Seminarians compete in Midwest tourney

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Eleven seminarians from Old College and Moreau Seminary took a trip this weekend to Mundelein Seminary, north of Chicago, to compete in the eighth annual basketball tournament between nine Midwest seminaries called the "Mundelein Seminary Shootout.

The team won three of four games, and ended up winning the consolation bracket of the tournament. Sophomore and seminarian candidate Mike Palmer said the weekend is not just about basketball, but is also a chance to get to know other seminarians.

"All the seminaries we play against are from the Midwest region ... and it's really great to have meals and socials together with other seminarians," Palmer said. "It's great to have brotherhood with other seminarians and just fun to play some basketball.

We are there to compete but to have fun as well. The 11 seminarians along with their supporters left for the tournament Friday and competed Friday and Saturday.

Palmer said the team usually includes seminarians both from Old College and Moreau Seminary, but this year had five from Moreau. The team averages around 150 seminarians in attendance over the four games, and ended up completing their bracket.

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College to perform Monologues

SMC shows fifth annual production

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

For the fifth year in a row, Saint Mary's College will present "SMC Monologues," a production based off Eve Ensler's "Vagina Monologues," but containing stories written by Saint Mary's students.

Ensler's production brings women's sexuality to the forefront, and the "SMC Monologues" intend to do the same.

"Students have wanted to facilitate discussion about topics relevant to women's sexuality because of the many students' commitment to the goal of raising awareness about issues related to sexual assault," said Catherine Pittman, Saint Mary's psychology professor and advisor to the SMC Monologues.

Each story is submitted anonymously, and could be about anything from sexuality to what it means to be a Saint Mary's woman.

"At Saint Mary's College, we encourage women to speak up, to write, to be bold and adventurous and that's what the "SMC Monologues" is all about," Pittman said.

The "SMC Monologues" allow Saint Mary's women to be the creators of the event the stories are chosen from after they are submitted anonymously. It is a chance that was added by the students who have been performing for the past five years.

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Yo-Yo Ma and
the Fun List

I checked Yo-Yo Ma off my list a week ago, but now I've got to put him back on. One of the many perks of witnessing the swearing-in of the 44th president last Tuesday was getting to see the world-renowned cellist play live in a quartet.

The sounds of Ma's cello, Perlman's violin, Gabriela Montero's piano and Anthony McGill's clarinet Boast-ed from the U.S. Capitol building to my spot standing across the Reflecting Pool last Tuesday. The John Williams piece, "Air and Simple Gifts," was the most beautiful composition I had ever heard live.

Or so I thought.

Two days after I returned from Washington, The New York Times published a story revealing that the elegant notes I had heard were not traveling from the strings of Yo-Yo Ma's cello to my ears. Due to forecasts of cold weather on the day of the inauguration, the quartet had made a recording of their performance two days earlier at the Marine Barracks in Washington. They decided to use the recording on the day of the ceremony because the musicians feared intonation problems and cracked instruments or strings.

The quartet played along with the recording, but only those near them could hear the live music.

I heard only the recording. So Yo-Yo Ma goes back on my list, the inventory of fun things I want to do before I die.

Checking off Yo-Yo Ma would have been huge. He's performing at a concert hall near my hometown in March, but tickets are already sold out. So I'll probably be on the list for a while.

a. See Yo-Yo Ma perform. Live.
b. Scuba dive

Run a marathon.

Complete a crossword puzzle. Without using the Internet.

Do a triathlon.

Write a book.

Meet the Dancing Matt guy from the YouTube videos.

Have a cocktail with Maestro Yo-Yo Ma.

Swim with dolphins.

Call into Delilah's radio show with a true story of love and loss and a song request.

Be someone's Missed Connection on Craigslist.

Learn to drive a squad car for five hours before he was detected, police said Sunday.

The boy didn't have a gun, never issued any tickets and didn't drive the squad car, Deputy Superintendent Daniel Dugan said.

Jackson said the ruse was discovered only after the boy's patrol with an actual officer ended Saturday. Officers noticed his uniform lacked a star that is part of the regulation uniform.

Police said they were investigating how the deception went undetected for so long in what they described as a serious security breach.

Woman arrested for overdue book.

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa — An Iowa woman has been arrested because she failed to return a library book.

Thirty-nine-year-old Shelley Konitz was arrested Thursday night on a fifth-degree theft charge. She is accused of keeping "The Freedom Writers Diary," which she checked out from the public library in nearby Jesup in April. Police say the book — which is about a high school teacher's effort to inspire students to write — is valued at $13.95.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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turnout by the student body was definitely the most surprising part for me. Students began filing into the Joyce arena from the Fieldhouse at 9 a.m. and the general public was admitted at 10 a.m. Numerous ESPN personalities commented on the size and enthusiasm of the Notre Dame student body. Students also said they could feel the excitement in the air.

“We have great school spirit, probably the best in the country, but maybe some people on the basketball side didn’t know that,” Frey said. “And I think that myself and a lot of Notre Dame students took pride in the fact that we looked good and we had so many people out there for the Saturday morning show.”

Junior Doug Hummon said Saturday’s festivities made the day feel more like a home football game than basketball game.

“It was electric, really,” he said.

“The atmosphere was great. I’ve never seen that kind of support outside of football.”

When the show started at 11 a.m., hosts Reece Davis, Bob Knight, Jay Bilas, Hubert Davis and former Irish basketball coach Digger Phelps discussed college basketball news from around the country and previewed Saturday’s slate of games. The crowd cheered for Phelps and boos for the Duke graduate Bilas who earlier in the week said the Duke fans booed the Irish home team Luke Harangody.

“I mean it does matter that we already a big-time match-up,” Hummon said.

When one of them suggested that North Carolina forward Tyler Hansbrough might be the toughest player in college basketball, the crowd responded with boos and a chant of “Harrangody!” in support of Notre Dame center Luke Harangody.

Fans were also allowed to make signs to hold up behind the hosts during the show. Some signs were pro-Irish, such as one that said “McAlarney’s Shooting 46,” Frey said. “Even 20 to 25 minutes before tip-off when we were chanting ‘Let’s go, Irish’, it seemed like we were at a fewer pitch and ready to go.”

Even though the Irish lost, 69-61, in Saturday night’s game, students said they would still look forward to the Gameday experience for what was already a big-time match-up.

“It increased the atmosphere by getting people excited earlier in the day and really building it up and hyping it up as much as possible,” Frey said. “Even 20 to 25 minutes before tip-off when we were chanting ‘Let’s go, Irish’ it seemed like we were at a fever pitch and ready to go.”

Unfortunately, the shot fell short of the hoop.

