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NDSP, Post Office move to new quarters

By KATE ANTONACCI
Assistant News Editor

Hammes Mowbray Hall, the 40,000-square-foot building located near Stepan Center on Holy Cross Drive, opened its doors this past week to reveal the new home of the

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Notre Dame Security/Police Department (NDSP) and the Notre Dame Post Office. After nearly two years of work and \$10.97 million, the project is now complete and was officially dedicated in a ceremony held January 4.

A great deal of preparation was done to ensure that the building was open for the spring semester.

"The first week is very hectic

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Hammes Mowbray Hall, the new home to NDSP and the Post Office, was officially dedicated on Jan. 4 and is now open for service.

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Housing crunch lessened

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

After a semester of decidedly cramped quarters, the housing crunch that forced many dorms to make use of every inch of available space came to an end

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in the new year, as students returned to campus to find a little extra breathing room.

In the fall, increases in the numbers of seniors staying on campus and female applicants left almost 70 freshmen in increased occupancy rooms or converted study lounges, and left 20 female Notre Dame transfer students to live in Regina Hall at Saint Mary's.

Hesitant to declare the squeeze for space truly over, director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing Jeff Shoup said the situation has improved, but not as much as some would hope or like.

"However, we do have [room] openings and have been able to take care of everyone on the waiting list, so everyone who wanted housing this semester was able to get housing," he said.

Shoup said that all but three dorms — Badin, Howard and Lewis — have at least one room open, with open spots for 16 students in the women's dorms and 58 in the men's.

Because the number of students going abroad in the spring semester is roughly equal to that of students returning from abroad, Shoup attrib-

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Campuses feel tsunami effects

Students, alums in area unharmed

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

The tsunami that tore through Southeast Asia on Dec. 26 affected Notre Dame abroad programs and alumni, but there are no reported Notre Dame student or professor casualties, said Ireneo Bong Miquiabas, director of International Student Services.

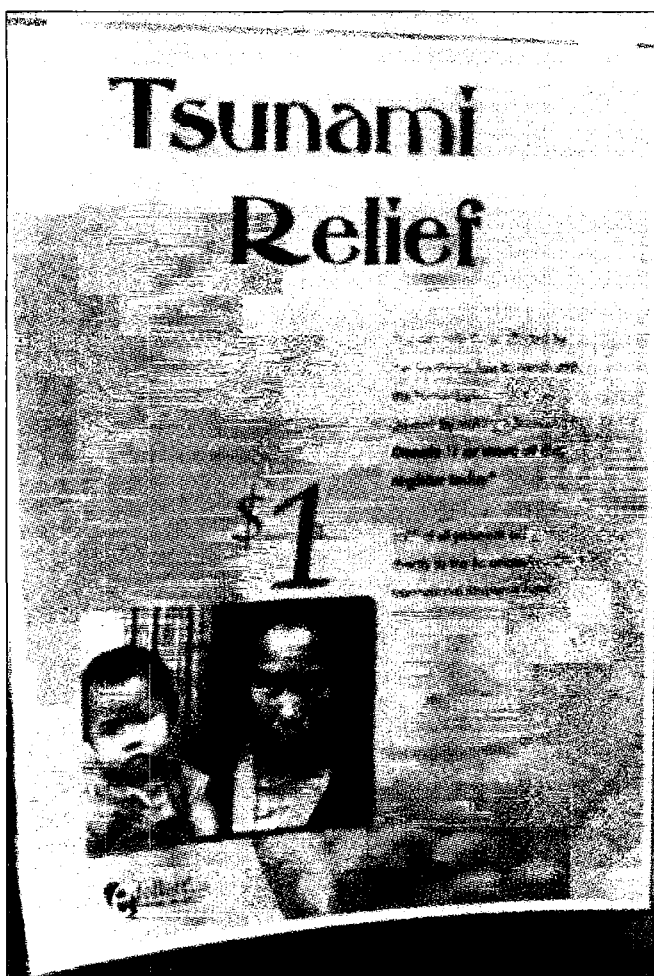
The tsunami devastated the homelands of 105 Notre Dame students, Miquiabas said in an e-mail. These students live in India, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Somalia, he said.

According to Miquiabas, none of the students' immediate families were affected. ISS still awaits news from a few Indian students, he said.

Miquiabas said most international Notre Dame students from the affected nations do not live in the coastal areas that were impacted by deadly waves.

"Most of them do not live on the affected coast," said Miquiabas. "We have heard from all [the] students from Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri

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There has been an outpouring of support for tsunami victims by both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

ND, SMC aid waves' victims

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

In the wake of the tsunami that pummeled South Asia and Africa Dec. 26, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are anxious to help — and have plenty of opportunities on both campuses.

The most immediate student response to the disaster took place Monday night, when Saint Mary's refocused the theme of its annual late night breakfast — replacing the usual festive celebration with a more serious tone. Students brainstormed ways to help as they dined on a refugee's typical breakfast: wheat tortillas, rice and lentils, apples and hot tea.

The Office of Civil and Social Engagement, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership and Campus Ministry refocused the event after receiving requests from students

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ND will still pursue controversial scholars

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Despite a semester-long struggle with the U.S. State Department over the revoked visa of Tariq Ramadan, who resigned from the faculty Dec. 13, the University will continue to pursue international and Muslim scholars of distinction, said R. Scott Appleby, director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.



Ramadan

"Certainly we won't be discouraged in any respect from hiring international scholars, Muslim scholars or controversial scholars," Appleby said.

Notre Dame sought out Ramadan not to stir up controversy but to provoke critical discussion between religions, which remains a goal, Appleby said. And though the scholar's

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Boat Club shuts doors for good

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

After two police raids and over 250 underage drinking citations in recent years, the bar many students said would never sink finally lowered its sails for good in late December.

The Boat Club stopped doing business by Dec. 22 after agreeing to place its liquor license in escrow, said chief assistant South Bend city attorney Alladeane DeRose.

While the license is held in escrow by The Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC), the bar will have up to five years to sell the

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

After its most recent raid on Dec. 9, The Boat Club officially shut down Dec. 22.

INSIDE COLUMN

Ode to Boat

With The Boat Club finally sinking, I feel moved to reflect on the most wonderful establishment known to South Bend, and perhaps, the world.



Joe Hettler

Assistant Managing Editor

How do you describe Boat Club to someone who's never been? That's easy. Boat Club is God's way of showing the magnitude of heaven's greatness. Boat is like a small slice of the afterlife. Boat is simply Boat.

My first experience at Boat was like that of many others. It was my first attempt at entering a bar with a fake ID. I heard rumors about how people simply needed to be the same gender of the person on their ID to get through the so-called "bouncers." I heard how, once inside, pitchers of beer were a measly \$1. I heard how you would never forget the distinct smell of le Club de Boat.

When I showed the bouncer my ID that fateful night, he looked me straight in the eye for a moment, pondering whether I really was Chris Wellington of 1243 Everhard Drive in Scranton, N. J. Then, I heard the words that would change my life forever — "That'll be \$5, give me your right arm for the bracelet." I was in.

That first night was magical. I ordered and consumed \$1 pitchers. I played pool while others around me competed in intense "flip-cup" games. And I even danced upstairs in a room that had to be at least 134 degrees.

Despite the conditions, there is simply nothing better than holding a 100-cent pitcher in one hand, a cup full of beer in the other, and hearing Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" on the bar's speakers.

Now that Boat is closed, I've looked into options to have it reopened. Basically, someone must buy the place and start all over. That would cost roughly \$500,000 or so. Therefore I am asking my fellow Boat Club lovers to begin asking for and raising donations to buy back Boat. If we can muster up the half million, we can take over Boat, give it back to its rightful owners and live the dream again.

Some critics may think I and the rest of the Boat Club cult would be wasting money. Boat should go under, they'd say. Boat deserves to close after letting so many underage kids drink, they might continue.

But all I know is that there's a little bar at the corner of an intersection in South Bend where people can "pants-down-dance" to Enrique Iglesias' "Escape" without being thrown out on the curb. A place where everyone joins arms and sings Billy Joel's "Piano Man" before going home.

A place where every underage beer-yearning kid in the world can find the most important human feeling of all — hope.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?



Jamie Holland
junior
St. Edward's

"Eat more ice cream."



Scott Breunig
junior
off-campus

"Steal his girlfriend."



Mary Kingsbury
junior
McGlinn

"Catch up with Molly and my other Domer friends."



Molly Powers
junior
off-campus

"Hang out with Mary more often."



Marcela Berrios
freshman
Walsh

"To survive engineering."



John Henderson
sophomore
Basil Hall

"To be more positive."



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Hammes Mowbray Hall houses the post office and is the new headquarters for NDSP. Among its many unique features, the new building has an updated dispatch center (above), a 24-hour ATM machine, an interview room and safe building entry areas through the garage so those in custody can avoid the public if needed.

OFFBEAT

Students arrested for egg-bombing high school

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Two teenagers were arrested on charges they bombed their high school with a bucket of eggs from a low-flying airplane.

During the incident last June, panicked officials evacuated about two dozen people from the top floors of a hotel when the two-seat plane circled low over downtown Gettysburg, then disappeared.

"You hate to think what might have happened — even unintentionally," prosecutor Brian Sinnett said. He

called the prank "one of the most bizarre cases that I've been involved in."

The two Gettysburg High students were arrested Friday on charges including risking a catastrophe and reckless endangerment. They were caught after telling others about the incident, authorities said.

Mrs. McDonald delivers baby in a McDonalds

UNION, Mo. — Ann McDonald knew the baby was coming and there wasn't a hospital in sight, so she pulled over and delivered the child outside — what else? —

a McDonald's restaurant.

Chayse Westin McDonald was due Wednesday. But on Sunday, Ann McDonald knew her time was getting near — and fast.

Problem was, there is no hospital in this eastern Missouri town, and the closest one in Washington was 15 minutes away.

McDonald and the child's grandmother, Linda Cuneio, got in the car, but it soon became evident they wouldn't make it to a hospital. So they pulled over at a McDonald's in Union.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Saint Mary's basketball team will tip off against Adrian College tonight in the Angela Athletic Facility at 7:30 p.m.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team faces Connecticut tonight at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

ND Cinema will present the film *Motocycle Diaries* Thursday and Friday in the Browning Cinema in DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The film will be shown at 7 and 10 p.m.

Saint Mary's College will host a symposium in conjunction with this weekend's presidential inauguration titled "Educating Women, Transforming Lives: The Liberal Arts in the 21st Century." Featured speakers include Nancy Bekavac, president of Scripps College, and Thomas Gerety, executive director of the Brennan Center for Justice, New York Law School. The symposium will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Senior Vice President of the Center for Strategic and International Studies Erik Peterson will present a lecture titled "Seven Revolutions Initiative." The lecture is part of the Ten Years Hence series and will take place in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business from 10:40 a.m. to noon.

The Notre Dame women's swim team faces off against Michigan and Illinois Friday. The meet will be held in the Rolfs Aquatic Center and begins at 6 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HIGH	51	45	31	8	3	2
LOW	31	30	0	-4	-7	-5

Atlanta 70 / 55 Boston 42 / 41 Chicago 64 / 48 Denver 41 / 12 Houston 78 / 54 Los Angeles 62 / 46 Minneapolis 29 / 4 New York 49 / 47 Philadelphia 58 / 50 Phoenix 57 / 39 Seattle 37 / 25 St. Louis 71 / 58 Tampa 78 / 65 Washington 65 / 50

Winter storm severely damages student residences

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Several student residences, both on and off campus, were destroyed after a winter storm blasted through the Midwest over the Christmas holiday, leaving behind major water damage.

At College Park, an apartment complex off campus, eight apartments were nearly ruined after pipes burst above the ceilings, causing a collapse, said Paramount Management property manager Patty Russwurm. She estimated the collapse took place Dec. 30, but was unsure about the exact date.

Many students turned off their heat over the break, causing pipes to freeze, Russwurm said. When the weather warmed up, the pipes burst and caused over \$100,000 in water damage to the apartments.

Senior Connor O'Keefe, who lives in one of the damaged apartments, said his entire ceiling had to be replaced.

"Dry wall and plaster were all over the furniture. Our TV was destroyed and the wood floor had to be replaced," he said.

The tenants are responsible for covering the cost of the damage, Russwurm said.

Russwurm said that College Park housing contracts explicitly state that tenants are not to turn the thermostat below 58 degrees because the pipes could freeze.

"If I could do it over again I would have knocked on every door to remind them that they cannot turn their heat off,"

Russwurm said.

A huge effort has been put forth to return the apartments to a livable condition since the ceilings collapsed.

"It has been very difficult to try to get students back in to their apartments. We have had contractors, cleaning crews, disaster relief agencies, all working 24/7 to repair the damage," said Russwurm.

Six of the eight damaged apartments were repaired before classes resumed on Monday, she said. New carpet and wood floors are still being installed in the remaining two apartments.

"The students have been absolutely helpful during this. They feel displaced and it is hard to study and focus without your apartment to live in" said Russwurm.

O'Keefe, on the other hand, expressed disappointment with how Paramount Management has handled the problem.

"They have been sort of sleazy with the whole situation. First they told us that we were going to have to pay for the damage," O'Keefe said. "Then they said that our owner's insurance would cover it."

Kristin Boyd, whose room at the complex remains unlivable, believes that much of the excessive water damage could have been avoided had students been informed about the ceiling collapse earlier.

"If management had handled this in a more professional manner, we would not be in the situation we are in right now," she



CLAIRE KELLY/The Observer

A third floor room in Alumni Hall was damaged by a snow storm over winter break, forcing its occupants to move. Apartments at College Park were ruined after pipes burst causing flooding.

said. "I am furious they did not tell us earlier. By the time we got there, there was a lot of damage that could have been avoided."

O'Keefe has heard rumors about possible lawsuits against students and has consequently sought legal advice.

"We have heard that a lawsuit is possible so we are contacting lawyers to help us with the situation," he said.

But Russwurm insisted that College Park would not consider taking legal action, saying that when pipes freeze it is "an act of God."

"No. We will not be filing any lawsuits," she said.

The winter storm also left a dorm room in Alumni Hall unlivable. A fan above the third floor room, occupied by junior Patrick Nagorski and sophomore Ryan Burke, was responsible for the

water damage, said Alumni Hall Rector Father George Rozum.

The fan was installed this past summer to help circulate air from bathrooms on the south side of the building. It was not until massive amounts of snow arrived during Christmas break that the University discovered that — instead of filtering and re-circulating air from the bathrooms — the fan was pulling in fresh air. When snow gathered on the roof, it was pulled in as well.

The snow eventually melted, soaking the ceiling above room 353 until it partially collapsed. Both mattresses in the room were destroyed. The computers, sheltered by lofted beds, were left undamaged.

Notre Dame maintenance discovered the problem early enough to prevent the situation from escalating.

Rozum was able to warn Burke and Nagorski before they returned, allowing them time to find living arrangements.

"I called them during break to tell them the news. I wanted to prepare them," he said.

Due to the sour smell of soaked furniture and the non-existent ceiling, Burke and Nagorski will be living in other rooms for the next few weeks. Despite the inconvenience, the students have maintained a positive attitude, according to Rozum.

"Both boys have been very, very understanding about the whole matter," he said.

The University has agreed to cover all expenses associated with the damaged room, Rozum said.

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Feds issue warning after Ebersol crash

Memorial held for youngest victim

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

The Nov. 28 charter plane crash that killed 14-year old Teddy Ebersol, the youngest brother of Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol, spurred both an emotional memorial service and a federal safety warning in December.

Family and friends — including a bedridden NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol, Charlie and Teddy's father who was injured in the crash — honored the youngest Ebersol Dec. 16 at a ceremony at the Washington Montessori School in Washington, Conn., according to the Associated Press.

Dick Ebersol, 57, sustained severe injuries in the Montrose, Colo. crash, which occurred as the plane attempted to take off from the Montrose Regional Airport in light snow, ice and fog. He fractured his sternum, pelvis, coccyx and three ribs, and broke six vertebrae in his back, the New York Times reported, but addressed the 400 memorial attendees from a hospital bed.

Charlie Ebersol, 21, who sustained less serious injuries to his back and a burn on his arm, also spoke about his brother's life.

Two weeks later, on Dec. 30, the National Transportation Safety Board issued a warning letter prompted by the Ebersol incident. According to the Associated Press, the alert instructed all pilots of corporate jets, regional jets and private aircraft to take time before takeoff to run their hands along the wings of their aircraft and check for the formation of potentially dangerous ice particles.

"No amount of snow, ice or frost accumulation on the wing upper surface can be considered safe for takeoff," the NTSB said, according to the Associated Press. Though the Colorado crash prompted the alert, the board told the Associated Press that ice has not been confirmed as a factor in that accident.

The plane's pilot and flight attendant were also killed in the crash.

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Construction gives campus face-lift

By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

The opening of Hammes Mowbray Hall, the new home of Notre Dame Security/Police and the Notre Dame post office, marks a milestone for on-campus construction, but it is not the only project underway.

While students enjoyed time off over the holidays, construction crews continued work on many projects at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

One of the biggest projects currently in progress is the Guglielmino Family Athletics Center, located east of Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. According to the Department of Development Web site, this \$21.25 million, 95,840-square-foot facility will contain services for varsity athletes, including a new 25,000-square-foot strength and conditioning center.

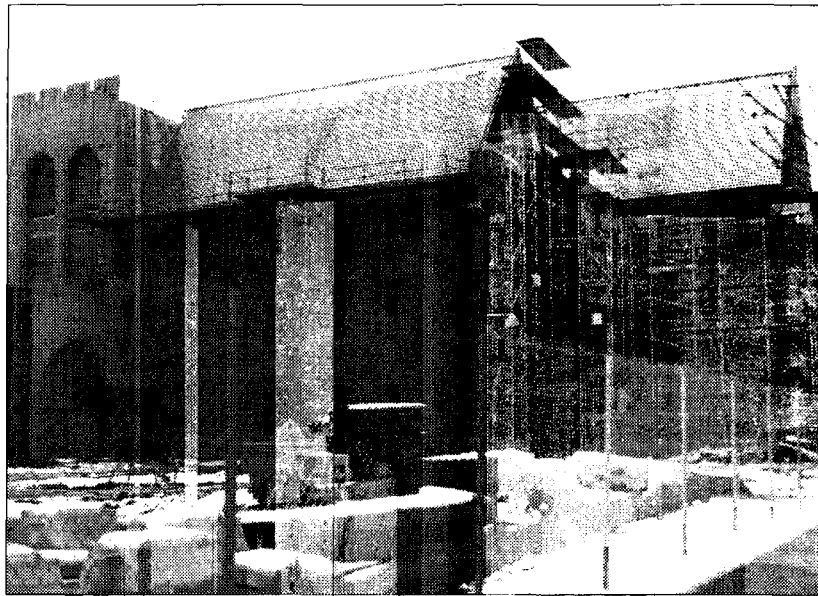
Jim Lyphout, vice president for business operations, said the construction of the athletic center is on schedule.

"Everything's going according to schedule. It will be open for occupancy in July," Lyphout said.

The old NDSP and post office facilities will also be turned into temporary homes for other campus buildings, he said.

"They will be remodeled to accommodate the student health center and counseling center," Lyphout said.

Lyphout said that use of these buildings will begin after graduation in May. The buildings that currently house Health Services and the counseling center will



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

The new Jordan Hall of Science is one of several construction projects currently under way on campus and will be completed in July 2006.

undergo a one-year renovation process beginning July 1, he said. He did not indicate what will be done with the old NDSP and post office buildings once the counseling center and health center move back into their original buildings.

Though the athletic facility is unfinished as of now, athletes began using the center in December.

Freshman Brittany Glynn, a member of the softball team said the new facility is an upgrade.

"You can still hear the jackhammer and everything but it's better than the old facility," she said.

Many student-athletes are particularly excited about their state-of-the-art weight room, Glynn said.

"The new weight room is in. It's beautiful. It's huge," she said.

Construction on the Jordan Hall of Science, which will house new undergraduate lab space, two 250-seat lecture halls, a 150-seat multi-visualization room, an observatory, and many teaching labs, is also on schedule.

"It is going very well," Lyphout said. "It will be ready for occupancy in July of 2006."

Crews are also busily working at Saint Mary's on the new Student Center.

College spokeswoman Melanie MacDonald said the center will be completed around spring break.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ukrainian election contested

KIEV, Ukraine — The loser of Ukraine's presidential election said Tuesday he would file massive complaints in court challenging the win by Western-leaning Viktor Yushchenko, a move that could prolong the political tensions that have dominated the country for months.

Although Yushchenko was declared the official winner on Monday, former Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich has refused to concede. He contends there was widespread fraud in the Dec. 26 revote a mirror of the strategy Yushchenko used to gain the annulment of an earlier election in which Yanukovich was declared winner.

Yanukovich said his allies would submit the appeal to the Supreme Court to demand "the annulment of the so-called rerun." He described the appeal as "a convincing package of evidence that would prove election fraud."

Iraqi elections threatened

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Prime Minister Ayad Allawi publicly acknowledged for the first time Tuesday that parts of Iraq probably won't be safe enough for people to vote in the Jan. 30 elections, and he announced plans to boost the size of the country's army from 100,000 to 150,000 men by year's end.

Violence persisted, with two bombings killing at least 13 Iraqis in separate locations north and south of Baghdad.

Allawi discussed preparations for the election by telephone with President Bush on Tuesday, and both leaders underscored the importance of going ahead with the vote as planned, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Supreme Court hears spy trial

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court considered Tuesday whether shadowy spy deals should ever end up in federal court, hearing the case of former Soviet-bloc spies who claim the CIA stifled them on a pledge of lifetime support.

At issue is a 130-year-old Supreme Court ruling that said former spies may not sue the U.S. government because of the secret nature of their pacts, which are made with the understanding that "the lips of the other were to be forever sealed."

Most justices appeared reluctant to allow the couple's lawsuit against the CIA. They noted that not only spies but government officials accept they might be backstabbed when making the clandestine deals.

Rescuers search for victims

LA CONCHITA, Calif. — Rescuers with listening devices sensitive enough to pick up a whimper or a faint tapping searched on Tuesday for victims feared buried in a mudslide that sent a thunderous cascade of trees and dirt onto this seaside hamlet.

At least four people were killed and 14 were injured most of them pulled from the mud. As many as 27 others were unaccounted for.

Neighbors and relatives of the missing watched in agony as rescuers hauled away dirt bucket by bucket and looked for signs of life. Commands for quiet would bring activity to a halt as rescuers lowered microphones into the debris to listen for survivors.

LOCAL NEWS

Alleged shooter sent to hospital

ANGOLA, Ind. — A man who authorities say shot at several vehicles on a northeastern Indiana highway remains unfit to stand trial and is being treated at a state mental hospital, a court report said.

Donald William Myers III, 26, of Angola, has been under observation at Logansport State Hospital since early September, a little more than four months after the April 29 shootings and standoff with about 75 police officers along U.S. 20.

Chertoff nominated to cabinet

President Bush picks his candidate for the new homeland security secretary

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush nominated federal judge Michael Chertoff as the new homeland security chief Tuesday, completing the second-term Cabinet with a former prosecutor who recently called for a new look at the tough terrorist detainee laws that he helped craft after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Chertoff, who took his seat on the 3rd U.S. Court of Appeals less than two years ago, is expected to easily win Senate approval. He has won confirmation three times during his career, as U.S. attorney in New Jersey, assistant attorney general and appellate judge.

