Students volunteer through Circle K

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

With 20 different volunteer opportunities, some students might not be able to decide how to get involved in Circle K, Notre Dame’s largest student-run service organization. Senior Annette Esquibel could easily recommend a project.

“I’ve done every project we do,” Esquibel said. “I love how many opportunities you have to do service.”

Circle K started the second semester with an open meeting Sunday night that included free candy and T-shirt giveaways. The club’s 10 officers also described the 20 organizations that Circle K works with. The projects range from taking care of dogs with the Humane Society to reading with children in the South Bend school system.

“My favorite is probably the

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Dorms win Hall of the Fall award

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

Morrissey Manor and the Wild Women of Walsh Hall stood out during the fall semester and became Halls of the Fall, an award which takes into account various dorm activities put on during the first semester.

“Halls of the Fall is an annual award given by the Hall President’s Council to a male and female dorm who we felt best exhibited the spirit and unity of a Notre Dame dorm during the first semester,” junior Mike Oliver, co-chair of the Hall President’s Council, said.

The Hall President’s Council is a group comprised of committee members.

Progress magazine honored the

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Jenkins receives 2011 Diversity Award

Observer Staff Report

According to a University press release, University president Fr. John Jenkins was one of 14 individuals to receive a 2011 Champion of Diversity award from Indiana Minority Business Magazine (IMBM). Jenkins was recognized by the magazine at a Jan. 14 ceremony in Indianapolis.

The magazine honored the award recipients as “leaders in their respective fields, not only because they excel at what they do, but also because they are inclusive,” according to University committees to enact initiatives designed to enhance support for a diverse faculty.

“This year’s esteemed group of awardees has promoted diversity with their hiring practices, outreach programs or have individually transcended racial or gender barriers,” she said.

Jenkins, in his sixth year as University president, acted upon the recommendations of two University committees to enact initiatives designed to enhance support for a diverse faculty. These initiatives were based upon reports prepared by the University Committee on Cultural Diversity and the University Committee on Women Faculty and Students. Jenkins was recognized for the appointments of Don Peppe-Davis, vice president, associate provost and professor of psychology, and Susan Omer, William T. and Helen Kuhn Carey Associate Professor of Modern Communication and assistant provost, to oversight roles for efforts related to faculty diversity with women faculty, respectively. Their posts involve close coordination with deans, department chairs and others in faculty recruitment, hiring, retention, mentoring and development.

The award also honored the creation of the Moreau Academic Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, which is a two-year research, teaching and mentoring initiative for scholars studying or representing diverse groups. Another initiative recognized by the magazine was the Dual Career Assistance Program, which assists the spouses of recently hired full-time faculty and staff find potential employment opportunities in the area or at Notre Dame.

The intellectual interchange that is essential to a university requires, and is enriched by, the presence and voices of diverse scholars and students.” Jenkins said last year. “Beyond the benefits diversity brings to all universities, we hold this commitment also because Notre Dame is a Catholic university.”

Jenkins was elected president-elect of the University by the Board of Trustees on April 30, 2004, and became the University’s 17th president on July 1, 2005.

Teams bike in spin-a-thon for charity

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

On Saturday, members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities reached their fundraising goals during a 24-hour spin-a-thon at Knollwood Country Club to provide preventative care for women in need.

Greg Crawford, dean of the College of Science, and his wife, Renate, were in attendance, along with members of the Notre Dame women’s basketball team and the Knollwood Country Club.

The fundraising goal of the event was $24,000, according to Rhonda Bremer, athletic director of Knollwood. Participants reached the goal at 8 a.m. Saturday.

While the final donation total was not known, Bremer said she knows the event surpassed their goal by at least $1,000. There were 20 bikes to fill for the event and each rider was asked to find a $50 pledge for the hour they were riding.

“We had 480 hours on the board to fill with riders,” Bremer said. “We were able to fill more than 450 by Saturday morning.”

Organizers will donate the money raised to the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Foundation, where it will be used to provide mammograms to women who would otherwise not be able to afford them, Crawford said.

The College of Science, Notre Dame athletics and Knollwood collaborated to create the event, he said.
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Three teens accused of were among the items reported that police found drive. The documents say Page admitted being present, but he blamed the holdups on the 16-year-old. The Star says that teen declined to make a statement. The documentary, “God’s Doorkeeper: Saint Andre Bessette, C.S.C.” will be shown tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Geddes Hall of the Center for Social Concerns as part of Holy Cross Week. The event is open to the public.

**Professor Gang Cao of the University of Kentucky will give the colloquium, “Spin-Orbit Interaction Rediscovered in Transition Metal Oxides” Wednesday at 4 p.m. The lecture will take place in room 118 Newland Science.**

A photo exhibit, “The Spirit of Holy Cross: Celebrating a Saint,” will be shown at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Main Building Rotunda. The event is free and open to the public.

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Bagels entice early risers

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Braving the bitter cold and early wake up call, several Notre Dame students joined local residents in waiting in line at the opening of an Einstein Bros. Bagels location in South Bend. For those who braved the elements, the wait was worth it, as they walked away with a year’s worth of free food.

Senior Jessica Spiewak thought though the bagel franchise advertised the first 100 people in line would win free breakfast for the year, Einstein Bros. Bagels is not limiting the promotion just to the first meal of the day.

"[They gave us] a booklet of coupons and you rip off each one when you go. There are 52, so you can use one a week for a year or whenever you want," she said. "They only work at this location."

Senior Nate Anderson said he got to the store with friends early to beat the crowds. "We didn't go to bed," he said. "We got there at 2:30 to scope it out, and we got in line at 4:15."

Anderson said the novelty of waiting outside combined with the pull of free food convinced him and his friends to participate in the promotion.

"I heard at one point there were 115 people in line," she said. "There was a good mix of Notre Dame kids, high schoolers and local adults."

Spiewak also said the novelty of the promotion has drawn her back to the store several times. "I waited in line from 4:15 until 6:30 when it opened, so the first thing we did was eat breakfast," she said. "We went to sleep right after it is super close to where I live, and I didn't feel like making anything and I wanted a free sandwich, so I went back."

Anderson said while the store may not have a strong customer base yet, he thinks the promotion might spark some long-term interest. "In terms of awareness, I think it has done all right. I first heard about it at midnight that night. One hundred people now have this promotion, so word of mouth will spread throughout the year," he said. "I talked to the manager briefly, and it seems like they do this promotion with all their stores."

Montalbano also said he thought the store would prove popular with students. He said he has noticed the new location drawing some interest from the student body.

"I think people hear about something like that and they want to know more. I've seen kids using the free internet there like in Starbucks," Montalbano said. "There is a lot of space."

Spiewak said despite the bitter cold and the long wait early in the morning, the experience was well worth the effort.

"The big part is it is so close, so it is useful. Anything free is great, and worth it to me," she said. "We waited in line for two hours and got 200 dollars worth of food, so when you break it down we made 100 dollars an hour."

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Juvenile Justice Center," Esquibel said. "You tutor teens in the correctional facility. It's just good to see them trying to start over."

The club, which meets Sunday nights in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune, currently has 96 registered members. President Mathew Dominguez said the club's impressive roster is probably due to the diversity of the projects.

"I think Circle K is popular because of the variety of projects that we offer," Dominguez said. "We try to make sure there's a type of project for every type of person."

Circle K is a branch of Kiwanis, a global volunteer organization. Dominguez and Esquibel both joined Circle K because of their previous involvement with Key Club, the high school branch of Kiwanis.

Dominguez, who has been involved with Circle K since his freshman year, said his favorite project is Nursing Home Bingo.

"It's really fun to work with the elderly and talk with them while they're playing," Dominguez said. "They're always very interested in how your life is."

Senior Jessica Choi's preferred project has changed since she joined Circle K last year.

"I think [Circle K] is popular because of the variety of projects that we offer," she said. "It was always my favorite activity."

Mathew Dominguez
Circle K President

"I need to tutor children in elementary school through the program. On the other hand, sophomore Alexis Casaceli is looking forward to working with the elderly at Queen of Peace, a section of St. Mary's Convent for nuns with Alzheimer's.

"It's really touching to interact with the nuns there," Casaceli said. "I was only able to go for the first half of last semester, but it was always my favorite activity of the week."

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College celebrates heritage with Week

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News Writer

This week, student groups are sponsoring Heritage Week, an annual program that allows students to rediscover the campus’s history.

