Concert kicks off inaugural celebration in D.C.

By JENN METZ
News Editor

WASHINGTON — Some of the biggest names in music, television and film performed live in a free concert on the National Mall in front of hundreds of thousands Sunday, but the loudest applause went to President-elect Barack Obama.

Supporters flocked to the Lincoln Memorial to witness "We Are One," a concert to kick off a three-day celebration leading up to Obama's historic inauguration Tuesday. The program was part history lesson with film montages and footage from previous inaugurations.

Thousands come to see show at National Mall

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President-elect Obama and wife Michelle wave to the crowd from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during Sunday's concert.

College Dems leader travels to Washington for historic day

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

WASHINGTON — When Sen. Barack Obama became President-elect Barack Obama on Nov. 4, Notre Dame senior Spencer Howard knew where he would be on Jan. 20.

Throngs of people departed the National Mall Sunday afternoon after the pre-Inauguration Day "We Are One" concert, an event that featured the president-elect and Vice President-elect Joe Biden and their families, as well as several dozen big-name actors and performers. Howard, the co-president of the College Democrats of Notre Dame, was standing at the corner of 18th St. and E. following the concert.

Howard watched election night coverage on Nov. 4 from the Democratic headquarters in South Bend, and when the results came back in favor of Obama, he knew he had an aunt and an uncle in Lorain, Ohio, who would be willing to loan him a bed for a few nights in January.

Driving with a friend, Howard left Notre Dame Saturday at noon and arrived in Virginia at about midnight. As he drove east to the Washington D.C. region, he said he saw many cars with Obama stickers on their bumpers.

"Stopping at rest areas, people were talking about [the inauguration]." Howard said.

He arrived in downtown Washington Sunday morning shortly before noon, and a few hours later squeezed into the crowd of people gathered on the National Mall to watch musical acts like Bruce Springsteen, U2, Beyonce and John Mellencamp and speakers like Tom Hanks and Jamie Foxx.

Like most Americans, Howard heard Obama for the first time when he delivered the keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

"I thought it would be eight years later because I was hoping [Sen. John] Kerry would win, but I told my mom while I was watching that I thought [Obama] would be the next president," he said. "It was a little sooner than I expected."

Howard went to work for Obama starting in the summer of 2008, and next week will attend Tuesday's inauguration.

ND ROTC teams take second

By LIZ LEFEBVRE
News Writer

The 23rd Annual Flyin' Irish Basketball Invitational drew 51 ROTC teams from across the country to campus this weekend, and Notre Dame came just short of winning both the men's and women's titles.

The tournament, hosted by Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC, lasted Friday night through Sunday afternoon at the JACC, when the Notre Dame women's Air Force team and men's Navy team earned second place in their

NDSP warns of sex offender in area

Observer Staff Report

According to recent news reports, Rickey Allen Robbins, a convicted sex offender reportedly fled parole in Lake County, Ind., on Dec. 12, 2008, may have been seen on the campus of Indiana University South Bend last week.

Robbins has a history of committing crimes on or near college campuses. He was released from prison in December after serving time for a sex crime. He has family living in southeastern Indiana.

Robbins is a white 58-year-old male. He is 5-foot-9 and weighs about 190 pounds, with brown hair and hazel eyes, NDSP said.

If you see Robbins on campus, immediately contact Notre Dame Security Police at 574-631-5555. If you see Robbins off campus, contact the local police by calling 911.
INSIDE COLUMN

Stream of Consciousness

It's currently 12:45 a.m. on Monday morning. I've been in The Observer office since 7:30 p.m. Since being a student here for a half a year, I've never had a day where I've been able to spend so much time here. After class, I took dinner at Saint Mary's. I'm probably the only one here for at least another hour and a half, then I'll get six hours of sleep and head back to my internship at the South Bend Tribune for four hours. After that, I'll head back to class, do my homework and work right back in this same seat at 7 p.m. tomorrow right to do this all over again — though hopefully without having to write the Inside Column. Anyway, I hope laying out my schedule for you helps to explain why I cannot come up with a cohesive topic for the Inside Column. So instead, you get the random thoughts that have been swimming in my head for the past 10 hours.

♦ LOST starts this week! Yay! It has been way too long since I've been able to obsess over Sawyer, Kate, Jack and, yes, even Locke. Things to think about: Is Jin really dead? Will Jack convince everyone to go back to the island? What did Sayid whisper to Kate before he jumped out of the helicopter?

♦ Last week's episode of "The Office" was one of the best I've ever seen. After spending four hours watching the BBC version of the show with my family in Salzburg, Austria over Christmas break — the BBC was the only channel in English ...

Liz Harter
Saint Mary's Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

Deshaun Gosque
sophomore

Alumni

"I believe that life is what you make of it."

Ethan Hatch
sophomore

off-campus

"I believe in global cooling."

Joey Leary
senior

off-campus

"70-degree weather."

John Bracke
junior

off-campus

"I believe in Santa Claus."

Kyle Rickets
senior

off-campus

"I believe in a risk appropriate rate of return."

OFFBEAT

Shoplifter gets run over twice by her getaway car

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — Authorities are looking for a shoplifter who was run over twice by her getaway car after stealing $1,200 worth of designer purses from a Cape Coral store. A T.J. Maxx security guard told police she saw a woman stuff six designer T.J. Maxx security guard told police she saw a woman stuff six designer purses into her pants Tuesday morning and walk out of the store. The guard said she was confronting the woman when a car pulled up.

A report said the shoplifter tried to get into the vehicle but fell out and was run over by the car. She then got up and jumped onto the hood of the car. As the car was driving away, the report said the woman fell of and was run over again. On her third attempt, she finally made it into the vehicle.

Woman crashes,continues to hit pedestrians

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — An elderly woman in Palm Beach County drove her car into a man on a scooter and continued on to her hair appointment, police said.

Lotte Davidson, 77, was arrested Thursday for leaving the scene of a crash involving injuries, Boynton Beach police said.

Police spokeswoman Stephanie Slater said the woman was running when she weren't into the path of the oncoming scooter that had the right of way. The man was thrown onto the windshield and then fell to the road, she said.

Police said they later spotted the woman's car after she had her hair appointment.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

With the recent sub-zero temperatures and lake effect snow falls many students are dealing with scraping ice and snow off their cars and digging them out of parking spaces before they can go anywhere.