Students said that Gameday’s presence on campus only amplified the excitement for what was already a big-time match-up.

“Mary’s College community to share their own experiences,” the said.

“For the next four years, women on our campus have created and performed our own monologues. It is a powerful approach to addressing the topic of women’s sexuality.”

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This year there were 10 players from Old College and one from Moreau Seminary...this year we had lost many of our older players to ordination or ministry, so every player except one on this year’s team was from Old College,” he said.

The team’s only loss was its second game against St. Meinrad Seminary from St. Meinrad, Ind., which bumped the Moreau Seminary team to the consolation bracket.

Palmer said that having a young team this year made it more difficult to compete against other teams in the tournament.

“This year we know it was going to be hard because our team was pretty much all undergrads, and a lot of the teams had graduate seminarians,” Palmer said.

The Moreau Seminary team defeated the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary from Peoria, Ill., 47-45, in the final round, winning the consolation bracket.

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Palmer said the seminarians practiced in preparation for the tournament in the months leading up to the competition.

“Usually we start practicing a couple months in advance...we practice at Moreau Seminary gym,” he said.

Palmer said the team’s starting lineup included junior Kevin Wack, senior Thomas Haan, junior Tim Mouton, sophomore Bob Duismuhl and graduate seminarian Nick Senz.

Moreau seminarian Mike Seidl coached this year’s team.

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she can remember. Her series of acrylic paintings is titled “Motherhood: A Reality Check.” Her paintings, a result of a Saint Mary’s Faculty Research Grant Harrington received in 2007, represent the fears and vulnerabilities that mothers experience.

“My main message, I suppose, is that it is okay for mothers to feel and express emotions other than contentedness and joy in raising children,” Harrington said. “It is my hope that my work expresses experiences that are universal even if not spoken of and therefore, acceptable in the everyday physical and emotional life of a mom.”

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Jones and Wilson are the other two members of the faculty whose art is featured in the exhibition.

“During my research leave, I investigated electronic methods of making sound, light, video, and programmatically-based objects,” Hodef said. “So a predominance of pieces in my exhibition feature some technological components. The two galleries are free and open to the public until February 27.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Drugs found in Indian stream**

**PATANCHERU** — When researchers analyzed vials of treated wastewater taken from a plant where about 90 Indian drug factories dump their residues, they were shocked. Enough of a single, powerful antibiotic was being spewed into one stream each day to treat every person in a city of 90,000.

And it wasn’t just ciprofloxacin being detected. The supposedly cleaned water was found to contain the antibiotic at levels high enough to cause infections, heart disease, chronic liver ailments, depression, gonorrhea, ulcers and other ailments. The supposedly cleaned water was found to contain the antibiotic at levels high enough to cause infections, heart disease, chronic liver ailments, depression, gonorrhea, ulcers and other ailments.

**Blagojevich will not participate in trial**

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, carrying a biography of Winston Churchill, leaves his home in Chicago on Sunday. The governor’s trial starts today.

Associated Press

**SPRINGFIELD — If there’s such a thing as a “normal” impeachment trial, the one that begins Monday in Illinois doesn’t qualify. The defendant, Gov. Rod Blagojevich, won’t participate. He’ll be talking to Whoopi Goldberg and Larry King instead of facing the state Senate. And while the Democratic leader acknowledges it’s certain, he refuses to call him in for questioning.**

Blagojevich (pronounced blah-GOY-uh-chich) claims that the trial rules are unfair, but he and his lawyers didn’t try to influence the rules as they were written or afterward.

After weeks of near-silence, Blagojevich has begun an energetic public relations campaign, comparing himself to the hero of a Frank Capra movie and seeking to avoid being judged for a crime he didn’t commit. He’ll tell NBC’s “Today” that when he was arrested on federal corruption charges, he took solace from thinking of other jailed leaders — Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi.

He also said his 5-year-old daughter, Annie, has asked whether he’ll still be governor or on her birthday in April.

“If I were a betting man, I’d say I probably won’t be,” Blagojevich said, according to a transcript released Sunday. “I think the fix is in and … they’ve decided essentially to do a hanging without even a trial.”

The full “Today” interview will air today, the same day the impeachment trial starts and Blagojevich is scheduled to appear on “Good Morning, America,” “The View” and “Larry King Live.”

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said Sunday Blagojevich should be defending himself at the trial because the extra media coverage would impress the state senators who will be judging him. "Barbara Walters is not on his jury," Durbin said, referring to "View" co-host. Legal experts see little benefit to Blagojevich from boycotting the trial while refusing to resign. The decision means he’ll still be leaving office soon, but only after proceeding guaranteed to put him in a bad light.

Senators, and thus the public, will hear detailed charges against Blagojevich. They’re likely to hear recordings that allegedly reveal the governor talking about signing legislation in exchange for campaign contributions. And in addition to simply removing Blagojevich, the Senate could vote to bar him from ever again holding public office in Illinois.

“This man mystifies me,” said Ann Lounsbury, a professor at Chicago’s John Marshall Law School. “The governor’s decision to cling to office also surprises the capital building can deal with, and that’s impeachment.”

Resignation might even help Blagojevich with jurors in any future criminal trial, said one expert.

“If I were his lawyer, I would say, ‘Why don’t you make yourself a little less offensive to the public than you can make yourself a little more sympathetic?’” said Leonard Covese, a law professor at DePaul University.

Yet Blagojevich says that’s not an option.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Man run over by his own truck**

**GREENVILLE — A man run over by his own truck at the site of a rocket-scarred town in the Israeli Gaza Strip. The man in his 20s or 30s who was run over by his own unoccupied truck was identified as Sderot man. Police said one of the truck’s occupants was killed and another was injured.**

Many residents of this rocket-scarred town say they see the operation against Hamas as a long-overdue military success — but also believe the good times will be short-lived. "There is military here, only quiet," said Eli Assagi, 55. Sderot is less than a mile from Gaza, a frequent target for the homemade rockets from militants there over the past eight years. Thousands have exploded in this town of 20,000, traumatizing residents and damaging many houses and businesses. Six people have been killed and a few dozen wounded.

The satisfaction here with the Israeli military’s performance is coupled with the despair of continuing to live in the shadow of violence. People see the recent offensive as a corrective after the inconclusive, frustrating war against Hezbollah guerrillas in 2006, and a stirring example of national resolve in a time of crisis. But they also see it as a successful round in a many match expect will continue indefinitely.

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Lawmakers: casinos can help budgets

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A tell-tale sign: America’s chips are down. States are increasingly turning to gambling to plug budget holes.

Proposals to allow or expand slots or casinos are percolating in at least 14 states, tempting legislators and governors at a time when many must decide between cutting services and raising taxes.

