The candidates will meet Wednesday for a debate in LaFortune. The Notre Dame student body will vote to decide the winning candidates next Monday.

Grant Schmidt and Cynthia Weber

Schmidt, the current student body vice president, is hoping to continue what he deems a "successful" administration into the 2009-10 school year with a bid for student body president with the current sophomore class president, as his running mate.

Schmidt chose Weber because she "had the experience, we got along really well, and we work well together." Weber said she'd be "crazy not to want to run with him. "It's a great opportunity to be given; it's a great opportunity to serve the student body," she said.

The pair have a long list of platforms they've presented under their campaign slogan, "Rounding the Bend."

"It means continuity," Weber said. "Turning the corner, building upon success of current administration really has just gotten started."

Schmidt and Weber listed taxi reform, lower textbook prices, Eddy St. Commons and the Global Water Initiative as their top priorities.

The Schmidt and Weber platform seeks to make students' cab rides safer and more convenient, initiating, for example, a South Bend policy that all cab drivers must display some form of identification and a phone number to call in case of complaint.

The duo also hopes to implement a system of ticket booklets so students can purchase cab fares ahead of time.

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学生体重理事会和副主席候选人开始竞选，准备辩论

By JENN METZ and KAITLYN RILEY

Notre Dame's Judicial Council has approved four tickets to run for the position of student body president and vice president for the 2009-10 school year.

The candidates are: junior Grant Schmidt and sophomore Cynthia Weber; juniors Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez; junior James Sancho and sophomore Tom Gorski; and freshmen Luke Lennon and Charles Harrig.

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When the students are all hunched over their slates working diligently on their spelling or sums, the stove is humming, and there are no tourists snapping photos of us. I know it's true.

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But the truth is, I think the reason I love it is because, for the four or five or six hours that I'm there, I'm living in 1862. Who hasn't wished they could time-travel? Because of my incredible job, I have the rare privilege of living in a different place and time whenever I want.

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Question of the Day: What would be your ideal Super Bowl halftime show?

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Junior
Siegfried

"Notre Dame winning a basketball game."

Christie Marden
Junior
Cavanagh

"A 30-minute ‘Real Men of Genoa’ commercial."

Kris Perez
Senior
Off-campus

"The Puppy Bowl."

Matt Scholder
Sophomore
Keough

"Radio Head performing."

Lee Marsh
Junior
Knott

"A Donny and Marie reunion concert."

The Notre Dame men's hockey team celebrates a 3-2 win Saturday over Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Irish are ranked No. 1.

Offbeat

Apostrophes dropped from signs in English town

LONDON — On the streets of Birmingham, the queen's English is now the queens English. England's second-largest city has decided to drop apostrophes from all its street signs, saying they're confusing and old-fashioned.

But some purists are downright possessive about the punctuation mark.

It seems that Birmingham officials have been taking a hammer to grammar for years, quietly dropping apostrophes from street signs since the 1950s. Through the decades, residents have frequently launched spirited campaigns to restore the missing punctuation to signs denoting such places as "St. Paul’s Square" or "Acocks Green."

This week, the council made it official, saying it was banning the punctuation mark from signs in a bid to end the dispute once and for all.

Sister beats up bride at wedding reception

HEBBRONVILLE, Ind. — A woman who wasn't invited to her sister's wedding reception showed up anyway and attacked the bride, pulling out clumps of her hair, police said. Ammarie Bricker, 23, of Valparaiso, was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of battery.

Jeremy Glotchbach told police he was hosting a reception for newlyweds Nicholas Landry and Lori Kappes at his home on Jan. 22 when Bricker, Kappes' sister, attacked Kappes on the front porch.

Bricker pulled out clumps of Kappes' hair, struck her head and took the bride to the ground during a struggle, according to the Porter County Sheriff's Department.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

A lecture by Elizabeth Reisnick on "The Graphic Imperative: International Posters of Peace, Social Justice & the Environment" will take place today at 7:30 p.m. in the Annadelberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. This lecture, co-sponsored by the Department of Art, Art History, and Design, is free and open to the public.

A debate entitled "Separation of Church and State" will be held Tuesday in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center at 4 p.m. Mark Lilla, Professor of Humanities (Columbia) and author of The Stillborn God: Religion, Politics, and the Modern West, and Daniel Philpott, Associate Professor of Political Science (Notre Dame) will debate important issues of religion, politics and their intersection.

Keenan Hall’s annual comedy show "The Keenan Revue" will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play is based on original transcripts of the famous 1925 Tennessee v. John Scopes "Monkey Trial," which challenged the newly passed Tennessee legislature’s “Butler Act” banning the teaching of evolution in the state’s public schools. Purchase tickets online, visit or call the Ticket Office at 574-633-2800.

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to reduce the need to carry cash or worry about cab drivers changing the supposed flat rate of two or three dollars.

Schmidt and Weber told The Observer they are already working with the Hammers Notre Dame Bookstore, and eFellot and a University liaison to negotiate some sort of lowering of textbook prices.

One alternative source for buying course materials and "subverting the textbook monopoly," Weber said, is a Web site that would list the ISBN numbers of required reading — "the most essential way of finding your book online," she said.

This idea would require cooperation from Notre Dame professors: Schmidt said many professors have responded positively to the idea.

Student involvement in campus expansion, particularly at the currently under-construction Eddy St. Commons, is another of the main Schmidt-Weber initiatives.

"It would be a shame for a strip on Notre Dame-leased property to not have some sort of availability for students," Schmidt said.

Weber said she hopes the two can "push the limits of student government" by getting the whole undergraduate population involved in a cause: The Global Water Initiative.

"This would be a year-long initiative," she said, involving working with existing campus clubs and their fundraisers.

We can sit here and talk about textbook prices ... but we're the University of Notre Dame, we're obviously service-oriented. [...] We're taking one specific initiative and getting the entire student body behind it."

Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez

Burdick and Sanchez, current Athletic Council co-chairs, said student government has a lot of potential. They want to maximize on that potential by doing more programming activities that "really affect students."

Burdick, a biology major from Terre Haute, Indiana, lives in Cavanaugh, Sanchez, a political science and Spanish major with a minor in Latino Studies, lived in Carroll for two years and now lives in Duncan.

They met freshman year when they sat together at football games, and got to know each other better on Hall President's Council, when each represented his respective dorm.

Burdick and Sanchez told The Observer they have several ambitious goals.

"We are students that want to work for the students," Burdick said. "Not necessarily for the administration, but for the students."

Their top priority is to create a loan forgiveness program for those who pursue a career in public service.

"We just realized that tuition is getting out of control here, and there's not much we can do about that," Sanchez said.

They want to help students pay for college, and promote public service, by establishing a program that forgives the loans of students who commit to a career in public service.

They said they would look into the possibility of outside funding for the venture.

Burdick and Sanchez are also interested in developing the Athletic Council as a way to "liaison between coaches and the teams and the student body." They also want to expand the current "Gold Rush" program, by providing incentives for students to boost attendance at all Notre Dame sporting events.

The candidates want to negotiate with the Notre Dame administration and the Notre Dame Security Police (NOSP) to put into place a new disciplinary system for drinking violations, one in which a first offense would lead to educational development, such as an "alcohol assessment, rather than harsher consequences."

"On game days, rather than worry about being seen holding a beer, we want NOSP to worry about people that are out of control, starting fights, getting into fights, rather than worry about someone who can't grow a beard holding a beer," Sanchez said.

Burdick said she wants student government to come up with activities that can make a profit, to offset costs for students.

"It's not really fair for a student to pay for the concert that's coming in the spring if they don't like the band and don't want to go," Burdick said.

The Burdick-Sanchez ticket wants to start a "tailgate row," an area for all students where they can mingle before football games.

They said they are ready for the time pressures that come with being the leaders of student government.

"This whole process so far has been like a full-time job, and it's definitely doable," Burdick said. "If you have an idea and you want to get it done, you make the time to do it. So I think that we feel very strongly about what we want to get done, so we will do it."

James McCaughan and Tom Gorski

McCaughan and Gorski told The Observer that "the most pressing issue," for both students at Notre Dame and alumni of the University, is the police presence on and off campus.

"If we are elected, we will do everything we can to make sure students can be comfortable when they are in situations where in the past they didn't feel very safe, or very quiet and aggressive disciplinary measures," McCaughan said.

Their top priority is to pursue the University and NOSP to scale back how strictly rules are enforced, especially at and before football games.

