The women's squash team, clockwise from bottom left, Allison Currie, Mariana Cuervo, Kristine So, Lauren Hoebeman, Helen Syski, pose with Coach George McCuen.

**ND Peace Corps service increases**

The University rose from No. 17 to No. 13 in the rankings with 26 alumni volunteers.

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL

Notre Dame jumped four spots in the Peace Corps rankings this year, moving from No. 17 to No. 13 among medium-sized colleges and universities with the greatest numbers of alumni volunteers.

There are currently 26 Notre Dame alumni serving in the Peace Corps. George Washington University holds the greatest numbers of alumni volunteers.

Peace Corps since the program began in 1961. She began her service in Mali, located in Western Africa, 6 months ago.

"I wanted to do at least two years of international service where I wouldn't be teaching," she said. "Also, I wanted to live in community with the people with whom I would be serving."

Snider has lived in a small, 450-person village in the southern-most region of Mali with a host family for the past four months.

Peace Corps volunteers develop their own projects aimed at helping their communities. As a small enterprise development volunteer, Snider will spend her time in Mali identifying and addressing the Peace Corps seeks to provide other communities with the assistance of trained volunteers.

The Peace Corps looks to deeply love and care for. She always tried to make every resident feel at home. "She never forgot our birthdays," Dalton said. "She always went above and beyond the duty." Hoefer said.

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**Squashing the competition**

First all-female team to participate in tournament

By KAITLYNN RIELY

Kristine So is used to competing with the guys. At a squash tournament last weekend, she was the No. 10 seed on the Notre Dame men's squash club team and in her first match, played a man who was five seeds ahead of her and twice her size.

"She said she held her own, but was pretty handily defeated in that match. Only one other woman competed in the whole tournament. But three weekends from now, for the first time, So will travel with four female teammates to represent the Notre Dame squash club at a women's tournament. So is not sure how she will do now that her competition is female.

"Girls definitely have that mental edge, but when you play a guy who is three times your size, they also have that edge," So said. The women's portion of the squash club will leave Notre Dame on Feb. 12 to fly to Harvard University for the three-day College Squash Association National Championships.

**SMC fixture, Jones, dies**

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY

Katherine Jones, Holy Cross Hall's former front desk worker, died on Jan. 16 after 18 years of dedicated service to the College and the students whom she came to deeply love and care for. She was 59.

"She always tried to make everyone feel comfortable," said Rev. Mayer, co-worker and longtime friend of Katherine. "She always went above and beyond the duty.

Katherine worked the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift Sunday through Friday. She fell in love with the residents and the hall was like her home away from home.

Two senior Residents Assistants, Anna Bowler, and Sarah Dalton recall fond memories of their time in the hall with Katherine.

"We always stopped to talk to Katherine. She was always a friendly face," Hoefer said.

St. Nicholas Day was an especially important day for Katherine. She would go door to door throughout the hall leaving candy for all of the residents, Dalton said. She never forgot our birthdays or Christmas. She always us cards on our birthday," Dalton said. Each of the seniors said Katherine always went out of her way to make residents feel at home. In order to help keep Katherine's memory alive, and uphold the feeling of warmth and caring she spread throughout the hall, the RA's said they plan on continuing her holiday traditions.

**Late Night Olympics**

to hold 11 sporting events

By SARAH MERVOSH

If you are looking for an alternative to crowded dorm parties this weekend, why not show your athletic skills or simply want to help out a good cause, cancel your plans for Saturday night.

From 6 p.m. on Saturday to 2 a.m. on Sunday, RecSports is sponsoring Late Night Olympics, where teams comprised of members of brother-sister halls...
INSIDE COLUMN

Many forms of chatting

There are many options when it comes to communicating lately: texting, instant messaging, wall posting, Facebook messaging, instant messaging, e-mailing, Google chatting, and of course, good old fashioned calling. Each one of these keeps us more connected, but sometimes I have a difficult time deciding which to choose in certain situations.

Although I like to think that my main preference is calling, I have definitely noticed myself more frequently sending e-mails instead of picking up the phone.

Calling can be a bit scary or intimidating at times. I used to be pretty opposed to texting because I thought that it was not as personal as a phone call. However, I now have a phone with a keyboard, and this has made me far more inclined to text. I am not far more inclined to text. I am not as inclined at times.

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E-mails always seem formal to me, but they are incredibly convenient. I have used to be pretty opposed to texting because I thought that it was not as personal as a phone call. I have always felt that instant messaging can be a little too weird with recipients just by choosing how to present a message. Each one of these methods is validate at times.

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Squash

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will play in the emerging teams division, against other club-level teams. That makes knowing the strength of their opponent more difficult. So said, because they could be playing club level players or women who were nationally-ranked in high school but went to a college without a squash team.

So, who went to high school in Canada, started playing squash in seventh grade. She noticed the squash courts at Rockne Memorial Gym as a freshman, but the club was all men, and she was too intimidated to go to a practice.

So, a junior now, decided last year to just go for it. She grabbed one of her roommates and took her along to join the club.

Once acclimated, she and her teammates tried to recruit other girls. The team asked women who were part of the RecSports squash class to join the club and talked to girls who had competed in racquetball tournaments, persuading them to cross over to squash.

But, So admits, competing against “the guys is a little intimidating.”

The team has tried to make learning the game and practicing easier for women.

“They don’t have to go out on the court and see if they like the sport with a guy, and then, all of a sudden, you miss the ball five times, and there’s a guy who has been playing for two years, and you feel bad you’re slowing them down or something,” she said.

So knows from experience that the first day on the courts can be frustrating, so she and other teammates e-mail and call new players to encourage them so they don’t lose new recruits early on.

Squash is a far more popular game in Canada than it is in the United States. So said, because they could be recruiting women for the team was that many of her friends didn’t know what the game was.

“I’ve learned to say that it’s kind of like racquetball in a sense that you hit the ball, there are two people on the court … and you hit the ball against the wall and return it,” she said.

But there are more boundaries in squash than racquetball, and the ball is smaller and doesn’t bounce as much.

“It requires the same sort of agility and speed to keep up with the game,” she said.

The squash club practices on The Rock’s squash courts three days a week, coached by a volunteer who also teaches the squash class through RecSports.

In the pictures of players from years past on the walls of the courts, there seemed to be, now and then, a woman who would travel with the men’s team. So said, that she has never had an official traveling team, or competed in a female tournament. The Harvard tournament will mark the first time.

So said she is feeling nervous and excited about the championships in three weeks.

“I think we’re all really excited to be getting Notre Dame out there and the fact that we have coalesced so well, and worked together and really supported each other, that it’s going to be another great experience for the team,” she said.

So and her teammates plan to spend the next few weeks practicing holding mock tournaments against the men’s team.

“The time spent on the court with the guys is a huge help,” she said.

The men’s team, with much more tournament experience than the women pointers about their upcoming inaugural meet, she said, telling them to have fun and try their best.