Gambling has hard-core detractors in every state, but when the budget-balancing alternatives lawmakers must consider include reducing education funding or lifting sales taxes, resistance is easier to overcome, political analysts say.

"Wouldn’t be interested if you’re a politician who needs to fund programs," said John Bernhard, director of research at the International Gaming Institute at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas — a government-funded program.

While gambling has not been immune from the recession, it has held up relatively well compared with states’ other revenue streams, such as income and sales taxes. This helps explain why past industry growth spurs have been pre­ ced by economic downturns, experts said.

For example, Rhode Island opened the country’s first race­track casino in 1992, and four states soon followed. More recently, faced with sagging revenues during the 2001 recession joined multistate loterie­ ries such as Powerball and gave more leeway to Native American tribes seeking to expand their casinos.

Analysts say the latest round of gambling initiatives are worthy in volume and ambition — a sign that the industry aims to capitalize on states’ badly bruised economies.

"From the gambling industry’s point of view, this is the big chance," said Earl Grinols, an economics professor at Baylor University who specializes in gambling.

Ohio’s casino advocates, including lobbyists working for Penn National Gambling Inc., are pushing a variety of large-scale development projects. In Georgia, a developer working with Dover Downs Inc., wants to transform a blighted section of downtown Atlanta with a 29-story hotel that would attract tourists with more than $2,500 video lottery terminals.

The developer pitching the $450 million Atlanta project, Dan O’Leary, estimates $300 million a year in revenues would be funneled to the state, helping to pay for a popular lottery-funded scholarship that provides in-state college tuition for students with “B” averages.

Even Hawaii, which along with Utah is one of two states without a lottery or other form of legalized gambling, may consider a change. Aides to Hawaii Lt. Gov. Linda Lingle, long an opponent of gambling, say she is open to discussing it as a way to close the state’s growing budget gap.

Gambling proponents are quick to trot its bills and whis­keys: a $34 billion annual indus­try, $10 billion in revenue for 550,000 people, with most state gambling revenues coming from lotteries, racetracks and betting devices such as slot and video poker machines.

Twelve states reap tax money from full-fledged casinos, and 23 others have casinos on Native American reservations, which generally do not pay taxes to states.

While advocates argue that casinos will help attract jobs and revitalize downtowns, others worry that religious groups and other critics fear gambling has a disproportionately negative impact on lower-income peo­ple, and does not provide long­term economic growth.

They point to research that shows casinos attract crime, foster gambling addiction prob­lems and divert money from other businesses.

“We’ve got gambling in 48 states, and you’d think if it worked, you wouldn’t have budget problems or education problems,” said Tom Gray, a field director for StopPredatoryGambling.org.

Many of the gambling pro­posals seek to expand footholds in states that already allow lim­ited gambling.

Kentucky’s House speaker had proposed allowing video gambling terminals at the state’s racetracks, and legisla­tors in New Hampshire, New York and Texas are seeing pro­posals this year to allow similar gambling terminals at their state’s casinos. A House speaker pushes for casin­o-style gam­bling in hurricane-ravaged Gangas.

Lawmakers in other states are talking about reversing hard-fought crusades to tighten restrictions on gambling.

The change affects South Carolina lawmakers outlawed video poker, state Sen. Robert Ford is fighting to make it legal again. Since July, lawmakers have cut roughly $1 billion from the state’s budget to address revenue shortfalls.

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Lobbyists skirt Obama's earmark ban

Interest groups finding ways to avoid ban, continue giving money to projects

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama's ban on earmarks in the $825 billion economic stimulus bill doesn't mean interest groups or lobbyists won't be able to funnel money to pet projects.

They're just working around the ban and are inadvertently making the process more secretive.

The projects run the gamut: a Metrolink station that needs building in Placentia, Calif.; a stretch of beach in Sandy Hook, N.J., that could really use some more sand; a water park in Maine.

There are thousands of projects that, once thought would have been given big money upfront but now are left to the back end of the process as "ready to go" jobs eligible for the stimulus plan.

The result, as The Associated Press learned in interviews with more than a dozen lawmakers, lobbyists and state and local officials, is a shadowy lobbying effort that may make it difficult to discern how hundreds of billions in federal money will be parcelled out.

"No earmarks" isn't a game-ended said Peter Buffa, former mayor of Costa Mesa, Calif. "It just means there's a different way of going about making sure the funding is there."

It won't be in legislative language that overtly sets aside money for them. That's the infamous practice known as earmarking, which Obama and Democratic congressional leaders have promised to cut for the massive stimulus package, expected to come up for a House vote this week.

Instead, the money will be doled out according to arcane formulas spelled out in the bill and in some cases based on the decisions of Obama administration officials, governors and state and local agencies that will choose the projects.

"Somebody's going to earn the favor. It's no secret. It won't be written in the bill, but it will be known. The money will go where the pressure is," said Howard Marlowe, a lobbyist and former mayor of Chicago, Illinois, who has devised an elaborate system for tracking the money is spent.

"It's the earmark system version 2.0."

"Earmarks won't go away, they'll just be disguised. It's more subtle. You're a politician who needs to overcome, political analysts say.

Keith Ashdown, chief investigator of the watchdog group "Taxpayers For Common Sense," stands in the doorway at the group's office in Washington on Friday.

"We hate earmarks but at least it's a way of tracking where influence is had," said Keith Ashdown of the watchdog group Taxpayers For Common Sense. "There is a challenge now that projects will be added behind closed doors without a paper trail."

Indeed, some lawmakers hearing from local groups say they're doing their own lobbying of governors and state and local officials who could have say-so over the funds.

Gambling used to stimulate economy

Hudson River plane hit a soft body

WASHINGTON - A visual inspection of the battered, deformed left engine of the US Airways jetliner that ditched in the Hudson River found evidence of conscious damage, but there are signs the plane hit a soft body, federal investigators say.

The engine and the right engine, which remained attached to the Airbus A-320 after the Jan. 15 ditching, will be shipped to their manufacturer, CFM International, in Cincinnati for thorough examination by safety board investigators.

Both engines will be completely torn apart to examine damage, and advanced equipment will be used to search for organic material not apparent to visual inspection.

The pilot reported the plane hit a flock of birds shortly after takeoff from LaGuardia Airport which shut down both its jets.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators said Saturday they-viewed the left engine after it was finally pulled 65 feet from the river bottom but saw no evidence of organic material.
THE OBSERVER

Does partisanship mean the end of liberal arts?

