Reish, Schmidt present to Trustees

Off-campus safety and security, community relations are prime focus of meeting

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Student government leaders met with the Student Affairs Committee of the University Board of Trustees to offer updates on key initiatives they presented in their fall meeting, with a specific focus on off-campus building safety and security and the State of the Student Union.

Student body president Bob Reish, student body vice president Grant Schmidt, Bobbie chief executive assistant Kaityn Koski offered a PowerPoint presentation to the members of the Board with an overview of their efforts toward accomplishing goals of better relationships between members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities and informing students on how to be safe off campus.

“We’re interested in making students more familiar with their off-campus surroundings and providing them with services to make them more comfortable off campus,” Koski said.

The results of the student survey distributed in the fall showed students were unaware of resources available to guide them through a move off campus, she said.

“We need to address the unawareness factor and make sure people know where to find this information, who to call and how to access the Good Neighbor Guide created by student government,” Koski said.

Reish listed the series of off-campus block parties held earlier in the year, a Winter Break safety forum, and the recent presentation titled “How to Party Legally” as ways student government has reached out to address these concerns.

He said student government is working with the Good Neighbor Guide to sustainably add other resources, like a “Know Your Rights” guide.

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I love Notre Dame's campus. It's beautiful and rich with history of many generations of scholars. Nothing could be more gorgeous than an early autumn sunset shining its beautiful rays down on Notre Dame's old buildings, students frolicking on the quads, playing Frisbee or football.

However, I have a complaint to register with the community of Notre Dame. I know I'm not the only one with this complaint — it was actually a friend of mine that brought this situation up. It all started with a mention of, "Would you look at that?" Now it irritates me beyond belief, and I'm on a rampage.

All of the public clocks on Notre Dame campus are running slow by at least two to three minutes.

When I say public clocks, I mean the ones on the outside of O'Shaughnessy Hall, Jordan Hall of Science, and the Basilica. Why are they running slow? Why? Who's to say?

They've been that way as long as anyone can remember, according to the people that I've asked. Maybe this is something little and petty to be irritated by, but honestly, it makes life difficult.

What irritates me so much is that I will be walking into O'Shaugh and I will look up to see the time thinking, "Oh, look! I still have five minutes until class!"

Then I walk into class late, because that clock is running five minutes slow. Do you see how inconvenient that is? I'm sure I'm not the only one that has come across this problem. People have got to dislike walking into class, like, five minutes into the lecture, and all because of a clock that he or she assumed was on time. I'm also sure that the professors don't like it. Or, maybe I just need to relax. But I don't think I'm the only one who's annoyed by this. So, if everyone agrees with me on this, why don't we change it?

I just wonder one thing though, the building managers? The building staff? Some mythical Notre Dame timekeeper? Is it even possible to change them?

So, I'm sending out a plea here: please, pretty please, just fix the clocks so that they're on time. I mean, having them running slow doesn't ben't do anyone. You've got the power, whoever can change the clocks. If you just don't want them to be on time, for some odd reason or another, at least make them honest. Then, at least students will be getting to class early, instead of late. I don't think that's too much to ask — anyone else with me?

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IN BRIEF

There will be a lecture titled "The Civil Rights Movement's Impact on Black Education." The lecture will take place Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased at performngarts.nd.edu or by calling 574-631-2800.

The Browning Cinema will present the film "Children of Men," directed by Alfonso Cuaron, at 8:30 p.m. tonight 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 Center (574-631-2800).

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to aosnews@nd.edu.
By AARON STEINER
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Nationally recognized diversity experts will meet with Notre Dame students and faculty, as well as alumni and local business leaders, this weekend to discuss issues related to diversity in the workplace in the second annual MBA Diversity Conference.

The conference, beginning today and running throughout the day Saturday, is organized by MBA students and is titled "Balancing Business Diversity: Celebrating Our Differences While Achieving a Common Goal."

Pete Perrella, senior associate director for Career Development in the MBA program, said the program began last year, spurred by Development in the MBA program, which came about as a result of conversations with MBA students and alumni about diversity issues.

"The conference is also an opportunity "to ensure that our students at all levels are exposed to this," he said. "If they're going to be a good business leader, they will understand the importance of diversity," Perrella said.

Ashley Clark, a second-year MBA student and co-coordinator of the conference, said recent events have made the conference even more relevant. "I think it's a really interesting time with out new president, and all that's happening... everything that we're learning about diversity and the global marketplace," she said.

The conferences will allow participants, especially students, to discuss diversity "more than we do on a daily basis in our classes," she said. Perrella said the conference kicks off with a reception in the Notre Dame Stadium Press Box Friday evening.

Saturday's events include three keynote speakers, networking opportunities and several panel discussions, he said. Clark said she is especially looking forward to hearing from Wendy Lewis, senior vice president of diversity for Major League Baseball.

"I'm really interested in her perspective as a businesswoman for a national sports organization," Clark said.

Other speakers include John Cruz Jr., the national diversity specialist for USA Swimming, and Lisa Gutierrez, executive director of global diversity at Cummins Inc., a Columbus, Ind., company that is serving as the primary sponsor of the conference.

University administrators Frances Shavers, chief of staff, and special assistant to the University president, and Dr. Don Pope-Davis, University vice president and associate provost, will also attend the events, along with a number of local business leaders and Notre Dame alumni.

Clark said registration for the event is closed and 140 attendees are expected, including MBA students and a number of undergraduates from all areas of study.

"I hope that the event gives participants a different perspective and gives students, especially, an opportunity to "not be afraid to ask questions," about diversity.

"I just hope that people learn that diversity doesn't stand something a little better," she said.

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SMC to confer with Indiana colleges

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

About 115 students from 10 Indiana schools will come to Saint Mary's this weekend to share ideas about what works and what doesn't on college campuses.

Saint Mary's last hosted the annual Indiana Residence Hall Association Organization Conference (IRHO) in 1995. Senior Maura Clougherty, president of Saint Mary's Residence Hall Association (RHA), said the timing is perfect to host the conference.

"We have been wanting to get more involved in IRHO the past few years, and it is a great chance to show off our beautiful campus," Clougherty said. "With the addition of Spa Units Hall and the Hinton Garden Inn here on campus, it is a perfect place to have a conference."

The conference, entitled, "Will You Be a Catalyst?" has an opening ceremony on Friday night with the keynote speaker, Patrick Daniel, the dean of Student Involvement, and a roll call in which students introduce themselves through a skit, song or dance. Later that night, the event will be performed by Bell-apeala, a movie showing and an opportunity to play Nintendo Wii, Clougherty said.

On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the delegations will attend several programs that are meant for schools to share ideas about improving life on campus. Some of the programs that Saint Mary's will be presenting are "How to Manage Time as a Student Leader," "How to run an Effective Meeting" and "How to bring Dance Marathon to your campus."

Saturday will end with a banquet dinner, where awards will be distributed, the conference will come to a close and the conference will be followed by a dance, she said.

At Saint Mary's, the conference has housed delegates in a hotel, Mcinerney said. "Typically, the students sleep on a floor somewhere on campus, but because of the amount of students attending the conference and the fact that Saint Mary's College is an all-women's college, we will be housing them in the Hinton Garden Inn."

Mcinerney said this conference presents an opportunity for the students to come to a location with a different perspective from other schools.

"I am looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new people," Mcinerney said. "These conferences usually involve old friends and meeting new people, and you meet such fun great people at them and then you have to see them again."

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Paper offers insight into new species

ND researchers explore importance of creation of organisms

This year marks both the bicentennial of Charles Darwin's birth and the biannual publication of his seminal work, "On the Origin of Species." Just in time for the Darwin observances, a new paper appearing today in the journal Science by a team led by Noize Dame researchers Andrew Forbes, Thomas Powell and Jeffrey Feder offers important insights into how new species come to be.

"This study is important because it shows how biodiversity itself can be a major generator of biodiversity," Forbes said. "In most species form, they can create new opportunities for others to take advantage of which, in turn, can lead to a chain reaction of even more new species forming."

In the paper, Forbes, Powell and colleagues demonstrate that the parasitic wasp Drosophila longicauda is evolving into a new incipient species, a step along the way of specializing on the Rhagoletis fruit flies that attack these trees. These Rhagoletis flies are themselves actively diversifying and forming new species.

For the flies, the process begins with a shift to a new host plant, the apple. These Rhagoletis pomonella flies originally attacked hawthorn trees. But about 150 years ago, a portion of the hawthorn fly population shifted and began to feed on apples. As ecologically adapting to apples, a new host plant, apple flies are becoming genetically distinct and reproductively isolated from hawthorn flies. The apple race of the Rhagoletis species is a new major pest of apples in the United States and the proverbial "worm in the apple."

Every new opportunity opens a world for others, however. The Notre Dame researchers show that the Drosophila wasp that parasitizes Rhagoletis hosts has now been hatched, shifted to use the fly larvae that feed within the apple as new resource. Indeed, the wasp has evolved many of the same ecological adaptations to live on flies in apples that the wasp has evolved before it. And so it goes, with the formation of one new species planting the seed that germinates in the beginning of another.

But in a plot twist, the apple wasp's ancestors appear to have come from a Rhagoletis fly infesting blue hawthorns — one turn does indeed lead to another.

"The idea that there are "species piling up" in nature has important applications not only to understanding the process of speciation, but also for theories concerning how biodiversity reforms following mass extinction events. Why did some species survive that others didn't? What causes organisms with certain lifestyles may be more diverse than others, and for why certain areas of biotic regions may have more life forms than others," Feder said.

