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Students work with NDSP on campus

Workers write parking tickets, volunteer with SafeWalk, among other jobs with police

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame students have been helping out the police for about three decades in different ways — including writing parking tickets and escorting other students to and from campus locations, said Phil Johnson, the director of Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP). NDSP employs “40 or so”

students, Johnson said. These students work in a variety of areas, including administration, parking enforcement, lost and found and assisting dispatchers. Most student workers, Johnson said, are in SafeWalk, a group that students can call to walk them home at night.

“Student responsibilities have changed somewhat through the years,” Johnson said. “For example, in the late

1970s, student employees worked in ‘parking lot patrol’ and monitored the student parking lots late at night and in the early morning hours. And for a number of years, law students worked part-time at the Main Gate when it was located between the Morris Inn and Alumni Hall.”

Now, student ticket-writers help out officers during what Maj. Jeff Korros called “busy times.”

Korros, who is in charge of traffic and parking, started working with NDSP 15 years ago.

Student ticket-writers help relieve the officers of ticket writing so “they can do other things,” Korros said.

“They add eyes and ears that have seen things going on, like car break-ins,” he said of the student workers.

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‘Notre Dating’ discussed

Parietals, dorm scene affect gender relations

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

Boy meets girl. Boy and girl date. Boy gives girl a ring by spring semester of their senior year. Welcome to “Notre Dating.”

Raising prevalent questions not often discussed in an open forum, the Gender Relations Center (GRC) focused on how single-sex dorms and parietals affect gender relations at Notre Dame in the “Notre Dating Series” Wednesday night in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge.

Gender Relations Center director Heather Rakoczy moderated the event and led the discussion along with the GRC’s FIRE starters.

The FIRE starters, whose acronym stands for “Finding Identity Relationships Equality,” are student peer educators who facilitate greater awareness, discussion and solutions to gender issues on campus.

The program began with a discussion comparing “the culture around dating and relating” at Notre Dame to that of high school. Students in attendance were able to voice thoughts and concerns about specific gender issues on campus, specifically with dating and single-sex dorms.

Many described varying experiences in high school, but most students shared similar stories about Notre Dame. Students spoke of a “hook-up culture” and pervasive ideas and examples of “people

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Freshman finishes first novel in 29 days

Kaitlyn Conway completes national contest with 31 hours to spare, plans to compete again next year

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

It may not be the next great American novel, but at least it’s done.

Starting at midnight on Nov. 1, Notre Dame freshman Kaitlyn Conway set out to write a 50,000-word novel in 30 days. As a participant in the National Novel Writing Month competition, Conway joined thousands around the world in a feverish attempt to create a work of fiction by midnight on Nov. 30.

Conway has been writing “The Name Game,” a futuristic crime story, in between classes and homework. At 5 p.m. Thursday, more than 24 hours before the deadline, Conway surpassed the necessary word count by 113 words, bringing her page total to more than 90 pages on Microsoft Word — the equivalent of a 175-page published book. She said finishing felt “fantastic” but that it feels “really weird” to be a novelist.

“I haven’t started calling myself that yet,” she said.

This is her first completed novel, but the third time

Conway has entered the contest, held by the National Novel Writing Month organization, nicknamed NaNoWriMo. She tried it in eighth grade and again during her senior year of high school.

Last year, she wrote 17,000 words by the deadline. This year, she said, she was determined to finish. She remembered times, though, when 50,000 words seemed like an insurmountable objective in just 30 days.

But Conway said she never lost sight of her goal.

“I was determined,” she said. “I was like, ‘I’m doing this.’ I didn’t think I was going to make it for a while this past weekend because I was so behind. I didn’t have any time to work, but then I started cranking stuff out, and I was like, ‘I’m golden.’”

Conway only had about 38,000 words written Tuesday evening. But she was confident — and rightly so — that she would finish by the deadline.

“I’ve had 5,000-word days for the past two days,” she said Tuesday. “So I’m going to

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The Name Game

By Kaitlyn Conway

Excerpt

Jack chuckled, pulling himself up from the wall he was leaning against. “Sally!” he imitated me, smirking. “I didn’t expect to see you again so soon.”

“I didn’t expect to see you again ever.” It was true. I hadn’t. But I was glad I was seeing him again — for some inexplicable reason, I felt safe with him.

Mistake number two.

Jack’s smirk grew into a true smile, and the mischievous glint in his eyes was bright. “Really? I knew I’d see you again.”

“That’s stalkerish,” I asserted, taking a step towards him despite myself.

He shrugged, but his smile remained firmly in place. There was a teasing glint in his eyes. “So walk away.”

“I’m going to.”

“Really?”

I was only a few feet away from him. I forced my feet to stop — when had I gotten so close? “Really.”

He smirked again and snickered softly. “I don’t think you’re going to.”

“What makes you think that?”

His smirk grew. “The fact that you’re going to have dinner with me?”

My jaw dropped slightly. I was astounded by his audacity — it was both refreshing and exasperating.

“I’m not even.” My growling stomach interrupted me. “hungry...” I finished lamely.

His smirk grew even more, if possible. “My treat.”

Observer graphic by JULIE GRISANT

‘A Carroll Christmas’ held tonight

Dorm hopes hundreds will attend annual event for carols, food and Santa Claus

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

Carroll Hall will unofficially kick off the Christmas season at Notre Dame with its 10th annual “A Carroll Christmas” tonight at 7.

The men of Carroll have been working hard throughout the week to promote the event and hope to exceed last year’s attendance of 400, hall president Derek Sanchez said.

“It’s a great intermediate

for students between dinner time and their evening plans for later on in the night,” he said.

And he emphasized that passers-by need not stay for the entire event, which last for two hours. “It’s more like a stop by, move through, enjoy the festivities, sing a few songs and be on your way,” Sanchez said.

The planning committee,

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Photo courtesy of Derek Sanchez

“A Carroll Christmas” revelers pose for a picture with Santa.

Business manners taught at session

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

About 100 students joined 15 alumni at a formal business etiquette dinner hosted by the Student Alumni Club and the Alumni Association Thursday night in North Dining Hall.

“[The dinner] is a different way of learning,” said Meghan Mousaw, the assistant director of Early Alumni Services. “You’ve got to be professional. It makes you feel

more comfortable presenting yourself in a business setting.”

She said business etiquette “comes out mostly when you’re dining.”

The dinner was adapted from a program at the University of North Carolina, Mousaw said.

“Notre Dame is known for its alum network — it’s the best in the world,” she said. “We wanted an alum at every table because it’s important to learn

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INSIDE COLUMN

Censoring Santa

It's about time someone told Santa that just because mommy was kissing him under the mistletoe, it doesn't make her a ho, ho, ho.

That merry man in red, who urges children all around the world to be good for goodness sake, is getting the equivalent of coal in his stocking from a Santa training company in Australia this Christmas season.

In a story picked up this week by the Australian news media, Santas-in-training are being encouraged to trade in ho, ho, ho for ha, ha, ha.

The recruitment firm Westaff told its prospective Santas they should stop accompanying their belly laughs with a jolly "ho, ho, ho" because it could frighten children and may be derogatory to women.

The trainers at Westaff, a company that supplies hundreds of Santas to department stores and malls across Australia, reportedly told the prospective Santas that the traditional greeting of "ho, ho, ho" was too similar to the American slang for prostitute.

Many have spoken out against the policy of saying "no, no, no" to the "ho, ho, ho," claiming it takes political correctness too far.

Sure, most children who sit on Santa's lap during the holiday season have no idea that the word "ho" can be used as an insult. And yes, most people old enough to know that "ho" means whore are aware Santa says the word three times as part of his traditional greeting, not to insult women.

That doesn't mean we can't rile up some controversy to go along with our gift shopping this Christmas season.

Perhaps, in the interest of giving ourselves a politically correct Christmas, we should commend Westaff for pointing out the derogatory speech that has been hiding in plain sight — or hearing, rather — ever since Santa first invited children to climb up on his lap. Perhaps we've been too distracted by candy canes and Christmas carols to hear S. Claus's critical comments.

So thank you, Westaff, for your bravery in defying generations of tradition. But the Kris Kringle crew has only made one small step toward ridding Australia, and the world, of its politically incorrect language. Once the "ho, ho, ho" debacle of December has passed, perhaps others can work to banish additional uses of the word ho from our vocabulary.

A cursory Google search reveals many hos that need ha-ing. Ho Chi Minh is a city in Vietnam. Ho Hos, the dessert cake, strike twice.

The list goes on. Ho is a city in Ghana and a language spoken in India. Sometimes we feel gung ho, sometimes we go westward ho.

It seems like the North Pole isn't the only place in need of a politically correct makeover. So perhaps Westaff should give up its campaign and remember that 'tis the season to be jolly, not politically correct.

And nothing says jolly like a belly laugh from Santa and a deep "ho, ho, ho."

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Assistant News Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE WRITER'S STRIKE?



Kim Fitzgibbon
sophomore
Badin

"I write the stall notes for Badin Hall. They can hire me."



Tiffany Nelson
junior
Walsh

"I hope they get the money and the TV shows come back so that I can watch 'The Office.'"



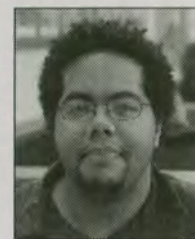
Thanh Le
junior
off campus

"Good for them. They deserve recognition."



Kristine Yuen
sophomore
McGlenn

"I just want Conan back."



John Henry
senior
Alumni

"It's unfortunate that I miss my weekly show."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Junior Sean Smith attempts a shot Thursday night at the Joyce Center during a broomball game. Smith's team lost the game 1-0.

OFFBEAT

Man finds lost bracelet in chicken after 25 years

FAIRMONT, Minn. — It won't fit him anymore, but a Massachusetts man has his metal identity bracelet back after it was found inside a chicken gizzard in this southern Minnesota city — more than 25 years after he lost it in his grandfather's barn.

Aaron Giles, 31, of Gloucester, Mass., lived in Fairmont as a child and played hide-and-seek and other games with his brothers in their grandfather's barn near Sherburn.

"I would spend most of my time out at his farm and that's the only place I can think of that I would have

lost it," Giles said Thursday, adding that he thinks it was lost when he was 4 or 5 years old.

The barn was dismantled a few years ago, and the materials were used to construct another barn in rural Elmore, about 45 miles away, he said. Giles thinks his bracelet was imbedded in the barn materials when they were moved.

Salvation Army finds \$50 gold coin in kettle

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — Now that's spare change. Salvation Army volunteers were doing a routine count of donations dropped into area bell-ringers' kettles when they came across a

\$50 gold coin.

The one coin — a 1998 American Eagle containing an ounce of gold worth about \$800 — made up in one package a shortfall in collections so far this year, Salvation Army Maj. Kyle Trimmer said Wednesday.

Trimmer said an anonymous donor placed the coin in a small envelope and dropped it in a kettle outside a Prescott Valley Kmart. The coin was found Tuesday as Trimmer joined volunteers counting the change and paper money from 28 kettles in Prescott and Prescott Valley.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Carroll Hall will host "A Carroll Christmas" tonight at 7. It will feature a tree-lighting ceremony, a performance by the Undertones and karaoke. Ugly Christmas sweaters are encouraged.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will present Handel's Messiah tonight at 8 in Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be ordered by calling (574) 631-2800.

As part of the Solidarity Film Series, there will be a screening of the film "We are Together" in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 10. The film focuses on the story of the children of the Agape Orphanage as they overcome the adversity of growing up among Africa's 12 million AIDS orphans.

The Format will perform Saturday at Legends at 10 p.m. Admission is free for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with a student ID.

The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will perform their fall concert, "Come Back to Your First Love" Saturday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Habitat for Humanity will host "A Home for the Holidays" Sunday from 3:30 p.m. to 8 in the Stepan Center. Groups of students can register online to build a gingerbread house. The cost of registration ranges from \$30 to \$50 per group, depending on size of the house. There will also be performances, entertainment and food to raise money for the organization.

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

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Students get cultured at art show

Badin Hall awards cash prizes to top campus artists in annual event

By LINDSAY SENA
News Writer

More than 100 students dined on cheese and crackers and listened to classical music as they viewed student artwork on display Thursday at the Badin Hall art show.

The show, hosted by Badin's Academic Commission in the hall's social space, is the dorm's annual event.

Sophomore Brandy Mader, Badin Hall's academic commissioner, said 22 participants submitted 45 works of art this year.

"We were pretty surprised by the response," she said. "We got a lot more [works] than expected."

She was also pleased with the quality and diversity of works received.

"I think we got a good variety of stuff, including a table, which was our most unique entry," Mader said.

Chris Andrews, a first-year photography graduate student; Adam Fung, a third-year painting graduate student; and Gina Costa, a marketing and public affairs specialist for Notre Dame's Snite Museum, judged the art and decided the winners.

Freshman Affandi Setiawan won

and received a \$100 prize for his Indonesian fashion photography.

A second place prize of \$75 went to sophomore Garrett Coggon for his black and white landscape photography, and junior Adri Nott came in third place, receiving \$50 for her spray paint and oil pastel painting.

Runners-up included senior Amelia Hirschauer for her ultrachrome print and freshman Danielle Filgueira for her three-dimensional etching on Japanese paper.

Coggon said he has been interested in photography since high school. As a biology major, though, he said taking photos is a hobby.

His work includes pictures of St. Louis and his hometown, Traverse City, Mich. The frames around the photograph are also a part of the work.

"They are actually pantry doors from a farm house," Coggon said. He entered the show "on a whim. ... [The photographs] were hanging in my dorm room. I heard about the art show and figured I could do without them for a couple of weeks."

Sophomore Mary Cecilia Mitsch also submitted a piece to the show.

Her "ink graphic" creatively displays a watch with "parietals" written on the band. The piece was originally created for her



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Freshman Affandi Setia's photos won first prize in the show.

graphic design class.

"We were supposed to combine an object and a word in a clever way," Mitsch said. "I thought that a lot of students could relate to parietals."

The show was designed to give the Notre Dame community a greater sense of artistic appreciation.

"The Badin art show is an outlet for the artists of Notre Dame to unleash their artistic capabilities in a setting that is both embracing of their talents and open to the spirit of beauty and truth," junior Claire McGathey said.

All works of art will be on display until Dec. 5 in Badin's social space.