McCaughan, a junior, and Gorski, a sophomore, are roommates in Siegfried. McCaughan is a history and economics major from Key Biscayne, Fla and Gorski is an IT management major from Omaha, Neb.

Both were interviewed on TV last fall about the police presence in the tailgate area. Gorski said he was interviewed as someone beside him was being arrested.

McCaughan and Gorski also want the University to disregard evidence obtained by illegal searches and seizures.

They want this to extend to cases in which police "are overly aggressive in shutting down an off-campus party."

The ticket plans to, should they win, move the student government office from the second floor of LaFortune to the first floor of the building to make it more accessible to students.

They also want to make a Facebook wall application so students can directly voice their concerns and complaints.

Establishing an interhall laser tag league is their No. 4 priority, followed by urging student government to officialize support of the DormBooks.com used textbook program, so students can save money.

McCaughan said he has not been a part of student government since fifth grade, but said their ticket still has the experience necessary to lead.

"I think we can bring in a new perspective to student government and we can identify very easily with the student government," he said.

Their unofficial slogan, they said, is "Men of the people, working for students."

Luke Lennon and Charlie Harig

The Lennon and Harig ticket "have a freshman" approach to the University, the candidates told The Observer they would "love to be a part of the political system here." We can make some changes that are important to the University ... maybe some changes that people don't even realize they need," Lennon said, the candidate for student body president said.

The two Zahm roommates list affirmative action for housed women, cleaning bowls in the dining halls with a lubricant to prevent sticking and a value system for North and South Dining halls because of the difference in the quality of meat.

Their affirmative action idea "pretty much consists of checking out girls before they attend the University" and giving out scholarships accordingly, Lennon said.

Harig said girls can both gain scholarships after they are admitted, earning what he called "walk-on status," and lose their scholarships for various violations.

The pair said they feel no one on campus enjoys eating a salad out of four bowls stacked together, so they are proposing adding a position to dining hall staffs that entails keeping the bowls lubricated, which will create a more convenient dining experience and help in the cleaning process.

The Harig-Lennon ticket is relying on word of mouth to get their campaign energized.

"We talked to everyone who gave us signatures," Lennon said. "Just to be formal, we're going to have posters out there."

"I feel like everyone wants to vote for us, regardless of what we put up," Harig said.

The two didn't want to put a limit of how long they'd be in office if elected.

"Not just three years, not until we graduate," Harig said.

"We'd be willing to fall out of the same theology class many, many times — every semester," Lennon said.

"So for infinity," Harig said.

The first item on the Zahm ticket's agenda if elected: a parade.

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While the on campus participation has been fairly strong, Restivo said that off-campus members of the Notre Dame community were urged to participate as well.

"The off-campus residiences we can get, the larger the program will be, and the more money we will raise for the Catholic Worker House," Restivo said.

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years.
I think this year, the internships are going to be more competitive because the market is more competitive," he said.

Generally, freshman and sophomore make up the majority of the applicants, but it is likely that more will be in the application pool because the economy makes it hard to obtain summer internships that pay.

"I worked in Bangkok with an international trading company," he said. "I have to be motivated and driven to find your own projects, so while I was there I started to see a variety of different divisions, like marketing and financial anywhere I could find a hand."

While most of the internships are located in different countries, there are several in Washington D.C., Tovar said. These internships are still internationally focused.

Tovar spent a summer working for the Department of Commerce in Washington. She said she primarily involved programming for events, such as forums and panels.

"I had to come up with who's going to be at the panels, how the agendas will work and planning the event itself," she said.

When reviewing the applications, which are due Feb. 13, the SIBC board will look for students who show initiative, since the projects they will tackle require self-motivation, and they prefer students who have shown a dedication to SIBC and participated in the club's projects in the past.

"Brownshidle said. More than anything, participation in SIBC projects give students the wind they need to be successful in their internships, he said.

"I did have a bunch of SIBC projects," Brownshidle said. "That's where I picked up all the business skills I needed to get my internship."

"The SIBC interns do not get paid, but SIBC covers all the costs of the trip," Brownshidle said. The club expenses and the student internships.

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I hope to increase applications, but it is not necessary business students," Restivo said.

"These internships are still internationally focused, which students can get involved, any where I could," Restivo said. "So a lot of people have been hearing about it and aren't necessarily business students."

Tovar said the internships are varied, and students will do everything from marketing to working for a law firm to working on projects involving marketing or finance.

Brownshidle has spent the past two summers doing SIBC internships, first in Thailand and then in Beleau.

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In spite of the conflict that is still waging in Iraq, all three students remain hopeful for the future of their country that they love so much.

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Salem said his life before the war was simple and comfortable. He talked about how Americans have a misconceived notion about life in Iraq before the invasion.

"All that you know about Iraq is from the media but the media is not always correct," Salem said. "The only problem before 2003 was that the country lived as a closed country and did not know about the outside world.

Rasheed and Al-Assadi both agreed with Salem that life in Iraq during Saddam Hussein's rule was a time of tranquillity.

"Before the war there was no religious conflict," Rasheed said. "I'm a Muslim Sunni and until the war I was the best friend with a Christian."

Rasheed and his family stayed in their home during the fall, but prepared to leave the city at any moment.

"I remember those three weeks that were just full of bombing and so many people had been killed," he said. "On April 9, 2003, we turned on the TV and did not believe the reports that American soldiers were really in Baghdad.

The situation just kept getting worse each time the government changed," he said. "In 2006, the racism war began and the fear intensified. I got a fake ID that had a different religion and name because I felt threatened because of my Sunni religion."

Months of prior planning led to the offer to start the Miraculous Metals program, which began Nov. 17. The program will run through the end of this semester and through next school year.

The program's planners have some other goals for Miraculous Metals.

"We hope to show people how easy it is to help out in the community and help the environment — all it takes is a few minutes to separate your aluminum recycling and put it in the designated receptacle," Restivo said.

"Also, we hope to encourage people to find new ways to help out in the community and help the environment," he said.

Rasheed recalled that at the end of 2006, many people left Iraq for Syria or Jordan.

"All anyone wanted was a sense of safety," he said.

Randa Al-Assadi, who is also a native of Baghdad, remembered the horrible conditions that caused many to suffer.

"Everything became extremely dangerous," she said. "There were killings and kidnappings and I remember everyone just hoping that in a few months everything would be OK, but that didn't happen.

When I remember that feeling I feel so bad, but I accept it because this is our life," she said.

Al-Assadi said that she applied for the Iraqi Student Project because she had no other means of continuing her education. Despite her distance from her native country, Al-Assadi constantly thinks about her fellow Iraqis that remain there.

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Each off-campus residence that joins the program will be provided with a recycling receptacle for aluminum cans.

Restivo highlighted that the most important aspect at keeping the program alive will be the participation of the student body.

"This program is a great way to be involved in helping those less fortunate than us and the environment at the same time, and it is so simple," Restivo said.

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N. Korea warns of war with S. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea warned Sunday that South Korea's confrontational policies may trigger a war on the divided peninsula, a message coming two days after the communist country vowed to abandon all peace agreements with its southern neighbor.

Relations between the two Koreas have been strained since conservative President Lee Myung-bak took office nearly a year ago in Seoul, pledging to take a harder line on the North. Tension heightened Friday when the North said it was ditching a nonaggression pact and all other peace accords with South Korea.

The tension may lead to "an unavoidable military conflict and a war," North Korea's main Rodong Sinmun newspaper said in a commentary carried Sunday by the country's official Korean Central News Agency.

At least 89 killed in Kenyan oil blaze

Nairobi, Kenya — An oil spill from a crashed truck erupted into flames Saturday in Kenya, killing at least 89 people who were trying to scoop up fuel, police said.

Patrick Nyongesa, the regional manager for the Kenya Red Cross, said 89 people died and more than 200 were injured after a crowd gathered around the crash in search of free fuel.

The crash was in Molo, several hours outside the capital, Nairobi.

Local newspapers have criticized the government for poor safety.

On Wednesday, a massive fire swept through a supermarket in downtown Nairobi, killing at least 25 people.

ILL. governor delivers church message

CHICAGO — In his first Sunday since being booted from office, Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was booted from the governor's office, Rod Blagojevich, who was booted from office Thursday and faces federal corruption charges, Blagojevich has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

Instead, Blagojevich talked vaguely of his plans for the state and mentioned some attributes he believes a governor should have.