Where Darwin once traveled to the Galapagos Islands and others have explored the Great Barrier Reef, Notre Dame researchers have discovered new life forms in other far-off places in pursuit of the origins of biodiversity. In one case, the apple fly and the apple wasp worked together to solve its ultimate "mystery of mysteries" can be a new wasp... but it needs plant defense before our eyes to "seed" a new species.

Other researchers participating in the study are Lukasz L. Stelinski from the University of Florida and James J. Smith from Michigan State University.
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And the audience didn’t have to wait long for that to happen. In the opening act, entitled “Turn the Noise Off,” a group of males came on stage stripped down to their boxers, dancing to the song “Camarilla.”

Wiggling, rubbing and thrusting their way around the stage, the dancers set the tone for the rest of the show, which was minimal pants wearing, sexual humor and more puns than I could ever dream of saying.

The third student government group also elaborated on their accomplishments in terms of campus technology, the University’s sexual assault policy, and intercollegiate networking.

So far, one of the most collaborative effort behind the change from WebMail to Google Calendar, at the beginning of this academic year. Switching to this new platform has allowed students to access many applications, like Google Documents and Calendar, he said. One of these solutions, which can be used to share information and coordinate schedules, is the Student Group Calendar.

Many of the Reish-Schmidt initiatives this year have been results of the student survey conducted fall semester. Koski told the Board.

One of these initiatives, she explained, is the Gender Issues Committee’s work on the sexual assault policy, which resulted in a resolution recommending its revision, that was unanimously approved in the Student Senate. The theme of the Reish-Schmidt initiatives, "Bridging the Gap," extends to the backdrop of student government with peer institutions, Reish said. Schmidt "raunchy" parts of the show, which was appreciated by the audience, had to be cut.

Dr. Bernardin said about their Web site, "It was something no one else has done before." Schafer said that he thinks that it is easier to get donations, when students know how much of a sacrifice Siegfried residents are making. "It seems like a good cause, and everyone always tells me I don’t wear enough layers," Schafer said. "So why not do it for the homeless?"

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Germany tries to search for Heim

BERLIN — Germany will seek Egypt's permission to search the body of the Nazi war criminal Albert Heim after new information indicated the Austrian concentration camp officer was freed more than two years ago, investigative sources said Thursday.

Heim must be certified as dead before Germany can begin searching for the former Nazi war criminal, and the case is expected to be handed over to a court next week, officials said.

Heim, who was born in 1921, was arrested in 1995 as he was about to board a flight to Dubai in December 1994. He was later charged with war crimes and sentenced to life in prison.

Heim was freed on the same day in August 2002 and has not been heard from since.

The Austrian government will need Egypt's consent to begin searching for Heim, and Egypt has said it will not give permission.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Shackled murder suspect escapes

PHILADELPHIA — A private prison transportation company lost an attempted-murder suspect Wednesday whose handcuffs were removed by a prison inmate.

The suspect, a 31-year-old man, is charged with the murder of a Philadelphia man in 1995. He was placed in an outer cell of a prison on Wednesday and could not be located shortly after the escape.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Principal grazed by gunshots

GARY, Ind. — Police say a Gary High School principal was grazed in the shoulder by a bullet fired by a man who was shot and killed in a car with her husband and grandchild.

Gary Police Commander Richard Allen says Walt McFarland was inside his car when a man drove up alongside the vehicle and shot at the couple. The man then fled on foot.

Another man was killed in a separate shooting at a nearby 7-Eleven store.

**IRAQ**

Support shown for al-Maliki in election

BAGHDAD — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki’s allies swept to victory over Shiite religious parties during last weekend’s nationwide elections in Iraq — a rousing endorsement of his crackdown on extremists, according to official results released Thursday.

The impressive showing, which must be certified by independent election observers, places al-Maliki in a strong position before parliamentary elections later this year and would bolster U.S. confidence that it can begin withdrawing more of its 140,000 troops.

The results were a major blow to Iraq’s biggest Shiite religious party — the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council — which trailed in every Shiite province including its base in the holy city of Najaf.

Still, the margin of victory in a number of Shiite provinces was narrow, indicating the prime minister’s supporters will have to cut deals with their rivals in order to govern.

And al-Maliki’s Coalition of the State of Law gained little traction in Sunni areas, suggesting that sectarian divisions still play a major role in Iraqi politics. Al-Maliki is himself a Sunni from a religious party but his bloc ran on a platform against sectarianism.

Some Western diplomats believe al-Maliki’s biggest problem now will be finding enough deals from fellow Sunnis as well as Sunnis and Kurds who all underestimated him two years ago but now have a strong vested interest in curbing his power.

The elections, for ruling councils in 14 of the 18 provinces, were the first nationwide balloting since December 2005 and went off peacefully. But a suicide bomber struck Tuesday in an ethnically tense northern town, killing 14 people, according to U.S. and Iraqi officials.

The election commission must apportion seats on provincial councils based on the percentages of the vote won by each party, a process that could take weeks. Council members will then elect the provincial governors.

Al-Maliki’s biggest victories came in Baghdad and Basra, Iraq’s second largest city, where voters rewarded him for last spring’s offensive crushing Shiite militias that had ruled the streets for years.

**FBI finds new leads in Tylenol case**

Man linked to deadly 1982 poisonings investigated

Investigators watch a man linked to the 1982 Tylenol poisonings in Cambridge, Mass., Wednesday.

Associated Press

BOSTON — James W. Lewis has a habit of getting into trouble. And a knack for getting out of it, too.

He was charged with killing and dismembering a man in Kansas City, Mo., in 1975, but the case was thrown out. He was jailed on rape charges later in Massachusetts, but went free when the victim refused to testify.

And while authorities in Chicago have long suspected Lewis was responsible for the deadly 1982 Tylenol poisonings, the only thing they ever pinned on him was an extortion attempt against the maker of the pain reliever. No one was ever charged in the seven cyanide deaths.

Now the FBI says there are new leads in the case and on Wednesday seized a computer and boxes of files from Lewis’s Boston-area home. The mysterious and sudden flurry of activity has raised hopes of a long-awaited break in the sensational 26-year-old case.

"Up until yesterday, I thought this would never be solved in my lifetime or ever," said Jack Eliason, whose sister, Mary McFarland, a 31-year-old computer assistant who had Down syndrome, was killed.

"But I thought I’d wake up one morning and they’d be at the door to say we’ve got him. That never happened."
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specifically for this show. The DanceFest dancers auditioned in September and have been preparing once a week since then for this event.

The numbers highlight a wide variety of talents, as many of the campus groups welcome beginners.

"DanceFest provides a great opportunity for people who have always wanted to continue dancing at college," said senior Lauren Nolan, one of the DanceFest choreographers.

Nolan noted the importance of promoting different cultural dances that reflect the heritage of the dancers. "This is an event for students that want to experience different types of dance. Students can increase their cultural awareness about dance by seeing styles they may not have been introduced to before," she said. Maloney is excited to see the result of the hard work and dedication of all the DanceFest members this weekend, "and how it will lead to a lot of talented people and the public getting a chance to see the finished product," she added.

The performances will take place Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for $4 at the door.

This year, all the proceeds of DanceFest will benefit La Casa De Amistad, a youth and adult center located on the west side of South Bend, which addresses the needs of the South Bend area Hispanics through organized activities and support.

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SRI LANKA
As war ends, ethnic tensions remain

Associated Press

COLOMBO — The Sri Lankan government is poised to crush the Tamil Tigers, a quarter-century civil war that has killed thousands of Tamils and will face its major challenge beyond the battlefield, resolution of the ethnic conflict that fueled the war.

The government long dominated Tamil minority on this South Asian island nation more say in a government long dominated by the Sinhalese majority.

"The sowing of discord belongs to the past. The future belongs to those who sow the seeds of unity," he said in a speech Wednesday marking Independence Day.

Critics welcome the words, but they say little has actually been done to reconcile the ethnic groups.

"The military machine is in full action ... in the political stage," in the "move ment at all," said independent lawmaker Mano Ganesan, who is Tamil. "The causes that led to the creation of Tamil nationalism, and from Tamil nationalism to Tamil extremism, and from Tamil extremism to Tamil terrorism, they very much exist today.

The ethnic conflict traces back to Sri Lanka's inde­ pendence from Britain 61 years ago, when the mainly Buddhist Sinhalese took power after decades of what the British favored toward the mainly Hindu Tamils.

In the many years, succes­ sive governments domi­ nated by the Sinhalese pushed policies favoring their language and commu­ nity and marginalizing Tamils. By the 1970s, a patchwork of rival Tamil and Sinhalese groups began calling for a separate state in the historic Tamil heartland in the north-east, which they called Tamil Eelam.

War broke out in 1983 when Tamil Tigers guerrillas killed 13 soldiers in an ambush and Sinhalese mobs retaliated with anti-Tamil riots that left many Tamils of the Tigers killed as many as 7,000 people.

Thousands of Tamils joined the rebels, known formally as the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Tens of thousands of others fled abroad, creating a Tamil diaspora that has been a rich source of funding for the rebels.

The Tamil community accounts for about 18 per­ cent of Sri Lanka's 20 mil­ lion people, and Sinhalese comprise about 74 percent. Most of the rest are Muslims.

The government says that once it finesses off the rebels, it will be willing to devolve some power to the provinces, giving Tamils, with large populations in the north and east, a significant say in local affairs.

It also promises a big influx of economic aid for development in the north.

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"This is an event for stu­ dents that want to experience different types of dance. Students can increase their cultural awareness about dance by seeing styles they may not have been introduced to before," she said. Maloney is excited to see the result of the hard work and dedication of all the DanceFest members this weekend, "and how it will lead to a lot of talented people and the public getting a chance to see the finished product," she added.