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searching for 'the one' and a 'ring by spring'" and said the single-sex dorms and parietals seem to foster these strained attitudes and interactions between the sexes.

While weighing both the good and bad aspects of dorm life at Notre Dame, students seemed to agree with the unique sense of community dorm life promotes within sexes.

"Same-sex dorms perpetuate being all together as females or all together as males," which can help foster great relationships and bonds with those of the same sex, FIRE starter Jordy Brooks said.

However, the negative effects on gender relations were considered in both the small group discussions and within the panel of FIRE starters, which evaluated the tension and awkward relations between males and females on campus.

"You don't get an in-between — guys are here for dating, girls are here for friends," and vice versa, FIRE starter Mackay Gunn said.

The poor gender relations can be seen in the single-sex groups of students in the dining halls, the labored inter-

actions between the opposite sexes at dorm parties and dances and the lack of dating on campus, students said.

In addition, students discussed the topic of parietals in terms of its positive and negative influences on campus life.

While parietals "force us to learn how to set boundaries and foster community," many students feel as though parietals "sexually charge" opposite sex interactions on campus, Gunn said.

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Jordy Brooks
FIRE starter

The midnight or 2 a.m. time limit placed on contact between the sexes within the dorms means parietals are "encouraging hookups and discouraging friendships,"

sophomore Chrissy Andrews said.

With this forum and others to follow, the GRC hopes to propose "alternatives to help improve gender relations with same and different sexes," FIRE starter Brad Mattan said.

The GRC hopes to work toward more natural interactions among students on campus by encouraging social group interaction, "actual" dating, improved 24-hour space, continued discussions on the topic and increased communication between the sexes.

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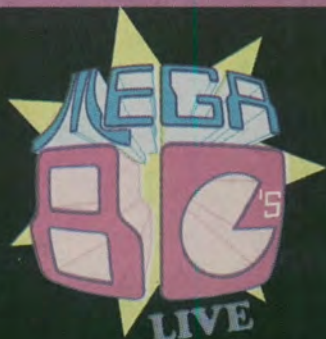
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ND senior receives Ireland scholarship

Mitchell award gives Laidman year of study

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Notre Dame senior Andrea Laidman was named one of 12 recipients of the 2008-2009 George J. Mitchell Scholarship in Washington on Nov. 17.

The scholarship is a fellowship sponsored by the U.S.-Ireland Alliance. It affords a dozen students the opportunity to pursue one year of post-graduate study at any university in Ireland.

Laidman, a political science and international peace studies double major, said several professors encouraged her to look into various fellowships. The one that stood out the most, she said, was the Mitchell Scholarship. Laidman was an intern at the Irish Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform in Dublin last summer.

"The Mitchell scholarship, which is named after Sen. George Mitchell, who helped broker the peace agreements in Northern Ireland, looks for students who have been activists in their field," Laidman said. "I've been able to do that while at Notre Dame. So, George Mitchell's life and work and the goals of the scholarship seemed like a good fit with my own."

Laidman was chosen out of an initial applicant pool of more than 300 students — the highest number of applicants in recent years — from 139 schools. After narrowing the pool to 20 finalists, 12 were chosen as winners.

"I was very happy to get the phone call telling me that I'd been selected," Laidman said. "I did not have any expectations when I first applied, but when it came down to only 20 students, I definitely had my hopes up."

Applicants are judged on three criteria: academic excellence, leadership and a sustained commitment to service and community. Laidman was chosen among winners from other schools, including Georgetown University, Duke University, and Dartmouth College.

"These young leaders are the perfect heirs to Sen. Mitchell's legacy," said Mary Lou Hartman, director of the Mitchell Scholarship program. "They will build on his legacy in impressive fashion in the years ahead."

With her scholarship, Laidman will enter the master's program in anthropology and development at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

"This program will really add to what I've studied in political science and peace studies at [Notre Dame] allowing me to form my foundation in politics while studying other aspects of a society or country," she said.

After receiving her master's, Laidman plans to return to the U.S. to pursue a career in international or human rights law.

"I hope to work in shaping international development and human rights policies, either in a government agency or for an NGO or other organization," Laidman said.

In 2006, Laidman co-founded Notre Dame Against State Killing (ND ASK), a campaign that encourages a moratorium on executions in Indiana.

Laidman is also active in the Pasquerilla East Musical Company and the Center for Social Concerns. She is a columnist for The Observer.

The Mitchell Scholarship provides tuition, housing, a living expense stipend and an international travel stipend for its recipients.

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Students typically work Monday through Friday at what Korros called "peak times" — between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. They are employed during the school year and do not work on football game days, Korros said.

Student ticket writers are offered NDSP-issued jackets, but most don't wear them, Korros said.

Tickets are written with a hand-held writer that resembles a personal digital assistant, Korros said.

When issuing a citation, Ticket writers enter the car's permit number and year — or license plate number and state — and a description of the vehicle, and the most current information available comes up, he said. Tickets are electronic printouts from the writer.

Students usually patrol "larger lots," Korros said, like student lots C1, D2, D6 and D2, and also the parking lots by the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Mendoza College of Business and the Bookstore.

They "don't go on central campus because they are too busy on the outlying lots," Korros said.

Student ticket writers are authorized to distribute tickets for "all kinds of violations," but traditionally the tickets are for parking violations, like parking in an ille-

gal spot, blocking a dumpster or parking in a handicap spot without a permit.

Between 13,000 and 15,000 tickets are given out each year, Korros said. However, he said, "a good percentage of those are to one-time visitors — one-third [of the total] at the least." Many fines for first-time offenses are waived.

NDSP does not break down the numbers of tickets given out by student employees, as their tickets are just added to part of a total figure. Students also participate in SafeWalk, a free and

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Maj. Jeff Korros
Notre Dame Security/Police

confidential NDSP service where a SafeWalk employee will meet and walk with a male or female student to or from any point on campus. According to the NDSP Web site, SafeWalkers carry photograph identification cards and are in radio contact with the Security/Police Communication Center.

An NDSP student employee initiated the service roughly 20 years ago, Korros said.

He said some student employees go on future law enforcement or security careers.

"Some of our student personnel went on to be

in the United States Secret Service, one is the head of security at the University of Portland, some are in the F.B.I.," Korros said.

And some even become University officials on campus involved in a form of enforce-

ment. Associate Vice President of Residence Life Bill Kirk used to be a student worker, Korros said.

Sophomore Molly Conway is in her second year working for NDSP. However, instead of applying for employment, she got her job through family connections.

Head of major event security and student employment Cappy Gagnon

was a classmate of her uncle. He contacted Conway, and she began last year working nine hours a week as a student dispatcher.

"I didn't know what to expect at first," Conway said. "People are really down on NDSP."

Conway said a head dispatcher is on duty 24/7. As a student dispatcher, she receives calls to the 631-5555 number during her shift and answers "some of the more simple questions, like directions or a SafeWalk request."

Emergency 911 calls and those of a more confidential nature are directed to the head dispatcher, she said.

"I felt that I didn't do very well [as a dispatcher]," Conway said. "I was a freshman. ... You need an extensive knowledge of campus."

This year, she works in lost and found, distributes payroll and helps in parking services for four hours a week.

While she was in dispatch, Conway worked directly with police officers.

"I would have to contact them, tell them places where kids need help, or if special needs kids needed rides, or if they needed to write a report," she said. "They seem intimidating on the quad but they are all so nice."

Even though NDSP officers have "a bad rap" among students, Conway said, "they are out there to help."

"Their first concern is safety," she said. "... They are looking out for Notre Dame students."

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Seniors manage \$4.1 million portfolio in finance class

Seminar a hands-on experience, business students say, as they pick actual stocks to invest in, then track status of funds

By DAVIS RHORER JR.
News Writer

Each semester, about 25 seniors can take a class where they manage a \$4.1 million portfolio.

The selective and rigorous class, Applied Investment Management, is offered through the Mendoza College of Business's finance department. Several faculty members teach the class, including Frank Reilly.

"Each student [in the class] is

an analyst and a portfolio manager, making decisions on which stocks will go into the [class] portfolio," Reilly said.

Students pick a stock at the beginning of the summer and follow their choice through the market, analyzing the company in preparation for the fall. Midway through the semester, students pick a second stock and, eventually, vote as a group on which companies to include in the class investment plan.

"We have, basically, stocks almost in every category of all

the same sectors as the S&P 500," Reilly said. Students have invested in companies like Dell, Inc., Morgan Stanley, Whirlpool, PetSmart and The Cheesecake Factory.

The money earned by each section of the class is directly channeled back into the portfolio, Reilly said, increasing the resources for the next semester's class.

In addition to tracking the stocks they pick in the market, students are guided by lectures and required to write several reports and read multiple

books on the field of investment.

"These are topics that they've been exposed to in their coursework, but they've never been forced to sit down and do it themselves in detail," Reilly said. "It's something they've learned in the prior course, but they've never had to apply it very specifically and very rigorously."

Since students make numerous corporate connections through the class, the number of applicants each semester has increased steadily.

"It was really helpful to draw on my investment experiences to answer tough interview questions," senior Colleen McQuillan said.

Senior Lauren Godlasky agreed.

"Many of the students in [Advanced Investment Management] have formed friendships throughout the semester which I believe will be maintained after college," Godlasky said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuelans protest Chavez plan

CARACAS — Hundreds of thousands of people flooded the streets of the capital Thursday to oppose a referendum that would eliminate term limits for President Hugo Chavez and help him establish a socialist state in Venezuela.

Blowing whistles, waving placards and shouting "Not like this!" the marchers carried Venezuelan flags and dressed in blue — the chosen color of the opposition — as they streamed along Bolivar Avenue.

"This is a movement by those of us who oppose a change to this country's way of life, because what (the referendum) aims to do is impose totalitarianism," said former lawmaker Elias Matta. "There can't be a communist Venezuela, and that's why our society is reacting this way."

Bin Laden criticizes European aid

CAIRO — Al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden called on Europeans to stop helping the United States in the war in Afghanistan, according to excerpts of a new audiotape broadcast Thursday on Al-Jazeera television.

Bin Laden said it was unjust for the United States to have invaded Afghanistan for sheltering him after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, saying he was the "only one responsible" for the deadly assaults on New York and Washington.

"The events of Manhattan were retaliation against the American-Israeli alliance's aggression against our people in Palestine and Lebanon, and I am the only one responsible for it. The Afghan people and government knew nothing about it. America knows that," the al-Qaida leader said.

NATIONAL NEWS

FEMA evacuates federal trailer parks

NEW ORLEANS — Dozens of Hurricane Katrina victims still living in FEMA trailer parks will have to find new housing by Friday, as the agency works to shutter the temporary facilities it set up after the 2005 storm.

The move is intended to help the hurricane victims move into more stable, permanent housing, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said. But advocates worry that a housing shortage in the still-recovering area could leave some struggling to find a place to live.

Former officers arrested for beating

MILWAUKEE — Three white former police officers were sentenced to long prison terms Thursday for the off-duty beating of a biracial man, an attack that outraged the city and sent protesters into the streets.

A judge sentenced Jon Bartlett to 17 years and four months, with three years of supervision and \$16,365 in restitution. Daniel Masarik was sentenced to 15 years and eight months, and Andrew Spengler received the same sentence.

Bartlett, 36, Masarik, 27, and Spengler, 28, were convicted with another former officer for taking part in the beating of Frank Jude Jr. outside a housewarming party in October 2004. play contributed to her death, police said.

LOCAL NEWS

Teen steals \$10,000 for gas money

INDIANAPOLIS — A teenager says he held up a dozen businesses in part to get "gas money" but made sure the heists wouldn't make him miss curfew or church on Sundays with his mom.

Justin T. Veal, 18, was jailed on a felony robbery charge after being arrested last week in a liquor store holdup.

He told detectives he robbed about a dozen businesses of an estimated \$10,000 this year for "money to fix his car, to buy jewelry, to keep up with everyone else," Indianapolis police Sgt. Kerry Buckner said.

PAKISTAN

Musharraf to lift state of emergency

In an effort to restore democracy, Pakistan president swears to uphold constitution, elections

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pervez Musharraf, newly sworn in as a civilian president and minus his trademark general's uniform, promised Thursday to lift the state of emergency by Dec. 16 and restore Pakistan's constitution ahead of parliamentary elections.

If he keeps his word, Musharraf will have addressed key demands of opposition parties as well as the United States, an important supporter increasingly worried that Pakistani political turmoil could weaken the government's resolve to confront Islamic militants.

Musharraf urged opposition parties to participate in the election and help strengthen democracy, returning to his usually forceful persona after blinking back tears Wednesday when he resigned as commander of Pakistan's military and ended a 46-year army career.

"This is a milestone in the transition of Pakistan to the complete essence of democracy," he told officials, diplomats and generals at his oath-taking ceremony in the presidential palace. "Anyone who is talking of any boycotts should hear this out: Come hell or high water, elections will be held on Jan. 8. Nobody derails it."

Former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said her party, one of the country's two main opposition blocs, would compete in the election "under protest." She predicted the ballot would be rigged, but said it would be more dangerous to leave the election to pro-Musharraf parties.

Reflecting the anger at Musharraf and political uncertainty that have undercut the president's domestic and international support, the other key opposition leader, Nawaz Sharif, continued to urge a boycott as a way to attack the election's legitimacy.

Sharif, a bitter critic of Musharraf since the general ousted him as prime minister



After ending his military career, Pervez Musharraf is sworn in as Pakistan's civilian president Thursday. He promises to hold elections and lift the state of emergency.

in a coup eight years ago, said he would try to persuade other parties to join him in a boycott — a tough goal given the rivalry and animosities that divide Pakistan's many political groups.

A day after giving up the powerful post of military chief, Musharraf took the oath for a new five-year term as president, dapperly dressed in a long, dark tunic that contrasted with the medal-studded, khaki uniform he wore as a general.

He lauded his beloved army, defended his record and castigated foreign diplomats in the audience for their "obsession" with fast-tracking Pakistan to Western standards of democracy and human rights.

He didn't announce his

plan for ending emergency rule, his first act as a civilian politician, for several hours, staring into a television camera during a sometimes halting address broadcast to the nation from his office.

"I am determined to lift the emergency by Dec. 16," Musharraf said, seated between a portrait of Pakistan's founding father, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, and a green-and-white national flag.