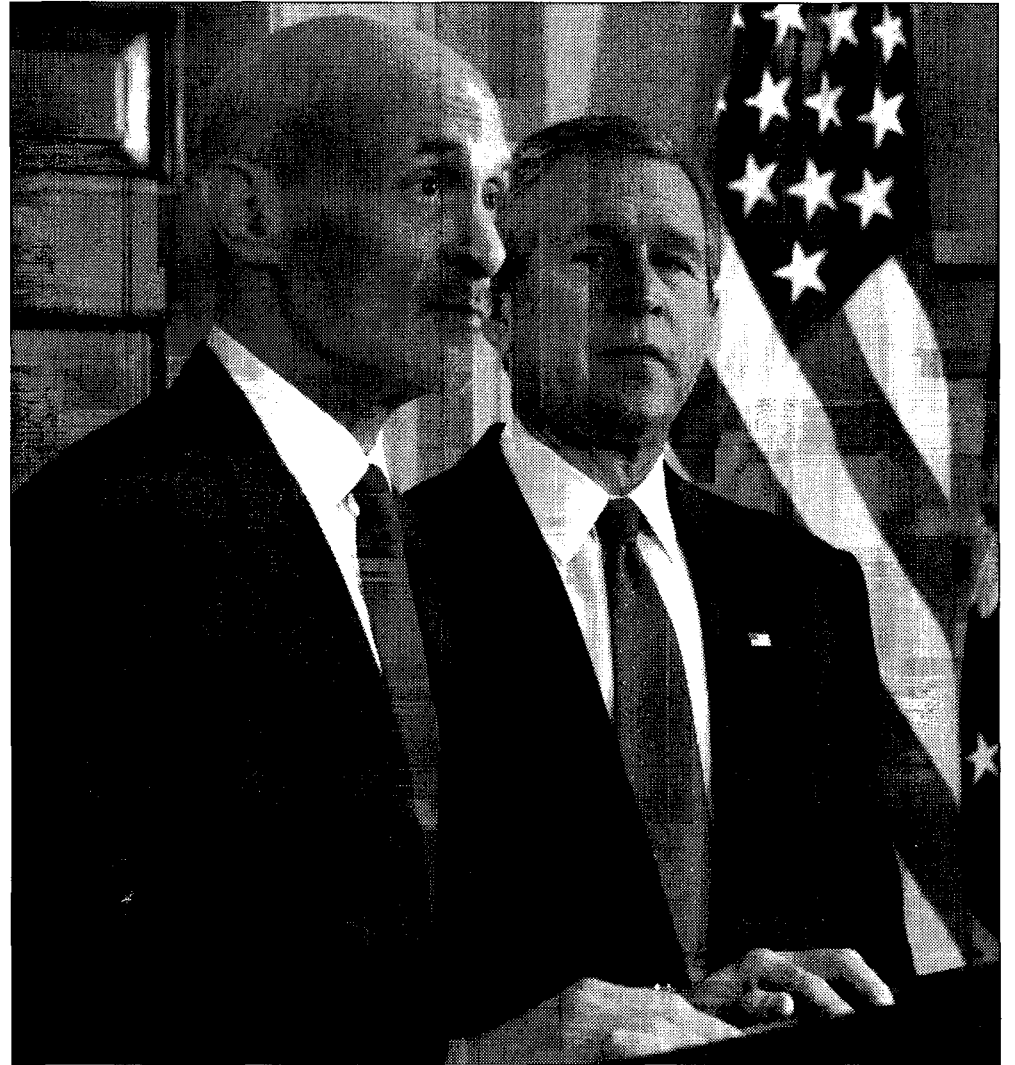
"Mike has shown a deep commitment to the cause of justice and an unwavering determination to protect the American people," Bush told a White House audience that included Chertoff's wife, Meryl, and their children. "Mike has also been a key leader in the war on terror."

Chertoff would replace Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, who helped build the new department after the terror attacks by combining 22 existing and often competing federal agencies. Ridge, often identified with the color-coded terror alerts, plans to step down from his post Feb. 1.

Ridge "leaves some very big shoes to fill," Chertoff said.

Known by colleagues as a fiery workhorse, Chertoff headed the Justice Department's criminal division at the time of the attacks. He said at the White House: "If confirmed as secretary, I will be proud to stand again with the men and women who form our front line against terror."

Chertoff was the president's second pick for the job. Bush's first choice, for-



President Bush announces federal appeals court judge Michael Chertoff to be his new secretary of the Department of Homeland Security in Washington on Tuesday.

mer New York City police commissioner Bernard Kerik, withdrew last month citing immigration problems regarding a nanny.

Chertoff's resume includes stint as a Supreme Court clerk and as the Senate Republicans' chief counsel for the Clinton-era Whitewater investigation. He helped develop the USA Patriot Act, which greatly expanded the government's surveillance and detention powers.

His role in crafting that law, a measure that has become a flashpoint for critics who say it has eroded civil liberties, is expected to bring sharp question-

ing in Senate confirmation hearings.

The American Civil Liberties Union said Tuesday that as an architect of the act, Chertoff seemed to view the Bill of Rights "as an obstacle to national security rather than a guidebook for how to do security properly."

But since joining the federal bench in Philadelphia in June 2003, Chertoff has repeatedly called for taking a fresh look at the policy of detaining terror suspects and has questioned the extent to which that process should be open to judicial review.

"Two years into the war on terror, it is time to move beyond case-by-case devel-

opment," Chertoff wrote in The Weekly Standard, a conservative publication, in December 2003. "We need to debate a long-term and sustainable architecture for the process of determining when, why, and for how long someone may be detained as an enemy combatant, and what judicial review should be available."

Chertoff's call for a review "is a good thing," said former Solicitor General Ted Olson, a friend of the nominee. "I know he believes the act was necessary and was working well and has not been abused, but there's nothing wrong with looking at it," Olson said.

Sharon calls to congratulate Abbas

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday to congratulate him for his landslide victory in an election to replace Yasser Arafat, signaling Israel's readiness to work with the new Palestinian team after years of boycotting Arafat.

Both sides said a meeting will take place, but no date was set.

Abbas' election victory on Sunday and Sharon's success this week in putting together a government that favors his plan to pull out of Gaza and part of the West Bank this summer have raised hope the two leaders can break through layers of mis-

trust built up over four years of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

However, both sides face internal problems. Palestinian National Security Adviser Jibril Rajoub resigned, and critics in Sharon's own Likud Party complained that his new government cannot survive without support from doves and Arab parties their bitter rivals.

Sharon congratulated Abbas "on his personal achievement and his victory in the elections and wished him luck," said a statement from Sharon's office, adding, "They agreed they would continue talking in the near future."

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said plans for a Sharon-

Abbas meeting were still in an early stage. "When the right time comes, we will go for a well-prepared meeting. We will not go just for a meeting, but for a useful one," he said.

Sharon and Abbas last met in August 2003, during Abbas' brief term as Arafat's prime minister. Abbas resigned shortly afterward, blaming Arafat for refusing to hand over authority and Israel for failing to accept his demands to ease restrictions and release Palestinian prisoners.

Israel refused to negotiate with Arafat, accusing him of encouraging attacks against Israelis. The last meeting Arafat had with an Israeli prime minister was in 2000.

Catholics respond generously to tsunami catastrophe

Students join millions across globe in opening hearts, wallets to aid in humanitarian crisis in Southeast Asia

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

The response of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to the tsunamis in Southeast Asia indicates that the Catholic tradition of giving is stronger than ever, several Notre Dame faculty and students said.

To date, CRS has donated over \$25 million to the relief effort.

"It is rich in our tradition that Catholics, regardless of where we are or what we do, are in union with our brothers and sisters and have an obligation to be in solidarity with them," Father Bill Lies, Center for Social Concerns director, said.

Lies said that the principles of solidarity, option for the poor and the common good are all values central to the Catholic Church.

"For all of us who have lived through such a catastrophe, it calls on us just as human beings to express solidarity. For Catholics and Christians, it calls on our faith tradition, with Jesus Christ being close to those who were poor," said Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry.

"For Notre Dame students, living through one of the world's worst catastrophes, they will always remember how they responded. Our response should be in accordance with our beliefs."

The tsunami relief effort provides an opportunity for followers of major world religions to come together and work toward a common goal, Warner said.

"Our call is to support poor people and help them face their needs always, and to do even more when the need is greater, when our means and possibilities are greater," Warner said.

Warner also noted the importance of prayer in such a large-scale catastrophe.

"While it's important to give money, out of a sense of solidarity, it's important to pray for those who died," he said.

Sarah Bates, one of the chief organizers of the Notre Dame community tsunami relief drive, said that the Catholic ideas of charity, social justice and social awareness were important in choosing CRS as the recipient of the donations.

"It goes along with our mission as a Catholic university to pick a Catholic relief organization. As a Catholic organization, they obviously support the same ideals that our university supports," Bates said.

Warner said that CRS was chosen because it already has workers on site in 90 countries, constituting the largest non-governmental agency in the U.S. The CRS donates 94 cents of every dollar directly to the cause; a high number compared to other organizations, he said.

"Catholicism is most certainly imbued in our relief efforts," said Elizabeth Griffin, director of media relations for Catholic Relief Services. "However, just because we have 'Catholic' in our name, people assume we aid only Catholics or prosely-

tize, but we don't. We don't care what religion, color or political persuasion you are - if you need help, CRS is there."

Griffin said that a few days after the tsunami, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops sent a letter to all bishops requesting collections to be taken up in their dioceses for CRS.

"That money is just starting to come in," Griffin said, explaining that collections were taken at Masses the past two Sundays.

Additionally, CRS sent direct response requests to thousands of past Catholic donors and is doing advocacy work with parishes, dioceses and Catholic colleges and universities on a one-to-one level.

Although donations to relief organizations are inconsistent, flooding in after disasters and then dropping substantially over time, many think that the sudden response to the tsunami was natural.

"It would be great if people were as generous year-round,

but it's a blessing to see people respond in a situation like this," Lies said.

Lies said that the outpouring of relief was not excessive, but necessary.

"I don't think we begin to appreciate the enormity of this disaster for Southeast Asia," he said.

Warner said that many Christian denominations are more generous under normal circumstances than Catholics, which could be due to the fact that so many Catholics pay to

send their children to private schools.

"However, at a time with unusual circumstances, most people are equal [donors], recognize a human tragedy and want to do something about it," Warner said.

To date, the U.S. government has sent over \$350 million to aid in the tsunami relief effort.

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Students invest in real world

Venture capital is agony and ecstasy, bust and boom, the stress of gambling and the thrill of a front-row view on the latest technologies. And when real money is involved, it's also one of the hottest classes on business school campuses.

In an effort to elevate their teaching beyond the usual case studies and guest speakers, a handful of schools are raising significant amounts of money to turn over with a few strings to students who invest in real startups. The hope is to better train both aspiring venture capitalists and aspiring entrepreneurs, who will need to know what it takes to catch an investor's eye.

And while it hasn't happened yet, if a student venture fund happens to back the next Google and fills its university's coffers, so much the better.

WestPoint to cut over 2,000 jobs

WEST POINT Ga. — Bedding and bath textile maker WestPoint Stevens Inc. said Monday it will cut 2,465 jobs and close plants in four states because of the Jan. 1 end of worldwide quotas limiting cheap imports.

The West Point, Ga.-based maker of brands including Martex, Stevens and Lady Pepperell will close plants in Burlington, Clemson, S.C.; Middletown, Ind. and Drakes Branch, Va.

About 560 will lose their jobs in Burlington, 1,345 in Clemson, 450 in Drakes Branch, and 110 in Middletown. The plants are expected to close by late March or early April, the company said.

The closings and layoffs "are directly related to the removal of textile quotas from low-wage countries," the company said in a statement. Much of the work will be shifted overseas.

"We must be flexible in maintaining the most profitable balance between our domestic manufacturing and goods sourced from overseas. This becomes more critical with quotas removed," WestPoint Stevens President and Chief Executive M.L. "Chip" Fontenot said.

The company told Middletown employees at a Monday meeting, Town Council President Jake Smith said. The plant is the town's largest employer, as well as its longest continuous business.

Apple unveils new iproducts

CEO Steve Jobs introduces a new iPod and iChat at annual conference and expo

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Computer Inc. chief executive Steve Jobs introduced a cut-rate computer the size of a paperback on Tuesday and a tiny iPod that starts at \$99 but holds far fewer songs than Apple's hard drive-based music players.

The new products seek to make inroads against the traditionally more affordable PC market and against lower-cost competitors to Apple's wildly popular iPod.

The Mac mini computers go on sale Jan. 22 and represent Apple's first foray into the budget desktop PC arena, which has been largely confined to personal computers that rely on Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system.

Smaller than even some standalone external computer drives, they lack a monitor, mouse and keyboard. The 40-gigabyte Mac mini will cost \$499, an 80-gigabyte model \$599.

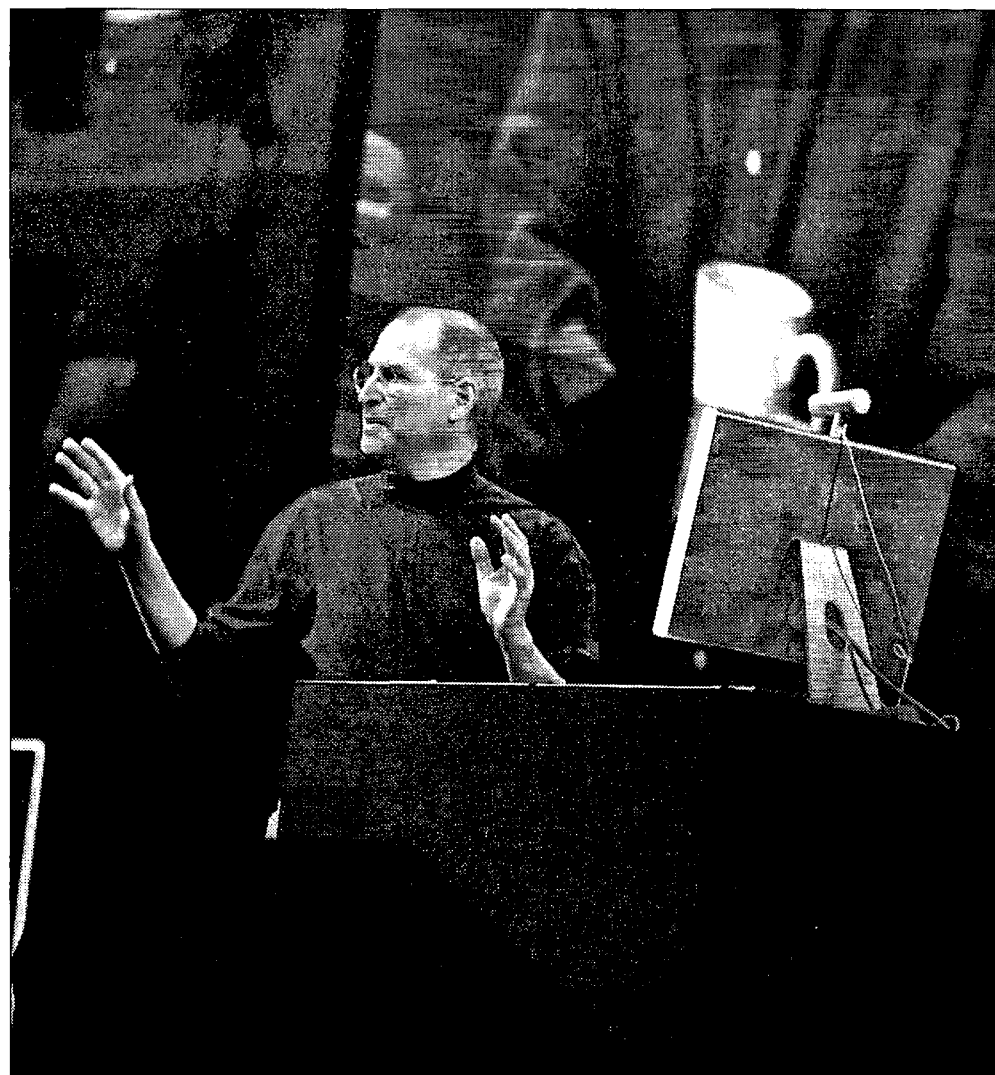
They ship with Apple's latest operating system, Mac OS X Panther, as well as the newest version of its iLife suite of digital media software programs, also unveiled Tuesday.

"People who are thinking of switching will have no more excuses," Jobs told devotees during a keynote speech at Macworld Expo. "It's the newest and most affordable Mac ever."

Apple has just a 3 percent share of the U.S. computer market, and company executives say they're aiming with the Mac mini to woo PC users who may have felt Apple products were too high-priced.

"This is also a great second or third computer in the home," said Jon Rubenstein, an Apple senior vice president.

The iPod Shuffle, on the other hand, seeks to build on Apple's heady success in the portable music business while appealing to people seeking flash memory-based players, which are more durable and light-



Apple Computer Inc. CEO Steve Jobs gives the keynote address during the Macworld Conference and Expo at the Moscone Center Esplanade in San Francisco on Tuesday.

weight than those using hard drives for storage and thus better suited as exercise partners.

The Shuffle is smaller than most packs of chewing gum, weighs less than an ounce and is a third of an inch thick.

Unlike its larger cousin, the iPod mini, the Shuffle lacks a display. There's a scroll wheel for the controls so stored songs can either be played sequentially or automatically shuffled in random order.

Apple is selling two versions of the iPod Shuffle.

The smallest-capacity model will have 512 megabytes of storage, which holds up to 120 songs, and cost \$99. A one-gigabyte version, which holds up to

240 songs, will sell for \$149.

Until Tuesday, the lowest cost iPod was the mini, which costs \$249 for four gigabytes enough to store about 1,000 songs.

Like other iPod models, the new players are designed not to play songs purchased from online music stores that compete with Apple's iTunes.

The iPod has helped infuse new life into Apple.

In the past year, the Cupertino-based company's stock has tripled on strong sales of the iPod, which is emerging as one of the 21st century's first cultural icons.

Jobs said Apple sold 4.5 million iPods in the fourth quarter and more than 10 million since its debut in

October 2001. He said Apple holds 65 percent of the hard drive-based portable music player market but just under a third of the total market.

Analysts expect the new iPods will help Apple hold its lead in the MP3 market.

Because many rival flash-based players have just 256 megabytes of storage, Apple is "sticking to its cut-above position," said Susan Kevorkian, an industry analyst with IDC. "There are plenty of people who want an iPod but haven't been able to afford the \$249 Mini, so offering these lower-priced players allows Apple to attract not just new users but those who already own an iPod but want an even smaller version."

Boeing sits at center of dispute

Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union and the United States agreed Tuesday to defer pursuing complaints with the World Trade Organization while they attempt to settle their dispute over subsidies to Airbus and Boeing through bilateral talks.

The two sides also agreed to refrain from giving new aid for large civil aircraft development or production to Toulouse, France-based Airbus SAS and Chicago-based Boeing Co. during the talks.

"For the first time in this long-standing dispute, the U.S. and the EU have agreed that the goal should be to

end subsidies," U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick said.

Boeing President and Chief Executive Officer Harry Stonecipher called the agreement an important step "to establish much-needed balance in the commercial aircraft market."

"Boeing is encouraged by the good faith displayed by both governments, as evidenced by their understanding not to provide additional development and production support and to refrain from pursuing WTO litigation during the time they are negotiating," Stonecipher said in a statement.

The European Commission said the EU and Washington "confirmed their willingness to resolve the dispute

which has arisen between them over trade in large civil aircraft, and to devote time and resources to doing so by negotiation rather than pursuing the dispute through WTO panels."

The European Commission said EU and U.S. trade negotiators would hold three months of talks to try to "eliminate different types of subsidies and to establish fair market-based competition" between the two giant aircraft manufacturers.

The talks will specifically try to reduce subsidies and come up with a list of approved aid the aircraft makers can still receive.

Tuesday's deal does not touch current aid programs to the two companies.

Boat Club

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license to new owners, if it so chooses, before the license reverts back to ATC ownership, DeRose said.

However, DeRose said the South Bend attorney's office would closely scrutinize potential buyers carefully and would likely not favor the establishment's reopening as a student bar.

"I think the city would be hyper-vigilant to make sure we didn't have the same type of operation there," said DeRose.

The city will make recommendations to the county alcohol board about any possible sale of the bar's license. The board must approve any action by The Boat Club, and may also consider blocking any transfer of the bar's license whatsoever, DeRose said.

The Boat Club owner Mike McNeff could not be reached for comment.

Many students expressed sadness about the closure of the long time student bar.

"I'm sad because we had a lot of fun times and good memories there," said Saint Mary's senior Mary Pat Chmiel.

Notre Dame senior Emily Godlewski said the closing marked the end of a Notre Dame tradition.

"What's going to happen to Robbie the cup collector? Boat was part of the Notre Dame experience," said. "Truthfully, I really loved Boat because it had the ability to unite ND students with mullet heads."

Others students were more ambivalent about The Boat Club's closure.

"I think that some other bar will become the new Boat Club because there's a lot of profit to be had," Notre Dame senior Claire Hagan

said. "I couldn't care less."

Senior Kevin Wiseman called Boat's closing a "blessing in disguise."

"I think there are a lot better bars in the area," he said.

The escrow action came after a Dec. 9 raid in which police issued 32 citations for underage drinking. Jackie Robbins, public information officer for the Indiana Excise Office, said Excise sent a final report on the raid to the ATC, but that no further actions had been taken. Further details about the bar's closure were not available due to pending appointments of new ATC officials by new Indiana governor, Mitch Daniels.

Current officials could not be reached for comment.

According to Excise Police District 1 spokesman Sgt. Michelle Traugher, many of those cited Dec. 9 were Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, although she could not say an exact number.

Ticketed students will face penalties from the St. Joseph County prosecutor's office, but all pending cases have been placed on hold due to the December retirement of ATC prosecutor Fred Bauer, Robbins said. The governor's office will likely appoint a new prosecutor within the next week, she said, and penalties could be decided within 1-2 months. In past raids, students have generally been offered pretrial diversion coupled with fines and community service hours.

Notre Dame students will likely receive additional punishments from the Office of Residence Life, including fines and community service requirements. The Saint Mary's student handbook bars College officials from levying additional penalties against cited students.

The first raid on The Boat Club occurred in January 2003, when Excise Police cited 213 minors, most of whom were Notre Dame

and Saint Mary's students.

After the January 2003 raid, Bauer recommended that the bar pay a \$5,000 fine and serve a one-week license suspension, which was later postponed.

In April 2003, The Boat Club owner Mike McNeff chose to sue the minors cited for damages his bar incurred as a result of the January 2003 police bust.

Many of the students appealed the suits though Indiana courts ultimately ruled for The Boat Club. Many students chose to settle with the bar, although some did opt to pursue their cases in court.

It was not immediately clear how suits still pending might be affected by The Boat Club's closure. Boat Club attorney Mitch Heppenheimer and attorneys for students could not be reached.

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Tsunami

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Lanka, Bangladesh and Somalia."

A Notre Dame study abroad program headed for Southeast Asia will now have its participants focus on tsunami relief. The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, which recently revised its Master's program in the region — expanding it to two years with a six-month field experience — will send three students in July, said Martha Merritt, professional specialist at the Kroc. They will work with Catholic Relief Services in Southeast Asia, including one student who will work in hard-hit Indonesia, she said.