Change, having come to Washington, now seems poised to redraw the academic landscape as well, and humanities scholars are worrying once again about the future of their discipline. Last Monday, Stanley Fish of the New York Times argued that higher education, driven by popular and administrative demand, is shifting irreversibly toward giving students useful, work-applicable skills and away from the “determined inutility” of the humanities. The very next day, new-merged President Barack Obama promised to “transform our schools and colleges and universities to meet the demands of a new age.” And since then, gradu­ating students and untenured faculty in the humanities began a new bout of soul-searching, wondering whether the life of the mind that they had signed up for would be thrown by the wind as the winds they reached their own professional maturity.

Publishing and rebutting pre­mortem of humanistic scholarship has almost become its own academic field. Critics on all sides suggest that schol­ars in the humanities are incapable of conveying the relevance of their work to anyone outside of their field, that the American public is too anti­intellectual to understand the humanities’ value or that the liberal arts are simply incapable of being defined in terms of public significance. Whether or not Fish and company have overes­ timated the decline of the humanities (probably) and whether or not the lib­eral arts will ever return to their pre­demands promise to school them­selves with “inutility,” how­ever, the humanities have not been any­where near as innovative as the hard sciences in the past few decades, especial­ly when it comes to integrating technology and computers with their research.

Take the field of history, for example. Outside of their own field, historians feel the most comfortable borrowing from, and claiming to understand, other liberal arts — most notably literary theory and postmodernism in the 1960s and beyond. Beyond that, histo­rians will occasionally double-dip in social science fields such as archaeology, anthro­pology, and medicine, with varying degrees of success and sensi­tivity depending on the particular area of study. By and large, however, histo­rians and scientists refuse to learn the languages from MATLAB to the gram­ming in addition to the traditional tools of historical inquiry. Since then, while scientists have developed or adapted program­ming in addition to the traditional tools of historical inquiry. Since then, while scientists have developed or adapted program­ming in addition to the traditional tools of historical inquiry. 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Dangers of denying fair trial

With regard to Nathan Furtado's Jan. 23 letter titled "Objectivity, please," I agree with his main point that "objectivity is a cornerstone of journalistic integrity" and that The Observer should strive for it. However, I cannot agree with another, more subtle point made in his letter, in which he worries about "the dangers of providing unrepentant terrorists with civilian trials."

I cannot imagine that he has been reading objective journalism if he actually believes a statement like that. Under the Constitution, all citizens are granted the right of habeas corpus, which means the right to a fair trial. This was said by Thomas Jefferson to be "one of the essential principles of our government." And yet, since the beginning of the "War on Terror," we have denied this right to assumed enemy combatants. There is no proof needed to imprison these individuals and they do not have the right to an attorney or trial.

Mr. Furtado, if you are so sure that everyone in Guantanamo Bay is guilty of terrorism, why are you unwilling to grant them a trial so we can find out as citizens have the right to do? Surely the courts will prove them guilty as well. The truth is that while a number of the prisoners in Gitmo are terrorists, others are not. Many are only guilty of being Arab and in the wrong place at the wrong time. I think it would be disastrous for us to call America "the land of the free" if we were to continue to leave the freedom of these individuals up to the discretion of an anonymous few.

"The dangers" that Furtado associates with extending our rights to those we hold captive in Cuba pale in comparison to the dangers that will arise if we do not, such as the risk of dishonoring the document that gives our country integrity and moral grounding. In his inaugural address, President Obama stated that "we reject as false the choice between our safety and our ideals," which he corroborated by signing the order to close Guantanamo Bay. I hope that Mr. Furtado may also see that these two objectives do not have to be mutually exclusive.

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Our big-eyed, bushy-tailed

The winter months are well upon the students of Notre Dame. Snow falls incessantly, faces disappear under mounds of scarves and campus squirrels run rampant. Some of my peers have suggested that the squirrels are simply poor, lost students; mutated victims of punishment via mysterious experiments in the depths of the radiation building. Some more astute science majors, however, can see the root of the problem: a classic case of an ecosystem imbalance. Overrun with noisy, hormonal class-goers, the squirrels have turned to violent revolt in an attempt to reclaim their ground. Joggers are attacked, muffs are stolen and nuts are thrown in the path of innocent wanderers in these daily acts of aggression. Some more desperate members of the squirrel cause have resorted to suicide missions, hurling themselves beneath the wheels of unsuspecting bicyclists. These acts of aggression are alarming and cannot stand. As a strictly entrepreneurial strategy, I know that souvenir squirrels would sell faster than monogrammed Snuggles. I fear, however, that such an exploitation of a group of creatures with a weakness for the fairer sex is at stake. Why compromise my interests deeper than getting drunk and hooking up with girls on the weekends?

Unfortunately, a letter from one Nathan Furtado wrote to The Observer has so offended the part of my brain that is responsible for thinking that I cannot help revealing myself to have political opinions. I know that expressing such opinions is about as attractive to girls as a piece of spinach lodged between the front teeth. Therefore, I must respectfully request that any hot girls, or girls in which I have a prurient interest, stop reading this letter immediately.

Mr. Furtado, the indirect denial of the existence of innocents at Guantanamo by speaking of the "unrepentant terrorists" lodged there represents more spin than the most biased liberal media outlet could possibly offer. Unless you've been living under a rock, you cannot be unaware that: a) Guantanamo has innocents, and b) we've been torturing them. And unlike controversies over whether the tax rate on the top tax bracket should be 35 percent or 39.6 percent, the question of whether or not torturing a few innocent people is okay is not open to debate. By the way, the reason people call Barack Obama a socialist? He favors 39.6 percent. And what exactly are "the dangers of providing unrepentant terrorists with civilian trials?" Even the Nazis got habeas corpus. No matter which way you slice it, holding terrorists publicly accountable for their crimes is a bell of a lot better than torturing them.

I find it hard to believe that we find ourselves in such a state of emergency that we can cavalierly dispense with the basic civil rights in the Constitution; I haven't exactly seen any bombs dropping over the Sears Tower or the Dome. And before you tell me that it was the Bush administration's hard-line stance on torture that has prevented further terrorist attacks, I fail to see why people who are not afraid of death would be deterred by the threat of a little waterboarding, a few seconds of nipple clamps, or (gasp) watching books get flushed down toilets.

The real partisans here. Mr. Furtado, are not the law professors who applauding the closing of what represents at the very least the worst publicity the US has received since Vietnam. They are people like you who, through spin and distortion, handwave away or outright deny cold, sober facts like the existence of tortured innocents in Guantanamo, global warming and evolution. Married to their theories of the way the world should work, they fail to take into account the way the world does work; and the sorry state of our economy and reputation at home and abroad is what we have to show for it.