He urged Sharif and Bhutto not to boycott the parliamentary elections.

"A level playing field" is in place for the ballot and their parties should "participate fully," he said. "The elections, God willing, will be held free and transparent under the constitution."

Washington and London quickly welcomed the announcement.

"We hope that he follows through on that," White House press secretary Dana Perino said. "I think you have to give President Musharraf some credit here, because while he made the decision to establish the emergency order — which we believed was a mistake, and we counseled against — he did take the step" to lift it.

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said London also looked forward to the lifting of the emergency and other restrictions — one major television channel and several radio stations remain blocked and several judges and leading lawyers are still in custody.

Broadway reopens after 19-day strike

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Broadway came back to life Thursday as stage-starved fans lined up in the cold for tickets and theaters reopened their doors following a 19-day stagehands strike that took a big toll on the local economy.

The mood was ecstatic all around the theater district. Tourists, actors, stagehands, restaurants, musicians, hot dog vendors — basically anyone remotely affected by Broadway — were all thrilled about the return of musicals and plays.

"I never thought I'd have the opportunity to see a Broadway show! And the price is right," Canadian tourist Susie Biamonte said as she waited for steeply

discounted \$26.50 tickets to "Chicago" — reopening Thursday with a new cast that included two stars from "The Sopranos."

The strike inflicted serious harm on Broadway during one of the best times of the year, when the city is teeming with tourists and Christmas shoppers. Officials estimated that the city lost about \$38 million because of the strike.

The end of the walkout meant a scramble for new opening nights for shows that were in previews when the strike hit. Aaron Sorkin's "The Farnsworth Invention" will now open Dec. 3; "August: Osage County" from Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Dec. 4. "The Seafarer" arrives Dec. 6; and Dec. 9 will be the

new opening for a long-lost Mark Twain comedy, "Is He Dead?"

Disney's "The Little Mermaid" has already announced it would push back its scheduled Dec. 6 opening — with a new date set Thursday for Jan. 10. And a revival of Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," which had been set to start previews the day after Thanksgiving, will now premiere Dec. 16.

Popular musicals such as "Wicked," "Jersey Boys," "Mamma Mia!" and "The Lion King" were among the more than two dozen shows that were shut down during the lucrative Thanksgiving holiday week. These big hits regularly gross more than \$1 million each week this time of year.

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how to connect to your alumni."

Mousaw said etiquette was highly relevant to job placement.

She offered an example where an interviewer at a restaurant mentioned the soup was good.

"The applicant reached over and tasted some of his soup," she said. "He didn't get the job."

Pat Mousaw, an engineering graduate student, said business etiquette is relevant even to engineers and other scientists.

"[They are in] fewer situations with customers, but they

will have engineering experts come to town to consult or collaborate," he said. "[They] will have to sell themselves as someone [employers and colleagues] will want to work with, someone they can trust."

Marc Burdell, the senior director of the Alumni Association, said business etiquette "reflects on the organizational skills" of job candidates.

Candidates are expected to send a handwritten thank-you note to their interviewer and dress professionally, he said.

"You can't be too well-dressed," he said. "Consider everything you're wearing. Your attire is your first chance to make an impression. Dressing poorly defi-

nately affects how well you are evaluated."

Maureen Costello, an image consultant who was the main speaker at the dinner, offered a similar take.

"The most important reason students need professional etiquette is to gain social fluency," she said. "Conversational arts are a soft skill that will provide job opportunities."

Costello said she adjusted her dinner to Notre Dame by placing a special emphasis on ethics and integrity.

"Many other places aren't asking me to talk about that. It's cutting edge," she said. "Employers are looking for people with discernment and integrity, employees they can count on to make good judgments to uphold the corporate brand."

Employees with poor judgment might cross the line from hosting business partners to making bribes, which is a federal crime, she said.

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Maureen Costello
Image consultant

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which consisted of Sanchez and seniors Peter Hadley and Jimmy Buffi, has commissioned some fun activities that may keep attendees around for a while.

The decorations begin at the entrance to the dorm on Carroll Drive, where luminaries — candle lanterns made from small paper bags — will line the road to provide the dorm entrance a warm glow. Just outside the building, a large Christmas tree will be lit and landscaped for visitors to appreciate.

Inside, snowflakes, lights, and garlands will be hanging from the ceilings and walls. Each Carroll resident will have a Christmas stocking bearing his name. A giant pole — to represent the North Pole — will be the centerpiece for the lounge, along with blow-up polar bears and snowmen.

Best of all, there is a designated space for Santa's workshop, where people will have the opportunity to take pictures with Santa and meet Mrs. Claus and two of the couple's elves.

"In the past, the pictures with Santa have been a huge hit," Hadley said. "It's a popular thing for couples or groups of friends to take photos with him. On Saturday, people will be able to download their pictures along with a limited Christmas frame

from a Web site and print them at no charge."

Other parts of the Carroll Christmas include Christmas karaoke, a snow cone machine and a cookie-baking contest. A panel of Carroll residents will judge those who bring in cookies, and the winner will receive a gift certificate to the South Bend Chocolate Factory.

Carroll received 10 percent of the Hall President Council's budget to fund the event.

"We've been putting a lot more work into it and it has been improving dramatically, and HPC has realized that it has become the premier Christmas event on campus," Hadley said.

Sanchez said he worked hard to make this signature event for Carroll stand out when he applied for funding earlier this year.

"They evaluate past history, the [event's] contribution to Notre Dame, significance,

and allocate funds based on those criteria," he said. "In submitting our application, I was audacious in talking about ways to design the event, and noted how each year we have attracted more people."

Once the funding distributions were announced, the planning committee was shocked to discover that its event was tied with the Keenan Revue and the Fisher Regatta as the top dorm events in terms of funding, at \$2,000 apiece — up from

Carroll's funding last year of \$1,200.

With an expected attendance four times Carroll's population, the members of the planning committee said it is gratifying to welcome students from other parts of campus all at once.

"I felt a slight amount of pressure when we were awarded this sum of money," Sanchez said. "But now that I have seen the enthusiasm show, especially from our freshman this year, the pressure is off now. We feel like we need to make this big and it's exactly what we've done."

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Peter Hadley
Carroll Hall senior

Novel

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make it."

Writing at a consistent pace, a NaNoWriMo contestant should produce 1,667 words a day. Sitting down and writing each day to meet the word count goal was the biggest challenge, Conway said.

"There would be some days, when I was like, 'Yeah, I have time to write from here to here,' and then something would come up and I wouldn't sit down and do it," she said.

Writing the novel didn't get in the way of her school work or her social life, Conway said. She speculated that could be the reason she was so far behind in the word count at the beginning of the week.

Freshman Emily Craven, a friend of Conway's, also set out to write a novel for the NaNoWriMo contest. Craven's story, about two men just out of college who go on a drug run across the U.S., was 18,000 words long by Thursday evening.

She said her new goal for tonight was to reach the halfway point, 25,000 words. She plans to finish the entire novel before Christmas.

Craven said she was a little disappointed she could not finish by the deadline. She said other commitments got in the way of her writing.

"But I have hope for next year," she said. "And I am going to continue writing this story. I'm still really excited about it."

Craven said the hardest part of writing was coming up with new material, as her characters attempt to make it to California, ticking off drug dealers along the way.

Conway and Craven estimated about 20 people at Notre

Dame, both graduate and undergraduate students, participated in the NaNoWriMo contest. During October, the freshmen put up signs around campus to encourage people to join them in their novel-writing expedition. Seven or eight people responded, they said.

During November, Conway and Craven occasionally met with five of the respondents to write their novels together.

They also went to a writing session held by the South Bend chapter of NaNoWriMo writers at the Barnes and Noble in Mishawaka. Mostly older adults, but also some graduate students, were at the event.

Conway said she thought the writing sessions helped her brainstorm the direction of her story.

"It's nice to be able to be like, 'Oh, I don't know what I'm talking about here,' and then someone else may know," she said.

Conway sent her story to NaNoWriMo's Web site Thursday for a final word count validation. The site announced her a winner and displayed a certificate with her word count for her to print.

Conway and Craven said their friends have asked to read their novels after they are done. Conway said she will put her novel aside until January, when she then plans to edit it.

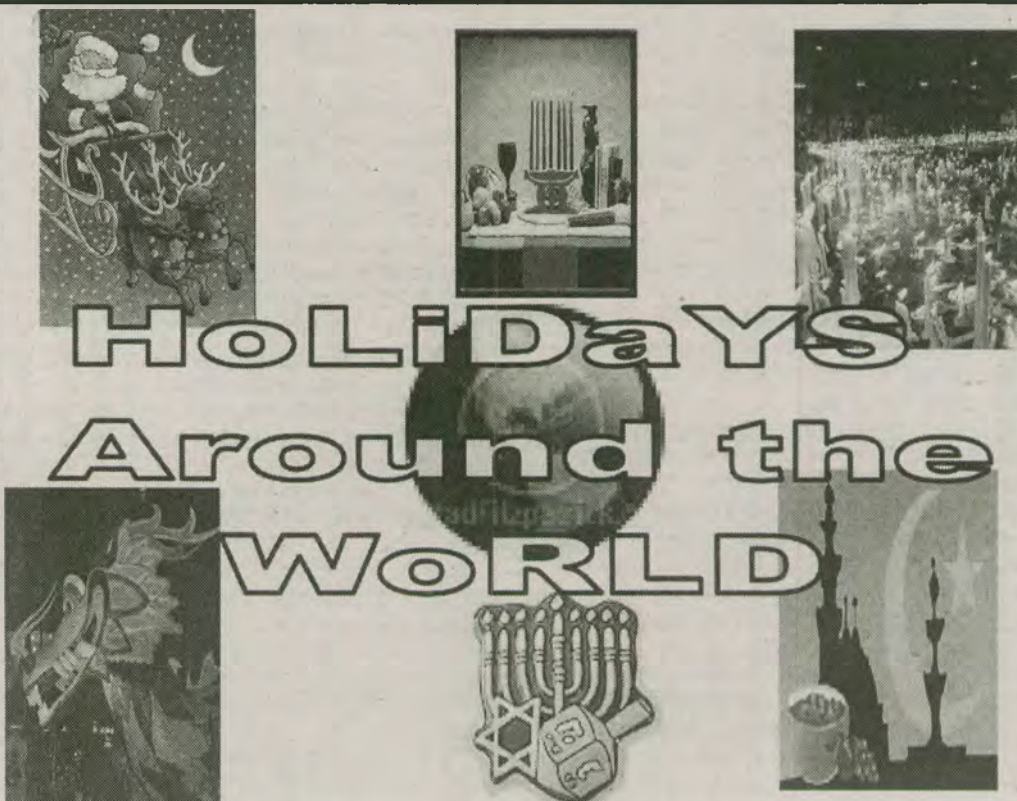
"I think it has moments where it's pretty good and then moments where it's pretty horrible," she said. "It's a first draft."

Will Conway and Craven be writing another novel next November?

"Definitely," Conway said.

"Absolutely," said Craven.

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IN BRIEF

FCC may regulate cable monopolies

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission may consider a long-dormant proposal that would cap the number of customers a single cable television company may serve, agency officials said Thursday.

Chairman Kevin Martin is circulating the proposal among his fellow commissioners for a possible vote at the agency's next meeting, scheduled for Dec. 18.

Martin, fresh off a marathon meeting that featured a bruising battle with the cable industry, also wants commissioners to vote on a number of media ownership issues, including his proposal to allow one company to own both a newspaper and a radio or television station in the nation's 20 largest markets.

Fearing the potential monopoly power of cable television companies, Congress in 1992 directed the FCC to establish limits on how many customers cable television companies could reach nationwide. The FCC settled on a 30 percent cap, but the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit rejected the rule in 2001, saying the agency had failed to adequately justify its reasoning.

Copper prices rebound as gold falls

NEW YORK — Copper prices pushed higher Thursday, taking cues from firmer stock prices on Wall Street and a strong reading on third-quarter economic growth.

Other commodities including oil, corn and wheat also edged up, but gold slipped.

The industrial metals market, much like the stock market, has been ripe for a rebound after a sharp downward correction. Copper, considered a bellwether for the base metals, has roughly followed the path of the Dow Jones industrial average and other stock indicators in recent months, and the direction had been mostly down until a modest recovery set in earlier this week. Copper is down nearly 20 percent from its October high.

Bernanke suggests interest rate cut

Federal Reserve chairman predicts an economic recession if consumer spending falls

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Thursday hinted that another interest rate cut may be needed to bolster the economy. The worsening credit crunch, a deepening housing slump and rising energy prices probably will create some "headwinds for the consumer in the months ahead," he said.

Bernanke said he expects consumer spending will continue to grow and suggested the country can withstand the current problems without falling into a recession. But he indicated that consumers could turn more cautious as they try to cope with all the stresses.