They have the women’s team is feeling a little unsure in the weeks leading up to the tournament.

The team, they said, would probably make some mistakes, So said, and might struggle in a completely new competitive situation.

But they will draw on their training and on the pointers they’ve received from the men’s team.

“I know we are going to try really hard,” she said.

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Olympics

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will compete in 11 different sports to raise money for St. Joseph County Special Olympics, said John Beven, who supervised the planning of Late Night Olympics this year.

The sports offered include inner tube water polo, kayaking, bags (also known as corn hole), broomball, volleyball, target golf, an obstacle course and dodge ball.

There will also be three-on-three basketball, racquetball and table tennis, which will be divided into men’s and women’s divisions, he said.

The sports will be played on different locations across campus, from the field house to the aquatic center to the Joyce Center.

Beven said the team is comprised of brother-sister halls from Notre Dame, however this is the first year in few years that Saint Mary’s hasn’t been a part of Late Night Olympics, he said.

“This year, they couldn’t commit to it because they had so many things going on,” Beven said.

Beven said Late Night Olympics is a fun event that helps students meet people in their dorms and from other dorms, “the major purpose is to benefit St. Joseph County’s Special Olympics.”

A basketball game in which rectors and members of the athletic department will take on a team from the St. Joseph’s County Special Olympics at 9 p.m.,

Beven said.

Fr. Pete McCormick, rector of Kenough Hall, who played basketball in high school and has played for fun ever since, will be playing in the game because he wanted to help out a good cause.

“I think Late Night Olympics is a great opportunity here on campus for students to come together. I just wanted to be of help,” McCormick said.

Alicia Danto, a freshman from Howard Hall who is going to be on her hall’s volleyball team, added: “I’m excited to see all the different events and … join in on some of them. I’m also ready to cheer on the other girls from Howard.”

Beven said this kind of support is very much encouraged because the more spectators each team has, the more points they get.

“One of the ways to score points for your team is to have people from your hall come to Late Night. Even if you’re not playing in the sport, if you show up, you guys get a point,” Beven said. “Say 100 people come from your hall, you guys get 100 points.”

Badin Hall freshman Samantha Smith plans to play volleyball for her team on Saturday.

“It was something different to do on the weekend (and) it will be a nice way of getting to know the other girls in my dorm,” she said.

The winners of each sport will receive medals, which are provided by the Alumni Association, Beven said.

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Kristine So, bottom left, fools around on the court with her squash teammates. The team will compete at Harvard University, marking the first time a Notre Dame all-female squash team will travel to a tournament.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Korea declares political agreement

North Korea declared all military and political agreements with South Korea "dead" Friday, warning it declared all military and political agreements to be "null and void." The statement was delivered to cement the shaky Gaza administration's Mideast peacemaker said early Friday in a statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

Mideast hopes U.S. brings change

Gaza Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh also accused South Korean administrations. Speaking publicly for the first time in the West Bank must play a crucial role in cementing the shaky Gaza government and made Blagojevich from ever holding public office in the state again.

"We failed the test of character," he added. "He is beneath any political office, and you can't have an office with insufficient and shameful destruction." The group of traitors has already reduced everyone to corruption charges. Blagojevich, 52, had boycotted the first three days of the impeachment trial, calling what was going on a kangaroo court. But on Thursday, he went before the Senate in long black pants for his job, delivering a 47-minute plea that was, by turns, defiant, humble and sentimental.

He argued, again, that he did nothing wrong, and warned that his impeachment would set a "dangerous and chilling precedent." "You haven't proved a crime, and you can't because it didn't happen," Blagojevich proclaimed, "Blagohuge-Vuh." (The widely quoted "blago-GOY-uh-vich) told the lawmakers. "How can you throw a governor out of office with insufficient and incomplete evidence?"

The verdict brought to an end what one lawmaker branded "the freak show" in Illinois. Over the past few weeks, Blagojevich found himself isolated, with almost the entire political establishment lined up against him. The furor paralysed state government and made Blagojevich and his colleagues toConnector. Many ordinary Illinoisans were glad to see him go. "It's very embarrassing. I think it's a shame that with our city and Illinois and everybody thinks we're all corrupt," Gene Ciepliyski, 54, said after watching the trial's conclusion on a TV in his bar on Chicago's beloved Billy Goat Tavern. "To think he would do something like that, it hurts more than anything." In a solemn scene, more than 30 law makers rose one by one on the Senate floor to accuse Blagojevich of abusing his office and embarrassing the state. They denounced him as a hypocrite, saying he typically tried to enrich himself and then posed as the brave protector of the poor and "wrapped himself in the constitution." They sprinkled their remarks with historical references, including Pearl Harbor's "day of infamy" and "The whole world is watching" chant from the rioting in Chicago's East Fifties and his "demotion in government and made Blagojevich and his victims."

Recession leaves many homeless

PADUCAH, Ky. — Storm-battered residents of several states hunkered down in frigid homes and shelters Thursday, expecting to spend at least a week without power and conducting the count in the wintry dead of night. Volunteers are fanning out in the thick of night this week to count the most destitute members of their communities.

On the streets and in shelters, volunteers conducting the count in the wintry dead of night have found an untold numbers of hard-luck stories from those homeless for the first time, working poor victimized by the foreclosure and unemployment crisis.

"I call it the double trouble," said Philipp E. McCullough, executive director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. "You would have to be a naive believe that the loss of over $50,000 homes and over two million jobs wouldn't have an impact."

LOCAL NEWS

Jail inmate captured in South Bend

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Police in South Bend say they have arrested a Newton County Jail inmate and recovered a gun after a brief foot chase by officers acting on a tip Thursday afternoon.

Another man with Fisher was also arrested. Further details weren't immediately available.

Newton County authorities say Fisher escaped with help from an armed man Monday while he was being taken from the jail to the courthouse in Kentland.

SWITZERLAND

Turkey prime minister leaves in fury

Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — Turkey's prime minister left Davos on Tuesday after reprimanding his country's president over the Gaza offensive by saying "You kill people." The packed audience, which included Prime Minister Erdogan's close adviser Valerie Jarrett, appeared stunned as Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres raised their voices and traded accusations.

Peres was passionate in his defense of Israel's three-week offensive against Hamas militants, launched in reaction to eight years of rocket fire aimed at Israeli territory. As he spoke, Peres often turned toward Erdogan, who in his remarks had criticized the Israeli blockade of Gaza, saying it was an "open air prison, isolated from the rest of the world" and referred to the Palestinian death toll of about 1,300, more than half of those civilians. Thirteen Israelis also died.

"Why did they fire rockets? There was no siege against Gaza," Peres said, his voice rising in emotion. "Why did they fight us, what did they want? There was never a day of starvation in Gaza."

The heated debate with Israel and Turkey at the center was significant because of the key role Turkey has played as a mediator between Israel and Syria. Erdogan appeared to express a sense of disappointment when he recounted how he had met with the Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert days before the offensive, and believed they were close in reaching terms for a face-to-face meeting with Syrian leaders.