That's the end of my rant. I implore my harder-partying peers, who find themselves uncumbered with the baggage of an intellectual life we were supposed to be engrossing the carefully bronzed women of this campus, not to judge me too harshly; and I sincerely hope that the girls can overlook my transgression of propriety and continue to see me as an easygoing, devil-may-care sex object.

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Uphold Constitution

Here at Notre Dame, it is currently rather unfashionable to express an opinion on subjects other than football, hot girls or pop cultural phenomena such as "Phil in my Pants." Being at heart a timid young man, overly susceptible to peer pressure, I am naturally inclined to censor myself on a great number of just such socially unacceptable subjects. Further, my reputation as an easygoing man about town with a weakness for the fairer sex is at stake. Why compromise my carefully constructed persona by revealing myself to have thoughts and interests deeper than getting drunk and hooking up with girls on the weekends?

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"The Wrestler" was snubbed too. The director, Darren Aronofsky ("Requiem for a Dream," "The Fountain," ) took a chance casting Mickey Rourke. It wasn't going to be the box office smash it could have been if Nicholas Cage had remained in the role, but it was meant to be a comeback film for the motivated and talented Mickey Rourke. It was a labor of love and this is obvious, but apparently not obvious to the academy, which only nominated Rourke for best actor but left the film and director out of contention. The academy also managed to overlook the film's musical merits, which are found in the original song by Bruce Springsteen written for the film.

"Gran Torino," Clint Eastwood's latest attempt was also obviously a labor of love for the actor/director. Despite a weak supporting cast, Eastwood was able to carry the film, and he was both entertaining and crafted an emotional tale of gang violence and family. He did not receive any nominations for his memorable performance despite the popularity among fans and critics alike.

As there are many snubs, there are also charming revelations and perhaps even hope for the Academy within some of their other nominations. Robert Downey Jr., controversially played an actor who changed the color of his skin to effectively portray a black Vietnam War officer. It's both entertaining and enlightening that Downey garnered a nomination for this very silly role. Though the nomination is nothing more than a novelty, it shows that perhaps the academy isn't simply a collection of out of touch retirees.

The academy needs to branch out. It needs to reward those who innovate, those who craft with love, and those for who are simply joyful in fulfilling their film industry dreams. The purpose of a film should not be to collect various awards. A film should be made to entertain, to be enjoyed, to teach and to provide artists of this world with a way to share their talent. The Academy Awards should reward those who achieve these goals, who go above and beyond great filmmaking. It should reward those who truly love their work. It should recognize those who realize that creating reels of cinematic brilliance is the only reward necessary.

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**Frost/Nixon**

By MICHELLE FORDICE

“Frost/Nixon” deserves its Oscar nomination for Best Picture. The Academy Awards have for the most part become associated with rewarding serious films, but “Frost/Nixon” delivers on all levels, producing not only an introspective into a particular moment in time, but also some wonderful performances, entertaining characters, and an underserved commentary on how we view history. “Frost/Nixon” tells the story of the 1977 interviews between David Frost (Michael Sheen) and President Nixon (Frank Langella). Frost is a mostly disreputable British talk show host who tempts Nixon into his first post-Watergate interview with a $600,000 appearance. He pays for this out of his pocket, since the networks didn’t trust him to take on Nixon, famous for his stonewalling and political savvy, without supervision.

Frost and his team of researchers seek to draw the apologist out of Nixon who never came after his resignation as president. Nixon is hoping to reestablish himself on the political scene. The film focuses in on these two men, capturing their strengths and their insecurities. Nixon is painted as a man who is intelligent and genuinely concerned, but arrogant and incapable at interacting socially with people. Frost, on the other hand, is a social butterfly and ladies man who can’t quite leap the hurdle and become respected. In a way, this interview is the last chance for both men. The actors excelled in their roles, which they first developed for the stage play, also titled “Frost/Nixon.” Frank Langella, now nominated for Best Actor, is amazing as Nixon, capturing not only the man’s physical characteristics but his personality. Langella has the challenging task of portraying this smart, confident man at the lowest moment in his life, a stretch and a risk of which he is worth of pride.

Depending on taste, American audiences will recognize Michael Sheen from either “The Queen” or the Underworld series. Michael Sheen is both blessed and cursed to frequently be placed next to dynamite actors, like Langella and Helen Mirren. He excels in his roles, but has the disadvantage of being forgotten in the rush. As David Frost, he has to contain Frost’s natural extroversion in a way that is both true and relatable to the audience, and does so successfully. “Frost/Nixon” is also a quiet commentary on how we view history, especially for those of us who weren’t alive in the 1970s to see the initial interviews. Is it a film based off of a play based on a set of interviews between these two people doing their best to spin the results in their favor? Peter Morgan, who wrote the original play and adapted it for film, has made a career out of capturing the spirit of historical events, even if they are not wholly accurate. Writing the scripts for films such as “The Queen,” “The Last King of Scotland,” “The Other Boleyn Girl,” and “The Deal,” he has learned to package and dramatize real life events.

Throughout the film, the characters talk about how the audience will perceive the interviews and how important it is that the people involved not only understand the history of what actually happened, but also to use television and the power of the perfect close-up. It’s a statement of how history is captured and produced for us to consume at many levels.

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**Between the Buns: Fair Fare**

By J.J. Rees

Three years ago, a good friend of mine was given a gift certificate for Between the Buns, just east of campus on 23. Besides “I can’t believe you’ve never been there,” I hadn’t heard much of the sports bar’s campus. We watched away games from our futons, our parents away, and an unfortunate mid-week, I finally paid Between the Buns an overdue visit, and I found it to be a mediocre 32-ounce mug of beer, volumetrically giving even the Backer some competition. Still, there may be a time or two where the mugs themselves, although the BBQ sauce brought relish-like flavor to the dish. The nachos with guacamole and salsa were fine but forgettable — we started with nachos and the most popular appetizer, chicken stripers with Original Barbecue sauce. These starters were nothing special, and I was more impressed by the nachos’ chicken than the strips.

Our seating area was not too crowded, besides the walls of pen... 

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NBA
Celtics rout struggling Mavericks to extend win streak

Los Angeles back to full strength with return of Farmar, get easy victory over Western Conference foe San Antonio

Associated Press

BOSTON — Paul Pierce, reached over and gave Kevin Garnett a pat on the back as they laughed off the question that now, with virtually everything going right, would be a good time to buy a ticket stub.

"I've got a lottery ticket already," Garnett said Saturday night, watching Farmar score 23 points and help shut down Dirk Nowitzki for most of the first half and did not score again in the second half.

"I don't know if that's the toughest scenario you could have, but it's close," Rivers said.

"And we were just making everything." Garnett added.

But coach Rick Carlisle said he thought their players were back together.