Health and recreation will be having a Dance Kick-Off on Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. at BSRC. Registration can be done via ReConnect. The class is open to students, faculty, and staff.

Campus Ministry is holding a panel discussion called "Medieval Black: Inspirations and Reflections" Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. The panel will be made up of priests talking about their life and experiences in the priesthood.

Tim Robbins will be giving a lecture called "Theater as a Social Movement" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Leightorn Concert Hall in Dellaartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased online or through the ticket office for $5.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu

Monday, January 19, 2009
SMC book drive benefits area schools
College partners with Senator Lugar to help improve literacy in Indiana

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Office of Social and Civil Engagement (OSCE) held a book drive last month in cooperation with a program that senator Richard Lugar began to help improve literacy in Indiana. “Giving children the proper tools will put them on track for a better education,” Lugar said in a press release. “Books provide that vital function. Reading with children is essential so that it may enhance their learning, challenge their imagination and open their eyes to new possibilities.”

The book drive ran from Dec. 11 to Jan. 9 and Olivia Barzydlo Critchlow, assistant director of the Office of Civil and Social Engagement, said, “Each book that is collected will put us one step closer to achieving this goal and to helping the children of the South Bend community.”

The collected items will be delivered to Coquillard Primary Center, Lincoln Primary Center and Warren Primary Center, three title one schools the CAT program works with in the South Bend area.

Through the CAT program, students teach English, reading, and mathematics as well as being teacher assistants in English as a New Language (ENL) and Special Education classes. The students in the academy also help in the Read-to-a-Child and Pen Pals programs, in which Saint Mary’s students write to students at an area primary school.

Along with the books that Saint Mary’s was able to collect, books from collection spots all over Indiana will be divided up to go to schools with children in need,” Critchlow said.

Saint Mary’s managed to gather 182 books over the course of the month during the first year of participating in the drive.

“Children should have at least one book of their own to read with a tutor or at home. With the great amount of need in our community, this is not always possible,” Critchlow said.

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Cold temperatures cause car problems

By CASEY KENNY
News Writer

As the temperature in South Bend continues to rival that of the artic tundra, Notre Dame students know the necessity of wearing layers of protection against cold weather gear to go outside. What they may not know, however, is that, while they are bundling up, they should be taking protective measures to make sure their car is in working order.

"Students should check their car's battery and charging regularly and keep their gas tank filled to reduce moisture in the fuel system and prevent freezing," said David Chapman, assistant director of NSDP.

"Motor freezing can cause a car to fail, and during the icy conditions, he said, he should be avoided. To avoid this deep freeze and dehydration, students should start and run their cars everyday during the colder weather and not let their cars sit for extended periods of time."

Should a student find that their car battery is dead, though, NSDP will assist them with a jump start, be said.

The National Safety Council (NSC) website offers additional suggestions for winter preparation including that car owners "start with a checkup that includes the ignition, brakes, distributor, wiring, lights, filters, buffers, and fluid levels."

Many drivers often overlook the importance of the cooling system but, the coolant can freeze and damage an engine in low temperatures.

Drivers should also clean their cars of snow before driving to avoid a loss of visibility if it blows back onto the windshield or onto other vehicles. The headlights should also be removed from the headlight and break lights to ensure visibility for other motorists.

"As Notre Dame students, we are women investing a lot in ourselves and in our education, and it's a hard decision to make, whether we are going to get married and have kids, pursue a career, or do both," said Caitlyn Podlaski, president of the Identity Project.

"We really want to foster a sense of this is positive, not reactive," said Podlaski. "This is dialogue that needs to happen."

"Among the speakers will be a psychologist who will discuss the lationships with women's and women's brains and how that affects the way they make decisions every day," Podlaski said.

Donations to the festival will go to help Saint Mary's theater group attend the National Gold Medal Awards Festival (ACTE) in Dubuque, he said.

"NDSP will assist them in a T en o r," said senior Annaliese Furman, "It was an absolute blast to be in a place surrounded by so many people who were as passionate — if not more so — about the same things I'm passionate about."
Gaza

Israeli troops withdraw from Gaza

Hamas ceases fire, Israeli government declares an end to three-week war

Associated Press

Gaza City — Israeli troops Thursday withdrew from the northern Gaza Strip, ending the three-week war that killed more than 1,400 people and left Gaza a war-ravaged ruin.

Israel and Hamas declared a cease-fire for the Middle East, a deadly conflict that for years flared in the zone between Egypt and Israel.

The cease-fire was formally announced by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who said he had told Hamas officials that the Israeli military had withdrawn from Gaza and would keep its promise to cease fire.

NATIONAL NEWS

Little Debbie snack foods recalled

WASHINGTON — The company that sells Little Debbie snack foods announced a recall Sunday of peanut butter crackers because of a potential link to a deadly salmonella outbreak.

The voluntary recall came one day after the company acknowledged that it was not able to avoid eating cookies, ice cream and other foods with peanut butter until health officials learn more about the contamination.

The announcement by McKee Foods Corp. of Collegedale, Tenn., about two kinds of Little Debbie products was another in a string of voluntary recalls following the most recent public health warning.

Abstinence-only funding in jeopardy

NEW YORK — With the exit of the Bush administration, critics of abstinence-only sex education will be making an aggressive push to cut off federal funding for what they consider an ineffective, sometimes harmful program.

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Teams in both the men's and women's division were divided into pools. In the men's division, the winners of the 10 pools advanced to the single-elimination playoffs, as well as the next top six teams as wild-cards.

In the women's division, the four pool winners advanced to the playoffs, with the two winners continuing on to the finals.

The tournament places a focus on promoting sportmanship and professionalism among the nation's future military leaders, said tournament public affairs officer Samantha Nees.

She praised the camaraderie between schools and the friendly atmosphere of the event.

"It's a long and challenging weekend, but it's definitely worth it for all the great people and positive attitudes," she said. "People know each other from field training, so it's always fun to be competing against familiar faces."

Every year, the tournament presents the Colonel Meke Award to one man's and one woman's team who exhibit sportmanship, hustle, and pride. South Dakota State University swept this year's awards.