Obama's new Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, will be in Turkey for talks Sunday. Erdogan was angry when a panel moderator cut off his remarks in response to an impassioned monologue by Peres defending Israel's offensive against the Hamas rulers of Gaza.

"I find it very sad that people have talked of my death," Erdogan said. "You killed people. And I think that it is very wrong."
data from past football seasons as well as this season and studied the game day security procedures, she said.

With this information at hand, the Committee decided to approach the problem of game day security by dividing into three subcommittees that address security, customer service/hospitality and communications, Gallo said. The subcommittees will then each present a report that focuses on its own issue.

Gallo said she cannot give any details about the ideas that have been presented in meetings thus far, and she said the Committee is only for advisory purposes. Implementation of any suggestions will be Jenkins' decision.

"Once the report is submitted and any opportunities for change are identified, the University will monitor, evaluate and adjust its practices to ensure the game day experience is the very best it can be," she said.

After reviewing the Committee's proposal, Jenkins will submit a response and create a new task force to make any changes that are deemed necessary.

"I often would just walk around the village and join in with whatever a group of people were doing. The culture here is such that anyone is more than welcome anywhere and anytime," she said. "It is an absolutely amazing experience and a totally unique place to work with each other to continue their efforts to make any necessary changes to our game day policy and practice," she said.

Gallo said the Committee is committed to bringing about the changes that are needed to ensure the game day experience is that everybody thinks we're all doing the best job possible, and we're all working together to further strengthen and improve the experience for all fans," she said.

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Jones

Katherine was forced to quit work about halfway through the fall semester. Not because she wanted to, but because she was under the doctor's orders. "If she could, she would be here," Holy Cross Hall Director Terri Paul said. "She loved working here, loved the residence, loved Holy Cross. It was just such a big part of her life for so many years.

She was also an active member of Little Flower Catholic Church, which is located on Ironwood Dr. in South Bend. She spent over 25 years assisting at the church with funer al luncheons. She would work all night at Saint Mary's and then turn around the next morning and go over to the hospital for the funeral luncheons, Paul said.

Residents of the hall sent cards to Katherine while she was in hospice. Also, donations were taken from the students to help Katherine's family pay for the expenses. The girls at Holy Cross also raised money through the cards for a mass for a year.

The good that came from this is that this year and last year, we've seen an increase in the number of people who have come to the church. The community is stronger because she was a member of it, Paul said.

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Unemployment reaches 25 year high

WASHINGTON — Week by week, the numbers that measure the economy get worse, heading toward uncharted territory. The Labor Department released figures Thursday showing that the percentage of the workforce receiving unemployment benefits climbed another 5 million to reach a 25-year high in mid-January. The raw numbers were the highest since the gov­ernment started keeping records in 1967, although the workforce was much smaller then.

Adding to the grim picture were separate government reports that showed December home sales plunged to their lowest rate since recording began in 1963. And orders for big-ticket manufactured goods dropped more than expected, capping the worst year for manufac­turers since 2001.

Obama close to health care win

WASHINGTON — Democratic lawmakers inched closer Thursday to giving President Barack Obama an early health care victory as they considered extending government-spon­sored health insurance coverage to about 4 million uninsured children. The Senate was expected to pass the legisla­tion late Thursday after Democrats spent much of the day fending off Re­publican amendments. The House plans to take up the same measure next week.

The bill calls for an additional $32 billion over the next 4 1/2 years for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program. Even with the added spending, an estimated 5 mil­lion children still will be without health insur­ance. During his election campaign, Obama called for requiring all children to have health coverage.

The bill would pay for expanding SCHIP by $18.4 billion. It pays for extending government-spon­sored health insurance to newly arrived permanent residents, now a $21 billion, according to a review by The Associated Press. The calculations include the execu­tives’ salary, bonus pay, incentives, perks, the estimated value of stock holdings and other com­pen­sation.

Lashing out at Wall Street bosses, Obama said the public dislikes the idea of helping the financial sector, dig out of a hole, only to see it get bigger because of lavish spending. The compt­roller’s report found such bonuses were down 44 per­cent, but at about the same level they were during the boom time of 2004.

“Time for Wall Street leaders to see it get bigger because of public dislikes the idea of the bonuses, which threat­en to undermine public support for more govern­ment intervention as the economy keeps reeling. The House just approved an economic stimulus plan that would cost taxpayers more than $800 billion; the Senate is considering its own version.

“Time is now for them to step down from Wall Street leaders: "There will be time for them to make profits, and there will be time for them to get bonus­es. Now is not that time."

President Barack Obama speaks to reporters in the Oval Office of the White House Thursday.

Obama issues critique of Wall Street

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama issued a withering critique Thursday of Wall Street corporate behavior, calling it the “height of irresponsibil­ity” by companies that paid more than $18 billion in bonuses last year while the financial sector received a bailout from the government.

“It is shameful,” Obama said from the Oval Office. “And part of what we’re going to need is for the folks on Wall Street who are asking for help to show some restraint, and show some discipline, and show some sense of responsibili­ty.”

The president’s comments, made with new Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner at his side, came in swift response to a report that employees of the New York­based financial world garnered an estimated $18.4 billion in bonus last year. The figures, from the New York­state compt­roller, drew prominent news coverage.

Yet Obama’s stand also came just one day after he was sur­rounded himself with well-paid chief executives at the White House. He had pulled in those business leaders and hailed them for being on the “front lines in seeing the enormous prob­lems in our economy right now.”

The executives who appeared with Obama are not leaders of the Wall Street financial companies that received billions of dollars, but rather heads of such well-known manufacturing and technology giants as IBM, Motorola, Xerox and Corning. They get paid handsomely.

“Most of those who stood with Obama earned a total 2007 compensation pack­age of around $8 million and $21 million, according to a review by The Associated Press. These calculations include the executives’ salary, bonus pay, incentives, perks, the estimated value of stock holdings and other com­pen­sation.

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Associated Press

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Charles Deibel, whose labs con­ducted tests for Peanut Corp. of America and other food compa­nies that contained were tested and only one or two turned up salmonella, said his company should “throw the whole lot out.”

“Federal health officials say Peanut Corp. had failed to recall tainted prod­ucts from its Blakely, Ga., facility after restesting them and getting a negative result for salmonella.”

Peanut butter, peanut paste and other foods from the plant are being blamed for an outbreak that has sickened more than 500 people, triggered a massive international recall and raised doubts about the food industry’s safety practices.

“Deibel said his company — Deibel Labs Inc. — did not conduct day-to­day testing for the Blakely plant, but was asked on occasion to carry out certain tests. He said the company has turned over bacteriological cultures to federal investigators. Deibel and the president of another lab, J. Leek Associates Inc., have been called to testify Feb. 11 before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Deibel firm has been in existence since the 1960s and has its main lab in Chicago. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the panel conducting a hearing into the outbreak, said the investigation shows “major gaps” in the nation’s food safety system.