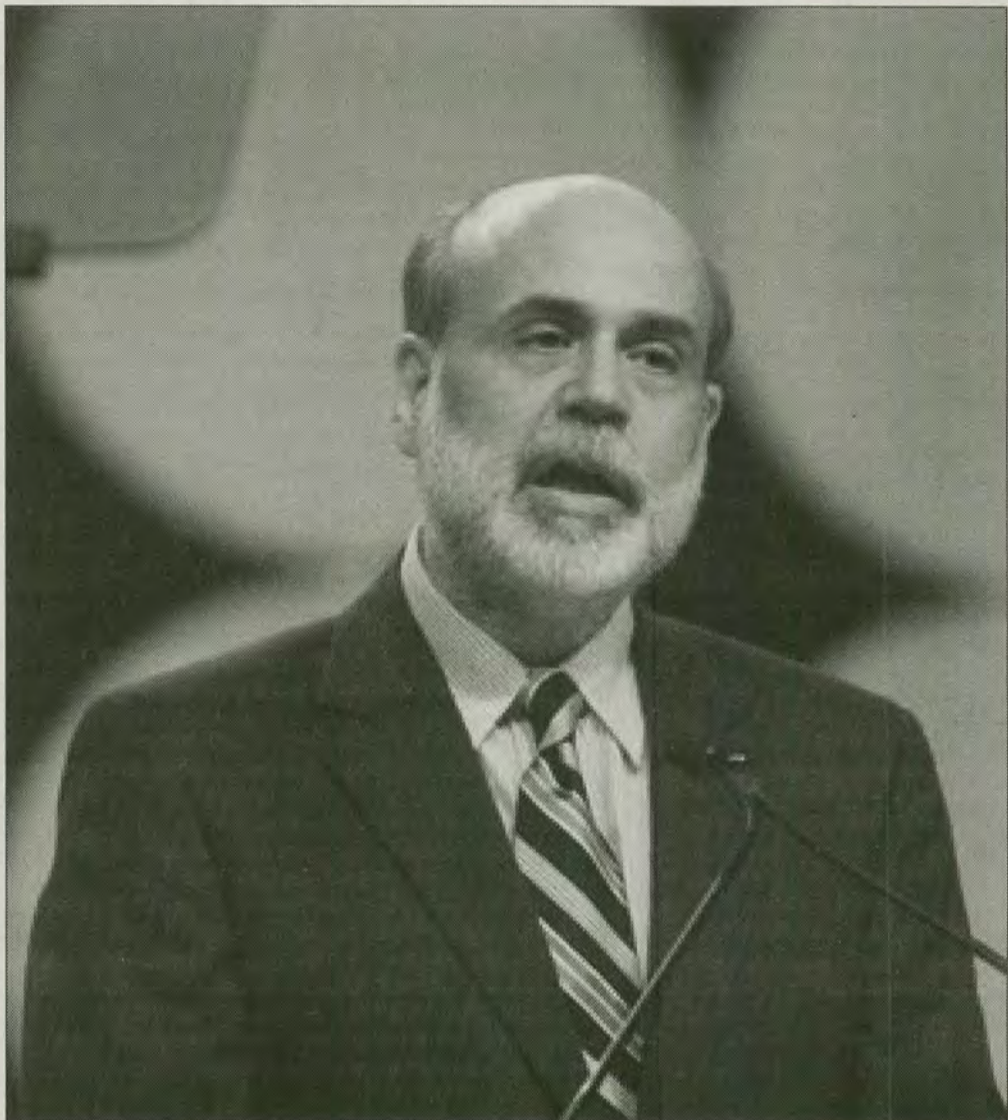
The odds have grown that the country could enter a recession. A sharp cutback in consumer spending could send the economy into a tailspin. Against this backdrop, Fed policymakers will need to be "exceptionally alert and flexible," Bernanke said.

That comment probably will be viewed as a sign the Fed may lower interest rates when it meets on Dec. 11, its last session of the year.

"Bernanke is leaning in the direction of a rate cut," said Brian Bethune, economist at Global Insight.

Twice this year the central bank has trimmed rates to keep the housing collapse and credit crunch from throwing the economy into a recession. Those cuts came in September and late October.

In the October meeting, Bernanke and his Fed colleagues signaled that further cuts might not be needed. Since then, however, financial markets have endured more turmoil. The housing slump has deepened, consumer confidence has plummeted and consumer spending "has been on the soft side," Bernanke



Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke warns at a conference Thursday that a recession may occur due to the housing slump, high energy prices and low consumer spending.

said in a speech Thursday night to business people in Charlotte, N.C.

A copy of his remarks was made available in Washington.

The economic outlook has been "importantly affected over the past month by renewed turbulence in financial markets, which has partially reversed the improvement that occurred in September and October," Bernanke said. "These developments have resulted in a further tightening in financial conditions, which has the potential to impose additional restraint on

activity in housing markets and in other credit-sensitive sectors," he said.

Bernanke spoke hours after the White House lowered its economic growth projection for 2008 due to the deteriorating housing market. The White House also raised its estimate for unemployment next year, but said inflation should moderate.

The Commerce Department reported that the economy grew at a 4.9 percent rate from July through September, the fastest pace in four years. The impressive perform-

ance, though, was not expected to carry into the final three months of the year, when analysts expect growth of 1.5 percent or less.

Just a day before Bernanke's speech, the Fed's No. 2 official suggested the central bank may be inclined to slice rates again because of Wall Street's turbulence and the worsening problems in housing and in credit markets. Donald Kohn's remarks sent the market soaring, with the Dow Jones industrial average gaining more than 300 points.

China agrees to eliminate tax breaks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration announced Thursday it had settled a major trade dispute with an agreement in which the Chinese government has pledged to end several trade-distorting tax subsidies.

The deal represents a breakthrough in tense economic relations between the countries by resolving one of four cases the United States has brought before the World Trade Organization attacking Chinese trade practices.

U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab said China had agreed to eliminate WTO-illegal tax breaks that supported Chinese exports to the United States and other countries. China also agreed to scrap

tax breaks that had penalized U.S. and other foreign countries in trying to sell their goods in China.

Schwab said the economic boost for U.S. companies would be "very substantial" because the tax breaks have been so pervasive. While she did not provide any concrete estimates on the value of the subsidies, she said a whole range of U.S. industries from steel to wood products to information technology would benefit.

"This outcome represents a victory for U.S. manufacturers and their workers," she told reporters. "The agreement also demonstrates that two great trading nations can work together to settle disputes to their mutual benefit."

However, administration critics said President Bush will have to

produce much bigger results to have an impact on America's record trade deficit with China, which hit \$233 billion last year and will be even larger this year.

They singled out a range of areas where they contend that unfair Chinese practices are driving the deficit higher and have contributed to the loss of 3 million U.S. manufacturing jobs since 2000.

"China's currency doesn't float freely, certain U.S. industries with competitive advantages can't operate freely in China's economy, and some of the products it exports are faulty and dangerous," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "It seems that China has taken a small step on the long road toward playing more fairly in global trade, but only time will tell."

Scientists map gene switches

New research shows why some are vulnerable to diseases, obesity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Remember biology class where you learned that children inherit one copy of a gene from mom and a second from dad? There's a twist: Some of those genes arrive switched off, so there is no backup if the other copy goes bad, making you more vulnerable to disorders from obesity to cancer.

Duke University scientists now have identified these "silenced genes," creating the first map of this unique group of about 200 genes believed to play a profound role in people's health.

More intriguing, the work marks an important step in studying how our environment — food, stress, pollution — interacts with genes to help determine why some people get sick and others do not.

"What we have is a bag of gold nuggets," lead researcher Dr. Randy Jirtle said about the collection of "imprinted" genes. The team's findings were published online Friday by the journal Genome Research.

Next comes work to prove exactly what role these genes play. "Some will be real gold and some will be fool's gold," Jirtle added.

Usually, people inherit a copy of each gene from each parent and both copies are active, programmed to do their jobs whenever needed. If one copy of a gene becomes mutated and quits working properly, often the other copy can compensate.

Genetic imprinting knocks out that backup. It means that for some genes, people inherit an active copy only from the mother or only from the father. Molecular signals tell, or "imprint," the copy from the other parent to be silent.

Jirtle compared it to flying a two-engine airplane with one engine cut off. If the other engine quits, the plane crashes. In genetic terms, if one tumor-suppressing gene is silenced and the active one breaks down, a person is more susceptible to cancer.

Only animals that have live births have imprinted genes. It was not until 1991 that it was proved that humans had them. Until now, only about 40 human imprinted genes had been identified.

The Duke map verified those 40 and identified 156 more. Researchers fed DNA sequences into a computer program that decoded patterns pointing to the presence of imprinted genes instead of active ones.

Many of the newly found imprinted genes are in regions of chromosomes already linked to the development of obesity, diabetes, cancer and some other major diseases, the researchers reported. One, for example, appears to prevent bladder cancer. A second appears to play a role in causing various cancers and may affect epilepsy and bipolar disorder.

Scientists had thought imprinted genes would account for about 1 percent of the human genome. While scientists must double-check that the newly identified ones are truly silenced, the new map matches that tally.

"It's a fascinating paper," said Dr. Nora Volkow, director

of the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Volkow praised the new mapping method for speeding the slow discovery of these genes.

She said finding which genes are imprinted is important for a bigger question: How do behavioral or environmental factors tip the balance for someone who is genetically predisposed to a health problem?

Previous work by Jirtle and others shows the environment can reprogram how some genes operate, making them speed up or slow down or work at the wrong time. In a groundbreaking 2003 experiment, Jirtle fed pregnant mice different nutrients to alter the coat color of their babies. The feed affected chemical signals that control how hard a certain gene worked, determining when the babies had yellow coats like mom or brown ones.

"It's not just about the sequence of your genes, but how that sequence is turned on and off by environmental exposures that is likely to determine whether you will be healthy," Volkow said. Imprinted genes "are likely to be particularly susceptible to environmental factors."

Sometimes imprinting goes awry before birth, leaving a normally silenced gene "on" or silencing one that should not be. Faulty gene imprinting leads to some devastating developmental disorders, such as Angelman syndrome, which causes mental retardation.

Now a question is how imprinting may be changed to reactivate an imprinted gene after birth.

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Clinton calls for action against AIDS

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Calif. — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton used an appearance at one of the nation's largest evangelical churches Thursday to sketch a broad agenda to take on disease around the globe, calling it "the right thing to do."

The centerpiece of a speech laced with Biblical references and reflections on her own faith was a call to spend billions of dollars to combat HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases at home and abroad. She said she would try to stamp out malaria deaths in Africa within eight years.

Money and government alone cannot solve the problems, she said. AIDS "is a problem of our common humanity, and we are called to respond with love, with mercy and with urgency," she said.

With the presidential campaign intensifying in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, Clinton was alone among leading candidates to fly to coastal California to appear at Saddleback Church in Orange County, where pastor and best-selling author Rick Warren convenes a conference each year to highlight the global threat posed by HIV/AIDS.

Earlier this week Clinton released her proposal to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS, which focuses in part on fighting the spread of the illness in minority communities. As president, she would double the HIV/AIDS research budget at the National Institutes of Health — to \$5.2 billion annually — and spend at least \$50 billion within five years around the globe.

On Thursday, speaking to about 1,700 conference attendees, she said as president she would also call for spending \$1 billion a year to address malaria infection in Africa. She set a goal of eradicating malaria deaths in Africa by the end of her second term.

Many Christian conservatives dread the possibility of another Clinton White House, a point of agreement in a year when prominent leaders in the movement have divided their loyalties among GOP contenders.

There was a sprinkle of criticism from conservatives in response to Clinton's appearance at the church, but it was muted compared to last year when more than a dozen conservative leaders signed a letter

urging Warren to rescind an invitation to Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., who supports abortion rights. The church defended his appearance.

Warren is theologically and socially conservative, but he is known for avoiding the scrum of partisan politics. The author of "The Purpose-Driven Life" has devoted much of his time in recent years mobilizing evangelicals to fight AIDS in Africa.

The speech gave Clinton a chance to appear on stage with the popular pastor — who greeted her with a hug — as well as talk at length about her own faith.

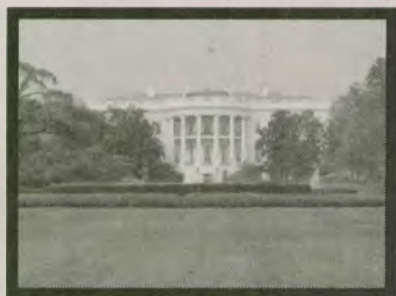
"I've been raised to understand the power and purpose of prayer," she said at one point.

Warren thanked her for attending. "We invited all of them to come, but she was the one who showed up," he said.

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SAO should change rules

There is a movement on campus to support U.S. Sen. Barack Obama in his push for the Democratic nomination for president, but it's unfortunate that most students will never know how to join. Nor will they see posters for student groups backing Rudy Giuliani, or John Edwards, or Ron Paul.

Primary groups can't get official club recognition from the Student Activities Office because they are inherently temporary. Student Activities officials told The Observer that prospective clubs must meet two main criteria: the ability to fit within the Catholic character of the University, and the ability to be sustained and use funds responsibly. And the Club Coordination Council, the money-allocating body of student government, doesn't fund groups formed to support specific candidates.

In theory, that makes sense. It would be unfair to send student activity fees toward a certain candidate's campaign. And sure, we don't want students knocking on our dorm room doors five times a night to pitch one candidate after another. In practice, however, the system is flawed, governed by excessively rigid rules and tangled in too much bureaucratic tape.

Groups with a temporary, but important focus — such as primary clubs — should be able to apply for the right to hang

posters and meet regularly on campus. It's true that du Lac allows students to apply to host one-time rallies. But how can anyone effectively inform and mobilize interested students without continued campus advertising?