"I thought they were really looking forward to the game," he said. "Boston was great, and we needed to be better. We haven't come across a team that plays this effective defensively.

"Boston led by 15 after one quarter by 12 with 9:10 left in the second before scoring 15 straight points — and 21 to 26 — to take a 64-33 lead.

Dallas cut the deficit back to 27 points and Nowitzki was finally getting up for a layup when House stripped him of the ball under the basket and started a fast break that ended with Garnett making a crowd-pleasing alley-oop.

The Celtics hit 100 points with 50 seconds left in the third quarter. Garnett and Paul Pierce, who scored eight points, came out with 2:17 left in the third quarter, and all of the Boston starters sat out the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter got chippy with one double-technical foul on Leon Powe and James Singleton, and another that was called on Nowitzki.

Nowitzki had 18, but the Dallas Mavericks lost their sixth straight double-digit victory.

Since a 2-7 slump that was the worst of the new Big Three era, the defending NBA champions have won eight in a row by an average of 16.2 points — although this was a much larger margin than their margin of victory in the franchise-record 19-game winning streak earlier this season.

"I just think we're playing together," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "In the 19-game winning streak, we were winning games but in my opinion we were not playing Celtics basketball the way we established last year.

"Now, Terry scored 27 for the Mavericks, who have won just three of their last nine games. Nowitzki had 17 of his 27-foot shot 4-for-17 from the field and had the ignominy of one of the quickest triggers in the field and had the ignominy of missing a three of their last nine games.

Although TV cameras focused on owner Mark Cuban, who was complaining about the call, and was apparently assistants to coach Doc Rivers.

Lakers 99, Spurs 85

After a month of playing short-handed, the Los Angeles Lakers are back to full strength. Sunday is an accurate indication, that means trouble for every other NBA team.

Kobe Bryant scored 22 points after sitting out the fourth quarter, Paul Gasol added 16 points, five rebounds and four assists, and the Lakers beat the San Antonio Spurs in a matchup of the Western Conference's best teams that turned out to be a mismatch.

The win was the fourth straight and 14th in 17 games for the Lakers (17-3-1), whose .814 winning percentage is the best in the NBA although the defending champion Boston Celtics (.72-9) lead them by a half-game in the overall standings by virtue of their 124-100 victory over Dallas earlier Sunday.

Backup guard Jordan Farmar returned after missing 18 games because of an injured left knee, and scored 14 points. Lakeon Trotten played in his third game after missing nine with an injured foot, and Lamar Odom (knee) and Sasha Vujacic (neck spasms) were also sidelined for brief periods.

"We missed him a lot," Kobe Bryant said. "He makes our second unit go, he's the motor," Bryant said of Farmar, who shot 5-of-7 including 2-of-3 from point range.

"Now that he's back, everybody falls into their natural positions and we're back clicking on all cylinders."

Reserve Trevor Ariza scored 17 points to match his season high and Andrew Bynum had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers. Gasol was the only Los Angeles starter to play in the final period.

"A lot Big," coach Phil Jackson replied when asked how important Farmar's return was to the Lakers. "It helps us a lot. Jordan obviously has attributes — the speed and the quickness. Those are things that we missed, that tempo change in our game.

Farmar wasn't expected to play until Tuesday night against Charlotte or during the Lakers' upcoming five-game road trip that begins Friday night in Minnesota.

"I've been feeling better for about a week now," he said. "I still had to go through a process to make sure I was OK. No pain, no swelling — it felt normal. I have been watching these guys play and I expect to be playing like this all the time. That's how I am; I work hard and I'm disappointed when it doesn't happen.

Jackson said before the game that Farmar was on the active list, but he wasn't sure he'd play the third-year pro.

"I was in his ear the whole time on the bench," Farmar said with a smile. "He would have had to deal with that the whole game.

Farmar entered the game late in the first quarter and played almost seven minutes in his first action since Dec. 19. He returned late in the third period and played another 10 minutes.

Tony Parker had 19 points and six assists and Tim Duncan added 15 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs (29-14), who lost for just the fourth time in 18 games. Neither played in the fourth quarter.

"We didn't play very smart in the first half, gave them 15 minutes of bonus and ended up being down six," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That was the tale of the first half: just too many mental mistakes, foul- wise. In the second half, we spotted them two quick 3s and bad rotations and never caught up after that. The game was over at that point."
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Torre takes swings at Yanks

Associated Press

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In Brief

Seton Hall stuns No. 12 Georgetown 65-60

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Federer through to Aussie quarterfinals

MELBOURNE, Australia — Two sets down, A 6-foot-5 Tomas Berdych ripped forehand winners and powerful serves down at him, keeping him on the defensive.

Roger Federer's campaign to equal Pete Sampras' record 14 Grand Slam singles titles was in serious jeopardy in the quarterfinal round Sunday at the Australian Open.

On the court where women's No. 1 Jelena Jankovic was knocked out in the day's opening match and No. 3 Dinara Safina had to save match points before advancing, Federer also appeared in trouble.

"I wasn't thinking of losing, that's for sure," Federer said after reaching the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2 win. "The finish line was still very far for Tomas. I knew that.

"He pushed me to the limit. You've got to hang in there, there's no other solution."

Mathew wins Brazil Cup tournament by 5 strokes

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Callum Mathew, the 39-year-old Scott five months pregnant with her second child, won the inaugural HSBC LPGA Brazil Cup by five shots over Kristy McPherson of the United States on Sunday.

Mathew had a 3-under 69 on the second day of the 36-hole exhibition tournament to finish at 6-under 138 at the Itanhanga Golf Club. McPherson was 1-under after shooting a 72.

"When you play well you don't feel tired," Mathew said. "Maybe tomorrow I will feel it a bit."

She started her final round with a birdie at the first hole and a bogey on the second, but built her lead with birdies on Nos. 5, 6 and 14.

McPherson had four birdies and four bogeys in her round, with two of the bogeys coming on par-5s.

Angela Park finished third in front of her home fans after a 75 left her nine shots back.
**WOMEN’S SWIMMING**

Irish complete sweep at Shamrock Invitational

Squad defeats three teams on senior day

By NATHANIEL LEE

In commanding fashion Notre Dame took full advantage of swimming at home to sweep Michigan State and Xavier this weekend, with it’s third victory in three meets.

Junior Megan Farrell to close and freshman Amy lead. Junior Zeina Shanataion, holding off the field after Amywren Miller.

Prestinario held the lead for defending Big East champions well this weekend, especially State’s Becca Ebner in the Casey edged out Michigan State’s Rebecca Ehner in the 100 fly for a win in 56.19. The standout sophomore and defending Big East champion in the 200 fly won that event as well in commandng fashion, holding off the field after a fast start for a time of 2:03.06.