The performances will take place Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for $4 at the door.

This year, all the proceeds of DanceFest will benefit La Casa De Amistad, a youth and adult center located on the west side of South Bend, which addresses the needs of the South Bend area Hispanics through organized activities and support.

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SRI LANKA
As war ends, ethnic tensions remain

Associated Press

COLOMBO — The Sri Lankan government is poised to crush the Tamil Tigers, a quarter-century civil war that has killed thousands of Tamils and will face its major challenge beyond the battlefield, resolution of the ethnic conflict that fueled the war.

The government long dominated Tamil minority on this South Asian island nation more say in a government long dominated by the Sinhalese majority.

"The sowing of discord belongs to the past. The future belongs to those who sow the seeds of unity," he said in a speech Wednesday marking Independence Day.

Critics welcome the words, but they say little has actually been done to reconcile the ethnic groups.

"The military machine is in full action ... in the political stage," in the "move ment at all," said independent lawmaker Mano Ganesan, who is Tamil. "The causes that led to the creation of Tamil nationalism, and from Tamil nationalism to Tamil extremism, and from Tamil extremism to Tamil terrorism, they very much exist today.

The ethnic conflict traces back to Sri Lanka's inde­ pendence from Britain 61 years ago, when the mainly Buddhist Sinhalese took power after decades of what the British favored toward the mainly Hindu Tamils.

In the many years, succes­ sive governments domi­ nated by the Sinhalese pushed policies favoring their language and commu­ nity and marginalizing Tamils. By the 1970s, a patchwork of rival Tamil and Sinhalese groups began calling for a separate state in the historic Tamil heartland in the north-east, which they called Tamil Eelam.

War broke out in 1983 when Tamil Tiger guerrillas killed 13 soldiers in an ambush and Sinhalese mobs retaliated with anti-Tamil riots that left many Tamils of the Tigers killed as many as 7,000 people.

Thousands of Tamils joined the rebels, known formally as the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Tens of thousands of others fled abroad, creating a Tamil diaspora that has been a rich source of funding for the rebels.

The Tamil community accounts for about 18 per­ cent of Sri Lanka's 20 mil­ lion people, and Sinhalese comprise about 74 percent. Most of the rest are Muslims.

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Car bomb leaves man without eye

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK — Federal agents investigating a car bombing that critically injured a state medical official focused Thursday on a tire the victim reportedly was trying to move from his driveway just before the blast.

Dr. Trent P. Pierce, 54, remained in critical condition at a hospital Thursday, a day after the bomb blew up in West Memphis as he prepared to leave for work. The chairman of the Arkansas State Medical Board lost his left eye in the blast, suffered burns and was pelted with shrapnel.

"I am conscious and responding," board member Joseph Beck told colleagues Thursday at their previous scheduled meeting in Little Rock. "I know our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Pierce and his family.

Dr. Scott Ferguson, a family friend, said Pierce's family told him a tire had been left in the way of Pierce's hybrid Lexus sport-utility vehicle Wednesday. Ferguson said Pierce apparently backed down to move the tire out of the way just before the explosion.

Austin Banks, a senior special agent with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said investigators want to learn more about the tire.

"This is a lead we're going to follow up on," he said.

Ferguson declined to comment on what agents were looking at in the爆炸. Agents also wanted to look at lawsuits involving the family physician, most of which have been settled.

Beck questioned whether a board decision played any part in the bombing.

"Any time a person's profes­ sional license is at stake, emo­tions run high, but that's been going on for years with this board," the Little Rock doctor said. "This was something atypical and terrible."
Bailout plan to be unveiled Monday

Treasury secretary to deliver outline of new economic stimulus package

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and other officials said Thursday that changes were being considered to the current accounting standard that requires banks to carry assets such as mortgage-backed securities on their books at face value, a process known as "mark to market."

Critics of this process contend that it has made the current financial crisis worse by forcing banks to slash the value of assets that are currently depressed because of market conditions. Treasury officials said the administration's plan was not yet complete and would be revealed in Geithner's speech in Washington next week.

Some key lawmakers are examining alternatives to the current rules on marking down bank assets as a possible way to address the banking crisis.

Senator Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said Thursday in an interview that he wanted to consider the possibility of doing something other than mark-to-market during times when "you get into a procyclical environment and things are spiraling down... but I haven't endorsed anything yet."

Meanwhile, real estate lobbyists were pressing the government to speed up the process of temporarily subsidizing lower mortgage rates. They were looking to Geithner's announcement Monday in hopes that some banks of the financial rescue money would be used to reduce mortgage rates and prevent foreclosures.

The Federal Reserve has been buying up mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae for a month. Before a rise in interest rates over the last few weeks, mortgage rates had plunged since the Fed announced the creation of the $500 billion program late last year.

"They can certainly expand on it to help the banks to deal with the process of maintaining the purchase of the Treasury securities," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist with the National Association of Realtors.

Geithner is expected to unveil the first time as chairman of President Obama's Working Group on Financial Markets.

President Obama's Working Group on Financial Markets. The group was formed in the wake of the 1987 stock market crash with the goal of better coordinating the government's response to market crises.

The administration's overhaul of the controversial $700 billion bailout plan is expected to provide support to banks with deals to some of the toxic assets that are now weighing down their balance sheets and keeping them from resuming more normal lending.

Geithner said the overhaul of the rescue program... again faces a crisis of this magnitude," said Geithner.

Janet Yellen, chairwoman of the Federal Reserve, said the economy was "in the very early stages of a recovery" and that the Federal Reserve is committed to maintaining an environment of "very low interest rates for an extended period of time."
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VATICAN CITY
Church demands Bishop recent views

The Vatican, bowing to the growing fury over Pope Benedict XVI's decision to accept a return to the church of a priest who denies the Holocaust, made a dramatic turnaround Wednesday and demanded the bishop recant.

The Vatican sought to distance the pope from the controversy by saying he did not know about British Bishop Richard Williamson's views when he agreed to lift his excommunication last month.

In the surprisingly public spat, some leading cardinals in Germany and at the Vatican blamed unidentified aides for not fully briefing the pope.

The controversy provided a rare look at the cracks in the Vatican's facade of unity and raised questions about the advice the pope receives and his access to information. Papal aides say Benedict, a former university professor and theologian, receives a daily news summary and occasionally watches television.

The statement was issued by the Vatican's Secretariat of State a day after German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged the pope to make a clear rejection of Holocaust denials. Top German church officials, Jewish groups and the head of the U.S. bishops conference also condemned Williamson.

In a sign of just how much the Vatican had misread the public mood, the secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, was quoted Tuesday as saying he considered the matter "closed" after Benedict issued a lengthy statement last month.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, said he took Benedict at his word that he didn't know about Williamson's views, but said he couldn't believe Vatican aides didn't do more research to better inform the pope.

"This was absolutely a matter that was hanging at the highest levels of the Vatican," Hier said. "If they Googled the name Bishop Williamson, they'd find out he was a Holocaust denier. This did not require advanced research at the Vatican Library or Oxford."

"Everybody knows he's an anti-Semite," since Williamson has been vocal about his views, making speeches and publishing a blog, Hier said. "The other Holocaust deniers are rabid anti-Semites who can't claim any legitimacy. But when a person calls himself bishop and he was invited back into the Catholic Church by none other than the pope, he brings with him an aura of legitimacy. And that legitimacy stains the pope. So the pope today finally made the right decision, that Williamson must recant."

Williamson was shown on Swedish state television just days before the lifting of his excommunication was announced on Jan. 24, acknowledging his view that "there was not one Jew killed by the gas chambers" during World War II. He said historical evidence "is hugely against 6 million Jews having been deliberately gassed in gas chambers as a deliberate policy of Adolf Hitler."

Williamson subsequently apologized to the pope for having stirred controversy, but he did not repudiate his comments, in which he also said only 200,000 to 300,000 Jews were killed by the Nazis and none were gassed.

"Germany has paid out billions and billions of deutschmarks and now euros because the Germans have a guilt complex about their having gassed 6 million Jews. Well, I don't think 6 million Jews were gassed," he said.

The controversy threatened to mar Benedict's strong record in building Catholic-Jewish relations, which included visits to the Nazi Auschwitz death camp in Poland and synagogues in Germany and the United States.

Jewish leaders welcomed the Vatican's move Wednesday.

"Had all this been expressed at the outset, we could have avoided the unnecessary damage and distress," Rabbi David Rosen, international director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, said in an e-mail following Wednesday's statement.

Williamson and three other bishops were excommunicated in 1988 after they were consecrated by the late ultraconservative Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre without papal consent.

Lefebvre founded the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X in 1969, which opposes the liberalizing reforms of the Second Vatican Council, including its outreach to Jews.

The Holy See said when it announced the rehabilitation of the bishops that removing the excommunication did not mean the Vatican shared Williamson's views.

In the statement Wednesday, the Vatican said that while Williamson's excommunication had been lifted, he still had no canonical function in the church because he was consecrated illegitimately by Lefebvre.

"Bishop Williamson, in order to be admitted to episcopal functions within the church, will have to take his distance, in an absolutely unequivocal and public fashion, from his position on the Shoah, which the Holy Father was not aware of when the excommunication was lifted," the statement said. Shoah is the Hebrew word for the Holocaust.

In addition to its demand for Williamson, the Vatican said the society as a whole must fully recognize the teachings of Vatican II and all the popes who came during and after it in order to have a legitimate canonical function in the church.

Jewish groups praised the Vatican statement, saying it satisfied their key demand. "This was the sign the Jewish world has been waiting for," said Ronald Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress.