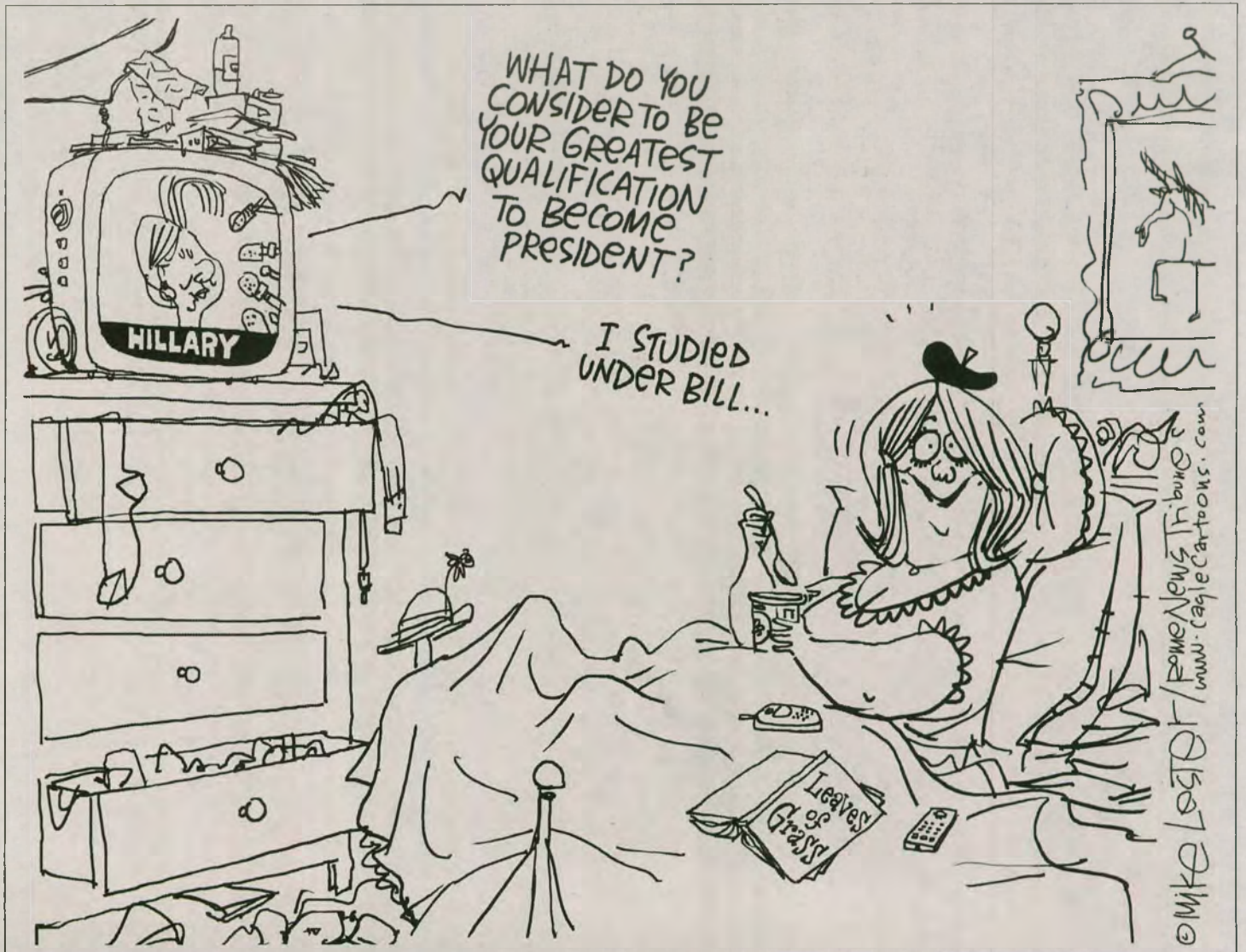
But that's not the only problem. It takes the majority of an academic year for groups to earn club status: Apply in November; hear back in March. That kind of timeline makes it impossible to do anything quickly. In effect, that's what the University wants — the chance to evaluate prospective clubs and weigh their potential value to the campus community. But student primary groups present a convincing case for an exception and a quicker timetable.

Notre Dame has the undesirable reputation of being a politically apathetic campus. While the University certainly isn't alone in that regard, situations like this only worsen the problem. Allowing primary groups to advertise and meet — without necessarily allotting them any funds — would encourage greater political participation among students. And it wouldn't hurt anyone.

This is one of those times when a specific case displays a rule's excessive scope. Allowing for an exception is a simple change, but an important one.

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"'Pride' stands for 'personal responsibility in daily excellence.'"

Lou Holtz
American football coach and philosopher

"You cannot depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus."

Mark Twain
American author and humorist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

De-mystify admissions

As the alumni schools representative for the Jackson, Mich. area, I was very pleased to read the viewpoint expressed by Andrew Nesi ("Mysterious admissions standards," Nov. 29). Each year I find it more and more difficult to answer questions of parents whose qualified kids are not admitted to Notre Dame. Many of these people are friends and acquaintances which makes the chore all the more difficult. And yes, some are alums whose legacy children did not make it for reasons that cannot be explained. The admissions office has not been helpful to us in dealing with these situations. I think the recommendation of Nesi has merit and should be seriously considered.

Jack Fremeau
 alumnus
 Class of 1971

Support women's soccer

Help! Our Lady has been watching over us during these NCAA playoffs, and we now not only need her help, but we need your (our students) help as well.

We will host the NCAA quarterfinal round of the women's soccer playoffs this Friday night at 7 p.m. against Duke. The winner will go to the College Cup Final Four the following weekend in College Station. Duke is a very talented team, and we could really use your help by coming out to Alumni Field this Friday to help cheer us on. Last year you supported us in a tremendous way (more than 3,000 people), and it was a huge factor in our win over Penn State. We need your help once again, and are asking that you brave the weather and come out with the true "Irish spirit" that represents this great University. Thank you so much to all of you who have supported us so far this year, and to all the dorms in particular that have adopted this team. I hope to see you all Friday night!

Go Irish.

Randy Waldrum
 head women's soccer coach
 Nov. 26

Hitting back

Regarding John Everett's column "Hit me with your best shot" (Nov. 29): How dare he say that bacon is overrated? I love bacon.

Blair Rasmus
 freshman
 Dillon Hall
 Nov. 29

U-WIRE

Black Friday ruins the holidays

The calendar may still say that it's November, but for retailers, every day before Dec. 25 is Christmas.

It happens every year: Thanksgiving becomes a quick afterthought, and the day after

Thanksgiving simply becomes "Christmas."

Or, Thanksgiving doesn't happen at all if you wait outside of Best Buy at 5 p.m. for the next day's free

gadget that you don't have a practical use for, but only want because you get it free for nearly freezing to death the night before. Plus, receive a bonus gift that you don't care for if you have frostbitten fingers when the doors open!

While watching the news this past week, the impression I received from the multiple reports on "Black Friday" was that it was the make or break moment for retailers. It almost becomes like Christmas for the retail industry. Each company waits in anticipation to see if they will get the Christmas financial miracle of getting into the black, or a giant lump of coal of staying in the red. Forget the other 10 months of the year, November and December are the only months that matter.

In fact, "Black Friday" was originally a name for the day within the retailing industry. Now it seems to be christened by the media as the day's official title. Sure, there may be some fair deals to take advantage of on Black Friday (that is, unless the stores have only ordered two of the item you want, and you're the third customer), but overall, the day simply serves to kick off a fully fledged and overhyped phenomenon known as "The Holiday Season."

It's bad enough that I began seeing Christmas commercials for stores the week before Halloween (and I thought Nov. 1 was bad last year!), but it's frustrating to see Thanksgiving has all but dissipated into "Black Friday Eve." There is no longer a sense of separation between Thanksgiving and Christmas to the retailers and the media that excessively cover their ups and downs in the market.

Thanksgiving is supposed to be a time to settle down and relax with a nice meal with your family. But on the day after? Anything goes. People are given free reign

to max out their credit cards and buy large amounts of material goods that likely aren't necessities for the beneficiary. We're supposed to have a slice of humble pie on Thanksgiving and count our blessings, but the next day the American public is craving more and more. We need to forget about being grateful for what we have, let's talk about what's next on our wish list! It's bad enough that Black Friday is as big as it is, but it's made even worse by the media's incessant coverage of the sales and people waiting in line the night before and the day of the sales. I had heard so much about the sales being offered at the stores on the news that I didn't even need to look in the newspaper or on the stores' Web sites to find out what was being offered! Of course, in case I didn't know how to find the sales on the Internet, the news outlets advertised numerous Web sites that listed the deals at each store. If it was too difficult to watch the commercials, the newscasts even integrated mentions of the sales, special gifts and store openings into their general newscasts.

The line was blurred between news and advertising last week, and in my eyes, the news simply became a product placement showcase. There was no need for commercial airtime; retailers got their face time for free right during the show! Viewers had the chance to see the long lines at Target and other chains on the news that evening, giving them free publicity. "Hey, if all of those people are waiting in line, I should be too! The stores must be offering something good!"

I'm not saying that presents are bad, or that you shouldn't look to get good deals when you are buying them. Christmas can be a joyous time of giving, but the consumerist feelings that are evoked throughout the season are too much too soon. If you celebrate Christmas, the season should be focused on Dec. 25, not on the false holiday created by retail and propagated by the media known as Black Friday and the 31 days of Christmas to follow.

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Tracking the GOP-Tube debate

Last night, the Republican presidential field took questions from average Americans through CNN's YouTube.com Debate, where questions are posed through YouTube videos.

For those of you who missed it, I watched closely and drank heavily, er, took careful notes. You can watch it online and follow along.

Remember, anytime someone says "Reagan," you have to chug.
 8:08 p.m.: Illegal immigration is the first topic discussed. Former Gov. Mitt Romney (Mass.) confirms the prevailing wisdom that former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani is the only candidate he's worried about by attacking him immediately for leading NYC as a "sanctuary city for illegal immigrants."

Giuliani swats back with a clever line — while Romney was governor, his house was a "sanctuary mansion" because the governor's mansion employed illegal

immigrants. The two then ignore the moderator and spend five minutes arguing. Romney comes off clean, and Giuliani retreats to lick his wounds. Romney vs. Giuliani is the most important dynamic in the Republican race, and this was a microcosm of it.

8:19 p.m.: Former Sen. Fred Thompson (Tenn.) reminds everyone that he won't go quietly. He jabs Romney over flip-flops on immigration, and reminds Giuliani that we've all made some embarrassing hiring decisions — a veiled thrust at Rudy's hiring of the insanely corrupt former New York City police commissioner Bernie Kerik. Both men glare daggers at the tall Tennessean.

9:04 p.m.: Giuliani badly fumbles a gun-control question. In a Republican primary, you don't want to sound like you respect the Second Amendment grudgingly — you need to sound genuine. Giuliani goes through the motions, but doesn't sound thrilled about gun rights. Romney smiles, sensing fodder for a campaign commercial.

9:17 p.m.: Giuliani's claim to read the Bible frequently rings a bit false. The question, "Do you believe every word of the Bible?" trips up Romney worse though. Worried that it's a trick to get him to talk about his Mormonism, he takes a very uncharacteristic deer-in-the-headlights pause and stammers out a focus-group-approved "I believe the Bible is the word of God."

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's career as a Baptist minister serves him well here; he speaks with eloquence on the topic. This is the driving force behind Huckabee's meteoric rise in the Iowa polls: conservative evangelicals sensing one of their own and rallying to him.

9:26 p.m.: Watching Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) speak on Iraq is a reminder of why he used to be the front-runner: The topic engages him like no other, and he speaks with conviction, sincerity and passion. For a brief minute, the old McCain is back, and all the other candidates are just kids in Dad's shadow.

9:29 p.m.: Romney is chosen by moder-

ator Anderson Cooper to go toe-to-toe with McCain on torture. As a POW, McCain was tortured for years in Vietnam; you cannot go against him and not look like a jerk.

The other candidates quietly thank God they weren't selected to disagree with McCain. Romney takes his lumps and slinks away.

9:48 p.m.: A 72-year-old retired brigadier general asks why gays can't serve openly in the military. Judging from the candidates' embarrassed looks while telling the man (who is in the audience, and has come out as gay) that he ruins "unit cohesion," I'd say this stance is going out of favor even in conservative circles.

For now, though, they give the safe answer.

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prepares to rock Legends stage

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Carey Denha is the singer.

Jason Gittinger is the drummer.

Mick Madness is the guitar player.

Takashi Iio is the bass player.

Combined, they form Mega 80's, perhaps the most awesome cover band this side of East Lansing, Mich. Mega 80's takes Legends back a few decades tonight as it takes the stage with its 10 p.m. show.

"The 80s decade of music was a wonderful and exciting time in the world of music," Gittinger said in an e-mail Wednesday. He has been drumming for the Mega 80's since 2002. "With the advent of MTV and synthesizer keyboards there were tons of artists doing creative and fun things both musically and visually. Also, with the Cold War raging and the threat of 'global-thermo-nuclear-war' (to quote Matthew Broderick from 'War Games') music became a fun place for people to escape and live. We love to bring a bit of this escape to our audience every night."

With its extensive musical supply of all things 80s, it would be fair to say Mega 80s brings more than just "a bit" to its show. The band features more than 200 songs in its reper-

toire, but given that it only has a limited amount of time to rock out onstage at each of its shows, Mega 80's has taken to creating medleys that combine several songs. Its "Mega Metal Medley," for example, boasts 24 songs.

Denha formed Mega 80s in East Lansing, Mich. Since then, band members have come and gone, but one thing has remained the same: its commitment to musical excellence. The band members have also committed themselves and their music to their source material.

"Although all of the members of the production are involved in tons of musical circles, we choose not to muddy the waters of this production with music that does not come from the 1980s," Gittinger said. As such, Mega 80's is strictly a cover band. "This project is all about having a fun time listening to music the audience knows and loves."

Mega 80's has built a reputation as a fun, high-energy bunch and was named "Best Cover Band" in Real Detroit's "Best of" issue twice, in 2003 and 2005. "80s has the most dance-able

music in my opinion," said bassist Iio, who joined the band three and a half years ago. Iio learned to play the bass as a member of his high school jazz band and cites Prince as his favorite act of the 80s, although he says "Paradise City" by Guns 'N Roses is his favorite song because he can "jump up and down and act silly" while performing it.

While he has opened for The Tubes, Culture Club, Cheap Trick, Loverboy, Men at Work, Romantics, The Go-Gos, and 38 Special, Gittinger said he doesn't have any particular favorites.

"All of these acts have become favorites in my book because the music they created has touched so many people," he said. "It's an honor when we get to bring a bit of the 80s to the same stage as them."

Mega 80's has played at Detroit Pistons games and Detroit Fury Arena football games at the Palace of Auburn Hills, but band members say they don't discriminate in terms of venue size when bringing their enthused approach to the stage.

"One thing I like about The Mega 80's is this: No matter how big or how small a venue or audience is, we all always show up to rock," Gittinger said. "It's really amazing how much energy you can infuse into 12 people at a small private event or 60,000 people in front of Ford Field. I love that I'm a part of something so positive and bringing joy to so many people. I guess that makes every venue 'the best venue I've ever played.'"

When asked what Notre Dame students can expect at tonight's show, Gittinger replied, "They can expect to rock." Iio agreed, saying that concertgoers can expect a "high energy show" and "lots of fun."

"It is amazing to see people's faces light up when we start one of their favorite Devo songs, or the crowd's arms in the air during 'Living on a Prayer,' or the 'wall flower, I'm not going to dance' guy in the back checking out all of the 80s video references on the video wall behind us and high-fiving his buddy," Gittinger said. "To take so much time to re-create all of the minute details of a decade and put them on a stage for people to enjoy is definitely one of the joys of my life."

Mega 80's
Tonight
10 p.m.
Legends

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JULIE GRISANTI | Observer Graphic



promises an impressive acoustic concert

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Writer

The, may I say, "winning challenged" football season is over. Television is officially being ravaged by a writer's strike that is still in full swing. It's too cold to be outside, and too close to the end of the semester to be in the library, God forbid, letting collegiate studying begin this weekend. But this Saturday, musical salvation can rescue you from boredom and homework. At 10 p.m. trendy fan favorite The Format will take the stage at Notre Dame's Legends night club. This Arizona-based band is sure to satisfy your music needs in the sometimes artistically starved South Bend.