In the 800 free relay, Sophomore Lauren Sylvester swam the Irish to an early lead. Junior Zeina Shanata and freshman Amy Preston held the lead for junior Megan Farrell to close out the victory in 7:30.04.

Farrell also held off a tough field in the 200 free and won with a touch at 1:51.39. National swimmer of the week, Samantha Maxwell continued her individual success at the Invitational. In the 100 breast, a speedy finish gave Maxwell the win over Denver’s Emily Kuhn in 1:03.13. She also opened up a quick lead in the 200 breast and continued to pull away for one more win.

Sophomore Heidi Grossman and junior Natalie Still took the top two spots in the one hundred dive with scores of 270.70 and 273.20.

We are getting into the time that women details become more and more important with the championship run. It is important to focus in the individuals as parts of the whole,” Barnes said. “Right now each girl is an individual and will lead to the most successful postseaon.”

The team’s four seniors, Lucy Hirt, Claire Hutchinson, Christina Bigginys and Casey Wagner, were honored by their teammates with the dominating win in their last ever home meet.

“It was important for the team to help our seniors out with these wins,” Barnes said. “For the seniors it was emotional having their last home meet, but they didn’t let it affect the way they treated the competition.”

The Irish are now focused on their final dual meet at Michigan on Feb. 7. The meet will be the final tune-up for Notre Dame’s swimmers and the latest chance for the difficult task of winning their 13th consecutive Big East Championship in Indianapolis Feb. 18-21.

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**ND TRACK & FIELD**

Men, women win at home

By DOUGLAS FARMER

In their first score meet of the year, both Notre Dame track teams scored 181 points, and both took first place. The other schools men’s and women’s teams also posted identical marks as Michigan State took second, Wisconsin third and Marquette placed fourth.

Friday’s Notre Dame Invitational saw many Irish athletes qualify for the Big East Championships in less than a month.

In the men’s 800-meter race, five Irish qualified for the Big East Championships, led by junior Jack Howard, who finished third in the race with a time of 1:50.84, and junior Jim Notwell, finishing fourth in 1:51.99.

Five Notre Dame athletes qualified for the conference Championships in the men’s weight throw.

Sophomore Greg Davis took fourth, and freshmen Mitchell Gormley’s throw earned him fifth, with distances of 16.93 meters and 16.78 meters, respectively.

The Irish men qualified four individuals in the 1600-meter run as senior Dan Clark finished second with a time of 4:07.63. Freshmen Jordan Carlson crossed the line right behind him in third with a time of 4:08.63.

The Irish men middle distance runners performed just as well, qualifying four runners.

Freshmen Jordan Rincón won the 400-meter dash with a time of 47.65 and Alex Korenstra finished sixth in 49.69. Senior Bill Buzaid and junior Balazs Molnar took third and fourth in the 400-meter, in times of 1:03:45 and 1:04:54, respectively.

The all around success for the Irish team’s men promises “The meet showed we really are a complete team this year,” Buzaid said. “I think saying there aren’t outstanding individual performances on the team this year. There are great athletes. We have a real balanced team and it will be exciting to go to the Big East Championships and see what we can do as a team.”

The Irish women were led by a brilliant performance by junior Joanna Schultz. Schultz took third in the 600-meters, first in the 200-meters, and first in the 400-meters, qualifying in both the 200-meters and the 400-meters.

Senior Mary Saxer continued her strong season as she followed her qualifying pole vaults of last week with a strong performance in the long jump. Her second place jump of 5.57 meters earned her a slot at the Big East Championships as well.

The Irish teams look to continue with such building success next week at the Indiana Relays.

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**NFL**

Browns hire Kokinis as new GM

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Baltimore pro personnel director Greg Kokinis has been hired as Cleveland’s general manager, reuniting him with Browns owner Randy Lerner when they first broke into the league and have remained tight.

Kokinis, who began his NFL career as an intern in the Browns’ operations department in 1991, was hand-picked by Mangini, who recommended him during his first interview with Browns owner Randy Lerner on Dec. 30. Mangini took over as Cleveland’s coach on Jan. 7, just one week after he was fired following three seasons with the New York Jets.

Determined to match a coach and GM who can work well together after the Browns’ Crennel-Phil Savage relationship failed, Lerner is teaming up a pair of friends and former teammates when they first broke into the league and have remained tight.

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for that. But it only got that far, because everybody stepped up big time, which made this a giant step for our team," Coach Welsh was pleased with the team's strong effort, which he viewed as an excellent preparation for the Big East Conference Championships in February.

"In terms of preparation, we told the team that we couldn't imagine a better preparation for a conference championship than to have a three-seasun meet over every event in the conference championship come down to the last event. So we think win, win, win all the way along."

Notre Dame recorded three additional first place finishes on Saturday prior to its thrilling win in the grand finale. Woff sought off Denver senior Daniel Vonnier in the final lap of the 100 backstroke to seal the win with a time of 50.94.

Sophomore Andrew Deters also found himself in a close race in the 1650 freestyle, defeating Denver freshman Clayton Myers by eight-tenths of a second in a race where the top two finishers came in nearly 20 seconds ahead of the rest of the field.

Sophomore Michael Sullivan had Notre Dame's fourth win of the day, finishing over two seconds ahead of the field in the 200 backstroke, while Wood and sophomore Christopher Wills finished third and fourth, respectively.

In Friday night's opening session, the Irish recorded three wins in six events. In the first event of the night, the Irish team of Lytle, Hoffman, senior Danny Lukas, and junior David Anderson took first place honors in the 200 freestyle relay. Lytle finished first once again in the 50 freestyle with a time of 20.86 while freshman Kevin Rahill finished second with a season best time of 21.06.

Notre Dame continued its string of impressive diving performances, as senior Michael Bullfin, sophomore Eric Ies, and junior Caleb Dunichay finished in the top three spots. Bullfin broke his own school record on the one-meter board in his final dive at home.

Notre Dame returns to action with a friendly swim against Saint Mary's and Oleli at February 7 at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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Trine

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Olivet on Saturday to improve to 5-4.

With 7:47 left in the first half senior Katie Rashid hit a tiebreaking layup to put the Belles on top for good. Going into the locker room at the half the Belles maintained a 36-31 lead.

The Thunder fought back throughout the second half but were never able to pull within a basket of the Belles.

Junior Anna Kammrath proved to be a big force down the stretch scoring 10 of her 13 points in the third half to put Trine away.

Freshman Paty Mahoney also pulled her weight chipping in with 12 points. Seniors Erin Newsom and Nicole Beier led all scorers with fifteen points each.