"[The student in Indonesia] in particular will be affected by the aftermath of the tsunami, as the CRS is in the process of restructuring their priorities and therefore assessing the most urgent tasks," Merritt said.

Several Notre Dame alumni currently in the region were affected by the tsunami and its aftermath.

Human rights worker and 2004 graduate Chayanit Poonyarat had just started working in Thailand when the tsunami struck. Poonyarat and co-workers have been overwhelmed with relief efforts.

"Last month I started a job with FORUM-ASIA, a Bangkok-based regional human rights organization," said Poonyarat, in comments posted on the Kroc Institute's Web site. "Many of us have been back to work since [the tsunami] and have been terribly busy working on the issue."

Riziki Shahari, a 2003 graduate, felt the effects of the deadly waves thousands of miles away in Tanzania. Ten people, largely fisherman and beachgoers, were killed in the eastern African nation.

"The disaster touches us a bit in terms of its impact, a few have lost their lives and the number could go up as some news are still coming from places like Mafia Island, Zanzibar and Pemba," Shahari said on the Kroc site. "The only relief is that all members of my family are fine and so far no bad news from close relatives and friends. But as a country we are mourning."

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eager to help tsunami victims.

Linda Timm, vice president for student affairs and a coordinator for the event, found it significant that the breakfast took place exactly when the refugees would be breakfasting themselves.

"It was meant to very symbolically reflect solidarity with those who have lost so much," said Timm. "It was also an opportunity for students to get together and ask, 'What can we do?'"

The breakfast took place on the first day of the inauguration week for Carol Mooney, the new Saint Mary's president. Mooney, who was away at the time, sent remarks to be read at the breakfast.

"Students wanted to have a response the first week," said Sister Mari Anne Farina, another coordinator of the event who worked with refugees in Bangladesh following the 1988 cyclone that killed thousands.

"This way," she said, "we still launch the inauguration, but we do it in solidarity."


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Notre Dame has also hastened to provide relief for the tsunami victims.

Representatives from Student Government, International Student Services and Activities (ISSA), the Athletic Department and the Office of Student Affairs have worked together to organize a fundraising drive called the Tsunami Relief Drive.

The coordinators of the Tsunami Relief Drive have chosen to donate to Catholic Relief Services' Asian Earthquake and Tsunami Fund, a "extremely reputable" organization that "keeps with the mission of the university," according to Sarah Bates, chairperson of the Residence Life Committee of the student Senate and one of the chief planners of the drive. The fund targets every country that was hit.

"We recognize that a number of countries were affected, and that Notre Dame faculty and students know people in each of those countries," said Bates. "We tried to pick

an organization that would help every country."

The drive features a number of fundraising events throughout the next two weeks, including collections in LaFortune Student Center and at various athletic events.

Students may donate within their residence halls through the Hall President. In addition, dorm masses on Jan. 16 will offer a collection for the tsunami victims.

There will be a Mass held in the Basilica at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in honor of the dead, suffering and all those assisting in the region. The Basilica's Sunday collections will also go to the victims through Catholic Relief Services.

The Student Union Board has announced that donations will be accepted at the showing of the movie "Hero" at 7 p.m. Thursday in the LaFortune Ballroom, as well as at Legends during the 10 p.m. Saturday concert, "The Argument".

The Tsunami Relief Drive will conclude with a Benefit Buffet

Dinner and Silent Auction sponsored by Student Government and ISSA. At the event, held in the Coleman-Morse lounge, students will be able to donate as they dine on a variety of Asian food.

The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore has begun asking its patrons if they would like to donate a dollar for the victims at the time of purchase. The program was coordinated by its corporate office, the Follett Corporation, and is sending proceeds to the Red Cross.

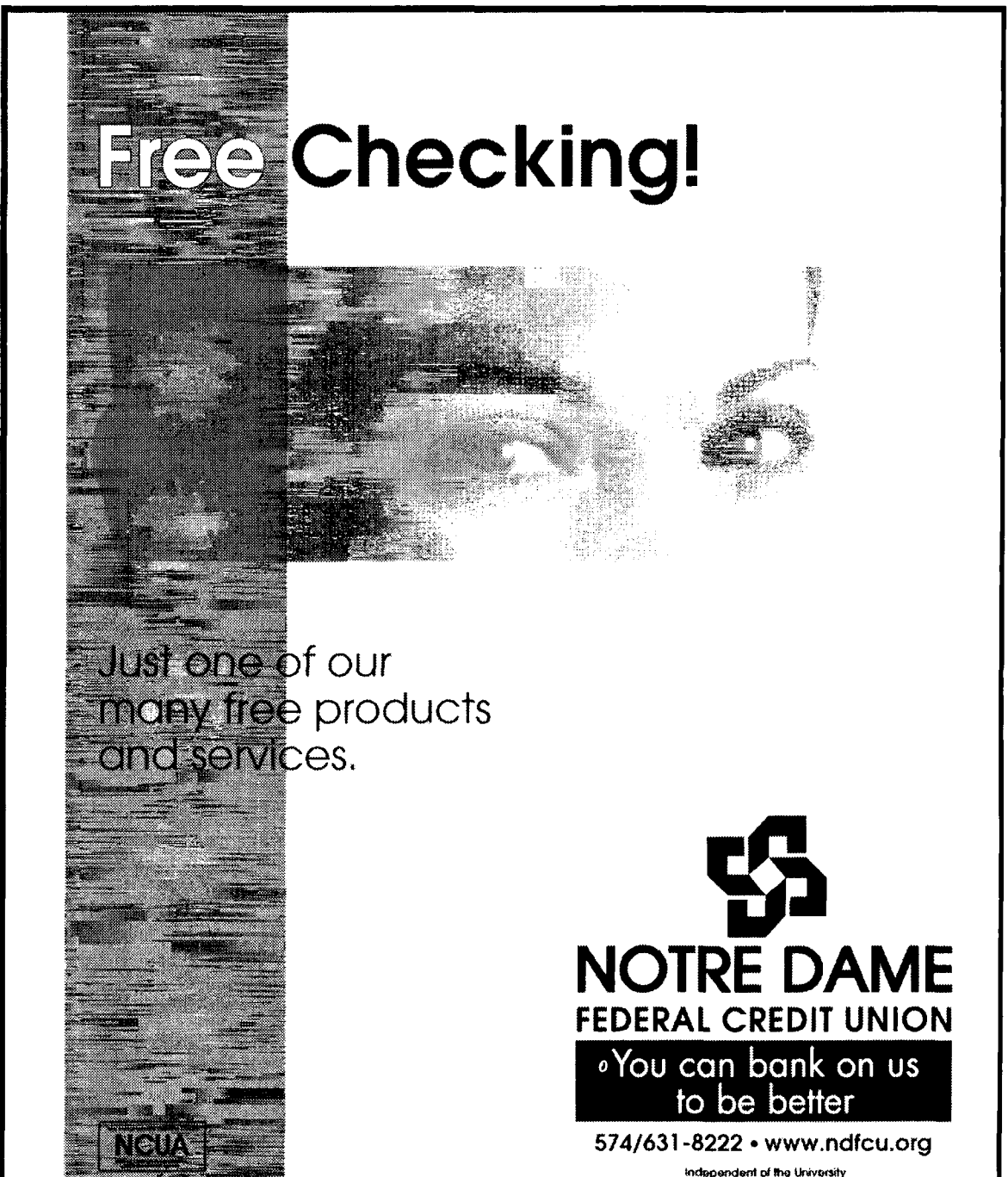
Students have responded positively to the bookstore's efforts.

"I [donated a dollar]," said O'Neill freshman Jerrell Rogers. "I personally think it's a great way to help."

In addition to on-campus collections, the Center for Social Concerns has posted a list of U.S. and international relief organizations accepting contributions.

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getting settled but we worked hard on the other end so that we were very organized and deliberate in the moving process," said Rex Rakow, director of NDSP. "We never close, so it was a tactical exercise to keep providing services and physically moving all of our belongings, equipment and personnel."

Though there were some "anxious times" with switching the department's communications dispatch system, alarm center and CCTV, Rakow said he was impressed by the dedication of his staff throughout the transition.

The new facility has many updated and unique features. The previous NDSP building, erected in 1944, was originally built as a temporary structure. After waiting 60 years for a permanent home, NDSP now has a 24-hour ATM machine, an interview room, meetings rooms for local, county and state law enforcement training and safe building entry areas through the garage so those in custody can avoid the public if necessary.

"One of the most exciting features of the building is the inclusion of both an academic classroom and a seminar room. Normal student academic classes will be held here on a daily basis," Rakow said. "We like to have students in the building when they are not in distress or taking care of security business."

The post office takes up only 5,000 square feet in the lower level of the building. That is only a 44 square foot increase from the previous post office located near Main Circle. Though the space is not much larger, the addition of new loading docks, parking areas and a new access route to Douglas Road are an improvement from the old facility.

Notre Dame Postmaster Ellen Bystrom told the South Bend Tribune that she is confident about the new facility drawing business due to its location off Douglas and Juniper Roads.

The Observer was unable to reach Bystrom on Tuesday.

NDSP used the move as an opportunity to evaluate their work and make improvements for the future.

"Any new structure allows you the luxury of examining your operational needs and systems. We have been able to more efficiently group work units to enhance communication and operational functions," said Rakow. "Additionally, we have been able to upgrade our emergency dispatch center with equipment and facilities that will greatly help in times of emergency and major event days."

The new facility was underwritten by Jerry and Dorene Hammes of South Bend, Ind., their son, Jeffrey Hammes of Kankakee, Ill; and their nephew, Jerry Hammes Mowbray of Reno, Nev.

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uted to the extra space to students who graduated a semester early, chose to break their contract and move off-campus or withdrew from the University.

The greatest number of vacancies by far was due to those choosing to spend the second semester in off-campus housing, Shoup said, but exact numbers were not available because many do not report that they have moved until the day they return from break.

Because of the extra rooms, all the women displaced to Saint Mary's were able to move back to Notre Dame as space became available, or find housing off campus.

Michelle Russell, director of Residence Life at Saint Mary's, said that approximately 12 Notre Dame transfers were in Regina for the entire semester, and that they were not given the option of remaining at Saint Mary's for the rest of the year.

"I didn't have any complaints

or problems with the Notre Dame students living in Regina. I would say everything went as planned," Russell said. "We were able to help Notre Dame with a housing shortage and I think the women who lived here enjoyed the experience."

As for the freshmen experiencing the squeeze of increased occupancy rooms, Shoup said that moving them was not a feasible option, partly because of the scattered nature of the available space. He did say, however, that they would try to accommodate students who presented them with reasons of why they had to move to a new room.

"Our experience in the past though is that most of the students would prefer not to go through the hassle of moving, now that they're used to their roommates," Shoup said. "There were a few complaints because of the overcrowding at first, but once we got people in and started with the semester, they realized it was not too bad."

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Ramadan

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problems with the government — the State Department revoked his visa in August, on the recommendation of the Homeland Security Administration — cost the Kroc significant time and energy, Appleby said. Ramadan's specific difficulties will not outweigh the Institute's overall pursuit of diverse opinions and academic freedom.

"The Muslim voice needs to be heard on campus and in the country," he said.

Ramadan resigned his appointment as the Henry R. Luce Professor of Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding at the end of the fall semester, writing to Appleby that the unresolved situation was taking a stressful toll on him and his family. The scholar had reapplied for a visa in October through the U.S. Embassy in

his native Switzerland but had received no word from the State Department at the time of his resignation, Appleby said.

Ramadan's visa is unlikely to be granted now that a teaching appointment does not await him in the United States, Appleby said. The Luce professorship remains open, and Kroc officials will hold discussions with the Office of the Provost and the Luce Foundation in the coming weeks to determine its future.

"I can't predict how a future search would unfold, so I don't know if we'll wind up with someone from the Islamic world," Appleby said, adding that the Luce position does not require a particular religion or background.

Appleby remains in contact with Ramadan but has not received any definitive word on the scholar's future plans.

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Students report theft to NDSP

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An effort by Notre Dame Security/Police to forewarn students about possible larceny during finals week and winter break helped thwart some crime, but instances of theft were still reported, NDSP assistant director Phillip Johnson said.

Alumni Hall in particular experienced a string of crimes before and during finals week, he said.

Two instances of theft were reported Dec. 11 when wallets were stolen from different unlocked dorm rooms.

Four days later, a credit card was taken from a public space and fraudulently used, Johnson said. He could not confirm a relationship between the incidents.

On-campus crimes like these could have been avoided if the students locked the door when not in room, Johnson said.

"While locking the door while not in the room is counter to what many typical students do, we did experience theft inside residence halls," Johnson said.

As in past years, incidents of larceny in the dining hall areas were also reported during the last week of the semester.

Backpacks were stolen on two separate occasions from both North and South dining halls Dec. 12 and Dec. 14. Both were recovered with items missing.

Off-campus theft also occurred, with four break-ins reported, Johnson said. NDSP was unable to elaborate on the specifics of these crimes, he said, but affirmed that the crimes did not occur at the major off-campus housing complexes Turtle Creek, Collège Park or Castle Point.

Johnson said that break-ins might have been prevented if more off-campus students had taken advantage of the storage space granted by NDSP.

"Only a handful of students took advantage of the opportunity provided by NDSP to store their belongings in a secure location," Johnson said.

Few students adhered to storage suggestions provided by NDSP in their pre-winter break memo. Conversely, a number of students made use of the secured D2 South parking lot, said Johnson. No on-campus car break-ins were reported to NDSP over winter break.

Other recommendations given by NDSP also caused students to be more vigilant before, during and after final exam week, he said.

"I think that the information sent out had an influence on the low number of opportunistic crimes on campus this year," Johnson said. "In the future NDSP will continue to draw attention to times when students might be vulnerable."

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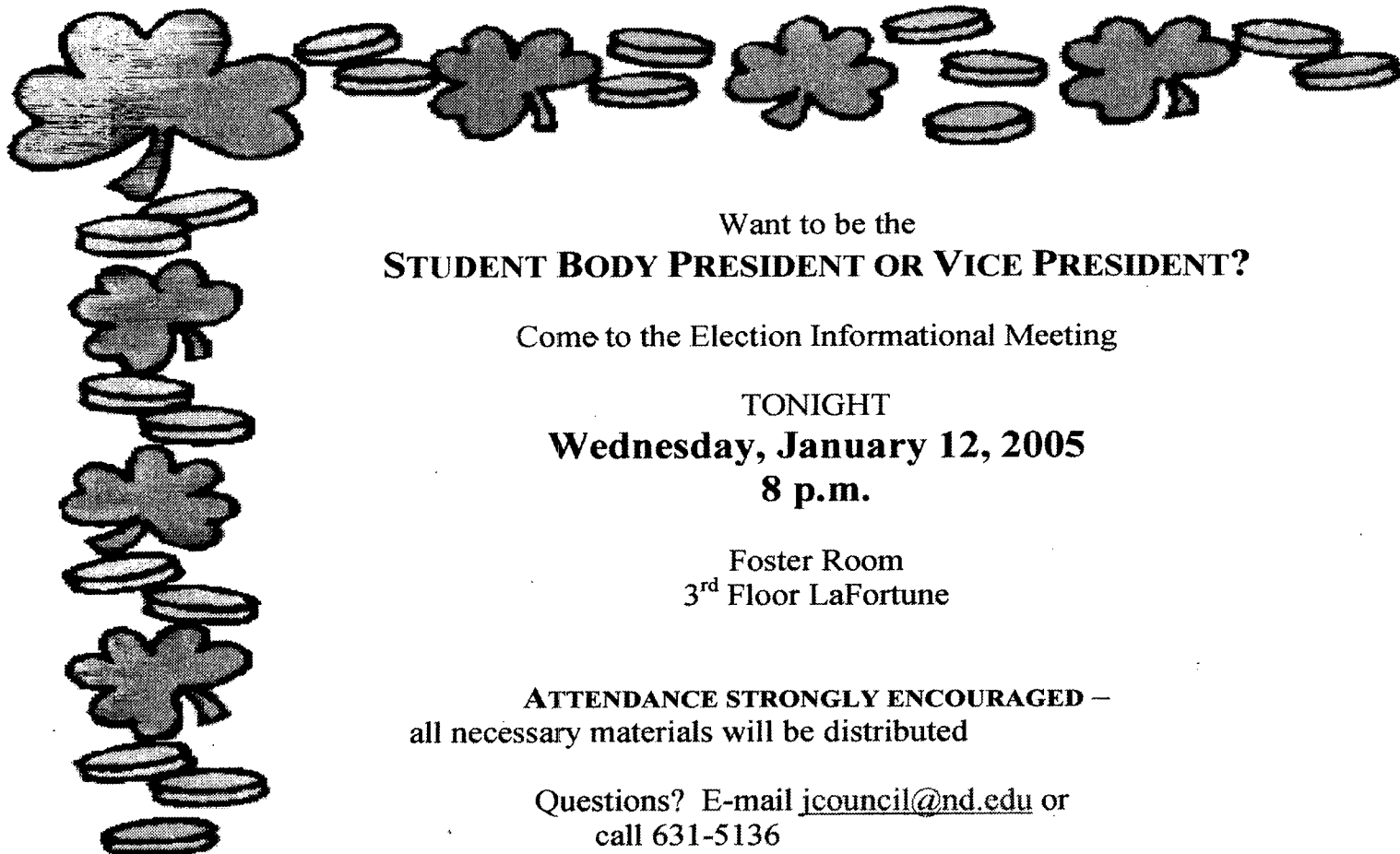
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The United States of Stinginess?

It's great to be back from break, but being the townie I am I don't know if it is even appropriate to use the phrase "back from break." At any rate, I'll admit it will be great to get back to a regular schedule.

During break, my definition of regular schedule steadily deteriorated into getting up at noon with varied rotations of playing Xbox, Playstation 2 and PC games. Oh well, with Rofls closed and the six degree temperatures many of you missed in South Bend during break, there was not much else pressing on the agenda.

Although I'll admit my own personal laziness, I'd like to answer yet another departure from reality in the thinking of the United Nations. Amid the continued shockwaves of the Oil for Food debacle, U.N. Emergency Relief Coordinator Jan Egeland had the gall to call the response of the United States and the developed world "stingy." This issue reveals the true nature of a rampant anti-Americanism within the international community that takes no regard of facts. With a few simple Google searches, I was able to find enough information to verify my initial feeling that this statement was thoroughly false.

A Jan. 6 press release by The Heritage Foundation's Brett D. Schaefer was one of two excellent resources I found to counter this accusation. It is based on a ratio of aid versus Gross National Income that places the United States at dead last with a ratio of .15 percent. However, as Schaefer's argument points out, the problem with this formula is fivefold. First, U.S. Aid remains the world's single largest donor in dollars at \$16.2 billion a year; with a second-place Japan well behind at \$8.9 billion.

Second, substantial donations by U.S. private charities are ignored. These donations totaled \$33.6 billion in the year 2000 alone.

The local Catholic diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend is a great example of this phenomenon just mentioned. On Jan. 9, Archbishop John D'Arcy implemented an effort to send all collection money above and beyond the operating costs of each parish directly to the Catholic bishops in Thailand and Indonesia to aid in the relief effort. In one isolated example Sunday, I saw almost everyone within the parish reach for their respective wallets or purses to pitch in a few extra dollars in acts of generosity that will continue to be overlooked by those who are blinded by anti-Americanism.

Third on Schaefer's list of rebuttals is the fact that the U.S. continues to contribute 70 percent of food aid for humanitarian operations. Its role in humanitarian efforts provided \$2.5 billion in disaster relief in the year 2003 alone, coming close to the combined total of the rest of world aid of \$3.5 billion. Fourth, the very United Nations organizations critical of U.S. aid depend on their generosity to remain in operation. Specifically, the U.S. is responsible for 22 percent of the U.N. overall budget and 56 percent of the World Food Program's budget. Finally, the prospect is not considered that all aid is not equal within the developing world. Many recipients of development aid within Sub-Saharan Africa are actually becoming poorer. This helps build a case for the United States method of aid, which advocates fundamental economic and political reforms as a condition of aid.

A Jan. 3 Insight magazine article by Roland Flamini opened up a second front of criticism against those so quick to call the United States stingy.

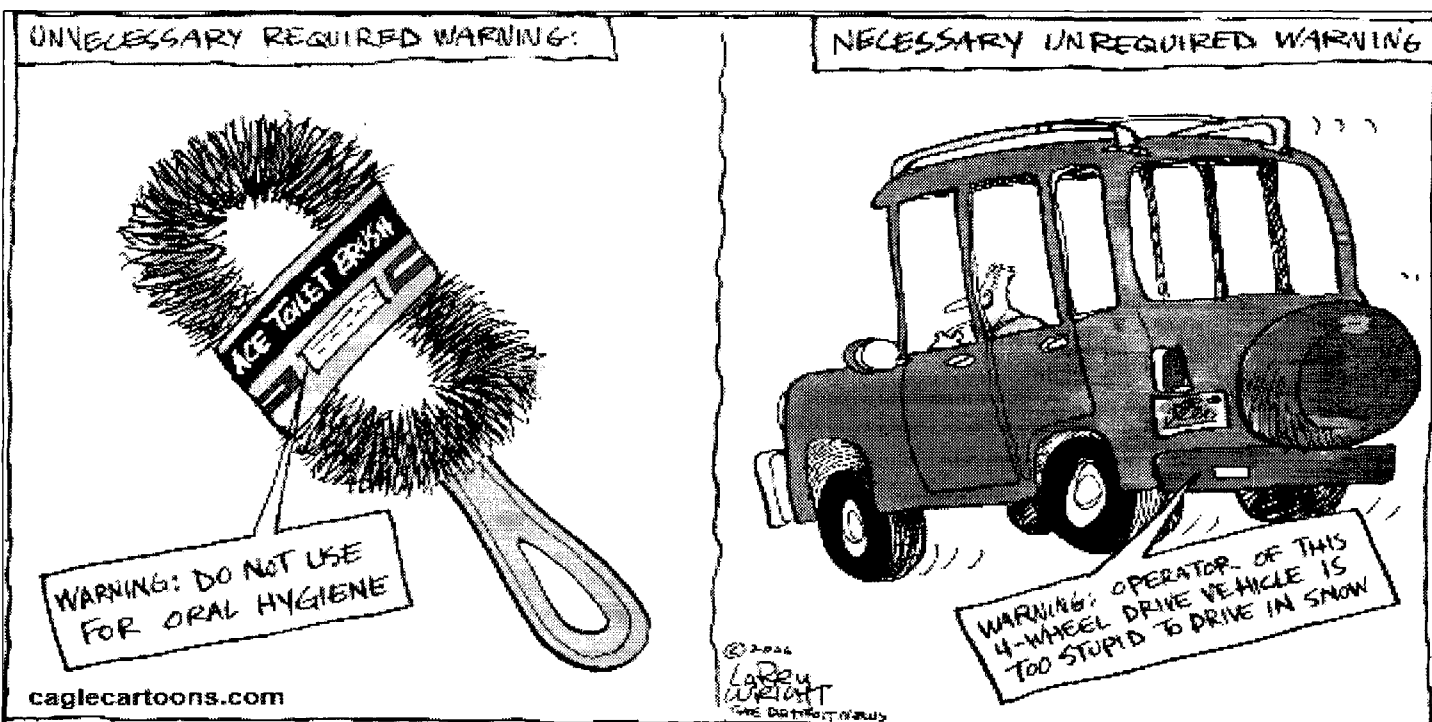
Where is the response of the Muslim world to a disaster that largely affected the world's most populous Muslim country? Consulting a Jan. 9 release from the Associated Press, still only Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates made the list of the top 21 nations in aid contributions. Kuwait gave \$100 million, while the UAE gave \$20 million. Saudi Arabia was expected to eventually pledge \$36 million and Bahrain (one of the most wealthy countries in the world) was expected to pledge \$2 million. Those entrenched with anti-American mind-sets are reluctant to level similar blame at these nations.