There's no cover charge, thanks to the Student Union Board, so there is no reason not to take the

time to go and check out this group. In any city across the country, this would be a sold-out concert with tickets going for roughly \$30. Notre Dame's intimate free viewing of the group would make any urban indie aficionado more than a little jealous.

Please don't let the band's indie label fool or intimidate you. While The Format's indie inclination falls under what is often called alternative rock, don't anticipate the angst of emo or artistic superiority. This group is not about musical elitism. The Format is stellar at defying the stereotypes of its genre to create genuine tunes that are just plain good.

Even if you are typically more of a Top 40s fan, you'll find this band's underground vibe to be a welcome departure from conventional music. The Format draws on influ-

ences from a hodgepodge of musical genres. Its sound hints of everything from classic and modern rock to pop to jazz and folk. Its melodic instrumentals are reminiscent of Queen. And its consistent heartiness captures the energy of the British punk movement in a more contained, easy-on-the-ears package.

Its cohesive, developed style is not hindered by its diverse background. Rather, The Format has discovered a master balance of fluid musical variety that it delivers with distinct execution. The Format offers fun music that is mature and intelligent. Whether you've been a fan for years or haven't heard of the group until now, The Format is worth taking time to go and see.

Staying attuned to what makes a good listen, this group offers a fresh take on a completely enjoyable

music experience. Combining smart, refined lyrics and a buoyant instrumental, The Format is one of the current favorites of the indie field, which includes The Shins or Death Cab for Cutie.

The Format's greatest strength is its ability to give its audience a musical experience unlike any other. Expect a distinctive show this weekend: The Format has opened for bands like The All American Rejects and headlined its own shows. This group has the experience it takes to pull off a small acoustic concert, so get ready to soak up some impressive tunes. Also be advised to wear comfy shoes. You will be standing during this performance, and you won't be standing still.

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Chorale and Chamber Orchestra to feature Handel's Messiah

JULIE GRISANTI | Observer Graphic

By MICHELLE FORDICE
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With its stunning music and triumphant celebration, Handel's "Messiah" is one of Christmas' most long lived and beloved traditions, and Notre Dame's Chorale and Chamber Orchestra make it their own in their annual performance of the work. It is no surprise that the show sells out nearly every year.

Handel's "Messiah" is a fantastic piece for every audience member. Its elegant and exciting melody, spotlight on the choir, soloists and orchestra, each in turn, and familiarity make it a great performance for frequent attendees of classical musical performances and new audience members alike. Those familiar with the work can hear the Chorale and Chamber Orchestra's own interpretation of the piece. For those testing the waters of classical music, as the Church of England's "Book of Common Prayer" serves as the source of the libretto, the piece is in English, making it easily approachable. Besides, who hasn't heard the popular "Hallelujah" chorus at least once? The universality of "Messiah" is one of the best reasons for its longevity.

Because of its frequent performance, "Messiah" is often reinterpreted; directors often choose only certain parts to perform. In past years, director Alexander Blachly chose for his choir to sing primarily Part I, which focuses on texts about the prophecy of and birth of Jesus Christ, and Part II, which focuses on texts about Jesus Christ's sacrifice and resurrection. He also included two numbers from Part III, which focuses on texts about general resurrection, and ended with the most famous section of "Messiah," the "Hallelujah" chorus.

The Chorale is Notre Dame's 55-voice official concert choir, which specializes in works that range from the Renaissance to the present, including pieces by Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Mendelssohn and Stravinsky. The Chamber Orchestra is a select ensemble of students that performs both with the Chorale in its on-campus concerts and independently in its own concerts.

Handel's "Messiah" by the Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra is certain to be one of the best performances in the DPAC this season, so don't miss out. Performances will take place in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. today and Saturday. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$8 for faculty and staff, \$6 for seniors and \$10 for general audience. To purchase tickets, contact the DPAC ticket office at 574-631-2800.

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JULIE GRISANTI | Observer Graphic



"Dreaming Out Loud" nothing new, nothing awful

By STEPHANIE DEPREZ
Scene Writer

Every six months or so a new band comes out that has been picked, produced and perfected by a record company using the standard pop formula. At first glance, OneRepublic seems just that—a band groomed for success. Upon further review, though, it's clear this band chose a different path—the MySpace music revolution. Google OneRepublic and the official Web site isn't even on the screen. You have to scroll down to find it. It operates from its MySpace page,

demonstrating how little record companies really need to do today.

OneRepublic has a story quite similar to that of another wildly successful band, The Fray. Like the Denver band we've come to love, OneRepublic began in Colorado when Ryan Tedder met up with one of his high school buddies and started the band in Colorado Springs. They moved to Los Angeles and began working with Timbaland, appearing on his album in a remix of their song "Apologize." They quickly began to dominate MySpace and have finally released a full album, "Dreaming Out Loud."

It's easy to blame OneRepublic for its formulaic sound, just like every other pop group today, but Tedder, the brain behind the band, has worked in

the business for years. He's written for artists like Hilary Duff and Natasha Bedingfield. Instead of blaming him for imitation, it might be time to give Tedder the recognition he deserves.

"Dreaming Out Loud" opens in epic fashion, as synthesized voices vaguely reminiscent of Gregorian chant flash back and forth. Curiosity is killed, though, when the radio mainstay thumpity-thump beat comes in, and from then on the album continues down Formula Road. If you are a fan of Jack's Mannequin, Maroon 5 and Coldplay, this album is yet another gem for the post-pop revolution. If you are searching for new music and a new sound, turn back now.

The first three songs are pleasant enough. The lyrics are applicable to anyone's situation, and the melodies are somewhat reminiscent of much of what's been done before. But then comes number four, "Apologize," and you realize this is the pop hit you've been jonesing for. It begins with intense strings,

then the back beat, and finally the piano riff that has rocketed this song to the Top 40 and has broken the record for most airplay ever. This song is doomed to be as ubiquitous as "Soulja Boy," so you'd better get used to it.

The rest of the album continues in similar fashion, with indulgent predictability oozing from every song. The one surprise is the track "All Fall Down," a seemingly simple song that can actually pass as poignant if separated from the other tracks. This is the song worthy of an indie film soundtrack, or the next episode of Grey's Anatomy.

Whether you love or hate the formula, it exists because it works. There is nothing new here, but nothing awful, either. The casual listener will be quite pleased with this album. OneRepublic will likely be everywhere, overcrowding morning talk shows and MTV, until the next New Band manages to recapture method music in 13 tracks or less.

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Dreaming Out Loud

OneRepublic

Released by: Interscope Records

Recommended Tracks:

"Apologize," "All Fall Down"



NHL

Predators beat Senators with last-minute goal

Osgood improves to 16-0 against Tampa Bay as Wings beat Lightning; Toronto ends losing streak with win over Atlanta

Associated Press

OTTAWA — J.P. Dumont and Martin Erat combined once again to give the Nashville Predators a spectacular fifth and final lead.

Erat scored with 22.2 seconds left to give Nashville a 6-5 victory over the slumping Ottawa Senators on Thursday night.

Dumont got his fourth point of the game on the play as he stripped the puck from Ottawa's Dean McAmmond and fed it to Erat, who beat Martin Gerber from the slot for his third point of the game.

Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson had drawn Ottawa even for the fourth time in the game just 23 seconds earlier with his 17th goal.

"There was no panic, actually," Dumont said. "All game long we tried to keep our composure on the bench and it worked pretty well for us tonight. Of course, if we do that too many nights, we're going to get burned. Tonight was just a big two points."

Ottawa has lost five straight games. After racing to a 15-2 mark, the Senators are 1-4-2 in their last seven games.

"It's tough, but that's part of the game," Alfredsson said. "Right now I think we're not playing great defensively and we're maybe too cautious at times instead of being a little bit more aggressive in our own end and getting rid of the puck a little bit too early because we just want to get it out. That's what happened on the last goal and that's what happens when

you're pressing a little bit. They made a great play."

Dumont assisted on first-period goals by defensemen Dan Hamhuis and Greg de Vries before he scored his seventh of the season late in the second to give Nashville its third straight one-goal lead.

After Dany Heatley's 13th goal drew Ottawa even for the third straight time 2:47 into the third, Ryan Suter answered 1:03 later with his third goal of season to put the Predators up 4-3.

Suter assisted on Martin Gelinas' third goal that gave the Predators a 5-3 margin at 8:39.

Senators center Jason Spezza made it a one-goal game once again 3 minutes later with his fourth goal at 11:39.

Joe Corvo and Antoine Vermette also scored for Ottawa, which also overcame 1-0, 2-1, and 3-2 deficits.

"It was very nerve-racking, from a coach's standpoint," Nashville coach Barry Trotz said. "You've got a two-goal lead in the third period, you've got to hang on to the game there."

Nashville backup goalie Dan Ellis survived the blown leads to maintain his perfect record with his fifth win in five starts.

"Their top line was gunning and so was ours," Ellis said. "Every single line seemed to not take the night off tonight and I think the fans got a great game and whoever was watching, I hope they enjoyed that one because that was NHL hockey."

Hamhuis scored his second

goal of the season on a power play 44 seconds in when he jumped on goalie Martin Gerber's fat rebound of Dumont's shot and put the puck into an open net.

Corvo tied it midway through the first when he moved along the blue line from the left side to the slot and drove a slap shot over Ellis' glove into the top of the net.

Red Wings 4, Lightning 2

The Detroit Red Wings played a game of keep away.

And while they had the puck, Jiri Hudler had a goal and an assist to help Detroit beat the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

Pavel Datsyuk, Tomas Kopecky and Dan Cleary also scored, and Chris Osgood made 21 saves for the NHL-leading Red Wings.

Brad Richards and Mathieu Darche scored for Tampa Bay, which lost its sixth straight. Marc Denis stopped 35 shots.

"This is a good team. Puck possession-wise, they killed us," Tampa Bay's Martin St. Louis said. "It's a tough way to play when you don't have the puck against a good team like that."

Hudler opened the scoring 3:24 into the game with his sixth goal, tipping in a pass from Chris Chelios. The Red Wings outshot the Lightning 17-1 in the first period. That's the fewest shots Tampa Bay has had in a period this season.

"They had the puck, we didn't for the first 20 minutes," Richards said.

Osgood had no problem with the inactivity.

"I didn't mind that," he said. "If they have only one shot, it's a pretty good chance they're not going to score in the period."

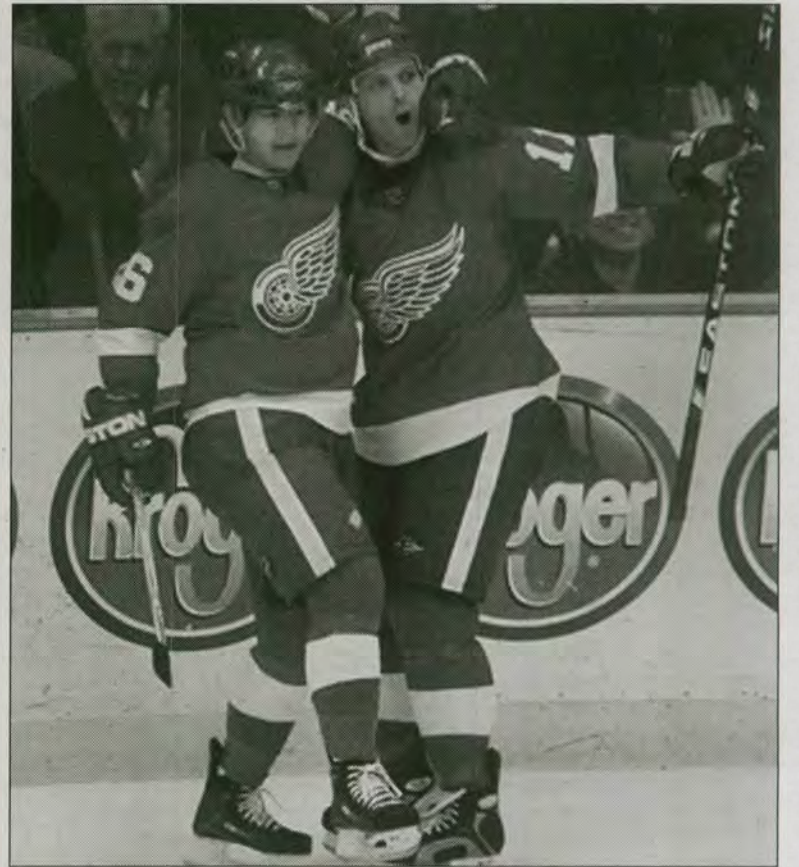
Osgood is 16-0 against Tampa Bay.

The Red Wings also held NHL scoring leader Vincent Lecavalier and St. Louis, who is in the top 15, pointless.

"They've got good players," Detroit coach Mike Babcock said. "You have to be disciplined and have great goaltending."

Datsyuk's power-play goal 4:04 into the second period made it 2-0. He put a rebound into an open net for his eighth goal of the season and fourth in three games.

Kopecky, who returned after missing three games with a sore shoulder, got his first goal



Detroit's Dan Cleary, right, and Jiri Hudler celebrate Cleary's goal during the Red Wings' 4-2 win over the Lightning Thursday.

of the season 7:39 into the middle period on a breakaway off the right wing. He made a fake on Denis and but a backhand shot just under the crossbar.

Richards put the Lightning on the board with 7:57 left in the period on a one-time shot from the left circle for his eighth goal.

Cleary added his eighth goal 2:05 into the third period when he shot in a rebound from the right circle.

"I thought our team played well," he said. "We got a lot of shots and we were physical."

Darche scored with 3:06 left.

Maple Leafs 4, Thrashers 2

Mats Sundin scored his 13th goal, and Nik Antropov had two assists to help the Toronto Maple Leafs end a four-game losing streak with a victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Thursday night.

Ilya Kovalchuk scored his NHL-leading 20th goal 16:20 into the second, breaking an offensive drought for Atlanta that lasted seven-plus periods and covered 166 minutes.

In losing their third straight, the Thrashers never really threatened Toronto, which scored four goals for the first time in 14 games.