"Overall, the tournament was a huge success," Mooney said. "It was great seeing everyone give it a chance and make a big tournament work well. There are always things we can improve on but the weekend definitely went well."

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**Technology to lock cell phones in cars**

Inventors work on product that uses GPS system for tracking software

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Many parents would love to be able to give their teenagers a cell phone that couldn't be used while driving. Now some inventors say they have come up with ways to make that possible, but they appear to be relying on wishing thinking.

One product to hit the market, the $10-a-month software by Dallas-based WQN Inc., can disable a cell phone while its owner is driving. It uses GPS technology, which can tell how fast a person is traveling. But it can't know whether the person is driving — and therefore it can needlessly lock a phone, WQN, which sells cell phone and Internet software under the name WebSafety, says it signed up about 50 customers for its first month of service.

Aegis Mobility, a Canadian software company, plans to release a similar Global Positioning System-based product next fall, known as DriveAssist. Aegis is in talks with high U.S. wireless phone carriers, which would have to support the software and charge families a fee of probably $10 to $20 a month per user, said CEO David Tester, the company's vice president.

The DriveAssist system will disable a phone at driving speeds and send a message to callers or texters saying the person they are trying to reach is too busy driving. But because that person could be a non-driving passenger, the approach is a blunt tool.

Other product concepts that don't involve GPS systems have various flaws. As a result, some parents say they still rely on technology and safety, says C. E. Manders, an advocate for parents continuing on to find another stop to their kids from calling or texting while driving. Parents are better off taking away a child's cell phone if it is used impulsively about a quarter of Asian and black households and nearly 16 percent of Hispanic households.

About 40 percent of black borrowers in California, Nevada and Florida.

More than 30 percent of Asian borrowers in California and Florida.

Nearly half of Hispanic homeowners in Rhode Island and at least 40 percent in Alaska, even in those states, motorists and especially young drivers are hardly deterred.

One of the worst accidents occurred last year in New York, when five teens were killed when a car rams a utility pole carrying on a text conversation, killed with a tractor-trailer rig.

If Michael Adler, chief executive of WQN, said his 18-year-old son came to mind as he was designing the company's software to disable a cell phone while driving.

"It's text messaging with two hands and driving with his hands," Adler said. "You flip him the keys to the family car, you might as well be flipping him a six-pack of beer."

WQN's surveillance service promises more than just disabling the phone in cars. It can monitor a person's whereabouts, notifying parents by text messaging when their children step out of designated zones or return home. It also can turn off a cell phone at school, preventing phone calls or text messages during class periods, based on a reading of the school's location data.

The question parents would have to ask themselves is whether they'd want to prohibit their children's activities this way. "Parents would love to be able to lock their kids out of their phone," said Adler. "But they're not going to be able to control whether they're doing math homework or playing video games."
As inauguration draws closer, companies manufacture Obama-themed goods

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — The guys hawking Barack Obama T-shirts and trinkets on the corners of downtown Washington are some new competitors in the selling frenzy building up to the president-elect's inauguration Tuesday — Corporate America.

Companies ranging from global giants like soda and convenience store chains to a local grocery chain offering cakes with Obama's face in icing are jumping on the Obama bandwagon. "We think this is an appropriate way to celebrate and honor him," said Gregg Galardi, a former chief executive of Circuit City. "I feel personally badly for the people who are employed or until recently were employed." 

Rand McNally is offering a special edition of its famous road map with an Obama sticker, and the military got in on the act with the media.

"The negotiations were difficult but we decided to mark Obama's spot in the line of presidents," said Noel Hankin, senior vice president of corporate communications for Hanken, which is printing a limited edition edition of some years ago, with the number "44" on it to mark the first time that an African-American was on the list of presidents. "We think this is an appropriate way to celebrate and honor him."

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Other companies, especially those that appeal to the younger consumers that supported Obama in droves, are piggybacking on Obama's messages of hope and change.

Russia and Ukraine reach gas deal

MOSCOW — Negotiations dragged into the early hours Sunday, but in the end the prime ministers of Russia and Ukraine announced a deal to settle the gas dispute that has drastically reduced supplies of Russian gas to Europe for nearly two weeks.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said Ukraine will pay 20 percent less than the European price for this year. This means a substantial increase for Ukraine in the first quarter but the price could fall significantly later in the year as gas prices are expected to fall too.

"The negotiations were difficult but we reached an agreement that will allow for a constant flow to be signed," Tymoshenko said, standing by Putin's side.

Ukraine's Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko said natural gas supplies would resume once the two countries' gas companies sign a contract. It was not clear how soon this would happen. But Russia's Gazprom and Ukraine's Naftogaz, both state controlled, were told to prepare the documents by Monday, she said.

Crew kidnapped near Nigerian coast

NIGERIA — One person was killed when assailants kidnapped the crew of an oil-industry vessel in Nigeria's southern delta region, a regional official said Monday.

More than 200 people were normally released after a ransom was paid. The negotiations were difficult but we decided to mark Obama's spot in the line of presidents, said Noel Hankin, senior vice president of corporate communications for Hanken, which is printing a limited edition edition of some years ago, with the number "44" on it to mark the first time that an African-American was on the list of presidents. "We think this is an appropriate way to celebrate and honor him."

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"Only a handful of generations have been asked to confront challenges as serious as the ones we face right now."

Barack Obama, president-elect

In the early days of his presidency, Barack Obama began, naming America's unemployment rate and racial uncertainties as some of the local challenges he will face in the early days of his presidency. "I won't pretend that meeting any one of these challenges will be easy. It will take more than a month or a year, and it likely will take many years.

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"I expect big things for the inauguration, but it's the same kind of things he's been talking about for the last two years."

Spencer Howard, senior
Clockwise from top left: Supporters gather in front of the Washington Monument Sunday to attend "We Are One," a concert with performers ranging from U2 and Beyonce to Shakira and John Mellencamp. The concert kicked off the three-day celebration leading to President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration Tuesday. The viewing area around the Lincoln Memorial, where the concert took place, was closed off, but event staff set up jumbotrons near the Washington Monument and other places on the National Mall to broadcast the event; A family of Obama supporters show their pride while trying to stay warm in the cold weather by bundling up with blankets and winter coats; A street vendor sells inauguration and Obama-themed souvenirs near the National Mall; Concert-goers wait to catch a glimpse of Obama and vice-president elect Joe Biden, both of whom spoke at the event.
Oh, the days are getting longer. Because we passed the winter solstice, I mean. But they’re also getting shorter—or there are less of them. More specifically: less of them on Pennsylvania Avenue for our dear friend and leader of the Free world, George W. Bush.