The theme of the week is “The Avenue Always Leads You Home.” Student Activities Board (SAB) chief of staff Kelly Zenere, the Avenue’s chief of staff, said this week is all about remembering the history of Saint Mary’s. Palmer said the college stemmed from the Sisters of the Flying Cloud. “It’s important to keep them in mind when students think of Saint Mary’s,” Zenere said.

“The Saint Mary’s students are the ones who keep our heritage alive,” Palmer said.

Zenere said Heritage Week is held for the students don’t feel where they come from. For these reasons, each day’s events are centered on educating students about Saint Mary’s rich history.

On Monday the college archives will be on display in the Student Center. According to Palmer, there will be 24 large posters of photos from past to present, including a photo of the class of 1907. There will be a long sleeve T-shirt giveaway on Monday in the Student Center, and archivist John Kovach will give a talk in the lounge from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. According to Zenere, Kovach will be hosting a questions and answers session. “I bring back all the great story questions,” she said.

The Heritage House will be open for tours and tea from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday. A place is given to students must sign up for times in the Student Center. On Wednesday, Sister Mary Louise “ML” Gude will be hosting three tours of the convent, and providing information on the history of the Sisters and the College, according to the schedule.

Thursday, students are invited to pick up shirts at the nuns at the Heritage Dinner at 6:30 in St. Vincent. At the dinner, students are encouraged to ask questions, and listen to the stories of the Sisters themselves, Zenere said.

Heritage Week will wind down with a S’more Meet and Greet with the Nuns in the Lillie O’Grady Room at 2 p.m. on Friday.

Zenere said this event is special because they are taking the events to the nuns. Since so many nuns unable to leave the convent due to health issues, SAB thought it was important to move an event to a location the nuns could attend.

“After all, they are the reason we are here,” Zenere said. Palmer and Zenere could not stress enough the importance of friendships. “We are trying to, in a sense, abridge the ignorance of our heritage,” Zenere said. “We have such a rich history that we should be aware of it. We want to raise breast cancer awareness,” Sade said.

“We wanted to make this as big of an event as possible,” Crockett said. “We wanted to ensure that it would be important to move an event to a location the nuns could attend.”

“Saide noted that the event was important due to the magnitude of breast cancer. “We wanted to make this as big as possible,” Crockett said. “We wanted to ensure that it would be important to move an event to a location the nuns could attend.”

“I’m excited to work together to raise money and breast cancer awareness,” Kelly Crockett.

It’s important that we all work together to make an impact.” The Kelly Cares Foundation, the basketball head football coach Brian Kelly and his wife, Kelly, also had a team at the event.

“The Kelly Cares Foundation asked us to fill spots for the full 24 hours,” said Lisa Klunder, wife of Chad Klunder, the associate director of Football Operations. “This is a really good way to support Kelly Cares and help support a larger cause.”

“I’m a teacher locally and doing community service is a good way to set an example for my kids,” she said.

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WASHINGTON — Senior senators are negotiating to reduce the 1,400 presidential appointments subject to time-consuming Senate confirmation, hoping to streamline a system that has frustrated administrations of both parties, according to officials familiar with the discussions.

These officials said that 100 positions, or more, could be dropped from the list if discussions between Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-N.Y., and Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., result in an agreement that would allow the Senate’s minority leader to rank and file in both parties. Judicial appointments would not be affected, nor would the most senior positions at Cabinet departments or independent agencies.

In addition, the two men have discussed whether Senate confirmations should be enjoyed by individual senators to block action on nomination or legislation, a strategy enjoyed for up to five days. This rule is widely flouted.

The talks are occurring against a backdrop of calls from some Democrats for far more sweeping changes in the Senate’s filibuster rules, which allow the minority party — Republicans now — to slow or defeat nominations and legislation without allowing a yes-or-no vote.

Given a lack of support among Republicans and past opposition from some Democrats, these broader proposals appear to have little or no chance of winning the two-thirds majority the Senate’s rules say are generally required to take effect. Advocates of the proposals say that a simple majority vote is sufficient to put them in place at the beginning of a new Congress, as they want to do. But it is not clear they have enough support to get much support in an institution where Democrats and aligned independents control 53 seats, to 47 for the Republicans.

The Senate returns to work Tuesday for the first time in two weeks; the proposed rules changes are among the first orders of business.
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New competitors challenge Google

As an example, he cites IBM, which seemed on its way to becoming a tech dinosaur in the early 1990s, but was able to change its course and become a leader in new technologies. This shows that large companies can change direction and adapt to new market conditions, just like smaller startups.

Making Google hip and nimble again will be the priority as Page is ready for the challenges ahead. He last held it a decade ago, he will want to be ahead of the curve, and Google's other founder, Sergey Brin, always weighed in, too. In some cases, such as Google's decision to move its search engine out of mainland China last year, the founders overruled Schmidt's wishes.

In April, Schmidt will become executive chairman and rein- quish the CEO duties to Page, now 37 and graying. While Schmidt has led the world meeting with business partners, government officials and potential takeover targets, Page says he will be making most of the big decisions as he tries to rekindle "the soul and passion of a startup." Brin will concentrate on developing new products.

It's not an impossible feat, says Michael Cursonman, an MIT professor of management. "Larry and Sergey both hate being organized. They don't want to be locked into meetings," says Ken Auletta, who got to know both of them while writing his book, "Googled. The End of the World as We Know It."

While a free-wheeling attitude typically works well at small companies, it could cause problems in a company as large as Google, says Steve Blank, a business professor at the University of Chicago.

"The risk is that if you take away the process, that in some sense you go back to a kind of management by committee," Blank said.

Schmidt, 55, has no doubt Page is ready for the challenge ahead.

"Larry has been with me in every major decision in the past decade," Schmidt said in an interview Thursday. "It's not like he has been sitting around doing nothing."
SAN FRANCISCO — A new federal proposal to tighten leash rules on parkland in and around San Francisco has many dog owners barking mad.

The 2,400-page plan released earlier this month by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the country’s largest urban national park, would mandate leashes in open spaces where dogs currently roam tethered. Some popular dog-walking areas would be closed to canines entirely, partly to protect wildlife and native plants.

The proposed rules cover about 14,000 acres of the 75,000-acre GGNRA, which includes portions of San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin counties and is the only national park in the country to allow dogs off-leash.

Since it was published Jan. 14, the document has trig-gered a flurry of blogging, newspaper columns and calls to action among the dog-owner community. Many expressed concern that recre-ation officials are trying to push dogs out of the 39-year-old park entirely.

“I have a feeling they don’t want us in there at all,” said Suzanne Valente, who takes her dog to Ocean Beach, one of the few remaining off-leash areas. Under the proposal, one section of Ocean Beach would still allow unleashed dogs, but another would become a dog-free zone.

Dogs also would be banned from parts of San Francisco’s Crissy Field and Fort Funston and all of Marin County’s Muir Beach — sites that have traditionally been favored destinations for dog owners.

Park management officials strenuously deny any sinister motive behind the proposal.

“This is not a plan to ban dogs in the GGNRA,” said park spokesman Howard Levitt. “Once enacted, this is a 20-year plan to try to bal ance the needs of a huge vari ety of users while also pro tecting natural resources.”

The plan has received a warm welcome from nature lovers who have long com plained that frolicking dogs pose a threat to the 36 rare and endangered plants and animal species that inhabit the park.

One such animal is the Western snowy plover, a rare shorebird that is considered threatened and protected by the U.S. Endangered Species Act. In 2006, the GGNRA enforced an emergency rule to protect the birds, which currently number less than 100. It requires dogs to be kept on leashes at Ocean Beach and Crissy Field for 10 months every year from July through May.

Beyond frightening and sometimes killing wildlife, dogs affect how humans experience the park, said Mike Lynes, the conservation director for Golden Gate Audubon Society. The Berkeley nonprofit has been one of the most vocal advo cates for environmental preservation in the park.

Lynes said many people, including his wife, feel uncomfortable around dogs and avoid areas of the park with a large canine presence.

But dog owners say envi ronmental preservation and responsible dog-walking are not mutually exclusive.

“We can all get along and find ways to coexist,” said Sally Stephens, chair of San Francisco Dog Owners Group, a nonprofit with about 900 paying members.

Stephens said the park was never meant to be a “pristine wilderness,” but instead was created as a multi-use natu ral resource for a dense urban population.
My pick for my Commencement speaker

By now, it should be clear that I love to complain and make fun of a lot of Notre Dame quirks and student behaviors. Heck, if it were not for these numerous things, I would resort to hor‐
ing you with political columns. This column is dedicated to something that actually makes me quite upset, angry if you will, about Notre Dame—the process of picking a Commencement speaker.