Prisoners riot for second time in 2 months

PECS, Texas — Law enforcement authorities in West Texas say they are trying to restore order at a privately run federal prison where a riot broke out, the second disturbance in as many months.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Manga (Tee-lah mang-ee) said the riot at the Okeechobee Correctional Center in Pecos was continuing Sunday, a day after it started.

LOCAL NEWS

Bill would allow DNA sample at arrest

INDIANAPOLIS — Collecting DNA could become almost as common for police as collecting fingerprints, making it's way through the Indiana Senate.

Senate Bill 24 would allow police to collect DNA samples from people being arrested, under a charge, rather than just those who are convicted.

Supporters say adding that DNA to state and federal databases could help solve crimes and potentially prevent them.

Outbreak due to inspection problems

San Francisco, Ga. — A Georgia health inspector who toured the peanut butter plant now at the center of a salmonella outbreak noted only two minor violations in October. Less than three months later, federal inspectors are adding mold, a leaking roof and other sanitation problems.

Food safety experts say the lapse is a major concern and shows state inspectors are spread thin and might need more training on how to spot unsanitary conditions.

"I'm willing to bet that that many major deficiencies were observed at one time, and none of these were picked up previously," said Michael Doyle, head of the food safety center at the University of Georgia.

In October, state inspector Donna Adams noted only two violations in her report on the Peanut Corp. of America plant: tote containers with butter residue and "black buildup" and "mildew and possibly some static dust on ceiling of butter storage room.

No samples of the finished product were taken for salmonella testing during the October inspection, despite a push by the state to check for the bacteria after a salmonella outbreak was traced to another Georgia peanut butter plant in 2007.

The October report showing only minor violations seems to conflict with conditions observed by at least one former employee, though others said they saw no problems.

Jonathan Prather, who said he worked in the plant's peanut butter room until he and most of the plant's other employees were recently laid off, said he sometimes saw old and soggy peanuts being used and other unsanitary conditions. When he raised concerns about the plant's cleanliness, Prather said he was ignored by managers.

Associated Press

Ousted governor intends to go to trial

Blagojevich relies on father-and-son duo of defense attorneys to evade prison

CHICAGO — Now that he's been ousted from the governor's office, Rod Blagojevich is planning his hopes of staying out of prison on a father-and-son duo of defense attorneys, one of whom grabbed the limelight at Bill Clinton's perjury trial.

"These are two of the most flamboyant lawyers in town," DePaul University law professor Leonard Covis says of the team of Sam Adam and his son, Samuel E. Adam.

Covis predicts fire works if Blagojevich goes to trial on federal corruption charges, including allegations that federal agents sold the Senate seat vacated by President Barack Obama.

Federal prosecutors are expected to obtain an indictment by April Blagojevich was arrested by FBI agents in December and was booked from a Chicago hotel.

The ousted governor also gave a peek at another defense strategy during his media interviews, saying secretly recorded conversations that were cited in the criminal complaint — including one of him calling the Senate seat a "valuable thing not to be given away for free" — were taken out of context.

"Blagojevich is likely to say, as he has been saying, his words were taken out of context and politics is a tough business that frequently requires tough talk and a lot of bluster to achieve your goals," says defense attorney Michael Peter.

Associated Press

Former Ill. governor Rod Blagojevich plans to go to trial on federal corruption charges. The Illinois House voted Jan. 9 to impeach Blagojevich.

No one doubts that if the father-son legal duo "the two Sams" — take the case to trial they'll arrive with a full supply of fireworks to keep the jury entertained.

The older Adam is a serious legal scholar with an oft-heard sense of humor and a flair for the dramatic — some say the eccentric. He once dug his thick fingers into the crap of pure white hair sported by a client, a judge accused of corruption, right after impounding jurors to "send this good man back to his wife of 50 years and 23 grandchildren." They looked startled, but later acquitted him.

People who know him best warn against taking the older Adams for a lightweight.

Associated Press
The Senate version of the bill, which topped out at nearly $900 billion, is headed to the floor for debate. The House bill totaled about $189 billion and earned no Republican votes, even though it easily passed the Democratic-controlled House. At some point lawmakers will need to compromise on the competing versions.

McConnell and other Republicans suggested that the bill needed an overhaul because it doesn’t pump enough into the private sector through tax cuts and allows Democrats to go on a spending spree unlikely to jolt the economy. The Republican leader also complained that Democrats had not been as bipartisan in writing the bill as Obama had said he wanted. “I think it may be time... for the president to kind of get a hold of these Democrats in the Senate and the House, who have rather significant majorities, and shake them a little bit and say, ‘Look, let’s do this the right way.’” McConnell said. “I can’t believe that the president isn’t embarrassed about the products that have been produced so far.”

For his part, Obama said he is confident Republicans will come around to support the final version of the legislation. He and Vice President Joe Biden will meet with congressional leaders at the White House on Monday afternoon.

The president repeated what his top aides and officials have been telling reporters in recent days, that the final package would be close to its objectives — to save or create 3 to 4 million jobs — and Republicans would be able to back it.

“I am confident that by the time we have the final package on the floor that we are going to see substantial support, and people are going to see this is a serious effort. It has no earmarks. We are going to be trimming out things that are not relevant to putting people back to work right now,” Obama said. However, he declined to predict how many Senate Republicans might switch parties. Biden, a former senior member of the Senate before his election, similarly declined to offer predictions last week in an interview with his personal phone calls for former colleagues.

“Look, the important thing is getting the thing passed,” Obama told NBC’s Matt Lauer during a live pre-Super Bowl interview. “And I’ve done extraordinary outreach. I think to Republicans because they have some good ideas and I want to make sure those ideas are incorporated.”

Obama also that his administration would announce plans to spend the second $25 billion of a bank bailout after Congress deals with the separate economic recovery plan.

Under Obama’s plan, strained state budgets would receive a cash infusion, projects for roads and other infrastructure would be funded, and “green jobs” in the energy sector would be created. In its centerpiece tax cut, single workers would gain $500 and couples $1,000, even if they don’t earn enough in owed federal income taxes.

Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate, said he was seeing an erosion of support for the bill and suggested that lawmakers should consider beginning anew.

“When I say start from scratch, what I mean is that the basic approach of this bill, we believe, is wrong,” Kyl said.

Among the major changes Kyl said would be needed to gain Republican support in the Senate was the tax rebate for individuals and couples, which he criticized as going to too many people who didn’t pay the tax to start with. He also criticized the bill for seeking to create nearly three dozen government programs and giving states far more money than they need.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., argued that $1 out of every $3 in the bill goes to tax cuts and defended its aim at helping working families. While he contended that Democrats were “very open” to Republican proposals, he cited only what he said were calls for more money in job-creating public works projects, typically a Democratic priority.

Jim DeMint, R-S.C., characterized the proposal as “a spending plan. It’s not a stimulus. It’s a temporary, and it’s wasteful.”

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, said the bill was designed to help people who have been damaged in the economic meltdown as well as stimulate the economy. “I never saw a tax cut fix a bridge. I never saw a tax cut give us more public transportation. The fact is, we need a mix,” Frank said.

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Grassley said in an AP interview, "The system provides you perfectly legal mechanisms to underpay the workers," said John Miano of Summit, N.J., a lawyer who has an advance degree for jobs in specialized-skill occupations, which allow temporary workers who are considered overqualified.

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**Housing bust hits NC farm town**

WEST JEFFERSON, N.C. — When this Appalachian town's light-switch plant went dark, fortunes dimmed for Jim and Amanda Ruegsegger, and hundreds of their neighbors.

No more Sunday lunches at the Mestian restaurant between morning and evening church: they now pack sandwiches. No more savings for retirement: they tapped Jeff's 401(k) to pay down the home equity line of credit. The health insurance is gone, too, replaced by prayers that the Ruegseggers and their two teenage children stay healthy.

"There's a feeling of worthlessness," said Jeff, a former tool-and-die maker. A severance package is helping, but the lack of jobs could force the family to move.

In small towns like West Jefferson across the country, factories and families had thrived on the back of the housing boom. Now, employers are fighting for survival and laid-off workers are conserving cash.

**In Brief**

No answer at Davos global forum

DAVOS, Switzerland — Mired in indecision and uncertainty, the world's foremost gathering of the best and brightest in government and business failed to come up with any new plan to stem, much less reverse, the global financial meltdown.