As we sit at home and uncomfortably watch the President hold press conferences intended to shape his legacy, we reflect ourselves upon his administration, his steadfastness, his firmness and his sacripencies and his contributions to our nation. Where would we be without his determination to stick to his guns (pun intended), his heroic defiance of petty laws, his optimistic stance on the state of the environment and his disregard for the nonsensical rules of the English language? So, here’s to you, George: a tribute to the last eight years.

To your concern about individuals. Who could have ever imagined a president so concerned in the lives of people in America that he would authorize wire-tapping of their homes? To your financial legacy, and how thoroughly you have steered the government into the financial situation of everyday Americans: having your party feign concern about spending when it comes to pocket change (think John McCain and the $300 million to study DNA of bears), while tri­umphantly ignoring any real compila­tion of debt. The National Debt climbed from less than $6 trillion (which it already had been tested and shown to lack cost-effective deposits.

To your respect of the laws and Constitution of this nation, made apparent through your frequent use of the signing statement (161 in eight years). As the Chief Executive, you were more important than each individual congressperson and you certainly showed them they can’t tell you what to do!

To your second-in-line executive, and his creativity in his approach to fulfilling his office. We’ll miss Dick and his innovation that worked outside of the trivial constraints of the Constitution—who’d have thought to strengthen checks and balances by simply creating a new branch of government? Genius! We’ll see if Joe Biden is able to step into Vice President Cheney’s large, muddy foot­prints.

And most of all, to your consistently entertaining press conferences and speeches, be it your belief that human beings and fish can coexist peacefully, your boldness to ask whether our children are learning or your misinterpreta­tion of the meaning of the word “accomplished.” Mr. President, history will certainly not misinterpret your legacy.

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Three decades ago, in 1978, Notre Dame proclaimed itself a "Research University." Notre Dame's mission had been the provision of affordable education, in an authentic Catholic tradition, to undergrads, with research and graduate education in an important, complemental role. The major universities went heavily into the research business in the mid-1970s, when federal support for research was up. As limits were repeatedly raised, the universities repeatedly raised tuition to finance their research programs and buildings. The federal programs were a big Rock Candy Mountain for the universities. They financed their research enterprises on the backs of borrowing students.

Notre Dame was far from the worst offender but it was in on the action. In 1978-79, undergraduate tuition, room and board at Notre Dame was $5,180. In 2008-09, it is $46,680. If it had kept pace with the Consumer Price Index, it would now be $17,042. Notre Dame's financial aid office does excellent work in reducing the debt burden of students, but the student or parent loan is irrevocably transformed the for-profit loan into a permanent residence. The countries send students to study abroad in prestigious journals and with elite professors, but there is any problem with doing excellent Catholic research, but because it is more difficult to publish such research in prestigious journals and with elite universities presses than to publish the kind of scholarly work respected by secular universities." Observer, Feb. 17, 1993.

Notre Dame benefits greatly from the presence of faculty who are not Catholic. The Administration, in accord with Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities, is trying to increase the Catholic faculty. One obstacle is the insistence, as the Ad Hoc Committee put it, that those efforts "cannot be allowed to compromise the University's academic quality." The false dichotomy between faith and academic quality distorts reason as well as faith. It ensures the oblitera- tion of the Catholic character of the University. In "The Decline and Fall of the Christian College," in First Things in 1991, Fr. James T. Burtchaell, C.S.C., said the Christian college "must have a predominance of committed ... communicants of its mother church. This must be regarded, not as an alien considera- tion, but as a professional qualifica- tion ... Academic qualifications can be ... traded off ... but when any one of the systematically subordinated it will shortly disappear from the insti- tution." Commitment to the Catholic faith is not a non-rational preference irrele- vant to suitability for the academic life of a Catholic university. John Paul II affirmed the "unity between the knowl- edge of reason and the knowledge of faith." ... The world and ... history cannot be understood in depth without professing faith in the God who is at work in them." Fides et Ratio, no. 16. He described the "knowledge which is peculiar to faith" as "surpassing the rational proper to human reason." No. 8.

In his 2005 Address at Notre Dame, Archbishop J. Michael Miller, of the Congregation for Catholic Education, addressed the relation between faith and research. He quoted John Paul II: "In carrying out its research, a Catholic university can rely on a super- rior enlightenment which, without changing the nature of this research, purifies it, orients it, enriches it and uplifts it ... This light is not found 'outside' rational research, as a limitation or an impediment, but rather 'above' it, as its elevation and an expansion of its horizons." Address, April 25, 1989. As Miller noted, "the Catholic tradition has unremittingly held that the more we probe the mystery of God with the help of the faith, the more we understand reality ... The gift of faith empowers the intellect to act according to its deepest nature." Our leaders ought not to subordinate Catholic faith as a professional qualifi- cation for the academic life of Notre Dame. The President has authority to appoint faculty. He could solve the "Catholic problem" by executive acts of appointment. It is a question of will.

For students in developing countries, the chance to get a better education is on the horizon. But it isn't necessarily because of domestic improvements.

Since 2000, the number of students studying outside of their home countries has risen 50 percent, and further expand- tion is on the way. At least part of this is due to a heavy focus on improve- ment in research capacity, such as China, whose university system was temporarily closed in 1966 during an abortive reform. Though they reopened in later years, China still struggles to find places for its students, and many choose to study overseas.

But the case of studying in foreign countries doesn't just benefit those in the develop- ing world. Study abroad is an increas- ingly popular choice at many American universities. Educators say that spending time overseas produces "citizens of the world" who have a better understanding of world culture. "The news isn't all good. Many worry that the ability to study overseas for those in impoverished countries means that they will not want to return. When China sent students to study abroad in 1978, only 25 percent of them ended up returning. That's called "brain drain," a condition that occurs when a country loses its brightest and ablest workers to better conditions in a foreign country. Though globalization is often a sign of progress in countries working to modern- ize, this is one facet of globalization that could in fact retard the intellectual progress of the countries it benefits. But the system is still being worked out. In Australia, for example, two-thirds of foreign students still have to stay and study, according to Australian Education International. That might be good news for Australia, but there are also worries that having these foreign students stay will lessen the seriousness of its academic image, and be taken simply as a means for permanent residency. The countries send- ing students who may choose never to come back are also, understandably, wor- ried.