Let me begin by saying that I understand that Notre Dame is not immune to it but the selection of the graduating class’ Commencement speaker each year occurring behind closed doors via a committee with little to no solicitation or feedback from the graduating class itself is outrageous to me. The fact I checked Father Jenkins graduated from Notre Dame (undergraduate) in 1976, he is not the one being addressed in this article. Now, I do not want this to turn into a “bash the President” session; the poor guy has gotten enough of that to hold him over for the rest of his term. But this does not go without saying that he has the final say in choosing the Commencement speaker.

Why are class members not contacted or consulted? It is, in fact, our Commencement. Should we not have a fairly large say in who is going to stand before us on the last day of our undergraduate careers to deliver a culminating, appropriate message? I think so. And frankly, I do not want to hear some guy talking about some important poli‐

cy position, regardless of who it is, or do I want another person talking about how much he or she did with their life and how I can do that if I just dream and believe. Instead, I would rather hear someone who is not only going to prevent me from falling asleep but someone who will actually relate what they are saying to the class and where we are in our lives. This is a speech to the class, not just one about the speak‐

er. That is why I propose that the commen‐

cement speaker for the soon to be graduating Class of 2011 be Ellen DeGeneres. Yes, you read that name right. I think Ellen, a college dropout herself, should give us the parting words in May.

How dare I not name a Catholic right? I can already hear the chorus of complaints begin to trickle in because of the fact that Ellen is a lesbian, some‐

thing that she unashamedly accepts and embraces. And the common thought seems to be that if you are not an upstanding Catholic who professes everything that the Church says, you are not qualified to address the stu‐

dents at the University of Notre Dame. While that could not be more wrong, let me say to rest this idea that Ellen does not act like a Catholic should, even though she may not label herself as one or that her life story is suddenly not acceptable because she is homosexu‐
al. The time of uncertainty many of us are about to face is something Ellen can say “been there, done that.” To where she is now can be attributed to the fact that she never took no as a finality, even though she may have heard it many more times than she preferred. To become one of the best in the business took hard work, courage and persistence. She failed at times but never failed ultimately.

She is now recognized as one of the best in the business. She has the talent, particularly for her dancing. As you may know, her very popular show, Ellen, is a hit with many different types of people. But what she has been able to do with that show is even more of a hit to me. The care, concern and compassion she exhibits for people, particularly those going through tough times and those who just need a helping hand is amaz‐
ing. The joy she brings to people is unmatched and the love she has for others, regardless of circumstance, is incredible. To top it off, the humbleness by which she does it all is praiseworthy. That, my friends, is an example of a Catholic— a compassionate, helpful, joyful woman who loves without any due praise expected in return.

Give her the label or not, she has a lot to teach us in such a short speech about what it means to live life to the fullest and just how to do that. And also very important, she is ridiculously hilarious. When she is speaking, you think of her as nothing more or less than someone speaking from the heart with a touch of humor that goes a long way. To watch her speak in Notre Dame Stadium on May 22, 2011, would not only be the best way to end my time here, but it would be one of the most peaceful moments for me.

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“"When we are unable to find tranquility within ourselves, it is because we seek it elsewhere."”—Francois de La Rochefoucauld

French author and moralist

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Liberated men's theology?

Dear Mr. Easley: As a grizzled veteran who has been a feminist since 1971, I must say your column only "bravo" to your column. It's true that you don't seem to know much about gender studies (not to mention women's history). Basically, though, your point is absolutely sound — in fact, it's ortodox feminism. There are women who prefer to spend their energies on raising children and caring for those they love rather than pursuing cutthroat careers! (Or even working dead-end jobs, which is a lot more common.) Unfortunately, these women face gender and cultural pressure not to pursue these dreams than similarly situated women. All that feminist theory says that such men should be equally free to pursue their dream of devoting themselves to being a home maker (If they were — this is not a sexist conviction.) Why shouldn't they be able to do so?

Nota bene: for all the women (or gay guys) who've read this far: if you do find this kind and caring guy — go for it!

Gail Bederman
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Condemnation

I found Friday's front page article on the continuing Lizzy Seeborg saga particularly com- pelling (“Jenkins: Seeborg investigated,” Jan. 21). The accused student's attorney Mr. Power suggests the exis- tence of a "smear campaign," which significantly contradicts Seeborg's written account of the events. In light of her claims, there is certainly room to view Lizzy quite negatively for the first time. If Mr. Power is correct (and for the sake of fairness this "prima facie" case of Mr. Power’s) Seeborg’s honesty is called into question and our picture of the events changes drastically. It is dis- tasteful and unproductive to attack the character of a young lady so unfortunately deceased, and I hope no one stoops to that. But I do hope we take this opportunity to realize that not too long ago many of us accused a fellow student of committing a crime so horrible and monstrous as Lizzy Seeborg to kill herself out of shame. We accused Notre Dame's "protective" program at the expense of Lizzy's life. We didn't know a thing about what happened, did we? We really, we still don’t, other than the reported crimes. For a more minor than we were ini- tially led to believe. Guys, let's heed the gentle wisdom of those dreams than similarly situated women. All that feminist theory says that such men should be equally free to pursue their dream of devoting themselves to being a home maker (If they were — this is not a sexist conviction.) Why shouldn't they be able to do so.

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Starbucks adds to portion problems

Starbucks, the coffee company that makes its beverages in a variety of sizes, will soon be releasing a new, larger-sized drink called the Trenta. (Though the Trenta is not new, it seems that Starbucks has rediscovered it and decided to release it on a larger scale.) This new drink has been met with mixed reactions from consumers and food experts alike. According to a recent article in the Daily Trojan, some people are concerned about the health implications of consuming such a large beverage and wonder if it is really worth the extra money.

The rise of larger beverage sizes has been a trend in the food industry for several years. However, this trend has raised concerns about the impact on public health. In order to understand these concerns, it is important to look at the history of portion sizes in the United States. As food and beverage companies have grown larger, so have the portion sizes they offer. This has led to a decrease in the number of calories consumed at each meal and an increase in the number of calories consumed at each meal. This trend has contributed to the increase in obesity rates in the United States.

The Trenta is not new, but its recent release has sparked a debate among health experts and consumers. Some argue that the Trenta is too large and can lead to unhealthy eating habits. Others argue that the Trenta is just right and provides people with a convenient way to enjoy their coffee. Regardless of one's opinion on the matter, it is clear that the Trenta is here to stay.

The irony of this, when it comes to Starbucks, is that while they're willing to unveil a new drink size that could satisfy a baby blue whale, they still hide their smallest available size, the eight-ounce shot, behind the counter. You have to specifically ask for it, as it's not an on-the-menu option. Why try to keep secrets? A few people might be better, more classically potent espresso flavor while being healthier and cheaper at the same time. That Veni cappuccino you're holding is not a cappuccino. Trust me.

Even more surprisingly, Tim Harford, author of the book The Undercover Economist, says that some companies partici- pate in deliberate "product sabotage" toward products that are less profitable. This includes hiding them, damaging them or making them look ugly, encouraging customers to buy the bigger, better alternatives.

"It's not hard to identify the price-blind cus- tomers in Starbucks. They're the ones buying enough latte to bathe Cleopatra," Harford wrote in Slate. "The major costs of staff time, space in the queue and packaging are similar for any size of drink. So, larger drinks carry a substantially higher markup.

"As a result, it is inevitable with any business situation, it all comes down to money. Starbucks has to find a way to keep up with fast-food chains such as McDonald's, which serve larger drinks for less cash.

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Scene Writer

With topics ranging from the controversial Westboro Baptist Church to the difficulties of single motherhood, the 32nd Annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival was highly entertaining and impressive. The festival, featuring 15 short films and documentaries, aired this weekend in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Here are some of the highlights:

“The Elect”
The film provides a fascinating and unflinching look at the everyday lives of the controversial Westboro Baptist Church. The church uses jars of signs and slogans, nationwide picketing tours and boisterous Lady Gaga parody to spread their word. The most striking thing about this documentary was its glimpse into the lives of the church’s youth. Children stand with the church’s adult members at their protests, using hateful speech to condemn a wide variety of targets. One child is shown desperately begging his mother to let him join the church on a trip to San Francisco for a protest. The way in which the hateful ideology of the church is passed on to children is truly shocking and makes for an enthralling documentary.

“True”
Suspectful and creepy, this black and white film depicts the sinister plot of a man and woman. The couple, without using any dialogue, focuses on sounds such as footsteps and a scratching teakettle to keep the audience on edge.