Elan Steinberg, vice president of the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and Their Descendants, thanked Merkel for her "righteous comments" and said the process of healing the "deep wound that this crisis caused to the Catholic-Jewish dialogue" could now begin.
FEMA recalls kits with peanut butter

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Nearly 168,000 emergency meal kits sent to victims of Hurricane Ike in the storm's aftermath contained peanut butter that could have contained salmonella, according to Defense Logistics Agency, federal officials said Thursday.

An apparent communication breakdown among federal officials led city officials in Louisville, Ky., to send peanut butter packets to Kentucky to help feed hundreds of thousands of people left without power at the height of last week's storm. The storm also swept through Arkansas, but federal officials don't believe people there got the meals containing peanut butter packets.

People were warned Thursday not to eat the peanut butter packets. No illnesses have been reported and recalls were carried out, according to defense officials.

The company that distributed the meals, Peanut Corporation of America, said in the recall announcement that the meals contained last month's recalled peanut butter in the salmonella outbreak suspected of sickening at least 375 people, eight of whom are in Arkansas.

A Georgia peanut-processing plant that filled the meals with peanut products is being investigated in the outbreak.

FEMA said it didn't learn of the recall until Wednesday night, more than two weeks later.

Beshay said some of the peanut butter while touring storm damage and said Thursday he felt "pretty good." But peanut products will be shelved because of the storm's weren't so positive.

"We're looking forward to them helping and they're handing out things that are making it worse," she said. "We're looking forward to them helping and they're handing out things that are making it worse," she said.

Beshay said friends had eaten several emergency meals but she did not believe any contained the peanut butter packets shown on a FEMA flier warning people about possible salmonella.

"I'm glad that my kids don't have any peanut butter, that's for sure," she said.

The kits, which contained entrees, include peanut butter in the meals, and sometimes peanut butter packets, that were distributed in September for relief efforts after Hurricane Ike, said Bob Harrison, spokesperson for the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, an arm of the Department of Defense that supplies meals to FEMA, that it was recalling about 320,000 meals.

Harrison said Red Cloud peanuts were used in the meals. The meals are prepared and shipped to FEMA, which oversees the supply center, so no卓出因为的 would not sell the peanut butter packets, Harrison said.

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This week has been a hectic one. First, the Pittsburgh Steelers mastered the art of winning the ultimate football game in the Super Bowl. Then, Pnuxsuitawney Phil cursed us once more with another six weeks of winter weather. Later we steam-rolled through college football’s national signing day which blessed Notre Dame with at least one important player from the nation’s top five recruits. Tragically, the third and ninth ranked college basketball teams gapped through 27-point losses. Tomorrow, the week culminates when “Equus” closes off Broadway signaling the departure of Daniel Radcliffe, a.k.a. Harry Potter, back across the Atlantic. What on the surface appears to be a chaotic week, in fact, is the norm in the iPod world.

Interestingly, the events of this week interwined to explain the nuances college coaches must master to successfully recruit and instruct players so that they perform as winners during competition. Why does a lowly Syracuse football team beat Notre Dame on its home field? How can the mighty Duke basketball team suffer its worst loss in 15 years and second worst loss ever by 27 points? How can Notre Dame’s basketball team fall completely out of the top 25 teams from a perch among the top ten? Radio personality Anita Marks of Baltimore’s “The Fan” sports radio commented this week on University of Maryland basketball coach Gary Williams’ harsh treatment of his players. Marks said, “Today’s athletes are more sensitive and want to be respected.” To be honest, the coaches who were tough on me during the heat of battle got the most out of me.”

Are athletes today sensitive as Marks suggests or are they spoiled, unfocused and too dependent upon technological devices? Steelers wide receiver and Super Bowl MVP Santonio Holmes mentioned that he had more than 200 text messages after the Steelers advanced to the Super Bowl. Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was almost literally attached to his digital recorder from the time he exited the plane in Tampa to the end of the victory parade in Pittsburgh. How did they overcome our iPod world experiences like elementary school competitions where nobody won and everyone played an equal share of the game to playing the NFL’s toughest schedule and claiming the Lombardi Trophy? They focused, concentrated, performed according to game plan and maintained a mental toughness. The Broadhurst Theatre on 44th Street offers unique seating in a balcony around the stage. From a reverse angle, patrons watch what is the rest of the audience cannot.

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TARPED AND FEATHERED

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something to look forward to in the middle of a week was shaping up to be incredibly dull it’s not like I am celebrating a birthday day soon or anything. In fact, the last time a grand slam made me this excited was when Aramis Ramirez hit one in the first inning game of four of the 2003 NCLS, and we did not watch that bowl turn out.

I mean, what other grand slams could excite me more? Sure we are half way to a PaddySham in the world of war and Rafael Nadal is now merely a U.S. Open away from greatness, but when you get knock off the Golden Slam, could but golf tournaments and tennis matches excite me nearly as much as the taste of two golden pancakes, two grease covered eggs, two strips of crisp hash, and a pair of perfect toasted sausage links? I don’t think so. God crafted the perfect meal to feed Adam and Eve one day. I came to think that was probably a Denny’s Grand Slam. On Tuesday morning, I would be getting this satisfaction -- for free.

So or I thought... When Monday morning came I was bit with the shocking news that the Denny’s on 31 was nowhere to be found. Apparently, as Mr. Nesti benignly told me, there was an amnesty the Vahanck has shown to Wave office. In the pantheon of bad news that I have received in the past couple months, this was worse than finding out Zach Hillesland was returning to the starting lineup this week, but not as horrifying as my discovery that the UPS whiteboard commercials are actually unrelated and not a rehash of a board. At first, I was in disbelief. How could such a perfectly situated Denny’s close its doors? This was a prime location. It was less than a mile from a town square and also your several colleges where you would want to eat great late evening.

Although I doubt many Saint Mary’s girls frequent Denny’s as I can’t picture a side salad being very good if it is smothered in grease like all Denny’s food has to be to kill me because I love ladies). As my roommate quickly recognized me that we could not drive to the nearest Denny’s in Michigan City before our early class, I came to think that was probably a Denny’s Grand Slam. On Tuesday morning, I would be getting this satisfaction -- for free.

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By PATRICK GRIFFIN
Scenic Writer

How does watching a musical group from the small-scale music scene of Omaha, Neb. become a missing fundamental instrument, and that recently appeared on "Sesame Street" sound as an idea for a Saturday night activity? Before entirely writing off Legends of Notre Dame's latest performer, try and get to know Tilly and the Wall. Named after a popular children's book by Leo Lionni, the band is much more than a child's play.

When Tilly and the Wall take the stage on Saturday night at Legends Nightclub, you may assume that a vital part of the band's setup is missing. However, rest assured that once the show starts, you will be pleasantly surprised with the band's minor shortcomings. Tilly and the Wall do not have a drummer in their lineup.

Instead, member Jamie Pressnall accounts for the majority of the group's percussion arrangements with her feet; she is a tap dancer. This unique feature may be lost on record-locked tracks, fading into the background of a monotonous, yet driving, beat. However, the distinctive substitute is sure to be noticed on stage.

Tilly and the Wall's follow-up to "Wild Like Children" was entitled "Fiddles of Barrels," and was released in May of 2006. While tracks such as "Bad Education" and "Rainbows in the Dark" garnered notable Internet traffic, the band was back in action on the Late Show with David Letterman, touring with folk rockers Jenny Lewis and performing at the 2007 Coachella Music Festival.

Tilly and the Wall's latest effort, "e.‖ has afforded the group the most acclaim to date. The singles "Beat Control" and "Alligator Skin" received considerable recognition among indie music fans, and the album's release even sparked an exclusive PBS television performance on the popular children's show "Sesame Street." In 2008, Tilly and the Wall performed their own modern rendition of the ABCs. The unique performance featured the participation of young "Sesame Street" fans, as the band stomped in time while wearing colorful clothing.

Though the band is still on the rise, Tilly and the Wall will surprise you with a toy box full of simple and memorable pop songs, theory base, no beats, and interactive percussion. The group's vocals, led by Alarid, call to mind the sweeping, smooth style of Jenny Lewis and the innocent bounciness of Feist. All of the elements fold together nicely to make a sound that may be better to see than bear.

The Tilly and the Wall concert is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students free of charge. The show begins Saturday night at 10 p.m. at Legends.

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By MARTHA KARAM
Scene Writer

Witness both journalists and monkeys in our own backyard at LA Theatre Works: "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trail," where "If evolution wins, Christianity goes."

Based directly on transcripts of "Tennessee vs. John Scopes," "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trail" will be showing Friday through Sunday at DelBarto Performing Arts Center as part of the Visiting Artists series.

Started in 1974, LA Theatre Works' goal is to "enrich the cultural life of our national community." Even though an eight-day long case from the 1920s may seem uninteresting to a college student, LA Theatre Works makes it their goal to teach information based on Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species." Ultimately, Scopes was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of $100. "Time Magazine" depicted the trial as "the fantastic cross between a circus and a holy war."

The play's historical background is accurate and succinct. The eight-day trial in a sweatether courtroom has the most enthralling moments of the entire case condensed into a single play.

The play, "The Great Tennessee Monkey Trail," is adapted from the original trial transcripts by Peter Goodchild.

At the Friday and Saturday performances, Anthropology professor Agustin Fuentes is giving a "pre-performance" discussion one hour before curtain at 6 p.m.

Even if you are not interested in controversy, the 1920s, or respectable acting, this play will enthrall the entire audience with the reenacted chaos of that searching summer 80 years ago. Tickets are available online or at the performance.