Most experts agree, however, that there's no point in keeping students penned up in countries where there are no opportuni- ties. The hope for many government offi- cials is that, when their countries modern- ize, students who left to study abroad and never came home will be lured back. Educational migration models many of the challenges our world will face for the rest of the century. The entire world will be forced to address issues such as brain drain from impoverished areas while also providing for individuals to realize their own poten- tial by accessing the best educational opportunities they can find.
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Vampire Weekend came out of nowhere to release this glorious album about rock, college, grammar, and Cape Cod. Recent Columbia grads, these guys make undeniably fun, catchy music. A mix of afro-pop, chamber pop and new wave, Vampire Weekend have constructed an album with a definite sound all their own.

Flying Lotus: Los Angeles

Flying Lotus takes the gritty, superficial ethos of Los Angeles and somehow makes instrumentation drip out of it, fractured, but somehow smooth, gritty, while still maintaining a slick feel. The songs show an obvious talent for both production and songwriting — experimental enough for headphones listening, while still remaining in the realm of hip hop.

Fleet Foxes/Foxes

Fleet Foxes have been a hit on the indie circuit while genres come and go, classic folk will never go out of style. This debut album is filled with beautiful instrumentation and harmony. Fleet Foxes shook sounds of generations before without sounding dated, and have created their own. An album under the moniker Foxes, this album is filled with beautiful music that will never go out of style. This debut album is filled with beautiful music that will never go out of style. This debut album is filled with beautiful music that will never go out of style.

TV On The Radio: Dear Science

While definitely distinct from their other albums, "Dear Science" is nonetheless energetic and cohesive. TV On The Radio is great at mixing high with low and thrashy vocals, synths and horns, and the classic handgun from sounds that could be bleak into an epic orchestra. The result is super catchy, danceable, and one of the most innovative and enjoyable records of the year.

Bon Iver: For Emma, Forever Ago

Fleet Foxes' Dan Mangan's voice seems to getting more beautiful with age. Woozing along the lush covers, the best song of the album is a heartbreaking beauty.

Fennesz: Black Sea

At its core, you could call this album a concept album modified with computers — but it's actually much more than that. Combining state, noise, drones, and, of course, guitar, Fennesz creates eight evocative songs, filled with grime, bleak harmonies and overtones that reveal themselves after repeated listens. Brilliantly constructed, wonderfully arranged, masterfully done.

Raphael Saadiq: The Way I See It

Did you hear that? It's motown, making a sneaky comeback. The Amazon WineBars, Duffys, and Motels have helped it along, but this year's top retrospection prize goes to Raphael Saadiq. On "The Way I See It," Saadiq hits all the stop-disco-wop beats, a cameo by Stevie Wonder, and charming, cheeky lyrics that capture the soul of the 60's with a modern twist.

Cut Copy: In Ghost Colours

Put all the dance-rock 80's revival albums of this year, "In Ghost Colours" rose to the top of the pile. Instead of relying on irony or self-awareness, Cut Copy focuses on writing good music in the vein of Depeche Mode and New Order. The record's strength lies in its heartfelt delivery, good production values, and habit of taking the best from its influences: synth-pop and disco, for the most part. Great stuff.

Los Campesinos: Hold on Now.

Youngster...

Another buzz hand from the blogging world, this young group from Wales captured the humor, energy and emotion surrounding the hype and turned it into an unassumming and incredibly fun record. It's a witty and smart album, whose upbeat handclaps, clumpy guitars, glockenspiels, and seven person sing-alongs balance out the dark lyrical content.

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RANKING THE YEAR'S TOP ROCK RELEASES

JAMES DaRoY

Some...A few opening remarks. First, this is only a ranking of rock albums. Thus, for instance, Lil Wayne's very good rap output is not being considered.

Second, only studio LPs are eligible. Thus, Colin Meloy's live solo album and the next installment in Dylan's Bootleg Series are not considered.

Third, only records originally released in 2008 are eligible. The Observer's free giveaway are out.

1. My Morning Jacket: Evil Urges

Jim James' love of funk and soul through in this diverse album. Already acknowledged as one of country's best live acts, "Evil Urges" put My Morning Jacket in good company. Who's the best American rock band - Wilco or My Morning Jacket? It doesn't matter; just be thankful we have both.

2. Fleet Foxes: Fleet Foxes

The debut from the heartland early 20-year-old nouveau hippies is a stunning one. An album both haunting and gorgeous, "Fleet Foxes" displays a wide knowledge of rock history. Never has appropriating from your parents' stored-away boxes been so original and worthwhile.

3. MGMT: Oracular Spectacular

"Shock me like an electric eel. Turn me on with your electric feel."

4. Drive By Truckers: Brighter Than Creation's Dark

Nineteen songs, and yet you still want more when it ends. With this tour of all-country stylings, Patterson Hood and Mike Cooley more than make up for Jason Isbell's absence. Credit Hood with one of the better lines of the year: "I wish everyday was Saturday morning/ Two daughters and a wife/ Two daughters and a beautiful life."

5. The Hold Steady: Stay Positive

"Much like last year's best album, "The Bower," this album gets better with every listen. Craig Finn's lyrics are as disturbing as they are fun." Posing as a twenty-first century beat, the band roars through eleven songs check-full of stories about barroom scandals and rich girl criminals. The three bonus tracks display/that Finn has more hits in his catalogue than most musicians can conjure up in a career.

6. Cat Power: Jukebox

Chan Marshall's voice seems to getting more beautiful with age. Woozing through the covers, the best song of the bunch is here, the "Song To Bobby." He's her Guthrie, yet she's still not Woody's Dylan.

7. Mike Doughty: Golden Delicious

The former head of Soul Coughing making a spare acoustic album into an epic orchestra. The result is super catchy, danceable, and one of the most innovative and enjoyable records of the year.