“I am extremely troubled by reports that the plant tested positive for salmonella numerous times but nothing was done to ensure that the product did not go on the market,” Waxman said.

Peanut Corp., based in Lynchburg, Va., said in a statement it “categori­cally denies any allegations that the company sought favorable results from any lab in order to ship its products.”

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GOP leaders advise changes in policy

Associated Press
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**$1.00 Donation Requested at the Door**

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**Keough/Welsh Family**

**Fisher/Pangborn**

**Stanford/Farley**

**Sorin/Howard**

**Morrissey/Walsh**

**Keenan-Alumni/Lewis**

**Carroll/Badin**

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**LNO XXIII**

Open Skate from 10 PM - 12 AM ($2 Skate Rentals)

9 PM basketball game featuring ND Athletic Department & Rectors vs. Special Olympians

Penny Wars will be taking place at the LNO stage

LNO t-shirts for sale
More A&L career help needed

On Wednesday, the Career Center sponsored a Winter Career and Internship Fair for undergraduate students with representatives from over 100 employers. In a struggling economy with an unemployment rate of over seven percent, it’s a compliment to the Career Center that students had the opportunity to network with such a large number of companies at all.

But the question of the visibility of these opportunities, and whose opportunities are being emphasized, still remains. The companies attending the January 28 Career Fair ranged from non-profit like Anata House in Chicago, to consulting firms like Clarity Consulting, to financial or accounting firms such as Credit Suisse or Deloitte. Aside from the small number of non-profit organizations, most of the representatives at the fair drew from a limited number of industries, focusing mostly on the financial sector, engineering firms, and other similar fields.

At a university whose largest and oldest undergraduate college is the College of Arts and Letters, the job search can be challenging for those among the 2,500 Arts and Letters students who come to the Career Fair looking to capitalize on their skills. If the focus of the Fair, however, is on the kinds of jobs and internships that pertain to students in other disciplines, the process feels that much more daunting.
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Bob Kessler
House of Stix

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Tim Schumer
Audrey Hall
Jan. 29

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Package for our pals

Amidst the start of a new semester, a dwindling basketball season, and a never-ending, controversial war on parietals, Notre Dame students are consistently identifying one issue as more important than the rest: the squirrel quandary," as Mr. Patrick Gill called it in his recent letter. I have spoken to you, fellow Domers, that while your attention to this problem is well-deserved, you are approaching it in the wrong fashion. We must not focus on solving the problem's current symptoms, as Gill suggests, but rather tackling its causes. Clearly, the squirrels require an unprejudiced action in the form of an economic stimulus package.

Due to poor speculation and low interest rates, many squirrels have been subject to recent foreclosures of their homes. The number of uncared-for squirrels is also higher than it has been in decades as a result of Notre Dame students' attempts at "going green" and thus improving their waste disposal techniques.

We need to get these squirrels back on their feet and in the trees so they can lead productive lives of their own without disrupting ours. I propose that the student senate pass an $80,000 stimulus package immediately. This package would include several miles of underground transport for the squirrels, grants to every squirrel family for investment, and down payment assistance, an increase in the number of fellowships to spur arbor collection and ice removal innovation. Of course, this package does need to be funded. I propose that we do it in a way that would be paid for. I propose an indirect tax based on flex points— for every twenty flex points spent, one point goes towards the economic stimulus package. Such a deduction will be accepted by the tax-crazy squirrel-obsessed students, and it will quickly provide resources for the squirrels.

I agree with the previous writers that something needs to be done about the squirrel program on our esteemed campus, and this package is clearly the most economical solution. If we do not act quickly and boldly, our problems will only get worse. We have a responsibility as Notre Dame students, holders of a legacy, to usher in a new era of peace between ourselves and our furry neighbors.

Elsie Garten
Audrey Hall
Jan. 29
By KAITYLyn CONWAY

Scene Writer

Tonight, the combination of Chicago natives Treaty of Paris and Company of Thieves will fill Legends with their fantastic indie-rock flair. Both bands are just taking off, and the concert promises to be a great one. After tonight, we may very well be able to name Legends as the point where two incredible bands claimed their initial fame. Company of Thieves, composed of singer Genevieve Schatz, guitarist Marc Wallach, and drummer Mike Ortiz, is a relatively new group. While known in the Chicago area, the band is still looking to make an impression farther from home. Their CD, “Our Video,” released in February, and has the potential to be an underdog hit. Schatz, who has a Sara Bareilles-esque quality to her tone, and one initially expects a piano-driven love ballad to emerge in one of the early tracks. But instead, the band rarely uses piano in favor of an edgier, classic combination of drums and guitar, forming a harder indie rock tone. Tracks like “Pressure” and “Oscar Wilde” are sure to make the album popular, at least in some sectors.

Their sound is fresh, combining great instrumentation with great lyrics. The band looks to classic things – like the writings of Oscar Wilde – as their inspiration, and has named the album a tribute to their favorite artists. After the performance here, the band will be touring with Thriving Irony. Treaty of Paris is popular in Chicago, and the better-known band of tonight’s performance is Treaty of Paris as it is now known, with Phil Kosch and Ben McClemore of the band performing with new members Brad Schmaltz on bass and Phil’s former partner, singer/guitarist Mark McNeeley. Their sound is much along the lines of Jack’s Mannequin, Motion City Soundtrack and Fall Out Boy. Treaty of Paris has toured with Yellowcard, Paramore, Jimmy Eat World, and My Chemical Romance. They will soon be on tour with Jack’s Mannequin and Fun (the band formed by two former members of the folk-band The Format). They were also on the Vans Warped tour this past June.

So really, there’s only one thing to do tonight. The show will be enjoyable and full of fresh sounds, something to be enjoyed by both fans of the band and those who are going just because they are curious.

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By MAJA GUSTIN

Scene Writer

Tonight the Worldview Film Series will be screening “Baghdad High”. This film will be featured at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 6:30 and 9:30. It is a free but ticketed event. This documentary tells the moving story of four boys, all close friends, trying to live an ordinary senior year of high school in the center of chaos. These boys were given a video camera and basic instructions in filmmaking to film their lives for an entire year as a video diary. What results is a simple story about four normal boys of differing religions and backgrounds who study, love music, and talk about all the problems plaguing teenage boys. All of this, though, takes place amidst explosions and gunfire.

Hayder, Ammar, Ali, and Mohammad face extraordinary challenges in their lives. Their power may go out for days at a time, they often cannot go to school for fear of leaving their home, and every step they take outside may mean injury by a stray bullet or roadside bomb. Every day, their families have to grapple with the decision to stay in Baghdad or to flee and become a part of the millions of refugees who have already made that decision. But even faced with injury, upheaval, or death, the boys still just want to hang out and talk about Britney Spears and their own hairstyles.