Contrasting these numbers with those of Australia, Germany, Japan and the United States it is hardly appropriate to call their generous aid and logistical support stingy. Looking over the numbers and seeing the response of the United States and other generous benefactors have been much needed bright spots in a still troubled and anarchic world. I was touched to see former President Bill Clinton speaking out advocating charity with President George Bush, Sr. on CNN. He cut through the politics of the issue by urging the average American reluctant to believe they could make a difference to "pitch in the five or ten dollars they may be able to spare as opposed to doing nothing." In the end, it is only that sort of positive dialogue and grassroots generosity that will really make a difference in this tragic situation.

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What are you planning to do to aid the tsunami victims?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."

Confucius
philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Charlie Ebersol thanks Notre Dame family

Dear Notre Dame Family,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will never be able to repay the love I felt from so many of you. I hope you all know what wonderful people our beautiful Notre Dame Family has. The endless letters, emails and phone calls to my family, and me and the donations to my brother's charity are overwhelming. While I wouldn't wish a tragedy like this on my worst enemy, I do wish that each and every one of you would one day feel — if just for one moment — the gracious heart that beats on our campus. I love Notre Dame in a way many may never understand. When I was down, the school picked me up, and when I was up, the school kept me humble. To be honest, the love I was taught in my family and at Notre Dame gave me a sense of immortality that I believe my brother now enjoys.

I tell people, when they ask, that when I went back onto the airplane after my father was off safely, I just expected to find my brother. I just "knew" he was going to be all right. When I didn't find him, I was shocked and angry. Now, when I think back on it, I am beginning to understand that he is all right. In fact, I believe he is in a better place than the rest of us. It is the selfish part in all of us that scorns death and wishes for immortality here on earth. I wish I still had my brother in my life. He

had a way with people that brought joy into their lives. Faced with a tragedy like this, he would work his magic as he healed our pain and brought back the greatest medicine of all: laughter. When I think about that, I smile, because I realize that he does not need to be here in person to do that ... I just wish he were.

There will be a time in your life when you need someone. You will be hurt, or you will be sad, and you will pray for a shoulder to cry on or an ear to talk to. Every night, just before I fall asleep, I pray to God that He will let me be there for you the way each and everyone of you was here for me. There is a hole in my family's heart now, but you should all know that it is the Notre Dame family that is helping us feel the rest of it beat life and love back into our bodies. My family and I wish to thank you for that.

May God bless each of you.

Charlie Ebersol
senior
off-campus
Jan. 11

Tsunami victims express gratitude

As parents who are deeply touched by the love and concern that was shown to our son Dinal by the priests, academic community and friends of both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, we thought of writing this note to thank you for your prayers and for being concerned. There were hundreds of e-mails that started pouring in offering prayers, and each one of you wanted to know whether Dinal and both of us were safe in Sri Lanka.

There was even a message of concern televised on CNN asking for Dinal's whereabouts by a friend. We want to thank all of you for your display of love and affection towards us. It is comforting for us, as parents living so far away, to see a bond that exists between our son Dinal and his friends at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. This is truly a display of a great spirit from the communities of two unique institutions.

It is no doubt a gruelling experience for all of us in Sri Lanka. We have lost over 46,000 lives. We have several of our friends and known people amongst them. There are hundreds of thousand of infants and children who have lost their mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers. There is over a million people who had lost their homes. Their wounds will take many years to heal. The only comfort we have is to think that the Good Lord will guide them towards healing their wounds fast.

Thank you again for your love, concern and prayers. Dinal will be amongst you soon to tell the real story. May God bless you all.

Kamini and Athula Edirisinghe
Notre Dame parents
Jan. 8

U-WIRE

Let's get rid of textbooks

It's textbook buying time once again, and I'm sure more than a few people are as amazed at how much the dang things cost. Everyone has these woes, but there's nothing we can do about it.

Many books aren't even used, and I'm not just talking about by people who never show up to class.

One year, my whole class bought a "required" book, only to find out halfway through the year that the professor didn't even know the book existed. It sucks, but there's nothing we can do about it. Or is there? Giant tomes of indecipherable text are a thing of the past. I suggest we scrap the whole thing and adopt a new, technologically advanced system: The eBook.

The way it would work is pretty simple. Everyone at the university would be required to buy an eBook reader, basically an inexpensive handheld computer. You can get one for under \$200, well under the average cost of a single semester's texts. And if you have a personal digital assistant to begin with, you're already set.

When it comes time to buy your books, just download them from the Internet at a fraction of the cost of a book. I'd be willing to bet you could do this for under

\$100. Now there's no lugging heavy books to class every day. Simply put your reader in your pocket and you're off.

"Sounds like a great plan, Jason, so why aren't we doing it?"

I'm not such an egomaniac that I think I'm the first to think of this. The problem, then, lies with the publishers, who don't want to release their stranglehold on our wallets. A great part of a book's expense must be the printing. With this system, that's completely gone. Once a book is ready for print, that's the end of expenses — every digital copy costs nothing more to make than the original. So while the publisher makes less on individual title sales, their overhead is cut drastically. They would be crazy not to.

What about the bookstore? To that I say, someone has to sell the readers, right? Not only that, but the stores could just have a smaller physical locations, and provide download centers for books, in store and online.

I think we should all throw our support behind the eBook before heavy bags throw out our backs.

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Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is important that we acknowledge and celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s contribution not just on his holiday, but throughout each year. Many people take for granted what he has done to make our world significantly better. King yearned for everyone "not to be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." He was tired of the brutal beatings, hangings, mass murders and several other devastating practices that minorities endured because of their superficial appearance.

He dedicated his life to doing everything in his power to end racial injustices. During his lifetime, African Americans were thought of by many as a fraction of a person and were forced to attend schools that were poorly funded if they had any desire of obtaining an education. Also, European Americans severely limited the number of African Americans who were allowed to vote with clever methods such as a poll tax and a literary test where officials sometimes failed minorities even if they really passed.

King could have let his temper get the best of him and use excessive violence to counter the myriad of injustices. Instead, he used non-violent protests to help stop blatant acts of racism from taking place.

King was assassinated in 1968. Since then, blatant racism has dramatically decreased, but subtle racism is a part of our world today. African Americans make up 50 percent of jail inmates in America, yet they make up less than 15 percent of America's population. Latinos are second in jail population. Many people are still being negatively judged prematurely because of their skin tone. That needs to stop now. Until it does, King's dream will not be fully achieved.

God commands us to "love one another as yourself." If we fulfill this commandment, we will also achieve the dream that King worked relentlessly to make a reality. On King's holiday, I ask that you consider everything that he has done for us and celebrate him and his legacy while working to help the world truly realize his dream.

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BOOK REVIEW

For Gourmet Chefs Only

'Gourmet' Magazine releases a cookbook with difficult but delicious dishes

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

When Ruth Reichl set out to create "The Gourmet Cookbook," she was working with over 60 years worth of the best recipes that could be found. Since its first publication in 1941, Gourmet Magazine has published over 50,000 recipes of all kinds. Reichl, the editor in chief, enlisted the help of countless members of her staff to sort through all of them and bring together the best of the best in one collection. As with any cookbook, this required testing every recipe many times to find out what ingredients, temperatures and other details worked best. Of course with recipes from so many eras, creating "The Gourmet Cookbook" also required changing recipes for tastes and equipment that have changed over the years; along with sometimes incorporating ingredients that were impossible to find 50 years ago but are common today.

Reichl writes that she wanted to create a cookbook with "every recipe you could ever want." The book does contain ample recipes for any occasion, but it is definitely a book for "foodies," those people who make a habit of cooking and a hobby of recipes. Reichl and her editors have aimed for the best recipes, not the most convenient ones. If you do not care to stock your kitchen with an array of spices or occasionally wander around the produce section looking for kale or chipotle chilies, or if you aren't quite sure what it means to sauté something, this might not be the book for you.

Reichl and her editors have included numerous recipes for some classic favorite foods, such as nine recipes for chocolate cake. This does not, however, include the basic chocolate cake that you will actually find at most parties. There is likewise no basic chicken soup lodged between the recipes for cold buttermilk with

shrimp and cucumber with wasabi avocado cream. If your favorite food, now and forever, is cheese pizza, this may not be the book to get you through. However, if you like serving classics with a little bit of flair, you might enjoy making Moroccan-style

carrots instead of just boiling them. "The Gourmet Cookbook" offers a new spin on almost any food or favorite ingredient you can think of. If you are willing to take some time exploring it and are willing to endure a few possible recipe disasters, you will almost surely discover some new favorites. Reichl may send you on a search for ethnic food markets for some specialty ingredients, which can be a favorite adventure for a true "foodie."

However, if a poblano chile or shiso leaves are not readily available and you do not want to search for them, many of the recipes can be modified with things that you can find. No recipe, not even one presented by Gourmet magazine, is ever truly authoritative, and a change may even be an improvement. Just be careful to read the provided explanations before assuming that one ingredient will go for another —

Reichl may save you from the mistake of assuming, for example, that the jalapeno can be replaced with its small orange cousin, the habanero, which looks innocent but is in fact 30 to 50 times spicier. Reichl, in the tradition of her magazine and many great cooks, does not focus on the health aspects or weight considerations of her recipes. While some foods, such as caramel cheesecake, are worth the calories, it may not

hurt to cut the amounts of butter or oil that go into preparing others. Perhaps the best part about "The Gourmet Cookbook" is that its recipes are already tweaked for a new generation and will perhaps be useful, with modifications, for another sixty years. Picking up "The Gourmet Cookbook" just may add a little bit of variety to your life.

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Photo courtesy of www.amazon.com
"The Gourmet Cookbook" is for the serious cook only.



Photo courtesy of www.dnnews.com
Ruth Reichl is the editor of "Gourmet" magazine and author of the cookbook.

Nintendo

The features of the Nintendo DS but some of the

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Critic

For the past decade Nintendo has dominated the handheld gaming market. The Nintendo Gameboy has, since its conception, become a staple for gaming on the

go. Competition has attempted interference many times, none of which have been successful. The Atari Lynx, the Sega Game Gear and Nomad and the Nokia N-Gage have all tried to dethrone the Nintendo Gameboy as king. Part of their failure has been due to innovation on the part of Nintendo. Ever since the

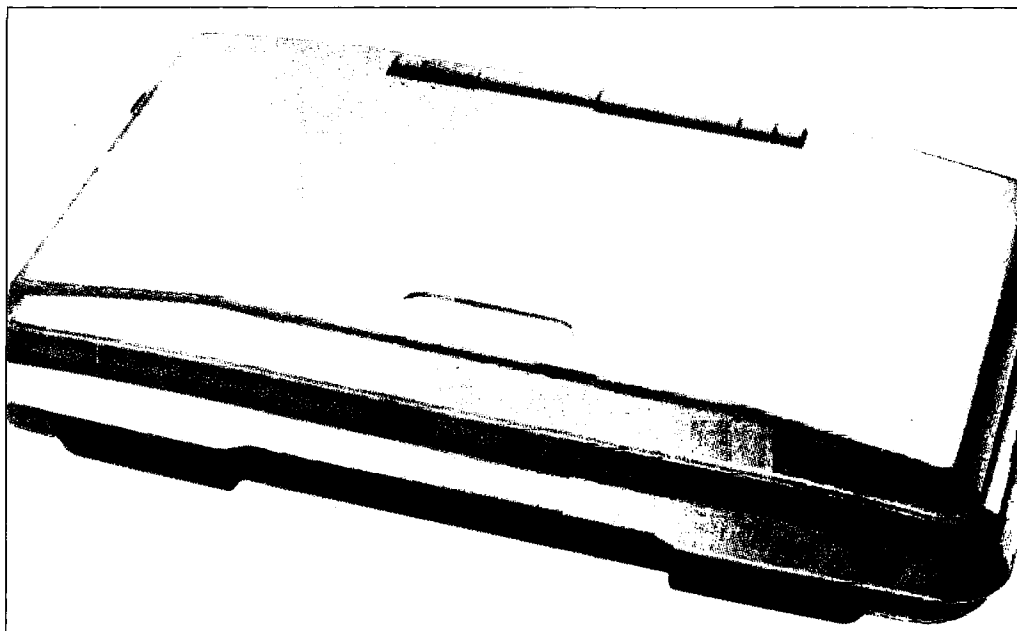


Photo courtesy of Nintendo DS Pack
Compact and sleek, the Nintendo DS is not only one of the smallest versions of a gaming system. It is also one of the most advanced gaming systems available.

Super Mario

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Critic

With all of the Nintendo consoles available, it remains true that the essential games are the ones made by Nintendo itself. This is once again true with the launch of the Nintendo DS. Of all the launch titles, "Super Mario 64 DS" is by far the best.

It should be immediately noted that this is not a new game. As the title suggests, this is a port of the Nintendo 64 title of similar name, updated for a new generation. Fans of the Nintendo 64 version should find enough new action to satisfy them as much as new players.

For starters, there are four playable characters this time. The ensemble cast includes the essential Mario, the budding star Luigi, the ever-loveable Yoshi and the dastardly Wario. The group is well rounded, each with their own strengths and weaknesses. Each has their uses, but some characters find more playing time than others.

Yoshi is the character that players start the game out as. Like previous games, the Princess has once again been kidnapped and this time it is up to Yoshi to rescue her. Everything is left up to Yoshi as Mario and Luigi have disappeared as well, leaving the task squarely on Yoshi's green shoulders. Yoshi has some of the abilities showcased in

previous games, such as his flutter famous tongue. He's one of the best but suffers in the speed and power categories.

Mario is the same as he was in the version. Moderately fast, mediocre jump, age power; Mario is the most well-known character. He lost some of his abilities other characters to make the game balanced, but has had some new ones well. Overall, he'll be one of the most frequently used characters.

Luigi is the character that most players stick with once he is unlocked. He has a jump, medium speed, and is rather weak.

However, he will be the most due to his specific abilities. Luigi can run, float-like a feather, and has a flutter much like Yoshi. People that have used Luigi will find the game appealingly easier than

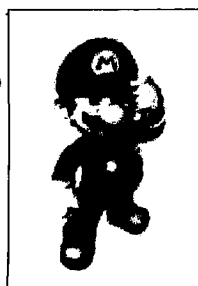
initially was.

Wario in particular seems like he could use a little more fine-tuning, as he is easily the weakest. He fills the role of a slow strong guy, which while useful in video games, doesn't really have a platform like Super Mario 64. He has certain times in the game in which his strength is required, but few will use him. This is unfortunate, as he is also the most difficult character to unlock, and a fan

Super Mario 64 DS

Nintendo
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Rating: A-



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Oregon State 38, Notre Dame 21

Finally over

Roller coaster season ends in 38-21 Insight Bowl loss

By HEATHER
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PHOENIX — It was much of the same images Notre Dame has seen all season — getting beat in the air early and often and an inability to make the big play.

And with that, the Tyrone Willingham era ended Dec. 28 with a Notre Dame loss to Oregon State 38-21 in the Insight Bowl.

Beaver quarterback Derek Anderson threw for 358 yards including four touchdowns and no interceptions en route to claiming the game's Most Valuable Player honor.

"We knew they were going to throw the ball," Irish linebacker Derek Curry said. "It was a matter of us stopping it or not, and we didn't do it effectively enough. We gave up some easy touchdowns early on and couldn't quite recover."

Oregon State (7-5) jumped out to a 21-0 lead after a 52-yard punt return by Sammie Stroughter and blocked punt by Derrick Doggett led to two straight Beaver scores.

"The short field position in the first half just killed us," Irish interim head coach Kent Baer said. "You take that away and it's a much closer game, but that's all part of it."

Brady Quinn threw for two touchdowns and 214 yards, with one interception for Notre Dame (6-6), playing for the first time without former head coach Willingham, who was fired last month.

Oregon State began the scoring with a 12-yard Anderson touchdown pass to George Gillett. The Beavers started the drive at the Notre Dame 27-yard line to start the drive after a punt return by Stroughter.

After the blocked punt, Oregon State started at the Notre Dame 4-yard line, only to lose seven yards on a Kyle Budinscak sack. But Anderson responded, throwing an 11-yard bullet to Joe Newton for the score.

With the Beavers up 14-0 after one quarter, the Irish were unable to mount any scoring drives, as they were forced to punt each of their first five possessions.

"I think it really came down to us not making the plays when we needed to," Quinn said.

Finally, the Irish put together a 13-play, 84-yard drive highlighted by a 13-yard touchdown pass from Quinn to tight end Anthony Fasano to get on the board with just under a minute to play in the half.

"We knew we could stop them defensively," Budinscak said. "Obviously, we had some of the same problems we had all year. We gave up some passes, but we settled down on defense, but we couldn't stop them. The offense had a big touchdown with Anthony [Fasano] going in."

We weren't ready to quit the whole game."

The Irish continued to fight back in the third quarter when Jerome Collins blocked a Sam Paulescu punt, giving Notre Dame the ball on the Oregon State 49-yard line. Notre Dame cut the lead to 10 after a 5-yard touchdown scamper by Darius Walker capped a 49-yard drive.

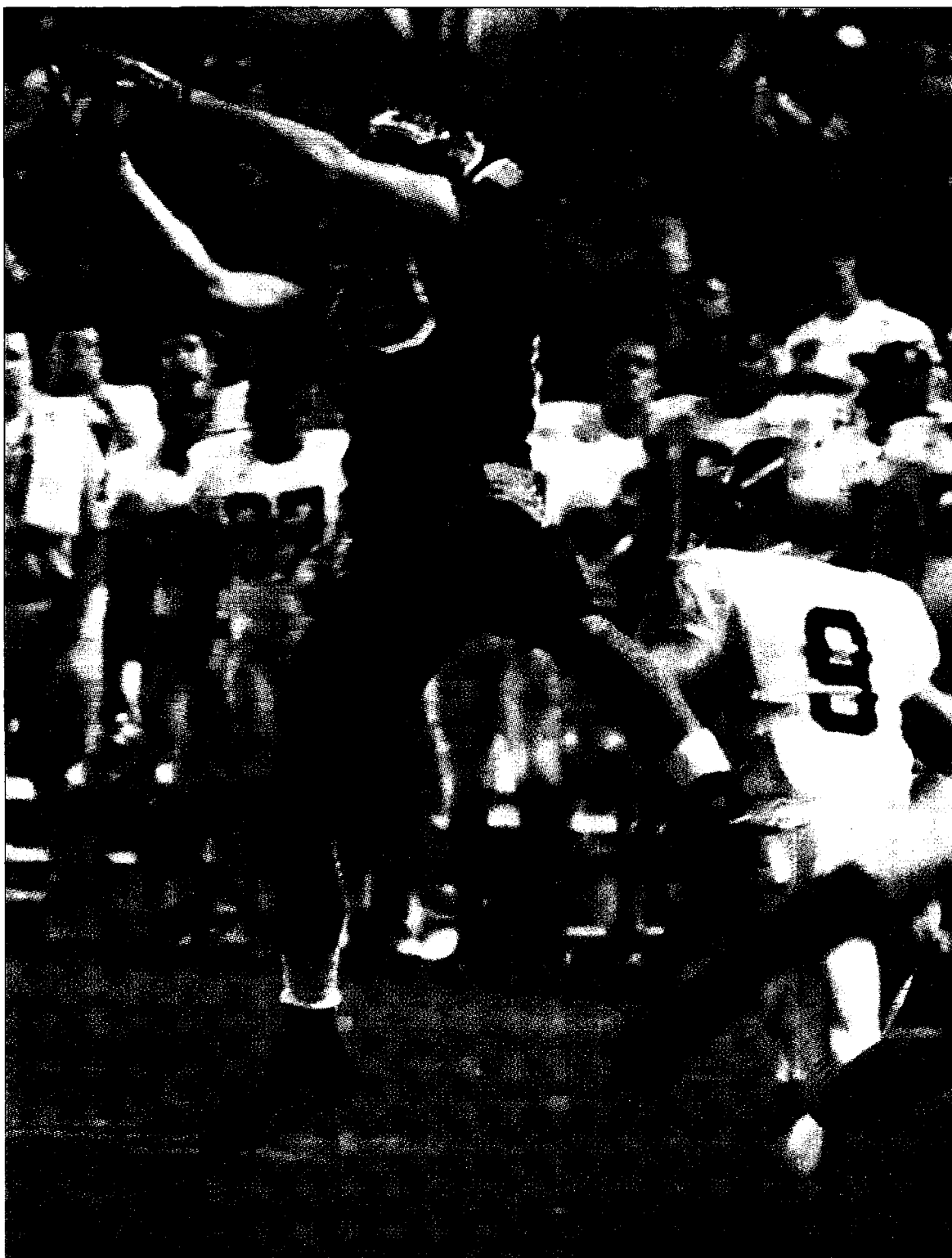
On the ensuing kickoff, Chinedum Ndukwe stopped Lamar Herron at the Oregon State 10-yard line to pin the Beavers with 2:49 to play in the third quarter.

But that was as close as Notre Dame would come.

Plagued once again by poor play in the secondary, Oregon State marched downfield, starting with a 25-yard pass from Anderson to Newton on second-and-10, and ending with a one-yard toss from Anderson to Newton (seven catches, 85 yards) for his second touchdown and a 31-14 lead.

"It was frustrating because I thought we were right back in it," Baer said. "We had to get a couple stops there and we didn't do it."

Notre Dame would score two possessions later on a pass from Quinn to Rhema McKnight from



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Oregon State tight end Joe Newton catches a pass over Notre Dame safety Tom Zbikowski in the Beavers' 38-21 win in the Insight Bowl. Newton finished with 85 yards receiving and two touchdowns.

18 yards out to make it 31-21, but it was too little too late.

Oregon State recovered the onside kick and proceeded to score after a 21-yard completion to Mike Hass and a Dwight Wright 2-yard touchdown scamper to make it 38-

21. Hass finished with 105 yards receiving on five catches. For Notre Dame, McKnight

finished with 90 yards receiving on four catches, and Jeff Samardzija had five catches for 89 yards. Walker had a game high 43 yards on the ground.

Oregon State continued its winning streak, finishing the season with wins in six of its last seven games after starting 1-4.

Meanwhile, the Irish are set to begin a new era with new coach Charlie Weis, offensive coordinator of the NFL's New England Patriots.

"There's so much talent here," Curry said. "There's a lot of young guys who can do a lot of great things with the new system coming up. And I hope those guys really play like they can play. They'll be fine."

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player of the game

Derek Anderson

The senior quarterback led the Beavers, throwing for four touchdowns and 358 yards on 28-for-45 passing with no interceptions.

stat of the game

358

Number of passing yards given up by the Irish secondary.

play of the game

Anderson's 25-yard completion in the third quarter

Anderson found Joe Newton from his own 10-yard line sparking a touchdown drive that put the game away

quote of the game

"[Notre Dame] is everything that you ever thought it was and much more."