Another great album from Mark Kozelek. What else is new?" 10. Blitzen Trapper: Furr

A grower that displays how much the Pacific Northwest has changed. No longer producing Nirvana wannabes, melodic folk seems to be the drinks of choice. I'll take another, please.

Honorable Mention:


Disappointment:

British Sea Power, "Del grips of the world."

Somewhat annoying, overrated albums:

Vampire Weekend, "Vampire Weekend" and The Gaslight Anthem, "The '59 Sound."

Year's worst album by a band that wishes it was U2:

Coldplay, "Viva La Vida."

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**Northwestern shocks No. 18 Minnesota in Evanston**

No. 16 Arizona State defeats No. 9 UCLA in overtime; No. 23 Villanova crushes St. Johns after a week off

**Associated Press**

Evanston, Ill. — Craig Moore slammed the ball in frustration, turned to his teammate as he headed to a timeout, his frustration boiling over in the early going.

"Thanks for nothing," he said.

No. 14 Northwestern upset No. 18 Minnesota on Sunday for the sixth time in seven meetings. The Golden Gophers’ only other loss was to Michigan State. So what happened Sunday?

"It was a long time to rest," said John Smith, Northwestern’s coach. "We were all dying to play a game."

"We were all dying to play a game," said Coach Wright, whose team last played Jan. 10 in a one-point loss to Louisville. "We watched film of Louisville and saw what mistakes we made. We tried to get the seniors to help us out with the young guys."

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St. John’s, which trailed by as many as 19 points in the first half, scored the first nine points of the second half, six of them by Jurrell Burrell, to trail by 44-40. Anderson then hit a 3-pointer, sparking a 13-4 Villanova run for 57-40 advantage. After hitting on 10 consecutive shots, the Villanova lead reached 64-48 with 7:31 to play.

"I’ll give Villanova a lot of credit, they’re a real good basketball team,” said St. John’s coach Norm Roberts. “They did a good job pressing us and getting us out of our offense. We let them get off to such a good start and that didn’t help.

"We failed to do that, the Red Storm still holds a 59-43 edge over Villanova, its most frequent opponent, in the all-time series. Villanova started the game with a 3-2 run and led 22-20 at the break. Villanova hit on 17 of 20 shots in the half while the Red Storm committed a dozen turnovers leading to 19 Wildcat points.

"I think we played hard and competed most of the game," Wright said. "At times, we were trying to be too perfect." Villanova was not at its usual crispness, committing 16 turnovers to a gaseous shooting performance, hitting on 30 of 51 shots (58.8 percent), its top shooting percentage of the season. The Wildcats also had 18 assists in the game but missed seven of 18 free throws.

"St. John’s, on the other hand, was 17-for-44 (38.6 percent) and turned the ball over 19 times.

**Northwestern’s Craig Moore celebrates with teammate Patrick Houlihan after Moore scored a basket Sunday in the second half of the Wildcats’ win over the Golden Gophers.**

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AP Top 25

team points record
1 Connecticut (66) 1125 15-0
2 North Carolina 1080 14-1
3 Oklahoma 1065 12-2
4 Duke 948 13-1
22 Notre Dame 935 12-2
6 Auburn 921 11-3
7 Louisville 927 12-1
8 Texas A&M 919 13-1
9 Syracuse 877 14-3
10 Notre Dame 836 14-3
11 Kentucky 834 12-3
12 Syracuse 828 13-5
13 St. John's 774 14-4
14 DePaul 763 12-2
15 USF 758 13-4
16 West Virginia 749 11-6

Women's Basketball
Big East Standings

team record overall
1 Louisville 4-0 13-3
2 Connecticut 4-0 17-0
3 Notre Dame 4-1 15-2
4 Syracuse 5-1 17-2
5 Pittsburgh 5-1 16-1
6 Georgetown 2-2 12-4
7 Rutgers 2-2 10-5
8 Marquette 2-2 11-7
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MLB

Cole Hamels throws a pitch in the 2008 World Series on his way to the World Series MVP. On Monday, Hamels and the Phillies settled on a three-year deal before the negotiations went to arbitration hearings.

Hamels agrees to $20.5 million

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Cole Hamels has about everything an ace pitcher could want after only three years in the major leagues.

The Phillies left-hander was the MVP of the World Series, he's earned a reputation as a big-game pitcher, he's been an All-Star and he's married to a former Playboy playmate.

Now, Hamels has a hefty three-year, $20.5 million contract to go with the championship he's still savoring.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Vigil Prayer Service
Gather to pray through the intercession of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., on the eve of his feast. Our prayers include his canonization as a saint of the Church and vocations to the Congregation of Holy Cross.
Presider: Rev. Jim King, C.S.C.
Sorin Hall
8:00 p.m.
Lady Chapel
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Mass for the Feast of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C.
The Holy Cross community joins hands with the Notre Dame family in observing this feast.
Presider: Rev. David Tyson, C.S.C.
Provincial Superior, Indiana Province
5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Men in Black: Inspirations and Reflections
A panel of Holy Cross priests offers casual recollections and conversation about their life and work—a chance to get to know Holy Cross better.

Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C.
Rev. Robert Doerr, C.S.C.
Rev. Bill Lies, C.S.C.
Rev. Peter McCormick, C.S.C.
7:30 p.m.
Washington Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

The Blessed Basil Moreau Lecture:
Prof. John Cavadini
The chair of Notre Dame’s Department of Theology offers insights on daily life and Holy Cross spirituality in a lecture, “The Cross, Our Only Hope: Two Views of Suffering in the Christian Tradition.”
Prof. Mary Ellen O’Connell of the Notre Dame Law School, an expert on Christian values in international affairs, will offer comments for discussion.
7:30 p.m.
Jordan Auditorium,
Mendoza College of Business
Tough singles matches determine loss for Irish

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish dropped their spring opener Friday against Pepperdine in a 4-3 decision that was decided by a trio of three-set singles matches.

The Irish were able to gain the doubles point when sophomore Stephen Havens and freshman Casey Watt teamed up to defeat Stuart Keptar and Alex Lombard. Freshman Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Matt Johnson also teamed up to earn a doubles victory at No. 3, defeating Hugh Clarke and Jennen Turner 8-3.