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Hayder aims to be a singer-songwriter and Ali dreams of being an architect. They do not see their lives as unfair, although they may hate the people responsible for tearing their nation apart. Rather, they turn to each other to find some glimpse of hope in a situation that many on the outside view as hopeless. “Baghdad High” is a glimpse into stories unseen until now, showing more than faceless statistics, carrying the message that while things may not be great in Baghdad, the people nevertheless survive and find some normalcy in life.

“Baghdad High” is an HBO Documentary Film released last year. It is the brainchild of two journalists/filmmakers who spent a great deal of time in Iraq. Co-producer and co-director Laura Winter is scheduled to be present during the film. It is 88 minutes long featuring English subtitles to accompany the Arabic and Kurdish film.

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No, just tonight’s line up at Legends

The band’s first full length CD, Sweet Dreams, Sucker, was formed in collaboration with Andrew McMahon of Jack’s Mannequin and Something Corporate fame. The album was released on McMahon’s label this past September. Treaty of Paris will no doubt thrill the audience with great songs like “Here Goes Nothing,” “Waking Up the Dead,” and “Rolloverskate.”

These songs are fun to listen to, catchy enough that you’ll be singing along before the song is done, and fast enough to bop around to.

For more information on going to the movies tonight, see the entertainment section.

Treaty of Paris: not what your history teacher taught you

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Get in the groove with this Company of Thieves

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Students document their high school experience in ‘Baghdad High’

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A Look at the Screen Actors Guild Awards
And the Most Entertaining Speeches

By STEPHANIE DEPREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

Last Sunday, Hollywood circled the wagons once again for a night of glitz, champagne, and, contrary to popular belief, real food.

The Screen Actors Guild held their 15th awards show, commonly known as the SAGs, amidst growing discontent with the voting pool, which consists of 100,000 picks who they think is best, tried to prove anything, because it is a community of actors only. The voting pool is free of producers and politics.

Now all eyes turn to February, the Academy Awards. New co-producers for this year's Academy Awards are geared up for a great show this year, but for now, the Screen Actors Guild has done just fine.

Thank you. This is amazing. I actually had a hundred dollars on James Spader. This is just not my night.

Seven years ago I was making a film in the Namibian Desert, against the advice of my agent, who was convinced that the more films you do, the harder it is to break into television. And I got a few pages of a fax – I was faxed a few pages of a script, it had no title, but I fancy that I knew instantly that this was an extraordinary character who could go the distance. That's complete lies. I had no idea. And this is absolutely amazing to me now to look back and see what I've learned in the last six or seven years. It's been an incredible journey, and made more incredible by the fact that actors still do not receive residuals for work in New Media (like the internet), and the looming shadow of a possible strike. It was all laughs, though, except for a few pointed comments, including the speech of Tina Fey, who won the first award of the night.

The evening started predictably enough, with Fey taking top honors for Outstanding Female Actor in a Comedy Series (no surprise there) and Kate Winslet winning for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role for "The Reader," a she had done at the Golden Globes.

But things got tricky to predict when Hugh Laurie once again took home the Actor (SAG version of Oscar) for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series. Most would have pegged this one for James Spader of "Mad Men." Hugh Laurie even commented that he'd bet money on - Spader, and had apparently lost the bet.

The most poignant moment of the evening was easily Meryl Streep’s win for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role. When her name was announced, she looked shocked and immediately started hugging her daughter.

Streep ran through the aisles, arms raised high in the air like a basketball player whose number had just been announced on the court. She raced up to the stage and accepted her Actor, turned to the mic and explained that she was so sure she wasn’t going to win, she didn’t even buy a dress. Indeed, she was wearing black slacks and a nice black blouse, the kind of thing one would have easily assumed to be a dress if it were only seen from the waist up.

The most poignant moment of the evening was Gary Oldman’s appropriately understated acceptance of Heath Ledger’s award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role.

Top honors went to Slumdog Millionaire, whose charming stars didn’t fail to look completely delighted to even be mentioned. Female lead Freida Pinto looked quite beautiful in a blue gown, and the show’s lead Dev Patel looked like a normal teenager — too tall and skinny for his own pants.

Good news for the Notre Dame community is that "Slumdog Millionaire" will be coming to the Bowling Cinema at the beginning of March.

Overall the show was predictable but enjoyable. The air of the evening was general relaxation. No one at the SAGs is trying to prove anything, because it is community of actors only. The voting pool of 100,000 picks who they think is best, free of producers and politics.

Now all eyes turn to February, the Kodak Theater, and the Academy Awards. New co-producers for this year’s Oscars promise a show like never before, with a new format and a host who can sing, dance, and spring claws from his knuckles. Hugh Jackman and The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences are gearing up for a great show this year, but for now, the Screen Actors Guild has done just fine.

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Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role
Kate Winslet as Hanna Schmitz in "THE READER"

"Wow. What a year it has been in movies. I just want to say it's really an honor to be included in what I think is such a remarkable year. And to be acknowledged by my peers in this way, I really feel like everybody should be given a medal. I have to say that because I really believe it to be true.

I'm a bit lost for words. I'm sorry. Playing Hanna Schmitz was such a blessing, and even though it made me completely insane. And I just want to thank the cast and the crew, both in front of the camera and behind it. I just think that hard work deserves to be acknowledged, and these people really gave 100% of themselves to this film. And Harvey Weinstein for his commitment, and Stephen Daldry for his direction and support. And, of course, the late Anthony Minghella and Sydney Pollack."

Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role
Meryl Streep as Sister Aloysius Beauvier in "DOUBT"

"Thank you, everybody. Shh! Well, I didn't even buy a dress! I'm really, really, really shocked! And even though awards mean nothing to me anymore...I'm really happy...Okay.

I want to thank, oh, so many people. Miramax, Daniel Battsek, and especially Scott Rudin, who just goes out of his way to find interesting things for everybody to do, especially the girls. And, oh, can I just say, there is no such thing as the greatest living actress. "I am in a position where I have secret information, you know, that I know this to be true. I am so in awe of the work of the women this year, nominated, not nominated. So proud of us girls. And everybody wins when we get parts like this."

Meryl Streep as Gregory House in "HOUSE"

Hugh Laurie as Gregory House in "HOUSE"

Tina Fey as Liz Lemon in "30 ROCK"

Thia Faye as Liz Lemon in "30 ROCK"

"I want to thank my daughter, Alice, for being the funniest person in my family; for coining phrases like, "I want to go to there."

And sometimes just putting on pretend makeup in the mirror. And she'll turn to me and say, "I love you, Alice. Take care of me when I'm old and broke!"

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NHL

Ott scores in Stars 4-2 win over Red Wings

Islanders, Devils, and Hurricanes all hold on to secure one-goal victories in third period and overtime

Associated Press

DETROIT — Brad Richards had two assists a minute apart on power plays midway through the first period and the Dallas Stars beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 Thursday night.