Kent Baer
Irish interim head coach

report card

- B** **quarterbacks:** Quinn played a solid game, despite one interception. He threw for 214 yards on 17-for-29 passing, including two touchdowns.
- B-** **running backs:** Walker finished with 43 yards, enough for the freshman rushing record, but he needed 13 carries to get it. Grant was ineffective, carrying 14 times for 19 yards.
- A-** **receivers:** Samardzija stepped up in Stovall and Shelton's absence, and McKnight played well also. They accounted for nine catches and 179 yards together.
- C** **offensive line:** The line gave up two sacks and the Irish rushing game struggled. They failed to open up significant holes for the Irish running backs but had decent pass protection.
- B+** **defensive line:** The defensive line was solid, getting good pressure on Anderson. Budinscak had two sacks and the Beavers running game was non-existent, as they finished with 20 yards.
- C** **linebackers:** Curry got burned in pass coverage for a touchdown. The rest of the unit was not spectacular, registering just 10 tackles between the three starters.
- F** **defensive backs:** The unit gave up the big play over and over. Illick was burned repeatedly, as was Zbikowski, Burrell and almost every other corner. Anderson had a field day.
- D** **special teams:** Jerome Collins blocked a punt, but that was about all the positives in this unit. They lost the field position game, giving up a big return and a blocked punt.
- D** **coaching:** Give them credit for sticking around to coach the game. The offensive playcalling was questionable at times, but this didn't cost Notre Dame the game, poor performance on the field did.

2.06 **overall:** The combination of poor field position and poor secondary play was too much for the Irish to overcome. They now wait for Charlie Weis.

adding up the numbers

- straight losses Notre Dame has in a bowl game, dating back to the 1993 season **7**
- number of touchdown passes the Irish have given up in the last three games to Pittsburgh, USC and Oregon State **14**
- number of interceptions by the Irish defense, despite 45 pass attempts by Derek Anderson **0**
- yards rushing by Oregon State, good for an average of 1.1 yards per carry **20**
- number of times Oregon State was forced to punt the entire game **1**
- yards passing by Notre Dame's Brady Quinn, second on Notre Dame's single season passing list **2,586**
- punts blocked by senior tight end Jerome Collins this season **3**
- time of possession for Notre Dame's first scoring drive of the game, the longest drive of the season **6:53**



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish senior running back Ryan Grant and interim head coach Kent Baer embrace after Notre Dame's 38-21 loss in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 28. Baer coached the team for one game after head coach Tyrone Willingham was fired. Baer was the Irish defensive coordinator under Willingham.

Baer leaves with class, emotion

PHOENIX — The question wasn't even supposed to be asked.

An Insight Bowl official said two more questions for Irish interim head coach Kent Baer, but a third one snuck in there.

A reporter asked Baer about whether there was a sense of relief or sadness after the turmoil during the four weeks leading up to the Dec. 28 Insight Bowl.

Not exactly a surprising question, and the first part of Baer's answer was as straightforward as one would expect. "There is a sense of relief, but there's also some sadness involved," Baer said. "I've said this before and I'll say it again just to have the opportunity in one time in my career to walk in Notre Dame Stadium and having coached against Notre Dame was special to me."

But then the second part of his answer revealed a side of Baer not seen by the media.

"It's been such a tremendous experience for me and I'm thankful for that," Baer said. "When you look at Notre Dame before I ever got there and you wonder what it's all about and it's everything that you ever thought it was and much more."

"I'm proud to say that I coached there and someday will say those guys did it with a lot of class and a lot of character."

It wasn't what Baer said that was surprising.

It was the way he said it.

Baer emphasized the word tremendous. He showed feeling when he said "everything that you ever thought," stressing each word. He trailed off when talking about class and character knowing he was part of a staff that ultimately didn't do what it was asked to when hired three years ago and handed the opportunity of a lifetime.

All of that emotion about a coaching job where so much controversy hung over the Nov. 30 firing of Tyrone Willingham.

Notre Dame fans knew about defensive line coach Greg Mattison's love for this

University. Hearing him mention it on bowl media day when talking about coaching at the University of Florida next season wasn't eye-opening.

For someone like Baer, it wasn't as obvious.

When Baer came along with Willingham to South Bend in 2002, he didn't have the friendliest personality on the coaching staff. A running joke was that he lit up for reporters only when the television cameras showed up after practice.

He was the same way on the field. In his book, "Return to Glory," detailing Willingham's first year at Notre Dame, Alan Grant wrote, "Every team has that one coach of whom the players are a little afraid, who intimidates in that tough-love sort of way, and for Notre Dame, Kent Baer was him."

But that wasn't the Kent Baer seen after the Insight Bowl.

Baer was hugging sports informa-

tion directors. He was thanking the football beat writers. He was wandering in front of the Notre Dame locker room in the tunnels of Bank One Ballpark looking like he didn't want to leave.

Maybe it was Baer changing since he was now the spokesman, at least for one game, of the Notre Dame football program.

Maybe it was Baer taking his time since he didn't take that extra time on Nov. 13 — when he unknowingly walked off the Irish sideline for the last time.

Maybe it was Baer just being honest.

"I know there's a championship team in that room," Baer said, "and I'm looking forward to watching them next year."

Just like his boss, Baer did go out with class and character. Ask his players.

Fifth-year senior defensive end Kyle Budinscak, as honest a player as there is on this team, was talking about the coaching staff after

the game coaching the players the same way they did before having lame-duck status.

"We had a bunch of coaches [doing that] and I can't even fathom how they did that under those circumstances," Budinscak said. "I'm grateful for that."

When he said that, he looked directly at one person in the room. He looked at Baer.

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Sports Writer

Seniors lead despite disappointment

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

PHOENIX — They were the heart and soul of the team. They had three coaches. And they had never won a bowl game.

The trend continued for the Notre Dame senior class Dec. 28 with a 38-21 loss to Oregon State, a disappointing end to a roller coaster season.

"It was definitely frustrating," Irish linebacker Derek Curry said. "We were playing hard."

Notre Dame fell behind 21-0 after poor field position hurt the Irish in the first half. But the team fought back, pulling within 10 points.

"I think [that comeback] says a lot about the Notre Dame character — we fight until the end, until the game's over with," Curry said. "It was tough, but our leadership stepped up and told the guys to keep their heads up."

The one thing that was a constant for Notre Dame was its senior leadership.

Defensive end Kyle Budinscak led the Irish with two sacks against the Beavers, while Curry had four tackles and linebacker Mike Goolsby added three tackles. The three fifth-year seniors have seen the Irish program through its ups and downs since they got to Notre Dame, but they maintained a positive attitude throughout the

season.

"I get to play football for Notre Dame, and that's always an honor," Budinscak said. "I'm going to miss it so much. All the things that happened, they affect you, but the No. 1 thing is that you get to play for this University. That's all that really matters."

These seniors, just three among many players, including Jerome Collins (blocked punt) and Greg Pauly (tackle for a loss), are only a few of the Irish that have endured the ups and downs of their careers. During their time, these seniors went 35-25 in five years. They played for Bob Davie, and then saw George O'Leary get hired and then resign. They stayed at Notre Dame for it all.

But this never changed their attitude.

Curry talked about how it was the last time he could salute the fans of Notre Dame.

"A little bit of everything [went through my head]," he said. "Man it went by so fast, I won't be able to salute the fans of Notre Dame again as a player." It was kinda shocking.

This group of seniors lost to Oregon State for the second time in four years, the last loss coming in the 2001 Fiesta Bowl, 41-9. Then in 2002, they lost 28-6 in the Gator Bowl. This year's loss was the seventh straight loss in a bowl game for Notre Dame.

However, that didn't take



Irish senior linebacker Mike Goolsby hits Beaver running back Dwight Wright in the Dec. 28 Insight Bowl.

away from this group's leadership.

"Our seniors have been great leaders," Irish sophomore quarterback Brady Quinn said. "We couldn't ask for anything more out of them ... These leaders really paved the way for us and showed us how to get things done."

But despite the leadership, these seniors knew this season was a disappointment, finishing just 6-6.

"Bottom line, we had a lot of missed opportunities, and a lot slipped through our fingers," Curry said.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Oregon State	14	7	3	14	38
Notre Dame	0	7	7	7	21

First quarter

Oregon State 7, Notre Dame 0
George Gillett 12-yard reception from Derek Anderson with 9:24 remaining (Alexis Serna kick)
Drive: 4 plays, 27 yards, 1:18 elapsed
Oregon State 14, Notre Dame 0
Joe Newton 11-yard reception from Anderson with 5:41 remaining
Drive: 2 plays, 10 yards, 0:48 remaining

Second quarter

Oregon State 21, Notre Dame 0
Dan Haines 11-yard reception from Anderson with 7:49 remaining (Serna kick)
Drive: 5 plays, 45 yards, 2:49 elapsed
Notre Dame 7, Oregon State 21
Anthony Fasano 13-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 0:56 remaining (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 13 plays, 84 yards, 6:53 elapsed

Third quarter

Oregon State 24, Notre Dame 7
Serna 38-yard field goal
Drive: 6 plays, 32 yards, 1:59 elapsed
Notre Dame 14, Oregon State 24
Darius Walker 5-yard run with 2:40 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 49 yards, 3:34 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Oregon State 31, Notre Dame 14
Newton 1-yard reception from Anderson with 12:17 remaining (Serna kick)
Drive: 12 plays, 90 yards, 5:23 elapsed
Notre Dame 21, Oregon State 31
Rhema McKnight 18-yard reception from Quinn with 4:52 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
Drive: 10 plays, 88 yards, 4:04 elapsed
Oregon State 38, Notre Dame 21
Dwight Wright 2-yard run with 3:19 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 28 yards, 1:33 elapsed

statistics

total yards		
OSU	378	
rushing yards		
OSU	20	
passing yards		
OSU	358	
return yards		
OSU	111	
time of possession		
OSU	25:42	
33-59	rushes-yards	18-20
18-33-1	comp-att-int	28-45-0
1-7	punt returns-yards	5-77
0-0	fumbles-lost	1-0
2-10	penalties-yards	5-45
17	first downs	19
passing		
Quinn	17-29-1	Anderson 28-45-0
rushing		
Walker	13-43	Wright 9-24
Grant	14-24	Cole 3-3
Quinn	4-23	Anderson 5-(6)
receiving		
Samardzija	5-89	Newton 7-85
McKnight	4-90	Hass 5-105
Fasano	1-13	Gillett 4-62
tackling		
Zbikowski	7	Bray 10
Jackson	4	Ellison 8
Campbell	4	Meeuwesen 6

Injuries plague Irish at Insight

MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Starters Maurice Stovall and Justin Tuck didn't dress for the Insight Bowl. Stovall had been having injury troubles through most of the second half of the season.

Meanwhile, Tuck was experiencing problems with his knee and found out two days before the game he wouldn't be playing.

"We did everything we could to get me ready, that knee just wouldn't respond this week for some reason," Tuck said. "My only regret is that I couldn't get out there. Sometimes things just don't happen the way you want them to."

Starting left offensive guard Bob Morton also didn't play in the game. Dan Santucci played in his place.

Wide receiver Matt Shelton suffered a knee injury during Insight Bowl practice in Arizona. However, Shelton suited up and came in for one play in the fourth quarter to qualify for a Notre Dame record. Catching a shovel pass from Brady Quinn allowed Shelton to have the highest per catch single-season average in Notre Dame history at 25.8 yards per catch. Tony Hunter was the previous record holder with a

25.6 yards per catch average in 1979.

"We were pretty beat up going into this game," Irish interim head coach Kent Baer said. I thought the rest of those guys stepped up and did a tremendous job."

Wooden moves up the depth chart

Coming to Notre Dame as a highly-rated offensive player out of high school, Ambrose Wooden has been lost in a position change to cornerback.

In the Insight Bowl, Wooden got his chance.

Seeing Wooden make plays in practice, Baer and the coaching staff decided to move Wooden up the depth chart and the sophomore saw playing time on passing downs.

"He's done such a great job in practice and he's got great ball skills, plays the deep ball well," Baer said. "He's a great athlete and he's going to be a tremendous player for Notre Dame in the future. I think the young [defensive backs] are going to be tremendous and I think he's one of them."

Wooden now has a world of confidence going into the off-season and with a new coaching staff arriving.

"I'm definitely more confident now. I'm making plays on the deep ball. I have to go into the off-season," Wooden

said. "We're going to have a young secondary next season, and we're just going to have to come together and do what we have to do."

One player noticeably absent from the defensive backfield was Freddie Parish. After starting at cornerback against Southern California, Parish didn't start against Oregon State and didn't play on passing downs.

Trick plays

Offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick opened up the playbook early against Oregon State. On Notre Dame's first offensive play from scrimmage, Diedrick called a half-back pass for freshman Justin Hoskins. The pass intended for Rhema McKnight was overthrown.

As the Irish opened up their next offensive series, Diedrick called a screen pass that featured a fake reverse before falling incomplete. Later in that same series, Chase Anastasio lost 13 yards on a reverse.

Quinn/Dillingham

Backup quarterback Pat Dillingham saw action in the first quarter after starting quarterback Brady Quinn had to miss two plays after getting poked in the eye on the ill-fated Anastasio reverse.

Dillingham handed off to Darius Walker on the first play and threw an incomplete pass to McKnight on a slip

screen on third down.

Quinn returned to the field for the next Irish series and played the rest of the game.

Quick hits

◆Walker broke the freshman rushing record in the second quarter and finished the season with 786 yards.

◆Jerome Havens held the record previously with a total of 757 yards in 1975.

◆"A lot of outside people try to keep up with that, but I don't keep up with that too much," Walker said. "I knew I was somewhat close and coming out this game, we had the chance to have an extra game. God-willing I broke it."

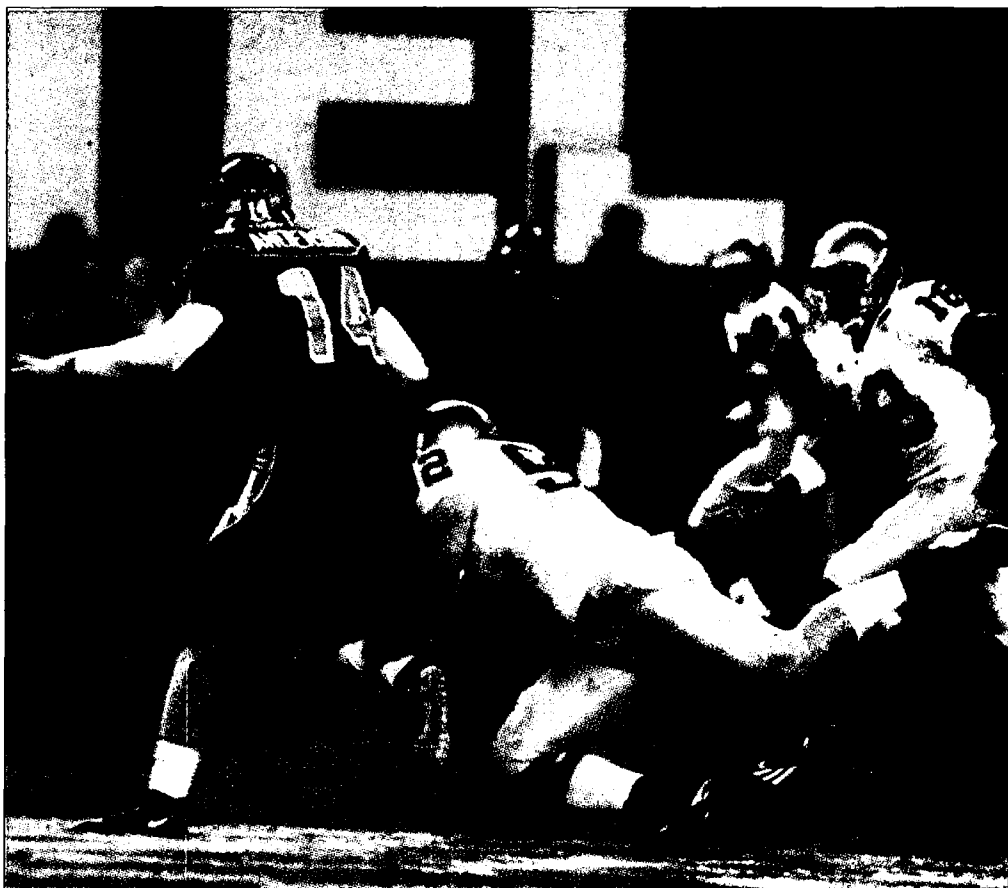
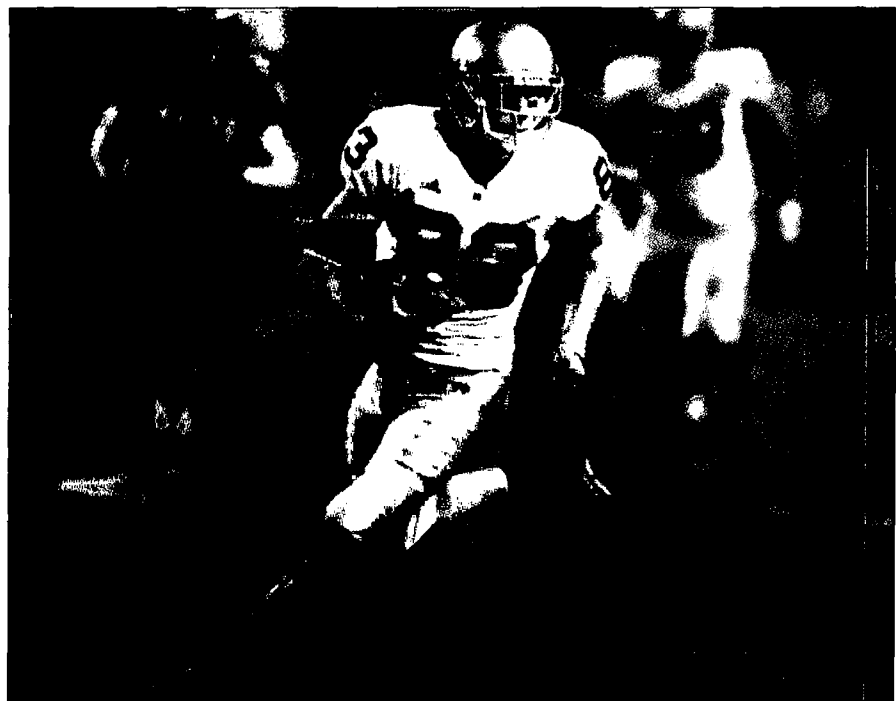
◆Notre Dame's second quarter touchdown drive tied for the season-high in plays (13) and was the longest in time (6 minutes, 53 seconds) on the year.

◆The Bank One Ballpark roof was open for the start of game, but had to be closed early in the first quarter due to rain.