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Laura Burdick president
vice president Derek Sanchez

Who They Are
Burdick, a junior who lives in Cavanaugh, is a biology major. Sanchez is a political science and Spanish double major with a minor in Latino studies. He currently lives in Dunne Hall, but lived for two years in Carroll Hall. Burdick and Sanchez served as Hall Presidents Council athletic co-chairs.

In Their Words
Top Priority: Loan forgiveness for students pursuing careers in public service.
First Priority: “Safety First” campaign.

In Our Words
Best Idea: The Burdick-Sanchez idea for a loan forgiveness program for students who commit to public service after graduation.
Worst Idea: “Safety First”, covers a broad range of topics that haven’t really been explained in detail.
Most Feasible Idea: Expanding the Gold Rush program.
Least Feasible Idea: “Safety First” is an umbrella for topics dealing with many facets of student life and is too broad to be practical.

Fun Facts: When Burdick was a little girl, her family sang her the Notre Dame Fight Song at bedtime. Burdick and Sanchez met by being randomly seated near each other freshman year at football games. Sanchez’s band, “Vote For Us,” won second place at Notre Dame’s Battle of the Bands.

Notable Quote: “We’re not strictly student government.” — Sanchez, on his ticket’s extracurricular activities at Notre Dame.

Bottom Line
Burdick and Sanchez are obviously in tune with the wishes of the student body, and their experience in one part of student government has provided them with the resources to put research into their platform initiatives. Though it is admirable to “leave holes” in a platform to allow for student input, the main Burdick-Sanchez weakness is that there are too many gaps. Some of their initiatives are too broad to be feasible. The pair is likeable and professional and will most likely connect with sizeable portion of the student body, especially with their off-campus blog idea modeled off of NDToday.com. Sanchez is by far the most sincere of the candidates.

Luke Lennon president
vice president Charlie Harig

Who They Are
Lennon and Harig are freshman roommates in Zahm. Lennon is pursuing a pre-med degree and Harig is an engineering major.

In Their Words
Top Priority: Increasing the population of beautiful women on campus.
First Priority: A parade.

In Our Words
Best Idea: none
Worst Idea: Naming one of their initiatives after a policy enacted during a regrettable part of American history.

Most Feasible Idea: none
Least Feasible Idea: Expanding the idea of buying out Charlie Weis’ contract to apply to any member of the University community that you think should leave, such as that professor you don’t like, the rector who is on your case, or that kid in the front of class who always raises his hand.

Fun Facts: According to Lennon and Harig, they were drafted by the Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings, respectively, out of high school, but turned the NFL teams down. “We can never be rivals,” Lennon said. Lennon is the grandson of Alumni Association executive director Chuck Lennon, who stopped by LaFortune Wednesday evening to witness his progeny strip to a skintight suit and dance to the hit Beyonce song, “Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It).”

Unstable Quote: “On the morning after election day, we want to be that mistake.” — Harig, before Lennon led the student government debate audience in a cheer of “That mistake.”

Bottom Line
This pair of freshman is probably the best ticket Zahm has run in the past couple of years — they are wonderful public speakers and know how to captivate an audience. However, their ideas range from the completely absurd to the slightly offensive. Lennon and Harig have no real plans for student government, though if they win, they promise an inaugural parade. Though you might be entertained by their dancing and costumes, the possibility of having Lennon and Harig in office for their choice term limit — infinity — is frightening.
James McCaughan president

vice president Tom Gorski

Who They Are
McCaughan is a junior history and economics double major who lives in Siegfried with his running mate, Gorski, an IT management major.

In Their Words
Top and First Priority: McCaughan and Gorski list creating an environment for students and alumni to enjoy the "advantages and pleasures of the University without worrying about tickets or fees." 

In Our Words
Best Idea: Bringing Interhall laser tag to campus.
Worst Idea: A complete overhaul of the police and University disciplinary policy toward students.

McCaughan and Gorski list diversifying the Notre Dame applicant pool as one of their platform initiatives, where one ticket will be worth the flat rate of $2 to add hot items — like soups or Easy Mac — to toasters for students to use. The initiative is already set to go, Schmidt said.

"Hot Grab 'n' Go options." — Schmidt

The creation and sale of taxi ticket booklets, where one ticket will be worth the flat rate of $2 with the participating companies.


"Worst Idea: Scholarship and University commitment to eliminating the use of evidence that is illegally obtained in cases against students. The student government is one voice among many discussing the issue of rights and it would be hard for one administration to get the University to revamp its policies."

"Fun Facts: Both McCaughan and Gorski were interviewed by WNDU at Notre Dame football games. Gorski is the younger brother of a former Notre Dame quarterback, Dan Gorski.

"Notable Quote: "The University was fixing something that wasn't broken." — McCaughan, about the University's behavior related to tailgating arrests and citations.

Bottom Line
While McCaughan and Gorski seem to have a good idea of what the student body is concerned about — particularly, their safety and rights on home football weekends. Their ideas are very lofty but haven't been researched enough to be feasible. They wish to move the student government offices down to the first floor of LaFortune to make the institution more accessible to students. Their smaller initiatives have borderline joke status, or are so minor that they would not better the student life on campus.

Their lack of experience in student government could be a hindrance in the follow-through on some of their grander ideas.

Grant Schmidt president

vice president Cynthia Weber

Who They Are:
Schmidt, the current student body vice president, is a senior from Knott Hall with a double major in political science and economics. Weber, the current sophomore class council president, is a sophomore from Pasquerilla West honoring in theology and possibly pursuing a second major in political science.

In Their Words
Top Priority: Schmidt and Weber plan to direct their efforts toward the creation of a textbook ISBN database that will allow students to find their books at cheaper prices. The pair believes students seek alternative locations to purchase their books because of the requisite Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore markup on textbooks and the limited availability of used materials.

"First Priority: "Hot Grab 'n' Go options."

"Least Feasible Idea: Working with Notre Dame Security Police to change the security gate policy.

"Fun Facts: Schmidt loves being able to de-shell 20 sunflower seeds with his mouth in one minute. He also went to high school with Derek Sanchez, one of his opponents. Weber is an avid guitar player and is very knowledgeable of various name brands of the instrument.

"Notable Quote: "Our biggest flaw is that people think that we take [student government] way too seriously," — Schmidt

Bottom Line
While Schmidt and Weber's experience in student government speaks for itself. They have already demonstrated significant research into their long list of platform initiatives and have already established the appropriate contacts within the University administration necessary to begin to realize their promises immediately upon taking office. Though some of their ideas are very ambitious, if they are able to accomplish three or four of their long list of goals. Schmidt and Weber will have contributed a great deal to student life at Notre Dame.
The Observer endorses Schmidt-Weber ticket

After reviewing the platforms of the four tickets running for Notre Dame's student body president and vice president, the Editorial Board of The Observer feels Grant Schmidt and Cynthia Weber, with their institutional knowledge and years of involvement with student government, are best equipped for the positions.

Their experience, ideas and established relationship with University officials make Schmidt-Weber the ideal choice for student body president and vice president. They have demonstrated extensive research into their platform initiatives and are prepared to make an impact immediately upon taking office.

Schmidt and Weber have outlined several worthwhile plans to improve student life, including a two-tier taxi reform campaign, geared at making transportation to and from campus safer and more convenient for students and continuing the current administration's efforts to increase positive interaction between Notre Dame students and the members of the South Bend community.

The creation of a "Know Your Rights" document, especially in light of the Colfax Ave. arrests and circumstances in which students dealt with low enforcement over the past academic year, is a relevant and beneficial service to their constituents.

Other issues the Schmidt-Weber ticket is prepared to tackle are "subverting the monopoly" the Hennesse Notre Dame Bookstore has on textbooks and the implementation of a Good Samaritan policy.

Schmidt and Weber are in tune with the greater student body's wishes from the overarching issue of off-campus safety to the long-awaited arrival of Easy Mac to Grab 'n Go. The ticket's slogan - "Rounding the Bend" - implies continuity with the body of work accomplished by the Reish-Schmidt administration. And that's a good thing.

If Bob Reish's presidency has done anything, it has increased student interest in its governance. The current administration has given students a voice in discussions of hot-button issues. Notre Dame has seen a jump in attendance at student government-sponsored events, like the Last Lecture series, which Schmidt and Weber plan to continue.

Their closest competition, Laura Burdick and Derek Sanchez, have demonstrated a clear understanding of student wants and have left a portion of their platform open to student input. Burdick and Sanchez are sincere in their promises, but perhaps haven't put enough research into all of their proposals to ensure their feasibility. They have already made contributions to student government and are two people that will represent the students well, regardless of their title next year.

James McCaughan and Tom Gorski are straddling the joke ticket/serious ticket fence. On the serious side, they propose to change policies regarding students' interaction with law enforcement and disciplinary bodies on campus. Those issues, however, require diligent research and planning, and will not be resolved in only one term.

Luke Lennon and Charlie Harig are just another pair of Zahm freshmen parading around in tight clothing for a laugh. They've served their purpose: entertaining the student body during campaign season.

Though Schmidt and Weber have received criticism for taking their positions too seriously, it is their seriousness and dedication that will get the job done. They have the potential and the drive necessary to affect change.

The Observer endorses Schmidt-Weber for student body president and vice president.

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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

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Burdick & Sanchez

Their campaign features an off-campus blog that will inform students about their neighborhoods.

They want to revamp the Gold Rush program to increase student attendance at non-major sporting events.

One of their major platform initiatives is titled "Safety First," a broad campaign that involves many aspects of student life, including security off campus and safe tailgating at home football games.

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Schmidt & Weber

They include reaching out to the community and bettering students' reputation off campus by working to publicize the good students do, like volunteering or fundraising.