Steve Ott, Jere Lehtinen, Chris Conner and Lokan Reasoner each scored in the second period.

Marian Hossa and Andreas Lilja scored for the Red Wings during a second period in which they almost scored two more goals, but video review and incidental contact prevented them from tying the game.

Chris Osgood gave up two goals on the first five shots he faced and was benched after giving up three on 12 shots in the first period. Ty Conklin replaced him and finished with 10 saves.

Dallas’ Marty Turco had 22 saves.

The Stars have won three straight and are 5-1-1 in their last seven games, continuing a surge up from the bottom of the Western Conference. Since Nov. 30, they are 15-7-3.

Detroit, meanwhile, is 0-3-1 in its last four games after an 8-0-1 stretch padded its lead in the Central Division.

The Red Wings were without Henrik Zetterberg because of a back injury, a day after he signed a 12-year, $73 million contract.

Zetterberg was supposed to play Saturday at Washington.

Zetterberg’s presence was missing at both ends of the ice as Detroit fell behind 4-0 for the first time this season after a couple of trends were reversed.

The Islanders hadn’t won away from home since March 2 and Detroit had the NHL’s best success rate at home on penalty shots. On the game’s first two penalties, the Stars went ahead 2-0 on goals 1:17 apart.

Ott deflected Richards’ shot past Osgood for the first, and Richards set up Lehtinen on the second. Conner beat Osgood on the short side late in the first period, leading to the goalie getting pulled.

Conklin gave up a goal to Eriksson on the second shot he faced, then didn’t allow another as the Stars held on to their big lead with a conservative style.

New York, Atlanta 4

Kyle Okposo had his first two-goal game in the NHL, and goalie Yanan Danis survived a shaky third period in the New York Islanders’ victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Thursday night.

In a matchup featuring two of the league’s three worst teams, the Islanders snapped a 4-4-4 losing streak on the road (0-12-11) with their first consecutive victory since late November.

The Thrashers, losers of three straight, dropped to 0-13-2 on the road.

Only the Islanders’ 19 points at home are fewer than Atlanta’s 20.

Doug Weight’s eightth goal chased Thrashers goalie Karri Lehtonen, who faced just 15 shots, just 1:31 into the game.

With 7:21 remaining, Okposo’s ninth goal, a wrister from the bottom of the right circle, gave New York a 3-0-4 load and helped Danis compose himself. He also made a tough luck loser out of Johan Hedberg, who stopped 12 shots, but was saddled with the defeat since Okposo’s second goal proved to be the difference.

Lyle Kovalchuk’s 21st goal, a tip-in with 55 seconds remaining, ended the scoring. Each team gave up four goals in a period, Atlanta in the first and New York in the third.

Ott started the second 22 goals he faced before Zach Parise put a second on the third. Danis defended his third goal — cut the lead to 4-1 in the first minute of the third.

With 13:40 remaining, Atlanta’s Brooks Orpik made 4-0 on the power play, using a backchecker for his fifth goal. Danis’ wraparound made it 4-3 two minutes later.

Entering with an NHL-worst 78 points on the road, the Islanders hadn’t won away from home since taking the Shootout over the Canadiens on Nov. 24.

Trent Hunter, who missed two games due to a hand laceration, scored the 21 seconds into the first. His wrist shot produced his 12th and first since a Dec. 4 loss at Washington.

Ogposo, who has four goals in three games, made it 2-0. The NHL’s seventh overall draft pick in 2006, Ogposo scored on the power play in the previous two games.

New Jersey, Boston 3, 0

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The Blues made it 2-1 with 17:40 to play in the third when Clemmensen went behind the net to play the puck but left it there for Chuck Kobasew, who swept it around and into the net. Kobasew got the rebound into the net, and Clemmensen gloved the puck out of the air, but the replay showed that it had crossed the line.

Savard scored his 18th of season 7:11 into the third, taking a pass from the net on the side, sliding it over the goal line, and wristing it between Clemmensen and the post to tie it 2-2.

Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 2

So this is what the Carolina Hurricanes needed to catch up on track.

A return home, a visit from the team they always seem to beat, and a dramatic goal from their All-Star center.

Eric Staal scored with 1:36 remaining to lift the Hurricanes past the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

Mall Cullen had a goal and an assist, Chad Lafone also scored and Cam Ward earned his 100th NHL victory for the Hurricanes.

Carolina, which had lost six of eight, played just its second home game since Jan. 6, and improved to 4-0-0 against the Lightning.

“We talked about it before the game, (that) this is a huge 30- something goal for us,” Staal said, referring to the Hurricanes’ remaining 32 games. “We’ve got to win to get out of this streak. We’re consistent with effort and execution. We’re doing everything to win. We’re doing a tremendous job tonight blocking shots — they did good with the sticks, real solid overall.”

“Obviously, Cam was big. We’re going to need him to be the rest of the way.”

Mark Recchi had a goal and an assist, and Ryan Malone also scored for Tampa Bay, which was denied its first four-game winning streak since November 2007 and fell nine points behind the Hurricanes in the Southeast Division.

“The margin of error is so small now that a loss like this, especially to a team we’re trying to catch, is a huge loss,” Lightning center Jeff Halpern said. “Every loss right now is a big loss.”

Staal capped the critical flurry of late activity that he started by taking the puck off the stick of Martin St. Louis.

Sergei Samsonov whiffed on a slap shot from the slot and couldn’t stuff home the rebound. Neither could Tuomo Ruutu, but Staal was able to goalie Mike Smith’s left and slapped the puck past him for his team-leading 21st goal.

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Carmelo Anthony laces his hand after breaking it in a collision with Indiana Pacers center Jeff Foster, on Jan. 5. Anthony was expected to miss about four weeks, but he will play on Friday in Charlotte.

Carmelo returns early from injury

Associated Press

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony still has a tiny fracture in a bone in his right hand. However, it’s nothing that a little white athletic tape can’t remedy.

The Denver forward has been cleared by his doctor to play Friday night against Charlotte, provided he tapes up his two middle fingers to protect the healing hand.

"No tape, no play," Anthony said after a strenuous workout on the court Thursday that lasted around an hour. "That was the doctor’s quote. Got to listen to that."

Anthony was injured on Jan. 5 when Indiana center Jeff Foster swatted at the ball, catching a good chunk of Anthony’s shooting hand. Anthony played through the second half despite numbness. Afterwards, he found out the hand had a fracture and he’ll be out around four weeks.

Turns out, he’s a fast healer.

"The doc didn’t know how well my hand was going to heal," Anthony said. "Today, he was surprised at how well it healed. I healed faster than I thought."

He was hoping for even more good news Thursday night, but it didn’t arrive as Anthony wasn’t among the players selected as a Western Conference reserve. Instead, teammate Chauncey Billups made the squad, his fourth straight All-Star appearance.

"The only reason why is because of the injury," Billups said of Anthony’s exclusion. "It’s just an unfortunate situation."