Sundin, 26th in NHL history

with 536 goals, put the Leafs up 2-0 with a backhander from the left circle that beat goalie Johan Hedberg to the stick side.

Antropov earned his 13th assist on Andy Wozniewski's bizarre goal that opened the scoring with 5:50 left in the first. Wozniewski might want to credit Hedberg, who inadvertently knocked in the puck with the back of his left glove.

Regardless, Wozniewski raised his arms in triumph after watching his shot sail over the net, ricochet off the rear boards and bounce off the goalie. Hedberg was in the crease and facing forward with the back of his skates at the goal line when the puck went into the net.

Alex Steen's fourth goal gave the Leafs a 2-0 lead with 4 seconds left in the first and ended a personal 11-game scoring drought. Matt Stajan hadn't scored in his last 10 games before his fifth goal put Toronto ahead 4-1 with 13:56 remaining.

Tobias Enstrom's third goal for Atlanta, coming on the power play with 7:29 left in the game, made it 4-2.

Leafs goalie Vesa Toskala improved to 7-8-3 after stopping 18 of 20 shots. Hedberg made 21 saves.



Ottawa's Chris Kelly, right, checks Nashville's Dan Hemhuis during the Predators' 6-5 win over the Senators Thursday.

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	team	record	previous
1	North Carolina	5-0	1
2	UCLA	6-0	2
3	Memphis	5-0	3
4	Kansas	5-0	4
5	Georgetown	3-0	5
6	Washington St.	6-0	9
7	Duke	6-0	13
8	Texas	5-0	15
9	Texas A&M	6-0	16
10	Michigan State	4-1	10
11	Tennessee	5-1	7
12	Louisville	4-1	6
13	Marquette	4-1	11
14	Pittsburgh	5-0	17
15	Indiana	4-1	8
16	Buller	6-0	22
17	Oregon	5-1	12
18	Clemson	5-0	24
19	Gonzaga	5-1	14
20	Wisconsin	5-0	NR
21	BYU	5-1	NR
22	USC	5-1	NR
23	Xavier	4-1	NR
24	North Carolina St.	4-1	NR
25	Kansas St.	5-1	18

NCAA Women's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Tennessee	5-0	1
2	Connecticut	5-0	2
3	Maryland	8-0	3
4	North Carolina	7-0	5
5	Rutgers	3-1	7
6	Stanford	5-1	4
7	Georgia	6-0	8
8	LSU	4-2	6
9	Oklahoma	2-2	10
10	Baylor	5-0	13
11	Duke	5-1	9
12	California	4-1	12
13	Texas A&M	4-1	11
14	Arizona State	3-2	14
15	West Virginia	5-1	16
16	George Washington	5-1	17
17	DePaul	4-0	18
18	Auburn	6-0	24
19	Ohio State	5-1	1
20	Michigan State	5-1	19
21	Florida State	5-1	20
22	NOTRE DAME	4-1	23
23	Vanderbilt	5-1	25
24	Texas	4-2	21
25	Wyoming	4-0	NR

USA Today/AHM Men's Hockey Top 10

	team	record	previous
1	Miami	13-1-0	1
2	Michigan	13-1-0	2
3	Denver	9-3-0	3
4	Colorado College	8-4-0	4
5	Michigan State	8-3-2	6
6	New Hampshire	7-2-1	8
7	NOTRE DAME	12-4-0	9
8	North Dakota	6-4-1	5
9	Clarkson	10-4-0	7
10	St. Cloud State	7-3-2	11

NCAA FOOTBALL



LSU coach Les Miles gathers his team after its Sept. 22 victory over South Carolina. Michigan officials were recently granted permission to meet with Miles about their vacant head coaching position.

Michigan allowed to talk with LSU's Miles

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Michigan officials asked for and received permission from LSU to meet with Les Miles about the Wolverines' head football coaching vacancy.

LSU athletic director Skip Bertman granted the request on condition that Michigan representatives wait until after Saturday's Southeastern Conference championship game in Atlanta before starting negotiations, LSU spokesman Herb Vincent said.

Vincent said Bertman and LSU chancellor Sean O'Keefe also plan to meet with Miles next week to discuss his contract.

"We're trying to get the SEC championship game

behind us that's why we're scheduling these things for next week," Vincent said.

LSU was not prepared to make a statement about the extent to which the school was prepared to compete with Michigan's offer, should one be made, Vincent said.

"We're just looking forward to the game Saturday and that's the focus of the entire program right now, Saturday's game against Tennessee," Vincent said.

Miles, in his third season as LSU coach, went 11-2 his first two years. The Tigers are 10-2 this season and ranked fifth in The Associated Press poll.

Calls and e-mails seeking comment were left with Michigan athletic director Bill Martin on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Martin, who has not commented on the search since Lloyd Carr's announcement, interviewed Michigan coordinators Ron English and Mike DeBord earlier this week.

"We're not going to make any comments on the search," Michigan spokesman Bruce Madej said Wednesday night.

Miles seems to have everything college football's winningest program is looking for, including ties to the school and the late-great coach Bo Schembechler.

He played at Michigan and was on the coaching staff in Ann Arbor, Mich., where he met his wife.

Last week, though, Miles pleaded with the media to let the topic rest.

Even though Miles appears in a great situation

leading the Tigers in a talent-rich area without a competing school nearby, LSU was concerned enough about him bolting for Michigan that it put a specific clause in his contract to make it an expensive move.

In the "termination by coach" section of his deal, Michigan is the only other school mentioned. It states that Miles will not seek or accept employment as Michigan's coach. If Miles does leave LSU to coach the Wolverines, he must pay LSU \$1.25 million.

Martin has said he is looking for the next Carr, who led Michigan to the 1997 national championship and five Big Ten titles while keeping the school above even suspicions about NCAA violations.

IN BRIEF

Lakers and Jackson agree to contract extension

LOS ANGELES — Lakers coach Phil Jackson has agreed to terms of a two-year contract extension worth about \$24 million, putting him under contract through the 2009-10 season.

A person with knowledge of the situation, speaking on condition of anonymity because the Lakers hadn't made an announcement, confirmed the agreement.

Lakers spokesman John Black said Jackson will discuss his contract situation before Los Angeles hosts the Denver Nuggets on Thursday night.

Jackson's decision to return was first reported by the Los Angeles Times on its Web site.

The 62-year-old Jackson signed a five-year, \$30 million contract with the Lakers in June 1999, and coached them to three championships before they lost to San Antonio in the Western Conference semifinals in 2003.

Bonds book to become HBO movie

SAN FRANCISCO — HBO Films is planning to turn a best selling book about Barry Bonds' alleged steroid use and the federal government's wide-ranging probe into performance enhancing drug use in sports into a movie, one of the book's authors said Thursday.

Lance Williams, a reporter at the San Francisco Chronicle, said that Ron Shelton has been tapped to direct the flick and will co-write the script with "Tin Cup" partner John Norville once the Hollywood writers strike is settled.

The planned movie based on the book "Game of Shadows" was first reported Wednesday by Variety.

Williams co-wrote the book with sports writer Mark Fainuru-Wada, who recently left the Chronicle to join ESPN.

Jury awards \$5 million to Alabama booster

SCOTTSBORO, Ala. — A jury awarded \$5 million Thursday to a former University of Alabama football booster who claimed the NCAA defamed him when it imposed penalties on the Crimson Tide in 2002.

The jury awarded Ray Keller \$3 million in punitive damages, \$1 million for mental anguish, \$500,000 for economic loss and \$500,000 for damage to reputation.

Keller, a timber dealer and fan whom the university severed ties with because of the probe, argued that the NCAA slandered and libeled him during the announcement of penalties by referring to him and others as "rogue boosters," "parasites" and "pariahs."

The jury of nine women and three men deliberated an hour Wednesday and about five more Thursday before ruling against the NCAA.

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NFL

Favre injured as Cowboys claim top spot in NFC

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Tony Romo took a knee, sealing a playoff-clinching, record-setting victory over the team he grew up rooting for and the quarterback he's obviously patterned himself after. So when it was time for hugs and handshakes, the kid from Wisconsin went looking for Brett Favre.

He had to settle for Aaron Rodgers.

Favre was already in the locker room getting treated for a banged-up right elbow and a separated left shoulder. Besides, the graying icon already had seen enough from Romo and the Dallas Cowboys.

For all his denials about Favre's influence on him, Romo sure played a lot like a young No. 4 Thursday night — full of moxie and joy, but needing a bit of a high-wire act to send the Cowboys past the Green Bay Packers 37-27 and into the lead for home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

"When I got out to the field, (I realized) it was pretty neat, the atmosphere," Romo said. "I looked around and was like, 'This is why you want to play sports.' You want to play in games like this. Your competitive juices get flowing and you want to prove what kind of player you are."

Romo led Dallas to two field goals, then three touchdowns on his first five drives. He finished with four TD passes, giving the Cowboys (11-1) their sixth straight win and guaranteeing a spot in the playoffs.

They also have a leg up on avoiding a trip to Lambeau Field should these teams meet again in the NFC championship.

"We've got ourselves in the driver's seat," Dallas' Terrell Owens said. "Now we've got to stay there."

The Packers (10-2) ended a six-game winning streak and are now essentially two games behind Dallas in the chase for the conference's top spot with only four games left.

The bigger concern is Favre's health.

Favre was hurt on a hit by cornerback Nate Jones in the second quarter. His run of 249 consecutive starts — a record that's about six seasons longer than the next-best by a quarterback — might be in jeopardy, although he has 10 days to heal before the Packers play again, Dec. 9 at home against Oakland.

"I had a similar injury last year," Favre said. "I lost feeling in my fingers and I still have some tingling. But I think I'll be fine."

Rodgers, who spent the week pretending he was Romo in Green Bay practices, provided the kind of rally Favre usually specializes in,

even throwing the first touchdown pass of his three-year career. But he's no Brett Favre, so this comeback came up short.

Romo was 19-of-30 for 309 yards. He's up to 33 TD passes, smashing the club season record. He tied another club mark by throwing a touchdown in his 16th straight game.

Owens caught seven passes for 156 yards and a touchdown. He tied a team record with his 14th TD catch of the season and tied another mark with a TD catch in seven straight games. Patrick Crayton caught two of the touchdowns and Anthony Fasano the other.

Dallas also extended the best start in franchise history. With four games left, the Cowboys already have their most wins in a season since going 12-4 in 1995, their last Super Bowl season, and they're two wins from matching the franchise record.

"It's pretty amazing to break any record with all the glory this team has had," first-year coach Wade Phillips said.

The Packers are still in great shape for at least the No. 2 seed and a first-round bye because their next three opponents have losing records. And the idea of starting Rodgers next week may no longer be as dreadful to fans who have wondered if he was a wasted draft pick. In the most extended action of his career, he was 18-of-26 for 201 yards and a touchdown with no turnovers.

"I thought he played great," Favre said. "He gave us a chance to win."

Favre was 5-of-14 for 56 yards with two interceptions, one that looked like a punt and another on the play he was injured. At least two other heaves could have been picked off. The Packers' only touchdown during his action came on a 62-yard run by Ryan Grant.

It's a shame most of the country missed seeing this game because it sure was worthy of a bigger audience than the NFL Network can provide.

There were historic teams and star players, dramatic plays and bizarre ones — like T.O. juggling a potential back-breaking touchdown, letting it turn into an interception that could have let Green Bay take the lead. And, of course, there was the Romo-Favre storyline, which got rolling when they smiled and laughed through a chat on the field about 1 1/2 hours before kickoff.

What did they say? "Exchanging recipes and stuff," Romo said. "Guy talk. I don't know. We just talked about hunting or something. I told him NFL Network was going to have a heart attack if I didn't come over and say hi. They were running out of film waiting for it."



Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens celebrates with popcorn following a touchdown catch in Dallas' 37-27 win over Green Bay Thursday.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Oregon downs KSU in OT

Leunen has double-double, Tayler scores 18 points in second half

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Oregon had never, in its 105-year history, been in this position: on the road, facing a ranked opponent outside its conference.

Overwhelming? Maybe at first. Then the Ducks got over it.

Bryce Taylor scored 11 of his 18 points after halftime, and Maarty Leunen had 14 points and 14 rebounds to help No. 17 Oregon rally from a shaky start then hold off No. 25 Kansas State 80-77 in overtime Thursday night.

"It was all about confidence," Oregon coach Ernie Kent said. "I didn't think we were playing with much confidence in the first half. We just talked about being free, just go out and play, have fun. This is a great environment, it's a nationally televised game, so just go have fun and enjoy the game."

The Ducks sure did, though only after getting caught up in the moment.

Facing a ranked nonconference opponent for the first time in five years, Oregon (6-1) came out flat, missing open shots — 3-for-15 from 3-point range in the first half — and struggling defensively as Kansas State rode the momentum of a raucous crowd to jump to an early lead.

But the Ducks settled down late in the half, hit some big shots down the stretch in regulation, then finished it off by over-

powering the Wildcats in overtime.

Joevan Catron had 15 points and Tajuan Porter added 14 for Oregon, still trying to find its identity with Aaron Brooks, last year's leading scorer, playing in the NBA.

"It just turned out to be a great road win for us because this is a team that's still in transition, trying to find which man or men is going to be that Aaron Brooks," Kent said.

Oregon wasn't the only one in unfamiliar territory.

Kansas State (5-2) hadn't faced a ranked nonconference opponent at home since 2000, and Manhattan hadn't seen two ranked teams on the same court since No. 1 Missouri beat 14th-ranked Kansas State by one in 1982.

The Wildcats, ranked this year for the first time since 1993, didn't seem bothered by the new environment, slowing down the high-scoring Ducks to take an early 10-point lead. But Kansas State struggled from the perimeter — 8-for-27 from 3-point range — and missed four free throws in overtime, finishing 5-of-12 from the line.

The difference, though, was

experience. While Oregon has four of its five starters back from last season, Kansas State starts three freshmen. The Wildcats were fine early, when things were going well, but made some mistakes late that cost them a chance at what would have been their biggest win of the season.

"There's a reason why IBM doesn't go out and hire 18-year-old high school graduates," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said. "They go out and hire guys that graduated from college, and there's a reason for that."

The first mistake came at the end of regulation.