"Our freshmen are very talented this year," Bobby Bayliss Irish Coach. "Three of them are in the mix to play a lot this year. Casey Watt is a tremendous shot maker, as is Niall Fitzgerald. Sam Watt has the ability to flat out rip the ball from the backcourt." Watt was able to pull out his three set singles match falling to Lombard by a final score of 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4).

Sophomore Dan Stahl came away with a tough victory over No. 17 Mahajan Karim 6-4, 6-4, 6-6 (7-3). Stahl battled back from 3-5, deficit to push the third set to a tie break.

Davis’ match proved to be the deciding factor in the win for Pepperdine. Davis was matched up with Alejandro Moreno at No. 6 singles. After dropping the first set 6-4, Davis continued to battle and won the second set by the same score to push the match to a tie break.

The Irish next travel to Virginia next weekend.

CARDINALS TRIUMPH

In last race of meet

By NATHANIEL LEE
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   - Attend a "Prepare for the Career Fair" workshop
   - Determine your objectives for attending
   - Review the list of companies attending the fair and position descriptions on Go IRISH
   - Visit company websites and review mission statements, annual reports, and products or services
   - Develop and refine networking skills
   - Develop your "Thirty Second Message"
     • Hello, I'm...(introduce yourself, your year and major, and interest in industry/career field)
     • Your company is...(demonstrate knowledge of company)
     • I'm interested because...(explain your interest in company)
     • I can...(match your skills with their needs)

3. At the Fair
   - Dress in business attire and bring several copies of your resume in a portfolio
   - Review the map of employer booths and take a bag for "giveaways"
   - Be proactive by approaching employers
   - Speak with both young alums and experienced representatives
   - Demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm in delivering your "Thirty Second Message"
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4. Following the Fair
   - Send an email thank-you to the recruiters with companies of interest within 3 days of the fair
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to create a situation where it will work in the future,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

Jackson said that he was pleased with his team’s comeback effort Saturday.

“That’s the sign of a little bit of a more mature team just in the fact that our guys don’t panic when we don’t score first or when we fall behind,” Jackson said when asked about the comeback. “That’s the sign of a little bit of a mid-season streak does not mean much when it comes to crunch time. While coaching for Lake Superior State in 1991, he led his team to a 28-game streak in the regular season only to see them lose in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

“It’s going to end at some point,” he said.

Northeast will have its hands full in the weeks to come. After a one-week hiatus the Irish will play a home-and-home series with No. 6 Michigan.

The team will use the week off to heal up the usual bumps and bruises and focus on some parts of their game that have been lacking. Jackson said he hopes to strengthen his team’s play around the net on offense and defense.

“Just working on winning those one on one battles at both nets really,” he said. “Those are things we can maximize, a little more time on this week. Driving to the net more because we haven’t been scoring a lot of goals over the last several games.”

Irish senior Jordan Pearce and the rest of the Notre Dame defense have been tough to crack this season. The main reason their team is strong are a few losses in their past 20 games on the ice.

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Arizona earns first Super Bowl berth with defeat of Eagles

Cardinals blow 18-point halftime lead but come back strong in fourth quarter behind arm of quarterback Warner

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — That's not a mirage rising out of the desert, folks. It's the lowly Arizona Cardinals scaring to their first Super Bowl.

Yes, the Cardinals, founding members of the NFL, but historically among the most dysfunctional of franchises, finally have joined the big boys. Capitalizing on Larry Fitzgerald's three first-half touchdown receptions, then coolly marching downfield to Kurt Warner's 5-yard scoring pass to rookie Tim Hightower with 2:53 left, they beat the Philadelphia Eagles 32-25 Sunday for the NFC championship.

"That drive where we scored a touchdown at the end of the game and took seven minutes was really the difference," Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt said.

Donovan McNabb was superb in leading Philadelphia's second-half rally, but he missed from midfield four times in the final moments.

Arizona (12-7) will face the St. Louis Rams, engineered by Arizona coach in two sea­son, happened. "When Nobody else believed in us, they never looked this good before in the Phoenix area, or their previous homes in Chicago and St. Louis.

"I want to say thanks to all of you guys," Warner told the crowd during postgame cele­brations that included streams of confetti spilled into the air and the obligatory "We are the Champions" blaring. "When nobody else believed in us, when nobody else believed in me, you guys did and we're going to the Super Bowl."

Blown out by the Eagles 48-20 on Thanksgiving, Whisenhunt's team looked com­pletely different in its first title game since 1948. Panned as it was inappropriate we had a bunch of different people those plays, and it was a great team win for us," said Whisenhunt, who in two sea­sons as coach has turned a losing culture into a cham­pionship environment.

With playoff victories over Atlanta, Carolina and the Eagles (11-6-1), this is the first No. 4 seed to host a conference championship game, were sup­posed to be thunderstruck by their surroundings, they instead responded like playoff veterans. Sure, they blew a 24-6 half­time lead. But then the 37-year­old Warner, a Super Bowl MVP from almost a decade ago with the St. Louis Rams, engineered a precise, 72-yard drive to win with his fourth TD pass of the day.

He finished the comeback with the 8-yard pass to Hightower, hit Ben Patrick for the 2-point conversion. But the key was the unstoppable Fitzgerald, who had nine receptions for 152 yards, including two big catches on the decisive drive. The All-Pro set a single postseason record with 419 yards receiving, surpassing the great Jerry Rice.

Arizona wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, center, catches a touchdown pass Sunday in the first quarter of the Cardinals' defeat of Philadelphia in the NFC title game.

They've already surpassed their total of postseason wins dating back to when the playoffs began in 1933. "It's been a tough number of years here in Arizona," Whisenhunt admitted.

"You never want anything to end, and you don't see it end­ing," McNabb said. "To end this way, it's tough, when you're that close to making the Super Bowl."

This one looked like a romp through the Valley of the Sun for the hosts until Philadelphia brought more pressure on Warner in the second half. The Cardinals gained only 8 yards in the third quarter, while McNabb hit Brent Celek for touchdowns of 6 and 31 yards. McNabb, who once this sea­son got benched after a terrible performance in the season opener over Buffalo, had come alive with a fury, even silencing the crowd for a while. His 62-yard heave to rookie DeSean Jackson was tipped by cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie into Jackson's hands near the goal line with 10:45 to go.