The five-day World Economic Forum in this Swiss mountain resort wrapped up Sunday in the same atmosphere of doom and gloom that it began with, with a realization that the depth of the crisis is still unknown and the solution remains elusive.

"Everybody's lost in Davos," said Kishore Mahbubani, dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore.

"No one seems to have a clear understanding of how big this crisis is and what we need to do to get out of it," he told AP. "My own view is that you really need to do a fundamental reexamination of the whole global system to see what went wrong, and nobody here is yet ready to ask these kinds of fundamental questions in Davos.

**Market Recap**

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But after being laid off 2½ years ago from her job as an accountant, she landed another accounting job that cut her salary from $60,000 to $40,000. It was impossible to meet minimum payments on her card balances.

Now, the Cases are on a strict budget. They take "stayouts," grow their own vegetables, buy only used cars and prepay cell phones.

"It's really a liberating feeling," she said. "If you want something, you have to have the money for it."
Austria and Germany hate nuclear energy. They hate it. What radiation did not reach them during the Chernobyl incident was supplemented by the radiation of bad PR that swept through eastern Western Europe. Austria’s two existing power plants have not put up to use due to the overwhelming sentiment against their installment into the last part of 1978 revision, almost a full decade before Chernobyl. The opposition is as deeply rooted.

And yet, thanks to the Russian giant natural gas supplier Gazprom, in the last few weeks nuclear power has been one of the main topics of discussion in every Austrian newspaper, blog, television, radio, university common space, coffee shop, etc.

The aftermath of the early January snow storms, with huge amounts of natural gas flow not only to the US, but also to Europe is still resonating strongly. For two weeks, 90 percent of Gazprom’s natural gas normally flowing to Austria was cut off, and many other European countries received none from the supplier.

Such a drastic cutoff reawakened, yet again, Austria and other Europeans to their frailty in energy sustainability matters. The economy and lifestyle of this western, wealthy, unquestionably industrialized country with a standard of living that ranks in the top 15 in the world is completely reliant on a country with whose politics it disagrees. Sound familiar? The cutoff, much like the high oil prices, was a summer here in America, brought up again the increasingly important topic of energy security. How can a “powerful” nation be brought to its knees by one closed pipeline? By the rising prices of one single commodity? That is not security, under any circumstances.

But with the much-needed concept of “Energy Security” comes other dangers. Secure, but at what price? Most Austrians hold the opposition of nuclear energy as one of their core beliefs. Removing myself momentarily from the argument for or against nuclear power, the Austrians themselves now have a problem that spells certain dangers for their nation if they were to allow such plants to proceed. Their country holds it as derogatory to the environment, present and future, to proceed with nuclear energy.

When does Energy Security hamper environmental protection? Often when the two are interlinked, can play off each other and promote one another simultaneously. Renewable energy development not only helps our energy security, it also has the potential to improve air quality, provide long-term health benefits, lessen carbon dioxide emissions and minimize invasive and environmentally detrimental mining techniques. However, Energy Security often becomes a force that hampers environmental goals. Austrians who do not choose to build nuclear power plants have they option. Desperate needs for Energy Security force them into compromising their values. Plans for dams and hydro-power plants are popping up all over Europe – once valued for their relatively untouched ecosystem in favor of mountains, displacement, exile, irrevocably ruin ocean ecosystems or deplete already strained soil. Granted, the last administration often tried to switch heaven for hell in the name of security, but it was a good idea, but the bipartisan push to wean off of foreign oil and gas runs the risk of depleting the last health of our country and people, a resource that is nonrenewable. We must approach the concept of Energy Security while keeping in mind what we may be sacrificing for it. Remembering that the loss of energy Continent itself would result in a cumulative 1.6 percent greater domestic crude oil production by the year 2030, hardly enough to justify the permanent damage to the environment. Energy Security can mean a cooperative relationship between environmental and energy problems, but hardly striving towards security costs. Energy Security can also afford not to acknowledge. Slowly shifting our dependence and supplementing development of renewables with positive diplomatic relations is the only way to attain lasting Energy Security, whether in Austria, America or even the oil powers themselves.

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Today's citizens will pay for today's spending

Letters to the Editor

Why is Notre Dame involved in the arms trade?

Last semester, we delivered a letter to Father John Jenkins and the representatives of the Career Center asking them to clarify our University's position on what companies we have on our campus to recruit our students. We were joined by more than a month later, Fr. Jenkins took the step to meet with us to discuss our concerns. In his letter, he listened to us and asked us fair questions. Overall, we feel that we have reached the same conclusions about who should or should not be endorsed by the University, Fr. Jenkins left us with an understanding that his administration would take the issue seriously.

At last week's Winter Career Expo, Raytheon again sought to recruit Notre Dame students. We are distressed to find that, as yet, no action has been taken by either our University's administration or the Career Center to clarify explicitly and publicly the standards to which we hold participants in the career fairs. Despite the efforts of students in the past three consecutive years, the University has yet to publicly and decisively respond to the critique that Raytheon represents a clear and very serious disrepute for the stated mission of our University. The mission statement of the University of Notre Dame specifically calls our community to develop a "disciplined sensitivity to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many." Such a mission hope to make our University a place where "learning becomes service to justice." These admirable goals are put into practice in many ways. For example, more than 80 percent of the student body will be involved in some sort of service-learning experience in any given year. Our commitment to justice is real at Notre Dame because it is rooted in our mission.

But when students begin to think about where they can take their interest for justice and service that they learned here, they face the contradiction of a contradictory picture. Organizations like Raytheon serve a narrow conviction that place national self-interest and violent force above the common good. "The Raytheon's profit claim clearly - our own mission statement - of "human solidarity and concern for the common good." They inherently contradict what we as a university community have placed as our true mission.

Raytheon is currently the world's fifth largest weapons manufacturer. In 2008, Raytheon's value soared to $24.7 billion after an annual increase of almost $5 billion. As MSNBC Business wrote recently: "Like other defense companies, Waltham, Massachusetts-based Raytheon's profits were up dramatically by recent historical standards." That is, as the United States and its allies drop more bombs on places like Iraq, Afghanistan and Gaza, Raytheon, the company that once profited off the human suffering of the world's poorest nations, has now set its sights on "the New Deal" to make that country's financial system more vulnerable.

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THE DUDE ABIDES
A DEEPER LOOK AT
"THE BIG LEBOWSKI"

With Oscar season right around the corner, one is reminded of all the great films that have garnered the prestigious Academy Award for Best Picture in the past. Epic making such as "The Lord of the Rings" or classic favorites such as "The Sound of Music" or films that, in my opinion, really didn’t deserve to win anything, like the abominable box-office spectacle "Titanic.”

But Oscar season also reminds us why we love movies, especially those movies which never win awards, and really shouldn’t. Yet some of these films are our personal favorites. I can think of one that sticks out most for me.

When I turned 14, a friend of mine gave me as a present the Coen brothers’ cult hit, “The Big Lebowski.” As a teenager some-what sheltered from R-rated movies by overprotective parents, the fact that I was watching something prohibited had me grinning before the movie even started. And when it did, I laughed nearly the entire 2 7-minute running time.

Yet at the time, my being hyper-sensitive was a part of the film’s unique, bawdy plot, its eccentric characters, goofy races and its 290 plus F-bombs (though some claim the number to be closer to 390). In fact, it would be four years—and during my freshman composition class—before I seriously considered what made the film so entertaining.

The film’s premise starts off simply. Jeff “The Dude” Lebowski (Jeff Bridges) is mistaken by a pair of thugs for the extremely wealthy and crippled philanthropist Jeffrey Lebowski (David Huddleston). These thugs knock the Dude around before proceeding to urinate on his favorite rug, a rug that according to the Dude’s volatile bowler buddy Walter Sobchak (John Goodman), “really tied the room together.”

The Dude then sets out to seek recompense for his damaged upholstery, getting himself stuck in a complicated web of ransom-seeking Nihilists, porn kings, play-boys, raging feminists and inexperienced cowards around the way.

But the film is more than its farcical, bumbling plot pedicating it to be. My freshman year composition class focused on representations of gender, class and race in media. In order to demonstrate contemporary critiques of the subject, the instructor chose to screen "The Big Lebowski” as an example, and that’s when I began to decipher what the Coen Brothers were really doing with their film.

"The Big Lebowski” provides masculine and feminine role models that no one would willingly want to associate with. Most of these representations are done through extremes.