“Picking Up America”
The documentary features four people in their twenties on a cross-country road cleaning trip. The film captures funny and cringeworthy moments, including the disposal of roadside urine-filled plastic bottles and the group’s drinking of a bottle of chocolate milk found in a ditch. The initiative members’ passion for their cause is truly remarkable, and comes through in their interviews. They accomplish staggering results and meticulously weigh each bag of trash to track their statistics.

“Searching for Dillinger”
This movie shows a humorous glimpse into the life of John Dillinger, the town known for housing legendary gangster John Dillinger. Dillinger is mentioned as the perfect place to hide from the law, with no local police force, hospitable locals and a location in the middle of nowhere. Town historians and local experts on gang activity lead the viewer on a tour of Dillinger’s hangouts. The colorful locals and captions provide consistent laughs and function to introduce the audience to a part of the country they would never thought to check out on their own.

“Rosa y Luna”
The film follows the struggles of a single mother returning to the workforce after giving birth. Tania, the actress playing Rosa, successfully shows the heartbreak of leaving her child off at a neighbor’s as she leaves for the construction site. Likewise, the actors communicate brilliantly and largely without dialogue. The story of a mother leaving her child and the formal offering of a cigarette on route to work are all simple gestures that work perfectly to express emotion and advance characterization.

The high-quality work presented at the film festival made for a great show. Visit nd.edu to find out more about the film department and its upcoming events.

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Notre Dame Student Film Festival: Entertaining and Enlightening

Better known by his world famous moniker Snoop Dogg, Calvin Broadus will take the stage this Wednesday at Club Fever in South Bend. Snoop Dogg, originally known as Snoop Doggy Dogg before he changed his performance name in 1996, has been rapping and acting for more than 20 years. His 1993 debut album “Doggystyle” featured such hit singles as “Gin and Juice” and “Who Am I (What’s My Name)” and has been hailed as a classic. Calvin Broadus began singing and playing piano for his church when he was very young and began rapping at the age of 11. While still in high school, he was arrested for criminal distribution of cocaine and served six months in prison, the first of many legal troubles for Snoop Dogg. He identified himself as a member of the Crips gang for years, which coupled with his well-known recreational use of marijuana, which has been the source of many of his legal problems. While recording “Doggystyle” in 1993, Broadus was arrested in connection with the murder of rival gang member Phillip Wolderman by Snoop Dogg’s bodyguard. Additionally, after allegedly sparking a brawl at Heathrow Airport in London, Broadus has been banned from entering the United Kingdom for life. Despite these legal difficulties, however, Snoop Dogg has been an extremely successful rapper and entertainer for two decades. His first appearance in film was a cameo appearance in the 1996 steen cult classic “Half Baked,” written by and starring Dave Chappelle. He has since appeared in approximately twenty-five movies, including “Soul Plane,” “Bones” and “Starsky and Hutch.” His influence on popular culture, however, is possibly best exemplified by the popularity of the suffix “izzle” which Snoop Dogg is credited with introducing to the mass public.

Following the massive success of “Doggystyle” — it was certified four times platinum a little more than six months after its release — Snoop Dogg released “The Dogfather” in 1996, his last album on Dr. Dre’s Death Row record label. In 1998 Broadus dropped his third album “Da Game Is to Be Sold, Not to Be Told,” which featured “Gin & Juice II,” and smash hit “Still a G Thang.” While he certainly never faded from the limelight, Snoop Dogg has seen resurgence in popularity in recent years, with his single “I Wanna Rock” reaching number three on the U.S. Billboard Rap Songs chart in late 2009. Then of course there is his guest spot in Katy Perry’s chart-topping “California Gurls” as well as his cameo appearance in the subsequent music video. In addition to his upcoming solo album, Snoop Dogg is supposedly recording an album with up-and-coming Pittsburgh rapper Wiz Khalifa. At the very least Snoop did appear on the official remix of Wiz’s breakthrough hit “Black and Yellow” a few months ago.

Snoop Dogg has always been known for putting on an extravagent and spirited live performance, and given the good reviews that recent stops of this current tour have gotten, it seems likely that this Wednesday’s performance should not disappoint those who attend. Tickets are $45 in advance and $49 the day of the show, however the show is currently sold out according to the Ticketmaster website.

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Around the Bend

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The observer

Scene

Arriving back on campus from our holidays is always a wistful time. We yearn for the hours spent in heady relaxation after an abundant meal cooked by our parents who are ever so eager and happy to wait on their prodigal offspring returned from the halls of academia. We grieve for the Christmas morning spent opening lovely wrapped packages and eating hot brioche under the tree, and for the hedonism of our New Year's celebrations which must be replaced with the challenges of new classes and the tediousness of required errands and duties.

Compounding this January season of longing is the Dr. Zhivago landscape in which we find ourselves. Our breath visible in front of us, we gaze on never-ending expanses of Moscow-esque snow which seem to create a mirage of long-lost friends sledding eagerly towards us (just the other day on South Quad I was sure I saw Omar Sharif desperately crying my name and swiftly running as he did so brilliantly in the Dr Zhivago film adaptation of 1965).

In the face of our daily schleps on campus, our first instincts may be to let ourselves go a bit in the fashion department. However, our inner fashionista immediately cries out in protest. Let not the daily grind stifle your inner creative goddess! Come what may: snow drifts, assignments, long lines at Starbucks or broken alarms, we will rally, and instead take inspiration from our surroundings. A touch of glamour can still be had even in blizzard-like conditions, we say! To see such glamour in action, dear readers, we need only turn our eyes to our relatives across the proverbial pond that so dearly bring us the Russian fur hat.

The Russian fur hat is a delightful topper to any outfit. As an accessory which conveniently rests on the uppermost region of one’s fashion canvas, it will make you visible over the snow banks in a shoe-stopping way as you salutate all the friends you haven’t seen since the week of dreadful finals. Its foxy form ensures that it will keep its shape and not collapse unflatteringly should some unwanted snow fall upon you from a passing building. Meant to be worn low, it will also keep your ears toasty warm, and bring attention to your sparkling eyes.

For those of us who shudder at the idea of wearing fur (and let’s face it, simply can’t permit ourselves the real thing unless we find it at the bottom of a vintage closet for an irresistible steal) faux-fur is now all the rage thanks to our dear Chanel helmsman Karl Lagerfeld! Pair this hat with everything and anything, from your jeans to your most formal outfit and it will up the ante of your total fashion ensemble. Lest you think this fashion trend is not for you, I must mention that dear Kate Middleton was spotted wearing one of these long before she became Prince-to-be. On our continent, for your convenience, Dillard’s carries this key ingredient to European glamour for only $26.60. With prices and styles like this, that charming prince must step aside. You’re ready for your own close-up.

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Name: Lauren Matich
Spotted: On North Quad

Lauren is ready for the cold and snowy weather of South Bend and she does it with style. Her colorful hat and patterned scarf and coat make her look chic and fun. She’s embracing winter in a very fashionable way!

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Name: Freshman All Thomas models the Russian fur hat.

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Chicago Bears against their bitter rivals.

Rodgers ran for a score and made a 37-yard field goal in leading the Green Bay Packers into the Super Bowl with a bone-jarring tackle in the NFC championship game and his Monster of the Midway in the playoffs.

He wasn't even at his best, and, still, he was better than the first, second and third quarter-quarterback used in vain by the Chicago Bears against their bitter rivals.

It's an incredible feeling," Rodgers said. "I'm at a loss for words.

Rodgers played well enough to keep the Bears off balance all afternoon. Green Bay punter Tim Masthay kept Devin Hester under wraps and the Packers' special teams unit was the rest in knocking the Bears out of the playoffs.

In the 182nd meeting in the league's most historic feud, and the stakes had never been bigger.

Now the Packers (13-6) are heading to Dallas, no matter what happens in the Super Bowl on Feb. 6, the Packers and their fans hold ultimate bragging rights over their foes to the south. The Bears will play the winner of Sunday night's NFC title game between the New York Jets and Pittsburgh Steelers.

We made a play to win the game and that's all that matters, said running back Matt Forte.

Matthews said. "Keep playing defense the way we know how, and it's going to be tough for teams to beat us." Adams could do was watch, having left the game with a knee injury early in the third quarter.

In the game after the injury, Cutler was having trouble moving the offense, which was getting boozed by the home fans.

Primary backup Todd Collins replaced Cutler, but he was jeered even worse. Then little-known backup Caleb Hanie and the Bears' 112th place actually made it a game.