"I think we saw all the conference teams as big rivals," Newsom said. "Some schools are seen as tougher teams to beat like Hope and Calvin, but we go into every game with the attitude that we need to play our best in order to win, regardless of the team we're up against."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

Saint Mary's opened its conference schedule with a win over Trine in December and since then have only lost to Albion in MAC play.

While the Belles can't get their revenge against Albion until Valentine's Day, they will begin looking ahead to this week's games, that includes Calvin, and their arch rivals in the conference Hope College.

Hope is currently ranked eighth in the Div. III standings with a record of 12-1, their only loss coming to the Belles back on Jan. 3.

The Belles put their two-game winning streak against Calvin on the line Wednesday night, followed by a showdown with Hope on Saturday.

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going to salvage a victory like it when Luke Harangody stole the ball in the waning moments of regulation in an overtime win over Providence. After Walker’s basket there was just a chilling silence, a silence almost as cold as Notre Dame was from the field.
The Irish shot just 25-for-76 (32.7 percent) for the night. Take away Harangody’s 10-for-23, 24-point performance and Tyrone Nash’s four field goals when the game was practically over, and Notre Dame had 15.4 percent.

Irish coach Mike Brey said Connecticut’s tall, physical presence in the form of 7-foot-3 Hasheem Thabeet and Jeff Adrien, who finished with 12 points and 19 rebounds, forced Notre Dame to rely on its shooting, which wasn’t there Saturday. And when a team shoots like the Irish did Saturday, they stand little chance of beating the Huskies.

"Defensively they’re tricky and physical. It’s a big guy back there kind of thing," Brey said, referring to Thabeet. "You’re moving a Little bit differently with him in there."

Harangody was Notre Dame’s only real offensive threat to put in the paint. In addition to his 24 points, Harangody had 15 rebounds, battling against Thabeet in the low post.

"That’s not different from T h a b e e t, w h e th e r by a g ain s t T h a b e e t, w h e th e r by b a t tin g  a g a in s t T h a b e e t. W h e t h e r b y b a t tin g  a g a in s t T h a b e e t w e n e e d e d t h e  r e b o u n d s , b a ttlin g  a g a in s t a g a in s t Thabeet, whether by reverse layup, hook shots or stepping outside to hit two 3s. Notre Dame’s defense kept the game close. The Irish did an admirable job of containing a bigger, quicker Connecticut team for most of the game.
The Huskies shot just 40 percent from the floor.

"Forty percent field goal percentage — that gave us a chance," Brey said. "We were hanging around the whole time, that gave us the chance up the lane, helping our big guys down, giving us jump shots.

But Notre Dame’s offense, or lack thereof, proved to be the difference, especially during a second half stretch where the Irish failed to score a field goal for 6:34. A Lake Zeller jumper snapped the drought with 2:20 left in the game, but by then Notre Dame was far too bad to make a significant comeback.

"I thought we got some clean, really good jump-shot looks," Brey said in his post-game press conference. "It was hard to get anything in the paint against them. That’s no different from anybody in this league playing against them, when you have to live outside that paint, you really do have to shoot it well. When we’ve beaten them with that size, we shot the hell out of the ball, but tonight we needed some more."

A number of times in the second half, Notre Dame was on the verge of getting inside for a big run to take the lead, as it had so many times during the win streak. All the ingredients were on the table — good defense, plus a road against one but one was missing: the dagger three-pointer. In the past, such a play included a basket like this from guard Kyle McAlarney or forward Ryan Ayers, baskets that would put Notre Dame ahead, and keep the fans on their feet and cause opposing coaches to call a timeout. On Saturday, the opportunities were not there, the shots just didn’t fall.

"I had some great looks that I think if I had knocked them down would’ve definitely changed the climate of the game," McAlarney said.

McAlarney finished the game 3-for-15 from the field. Ayers was 1-for-10. Forward Zach Hillesland finished 1-for-5 for 2 points.

Notre Dame’s offense to time for Connecticut scored 15 points. Thabeet finished with nine points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots.

Note: Brey said in his post-game press conference that he’d like to use both Nash, who finished with eight points in two minutes and, and Carltons Scott a little more against Marquette. He also said a starting lineup change is not out of the question for tonight’s game.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**No more streaking**

Brey loses first game at home since 2006 at the hands of UConn

By CHRIS HINE

With 3:15 remaining in the game, Connecticut's Kemba Walker drained a 3-pointer to give Connecticut a 12-point lead. A sudden hush came over the crowd at the Joyce Center as the basket all but confirmed the sobering fact that Notre Dame's 45-game home winning streak was about to end Saturday.

A few minutes later, Connecticut left Notre Dame with a 69-61 win. There was no late run as there was to save last year's game against Pittsburgh, and no quick-thinking play was necessary. Connecticut junior Jerome Dyson skies over Irish guard Tory Jackson for two of his 15 points in the Huskies' 69-61 win over Notre Dame Saturday night in the Joyce Center.

**ND WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Irish start season right with big win over the Buckeyes

By DOUGLAS FARMER

A good start to a season does not insure a good finish, but it does bode well. In their season opener on Sunday, No. 17 Notre Dame defeated No. 32 Ohio State 6-1 at Ohio State.

The Irish wanted to open the season with a victory to build some momentum and to overcome any initial mental blocks. The match opened with doubles play. The nation's number one-ranked doubles pair, Notre Dame's own senior Kelsey Tefft and freshmen Kristy Frilling, won 8-3. The pair has only been playing together since this fall, yet obviously show great promise. "The two of us gelled really well from the beginning," Tefft said. "I'm excited because I think we will only improve as the semester continues."

The Irish split the two remaining doubles matches with the Buckeyes. Junior Colleen Riley and freshmen Shannon Matthews earned an 8-2 victory, while Juniors Cosmina Giobanu and Kali Krisik suffered an 8-6 defeat. As for the singles, the Irish performed very well across the board. Matthews won easily, 6-3, 6-2. Krisik did so as well with scores of 6-2, 7-5. Sophomore Kristin Hafele won handily in the four-spot, 6-1, 6-3. Tefft prevailed 6-1, 6-3, and finally Frilling fought to a 7-5, 3-6, 1-0 (10-6) triumph.

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Belles win again over Thunder

By KATELYN GRABAREK

For the second time in a little more than a month the Belles defeated the Thunder of Trine University Saturday. The 69-58 win moved Saint Mary's to 8-1 at the top of the MIAA Conference.

"In this league you can't overlook anyone," Belles coach Jen Henley said. "Records and standings never truly indicate the strength of a team."

The loss dropped Trine to 4-5 in conference play, which puts them in sixth place in the conference after Adrian defeated Notre Dame.

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