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McCaughan & Gorski

Their campaign seeks to expose the efforts made by the Reish-Schmidt administration to work with members of the South Bend community and give Notre Dame a better name.

They want to collaborate with professors to compile a list of ISBN numbers so students can find their books at lower prices. They also have prepared a list of initiatives that are ready to go, like hot options in Grab 'n Go.

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McCaughan & Gorski seem like typical Notre Dame guys who want less restrictions and more fun.
By ANALISE LIPARI

One of the hallmarks of scholarship at Notre Dame is the task of finding crossroads between faith and wider culture. This task is accomplished here at the Performing Arts Center, which stages a series of films and Faith Weekend will focus on a series of films that feature varying religious components and themes. The event is also unique in its focus on Mexican cinema. Subtitled “Contemporary Catholic Filmmakers from Mexico,” the weekend’s featured directors include Guillermo del Toro (“The Orphanage”), Alfonso Cuaron (“Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban”), Carlos Reygadas and Alejandro González Iñárritu.

Tickets for the films are $6 for the general public, $5 for faculty and staff, $4 for seniors and $3 for students. All films will be shown in the Bronwein Cinema.

Friday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Rated R, 136 minutes

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*Slow Burn* (2002) dir. Alejandro González Iñárritu
Saturday, Feb. 7 at 9:30 a.m. Rated R, 143 minutes

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NCAA BASKETBALL

No. 9 Xavier extends streak to 11 with win over Temple

Wolverines rout Nittany Lions 71-51 in Big 10 play; two players score 20 as Vanderbilt holds off Alabama

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USA Today Preseason Poll

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**NCAA Basketball**

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt gestures to an official during the second half of a game against Oklahoma in Oklahoma City on Monday. Summitt's win against Georgia on Thursday was her 1,000th career victory.

**Vols' Summitt reaches 1,000 wins**

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — In this season of lowered expectations for Tennessee, Pat Summitt still reached unprecedented heights: 1,000 victories.

Summitt became the first Division I basketball coach — man or woman — to win 1,000 career games Thursday night as her 12th-ranked Lady Vols beat Georgia 73-43. It was their second chance in four days at giving their coach her latest triumph and one of her greatest milestones.

These Lady Vols (14-4), with seven freshmen on the roster, are nothing like the squads that brought Summitt her seventh and eighth national championships in the previous two seasons. This is an inexperienced group that had Summitt joking about whether they would even be up to the task of winning the 17 games she needed to reach 1,000 this season.

"It's a hard number to even comprehend," Summitt said.

"It's a time to reflect on a number of things, the administration saying yes to women's basketball and giving us an opportunity to play on the biggest stage in the women's game," she added.

The landmark win came on the court named for Summitt, who just keeps racking up achievements for others to comprehend," Summitt said.

When Tennessee fans missed the win flashed 1,000 on a sign on the scoreboard, Summitt over her 35 seasons with the program, flashing the sign for Summitt.

One fan confident of the count pushed Summitt's 1,000th win by yelling "One more," to which Summitt replied, "Thank you so much." Tennessee's win over Georgia dropped the Bulldogs to 20-4-3.

**NCAA Swimming**
USCHo.com/CBS Poll

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**NBA Basketball**

Golden State at Phoenix
10:30 p.m., ESPN

**IN BRIEF**

Former Cowboy Glenn picked up on drug charges

IRVING, Tex. — Former Dallas Cowboys receiver Terry Glenn was arrested on public intoxication and marijuana possession charges after appearing disoriented at a hotel, police said Thursday.

The Jan. 23 arrest came after a call of a suspicious person who was wandering the hallways checking door handles, said Irving police Officer David Tull.

After determining Glenn was "intoxicated or disoriented," officers arrested him on a public intoxication charge. Tull said. A subsequent search turned up a small amount of marijuana, leading to a misdemeanor charge of possessing less than 2 ounces of the drug.

Tull said Glenn was released on bond the morning after the arrest. Glenn also had outstanding traffic warrants in the Dallas-Fort Worth suburb of Roanoke.

**Shoulder surgery ends Sixers' Brand's season**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Elton Brand has four more years to prove to Philadelphia he was no $80 million bust.

Brand's comeback from a separated right shoulder is over and the two-time All-Star power forward will have season-ending surgery on Monday. All the Sixers got in the first year of a five-year, $80 million contract from the player they expected to help win them a round or two in the Eastern Conference playoffs was 1.8 points and 8.6 rebounds in only 29 games.

"It's the most disappointed I've ever been in my career," Brand said on Thursday. "This was supposed to be special. This was supposed to be fun. Management, believe me in it. I'm still not going to let them down.

The Sixers playoff push — they were the seventh seed entering Thursday — now goes on without Brand.
Judge to throw out key evidence in Bonds steroids probe

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Prosecutors trying to prove Barry Bonds lied when he denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs suffered a setback Thursday, with a federal judge saying she might toss some of the strongest evidence against the home-run king.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said her "preliminary thoughts" were to exclude from trial three 2000-2001 positive drug tests that prosecutors say belong to Bonds unless there is a direct link that the urine samples came from the former San Francisco Giants slugger.

If it's her testimony to establish that, I don't think any of them work," Illston said.

The only person who can do that seems to be Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, who spent more than a year behind bars for refusing to speak to a federal grand jury investigating Bonds. And Anderson's attorney, Mark Geragos, has said his client will not testify against Bonds at the trial, scheduled to start March 2.

Without someone to authenticate that the test results were from Bonds' urine, Illston said claims that the tests were Bonds' "classic urinary use.

According to court documents, Bonds tested positive on three separate occasions in 2000 and 2001 for the steroid methenelone, which is found in urine samples, he also tested positive two of those three times for the steroid nandrolone.

The positive drug tests — seized during a 2003 raid of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, the headquarters of a large-scale sports doping ring — are a key part of the government's effort to prove Bonds lied when he told a grand jury that year he never knowingly took performance-enhancing drugs.

The judge and the lawyers didn't discuss a fourth positive steroids test in 2004 from a lab used by Major League Baseball players.

The difference between that test and the three positive tests from 2000-2001 is there's no need to authenticate them. Prosecutors said former BALCO executive James Valente is prepared to testify that Anderson handed him the three biological samples and told him they belonged to Bonds. But the judge said Valente's testimony was not enough to link the sample and Bonds.

Vicente Conte, BALCO's founder, has always maintained that Bonds' biological samples were "down and dirty" and unreliable.

These alleged Bonds test results and records not only lack a chain of custody and contain "red flags," Conte said, but "involve people with no formal training," Conte said in an e-mail Wednesday. "This causes uncertainty and creates doubt regarding the validity of this test and recording keep evidence.

Without those three positive tests, the government's next-best evidence is Hoskins' recording of Anderson dis­cussing undetectable steroids.

Hoskins said he made the recording while he was trying to obtain evidence to show Bonds' skeptical father Bobby Bonds, a former Major Leaguer who died of cancer in August 2003, that his son was using steroids.

Bonds' attorneys offered the judge a stricter motion for Hoskins to make the recording without Anderson's knowledge blackmail. Bonds told the FBI shortly after the recording was made that Hoskins was stealing from him by forging signatures on Bonds' memorabilia.

"He wanted to get some protection. Investigation that he knew was coming," Bonds' attorney, Dennis Riederan, said. The FBI dropped its brief investigation of Hoskins soon after without charging him with any crimes.

First indicted in November 2007, Bonds pleaded not guilty for a third time Thursday after the government revised the charges to fix legal technicalities. He now faces 10 counts of making false statements to a grand jury, plus an obstruction of justice charge.

If convicted, Bonds faces a sentence between probation and two years in prison.

If her preliminary thoughts hold, it would be a devastating blow to the government's case against Bonds will suffer a sig­nificant blow — but not a fatal one, Illston said.

"It hurts, but the government still has quite a bit of other evi­dence," Golden Gate University law professor PeterKeane said.

The judge plans to hold a separ­ate court hearing to deter­mine whether the prosecution of the recording without Anderson's knowledge is "begging the question," Keane said.

Prosecutors said in court papers that Rovers' will testify that steroid users develop such symptoms as increased muscle mass, shrinked bellyfat, acne on the upper back, moodiness, and an over-sexed drive.

The prosecutors said they also will "call witnesses close to Bonds who will testify that Bonds exhibited some or all of these symptoms as part of the government's case.

"The main evidence against Barry by his body," Keane said. "That's the whole ballgame.

USA Swimming suspends Phelps

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USA Swimming suspends Phelps

Associated Press

Michael Phelps was suspended from competition for three months by USA Swimming, the latest fallout from a photo that showed the Olympic great inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

The sport's national governing body also cut off its financial support to Phelps for the same three-month period, effective Thursday.

"This is not a situation where any anti-doping rule was violat­ed, but we decided to send a strong message to Michael because he disappointed so many people, particularly the hundreds of thousands of kids who look to him as a role model and a hero," the Colorado-based federation said in a statement.

"Michael has voluntarily accepted this reprimand and has committed to earn back our trust.

Phelps won a record eight gold medals in Beijing and returned to America as one of the world's most acclaimed athletes. Now he's enduring a wave of bad news in the wake of the photo, pub­lished Sunday by News of the World, a British tabloid.

Earlier Thursday, cereal and snack maker Kellogg Co. announced it wouldn't renew its sponsorship of Phelps, saying his behavior is "not consist­ent with the image of Kellogg."

The swimmer appeared on the company's cereal boxes after his Olympic triumph.

Phelps has acknowledged "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment." He didn't dispute the authority of the photo, report­edly taken at a house party while Phelps was visiting Columbia, S.C., in November during an extended break from training.