The Dude’s potty-trained antagonists are completely bon-headed, mistaking the debit of a millionaire philanthropist’s playboy wife to be associated with the unemployed, Welfare-dependent Dude.

The Nihilists, who later pretend to kidnap the philanthropist’s wife and then extract ransom from the Dude, turn out to be spineless, cowardly bullies when confronted by Walter in a showdown outside the bowling alley.

Contrasting their representation is that of Walter himself, a character negatively asayed and existing in testosterone. A Vietnam veteran with an exceptionally short temper, Walter comically blunders around the Dude’s situation throughout the film, constantly making matters worse for the Dude by attempting to fix them with violence and war tactics. At one point, while interrogating a teenager who stole and crashed the Dude’s car, Walter becomes fed up with the boy’s refusal to answer any questions and takes a crowbar to what he believes is the boy’s brand new car. The car actually belongs to a teenager, who comes out bawling and hollofers and takes a baseball bat to the Dude’s vehicle,ashing its windshield. In between these extremes of cowardice and belligerence, but still in the negative realm of masculinity, full the Dude and his buddy Donny’s powerless repre- sentations.

The Dude, because of his pas-sivism, laziness, alcoholism and even hard stupidity, lacks the power to rationally communicate or combat injustice and oppres-sion. His inability to solve his own problems, depicted through his constant manipulation by and abuse from other characters, forces him to turn to Walter for help.

In the film’s final showdown, the Nihilists set fire to the Dude’s car, destroying it. The car then became a metaphor for the Dude’s impuissance. Throughout the story it is shot, crashed, stolen, used as a urinal, crashed again, assaulted with a bat and finally burned. Like the car, the Dude has no control over the events happening to or around him.

Donny is even more powerless, despite being the best bowler of the bunch. Every time he speaks, Walter immediately contradicts him or tells him to “shut up!” By providing extreme masculine representations associated with defeat and failure, “The Big Lebowski” encourages its viewers to come up with their own conception of masculinity somewhere between those extremes, and without the help of a traditionally represented hero.

If you look for a literal hero within the film, you will not find one. I hope. Instead, the film works to promote a different type of viewing, a viewing where individuals create and construct their own conception of gender rather than relying on what they see to form their own perceptions.

The film contains another character extreme, the story’s out-of-place narrator. Dressed in full cowboy garb, what the Old West would consider the height of manliness and masculinity — in other words, a perfect extreme — the narrator first introduces the Dude by posing a question: "Sometimes there’s a man. I won’t say a hero, ‘cause, what’s a hero?"

While the narrator may not know the answer to his question, neither may we, and that’s something to think and laugh about. For me, “The Big Lebowski” will always have a special place in my heart. Since first watching it eight years ago, I have shown it to numerous friends and family. And whether or not they’ve understood the film’s gender critique, we’ve shared laughter at the Dude’s expense nonetheless.

But hey, at least the guy is housebroken.

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By LIZ HARTER

When the four Bielski brothers escaped from the Nazis in Belarus in 1941, it's unlikely that any of them ever thought the subsequent four years of their lives would be made into a major motion picture 69 years later. But that's exactly what "Defiance" is — only problem is, it's just a bad major motion picture.

Looking at trailers for the movie, one would think they were going to see an action-adventure movie complete with Daniel Craig (a.k.a. the current James Bond) as Daniel Craig (played by the largely unknown Mia Wasikowska). Bell plays the headstrong brother who holds the Bielski headquarters and along the way introduces the two main characters from killing each other, he isn't gay for Bell, though. At least he has more of a role than Markay, who disappears after the death of his parents' murder by the Nazis. He has exactly one line in the entire film.

Granted, when you're facing the four Bielski brothers as they work to keep their camp of Jews hidden from the ending political turmoil. The camp needs protection, food, shelter and religion, and the Bielski manage to provide it all. The Jews a sense of community and family. While Craig does well with what the script gives him, Schreiber deserves the most praise for managing at least one laugh-free take during one of the film's more absurd scenes.

At one point, his girlfriend, Bella — who barely discloses anything about herself, only to reappear at a later point — is discussing "protection" with him. She wants to know why the women didn't have guns, and Schreiber says the men will protect the women. In one of the many awkward displays of affection that abound in "Defiance," Bella then tells him she needs his protection while ungracefully massaging his back.

The viewer is seemingly supposed to assume that this gesture implies the two are in love or a relationship, or that the man's "forest husband," the "forest husband" concept pops up repeatedly throughout the film, as those living in the forest community substitute a "for-est relationship" for what they left behind in the city. It is obvious with six minutes in the first five minutes that Craig and Schreiber are the stars of the film. Bell holds his own alongside the two with a secondary plot of finding love in the Bielski camp. He meets and marries Claire (Olga Ozroleviczky), played by the largely unknown Mia Wasikowska.

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Nadal beats Federer for Australian Open title

Top-ranked player claims Men's Singles championship in five sets; Becomes first Spaniard to win title

Rafael Nadal shakes hands with Australian tennis legend Rod Laver during the award ceremony after defeating Roger Federer in the Men's singles final match at the Australian Open.

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Rafael Nadal held off Roger Federer in another five-set Grand Slam final, keeping Pete Sampras' record of 14 major titles intact for now.

Nadal became the first Spanish man to win the Australian Open, beating Federer 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-2 in a momentum-swinging, 5-hour, 22-minute final that finished just after midnight on Sunday.

Federer, trying to equal Sampras' record, sobbed at the trophy presentation. "Maybe I'll try later. God, it's killing me," Federer said, crying. He returned to congratulate Nadal within minutes, saying: "You deserved it. You played a fantastic final."

Top-ranked Nadal, who has won five of the seven Grand Slam finals they've contested, now has a major on hard courts to go with his titles on clay and grass.

He's the only man capable of a Grand Slam this season, 40 years after Australian great Rod Laver last won all four majors in one season.

"Roger, sorry for today. I really know how you feel right now," Nadal said. "Remember, you're a great champion, you're one of the best in history. You have to go on to improve on the 14 of Sampras."

Nadal collected the trophy from Laver, on the court that was named in the great Australian's honor, and put his arm around Federer.

"To receive this trophy from Rod Laver is a dream for me," he said. "Rod, thanks very much. It was an amazing two weeks for me."

Nadal advanced to the final after holding off fellow Spanish left-hander Fernando Verdasco on Sunday in five hours, 14 minutes — the longest match in the tournament's history.

Federer had a straight-sets win over Andy Roddick the previous night, but said the difference in preparation had no influence on the final.

He said the fact he'd missed the Sampras record at a Grand Slam before was a factor, and Nadal had three times didn't make the loss any worse or easier to take.

"Honestly, no," he said. "I mean, it's more like, in the first moment you're disappointed, you're sad, you're poor, then all of a sudden it overwhelms you."

"The problem is you can't just take it in locker and room, you got to take it and make a cold shower. You're stuck there, it's the worst feeling... it's rough." Federer, so dominant when he won three of the four majors in 2006 and 2007, has now lost finals on three different surfaces to Nadal. He hasn't given up hope of beating the 25-year-old Spaniard.

"For sure," he said. "I didn't spend 4 1/2 hours out there (not believing it)."

Nadal has four consecutive titles on clay at Roland Garros and beat Federer on grass in a five-set epic at Wimbledon last year.

He is 13-6 overall against Federer and ended the Swiss star's 237-match streak without a loss. Last year after claiming the Beijing Olympic gold medal, Federer, who turned around that season with a U.S. Open title, saved two championship points from 15-40 in the eighth game of the fifth set but sent a forehand long on the third match point.

Nadal flipped onto his back, then got up and raced to shake hands.

The players put their arms around the other's shoulders at the net as they walked off the court.

Although Federer actually won one more point — 174-173 — his serve let him down all too frequently. He connected on only 51 percent of his first serves, and it seemed as if all of his six double-faults came at critical times.

And as the pressure ratcheted up in the fifth set, it was Federer who wilted, not Nadal. Federer had six double-faults and 14 unforced errors in the set, while Nadal had just two unforced errors and dropped only three points in four service games.

Federer was only able to convert 6 of 19 break point chances. Nadal converted 7 of 16.

Both players started tight, committing uncharacteristic errors. Knowing that weak shots would be punished, they were pushing the limits.

They exchanged service breaks in the first two frames. Normally calm on court, Federer pumped his fist after breaking for a 4-2 lead only to double-fault when facing break point in the next game.