Insight Bowl captains

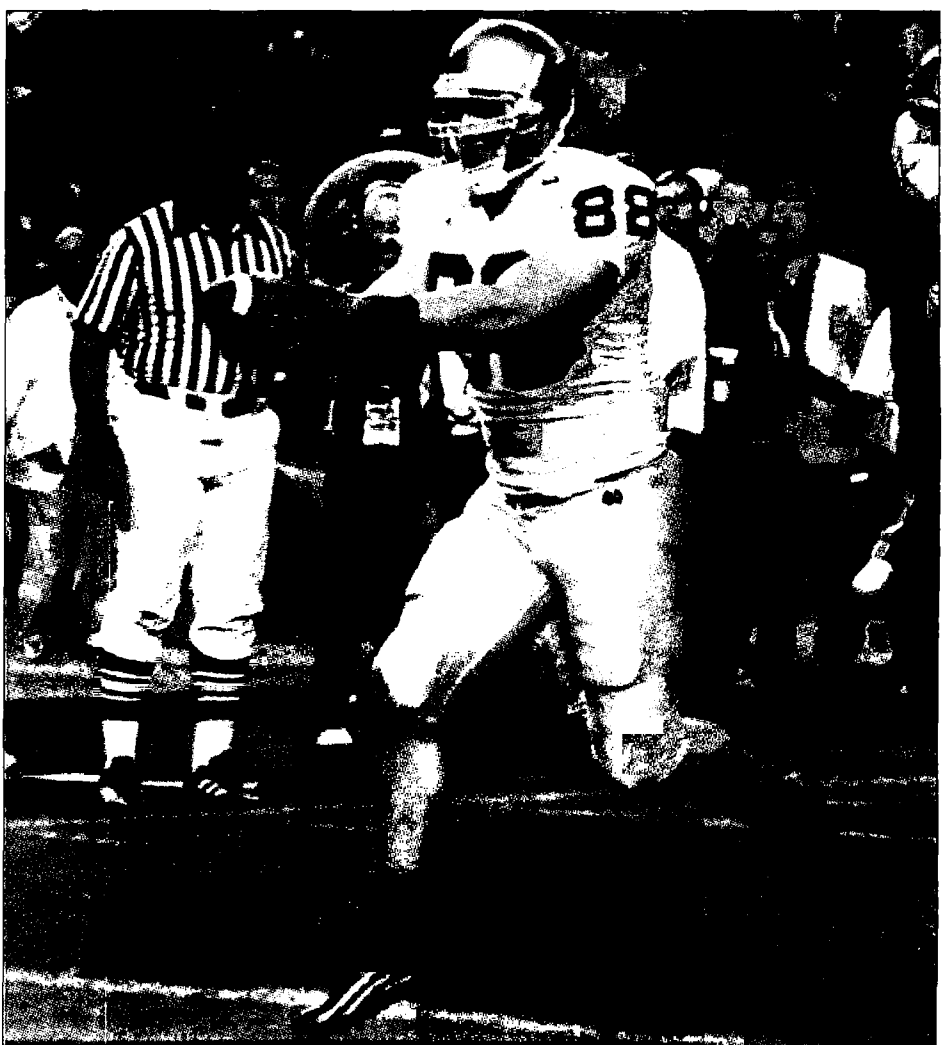
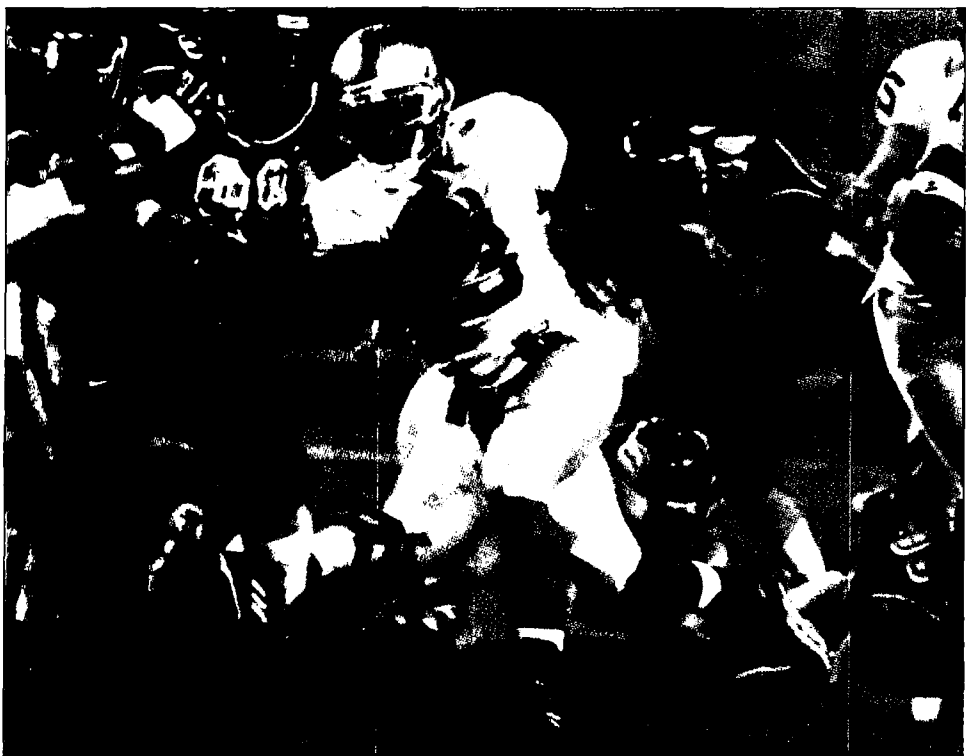
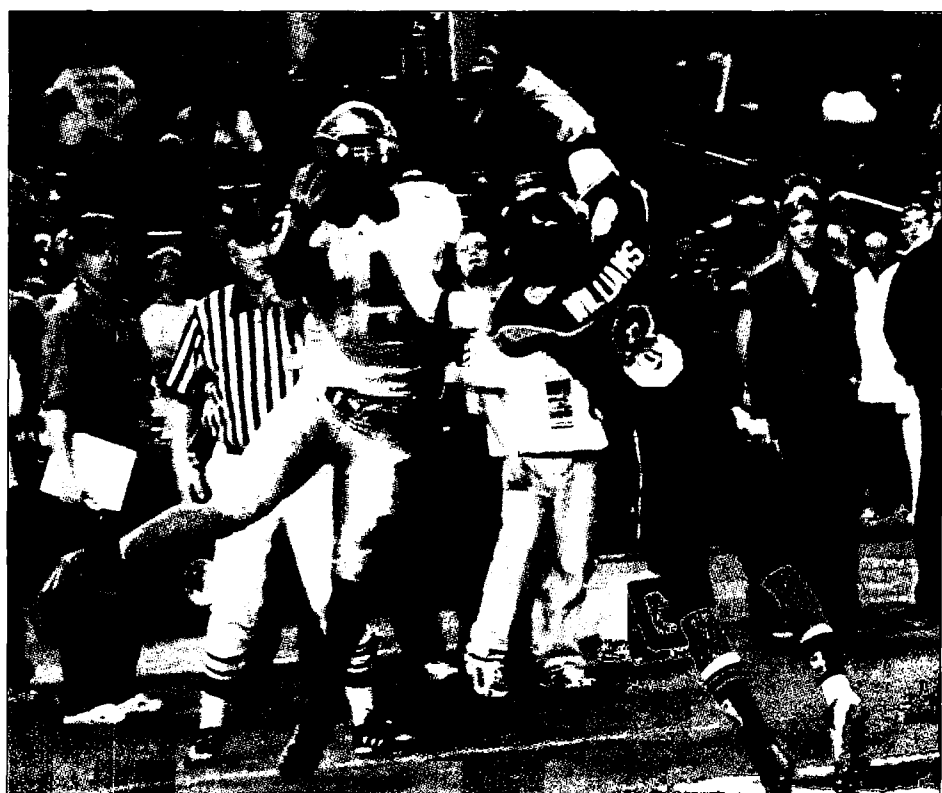
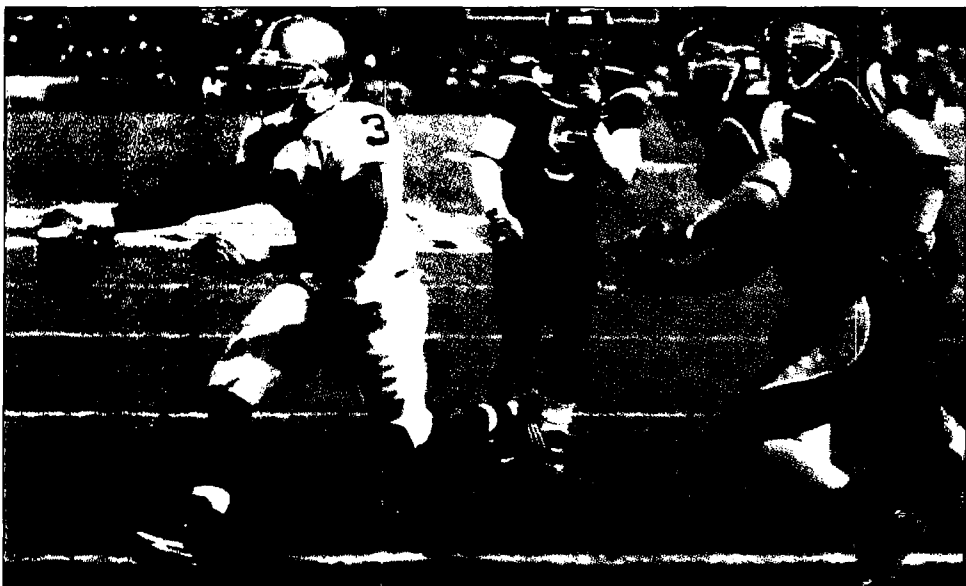
Notre Dame's team captains for the Insight Bowl were Derek Curry, Mike Goolsby, Ryan Grant and Carlyle Holiday. The team selected those four players were selected as season captains at the team banquet on Dec. 3.

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THE END OF AN ERA

Oregon State's Derek Anderson threw for four touchdowns and 358 yards to lead the Beavers to a 38-21 win in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 28. Notre Dame fell behind 21-0 early and couldn't come back in the final game of the Tyrone Willingham era. Brady Quinn threw two touchdowns for Notre Dame, but the Irish running game never really got going. It was Notre Dame's seventh straight bowl loss — they haven't won since the 1993 season.



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From top left to bottom left, Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija heads upfield after one of his five receptions on the night. Kyle Budinscak sacks Derek Anderson, one of his two sacks against the Beavers. Irish receiver Rhema McKnight makes a touchdown catch with Oregon State cornerback Aric Williams in his face. Notre Dame tight end Anthony Fasano scores a touchdown on a 13-yard pass from Brady Quinn. Darius Walker cuts through a hole, and Walker scores a touchdown on a five-yard run.

reinvents the Gameboy

*Nintendo DS are the new standard in handheld gamesystems
the advances are more interesting than useful*

Gameboy was released it has been continually updated and refined while remaining backwards compatible. The latest from Nintendo, the Gameboy DS, was recently released. While innovation is still evident within the DS's design, one has to wonder if Nintendo can keep the momentum from previous Gameboys going.

The DS is by far Nintendo's most ambitious project yet. Featuring dual screens, wireless gaming, and backwards compatibility, the Gameboy DS is by far the cream of the current crop. Like the previous Gameboy SP, the DS has a built in rechargeable battery, eliminating the need for AA batteries.

The rest of the features just get better, the bottom screen on the DS is touch-sensitive. For most of the new DS games, all one has to do is take out the included stylus to play either the game itself or one of the included mini-games. This presents many amusing options, as one can use the touch screen to draw, direct, move, shoot, etc.

The wireless gaming is also impressive, to say the least. Included with

every DS is the demo for "Metroid Prime: Hunters," which is playable immediately out of the box either by oneself or with friends. With every DS a program called "Pictochat" is also included. "Pictochat" allows owners to talk to each other, using the DS, over small distances. All one must do to play the DS with friends is to be in the general vicinity; it is even possible to play the DS on the Internet.

A major selling point on every new Gameboy has been the backwards compatibility. No one wants to buy an entirely new system and get rid of all the older games they have. It makes it easier for consumers to buy each new Gameboy because the new ones will continue to play the older games that they have already obtained. The DS is backwards compatible up to the Gameboy Advance. Previous versions of

original Gameboy games will not play on it. Most people won't have a problem with this, but it has the potential to turn others off to the DS.

However, even with all the praise that the Gameboy DS has received, it is still not perfect. It is the best handheld console out, but that doesn't mean there aren't faults. The gaming library at this

point is merely mediocre, which is a common complaint among most recently launched consoles. This doesn't look like it will change till late February. The touch screen has found some decent uses, but nothing to really make it a necessity.

With some promising new games on

the horizon, such as the aforementioned "Metroid Prime: Hunters," the DS still has the possibility of becoming a gaming essential. As it stands, it's a solid gaming platform with a nifty gimmick.

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Nintendo DS

Nintendo
Handheld video game system

Rating: B+

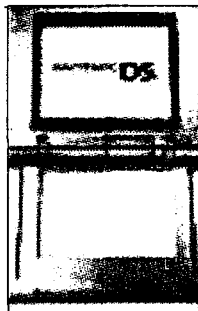


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One of the most unique features of the Nintendo DS is the revolutionary touch screen that is used to control many of the characters in the DS games.

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Super Mario 64 DS is one of the best older games that has been formatted for the DS.

Control-wise, the game is a little more difficult than the original. Since the DS lacks an analog joystick like the Nintendo 64 had, control is limited to either the directional pad or the touch screen. Of the two, the directional pad is the preferred method as the use of the touch screen can block the view of important screen information in some instances. Also, it feels a little awkward, and many will find it to not be the desired method of play throughout the game.

The storyline and basic gameplay have not changed much from the original, which is not necessarily a bad thing. The original is still one of the best platformers ever created and now it has received a facelift and become portable — not necessarily a bad combination.

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Feel the Magic

By MARK BEMENDERFER

Scene Critic

Did you ever have the urge to take on a stampede of raging bulls to impress a girl? If your answer is yes then your game has arrived.

Perhaps the game to best utilize the touch screen capabilities of the Nintendo DS, "Feel the Magic" consists of a series of mini-games with the ultimate goal of impressing the desired girl. These mini-games range from pushing goldfish out of a person's stomach to swimming out of the belly of a snake to facing down the previously mentioned bulls.

If it's not already obvious, this game is pure craziness. The only game that compares would be "WarioWare Inc." on the Nintendo Gameboy Advance. Like "WarioWare Inc." this game is filled with highly addictive simple

Feel the Magic

Nintendo
Available for
Nintendo DS
Rating: B

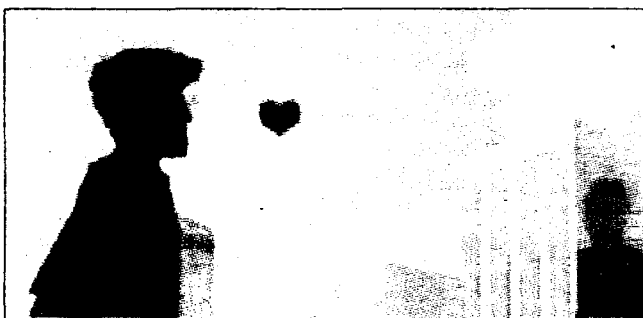


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The main objective of "Feel the Magic" is simply to "get the girl" as smoothly as possible.

games that can be beaten within a couple of minutes. The games are nonsensical, as is the actual plot.

For example, a scenario that occurs somewhat early in the game includes, after successfully wooing the girl, the hero asking the girl to lunch. However, during the date a scorpion truck drives by, accidentally releasing a few boxes of the little date-breakers. Instead of alerting the girl and interrupting the date,

it is the player's job to pick the scorpions off her body by using the touch screen while keeping her unaware. If the player misses a scorpion and pokes the girl she scolds you, causing a life to be lost.

Filled with zany humor, "Feel the Magic" is great fun to play. As stated, this is the first game to fully utilize the Gameboy DS's many capabilities. The touch

screen is used frequently in the games, usually in the form of guiding some onscreen hero or object. The game also makes use of the built-in microphone. In one game players find themselves literally blowing into the microphone to propel a sailboat that will rescue a damsel in distress.

Control-wise, the game is nearly flawless. Very few lives will be lost due to frustrating controls. Using the touch screen is very intuitive and extremely responsive, making the game easy to get into.

However, the greatest asset of "Feel the Magic" can also be its downfall. Because the game consists of nothing but short diversions, there is little replayability. The game also lacks any real depth. Similar to a sugar rush, the initial experience is quite fun, but it inevitably leaves little to be desired.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Louisville cruises on the road, defeats Southern Miss 107-62

Wake Forest beats Terps, Okla. St. knocks off Mizzou, Alabama stops Arkansas

Associated Press

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Rick Pitino hasn't seen Louisville play better in three-plus seasons as its coach. For Southern Mississippi, things rarely have been worse.

Francisco Garcia had 25 points to lead five Cardinals in double figures in No. 19 Louisville's 107-62 rout of the Golden Eagles on Tuesday night, the worst home loss in school history.

Pitino called the opening 20 minutes — in which the Cardinals shot 69 percent and took a 60-27 lead — “the best half since I’ve been at Louisville.”

“You don’t have many no-hitters or perfect games in basketball, but that’s as good as we could play,” Pitino said.

Ellis Myles had 20 points for the Cardinals (13-3, 2-1 Conference USA), who patiently ran their offense to generate easy baskets, then tormented the outmanned Golden Eagles on defense.

“We got the third, fourth, fifth and sixth options (and) if you keep looking to pass, you feed off of that,” Pitino said. “And we played great defense, which got us on the break.”

Louisville led by as many as 48 points, shot 57 percent from the field and was 31-of-33 from the free throw line.

Larry O'Bannon had 16 points, Traquan Dean scored 13 and Brandon Jenkins added 12 for Louisville, which showed no signs of recent injury struggles in its second straight league victory since being upset at Houston.

Garcia is averaging 23.3 points over his last six games, and the Cardinals won five of those by an average of nearly 37 points. He finished four shy of his season high set against Morehead State and tied against Eastern Kentucky.

“We stayed focused. We’ve got to stay focused, whether we’ve got a big lead at home or on the road,” Garcia said. “When you get a big lead, you can’t get laid back or forget about playing defense. We weren’t going to let that happen today.”

Wake Forest 81, Maryland 66

Justin Gray continued his torrid shooting streak, scoring 25 points while making a season-high six 3-pointers to lead No. 4 Wake Forest to a victory over Maryland on Tuesday night.

Gray, who had 31 points in Saturday’s win at Clemson,

made his first four 3s of the game while pushing the Demon Deacons (14-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) to an early lead. The junior is playing the best basketball of his career, with 55 points and 11 3-pointers in the past two games.

Chris Paul finished with 14 points, Eric Williams had 12 points and 10 rebounds, Jamaal Levy had 11 points and Vydas Danelius with 10 rebounds for Wake Forest.

Maryland (9-4, 1-2) played poorly in its second-straight lopsided loss. The Terrapins were coming off a 36-point loss at No. 3 North Carolina, and started the game with leading scorer John Gilchrist on the bench for missing an academic assignment.

Gilchrist hardly played, sitting for almost the entire second half and finishing with two points on 1-of-2 shooting. Nik Caner-Medley led the Terrapins with 18 points.

The Deacons played as if the game was nothing more than a tuneup for Saturday’s meeting with North Carolina. They opened up firing behind Gray, and coach Skip Prosser refused to allow them to back off.

Even when they took a huge lead into halftime, he screamed “Run!” at the Deacons as they filed off the court to the locker room.

Prosser kept the intensity all through the second half, standing up in disgust after Levy missed a 3 and Mike Jones quickly converted for Maryland with a 3-pointer that cut Wake Forest’s lead to 69-55. Prosser ordered the Deacons to pick it up, and Gray responded with his sixth 3-pointer.

Gray scored 16 points in a stretch of 5:05 of the first half, hitting four 3-pointers. Every time he let the ball go, it seemed sure to hit for the second straight game. It was a similar stretch to Saturday, when Gray scored 15 points in 3 minutes flat.

Although the Deacons played well in the first half, the Terps’ poor play was the reason Wake Forest rolled to a 47-26 half-time lead.

Okla. State 78, Missouri 68

Joey Graham scored a season-high 27 points, John Lucas added 18 and Eddie Sutton tied his mentor Henry Iba for seventh place on the career victories list as No. 6 Oklahoma State beat Missouri on Tuesday night.

The Cowboys (12-1, 2-0 Big



Wake Forest's Eric Williams is trapped by Maryland players Nik Caner-Medley, left, and Sterling Ledbetter during the second half of Wake Forest's 81-66 win Tuesday.

12) took the lead for good with two free throws from Stephen Graham midway through the second half and held off the Tigers (9-6, 1-1), who moved within a point on three occasions.

Terrence Crawford drained two free throws to start a 6-0 run that gave Oklahoma State its largest lead of the second half, 69-61 with just under 4 minutes to play.

Crawford added a runout, two-handed jam and Stephen Graham finished the surge with a reverse layup and the orange-clad crowd could taste Sutton's landmark win.

Sutton improved to 767-293 in his career, which included stints at Creighton, Arkansas and Kentucky before he returned to his alma mater in 1990.

He sat on the bench with his arms folded and his trademark scowl on his face when things weren't going the Cowboys' way. He pointed and gestured to his assistant coaches and was always at the right hand of his son, Sean Sutton, who will take over the Cowboys if ever Eddie decides to retire.

Sutton walked onto the court without pomp or circumstance, taking his seat three spots from the end of the Cowboys' bench and taking a look around a sold-out Gallagher-Iba Arena before walking to midcourt to

greet Missouri coach Quin Snyder and the officials.

He shook Snyder's hand again before walking off the court as the public address announcer proclaimed his achievement of tying Iba, whom Sutton played for at Oklahoma State and got his coaching start under. After more handshakes, he turned around and headed to the locker room like after any other victory.

Linus Kleiza scored 24 points to lead Missouri. He fought off endless boos following an early technical foul and his tough inside play helped cause two Oklahoma State defenders to foul out.

Stephen Graham finished with 13 points for Oklahoma State, which had lost to the Tigers each of the previous two seasons, including a 93-92 loss in double overtime last season in Missouri.

The teams traded leads five times within a frenetic, 2-minute span midway through the second half after Jason Conley's steal and fastbreak layup tied it at 43.

After Joey Graham hit two free throws to put Oklahoma State ahead, Jason Horton hit a 3-pointer from the right wing to give the Tigers a 46-45 lead with 13 minutes to play.

Lucas scored on three straight possessions for Oklahoma State as the Cowboys

went up 51-48, but Missouri got inside baskets from Marshall Brown and Kleiza to pull back ahead 52-51.

It was the last time the Tigers would lead.

Alabama 64, Arkansas 61

Earnest Shelton scored 18 points and Kennedy Winston had nine of his 13 in the second half to lead No. 23 Alabama to a victory over Arkansas on Tuesday night.

Ronnie Brewer had 15 points for Arkansas (13-3, 1-2 Southeastern Conference), which got within 63-61, but Winston made one of two free throws with 9.8 seconds left to give the Crimson Tide (13-3, 2-1) a three-point lead. Eric Ferguson missed an open 3-pointer with 2 seconds left that could have tied the game.

Chuck Davis had 17 points and nine rebounds for Alabama, which finished with a 32-25 advantage on the boards.

Darian Townes added 14 points for the Razorbacks, while Jonathan Modica had 11 points and five assists and Olu Famutini added 10 points, eight in the first half.

A 13-4 run gave Arkansas a 33-24 lead with 4:31 left in the first half. But the Crimson Tide held the Razorbacks scoreless for the rest of the half and Shelton had half the points in a 10-0 run that gave Alabama a 34-33 lead.

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Men's College Basketball

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Illinois (25)	16-0	768
2	Kansas (4)	11-0	738
3	Wake Forest	13-0	696
4	North Carolina (2)	13-1	695
5	Duke	11-0	653
6	Oklahoma State	11-1	608
7	Syracuse	15-1	597
8	Georgia Tech	11-2	536
9	Texas	12-2	507
10	Kentucky	10-2	497
11	Connecticut	9-2	413
12	Michigan State	10-2	400
13	Cincinnati	13-1	351
14	Washington	13-2	314
15	Mississippi State	14-2	307
16	Arizona	12-3	299
17	Boston College	13-0	250
18	Pittsburgh	11-2	244
19	Louisville	12-3	230
20	Gonzaga	11-3	203
21	Alabama	12-3	129
22	Geo Washington	10-2	106
23	Iowa	12-3	89
24	West Virginia	11-1	86
25	Oklahoma	11-2	85

Women's College Basketball

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Duke (27)	15-1	986
2	LSU (11)	13-1	949
3	Baylor (1)	12-1	911
4	Stanford	12-2	809
5	Ohio State	14-1	800
6	NOTRE DAME	13-2	741
7	Rutgers (1)	10-2	690
8	North Carolina	12-2	689
9	Michigan State	13-2	669
10	Tennessee	10-3	668
11	Texas	8-4	632
12	Minnesota	13-2	614
13	Texas Tech	11-2	521
14	Boston College	11-1	464
15	Vanderbilt	12-2	436
16	Connecticut	8-4	376
17	Maryland	10-2	375
18	Georgia	12-4	324
19	UCLA	11-3	236
20	Purdue	10-4	216
21	DePaul	11-3	178
22	Iowa	13-2	145
23	Kansas State	10-3	145
24	Iowa State	11-1	90
25	Arizona State	11-3	82

Men's Central College Hockey Association

team	CCHA	overall
Michigan	13-1-0	16-5-1
Ohio State	10-3-1	13-6-3
Nebraska-Omaha	8-7-1	10-9-1
Bowling Green	7-5-2	10-7-3
Northern Michigan	7-5-2	9-7-4
Lake Superior	6-6-2	7-11-2
Michigan State	6-8-0	11-10-1
Alaska Fairbanks	5-8-1	6-9-1
Ferris State	4-8-2	9-11-2
Miami	4-8-2	8-11-3
NOTRE DAME	3-9-4	5-11-5
Western Michigan	4-9-1	9-10-1

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Mets' general manager Omar Minaya, left, introduces Carlos Beltran at a Shea Stadium news conference Tuesday. Beltran and the team agreed to a 7 year, \$119 million contract.

Beltran signs with Mets for \$119 million

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the end, timing and tenacity played key roles in Carlos Beltran signing with the wannabe New York Mets instead of the perennial champion New York Yankees.

A no-trade clause in the seven-year, \$119 million contract, a recruiting trip to Puerto Rico by team brass, and 31 consecutive days of phone calls didn't hurt, either.

Beltran was welcomed by his new team Tuesday, ending a whirlwind courtship that began as a long-shot flirtation and evolved into the richest

deal in Mets history. Already he was looking ahead, talking about a recruiting call he already placed to Carlos Delgado.

For the 27-year-old center fielder, the contract was all about commitment.

"When I was in Kansas City, I was always worried about being traded for five years," he said. "When I was traded to Houston, it was not a good feeling. I didn't want to go through that anymore. I would not sign without a no-trade clause. I was looking for stability. The Mets said they would give me that stability."

And they said it over and

over and over again.

When general manager Omar Minaya decided the Mets had a shot at Beltran, the team went after him aggressively.

"Starting at Thanksgiving, they called me 31 straight days," agent Scott Boras said. "They checked in every day, asking where Carlos was at (in his thinking), saying they wanted Carlos. I would tell Carlos every day, 'The Mets called again.' And again. And again."

Beltran was impressed. Then came the visit.