The 23-year-old has resumed training in his hometown of Baltimore, but his plans to return to competitive swimming will have to be put on hold. Phelps had been planning to compete in the six-month span leading up to the Games in Beijing, scheduled for August.

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everything as they prepare to face their fiercest rival next week.

As for defense, well, coach Sylvia Hatchell will have for her team to work on in practice.

McCants scored 23 points to help the Tar Heels beat Virginia Tech 93-77 on Thursday night, sending them into Monday's matchup with fourth-ranked Duke on a three-game winning streak.

Jessica Breland added 20 points for the Tar Heels (20-5, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who earned a 20-win season for the eighth straight year.

North Carolina seems to have bounced back from a three-game losing streak that began with a 30-point loss against top-ranked Connecticut in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup last month. North Carolina shot 57 percent, led by McCants at halftime and never let the margin slip below double digits the entire game.

That's not to say the Tar Heels aren't sharp. They didn't protect the basketball particularly well and had several defensive lapses to frustrate Hatchell, allowing the struggling Hokies (11-12, 1-7) to hang around much of the way.

"We just weren't communicating and we just had the wrong people on players," Hatchell said. "But also in some of our rotations in our traps, we were getting really out of sync. We didn't have people rotating and covering like they were supposed to.

Ultimately, it didn't matter. "I felt like our team never seriously threatened to pull the upset. North Carolina shot 57 percent from the field in the series and 12 of 14 meetings overall, with Virginia Tech's last win coming 25 years ago.

McCants led the offense by hitting her first nine shots, starting with a 4-6-6 effort in the first half.

"My teammates contributed by getting me easy shots and I just went with it," McCants said. "I felt I was hot. I was just trying to keep myself from thinking (about staying perfect) and stay in the zone." McCants finally missed a contested jumper from the top of the key with about 5 minutes left, then missed a turnaround a few minutes later before leaving with her third 20-point game of the season.

"She's big enough to be a post and agile enough to be a guard," Hokies coach Beth Davenport said. "She had pretty clean looks at it, but she certainly was on. Her jumper looked pretty smooth and we didn't have anybody who could stop her.

Breland finished with 11 rebounds, while Italee Lucas backed them by continuing her recent scoring surge. After scoring a career-high 27, followed by 19 in the past two games, Lucas went 7-for-16 from the field to go with eight assists and four steals.

Want to know more about your favorite ND and SMC sports teams? Head to The Casual Observer at www.observemcsportsblog.wordpress.com
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alex Ovechkin knew it was too much to celebrate his 200th NHL goal and first against the Los Angeles Kings.

A baseball cap pulled down over his eyes after his Capitals entered the night with a 3-1 lead, and was backed by a wave of lift after a disastrous week.

The meet will be the final tuneup for Notre Dame, which travels to Indianapolis Feb. 21 for the Big East championships.

In terms of preparation, we told our guys last week, 'Don't imagine a better preparation for the conference championships than to have a three-session meet over every event in the conference championship come down to a last event,' Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "Everybody stepped up big time, which made this a great event for our team.'

Our Dame junior freestyler John Lyle said the Irish have been slowly preparing for the conference championships.

We have started to taper down the yardage and intensity," Lyle said. "We're relying on what we know. We've practiced and counted yards we have logged over fall semester and we are going to taper off for the biggest meet of the year."

The friendly meet and final step of preparation for Notre Dame will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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NHL

Kings end Capitals' three-game win streak

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WASHINGTON — Alexander Semin to score only goal.

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BOSTON — Ray Allen was still on the floor, knocked on his back, when the Los Angeles Lakers began hugging and chest-bumping under the 2008 NBA Finals' lights. He had missed the key foul that was earned at their expense.

"I wish we would have come here last year with this kind of attitude and we would have scored 24 points with 14 rebounds Thursday night to lead the Lakers to a 110-109 overtime victory over Boston."

"Nobody backed down," he added. "We were as physical as anybody."

In a rematch of an NBA finals in which the Celtics outmatched the Lakers to the title, Lamar Odom made a pair of free throws with 16 seconds left in overtime and Los Angeles held on with physical defense against Paul Pierce and Allen that proved the either All-Star from getting off a clean shot.

The Los Angeles Lakers' 12-game winning streak and dropped them to 0-2 against the Kings by percentage points for the best overall record in the NBA, and would lose a tiebreaker for home court advantage in the first round if they both make it back.

"It would be great," Pierce said.

Kevin Garnett hanged his fist on the ring for another night and then interjected a reminder that the Lakers were "a good team." He pounded the locker room across the hall. "We're the champs, man."

Kobe Bryant scored 26 points with 10 rebounds to help the Lakers take a five-game winning streak against Cleveland. L.A. also snatched another 19-game winning streak on Christmas Day and sent the Celtics into a 2-7 stretch — the worst stretch of the New Big Three era.

"These games are tough, and they're emotional games and there's always the day after the day after the day after," said Celtics' coach Doc Rivers, whose team played the NBA's New York Knicks on Friday night. "We'll try to muster it up and see what we have."

Pierce scored 21, and Allen had 16, but the Lakers scored off-balance shots in the final seconds. Allen was knocked to the floor at the buzzer while Boston fans clammed for a foul call, none came.

Rajon Rondo scored 16 with 12 assists.

It was the Lakers' first visit to Boston since a 131-92 embarrassment in Game 6 of the NBA finals that clinched the Celtics' unprecedented 17th league championship. L.A. got a small measure of revenge on Christmas, but even then Boston fans teased them.

Rondo, making a move to the basket and Miller added a driving layup and Mike Dunleavy, followed a 3-pointer to pull the Lakers within two in the closing stages. The Kings were able to mount a comeback and held on. Once the Kings scored on a 5-0 run and added a short-handed goal.

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**Bayliss**

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were against top-20 teams and we beat a really good Texas Tech team in Tulsa on [August 15].

Freshmen Casey Watt and Sam Keeton have come up big for the Irish in their two victories, as Keeton is unbeaten (8-0) in singles play.

"It has been great so far, but this was not unexpected," Bayliss said. "He has the ability to take the ball early and take away his opponent's time, something that has been difficult for teams to prepare for. Being a lefty is always an advantage, and he is learning how to maximize that with each match."

In Sunday's opener, the Irish will try for a repeat of last year's matchup with Duke in Durham, N.C., when Notre Dame knocked the Blue Devils 4-2.

Sophomore David Anderson won the clinching match for the Irish last season, earning a victory at No. 3 singles. Anderson has broken the lineup once this season with a loss to No. 108 Drew Courtney of Virginia.

"Each of us has lost a key player from last year, but I still believe we have strong freshmen ... I expect this match to go down to the wire," said Bayliss.

In addition to new players, the Blue Devils also have a new coach in Ramsey Smith, a former Duke player. Smith's father, Stan, was former world No. 1 and a Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion.

On Sunday evening, Notre Dame will again try to beat a squad for the second straight year. Last season, the Irish were able to defeat Toledo 7-0.

Bayliss said that if any of his players are extended in the Duke match, he has more than capable replacements waiting in the wings.

Bayliss also said that the team has been playing well, but that there is a difference between playing well and finding a way to win.

After hosting these two matches, the Irish will travel to Michigan State on Feb. 14 for a 12 p.m. match in East Lansing.

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**Buckeyes**

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Saturday. They scored four times in the first 10 minutes of the game.

"You're going to have to be patient. We're going to have to defend well because they are a very good offensive team," Jackson said. "They've got the most goals scored in the conference. From a statistical standpoint, this team is of the same caliber as a Michigan or a Miami." The Buckeyes have been tough in their own rich this year with only two losses in Value Cityarenashop, however, have had no trouble dealing with life on the road. Notre Dame just lost an away game since opening the season against openers, A in l Denver — a 1-0-0-1 streak.

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**UCLA**

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as the Irish. In just over a week, the Bruins have beaten California, Stanford and USC by at least 15 points each.

Meanwhile, the Irish have not won since a Jan. 10 matchup against Seton Hall. The Irish landed in Los Angeles Thursday and might be better-suited than the Bruins for Saturday's Southern California Pacific time start, 1 p.m. Eastern.

Still, the Irish will need to play much better than they have in order to win the UCLA. This game was widely-hyped at the beginning of the season but now Notre Dame appears to be an obvious underdog.

The Irish scoring was more balanced Wednesday against Cincinnati in Ryan Ayles. Cincinnati came off the bench to drop 14 points and Zach Hillesland chipped in 11. But Notre Dame could not get defensive stops down the stretch as Bearcats guards Kevin Dillard, Tory Jackson and Larry Davis torched them for 34 and 21 points, respectively.

The UCLA backcourt of seniors Darren Collison and freshman Jure Holiday figures to present just as much of a challenge to Notre Dame's defense.

"We've got to be able to play defense, get rebounds and stop teams from putting up 90 points on us," Hillesland said. "We've got a lot of freshmen who are starting to hit the wall this time of the year.

Notre Dame's last face DePaul on Jan. 6 on the road. The Irish won 86-62. But even with that win under their belt, Notre Dame isn't considering DePaul counting on a win. Not even past injuries to stars Natasha Williams and Deirdre Naughton has McGraw feeling certain.

"They're back to full strength right now and I think they're playing great basketball," McGraw said. "I think they're one of the hottest teams in the conference, along with Pittsburgh. I think those two teams are really coming on strong right now.

Naughton and DePaul step onto the court Sunday coming off a five-game conference winning streak. A large part of their success has come from the 3-point line. And with Notre Dame not exactly on their defensive game as of late, that could mean trouble for the Irish.

"I think rebounding is always going to be a problem for us, we always have to work on that," McGraw said. "Defensively, we've been a little more down than I would like. We have to play better defensively, so we've got to guard the 3-point line a little better, and certainly DePaul is going to challenge that. They're a great 3-point shooting team.