Nadal got the key break with Federer serving at 5-5. The crowd was stunned when the Swiss smacked a forehand wide on an easy short ball to make it 5-6. Nadal followed with a winning backhand, passed Federer up the net, then held for the set.

With Nadal seemingly getting to everything and ripping winners, Federer was looking tentative and hesitating to charge the net.

But he started putting winners together and cutting his mistakes in the second set. After Nadal broke for a 4-3 lead, Federer broke the Spaniard's next two service games, taking a 5-3 lead after converting his fifth break point of the game. He then held to take the set.

Then the match intensified.

A mid a series of rallies lasting more than 20 shots, Nadal saved break points in his last two service games in the third set, and Federer fended off a set point while serving at 5-6.

A lunging backhand volley winner gave Nadal a 6-5 lead in the tiebreaker, earning him chants of "Rafa!" and Federer double-faulted. Federer saved five break points while serving at 2-2 in the fourth set, then broke Nadal in the next game for a 4-2 edge.

He closed with a service winner to even it at two sets apiece.

Nadal broke Federer for a 5-4 lead and the clock ticked past midnight in the next game, taking the tournament into a third week.

It was the first Australian Open men's final to go to five sets since Mats Wilander beat Pat Cash in 1988, the first at Melbourne Park.

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Pittsburgh wide receiver and Super Bowl MVP Santonio Holmes hails in the game-winning touchdown pass in the corner of the endzone with 35 seconds remaining in the Steelers 27-23 win.

Steelers win sixth Super Bowl

Associated Press

Tampa, Fla. — The winning play of the Super Bowl was right out of a schoolyard. Scamble right, scramble left, find someone open. The perfect unpunished ending to a game of improbable swings.

Their Steel Curtain shredded. Ben Roethlisberger and Santonio Holmes improvised the 6-yard touchdown down with 35 seconds left that gave the Pittsburgh Steelers a record-setting sixth Super Bowl victory, 27-23 over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday night.

"Great players step up in big-time games to make plays," said Holmes, the game's MVP. "He said he Roethlisberger that he "wanted to be the guy to make the plays for this team." And he was.

This thriller certainly matched last year's upset of the New England Patriots by the New York Giants that ended with Plaxico Burress' TD catch — with 35 seconds left, too.

But this one was even wilder. With the last ten-second-passed seconds ticking away, a kneeling Roethlisberger held coach Mike Tomlin's hand as Kurt Warner led one last, but futile, drive.

"These guys just don't blink," Tomlin said. "They deliver. It's never going to be pretty or perfect, if you will, but they have a great deal of resolve."

The Steelers (15-4), winning their second Super Bowl in four seasons, led 20-7 in the fourth quarter, only to see Warner and the Cardinals stage a remarkable rally to go in front 20-23 with 2:37 remaining.

Warner hit All-Pro receiver Larry Fitzgerald in stride for a 64-yard touchdown with 2:37 left. Already owning a slew of postseason receiving marks this year, Fitzgerald sped down the middle of the field, watching himself out on the Steelers on the huge video screen.

Fitzgerald could only watch from the sideline as Roethlisberger engineered a 78-yard drive to win it in what resembled Heinz Field South. With waves of twirling Terrible Towels turning Raymond James Stadium into a black-and-gold tableau, Steelers fans supporting their beloved team, the economy be damned — Pittsburgh's offense rescued the title.

IN BRIEF

Varitek, Red Sox reach preliminary agreement

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox wrapped up their offseason bargain hunting Friday by reaching a preliminary agreement with catcher and captain Jason Varitek, which pays him half as much in 2009 as he made last season.

Varitek heads into his 13th major league season, all with the Red Sox, with a guaranteed $5 million for 2009 and a player option of $3 million or a team option of $5 million for 2010, two people familiar with the talks said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the agreement was not yet final.

That's quite a drop from the four-year, $40 million deal that ended after last season and less than he would have made had he accepted the team's offer of arbitration in early December.

But it was keeping in the Red Sox strategy of conservative contracts while the New York Yankees went on a spending spree that amounted to $423.5 million in long-term deals for three free agents.

NFL greats Smith, Woodson make Hall of Fame

TAMPA — Bruce Smith, Red Woodson and Derrick Thomas, all witnesses for the defense, All Pro Football Hall of Famers.

The three were elected Saturday along with long-time Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson, who at age 90 will be the oldest person ever inducted; former Minnesota guard Randall McDaniel; and the late Bob Hayes, a standout wide receiver for Dallas and the 1964 Olympic 100 meters gold medalist.

Inductions will be Aug 8 in Canton, Ohio.

The only candidate among the seven finalists who didn't get in was former Falcons and Eagles defensive end Claude Humphrey.

Former commissioner Paul Tagliabue was denied entry for the third straight year, not even making it past the first round of cuts.

Ovechkin scores 3, Capsitals top Senators, 7-4

WASHINGTON — Alex Ovechkin claimed to dislike games that start early. His performance on the ice the past two contests told a different story.

Ovechkin scored three goals for his seventh career hat trick and second of the season to lead the Washington Capitals to a 7-4 win over the Ottawa Senators on Sunday.

It was the second consecutive day the Capitals had a 12:30 p.m. start. On Saturday, Ovechkin said he felt "sleepy" early in the game, but woke up with two goals in the third period. He had no problems getting going Sunday, picking up his three goals in the first two periods.

Asked after the game if he liked the early-game times, Ovechkin said, "No." Ovechkin said.

Saturday night, Ovechkin went to bed at about 8 p.m. and woke up at 6:30 a.m. to get to the arena for Sunday's game. Even though he's not a fan of the earlier routine, the early wake-up call clearly had him feeling fresh right from the start.
Men’s Tennis

Irish win one, lose one at ITA National Invite

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

No. 32 Notre Dame dropped its first match of the weekend to No. 12 Tulsa at the ITA National Indoors.

The Irish dropped the double points with No. 2 losses at one and three doubles. Tulsa’s fourth-ranked doubles team of Marissa Kellner and Elise Clays was able to win the doubles point on a clincher against Pepperdine.

The Irish singles team went 6-0 with wins over Tulane’s 19-8. The Irish went 6-1 in the singles point against Pepperdine.

Notre Dame v. Texas Tech

In their consolation match, the Irish were able to take down the No. 20 team in the nation, Texas Tech.

Again at No. 3 doubles, Fitzgerald and Johnson were able to come out on top in their match defeating David Gonzalez and Miles Kustudija by a score of 8-4.

Fitzgerald and Davis fell again in this match losing to the No. 7 team of Raoni Carvalho and Toldeo.

Watt and Havens won at No. 2 singles over a No. 61 opponent.

“Fitzgerald is brimming with talent,” Blasco said. “The No. 2-6 spots will likely come from a nucleus of Tyler Davis, Sam Keeton, Davis Anderson and Niall Fitzgerald, with Matt Johnson right there with them. Davis and Keeton are lefties, Anderson is very solid.”

Keeton was able to defeat Gonzalez by a score of 7-6 (8), 7-5 in the first match finished. Keeton’s record is now 0-1 on the young season.

Havens was able to defeat Sina Markovic by a score of 7-6 (4), 7-5.

Watt was able to win at No. 4 singles over Michael Bredy by a score of 6-1, 6-0.

“Watt and Havens were able to finish the match on time,” Blasco said.

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FENCING

Women top No. 1 Penn St.

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Notre Dame’s No. 1 men’s fencing team (13-0) and No. 2 women’s fencing team (12-2) combined for an 11-0 record at day one of the Northwestern Duals in Evanston, Ill. Both squads posted victories over top-ranked Penn State teams.

The men’s team won in turn over Johns Hopkins (23-4), Northwestern (20-7), Cleveland State (24-3), No. 10 North Carolina (21-6), and Penn State (14-13), who currently are tied with the Irish atop the USFCA poll.

On the women’s side, the team went 6-0 with wins against John’s Hopkins (25-2), Pennsylvania State (19-8), Temple (19-8), Farleigh Dickinson (24-3), Lawrence (25-2) and Wayne State (23-4).

The team’s early success has established the young Notre Dame fencers as one of the toughest squads in the country, and Irish coach Janusz Bednarski has his eyes set on his third national championship in seven years with the program.

The highlights of the first day of competition was when the men’s team’s 14-3 bout against rival Penn State. Holding a narrow 13-12 lead late in the match, Bednarski made a last-minute substitution, placing sophomore Jacob Oshorn into the epee 1-1 match-up. Oshorn was able to win 4-3 in the 3-point touch, but rallied off the next two points to clinch the match for the Irish.

