 margin for the second time this season.

The boys all competed equally well in both the Super Bowl and the Super Bowl. Brady said, "We all could've done things better tonight."
Irish senior Sheeva Parbhu serves the ball against Penn State in a of his team. Alex Stone 8-5.

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"Our doubles team's have really stepped up and made their presence known. There are six of them, so they are going to make quite an impact." Havens earned his first win of the day by beating Arnold 6-4, 6-4. The win tied the score at two.

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McGraw said she was "thrilled" with her defense's performance. This came less than two weeks after saying her team was "certainly the worst defensive team in the Big East" following an 81-80 loss to DePaul.

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Irish guard Tory Jackson defends Friars guard Dwain Williams during the game. Overall, the Irish converted 11 fast-break points to two for DePaul. After the basket by Peoples, the Irish led for the remainder of the game and improved their record to 16-4 overall and 6-2 in Big East play. The squad is alone in second place in the conference standings, trailing only Georgetown.

"I told our guys we're in great position but we're not even halfway through the league yet," Brey said. "But if we don't get it, they're not overly physical because they don't catch our guys off guard because they are extremely fast," Jackson said. "They tried to come out as serious."

"I think we probably have earned that (Brey) quite frankly," Brey said. "That, but if we don't get it, nobody's losing any sleep here." Contact Fran Tolan at ftolan@nd.edu

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was the best finish by a U.S. team in the tournament ever. Jackson said he was struck by memories of his time running the national anthem, even more strongly than when he first coached against Lake Superior State — the team with which he won three national championships.

"When I was in the NHL, walking around rinks and every team had graduates from that program, that makes me proud," he said. "So many kids have come from that program that have helped Notre Dame and helped a lot of college hockey programs. Those kids come in much more complete to play."

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The Irish held off every subsequent Blue Demons run and made their crunch-time free throws to put their conference rivals away. Notre Dame finished with a 17-1 edge in foul shots made.

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Irish guard Tory Jackson defends Friars guard Dwain Williams during Notre Dame's 81-74 overtime win over Providence on Jan. 31.

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Sean Lorenz, Patrick Gaul and Kyle Palmieri three U.S. national players — had the chance to play against their future team. Lorenz and Gaul will join the Irish as a defense-man and forward, respectively, next season, while Palmieri will enroll in the fall of 2009.

Lorenz said there was a little trash talk between himself and former national players, such as freshmen defensemen Ian Cole and Teddy Bliss.

"They are great on the ice, off the ice," Lorenz said of his future teammates. "You can't go wrong with that group of guys.

Gaul had family who went to Notre Dame and said the Irish coaching staff was the main reason he gave his verbal commitment to the Irish, a reason echoed by Lorenz as well.

"They're not an easy team to play against," Gaul said of the Irish. "I'm happy I'm going to be on the other side of that meeting next year."

Irish senior Evan Rankin scored the winning goal 2:34 into overtime when he beat U.S. goalie Joe Cannata from the bottom of the right circle.

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"I knew that by playing these guys it would be a high tempo game because they are extremely fast," Jackson said. "And by playing a team like that, they're not overly physical to where it's going to put us in a position to get injured."

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That scrambled word game by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hot Hand Luke

Harangody scores 29 in win over DePaul

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame forward Luke Harangody scored 29 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to win his game-long battle against DePaul big man Mac Koshwal as the Irish defeated the Blue Demons 89-80 Saturday at the Joyce Center. Koshwal’s 18 points and nine rebounds were not enough as DePaul’s second-half rally fell short and the Irish won their 33rd straight home game.

“It’s a lot of fun,” Harangody said. “When you’re playing like this, it’s just great to be on the court.”

After DePaul cut Notre Dame’s lead to 68-66 on a 3-point play by Blue Demons guard Cliff Clinkscale, the Irish responded with a 9-2 run. On Notre Dame’s next possession, Irish guard Kyle McAlarney, who finished with 17 points, took a pass from point guard Tory Jackson and drilled a 3-pointer.

After McAlarney’s trey, Irish forward Ryan Ayers nailed a baseline jumper and Harangody tipped in his own miss to give the Irish a 75-68 cushion. The sophomore forward Ryan Ayers shot proved to be the game winner.

Second-half scoring surge leads Irish to win over Cinci

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Assistant Sports Editor

Though Notre Dame played what Irish coach Muffet McGraw considered solid defense in the first half against Cincinnati, allowing just 26 points, she still felt she needed to switch defensive schemes. The result was a dominating performance.

The Irish outscored the Bearcats 47-15 in the second half — including a 21-0 run spanning 13:22 — and controlled the game at both ends of the court in a 73-41 win Saturday in Cincinnati. It was Notre Dame’s ninth 30-point win of the season.

“We extended the defense. We played a little man-to-man full court, when [forward] Devereaux [Peters] came in,” McGraw said. “And we tried to trap them in the back court a little bit more. We played a little more zone than we did in the first half; I thought that was more effective. I thought we rebounded better too, which I thought helped us.”

The Irish forced 13 turnovers with the press in the second half after tallying only six takeaways in the opening period.

“In the second half we switched our press up to take away the sideline pass that they had been throwing in the first half,” McGraw said.

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish beat U-18 team in OT

By KYLE CASHLY
Sports Writer

It was a nostalgic game for one person and an introduction for others.

No. 8 Notre Dame defeated the U.S. National Under-18 team 2-1 in overtime Friday night in an exhibition game. It was the first time Irish coach Jeff Jackson coached against the program he forged a decade ago, and it was the first time three future Irish players laced up skates in the Joyce Center. Jackson was the first coach of the National Development Program team, which he led in 1997 to a silver medal in the World Junior championships.

HOCKEY

Irish right wing Ryan Thang chases the puck during Notre Dame’s 2-1 overtime win Friday over the U.S. National U-18 team.

MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD

Molnar smokes field at Indiana Invitational

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

This weekend, a different Hungarian runner shined for the Irish.

At the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind., sophomore sprinter Balazs Molnar won the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.35 seconds, more than six tenths of a second faster than the rest of the field. While freshman Miklos Szobenyi has been tearing up the competition of late, Molnar has flown under the radar this season.

Molnar, however, was not the only successful Irish runner at the Indiana Invitational. Senior John Cavanaugh took second place in his first 800-meter race of the season with a Big East qualifying time of 1:50.66.

Freshman Chandler Brooks ran a 22.54 in the 200-meter dash, good enough for a second-place finish. Freshman Tyrell Atkins finished in 11th place in the event with a time of 22.60.