Boras suggested the two sides meet in Miami. Minaya, fresh off his suc-

cessful recruiting trip to the Dominican Republic where he charmed pitcher Pedro Martinez with Thanksgiving dinner, said the Mets would travel to San Juan to see Beltran on his home turf.

"If we are involved, we are involved to win," Minaya said. "I sensed when we got there we would be players, maybe underdogs. But I like being the underdog."

Beltran said the Mets signing of Martinez impressed him. And he hoped his signing would have a similar effect on first baseman Delgado, another Mets' target.

IN BRIEF

Marino, Young among 15 finalists for Hall of Fame

CANTON, Ohio — Dan Marino and Steve Young set dozens of NFL passing records in the 1980s and '90s, some of which Peyton Manning is erasing now. Marino and Young soon might have something else in common: membership in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The two retired quarterbacks are among 15 finalists for the hall announced Tuesday. The class of 2005, which will have from three to six members, will be announced Feb. 5, the day before the Super Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla.

"It's an honor to get to this stage of the selection process and to be considered along with 14 other deserving candidates," Marino said in a statement released by CBS, where he is a commentator on its NFL pregame show.

"I've always said that election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame was the greatest individual achievement

in the game and it would be one of the highlights of my career to join the sport's greatest players in Canton."

Marino, who holds many of the NFL's career passing records, and Young, who led San Francisco to the 1995 Super Bowl title, are among four finalists who made the list in their first year of eligibility.

Nets' Jefferson out for the year

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New Jersey Nets lost leading scorer Richard Jefferson to a season-ending wrist injury, the latest blow to the three-time defending Atlantic Division champions who now seem likely to miss the playoffs.

The team announced Tuesday that Jefferson has a ruptured ligament in his left wrist. Surgery is expected within the next two weeks, and Jefferson would not be ready to play again until the second half of May.

"This is a tough blow," Nets president Rod Thorn said. "Richard, in

my mind, he's an All-Star player this year. You could depend on him as a guy who has played great for us. He's a guy who plays hurt and cares about his teammates. He's the kind of teammate everyone wants. It's a tough loss."

New Yankee Johnson apologizes for run-in

NEW YORK — Randy Johnson's first pitch in pinstripes was an apology. The Big Unit opened Tuesday's news conference introducing him as a member of the New York Yankees by talking about his confrontation on a Manhattan sidewalk with a television cameraman on the way to his physical for the team the day before. "I'd first like to once again reiterate: The situation yesterday, it was unprofessional," Johnson said, "and obviously I feel very foolish today at such a great moment of my career that I would have to stand before you and apologize for my actions. Hopefully it's water under the bridge."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish post 8-2 non-conference record in early season

Victory over in-state rival Indiana propels Irish to strong play out of the strong Big East Conference

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The last time Notre Dame beat Indiana in Bloomington — let's just say it hasn't happened in a while.

"I was listening to the Bee Gees the last time the Irish won here," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I really was. I probably still have the 8-tracks."

Chris Thomas scored 13 points and Notre Dame beat Indiana at Assembly Hall, 55-45, in the first Irish win in Bloomington since a 73-67 victory on Dec. 11, 1973.

Four Notre Dame players — Forin Francis (13 points), Dennis Latimore (12), Chris Quinn (13) and Thomas — finished in double figures. The Irish (4-1) improved to 1-1 on the road after losing by one point to Michigan at Crisler Arena Saturday.

"This is a great win for us," Brey said. "We were very disappointed in Ann Arbor on Saturday afternoon because we were in that situation like we were this evening, and we couldn't finish it. But I think we've handled it well since that. We prepared very business-like."

Thomas and Quinn, who shot a combined 3-for-24 against Michigan, prepared for Indiana with late-night shooting sessions during the week.

DePaul 84, Notre Dame 73
Sophomore guard Colin Falls scored a career-high 20 points, but DePaul had four players score in double figures as the Irish fell to the Blue Demons for their second loss of the season on Dec. 11.

Quemont Greer (20 points),

Drake Diener (19), Sammy Meija (18) and Jamal Nichols (12) led DePaul, shooting 60 percent as a team and closing the game with a 15-5 run late in the second half.

Mike Brey said he expected DePaul would be the toughest team of a three-game slate that also included Michigan and Indiana, but Brey did not expect his team to struggle with a team that would go on to lose its next game against Northwestern.

Thomas scored 24 points on 9-of-14 shooting, making 4-for-5 from behind the three-point arc.

Notre Dame 71, Army 52

Falls scored 16 points and forward Latimore added 15 as Notre Dame survived a 16-point deficit to defeat

Army at home on Dec. 19.

Army took a 21-5 lead to begin the game on 8-of-10 shooting, while Notre Dame had made just 2-of-14. But the Irish shot 45 percent the rest of the game and Army cooled to 31 percent, and Notre Dame out-rebounded Army, 47-28.

Four Irish players finished in double figures, including Jordan Cornette (13 points) and Thomas (12 points), who shot 4-for-14 while dishing seven assists.

Thomas became Notre Dame's career steal leader with his third steal on Sunday, giving him 203 to pass David Graves. He finished the game with five steals.

Colin Harris led Army with 10 points.

Notre Dame 88, Marist 73

The Irish shot 51 percent from the field and scored a season-high 88 points on Dec. 22 to win their second consecutive game and improve to an 8-2 record.

Thomas neared triple-double numbers, finishing with 18 points, nine assists and eight

rebounds. The Red Foxes out-rebounded the Irish, 38-36, but Quinn added another 21 out of the Notre Dame backcourt to help secure the win.

Francis scored 13 points on 5-of-7 shooting and eight rebounds and Latimore had 10 points. Notre Dame outscored Marist 30-20 inside.

Jared Jordan led Marist scorers with 17 points and seven assists, but the Irish took control of the game in the first half and never were threatened in the second.

Notre Dame 78, Western Illinois 61

Thomas scored 21 points and came an assist and rebound short of a triple-double as the Irish won their third straight at the

Joyce Center Dec. 28. He completed an average of 17 points, 7.7 rebounds, and 8.3 assists over his past three games.

Notre Dame opened the game on a 12-2 run and never trailed the entire way, getting a season-high 18 points from Latimore. Falls shot 5-for-9 from three-point range and scored 17 points, while Quinn chipped in 11.

The Irish led 45-32 at half, and Western Illinois closed to within 54-46, but Thomas kept the Notre Dame at a distance.

Eulis Baez scored a team-high 13 points for Western Illinois, and Will Lewis was

the only other Leatherneck in double figures with 11.

Notre Dame 56, Samford 44

Russell Carter ignited the Irish with 11 points off the bench and Thomas scored 14 as Notre Dame moved to 4-1 over its five-game home stand on Dec. 30.

Sluggish shooting returned to the Irish offense. Notre Dame made just 3-of-17 shots to open the game. But Notre Dame shot 47 percent the rest

of the way, outscoring the Bulldogs 44-13 from midway through the first half until midway through the second.

Samford neared matching the record low output by an Irish opponent at the Joyce Center, finishing with just nine

points more than the record-low 35 points Rice had in 1984.

Quinn and Falls each scored nine points on the way to making Notre Dame 8-2 overall.

Notre Dame 66, Seton Hall 65

Falls made a 22-foot 3-point jumper with 3.8 seconds remaining to give Notre Dame a victory on the road in the Big East Conference opener for both schools Jan. 5.

He made the shot after Kelly Whitney converted two free throws to give Seton Hall a 65-63 lead with 20.2 seconds left. Falls, who led Notre Dame with 19 points, was assisted

on the winning shot by Thomas.

Francis and Thomas added 15 points each for Notre Dame (9-2, 1-0 Big East), while Francis had 10 rebounds.

John Allen scored 19 points to lead Seton Hall, and Justin Cerasoli added 16 in his first start for the Pirates. Whitney had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Notre Dame 78, Villanova 72

Thomas scored 25 points, and without injured leading scorer Curtis Sumpter Villanova could not keep up as the Irish improved to 2-0 in Big East play Jan. 8.

Randy Foye scored a career-high 26 points and six rebounds and tied the game at

70 with 2:53 remaining. But the Irish went on an 8-2 run and clinched the game with a Thomas jumper with 57 seconds remaining.

Allen Ray dropped 13 points for the Wildcats and Mike Nardi had 11, but Quinn and Falls scored 16 each and Latimore added 12 for Notre Dame.

Despite playing without Sumpter, Villanova (8-2, 1-1) out-rebounded Notre Dame in its own building, 42-33.

The Irish made all 19 of their free throws in the contest.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 6 Irish suffer loss to Villanova, fall to 13-2

Wildcats snap six-game winning streak as Irish post a 5-1 record during the holiday break, going 2-1 in Big East

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's six-game winning streak was snapped Saturday when the No. 6/7 Irish fell at Villanova 59-54 for their first loss in the Big East.

Notre Dame (13-2, 2-1 Big East) turned the ball over 20 times and the Wildcats capitalized, scoring 19 points off of turnovers.

Jackie Adamshick led Villanova (9-4, 2-0 Big East) with 25 points and Kate Dessart-Mager added 14, all in the second half. Dessart-Mager hit a turnaround jumper for a 51-49 lead with 1:39 left. The Wildcats then hit their free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Notre Dame was led by Jacqueline Batteast's 22 points and Teresa Borton's 17 points. The Irish shot 44 percent from the field, but it wasn't enough as Villanova knocked off Notre Dame for the fourth time in the last six games between the two teams.

Notre Dame 65, Dayton 39

The Irish started off the holiday break on the right foot, defeating the Flyers Dec. 9 in Dayton.

It was a day for the Irish freshmen as Charel Allen had

14 points and Melissa D'Amico added 12 points.

"Charel had a great game," Irish coach Muffett McGraw told the Associated Press. "We've been trying to get her to shoot more. In the last three games, she's only had two or four points. So she stepped up tonight."

Sophomore Breona Gray added 12 points and two steals.

Batteast was held to just seven points, but the Irish defense stepped up, forcing 26 turnovers.

"We did good things defensively," Dayton coach Jim Jabir told the Associated Press.

"We just needed to do a better job on the offensive end and take care of the basketball." **Notre Dame 72, Washington 58**

Crystal Erwin scored 24 points on 9-for-9 shooting against the Huskies at the Joyce Center to lead the Irish Dec. 11.

Batteast added 17 points and 10 rebounds in a game that

was all Notre Dame. The Irish opened the game hitting their first five shots and dominated the Huskies down low.

Notre Dame shot 60 percent from the field, while outscoring Washington 42-22 in the paint and outrebounding the Huskies 38-28.

Point guard Megan Duffy had a career-high 10 assists, and Gray added 11 points for Notre Dame. **Notre Dame 50, Marquette 47**

Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast had 27 points, but the three most important ones came at the end of the game as she hit the game-winning 3-point shot to put away Marquette Dec. 19 in Milwaukee.

It was Notre Dame's only three-point field goal of the game, but it was the biggest shot of the game.

"Batteast, what can you say about her?" Marquette coach Terri Mitchell told the Associated Press. "She is an All-American for a reason, she stepped up and took the big shot and made many key plays for her team today."

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Neither team shot well for the game, with the Irish hitting 34.8 percent and the Eagles hitting 28.6 percent from the field.

However, Notre Dame forced 19 turnovers, including seven Duffy steals, and that was enough for the win.

Notre Dame 73, Northern Illinois 49

Batteast had 21 points and Tulyah Gaines added 12 as the Irish fought their way over the Huskies Dec. 30 in DeKalb, Ill.

Notre Dame outscored Northern Illinois 28-8 in the paint and the Huskies shot just 23.6 percent from the floor as the Irish opened the game with a 12-0 run.

The Irish led just 36-26 at halftime, but they blew the game open when they started the second half with a 20-9 run and never looked back.

Notre Dame 54, Seton Hall 33

Seton Hall shot just 22 percent from the field and Batteast had 18 points as the Irish snapped the Pirates' six-game winning streak, and earned their first Big East win

at the Joyce Center Jan. 2.

Continuing a season trend, the Irish dominated in the paint, outscoring the Pirates 26-6. Notre Dame also forced 24 turnovers, converting them into 20 Irish points.

Megan Duffy also finished in double figures with 10 points. **Notre Dame 75, Syracuse 58**

A trio of 17-point performances was plenty to lead the Irish over the Orange, but it didn't leave coach Muffett McGraw happy Jan. 5.

Megan Duffy, Teresa Borton and Breona Gray each scored 17, Borton on 6-for-7 shooting, but McGraw thought the team had a letdown.

"We've been ranked in the top-25 for some time now," McGraw told the Associated Press. "We've really held our poise and played well. I think that tonight was the first time we had a letdown."

With the loss, Syracuse fell to 0-13 against Notre Dame in Big East play.

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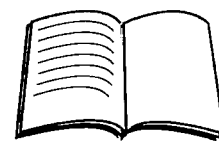
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When: Wednesday, January 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
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Mass for Tsunami Victims

Mass will be offered for the dead and suffering and all those assisting in bringing aid to the region.

Collections will be taken at all Masses on Jan. 16 (Sunday), both in the Basilica and residence hall chapels. Visit CSC website for a listing of international relief organizations accepting contributions to tsunami relief aid. Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame, offered a prayer for the tsunami victims.

When: Thursday, January 13, 5:15 pm
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Martin Luther King Workshop, Lecture

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When: Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 pm
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ND SWIMMING

Irish men battle the elements in Ireland competition

Swimmer and divers, including two from women's team, travel to Ireland for competition canceled due to weather

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
and ERIC RETTER
Sports Writers

After a stellar fall campaign, it took the forces of nature to keep the men's swimming and diving team from competing during winter break. The meet between No. 21 Notre Dame (6-1) and the Irish National Team, scheduled to take place Jan. 8, was cancelled following damage caused by a tornado the week before.

The tornado tore off a portion of the roof of the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin, Ireland, the scheduled site of the contest, on Jan. 1. The damage is estimated at well over \$1 million

and the pool will not reopen again for swimming events until late February.

No one was injured because the venue was closed for New Year's Day. On short notice, the teams were unable to reschedule the meet.

"We were able to make the best of it and that was due to the wonderful people at the University of Limerick and also the people at the Kilmurry Lodge where we stayed."

Tim Welsh
Irish men's coach

Unfazed, the Irish were still able to find a training site at the University of Limerick's University Arena and the National 50-meter pool. Here the team was able to make the most of their annual winter training and competition trip.

"We were able to make the best of it and that was due to the wonderful people at the University of Limerick and also the people at the Kilmurry Lodge where we

stayed," head coach Tim Welsh said. "Both groups of people went out of their way to help us out. The training part went quite well for swimming, and diving got better each day and were able to find a one meter board to train on the last few days."

Amidst a fairly relaxed atmosphere, the team focused on their training. The trip proved to be a welcome respite from the hectic schedules of training during the school year. "Athletically speaking, the intensity and the commitment to hard training were outstanding," Welsh said. "Amidst all of the distractions, the team did a great job adjusting to the many, many changes we had to put into our initial plan. The spirit, the hospitality and the friendliness of the Irish people was just phenomenal. It is a beautiful country."

Although the Irish have not had a meet in over a month, there is still plenty of training ahead as Notre Dame prepares for the four meets of the spring semester and the Big East Championships in the middle of February.

"We've talked all year about staying focused on how we do at the Big East Championships," Welsh said. "We have this week without a meet and then we have four meets in the next three weeks. So those will be our last tune-up meets. Obviously we need to keep getting faster. We're very optimistic right now and excited to start the second half of our season."

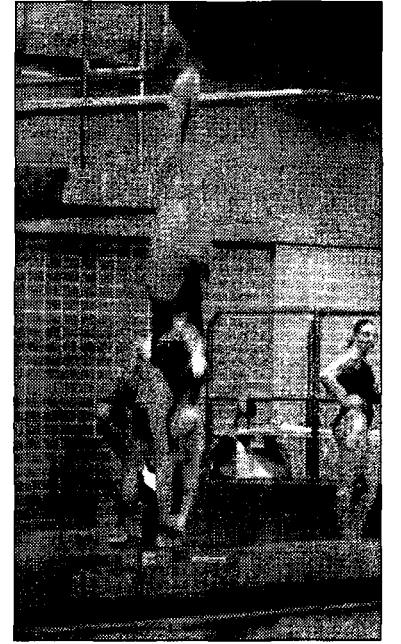
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As they kick off the start of the spring semester's events, the Irish face a stiff challenge next week against No. 15 Northwestern. In their final home meet of the season, the Irish will face their third nationally-ranked opponent this year. The two teams will take to the pool on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Two members of the women's diving team, senior Meghan Perry-Eaton and freshman Tara Hyer joined the men in Ireland to train with diving coach Caiming Xie.

Originally, all five divers were scheduled to make the trip, but due to injury and travel conflicts the female divers were unable to travel



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

A member of the women's diving team competes in the Dennis Stark Relays, held at Notre Dame on Oct. 1.

as a complete team.

Freshman Laura Rings and sophomore Tyne Fehely did not go to Ireland because of injuries sustained during the season.

Additionally, junior Samantha Raneri will be away from competition this semester as she will be spending the upcoming months studying abroad in Puebla, Mexico.

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David Moisan strokes the length of the pool at the Dennis Stark Relays on Oct. 1. The men are 6-1 this year and ranked No. 21 in the latest poll.

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HOCKEY

Irish compile 2-3-1 record on ice during holiday

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Going into the 2005 part of the schedule, Notre Dame has a simple new year's resolution — score more goals.

The Irish went 2-3-1 during the winter break, with victories over Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Michigan State. Notre Dame (5-11-5, 3-9-4 in the CCHA) continued to have difficulty lighting the lamp, scoring just 10 goals in the six games.

"We've had five goals in our last four games and that's simply not enough," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "I've seen these kids score before, both here and at the lower levels, so we know we can do it."

"We have to get some pucks to the net, it's as simple as that."

The Irish faced Lake Superior State on the road in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., this weekend, with Notre Dame tying 1-1 Friday and losing a 2-1 overtime nailbiter Saturday.

Lake Superior State goalie Jake Jakaitis was nearly unbeatable in the series, making 73 saves during the weekend.

Friday night, Notre Dame's Noah Babin scored at 5:23 of the third period to erase an

early 1-0 deficit and help the Irish to a much-needed conference point.

Irish goalie Morgan Cey matched Jakaitis save-for-save, with the Notre Dame senior making 25 stops on the night while the Laker goalie made 32 saves.

Bo Cheesman scored the only goal of the game for Lake Superior State, beating Cey at 7:24 of the first period.

Saturday, Notre Dame led nearly the entire game before Matt Restoule beat Cey at 19:32 of the third period.

Jeff Rainville then scored in the overtime period to send the Irish to the heartbreaking defeat.

"That was probably as difficult a loss as we've had this year," Poulin said. "But, you also can't make the margin for error that narrow, either. It was disappointing because Morgan [Cey] really played great; their first goal came on a deflected shot because that was the only way they were going to beat him Saturday night."

Chris Trick scored for the Irish at 16:55 of the second period, but it would be the only goal that Notre Dame would get past Jakaitis, who made 41 saves.

Cey made 29 saves in the defeat, the first loss of his career against Lake Superior State.

Poulin talked about his team's outlook for the second half of the season, with the Irish currently tied for ninth place in the 12-team CCHA.

"We want to feel good again as a team," he said. "We want to play better than we've played so far this year. Our defense has been great for us, and has given us a chance to win nearly every night."

"We need to score some goals on offense and get back in the mindset of winning."

In other games over the break:

Notre Dame 2, RPI 1

Irish forward Tim Wallace scored at 9:09 of the third period to help Notre Dame to a 2-1 victory over the Engineers on Jan. 2.

The Irish took an early lead on T.J. Jindra's even strength goal at 1:49 of the second period.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Jake Luthi then tied the game on a power play at 10:20 of the second period.

Morgan Cey made 16 saves to pick up the win for the Irish, while RPI goalie Jordan Alford made 32 saves in a losing effort.

RPI 3, Notre Dame 1

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute forward Victor Periera broke a 1-1 tie just 1:49 into the third period and his teammate Kirk McDonald scored an empty net tally to help the Engineers to a 3-1 victory over Notre Dame on Jan. 1 at the Joyce Center.

Josh Sciba scored the lone Irish goal on RPI's Alford, who made 30 saves in the Engineers' win.

Michigan State 4, Notre Dame 1

Spartan forward Ash Goldie's hat trick sparked Michigan State to a 4-1 victory



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Noah Babin skates towards the goal in a Nov. 19 exhibition loss to the Under-18 National Team by a 7-2 score.

ry over the Irish at Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing, Mich., on Dec. 11.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Sciba's power play goal just 42 seconds into the second period.

Irish goalie David Brown made 36 saves in the loss, while Dominic Vicari stopped 20 Irish shots.

Notre Dame 3, Michigan State 2 (OT)

Irish forward Matt Amado's goal from the left face-off circle with 2:28 left in overtime helped Notre Dame earn a 3-2 victory over the Spartans at the Joyce Center on Dec. 10.

Michigan State's Colton Fretter scored the first goal of the game at 11:29 of the first period, with Mike Walsh tying the game for the Irish at 18:57 of the same frame.

Drew Miller scored for the Spartans in the second, but the Irish pulled their goalie and Wes O'Neill scored at 18:41 of the third period to send the game into overtime.

Vicari made 43 saves in the losing effort, and Brown made 25 saves to pick up the win for the Irish.

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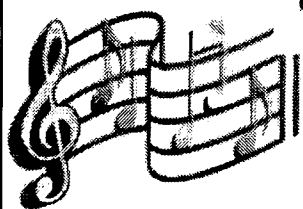
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Orange

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co-captain in games against top competition.

"He's been shooting it so well too. He was having to handle a lot with the zone pushed out," Brey said. "He's got to live or die with him taking those shots. We died tonight."

With the Irish holding that six-point lead, a tip-in by Billy Edelin with 7:39 left was the first of seven straight shots made by Syracuse. The highlight of that run came on an alley-oop from Edelin to Hakim Warrick to put the Orange up 63-57, one of three dunks by Warrick on the night.

Syracuse's poor free-throw shooting (5-for-16 in the second half) gave the Irish a chance to make a late run. A layup from Torin Francis got it to 66-61 with 1:39 left and the Irish forced the Orange into a long 3-pointer with the shot clock winding down in their next possession.

But the ball was in the hands of the one player the Irish didn't want to see taking that shot — Gerry McNamara.

"Gerry wasn't shooting the ball like he has been," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "When he went to take that last shot, I knew he was going to make it. That was the toughest one of the night, but he makes big shots in big games, and he has since he's been with us. I don't think there's anybody better at doing that."

Francis led the Irish with 15 points and nine rebounds. McNamara scored a team-

high 22 points for the Orange, but it took 21 shots. Josh Pace got 16 on 8-for-11 shooting. Warrick, battling second-half foul trouble, was held to a season-low 12 points.

The Irish came out firing taking 11 3-pointers in the first 9:16, making four. Towards the end of the half, and especially in the second half, Syracuse extended its patented 2-3 zone further from the basket and wider on the perimeter to keep the Irish guards out of shooting range.

The long-range shooting enabled the Irish to build a 19-17 advantage in front of the energetic home crowd. Extending that lead to 26-21 forced Syracuse to call a timeout and attempt to stop the momentum.

The Orange closed the half with a 17-8 stretch to go into the locker room up 38-34.