McGraw and the Irish hope that guarding the 3-point line will help them secure another win against DePaul.

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**Pink**

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nobody can find a bad word about her and that's really something to be said in the coaching fraternity."

And in her memory, the Irish are looking to sell-out against DePaul McGraw said. And a sell out home crowd could be just what the Irish need to break out of their current rut, having lost three of their last four games.

The match against the Blue Demons marks the beginning of the final stretch in the regular season.

"...[The last seven games of the season are really important for everybody and we're playing not as well as we would like right now, but we've got a lot of freshmen who are starting to hit the wall this time of the year," McGraw said. "So hopefully we'll be able to get together and have a strong finish.

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**Notes**

♦ In honor of the pink zone, the Irish will be wearing pink jerseys.

♦ McGraw said $25,000 has already been raised. If the game sells out, an additional $10,000 will be donated toward breast cancer research.

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ND Women’s Tennis
ND finally makes home debut

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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The Irish have already managed to qualify for the ITA National Team Indoor Championships, and they have yet to play at home. Notre Dame (3-0) will take on No. 18 Michigan in its home opener at 4 p.m. today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Notre Dame earned its slot in next weekend’s Indoor Championships by winning 5-2 over Madison Wisc., by upsetting No. 14 Arkansas 4-1 last Sunday. The Razorbacks’ sole point was won by the No. 2 singles player in the country. With this upset, Notre Dame moved up to No. 14 in the rankings.

Some of the Irish are indeed used to high rankings, as the doubles team of senior Keely Tefft and freshmen Kristy Frilling are currently ranked as the nation’s top doubles team. The duo only appears to be getting stronger, as it won twice last weekend, including an 8-1 victory over the eighth-ranked Arkansas doubles team.

Following that performance, Frilling won the Big East women’s tennis player of the week award.

Today, Notre Dame will try to avenge the upset loss Michigan handed the Irish when the two squads met last year.

“Michigan is a really good team. They are very deep,” said senior Katie Potts said. “They are very comparable [to the team’s we’ll see at the Indoor Championships]. It should be a pretty tough match.”

Having leaped into the top five of the rankings with the win over Arkansas, the Irish know next weekend will be filled with stiff competition.

“We are one of the bigger underdogs to get to the tournament,” Potts said. “A decisive win would be nice to head into the tournament with.”

Before the team goes to Madison, though, it will look to dispatch Michigan - a Notre Dame rival in every sport.

“We are just excited to see how we match up, not only with Michigan, but also with the teams in Madison,” Potts said.

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middle of it,” said Scioscia. “It’s going to be a lot of fun to watch them be able to do that.”

Samarzijad entertained the crowd with stories from his Notre Dame baseball and football career, and also discussed his past season with the Chicago Cubs. When asked about the Cubs World Series drought, Samarzijad denied any belief in the superstitions surrounding the club.

“I don’t think any of the players think about a curse. Do you believe in curses? I don’t,” Samarzijad said. “I’m sure everyone would rather be talking about X’s and O’s than fairytales.”

The former dual-sport star has also recently given back to Notre Dame, establishing a scholarship in the name of his mother, who passed away when Samarzijad was in high school.

The Debra Samarzijad Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a student who has suffered through the loss of a loved one while continuing to strive towards academic excellence.

Samarzijad concluded his speech by making some predictions for the coming year, which included a College World Series berth for the Irish and a World Series title for the Cubs and a national championship for the Notre Dame football team.

He also parted with some final words for another two-sport Irish star following in his footsteps - sophomore wide receiver and outfielder Golden Tate.

“Golden, you might break all my receiving records, and that’s cool. I wish you all the best,” Scioscia said. “But you don’t look as good doing it.” Samarzijad said.

Scioscia added advice he learned from his mother before embarking on his professional baseball career.

“She said, ‘Michael, if you want to be a leader, the first person you have to lead is yourself.’” Scioscia said. “You have to remember to carry yourself and lead yourself first.”

Athletic director Jack Swarbrick was also in attendance and made a short speech before introducing Irish coach Dave Schrage.

“I’ve been to a lot of sporting events all over the world - Super Bowls and Olympics,” Swarbrick said. “But my favorite event of them all is the College World Series. And this year I plan on going back with my team.”

Attendees listened to the speakers while enjoying a “ballpark style” dinner, and received season tickets, autographed photos of the speakers and a media guide.

The Irish will start the season on Feb. 20, traveling to Tampa, Fla., to play in the first annual Big East-Big Ten Challenge. Notre Dame’s home opener will be March 17 against Ball State at Frank Eck Stadium.

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Bettes hit road again to face Alma

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

After just one home game following a four-game road trip, Saint Mary’s will face the high road again this weekend to kick off a four game road trip.

Senior Kristy Frilling is Tamborine from Christ’s school, established a scholarship in the name of her mother.

the Joyce Center beginning at 4 p.m. Monday, traveling to the University of Notre Dame. With Samardzija was in high school, Swarbick was also in attendance. Before the team goes to Madison, though, it will look to dispatch Michigan - a Notre Dame rival in every sport.

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Fencing

New No. 1 to host competition

By CHRIS MASOU
Sports Writer

For the first time this season, the Irish fencers will have the chance to show off what it means to be No. 1.

The top-ranked men (17-0) and women (16-0) of Irish fencing will host the Notre Dame Duals this weekend. Notre Dame will continue their hot starts against some of the nation’s top teams and Irish are coming off an unprecedented performance at the Northwestern Duals last weekend, where both the men’s and women’s teams knocked off top-ranked Penn State.

Teams are coming after fall work, and they are showing their cards,” Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. “I told our fencers keep attention. We are in the middle of the race and just because we have a lead doesn’t mean we are sure to win the meet. They will attack us for sure.”

This weekend’s 14-team field will include No. 7 Stanford and the men’s competitors from No. 3 Ohio State.

“We have to keep focus. Everyone is talking to us. ‘Oh, you beat the No.1 team, you beat the No.2 team,’ but that was just a preseason coaches’ poll,” Bednarski said. “Who knows how strong Stanford is? Now on the strip we will see who is really strong.”

But the biggest surprise of the season may be the rapid adjustment of the talented freshmen and sophomore fencers to the collegiate level.

“They are adjusting very quickly to the different type of competition,” Bednarski said. “The different type of bouts because definitely it’s a different system,” Bednarski said. “Sometimes there are surprises from the intensity of the bouts, intensity between schools, and intensity of engagement. But I believe we will also be successful on this field.”

The duals will take place in the Joyce Center beginning at 5 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday, with closing rounds starting at 5 p.m. and 3 p.m. respectively.

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ND BASKETBALL

Big East blues

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

Irish head west trying to stop six-game streak

 Hopefully for the Irish, a reprieve from the cold Midwest weather is just what they need. Because really, as Notre Dame travels west to take on No. 12 UCLA Saturday, it seems like that’s the only thing the team has going for it.

The Irish have lost six straight games for the first time since the 1993-94 season and could be all but out of NCAA Tournament contention with a few more losses.

And a win will not come easily. West as Notre Dame heads into storied Pauley Pavilion to face the Bruins, who are 16-4 overall and 12-1 at home.

Able winning four of its last five contests, UCLA looks to be headed in the opposite direction.

ND to host a pair Sunday

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will host a pair of matches Sunday, taking on Duke at noon and Toledo at 6 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

No. 32 Notre Dame is coming off a weekend that saw it fall early at the ITA Nationals in Oklahoma to No. 12 Tulsa, and then rebound for a 4-0 victory over No. 20 Texas Tech.

“We have played pretty well thus far in our season,” coach Bobby Bayless said. “Nobody is happy with a 2-4 record, but we certainly played the strongest six matches of the season nationally. Five of our matches receive an opening round bye in the playoffs.

With a win this weekend, the No. 2 Irish (20-4-3, 14-3-3 CCHA) can clinch one of those top four spots. Two wins would give the Irish 38 points in the league, putting them out of reach of all but three teams.

“We have to recognize the situation where we are for the playoffs,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “We want to claim home ice in the second round of the playoffs, and we’ve got to win some games before we do that. At this point, every game is essential, and we can’t let down until we achieve our objective.”

The Buckeyes are eight points behind first-place Notre Dame with eight games left on the schedule. Ohio State needs to pull off a few upsets with No. 4 Michigan and No. 8 Miami still looming ahead.

The Irish are coming off their own showdown with Michigan last weekend. The Buckeyes like to move the puck quickly and have scored 100 goals so far this season with their fast-paced offense, so we’ve been practicing at a high tempo and almost mirror the game we played at [Michigan’s] Yost Arena.”

The Buckeyes lost by a lit­tle bit more significant.

BASEBALL

Samardzija, Scioscia speak at annual dinner

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Just two weeks before the start of the season, appearances by former Irish star Jeff Samardzija and Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia helped build excitement for the coming year at Notre Dame’s eighth annual Opening Night Dinner Thursday.

The major leaguers addressed a packed crowd in the Joyce Fieldhouse, sharing stories and advice from their playing and coaching careers. Samardzija and Scioscia also addressed the Irish team, ranked No. 27 in the Collegiate Baseball preseason poll.

“I didn’t expect to come back so early,” said Samardzija, who graduated in 2004. “At this point of the year, the guys here I played with, but it’s good to come back and see them now that they’re leaders of the team.”

Scioscia, who managed the Angels in a World Series title in 2002, is a familiar face in South Bend. His son Matt is a sophomore catcher on the Irish team.

“Collegiate baseball in this country is booming, and Notre Dame is right in the