Chicago's third-string quarterback rallied the Bears for a touchdown drive to cut the lead to seven points with 4:43 left. The Bears forced a punt and got the ball back with under 3 minutes left. Hanie drove the Bears to the Green Bay 29-yard line, then threw a fourth-down interception to Sam Shields—the rookie's second of the game.

Now all those Pro Bowl voters who didn't think Rodgers was worthy can relax. They're off the hook. Rodgers will be headed to the Super Bowl instead.

Rodgers proved ready for the biggest day of his brief but impressive career as the successor to Brett Favre, even if his final stat line didn't look impressive after an ugly, hard-fought game.

He threw for 244 yards with two interceptions—a disappointment, given how well he had played lately. But his play in the first half was good enough to put the Packers in a two-touchdown hole, boggling a good defense that suddenly seemed to fall for every play-action fake.

Chicago was ready for a championship party under sunny skies and 20-degree temperatures, and went wild from the national anthem on. But Rodgers quelled them down quickly, marching the Packers on an opening drive to put them up 10-0.

The Bears went with a heavy dose of running back Matt Forte early on, with limited success.

Early in the second quarter, Brandon Jackson faked Brian Urlacher out for a long gain on a screen pass, and Rodgers' pass to Jordy Nelson set up James Starks' 4-yard touchdown run to give Green Bay a 14-0 lead.

It was the latest in a series of big moments for Rodgers, who has earned near-universal praise for the way he has played this season—especially since sitting out the Packers' Dec. 19 loss at New England because of a concussion.

Rodgers has been on a hot streak since Dec. 19, doing it under pressure. The Packers would have been out of the play-offs with a loss in either of their last two regular-season games, including the regular season finale against Chicago.

With the Packers leading 14-0 at halftime, Green Bay's defense forced a three-and-out to begin the second half, and Rodgers went back to marching the Packers down the field.

With the Packers poised to put the game away, Rodgers instead tossed the ball to Urlacher on third-and-goal. He took off and ran down the Bears linebacker near midfield, barely preventing him from returning the scoring threat.

"I'm really happy we won the game today because we maintained our position in first place this year," Urlacher said. "I'm looking forward not looking back."

"We came into a loud building against a very good hockey team, and we played a real sound hockey game and walked away with two points," Chicago lost in regulation for the first time since Jan. 5 and had been on a 5-0-1 roll.

"It seems like they had five guys in the neutral zone," Hossa said. "They were waiting for our mistake and it was hard to get the puck by them."

Chicago rookie Corey Crawford finished with 30 saves.

Bobrovsky was especially sharp in the first period before the Flyers took control.

The Blackhawks had the better scoring chances in the second period, scoreless first. Bobrovsky made several quick, close-in saves, including ones on Jonathan Toews and Tomas Kopecky. (Bobrovsky) was in complete control.

Chicago stopped Braydon Coburn's drive from the right point, but couldn't control the rebound. While Crawford was dressing the Flyers, Bobrovsky managed several attempts that hit him. He was blocked by the Blackhawks. Carter finally pushed the puck over the goal line to give the Flyers a 1-0 lead.

"It was a weird one," Carter said. "We missed about five or six points Chicago.

Philadelphia then tightened its play and coverage to slow down Chicago. Meanwhile, the Flyers generated several prime chances and ended up outshooting Chicago 19-9 in the period.

Flyers center Darroll Powe fights off John Scott of the Blackhaws in Philadelphia's 4-1 victory Sunday.
RODDICK is the last American to fall in Open

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick didn’t like being the fall guy again. The facts, however, were unmistakable: All the Americans were gone from the Australian Open. Roddick lost to 19th-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka on a cold Sunday night at Melbourne Park. Roddick saw 24 aces whip past him, barely got a look at a break-point chance and didn’t get his own big serve firing in a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 fourth-round defeat.

Roddick, seeded eighth, had been the last American man standing in the singles field. The women were out before the third round ended. Venus Williams lasted seven only points before she bubbled off with an ailing hip muscle.

"Obviously I’m not going to sit here and ...“ Roddick checked himself and then switched gears, saying the stories were already written and it didn’t really matter what he said. "Obviously wasn’t the showing that we wanted, you know, but I’m doing what I can.

Roddick’s ouster came on a day when Roger Federer equaled Jimmy Connors’ Open era mark by reaching his 27th straight quarterfinal at a major, and Francesca Schiavone won the longest women’s match in Grand Slam history — a 6-4, 1-6, 16-14 victory over Svetlana Kuznetsova that took 4 hours, 44 minutes.

No. 3 Novak Djokovic and No. 6 Tomas Berdych also won in the fourth round. Among the women, No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki and No. 9 advanced, while No. 14 Maria Sharapova lost to No. 30 Andrea Petkovic.

Since Roddick’s 2003 U.S. Open victory, no American man has won a major. Venus and sister Serena Williams have won 10 majors between them in the interim, and 20 between them overall. Serena was the 2010 champion in Australia, but couldn’t defend her title because of a foot injury.

"Not having the best player in the world at a major would be ... be tough for any country. Obviously we want her healthy as much as possi-,“ Roddick said. "You know, she’s instantly the best player in the game when she comes back.”

Roddick’s career was starting in the days when Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi were winding down. Since they retired, no American man has regularly kept him company in the late-stages of majors.

"It’s tough," he said. "I remember last summer when I was catching all the heat for not having an American guy in the top 10 for the first time in 15 years. Didn’t really make sense to me that I was the one taking heat when I was the only guy that had been there for the last six years.

"It’s a responsibility that has great benefits, and it’s hard sometimes as well ... For many reasons, I would love to have guys there with me all the time.”

Roddick’s departure leaves 2010 finalist Andy Murray as the only player from any of the Grand Slam host countries in the tournament. All the French and the Australian players were already beaten by the end of the third round. There’s two Swedes, but only one can reach the semifinals.

Wawrinka advanced to the first all-Swiss quarterfinal at a major in the Open era, where he’ll run into Federer, the defending champion. Federer beat Tommy Robredo 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the quarter-

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 Ends 3-3, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the 20th major in a row. Connors’ mark came between 1973 and 1983 — although he didn’t play every major because he was hurt or didn’t travel to Australia.

Schiavone, the French Open champion, saved six match points, then converted on her third match point to win her longest women’s match at a major in terms of time in the Open era. The longest previous record was set in Australia last year when Barbora Zahlavova-Strycova beat Regina Kulikova 7-6 (5), 6-7 (10), 6-3 in 4 hours.

Said a spent Schiavone: “At the end, you have something more, always.”

Kuznetsova said the match was so long she was forgetting the score or who should serve. Schiavone said it wasn’t quite that bad for her.

"But I was watching the clock, and I say, ‘Brava, Francesca, you are tough!’”

The 30-year-old Italian will next meet Wozniacki, who reached the quarterfinals in Australia for the first time with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Anastasija Sevastova. She then caused a bit of a stir at her news conference with a tale about being scratched by a kangaroo.

She later returned to Melbourne Park to clarify she’d made up the story and to apologize, saying she didn’t think anyone would believe it.

Petkovic toppled Sharapova, the 2008 champion, 6-2, 6-3. She will next play Li, the 2010 semifinalist from China who advanced with a 6-3, 6-3 decision over No. 8 Victoria Azarenka.
Chicago’s QB woes cost trip to Super Bowl

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sid Luckman was without a doubt the best quarterback the Bears ever had. Sad to say, his ghost would probably be ranked No. 2.

So imagine this. Nearly a century into the NFL’s longest-running rivalry and six decades after Luckman left town, Chicago may have finally found another real quarterback. Unfortunately, they didn’t take the wraps off Caleb Hanie until a few minutes remained in the third quarter of Green Bay’s 21-14 win over the Bears — too late to do the league’s most historically pass-challenged franchise much good.

As it turned out, Hanie was the team’s third option at quarterback, sent in to relieve second-stringer Todd Collins, himself a replacement for injured starter Jay Cutler. Yet Hanie still managed to throw more passes than Cutler and Collins combined, including the Bears’ only touchdown, and nearly doubled their passing yards and quarterback rating.

“People were telling me ‘congratulations’ after I’m thinking I just threw interceptions. I guess all that means is that they don’t expect much,” Hanie said.

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Bears quarterback

The former Colorado State star arrived — Jim McMahon, the perennially injured starting quarterback, sent in to replace the injured starter Jay Cutler and the 38-year-old journeyman from Michigan.