"Oshorn is a fencer who can win against anybody," Bednarski said. "At the same time, he can run the technical show and score sophisticated touches as he gets more stable and more mature in his bouts.”

The Notre Dame women put on a clinic against Penn State, with a dominating 17-19 burst against the first-ranked rival.

Sophomore epeeist Ewa Nelin, foplist Hayley Reese, and sabre Elivam Hessei each went undefeated in 3-0, with Reese’s second victory against the 2007 National Champion, sophomore foplist Doris Willette.

"Reese is a young fencer who cannot stand to lose. Defeat is not an option when she is coming onto the strip," Bednarski said. "She is a very intelligent player who forces opponents to fence her way."
Swimming

Phelps discusses pot photo

Associated Press

Olympic great Michael Phelps acknowledged "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment" after a photo in a British newspaper showed him inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

In a statement to The Associated Press, Phelps confirmed that he won a record eight gold medals at the Beijing Games but did not dispute the authenticity of the exclusive picture published Sunday by The News of the World.

"I engaged in behavior which was regrettable and demonstrated bad judgment," Phelps said in the statement released by one of his agents. "I'm 23 years old and despite the successes I've had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and inappropriate way, not in a manner people have come to expect from me. For this, I am sorry. I promise my fans and the public I will learn from this experience."

"No one likes to see our sport's image tarnished," he continued. "I would like to express my disappointment to everyone who has come to expect the best from us.

"I am aware of the responsibilities that come with winning and being an Olympic champion. I accept the responsibility that I let people down and I am committed to doing better.

"Michael is a role model, and he is well aware of the responsibilities and accountability that come with setting a positive example for others, particularly young people," the USOC said in a statement. "In this instance, regrettable behavior has led to fulfillment of those responsibilities."

Phelps admitted nearly three months after the Olympics while Phelps was taking a long break from training, and this apparently would have no impact on the eight golds he won at Beijing. He has never tested positive for banned substances and even agreed to extra testing before the games.

Marijuana is viewed differently from other performance-enhancing drugs, according to David Howman, executive director of the World Anti-Doping Agency. An athlete is subject to WADA sanctions only for a positive test that occurs during competition periods.

"We don't have any jurisdiction," Howman said. "It's not out of period of competition, only if you test positive in competition.

Phelps returned to the pool a couple of weeks ago to begin preparation for the world championships in Rome. He plans to take part in his first pre-Olympic meet in early March, a competition he said would give him the opportunity to "acclimatize to two-day competition again," senior middle-distance runner Bill Buzaid said.

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S M C S W I M M I N G

Belles drop close match in final event

By ERIC PRINTER
Sports Writer

In their second last meet of the season, the Belles fell to the Kalamazoo Hornets 155-145 in a close match decided by the last event.

Coming in to the 400-yard freestyle relay, the final competition, the Belles trailed the Hornets by 15 points. Despite having been overcome by a victory in the 400. Unfortunately for the Belles, they were edged in the event, and therefore dropped their third head-to-head MIAA this season.

Despite the loss, the Belles had a successful meet, recording 10 season-bests.

The team started off quickly, setting one season-best in the first event of the night, Sophomore Maggie Williams and freshmen Audrey Dalymple, Eva Cavallini and Barbara Beidler started off the night with a 2:00.15 time in the 400-medley relay.

Then, in the next event, Senior Melissa Gerberth posted her season-best time in the 1000-yard freestyle event, which gave the first-place victory. Gerberth was also victorious in the 500-yard freestyle competition, in which she swam 5:25.87, another season-best.

Dalymple led the Belles with three first-place finishes, one in the 100-breaststroke, another in the 200-breaststroke and the last in the 200-individual medley, which was also a season-best time.

Williams was the only other Belle to achieve first-place honors with a victory in the 100-backstroke.

Many other Belles improved on their season-best time in the meet against the Hornets, a good sign as the Belles come closer to the MIAA Championships. Cavallini improved her 400-medley time, while Beidler recorded her best race of the year in the 200-freestyle.

Senior diver Leah Bozynski improved her scores in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. Another senior, Kate Over, cut two-tenths of a second off of her 100-free time and sophomore Caroline Aronos also topped her season-best time in the 100-butterfly.

The Belles will try to keep improving to make a strong showing to end the season, as they will take on conference opponent Oberlin this weekend before competing in the MIAA Championships Feb. 18-20 at Notre Dame.

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Irish impress in first two-day meets of year

By DOUG FARMER
Sports Writer

The Irish split up this past weekend, sending partial crews to the Villanova Open in Ohio and the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington. Notre Dame looked sharp in both of its first two-day meets of the year.

In his book No Limits: The Will to Succeed, Phelps recounted how his first phone call was to his agent, and not his mother or coach Bob Bowman, because he knew they would yell at him. Later, he called Bowman, who was supportive but told him, "Michael, just because you want to blow off some steam doesn't mean you can be an idiot.

"This is my only shot, and Bowman cried at the news.

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On the other end of the floor, the big difference was rebounding. Although Pittsburgh out-rebounded Notre Dame 25-16 in the first half, the Irish contained the damage, giving up only nine second-chance points. The Panthers, however, turned the second half into an offensive rebounding clinic, grabbing 13 and scoring 20 second-chance points. Notre Dame had 11 second-chance points for the entire game.

Leading the way for Pittsburgh on the glass was sophomore DeJuan Birt. The Irish had no answer for the 6-foot-7, 265-pound forward, who grabbed a career high 22 rebounds to go along with 23 points.

"My team did a good job of getting me the ball," Blair said. "Twenty-two rebounds? I didn't know that. That's crazy. That's really something.

"I think it was in everyone's mindset to rebound because when you get to rebound, you get to run," she said. "And that's our game, transition and running."

Blair for most of the afternoon, when the Irish led 36-26.

Irish junior Kyle McAlarney goes up for a layup in Notre Dame's 71-64 loss to Marquette Jan. 26 at the Joyce Center.

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Their whole team played well, and it showed.

Despite going up against another first-class big man, Harangody turned in another solid performance. He scored 27 points to go along with 11 rebounds and four assists.

Unlike previous games, Harangody got some scoring help from his teammates early in the game. Zeller scored a career-high 18 points, all coming on 3-point field goals in the first half. Forward Ryan Ayers rediscovered his shooting stroke, hitting two of four three-point field goals on his way to 10 points. Forward Zach Hillesland also matched double figures with 12 points.

Note:

- Despite its second half struggles, Notre Dame became the first team to crack the 80-point plateau this season against Pittsburgh.
- "I think it was in everyone's mindset to rebound because when you get to rebound, you get to run," she said. "And that's our game, transition and running."

"We're just sick of losing, and we're sick of talking about losing. We have to get out there and let our actions show," said Irish senior Sheldon Schrader.

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the Leprechaun Legion painted their chests, "New Streak Starts Tonight." It didn't. Instead, Notre Dame is stuck in a five-game losing streak.

The next night on Jan. 27 the women took the court against a mediocre Rutgers squad to right the ship. Wrong.

The Lady Irish dropped their second straight and ended their own 13-game home streak. The last time they lost at home was exactly one year before against, who else, the Connecticut Huskies.

Friday night, the No. 1-ranked hockey team put its own 20-game winning streak on the line against No. 7/8 Michigan. The Irish held one of the most exploitive offenses in the country to only two goals, but the curse struck again and yet another streak went up in smoke.

What happened?

There were some big hits Friday, but no goals was shattered. The Irish backcourt needed a ladder to guard 7-foot-3 Huskies center Hasheem Thabeet, but no one walked underneath it. I searched the entire campus and couldn't find any billy goats.

After some serious detective work, I think I may have gotten to the bottom of the unlucky Irish.

The night before the evil spirit mucinophurin, a small group of men was spotted inside the Joyce Center performing what could only be described as voodoo magic. These self-proclaimed magicians blessed their eerie whistling music while defying gravity. One of them even turned a basket of water into confetti in mid air. The other was the site started by the Harlem Globetrotters.

The Globetrotters didn't post their game's results anywhere with public access, but rumor has it even the Washington Generals left the Joyce Center with an upset win — officially ending the 25,000-plus game winning streak for Harlem.

The JACC needs an exorcism. University President John Jenkins made a phone call this weekend that he thought would help.