NOTRE DAME 61, SYRACUSE 70 at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (10-3, 2-1)

Francis 5-9 5-8 15, LaMore 2-5 0-0 4, Thomas 1-14 2-2 5, Quinn 4-9 2-2 13, Falls 3-9 5-5 14, Cornette 1-2 0-0 3, Carter 3-4 0-1 7.

SYRACUSE (16-1, 3-0)

Warrick 5-9 2-10 12, Forth 2-4 1-2 5, McNamara 7-21 4-4 22, Pace 8-11 0-2 16, McCroskey 1-3 0-2 2, Edelin 2-3 0-0 4, Roberts 3-5 3-4 9.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	34	27	61
Syracuse	38	32	70

3-point goals: Notre Dame 9-30 (Quinn 3-7, Falls 3-9, Carter 1-1, Cornette 1-2, Thomas 1-11) Syracuse 4-15 (McNamara 4-15). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 34 (Francis 9), Syracuse 36 (Forth 11). Assists: Notre Dame 16 (Thomas 8), Syracuse 16 (McNamara, Edelin 5). Total fouls: Notre Dame 20, Syracuse 14.

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Huskies

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Joyce Center last season, it was ranked No. 4 in the nation. But the Irish, led by Jacqueline Batteast, shocked the Huskies with a 66-51 upset that sparked Notre Dame's season.

This season the roles are reversed. The Irish have been the dominant team, losing just twice in 15 games. On Sunday, Notre Dame (13-2, 2-1) was tied with Villanova at 49-49 late in the game before the Wildcats pulled away for the upset behind Jackie Adamshick's 25 points. The win snapped an Irish six-game winning streak and dropped the team from first-place in the Big East standings.

Batteast, who averages 19 points and seven rebounds per contest, has led Notre Dame along with guard Megan Duffy. Duffy has added 11.5 points and 4.7 assists per game. Notre Dame seems to get major contributions from a different player nearly every game this season. Crystal Erwin, Teresa Borton, Courtney LaVere, Tulyah Gaines, Melissa D'Amico and Charel Allen have all made a significant impact on the team's success.

Without Taurasi, guard/forward Barbara Turner leads Connecticut with 13.4 points per game. Forward Ann Strother adds 12 points for the Huskies, who have won the last three national championships.

While Connecticut has struggled more than past seasons, they've done so against some stiff competition. The Huskies' losses include Tennessee,

Michigan State, Arizona State and North Carolina — all teams that were highly-ranked when they beat Connecticut.

Notre Dame faces arguably its toughest stretch of the regular season, battling Connecticut twice and Purdue and Rutgers once in the next six games. The Scarlet Knights are coming off two wins against top-5 opponents, including a victory over No. 1 Louisiana State.

The Connecticut game tips at 8 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Loss

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Notre Dame was up eight points with 14 minutes left, and relinquishing such a sizeable lead at home cannot please players or coaches. But in the grand scheme of things, Monday's loss may not be as hard a blow as some people may think.

Winning Monday would have made Notre Dame 3-0 in the Big East and given it a quality win over a top ten team. Winning would have made a statement before a national television audience. But even after the loss, the Irish are a solid 2-1 in conference play.

In an immediate sense, this loss to Syracuse is difficult to swallow, since Notre Dame did not hold a lead and committed unforced errors to allow its opponent back into the game. But this team also would much rather lose to a top ten team at this point in the season than lay an egg against a lower-caliber conference opponent like Seton Hall.

In contrast to the barrage of turnovers against the Syracuse zone, the Irish showed late-game poise previously in wins against

the Pirates on Jan. 5 and against Villanova three days later. Notre Dame was not favored to beat Syracuse, and for a good part of Monday's game the Orange appeared rattled and out of rhythm.

In the first half, the Syracuse offense often looked as stalled and unorganized as Notre Dame's had in the early season. Syracuse point guard Gerry McNamara, who averaged 11 shots per game entering Monday's contest, took 12 shots in the first half alone, and Notre Dame even succeeded in getting star forward Hakim

Warrick into foul trouble in the second half.

The Irish played more physical than normal, and their defense was above average for three-quarters of the game. The Orange, though, were simply the better team.

"The best team in the league is 3-0," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "They're the best team in the league right now."

Syracuse is currently the class of the Big East. Though Notre Dame outplayed the Orange at various points throughout the game Monday, McNamara, Josh Pace and Billy Edelin created turnovers late in the second half

and outplayed the Irish backcourt.

But the Irish will have plenty of opportunities to prove themselves. The conference slate has dates with St. John's, West Virginia, Georgetown and Villanova lined up before a murderer's row of Connecticut, Syracuse, Boston College and Pitt approaches.

In addition, ten of their 14 remaining regular season games will appear on national television.

The immediate effects of allowing a 14-0 Syracuse run to spoil hopes of an upset may be unavoidable, and at some point this season Notre Dame will need to win at least a few of these types of games.

"We didn't execute our game plan like we wanted to," Chris Thomas said. "Up six with the ball, that's a pretty promising situation, but I think we had a turnover the next couple of plays and that really deflates you."

In the end, though, this is one loss Notre Dame can afford.

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Belles

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The Belles countered Tri-State's heavy-substitution style with their own show of depth. Nine Belles played more than 10 minutes, and six scored in double figures. With the win, the Belles improved to 5-4 overall and 1-2 in league play. The MIAA rewarded Creachbaum for her two impressive performances in three nights, naming her the league's Player of the Week.

Saint Mary's 66, Siena Heights 61

Saint Mary's winning ways continued against Siena Heights on Dec. 27 in the first round of the St. Xavier Tournament in Chicago. Bridget Lipke offered an impressive performance, with 13 points, 11 rebounds and 5 assists. Even with Lipke's dominance, four other Belles scored at least 10 points. Belles head coach Suzanne Bellina credited the win to the "balanced offense." With the win, the Belles improved to 6-4 on the year.

St. Xavier 63, Saint Mary's 55

The next night, the Belles' win streak ended, as shooting woes led to Saint Mary's first loss in nearly four weeks. Creachbaum scored 19 and pulled down 15 rebounds, and the defense played well, but it was not it enough to compensate for the Belles' 22 turnovers, 32 percent field-goal percentage and 1-for-10 outing from the 3-point line. Saint Mary's trailed by six at the half and could not mount a sustained comeback in the final 20



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The Belles' Emily Creachbaum looks to take a shot against Anderson on Dec. 9. Saint Mary's won that game, 69-54.

minutes.

Huntington 66, Saint Mary's 62

After 100 minutes of basketball in 48 hours, the Belles let a six-point halftime lead against Huntington slip away in the final game of the St. Xavier Tournament on Dec. 26.

"It was a winnable game," Coach Bellina said, but "we ran out of gas a little bit."

Saint Mary's lost the second half 39-29 after staking a 33-27 lead to end the first. In the defeat, Lipke recorded 14 points and 13 rebounds, and Creachbaum scored 16 points. The Belles left the windy city at

.500, with a 6-6 record.

Calvin 56, Saint Mary's 45

Serious shooting troubles reappeared on Thursday in the Belles first league game since beating Tri-State nearly a month earlier. Playing in front of a home crowd at the Angela Athletic Center, Saint Mary's shot just 26 percent from the field, and mustered only 17 points in the first half. Only Maureen Bush managed to score in double-digits, recording 11 points and 9 rebounds.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles travel to Florida for training trip over the winter

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The holidays may have provided a nice break from competition for Saint Mary's athletes, but the swim team took full advantage of the opportunity to escape to warmer weather and brush up on their skills for the last half of the swimming season.

The ladies cut short their time with friends and family back home to travel as a team to Islamorada, Fla., just south of Key Largo. Training took place at two different pools, one in each of the two cities, and the team usually swam in both each day. The girls enjoyed sunny, mid-seventy degree weather for the majority of the trip, which was a welcome change from the Midwestern winter.

The team's twice-a-day practices provided a level of intensity that was able to get everyone back in shape after the winter break. With everyone home for the holidays, the team's regularly rigorous practice schedule had been abandoned for the week or so prior to the trip.

Coach Gregg Petcoff acknowledged that the team may have had a bit of a struggle for the first couple of days on the trip. But he is especially proud of the initiative that the girls took to get into shape quickly.

"The beginning of the trip is

always a little tough on them...but they get better and better each day", Petcoff said.

The ladies were in the pool as early as 6 a.m. for their morning work-out. In addition to the morning and afternoon swims, a third session was added every third day, devoted to weightlifting.

The swimmers spent the majority of their afternoons enjoying the pool at the hotel. The general consensus was to spend plenty of time resting and soaking up the sun in-between work-outs. However, the team did take advantage of a couple of sightseeing opportunities.

One day, they took a trip to Key West after the morning work-out, where they spent a day walking around, shopping, and enjoying the Florida sunset. They also took a trip to a nearby beach where the ladies could enjoy the ocean water.

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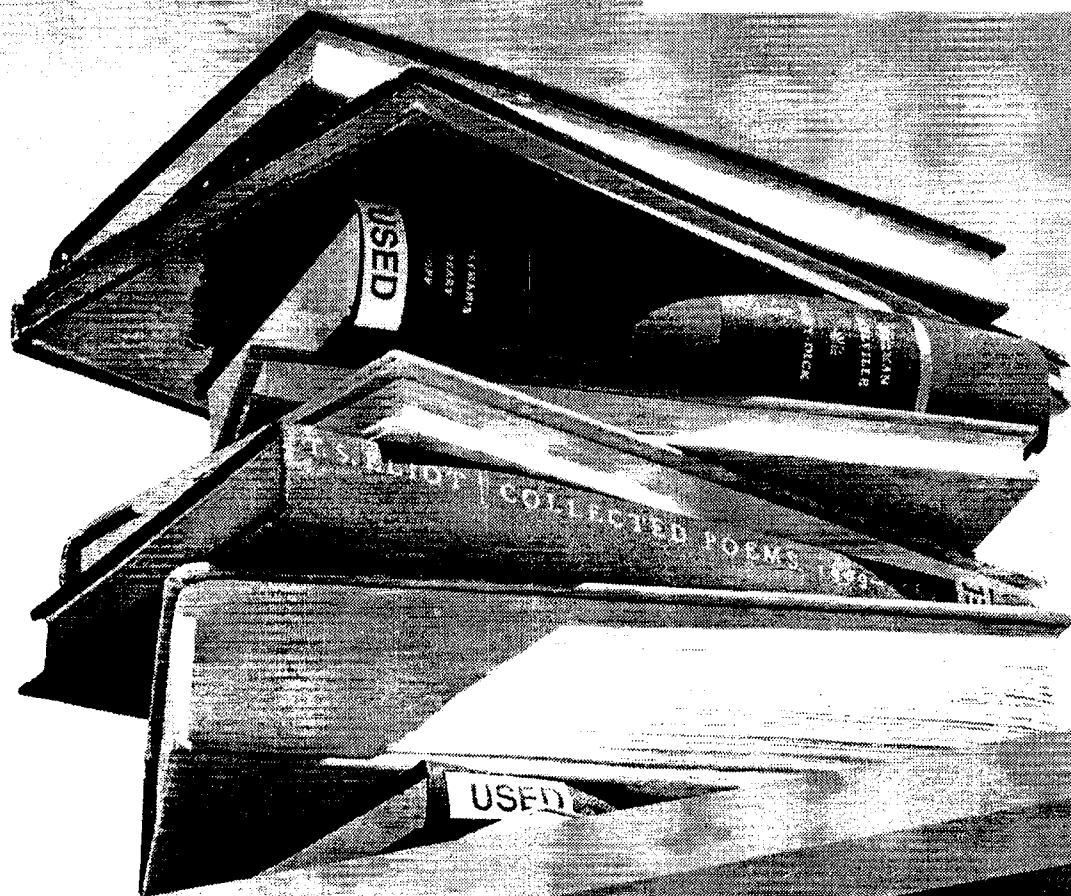
Overall, Petcoff was extremely pleased with the way the trip turned out. He commented that it was "one of the best winter training trips that we've ever had."

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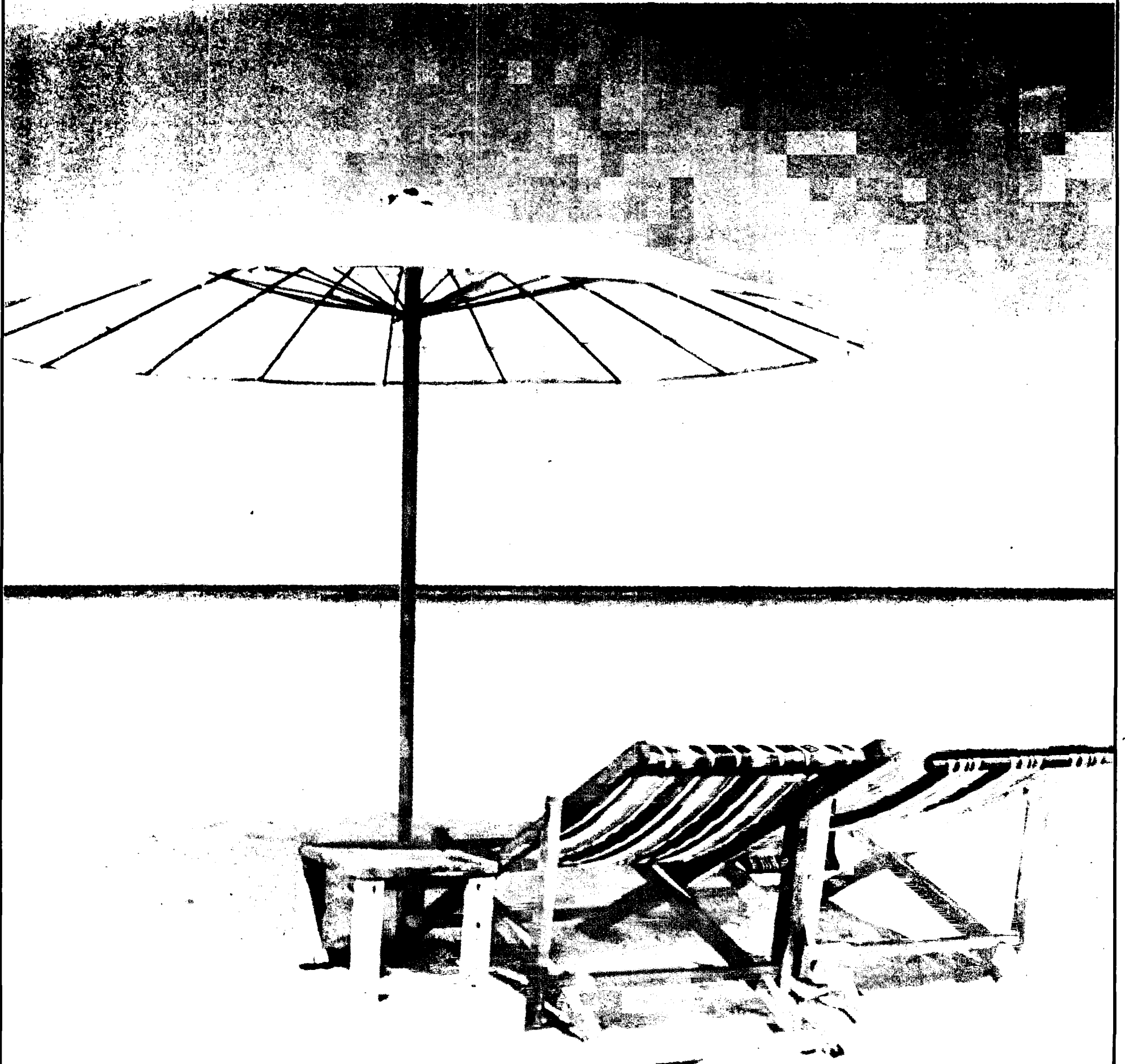
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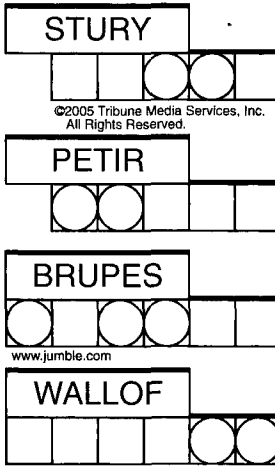
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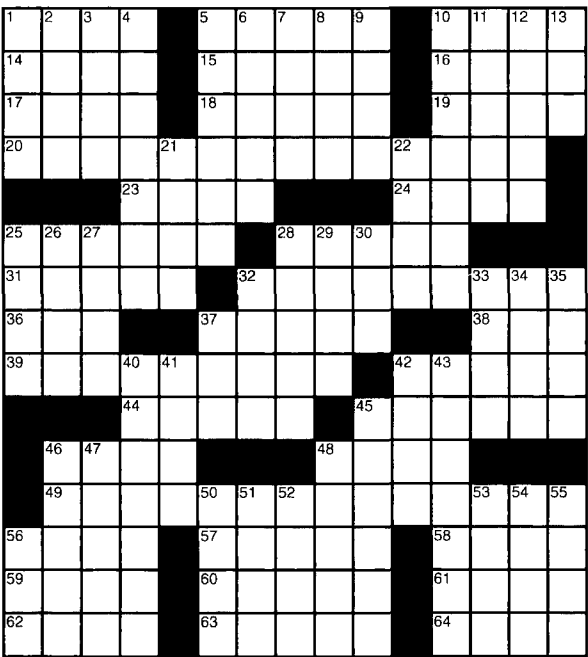
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish run out of juice

Poor shooting down the finish leads to a 70-61 defeat to No. 6 Syracuse at the Joyce Center

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After going up 57-51 with 8:17 seconds remaining, the Irish had No. 7 Syracuse on the ropes. A chance to go 3-0 for the first time ever in the Big East was at their fingertips.

Then the Orange scored 14 straight points, and the Irish (10-3, 2-1 in the Big East) only scored four points the rest of the game and a golden opportunity was lost as Syracuse (16-1, 3-0) won 70-61 Monday night at the Joyce Center.

"We didn't play good defense, that's what it came down to. We didn't do what we're capable of doing on the defensive end," Irish senior Chris Thomas said. "We felt good on our shots. They were getting free throw rebounds — that kind of stuff just kills you. It deflates you."

After playing exceptionally well against Villanova on Saturday, Thomas shot 1-for-14 on the night and only scored five points to go along with his seven rebounds and eight assists.

The tough part is that Thomas felt good on his shots, got them in the flow of the game and really wasn't forcing them. Irish coach Mike Brey knows the Irish have to ride their senior

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Irish forward Torin Francis attempts to shoot over Syracuse's Hakim Warrick and Josh Pace in Notre Dame's 70-61 loss to the Orange Monday.

No shame in losing a close game to a highly-ranked conference opponent

The atmosphere at Monday night's game indicated how big a match-up with Syracuse was.

Fans spent an unusual amount of time on their feet, even rising to give guard Russell Carter a standing ovation for his contributions off the bench in the first half. Whenever the Irish made a run or took the lead, the Joyce Center crowd noise was deafening.

But on each occasion when Notre Dame had the momentum and crowd behind it, Syracuse answered. The Irish could not put the Orange away. Though Syracuse came into the game ranked No. 6 in the nation, Notre Dame players recognized Monday's 70-61 loss was a missed opportunity.

Chris Quinn took the loss particularly hard. "It's disappointing for our team," he said. "It's important, especially on your home court, to get wins in the Big East. A team like Syracuse, they're a great opponent, a top ten team, and with the chance that we had today it's pretty disappointing."



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SMC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles start break strong, fall at end

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Saint Mary's winter break was one of streaks.

It started with a three-game win streak that gave the Belles a 6-4 record, which already tops the team's win total from the 2003-2004 season; it ended with a four-game losing streak that has taken the steam out of the team's newfound momentum.

In the team's most recent game, Saint Mary's fell to Hope by the score of 78-64.

The Flying Dutch were only 2-for-16 from the 3-point line but had 17 steals and 17 offensive rebounds, which opened too many opportunities for Saint Mary's to defend. Bridget Lipke shined in the loss, scoring 19 and grabbing eight rebounds.

In other games over the break:

Saint Mary's 69, Anderson 54

Emily Creachbaum led the Belles against Anderson University on Dec. 9 with 16 points and six rebounds, as Saint Mary's handily defeated the Ravens, 69-54 on Dec. 9. Alison Kessler contributed 12 points and two assists, and Bridget Boyce scored 10. The win at home got the Belles back to .500 on the season.

Saint Mary's 95, Tri-State 83

Two days later at the Angela Athletic Center, Creachbaum led the Belles to another double-digit win, scoring 23 points and grabbing 7 rebounds in just 21 minutes.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team gets ready for UConn

Observer Sports Report

After dropping a 59-54 Big East road game to Villanova on Sunday, Notre Dame doesn't have much time to feel bad for itself.

Connecticut is coming to town.

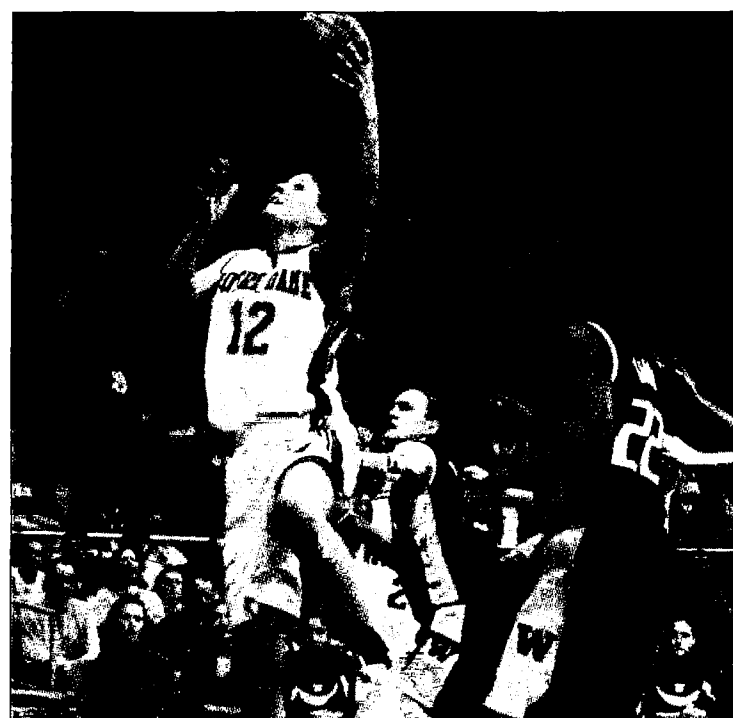
The No. 6/7 Irish look to rebound against a struggling Husky team, which lost its last game 68-67 against Tennessee on Saturday. Connecticut has struggled without star Diana Taurasi, who graduated following last season.

Connecticut is just 8-4 during its first 12 games. The Huskies lost just five games during the previous four seasons, thanks in part to the play of Taurasi.

When Connecticut visited the

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Notre Dame's Teresa Borton goes up for a layup against Washington on Dec. 11. The Irish face UConn tonight.

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Irish go 2-3-1 over the break

The icers only score a total of 10 goals in six games.

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Tornado keeps Irish from meet

Members of both the men's and women's teams saw their meet cancelled after a brutal storm.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles enjoy training trip in Fla.

The Saint Mary's swim team spent the break in the South, relaxing and training for the season.

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Louisville 104, Southern Miss 62

The Cardinals had little difficulty on the road against their conference opponent.

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The Irish fell to the Beavers at the Insight Bowl.

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