“I don’t need motivation,” Hanie said, “I’d like to think I don’t need that type of motivation.”

Every Bears quarterback can find all the motivation he needs simply by studying the team’s record books. After all this time, Luckman still holds nearly every important mark.

Hanie grew up in Forney, Texas, a small town some 40 miles east of Cowboys Stadium and from among all the great Dallas quarterbacks, chose Troy Aikman as his model. He acknowledged he knew little about the Bears’ sorry legacy at the position when he arrived — Jim McMahon and Erik Kramer were the only two that came to mind — then added, “I know it’s been a carousel this decade.”

Just this decade? Caleb, try since the day club founder George Halas threw open the doors on the business.

It’s easy to see how Chicago became home and hearth to so many vicious defenders over the years. The front office rarely risked high draft picks on quarterbacks or soft-handed receivers, arguing a punishing defense was the quickest way to find an audience and keep it. The best way to find an audience and keep it. The best way to find an audience and keep it. The best way to find an audience and keep it. The best way to find an audience and keep it. The best way to find an audience and keep it.

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But the Bears brought in offensive coordinator Mike Martz to capitalize on Cutler’s strength, and despite some rocky stretches, made it as far as the next-to-last game of the season. Cutler took a shot to the knee in the last series before intermission.

After an exam at halftime, team trainers taped the joint and Cutler tried riding an exercise bike on the sideline in hopes of playing the next game. Unfortunately, the medical staff ruled him out.

“It’s a lonely feeling,” Cutler said. “Go through training camp and everything else and get to this point and have an opportunity to get in the Super Bowl, it’s hard.”

Harder still was the barrage Cutler took instantaneously on Twitter from some current and retired NFL players. Several questioned his guts.

“If I’m on Chicago team Jay Cutler has to wait till me and the team shower get dressed and leave before he comes in the locker room,” wrote Cardinals defensive lineman Darnell Dockett.

“Folks never question a players injury but do question a players heart,” wrote Deion Sanders, the far-from-lionhearted one-time cornerback and current NFL analyst.

Nobody, though, questioned Hanie’s heart.

The former Colorado State quarterback went undrafted in 2008, threw exactly seven passes in his first two seasons and found out during the Bears bye week that he’d dropped to No. 3 behind Collins, the 38-year-old journeyman from Michigan.

Hanie isn’t likely to unseat Cutler anytime soon. Not after what the Bears gave up to get Cutler, nor considering how much cash they threw at him in 2009 to secure a two-year contract extension through 2013. That suited the Super Bowl-bound Packers just fine.

“I kind of wish we had Jay in there the whole game,” Green Bay lineman Clay Matthews said. “The way things were going.”

“I heard his knee was banged up or something like that,” safety Charlie Peprah added, “but I came in and good for him. I’m hopeful this will spark his career in the NFL. He came in and didn’t seem too rattled.”

Associated Press
Pittsburgh survives late Jets rally for AFC title

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers found a fitting way to shut down the New York Jets’ season.

What started with “Hard Knocks,” ended with hard knocks.

For the third time in six seasons, Terrible Towels will swirl at the Super Bowl. The Steelers silenced Rex Ryan’s wild bunch with a fumble return for a touchdown and a goal-line stand in a 24-19 victory for the AFC championship Sunday. They will face Green Bay in Dallas in two weeks.

Look out Big D. Here comes another Big — in black and gold, and with an unmatched history of carrying off the Lombardi Trophy.

You bet that unit led by James Harrison, which shut down the Jets’ comeback in the fourth quarter, will test Aaron Rodgers. That overwhelming defense set the tone for most of a rigid night at Heinz Field to end the Jets’ stunning postseason run. Ryan slammed down his helmet when Antonio Brown, also a hero last week, caught a pass for a first down that allowed Pittsburgh to hang on and run out the clock.

And the Steelers (14-4) will challenge the Packers’ defense with a versatile attack led by running back Rashard Mendenhall and quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

The Steelers ended the Jets’ season with a dominant first half for a 24-3 edge. Mendenhall had 95 of his 121 yards and a touchdown.

“* knew we were going to have a chance to run the ball well,” Mendenhall said. “The offensive line, they controlled the line of scrimmage all game.”

Roethlisberger has moved on from a four-game suspension at the beginning of the season to take Pittsburgh to its eighth Super Bowl; the Steelers own the most Super Bowl wins, six. He scrambled twice and again for key gains, often against shoddy tackling.

At game’s end, he kneed on the field, his face buried in an AFC championship T-shirt.

The rocky Jets seemed to have left everything they had in New England last Sunday. There was little trash talking all week and even less fire in their biggest game since winning the championship 42 years ago. They haven’t been back to the Super Bowl.

The Steelers are regulars, including titles for the 2005 and 2008 teams, both led by Roethlisberger and a fierce defense sparked by playmaking safety Troy Polamalu.

Polamalu, his hair pouring from under his helmet as the black-and-gold signature tattoos flowed through Heinz Field, didn’t have to do a whole lot this time. Not with the way his teammates whipped the Jets at the line of scrimmage before a spirited New York surge in the second half.

And too often, New York’s defense was like a swinging gate that Roethlisberger and Mendenhall ran through with ease.

New York (13-6) failed for the fourth time in the AFC title game since 1969, when the Jets won perhaps the most significant of all Super Bowls. It was a devastating finish, particularly after the Jets beat Peyton Manning and the Colts, then Tom Brady and the Patriots on the road to get to Pittsburgh.

Asked if he would change anything about this season, Ryan said “I would change the outcome of this game and that’s the only thing I would change. We don’t need to apologize to anybody. We’ll be back, you’ll see.”

The Steelers snapped New York’s hopes of making that Super Bowl a sixth-seed spectacle, the Packers are the NFCs No. 6 seed.

Coach Mike Tomlin had his Steeler fans eager for the fight from the outset, while Ryan’s guys were flat until it was too late.

The Jets did get a 45-yard TD pass from Mark Sanchez to Santonio Holmes — the hero of Pittsburgh’s Super Bowl victory two years ago — and a safety after Pittsburgh’s goal-line stand.

But the early hole was too deep, even after a 4-yard TD pass to Jerricho Cotchery made it 24-19 with 3:06 remaining.

The Jets never got the ball back.

Pittsburgh set the early tone with a 66-yard march that took up the first nine minutes, with Roethlisberger displaying his scrambling skills on several plays, including a key 12-yard run on third-and-12. Mendenhall reached the ball over the goal line from the 1 in the final of a 15-play drive in which the Steelerers pushed around Ryan’s pride and joy.

But Pittsburgh also lost outstanding rookie center Maurkice Pouncey with an ankle injury, leaving it with just one backup offensive lineman.

It was the Jets who were struggling to block, though. And catch, with the usually sure-handed Cotchery making a key third-down drop.

On tackle, Mendenhall found seams to the left, right or up the middle. His 33-yard sprint in the second quarter led to Shaun Suisham’s 20-yard field goal and a 10-0 lead that was insurmountable the way the Jets were whiffing.

It became 17-0 as Roethlisberger, who was not prosecuted after being accused in March of the sexual assault of a 20-year-old college student, scooted into the end zone from the 2. Just 47 seconds later, Ike Taylor sacked Sanchez, forcing a fumble that William Gay ran 22 yards for a 24-0 lead.

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FENCING
Top ranked Irish dominate
By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The No. 1 women’s and men’s Irish fencing teams opened the 2008 season three weeks ago participating in the NYU Invitational.

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said being No. 1 in the polls is a testament of what kind of team the Irish are, and what kind of team they can become.

"It shows the strength of our team," Bednarski said. "It’s also showing the ambition to be No. 1 with top 10 teams, such as Ohio State, Northwestern, among others, competing in the invitational. Bednarski said before the event that it would be one of the sternest tests his Irish team would face all season.

The Irish more than held their own throughout the men’s and women’s teams the Irish won 11 matches in the event. The women’s team finished with 14-2 record, and the men notched a 5-12 record.

The women recorded victories over fencing heavyweights Yale, Columbia, Northwestern, Ohio State, St. John’s and NYU. The men were victorious against Yale, Stevens Tech, Columbia, NYU and Northwestern. The pair had only lost against St. John’s.

Sophomores James Kaul and senior Jacob Osborne led the men’s team. Kaul finished the matches with a 12-3 record, including 3-0 bouts against Stevens Tech and Ohio State. Osborne had a 9-4 record, which included winning two or more bouts against Yale, NYU and Ohio State.