Jenkins got in contact with an old friend from the seminary, Father Lancaster Merrin. You may remember him from his role in the 1973 horror thriller "The Exorcism."

Sadly, Merrin's a busy man. He said he would only come to cast out the evil of the JACC when Mike Brey's head starts spinning in circles.

Unfortunately, mock turbulences are extremely restrictive when it comes to heads spinning.

That leaves Jenkins and the athletic office with only one option, it's time to level the Joyce.

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unbeaten streak. Despite the loss, Notre Dame sophomore right wing Ryan Guentzel said the big-game atmosphere got the Irish players more than ready to go.

"It was crazy," he said. "Forty-five minutes before warm-up the student section was absolutely packed. It got the players fired up, and it just shows how far this program has come."

The teams traded chances in the first period, the Irish had the advantage in shots on goal, but Michigan generated more quality scoring chances. The Wolverines finally broke through late in the period though, when Notre Dame senior center Erik Condra appeared to be tripped from behind, but no penalty was called. Michigan forward David Wohlberg picked up the loose puck and fed it to teammate Travis Turnbull.

Turnbull beat his defensemen at the right circle and tucked a backhand shot past the post on Irish goalie Jordan Pearce's stick to give Michigan a 1-0 lead at 16:59 of the first period.

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson thought that play should have been stopped when Condra was pulled down.

"No question," Jackson said when asked if he thought a penalty should have been called. "I went back and watched it on tape. They called the same penalty on Ian Cole later in the game."

A goal immediately after an offensive zone faceoff from Wolverines forward Tim Miller 40 seconds into the second period doubled the Michigan lead to 2-0 and seemed to all but kill the once-raucous JACC crowd.

The Irish failed to take advantage of back-to-back Michigan penalties, and the score remained 2-0 with 10 minutes left in the second. Soon after, though, Guentzel pushed the puck into the Wolverines net after a prolonged scramble in the crease, cutting the lead to 2-1 and re-energizing the Irish squad.

"I just closed my eyes and it went in," Guentzel joked.

After the goal, however, Michigan went into full defensive mode. In what could only be described as a textbook road third period, the Wolverines allowed only five Irish shots in the final stanza, none of them threatening.

"It wasn't really a shutdown effort," Michigan coach Red Berenson said. "It was just one of those games where it seemed we took our time."

Irish defenseman Kyle Lawson thought the Wolverines coach was just being humble.

"I think he's being a little modest," Lawson said. "That's why he's so good at what he does. They came in here and executed their gameplan better than we did, I think."

Despite the loss, Jackson remained confident after the game.

"Sometimes losses are good for the soul," Jeff Jackson Irish coach

"Sometimes losses are good for the soul," Jackson said. "It's good to have a nice streak like that; it's been good for the program. But at the same time it's about us getting ready for the end of the season and games like this help us do that." The Irish got right back to work, not only a no-lose situation Saturday, holding off a Michigan rally to walk out of Yost Arena with a win.

Notre Dame got on the board first after freshman right wing Billy Maday picked up a Calle Ridderwall rebound past Wolverine netminder Bryan Hogan at 9:15 of the opening frame.

Junior right wing Ryan Thang made the lead 2-0 on a penalty shot goal at 4:07 in the second period. After being hauled down from behind by Michigan defensemen Steve Kamps and Thang started the penalty shot moving wide to his backhand side, before switching to forehand and snapping a shot over Hogan's glove. The goal was Notre Dame's first on a penalty shot since Rob Gliko's in 2001. A goal from Ridderwall at 12:50 in the second gave the Irish a 3-0 lead going into the final period.

Now, however, is safe at Yost Arena, and with the Badgers refocusing, it's a go-quietly. A pair of power-play goals, the first at 4:27 from Aaron Palushaj and the second from Robbie Czarnecki at 4:45, made for a tense finale in Ann Arbor. But despite being outshot 14-3 in the final period, Pearce and the Irish defense held strong.

Notre Dame's senior goalie finished with 36 saves on the night.

Despite the Irish's intimidat­ ing reputation, Notre Dame has won two of its last three trips to Yost Arena, and could easily face Michigan again in the CCHA Championship in late March.

The Irish return to action next weekend with a trip to No. 14 Ohio State.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Pitt comes back to give Notre Dame its fifth straight loss**

By GREG ARBOGAST  
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Fifty-six seconds into the second half, Irish coach Mike Brey called a timeout to slowdown the Pittsburgh Panthers. It was too late. The No. 3 Panthers had already seized the initial Notre Dame halftime lead and they continued to roll, handing the Irish their fifth consecutive loss with a 93-80 win in Pittsburgh Saturday.

For the first 20 minutes Saturday, Notre Dame rebounded, defended and shot its way to a 45-29 lead at intermission. But that didn’t last long. Receiving the ball to start the second half, the Irish turned it over on their first possession. Pittsburgh guard Levance Fields hit a three to cut Notre Dame’s lead in half. Then the Irish turned it over on their second possession. The Panthers’ Sam Young, who stole the ball, went coast-to-coast finishing strong while getting fouled for a basket. He hit the free throw to tie the game at 45.

After a timeout, the Panthers scored the next two baskets, with forward DeJuan Blair damping the 16-0 run on a thunderous put-back slam of a Jermaine Dixon miss. Poof. Just like that, everything the Irish had worked for in the first half was suddenly rendered irrelevant.

Irish forward Luke Harangody ended the Pittsburgh run with an inside basket, but consecutive 3-pointers by Dixon and Fields put the Panthers up by eight with 15:40 remaining. Notre Dame would get no closer the rest of the way.

What hurts us is how we started the second half,” Notre Dame coach Mike Brey told the AP. “You can’t do that against a really good team in their building. It’s hard to overcome.”

The Panthers outscored the Irish 54-35 in the final 20 minutes of play.

**HOCKEY**

**Dances with Wolverines**

Team splits weekend series with Michigan

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In two close games that lived up to their billing, the Irish split their weekend series with Michigan, falling 2-1 Friday night in the Joyce Center, and winning 3-2 Saturday night in Ann Arbor.

The split allowed the No. 1 Irish (24-4-3, 14-3-3-3 CCHA) to maintain their hold on first place in the CCHA, two points ahead of Miami (OH) with two games in hand on the RedHawks.

Friday night, in front of a packed crowd sporting “White Out” T-shirts, the No. 7/8 Wolverines (19-9-0, 15-7-0-0 CCHA) brought an end to Notre Dame’s school-record 20-game see SPLIT/page 17

**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Irish rebound against Cinci**

Schrader leads the way as ND snaps two-game losing streak

By BILL BRINK  
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To senior guard Lindsay Schrader, no rebound was too far away, no loose ball too much effort, and no shot too difficult.

Schrader had 19 points and a career-high 15 rebounds during No. 17 Notre Dame’s 66-50 win over Cincinnati Saturday at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame’s offensive rebounding and forceful Cincinnati (13-7, 3-4) to turn the ball over 26 times. They scored 26 points.

Schrader had 19 points and 15 rebounds in Notre Dame’s 66-50 win over Cincinnati on Saturday.

**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Hope gets revenge in win over Saint Mary’s**

By ALEX WEST  
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On Jan. 3, Saint Mary’s pulled off an upset of then-No. 1 Hope College to take control of the MIAA. Saturday afternoon, the No. 3 Flying Dutch (16-3) got redemption and put back on top of the MIAA with an 84-59 victory over the Belles (11-8).

The Flying Dutch started out the game strong and never took their foot off the gas. Just six minutes into the contest, Miranda Kwapisz hit a 3-pointer that put Hope up 11 points. The Belles were able to cut the lead back to seven with 12:44 in the first half, but Hope pulled away to a 39-25 lead at halftime.

The Flying Dutch continued to dominate both sides of the ball in the second half. The Belles couldn’t find an answer for Carrie Snikkers who scored a game-high 21 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Jessica Ceniza was the leading scorer for the Belles with 12 points. Senior forward Erin Newsom added 10 points and five rebounds, both under her season average.

On the bright side for the Belles, they forced the Flying Dutch into 18 turnovers and held them under 39 percent shooting. But the Flying Dutch dominated the boards, out rebounding the Belles 37-45. The Belles finished their four-game road trip 3-1, but fell to second place in the MIAA standings with Saturday’s loss. They will try to bounce back at home again on Wednesday. Tip off it set for 7:30 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Facility.

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