Anthony realizes the hand is now an open invitation for even more swipes from opposing players.

"There’s nothing I can do to prevent it but sit out," Anthony said. "Hardly an option."

Anthony is sick of sitting on the sideline. He’s already missed 10 games because of the fractured hand, the team going 6-4 in his absence.

"I’m so excited to have him back," Billups said. "He needs him desperately right now."

The injury did give Anthony a unique advantage pick, pointing up on the sidelines of the game.

"When you sit on the sideline in games, it becomes clearer to you," said Anthony, who’s averaging 21.3 points and 7.4 rebounds this season. "You start seeing things you probably wouldn’t see out there on the court."
Shaq back in All-Star game

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shaq is back in the All-Star game after being left out of the NBA's midseason gala for first time in his career last season, Shaquille O'Neal received his 15th All-Star selection Thursday night when the reserves were announced for the Feb. 15 game in Phoenix.

O'Neal and Suns teammate Amar'e Stoudemire give the host team two Western Conference All-Stars.

New Orleans, San Antonio and the Los Angeles Lakers also had multiple players on the West roster, which will be coached by the Lakers' Phil Jackson.

The Orlando Magic made out best in the East, with Jameer Nelson and Rashard Lewis picked as reserves by commissioner David Stern as an injury replacement for Orlando's Dwight Howard. It's the first time Orlando has had three All-Stars.

"I was just anxious to find out," Nelson said. "I honestly don't get that way. But me hearing everywhere, 'You're an All-Star, you should be an All-Star year," so you just want to see if people will give you the respect that other people think you deserve."

But for the second year in a row, only two of the Boston Celtics' Big Three made the initial roster: Paul Pierce was voted in by the GMC's players and coach Kevin Garnett, while Ray Allen was left out.

Traded to the Suns last season's deadline, O'Neal endured the worst season of his career and had his record-tying streak of 14 consecutive All-Star appearances end. Now he's back in the showcase game, and trails only teammate Abdul-Jabbar with 19 for most appearances.

Granger is fourth in the league in scoring at 25.8 points per game.

"He's really dedicated himself as a basketball player," Indiana coach Jim O'Brien said. "Danny really stormed onto the scene and improved at a level that was astounding."
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Roger Federer stretches to make a return to Andy Roddick during their semifinal match at the Australian Open. Federer is trying to tie Pete Sampras’s record of 14 Grand Slam singles titles.

by ALEX BARKER

After a convincing 6-1 rout of No. 32 Ohio State last weekend, the No. 17 ranked Irish head to Fayetteville, Ark., for this weekend’s Southeastern Conference Indoor qualifying tournament.

Notre Dame will face off against No. 29 Pepperdine in the first round, and, with a win, will advance to take on either No. 17 Arkansas or Oregon in the finals. The competition should be very good this weekend,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “Arkansas and Pepperdine are both solid teams and are good enough to beat us.”

The format of this weekend’s tournament will travel to Madison, Wis., next month to participate in the National Team Indoor championships with 15 other teams from across the country.

Louderback really likes the way his team is coming together so far this season.

“Both doubles teams have looked very good in practice and the doubles point is always a key in dual matches,” he said. “Our lineup is deep in the singles and doubles with a good mix of upper and underclassmen.”

Currently, the Irish’s No. 1 doubles squad of senior Keiley Tefft and freshman Kristy Frilling is the top ranked doubles team in the nation. The pair had a very strong fall season finishing with a record of 13-1; and got out to good start this season against Ohio State winning their match 8-3.

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SMC Swimming

SMC set to face Kalamazoo

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles swimming and diving team will take on Kalamazoo today at Rolfs Aquatic Center at 7 p.m. This meet, the second-to-last dual meet of the season, will be used to prepare for the MIAA conference championships February 19-21. According to captain Melissa Gerbeth, the team is not quite ready for the awaiting challenges but the girls are working hard to get there.

"Right now we are still somewhat broken down coming off of a really intense training trip and continuous hard practices," Gerbeth said. "I think that our team will be ready for Conference at the end of February."

The Belles are coming off a 167-64 loss to a tough Division II opponent in Hillsdale College, but will look to right the ship and average last year's heart-breaking 145-149 loss to Kalamazoo.

As part of the preparation for the championships, the Belles (4-5) took a winter training trip to Florida. Captain Mary Kate Daday felt this trip was crucial in the team's development so far this season.

"After our winter training trip in Florida our team really came together physically and mentally," Daday said. "We pushed each other in the water and have become closer as a team."

The trip has produced results on paper, too, as personal best times are being achieved on a regular basis. Swimmer Audrey Dalrymple, who set the school record in the 200-yard breaststroke, and diver Leah Bocisnky, who set a season best on the 1-meter dive, have been performing especially well of late.

Daday hopes this will continue against Kalamazoo, against Olivet next week, and especially into the MIAA championships.

"I am confident everyone will work hard, have positive attitudes, and get pumped to finish the season successfully," she said.

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ND Track & Field

Notre Dame ready to compete in two meets

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
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The Irish track and field team is in for a busy few days this weekend, with two meets taking place in two different states.

The first, the Indiana Invitational, will take place in the Gladstein Fieldhouse in Bloomington, Indiana. Most of the team will compete at this Friday/Saturday event. Friday is devoted mostly to preliminaries, with the women's 60-meter hurdles heats starting things off at 3 p.m., followed by the field events with the weight throw and the long jump at 4 p.m. The finals will take place on Saturday morning, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the weight throw and the triple jump. At the same time, some Irish athletes will compete in Findlay, Ohio in the Findlay Invitational. The Irish are coming off an impressive performance at the Notre Dame Invitational where both the men and women competed Michigan State, Marquette, and Wisconsin. Once again, a number of athletes achieved Big East qualifying marks, including junior Joanna Shulz and freshman Natalie Gelger with times of 24.42 and 24.96 in the 200-meter, freshmen Jordan Bincon and Alex Kurusstra with times of 47.65 and 49.69 in the 400-meters, and brother Kevin and Matt Schipper in the pole vault.

Furthermore, senior Anna Webster's throw of 19.07 meters achieved her not only a victory in the weight throw, but also an NCAA-provisional qualifying mark. She joins classmates Mary Saxer in the pole vault as the two athletes with NCAA marks.

In the Indiana Invitational, the Irish will compete against major programs such as Indiana, Michigan, and Purdue. The athletes going to the Findlay Invitational will face tough competitors from smaller, Division II schools such as the University of Toronto, the University of Findlay, and Ashland University.

The entire Irish track team will return home next weekend for Meyo Invitational, which will feature Big Ten schools such as Iowa and Illinois and is the last home meet before the Big East Championships.

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The Irish struggle mightily against Rutgers on both ends of the court Tuesday night. They shot five of eight with four straight free throws, the Irish were held scoreless until the 10:22 mark in the first half while the Scarlet Knights tallied off 17 straight points. That trend was continued throughout the game, and the Irish could never find their way at either end.