The women’s team was led by their two All-Americans: senior Ewa Neejip and junior Courtney Hurley. Neejip compiled a record of 14-2, which included undefeated bouts against Northwestern, Yale, and St. John’s. Hurley accumulated a 13-2 record and was also undefeated in three bouts. She went unblemished against Columbia, Yale and Northwestern.

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MEN’S TENNIS
Team earns first win falls to Virginia
By KATIE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish earned their first victory of the season Sunday over William and Mary before falling to No. 1 Virginia.

In the first match against William and Mary, the Notre Dame squad won five of their six singles matches and swept all three doubles matches to earn a 6-1 victory.

No. 72 senior Stephen Hawes and junior Sam Kesten were both able to earn 6-3, 6-1 victories at the No. 1 and No. 5 positions, respectively.

Junior Casey Walt opened his spring campaign with a win at No. 2 singles, while sophomore Blas Moros also earned a win for the Irish at No. 6 singles.

The Irish suffered their only loss at the No. 2 singles when Jamie Whiteford defeated freshman Greg Andrews in a tight three-setter.

The Irish earned all three wins in the doubles lineup, starting with a team of two seniors, Havens and Tyler Davis, who won 8-4 at No. 1.

Junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge won 8-5, 8-7 at No. 3 and Greg Andrews and Walt won at No. 3.

In the second match of the weekend against Virginia, the Irish only mustered one win at No. 7 singles by sophomore 122 Tyler Davis, and lost 9-1.

The Irish played three tight doubles matches but did not pick up any victories.

Havens fell at No. 1 singles to No. 27 Michael Shahza 6-3, 6-0.

Walt won the first set of his No. 2 singles match against No. 3 Alex Domijan before dropping the next two to lose the match. The Irish only managed one point against No. 6 singles to No. 105 Justin Shaine. Senior Dan Stahl fell at No. 3 singles to No. 10 Sanam Singh.

At No. 1 doubles Havens and Davis fell 9-5, while Fitzgerald and Talmadge lost 8-7 (4).

The Irish will return to action Friday against Oklahoma in Champaign, Ill.

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MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD
Underclassmen excel in competitive home meet
By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

Notre Dame competed in the Notre Dame Invitational Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center.

The team excelled throughout the event and notched a total of 10 first-place finishes. It was a total team effort, but young talent, such as Derek Moore, who took a large portion of the load for the Irish. Freshman Jarrod Burge, who ran a time of 8.42 seconds to take first place in the 100-meter hurdles. Freshman Patrick Feeney and sophomore Brian Dougherty also carried some of the weight. Feeney came in first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.17 seconds, while Dougherty won the 500-meter dash in 1:05.31.

Another underclassman taking home first place honors was sophomore Jeremy Rae, who took first place in 1,000-meter race with a time of 2:22.53.

Some of the standout performances by underclassmen included wins by seniors Jack Howard and Ryan Gamboa. Howard, andndoor All-American, crossed the line first in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:52.64 and Gamboa ran the mile in 4:08.98 in his first place performance.

With his place finishes in the triple jump, pole vault and weight throw, the Irish shined in the field events as well. Junior Patrick Glass won the triple jump with a 17.16-meter leap and freshman Kevin Schipper leapt 5.1 meters in the high jump, while senior Greg Davis threw 17.68 meters to win the weight throw.

The Irish will return to action Friday at the Indiana Relays at Indiana University in Bloomington.

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NFL
Green Bay is early Super Bowl favorite
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Sports books in Nevada made Green Bay a slight favorite in the Super Bowl over Pittsburgh on Sunday night based on the Packers’ popularity among bettors during the past few weeks.

The Giants-Culver line made the Packers an early 1½-point favorite and put the total score at 45 points for the Feb. 6 game in Arlington, Texas.

Jay Kornegay, executive director of the race and sports book at the Las Vegas Hilton, said his book made the Packers a 2-point favorite and quickly moved the line to 2½ points as bettors gambled on Green Bay.

“That steam engine is still rolling,” Kornegay said. “It’s going to be a very interesting Super Bowl because you have two heavyweights as far as popularity goes.”

Oddsmakers Andrew Patterson of Las Vegas Sports Consultants said the firm, which provides betting lines to most casinos in Nevada, made the Packers a 1½-point favorite to try to encourage action on both teams.

“It think it’s a good number, but a lot of us feel it’s a little high,” Patterson said.

The Super Bowl is the most popular betting game of the year for Nevada casinos, which won almost $6.9 million on last year’s game as bettors wagered $82.7 million.

That was up slightly from 2009, and Kornegay said he expects wagers to be up again this year because Pittsburgh and Bay have had strong followings.

Pittsburgh is always popular among bettors, and Patterson said that even though Green Bay was a No. 6 seed going into the playoffs, they started the season with the fifth-tightest odds among all NFL teams to win the title.

More than any other game, sports books say the line on the Super Bowl is determined by how teams performed in their most recent game. Oddsmakers say average fans bet far more money on the Super Bowl than frequent bettors — making common perception more important in setting betting lines.

Both Pittsburgh and Green Bay got off to quick starts in their respective conference championship games on Sunday, then had to stave off rallies.

Kornegay said that even though the games were similar, Green Bay bettors weren’t likely to be discouraged because they still won their bets.

“Even though they didn’t have the flash and the charm that they had the first couple weeks, they still were rewarded by a cover,” he said. “They cashed, so they will continue to support us.”
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the Notre Dame bench, turned around, and launched a fade away 3-pointer with three seconds left on the shot clock. The shot somehow found the bottom of the basket to give the Irish their first lead since the opening minute. On the ensuing possession, Hansbrough heist his man off the dribble and rose up for a baseline dunk that gave the Irish a 62-57 lead and sent the Purcell Pavilion crowd into a frenzy. Hansbrough finished with a career-high 28 points to go along with six assists and five rebounds.

“I just had the angle,” Hansbrough said. “I am capable of doing that. We work on that every day in three man weave. The opportunity got there, I just went up and finished it strong and it went in.”

Marquette looked as though it might shoot Notre Dame out of the building, something it did in the teams’ first meeting this season, after it opened up an 11-4 lead building, something it did in the second half to cut the lead to single digits and Scott dunked home a putback just over a minute later that began to swing the momentum in Notre Dame’s favor. In his second game back from injury, Scott recorded a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

“We showed perseverance,” Scott said. “We have to take the punches. They threw some punches. We definitely have to weather the storm. That’s what we did.”

Notre Dame takes the court again tonight against No. 3 Pittsburgh at the Petersen Events Center. The game will tip off at 7 p.m. and can be seen on ESPN.

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Irish freshman Jennifer Kellner rips a backhand during her match in the Eck Classic on Oct. 3.

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also contributed for the Irish. Kellner established her place on the team by gaining 6-1 in both sets, performing well in her first collegiate matchup. She and doubles partner Chrissie McGaffigan gained another team point by winning 8-2.

“Everyone stepped up in our doubles matches,” Frilling said. “No one had really played with their partners yet and Jenny is a freshman and played five matches. She really just dominated so we’re really looking forward to the things she’s going to bring to the team this year.”

Matthews and Frilling won their doubles match 8-1 to gain the fourth point. In singles, Matthews, the second-ranked singles player on the team, won against Breanne Smutks in a 6-3 and 6-2 victory.

“I think it was a good first match for us,” Frilling said. “We knew going in it was going to be tough, I think it was good that we have more confidence going into our matches this weekend.”

Overall, Frilling has high hopes for the rest of the season, but she knows that the team needs to focus on the matches ahead of them.

“Everyone just kind of got into the groove of things,” Frilling said about this match. “They are only going to improve throughout the season.”

The Irish are in action again at home Saturday against the Yale Bulldogs.

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performances of the year,” Irish coach Tim Connelly said. “I was especially impressed with Rudy [Atekine]. She looked great and this meet was really important for her, considering the fact that she is coming off of surgery in the offseason that limited what she was able to do.”

In addition to the strong performances by the field participants, sophomore long-distance runner Rebecca Tracy squeezed out a win in the 1,600-meter race, running the mile in a time of 4:42.14, besting her previous personal record by three seconds. With her performance, Tracy posted the second-fastest mile time in the nation, a mark her coach believes could be a qualifying time for the NCAA Regionals.

“Rebecca is just so talented and it is really beginning to find her stride,” Connelly said. “She is running consistently confident that she can perform at such a high level and it shows through [Saturday’s] time.”

But the Irish are looking for more consistency throughout the running events, as only six of their runners finished in the top three in their events.