Cycling

Armstrong plays it safe in first race

Associated Press

ADELAIDE, Australia — Lance Armstrong made a cautious return to professional cycling Sunday, finishing fourth among 133 riders in a 10-mile criterium in downtown Adelaide.

More than 138,000 people watched as Armstrong return from three years of retirement and begin a campaign to win a seventh Tour de France title.

He stayed well back in a tight pack throughout Sunday's race on a winding circuit around leafy Rymill Park, following team instructions to avoid any chance of crashing.

Armstrong will compete in the six-day Tour Down Under, which starts Tuesday. The criterium does not count toward Tour overall standings.

"That was fun," the 37-year­old Armstrong said. "It felt good. I've been training a lot for this comeback and this race. It's good the first day is over and now I can get into the racing."

Australia's Robbie McEwen, a winner of 12 stages in the Tour de France — won the race for the Russian Team Katusha ahead of Willem Stroetinga of the Netherlands and fellow Australian George Hincapie.

Armstrong was ushered to the front of the field for the start of the race with another Tour de France winner, Oscar Pereiro of Spain, defending Tour Down Under champion Andre Greipel of Germany and Australian Stuart O'Grady.

The seven-time Tour de France winner quickly settled in the middle of the peloton, avoiding any possibility of pile­ups on the tight corners of the 1-mile circuit.

"I think the last time I did that fast a race was back in probably 1996," Armstrong said. "It's fun to get back into it. I found it a bit safer and easier in the back."

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"Please recycle the Observer."
Arico scoffed when asked if she would take the 3-point shot with 4:05 left in the game for a game-tying three, but guard Monique McLean fouled Lindsay Schrader to watch the film before passing the ball to forward Erica Williamson for the block, which took place moments later on the other end. The Red Storm was ahead by three points with 1:30 left in the game, but Lindsay Schrader had 13 points in Notre Dame’s 70-67 win over St. John’s.

Four three-pointers, and forward Becca Bruszewski had 13 points and made 4-of-5 foul shots. Notre Dame committed 30 turnovers in the first half, holding her to three points on 1-of-8 shooting. In the second half, however, she found her stroke and space to use it. She finished with 17 points and four 3-pointers.

“We left her alone,” McGraw said. “We forgot about her. She managed to get free. A couple times it was rotation, a couple times it was off the press. She’s a very good player. Having her go 6-for-18, I think we did a very good job on her.”

That press may have allowed McLean open looks, but it also created crucial stops and turnovers. It often trapped St. John’s in its own zone and left the offense with about half the shot clock remaining, and at one point caused a shot clock violation.

“We just wanted something to slow them down, so we only had to play 10 or 15 seconds of defense,” McGraw said. “When we came back to the press at the end of the game, we got a couple steals that were critical.”

Notre Dame led 34-27 at the half and a layup from center Erica Williamson extended the lead to 11 in the opening minutes of the second half. But two three-point plays, one from McLean and one from forward Da’Sheena Stevens, helped St. John’s pull within three. The Irish widened the gap to eight with Lechlitner’s 3-pointer, but that would be Notre Dame’s last basket for more than five minutes. McLean hit two threes during a 12-0 run that gave St. John’s a 52-48 lead with 10:56 remaining.

The Red Storm held the lead until 6:10 left in the game, when Bruszewski converted a 3-point play to tie the game at 58. Four foul shots by Stevens gave St. John’s a one-point lead, but then Solomon’s layup put the Irish ahead for 48-48 from the field. “I think that shows fight in our team , coming back,” Lechlitner said. “It starts on defense for us.”

McGraw said her older players, such as Lechlitner and Barlow, have the “killer instinct” needed to win close games. Lechlitner said the younger players possess it, but it hasn’t shown through yet.

“You’re going to see it down the road,” she said. “Because they all have it.”

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HOCKEY
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ND needs shootout to finish weekend sweep
By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

No. 1 Notre Dame needed two comebacks and a shootout to do it, but the Irish stretched their unbeaten streak to an even 20 games this weekend against Lake Superior State.

After a 3-2 win Friday night, Notre Dame (19-3-3) found itself in a two-goal hole in the first period. The Irish came behind twice to force overtime and eventually won 2-1 in a shootout.

The Irish pick up two points for the shootout victory in the CCHA but the NCAA officially counts it as a tie because the CCHA is the only league that currently has shootouts.

"Our league is being proactive and trying to eliminate ties from the game, just to try to

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Free throws play key role in win over SJU
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Erica Solomon ensured that free throws would decide the game. The Irish hit theirs. The Red Storm couldn't.

The freshman forward helped Notre Dame hang on to win 70-67 over St. John's at the Joyce Center Saturday. The Irish (15-2, 4-1 Big East) led by as many as 11 in the second half. But St. John's (13-4, 1-3) closed the gap and was looking for a win to stop their slide.

Despite the losses, the Irish still saw some positives from their performance.

"Coming into this weekend, we wanted three things," Irish coach Tim Welsh said after Friday's loss to Northwestern.

"We wanted to be faster than we were last week, we were. We wanted to be approaching or exceeding our best dual meet times outside of a championship meet, and in a lot of cases, we were there — sometimes life-best and season-best times. We also wanted a win, we didn't get that."

The Irish began their weekend on Friday night at the Rolls Aquatic Center with a 175-125 loss to Northwestern. Despite the loss, the Irish had a fair amount of quality individual performances.

Junior John Lyttle swept both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle races, duplicating a feat that he accomplished in Notre Dame's 2005 dual meet against the Wildcats.

The Irish were also dominant on the diving board. Led by senior Michael Bulfin, who placed first in both the one-meter and three-meter events. The Irish claimed the top five spots from the one-meter platform.

Rounding out the top five in order were sophomores Eric Lex and Wesley Villafor, junior Caleb Dunnichay, and sophomore Nathan Gear.

Notre Dame's other first place finish in the meet came from junior Andrew Deters, who won the 1,000-free.

The Irish had little rest after the loss to the Wildcats, as they traveled to Rochester, Mich. to face Oakland on Saturday afternoon. The Grizzlies narrowly edged out the Irish by a score of 161.5-137.5 for Notre Dame's third consecutive dual meet loss.

In total, the Irish won seven of the meet's 16 events. Lyttle added another first place finish.