As for the Cincinnati game, McGraw said she is more concerned right now with fixing the defense. "I think we can win scoring 60, but over the last few games it's been creeping up towards 70."

During Notre Dame's current funk, the Irish have allowed 75 to Marquette, 67 to Big Ten funk, the Irish have 55 in the win over St. Johns, 77-for-226 for the Irish.

"We have n't funk, the Irish have been playing well. The defense will not have any rest going into Saturday's game as it plays one of the most prolific scoring teams in the conference in the Bearcats. Cincinnati has already taken 411 shots from beyond the arc (making 129, or 31 percent). That's compared to only 77-for-226 for the Irish."

"Cincinnati is going to challenge us. The 3-point defense isn't as effective as I'd like it to be," McGraw said. "I think we will be better — we worked on it (3-point defense in practice this week) and I think you will see three of our No. 1 concerns."

The last two games, perimeter shooting has been the main reason for Notre Dame's defeats. Villanova shot 10-of-27 on Jan. 24 and Rutgers shot 7-of-14 from 3-point distance on Tuesday.

The Irish hold a slight advantage over the Bearcats in height — the taller players receive significant minutes for Cincinnati this year. The Bearcats are led forwards Michelle Jones and Val Schuster. McGraw said that Cincinnati makes up for this lack of height with athleticism and "I don't think [size] is going to be a factor because the Cincinnati players are so physical," McGraw said. "They're a good matchup, they're strong, but they can also step back and shoot threes."

McGraw said she expects to No. 4 junior guard Kahlia Roudebush to be the Bearcats' most potent offensive weapon. Roudebush leads the team with 16 points, in addition to tallying 4.4 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game this season.

Roudebush is a veteran, experienced player," McGraw said. "She'll step up and play well."

Cincinnati has also added talented freshman guard Shanasia Sanders, who is averaging 7.2 points third best on the team) and 3.7 rebounds per game. Sanders was named the Big East Freshman of the Week on Jan. 19.

"There are very different team than last year," McGraw said.

The Bearcats are nursing a two-game losing streak of their own but that is not something to take too seriously based on their recent opponents, McGraw said. On Jan. 20 Cincinnati lost 66-50 at Big East newcomer South Florida. On Jan. 24 it lost 65-34 against top-ranked and undefeated Connecticut.

Tipoff Saturday is at 2 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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Bobby Bayliss said, "Neither [Tulsa], nor anyone else, has yet had the opportunity to prove much." The Irish have lost every dual match they have played against ranked teams so far this season. Two of those losses — Jan. 16 against No. 14 Pepperdine and Wednesday's against No. 11 Florida State — were by a score of 4-3 that easily could have gone the other way.

"I am proud of the way we are fighting in these close matches and confident that if this continues it will result in wins," Bayliss said. "We are two doubles breakers from being 3-1 with two top-15 wins, so we know we can play with most of the better teams in the country.

Tulsa (5-1) brings two ranked singles players, including No. 10 Arnaus Bruguas. He will face senior Brett Helgeson, ranked 20th, in No. 1 singles.

"Bruguas is one of the more talented players in college tennis, but we believe that [Helgeson] is also in that elite group," Bayliss said.

The Golden Hurricanes also bring a challenge in doubles, though none of their teams are currently ranked. The Irish have one ranked pair, the No. 37 duo of Helgeson and sophomore Tyler Davis.

"Tulsa has historically played great doubles and I expect that to be the case this season," Bayliss said. "The reason that they have no ranked teams is that they have several new players who have just arrived this semester and have no college record. Winning the doubles point will be a challenge for us."

The winner of the match between Notre Dame and Tulsa will go on to face the winner between No. 19 ISU and No. 21 Texas Tech. The losers of each match will play in a consolation bracket.

"I don't have any preference as to whom we will play on Sunday," Bayliss said. "Both teams are very good and ranked much higher than we. For us it will simply be the fifth top-20 team we have faced in our six matches and another opportunity to prove ourselves."
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Marquette, they really guard-
ed me,” McAlarney said. “It
was really frustrating because
I think it’s the best Irish if they are able to

contain him.

That’s what I’ve earned, I
guess. I’m expecting teams to
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McAlarney said. “But I
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just getting my legs under-
neath me and being more
smooth. I felt like the rattling
in and out meant I needed
more of an arc on my shot,” Ayers
said.

As for the third struggling
senior, Hillesland, he knows
he has better basketball in
him than what he’s showed in
Notre Dame’s losing streak. In
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For me, it’s narrowing my
focus and not worrying about,
‘Oh I missed that shot, I
should’ve blocked it better
there, is coach getting ready
to sub me?’ or something like
that,” Hillesland said.

But despite the recent loss-
es, there have been some pos-
itives. Even with Notre Dame’s
offensive woes, the Irish were
still in their last two games
until the last seconds. Why?
Answer No. 1 has been their
defense, which just surren-
dered 69 and 71 points to
Connecticut and Marquette
respectively.

Then there’s Luke Harangody, who, with each
day, looks more like he’ll
repeat as Big East player of
the year. Harangody scored
24 points against
Connecticut center Hasheem
Thabeet and 29 against
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Harangody will face another
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sively. “You have to prepare your
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Dame's 78-68 loss to Rutgers Tuesday.

Irish guard Ashley Barlow drives to the hoop during Notre Dame's 78-68 loss to Rutgers Tuesday.

"It will be the first encounter for them before we go for a second-ranked women's trail the Nitany Lions in the USFCA Mountain of Fencing Rankings is no easy task in the NCAA, but Connecticut, I had some last two games, well below for-27 (22 percent) in Notre Dame's captain when Notre Dame (12-7, 3-5 Big East) travels to take on No. 3 Pittsburgh (18-2, 6-2). First there's Kyle McAlarney, who has shot 6-for-27 (22 percent) in Notre Dame's (12-7, 3-5 Big East) last two games, well below his 43 percent average from the field for the season.

"I think against Connecticut, I had some great looks. I think Notre Dame guard Kyle McAlarney drives against Connecticut's Kemba Walker during Connecticut's 69-63 win Saturday, in which McAlarney scored nine points.

Standing alone atop the mountain of fencing rankings is No. 1 ranking on the line in Northwestern Dual meet Monday, losses marked by Notre Dame's lost its fourth of freshm en and sophomores combination of a talented cast and the new student-athletes. The creation of this atmosphere was a lot of enthusiasm from the new student-athletes. The competition, so they will try to get revenge," Bednarski said. But a victory over Penn State for the title of undisputed No. 1, Notre Dame will also have to contend with some of the best teams in the country, Temple, Cleveland State, Johns Hopkins, North Carolina, Wayne State, and a bitter Ohio State are expected to be in attendance. The men's team beat the Buckeyes last weekend, while the Irish women fell in a hard-fought battle.

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