“Aftr seeing our finishes, I would say that we have to work on just about everything,” Connelly said. “There are some really big gaps and a little inconsistency in our performances that are preventing us from realizing our true potential.”

The Notre Dame Invitational, which was held inside the Loftus Sports Complex, also featured squads from DePaul, Western Michigan and Michigan State that created an extremely competitive meet even early in the year, something that Connelly hopes to build on.

“Being the first home meet this early in the year, we were really looking to see where we were at, gauge our performance and see how we could improve,” he said.

The Irish will look to improve on their performance when they travel to Indiana University to take part in the Indiana Relays, starting on Jan. 29.

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The Observer.
**Men’s Swimming and Diving**

**Close loss shows Irish improvement**

By JOSEPH MONARDO
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The Irish were edged out by a perennially strong Michigan State team on Friday by a score of 155.5-145.5, dropping Notre Dame to 5-3 on the season. But the slim 10-point margin signals a dramatic improvement from last year’s 179-121 drubbing at the hands of the Spartans.

"Last year, Michigan State beat us by a lot more," junior Petar Petrovic said. "This year was a pretty close meet, so on that side you can say that it was progress."

Irish coach Tim Welsh echoed Petrovic’s analysis, emphasizing how close and competitive the meet results were.

Welsh acknowledged that a few races were decided by less than a tenth of a second, and he’s seen in years.

In the face of strong opposition, the Irish put together a strong showing, registering six individual victories on the night. Notre Dame’s effort was highlighted by sophomore Bill Bass, who placed first in the 200-yard butterfly and the 400-yard individual medley.

Welsh deemed the performances of freshmen Frank Dyer and Colin Babcock in the 1,000-yard freestyle as "outstanding," as Dyer won his event debut in runaway fashion and Babcock swam a personal best. Two more first place finishes for Notre Dame were provided by sophomore Kevin Overholt in the 50-yard freestyle and senior Michael Sullivan in the 500-yard freestyle.

Senior diver Eric Lex placed first in the 3-meter board, registering a score of 375.60, the seventh highest in school history.

Even with Notre Dame’s many highlights, including winning the final three events of the meet, they were not able to match the point total of the Spartans. In one of the closest races of the day, Petrovic was bested by Michigan State’s record-holding Jacob Dammann.

"I had a pretty good 100 backstroke and I lost in the last one or two meters," Petrovic said. "It was a really good race, but a bad finish cost me the victory."

With minimal fouls, a quick return to the pool, the Irish look ahead to hosting the Shamarock Invitational this weekend. The Invitational is the lone meet remaining before the Big East tournament, and is both a homecoming for the Irish and what they hope will be a grand finale to the regular season.

"It’s a big opportunity for us," Welsh said. Petrovic delivered a more direct analysis of what the Invitational means for the Irish.

"A good performance at Shamrock would give us a good introduction to the Big East so we can reclaim the title from Louisville this year," he said.

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**Irish defenseman Joe Lavin puts a shot on goal during Notre Dame’s 4-2 win over Michigan State on Nov. 20 in South Bend.**

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boards at both ends and is looking to score more and be a bigger offensive threat.”

Senior forward Becca Brzusewski was also strong in the post, scoring 19 points for the Irish.

"I was happy with the rebounding,” McGraw said. “Overall our inside game is really coming along.”

Notre Dame (17-4, 6-1 Big East) got off to a hot start offensively and let its defense carry the team the rest of the way. Senior forward T.J. Johnson and the forwards dominated the post against St. John’s.

The Irish went on a 26-10 run over the last 14 minutes of the first half and extended that run even further in the second half, increasing their lead to 56-25.

The Red Storm scored only four points in the first 10 minutes of the second half as the Irish cruised the rest of the way.

"I was really pleased the defense today in both the first and second half,” McGraw said. “We did a really good job with what we wanted to do.”

The front court was the strength of the Notre Dame offense in the victory. They displayed their offensive balance this week as the guards led the way against Georgetown and the forwards dominated the post against St. John’s.

The Irish played their second consecutive game without freshman guard Kayla McBride. The team announced before the game that she would not be playing for the remainder of the season due to an off-the-court issue.

Notre Dame will have the week off to rest before traveling to Villanova Saturday night.

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The board, Irish senior center Ben Ryan made the margin two goals against his fifth goal of the year. Freshman center David Gerths ended the scoring late in the second, making the tally 4-1. Johnson rebounded from a poor opening game to a great final one, ending the night with 29 saves.

After the rocky game on Friday, Jackson was tempted to play his transition game. And with a tough opponent, No. 12 Miami (OH), coming to South Bend this weekend, it could play a critical role.

"We just have to keep on focusing on the things that are based on transition, like stop- ping and starting, back-pres- suring hard, trying to outnumber people and create traps and try to get the opportunity to create turnovers. When that happens, we get on offensive transition,” Jackson said. "If we can take care of those things, then I think everything else will take care of itself.”

The Irish meet the Redhawks at the Joyce Center in a critical CCHA showdown at 7:35 p.m. Friday and 5:05 p.m. Saturday.

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**Irish_sentense Joe Lavin puts a shot on goal during Notre Dame’s 4-2 win over Michigan State on Nov. 20 in South Bend.**

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-Proverbs 19:17

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**ND Women's Basketball**

**Irish topple the Red Storm**

_By ANDREW OWENS_  
Spors Writer

For the second time this week the Irish proved to be too much for a ranked Big East opponent as they defeated St. John’s 69-36 in front of a sellout crowd.

Senior forward Devereaux Peters led the charge with a double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds in the opening minute of the second half to make the score 48-36. The Irish (16-4, 5-3) however, set off on a 17-5 run to tie the game at 53 with 14:20 remaining in the game.

Just moments later Irish senior guard Ben Hansbrough managed to provide the spark that would ensure a Notre Dame victory. With the score tied at 57, Hansbrough chased down a loose ball as the shot clock ticked down. He grabbed the ball just in front of the score tied at 57, Hansbrough’s 28 lead comeback over Eagles

_By MIKE GOTIMER_  
Spors Writer

**Hockey**

No. 8 Notre Dame roars back to even Ohio State series

_By SAM GANS_  
Spors Writer

After a disappointing performance Friday night, the No. 8 Irish rebounded strongly on Saturday to split their series with Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio this weekend.

Notre Dame (16-9-3/10-6-1 CCHA) defeated the Buckeyes (15-9-2/10-5-2 CCHA) with a commanding 4-1 victory on Saturday, just one day after losing badly 6-1.

Freshman center and team-leading point scorer T.J. Tynan was the lone Irish player to find the back of the net on Friday, when he scored his 16th goal of the season off an assist from sophomore defenserman Sam Calabrese, to tie the game at 1-1 late in the first period. Ohio State then rattled off three unanswered goals, leading to the removal of Irish sophomore goaltender Mike Johnson from the game. He was replaced by freshman Steven Summerhays in the third period. Senior Buckeye forwards C.J. Severyn and John Albert then notched the final two goals against Summerhays, creating the final margin.

After a disheartening result, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said it was the team’s upperclassmen who responded positively, with the rest of the squad following their lead into the second game.

"Friday night, we had a couple bad breaks, and I don’t think we responded well to it. There were a couple bounces," Jackson said. "Saturday morning, the seniors took charge of the situation and I give them credit for refocusing the guys and getting them back on track, because we were a much different team and played much better on Saturday night."

The Irish came out firing in the second contest, outshooting the Buckeyes 14-6 in the first period. Freshman center Anders Lee beat junior Buckeye goalie Cal Heeter with 22 seconds left in the first period, with Tynan and junior defenserman Sean Lorenz assisting on the play. Lee then scored early in the second period on the power play, off assists by junior right wing Biffy Mady and sophomore center Riley Sheahan. It was Lee’s sixth goal of the season, tying him for the team lead.

After senior defenserman Shane Sims got the Buckeyes on the board, Irish sophmore Lauren Atang utilized her experience to lead the Irish to first place in the shot put with a throw of 14.94 meters. Meanwhile, young jumpers sophomore Lauren Leniart and freshman Kelly Burke finished first in their respective events, with Leniart jumping for 5.47 meters in the long jump and Burke going for 11.37 meters in the triple jump.

Senior Jasmine Williams also added two second-place finishes with a long jump of 5.41 meters and a triple jump spanning 11.16 meters, helping the Irish sweep the triple jump with all three finishes in the top three.

"I was extremely proud of how [the field events] got off to a really good start with some of their first per-