Freshman Michael Beasley, who led Kansas State with 24 points and 14 rebounds, had just given the Wildcats a 71-70 lead by scoring on a hard post move with 26 seconds left. Needing a defensive stop, Kansas State instead gave up three offensive rebounds to Leunen, who was fouled and made one free throw with 6 seconds left to tie it.

The Wildcats had a chance despite the missed free throws in overtime, trailing by three and the ball in Andre Gilbert's hands. But instead of pulling up for a 3-pointer,

Gilbert, who finished with 16 points, started driving to the basket.

The crowd screamed and Gilbert tried to kick the ball out, but not in time to get off a shot.

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Ernie Kent
Oregon coach

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Oregon coach

NCAA FOOTBALL

Louisville wins with late-game field goal

Bolen rushes for 117 yards and 2 touchdowns

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Art Carmody filled the one hole in his resume just in time to salvage Louisville's disappointing season.

The record-setting kicker drilled a 33-yard field goal with 20 seconds left to lift the Cardinals to a 41-38 victory over stunned Rutgers on Thursday, upstaging the going away party of hometown kid Brian Brohm.

"I couldn't ask for a better ending," Carmody said. "One of my goals when I came here was kicking a game-winning field goal. I had to come down to the last quarter, the last play."

The senior, who set an NCAA record for career points by a kicker, had never made one like this during his career. He went out in style though, calmly drilling the ball through the uprights.

Carmody finished his career with 433 points, breaking the old record held by Houston's Roman Anderson, who had 423 points for the Cougars from 1988-91.

Carmody's feat wouldn't have been possible without Brohm, who threw for 237 yards, including a 46-yard strike to Harry Douglas to put Carmody in range to win it.

"We just wanted to send everybody out the right way," said Brohm, who threw for a touchdown and ran for another. "We talked about regaining Papa John's, the 20-game home winning streak, all the excitement that was in the stadium. We wanted to get it back one last time."

The Cardinals (6-6, 3-4 Big East) got it back with a stun-

ning comeback from 18 points down in the second half, one that was similar to the rally Rutgers (7-5, 3-4) put together to upset the Cardinals last year.

Louisville was ranked No. 3 last season when it went to Rutgers, and had just knocked off West Virginia. But the Cardinals let an 18-point lead slip away, ruining their shot at a perfect season.

The Cardinals have been far from perfect this year, but Brohm and couple of late stands by one of the nation's worst defenses left Louisville with remote hopes for a bowl bid.

"A fitting end to the way the season went," said Louisville coach Steve Kragthorpe. "We never seemed to be able to make a play through the season to put us over the top, but we did that tonight."

Brohm and Carmody had plenty of help. Brock Bolen ran for 117 yards and two touchdowns and Bilal Powell added 91 yards as the Cardinals offset a fierce Rutgers pass rush by running quick-hit plays right by the blitzing Scarlet Knights.

Ray Rice ran for 120 yards and three scores for Rutgers. Mike Teel threw for 265 yards and two touchdowns to Kenny Britt, but Rutgers couldn't find a way to stop Brohm and the Cardinals in the second half.

"You have a quarterback like Brian Brohm and you have those receivers, at no point is it ever out of reach for those guys," said Rutgers coach Greg Schiano. "In the second half, we just never really had a feel. I was a step behind, it felt like."

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NHL

Luongo's shutout streak intact in Canucks win

Goalie has not allowed a score in 193 minutes

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Roberto Luongo wasn't focused on any shutout records, but his teammates certainly were.

Luongo made 26 saves for his third straight shutout, setting personal and franchise records while leading the Vancouver Canucks to a 2-0 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Thursday night. Luongo, who began the streak against Chicago and Anaheim, hasn't allowed a goal in 193 minutes, 56 seconds.

"It's nice, but I think right now we've got to look at the way we're winning games and the type of hockey we're playing and I think the whole group should feel good about themselves," said Luongo, insisting his play is a result of vastly improved team defense through the month of November.

"You just got to make sure you're on top of your game and challenging. It helps to know the guys are doing a good job taking away backdoors and slot rebounds and plays and stuff like that. It gives an opportunity to challenge a bit more."

He got some help from Brendan Morrison, who swept a dangerous loose puck away from the goal line with 17 seconds left, but Luongo was on his own for stretches while making 15 saves in the second period.

With the exception of robbing Sergei Fedorov in alone 5 minutes in, Luongo made his best saves late in the second. He made point-blank stops off Michael Peca and David Vyborny, and deflection saves off Dan Fritsche in a late flurry late, before setting both records in the third with six saves — and more help from teammates.

"Absolutely," said captain Markus Naslund when asked if the focus in the third was getting Luongo the shutout records. "He's the backbone. He's our leader and it's great to see him get that kind of recognition. I don't think we had a strong second period, but Louie was sick again back there and he just keep amazing me."

Defensemen Mattias Ohlund and Lukas Krajicek scored for the Canucks, who after losing the

first game in November — and losing top defenders Kevin Bieksa and Sami Salo to serious injuries the same night — finished the month on a 9-1-2 run.

Luongo is 8-1-2 in that same stretch with a 1.43 goals-against average, a 94.7 save percentage, and all four of his shutouts this season.

"We all know what he means to our team," coach Alain Vigneault said. "In the third, our guys I think understood what was at stake and they buckled down. We're playing well defensively but when we're not — the first period against Anaheim [also 15 saves] and second period tonight — the goalie is real good."

Fredrik Norrena, starting while Pascal Leclaire recovers from a slight hamstring pull, made 19 saves as the Blue Jackets fell to 4-7-2 on the road.

"I told the players at the start of the game if you're going to beat a goalie like him you have to outwork him and we went soft on three obvious goals," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We didn't put it through the back

of the net. He came back and made the save and that's the difference in the game. You're going to have to outwork a goaltender when he's in a zone like he is right now."

Luongo, who had consecutive shutouts three times with Florida, passed his personal best of 182:37, set with the Panthers in 2004, in the third period. He then eclipsed a 32-year-old franchise record of 184:20, moving past Ken Lockett, a backup who played 55 games over two seasons and set the mark in April 1975.

"I'm feeling the same as game No. 1. I'm going to repeat it for the 20th time this year," said Luongo, runner-up for the Hart and Vezina trophies last season. "But sometimes you get the bounces and the score is more indicative of your play and sometimes you get a couple mishaps and the score is not the same."

Ohlund got credit for the opening goal 4:05 into the second period after his cross-ice pass banked off the back of the skate of Columbus defenseman Adam Foote and past a helpless Norrena.

"You've just got to make sure you're on top of your game and challenging."

Roberto Luongo
Canucks goalie

NBA

Warriors beat Yao, Rockets



Rockets guard Tracy McGrady jumps for a layup past Warriors guard Andres Biedrins during Golden State's 113-94 win over Houston Thursday. McGrady had 11 points on 5-of-14 shootings.

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Al Harrington gives up 9 inches and 60 pounds to Yao Ming. Yet by using his quickness to front and harass the 7-foot-6 Yao, Harrington is somehow able to shut down Houston's All-Star center.

Harrington outplayed Yao for a second straight meeting, shutting him down at one end and scoring 18 points on the other to help the Golden State Warriors beat the Rockets 113-94 on Thursday night for their eighth win in nine games after an 0-6 start.

Yao shot 4-for-12 and had five turnovers, finishing with a season-low 10 points. Andris Biedrins started the game guarding Yao but coach Don Nelson quickly changed to Harrington. In two games against the Warriors since Harrington joined the team last season, Yao has only 19 points on 6-of-16 shooting.

"I definitely do not own Yao Ming. If I play behind him, he will kill me," Harrington said, crediting his teammates for their help defensively.

"He still had opportunities to make some baskets but I think by the time he got it he was tired by being hit and fronted all the time. We did a good job of wearing him down."

Baron Davis led the way with 27 points and eight assists and

Stephen Jackson added 19 points for the Warriors (8-7), who became the fastest team in NBA history to post a winning record after losing its first six games. Cleveland took 23 games to do it in 1995-96.

Jackson's return from a season-opening seven-game suspension has played a big part in the resurgence, as the Warriors defense has stiffened up since getting their stopper back.

"It definitely feels good," Jackson said. "It was hard work. We want to continue to stay above .500. We don't want to go on another slide where we lose six in a row."

Nelson gave the credit for this win to Harrington, who pulled Yao away from the basket on the offensive end by making four of five 3-pointers and frustrated him on the defensive end.

"Yao is not able to guard Harrington yet we could guard him at the other end by some techniques that were successful tonight," Nelson said. "Al did a marvelous job. If anybody gets the game ball tonight, I think it's Al. He did such a great job on Yao with his

fronting and then he made his shots and just made it a miserable night for Yao. That doesn't happen very often."

Golden State even held its own on the boards against the taller Rockets, outrebounding them 45-41. Ellis and Biedrins led the way with 10 boards apiece. Houston had outrebounded its last three opponents by at least 10 each game.

After the teams traded runs in the first half, Golden State opened the game up early in the third quarter. Barnes hit a 3-pointer, a driving layup and fed Ellis on an alley-oop during a 15-2 run that gave the Warriors a 74-55 lead midway through the third.

Ellis had six points during the spurt, capping it with the alley-oop and a fast-break basket off a feed from Davis. Ellis finished with 18. The Rockets never got the deficit into single digits after that.

Reserve Mike James led Houston with 19 points. Tracy McGrady was held to 11 points on 5-of-14 shooting. The Rockets, who had won three straight, missed 13 of 30 free throws, including a 1-for-5 performance by Steve Francis.

"I definitely do not own Yao Ming. If I play behind him, he will kill me."

Al Harrington
Warriors forward

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Jagodzinski prepares for ACC championship

Associated Press

BOSTON — He says it with a laugh, but there's a look in Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski's eye that shows he can get serious when he needs to.

"I can snap," he said, kicking his head back with a chuckle that dares you to disagree.

"I like to kick [butt]. Just because we're loose doesn't mean we're not disciplined," Jagodzinski said this week as he prepared the Eagles to play Virginia Tech in Saturday's Atlantic Coast Conference championship game. "But I don't think you can play competitive sports if you're tight."

"I want the kids to have fun playing college football. If it's a constant beat-down, who'd want to be a part of that?" he said.

"I sure don't." No. 12 Boston College is winning and having fun doing it under coach Jags, the former Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator in his first head coaching job. The Eagles have won 10 regular-season games for the second time in school history, and they're playing for a title in a conference they joined just three seasons ago.

They owe a lot of their success to quarterback Matt Ryan, the ACC player of the year, and a steady core of seniors who didn't need to regroup after coach Tom O'Brien defected to North Carolina State. But credit also goes to Jagodzinski and the way he has balanced fun and fundamentals with a team that needed both.

"He can talk with them, he can laugh with them, he can joke with them," athletic director Gene DeFilippo said. "But I'd hate to have him after me if he's angry, because he's got a real tough side, too, like all head coaches have to."

Jagodzinski doesn't coach like he came from the old school. Instead, he quotes movies like "Old School," the Will Ferrell farce more popular with his players than, it's safe to say, it was with O'Brien.

A Navy product, O'Brien brought discipline to the program after a 1996 gambling scandal forced BC to overhaul its athletic department. He led the Eagles to eight straight bowl games, including wins in the last six — the longest such streak in the nation.

But when he left for N.C. State, DeFilippo put a different face on the program.

And this one smiles. "You have to coach to your personality," DeFilippo said. "If you try anything else, people will see through it. Jags is coaching to his personality: You work hard, you work smart, you work together as a team and you have fun. His enthusiasm is infectious. He just leads that way."

Receiver Rich Gunnell said the change in style surprised some players when they first met him last winter.

"We're all sitting back, we didn't know what to do. We didn't know whether to laugh with him or not," Gunnell said. "But we all figured it out, his philosophy and his way of doing things."

SMC SWIMMING

Belles swim in DePauw meet

Team feels week of rest before race will help swimmers be fresh

By PETER REISENAUR
Sports Writer

After a week off, Saint Mary's hopes it doesn't lose the momentum it has gained this season when it travels to Greencastle, Ind., for the DePauw Invitational.

Saint Mary's has fared well this season, posting a 4-1 record in dual meets.

Captain Melissa Gerbeth hopes her team will be able to finish in the top four or five this weekend.

"We have been doing a mini-taper this week and took

weights off, so hopefully we are well rested and ready for some fast swims this weekend," Gerbeth said.

The Belles believe the taper — their first break before a meet this year — will give them a nice rest and a chance to have the best times of the season.

Gerbeth said she knows each swimmer will be important as every swimmer is eligible to swim for the weekend, and she hopes everyone can help contribute to further success.

"Every swimmer is critical,

since it is an invitational we can put as many swimmers as needed in each event and points are given up to the 16th place, so hopefully every swimmer on the team will make an impact," Gerbeth said.

The teams participating in the Invitational include Alma, DePauw, Illinois Wesleyan, Monmouth, Olivet, Rhodes, Rose-Hulman, Transylvania and Wittenberg.

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Melissa Gerbeth
Belles swimmer

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NFL

Garrard gives Jags 'clarity'

Quarterback's performance exceeds preseason expectations

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — When Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio turned his offense over to David Garrard a week before the season opener, he expected the longtime backup to step up.

He never envisioned this, though.

Garrard has a higher passer rating than Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning. It's not even close, either.

Garrard has given the Jaguars (8-3) something few NFL teams enjoy: "clarity" at the quarterback position.

No questions. No controversies. Not even the slightest hint of a concern.

"I'm very pleased to see where he is now and have the idea that he's going to continue to get better," Del Rio said Wednesday. "I really believe that. I think he'll continue to improve as a quarterback and as a leader of this team."

Garrard already has made huge strides.

He ranks fourth in the NFL in passer rating, trailing only Tom Brady, Ben Roethlisberger and Tony R o m o .

Garrard is even better than Brady on third down, completing 72 percent of his passes for 538 yards, six touchdowns and an NFL-best 127.6 rating.

"There's a difference in knowing that you've got a key position here and in knowing that this is your team. This is David's team," receiver Ernest Wilford said. "He's stepped up to the challenge and he's come up big in big situations. He's gained confidence, he's become more mature and he's become a big-time leader."

Garrard, 6-2 as a starter this season, has completed 65

percent of his passes for 1,626 yards, with nine touchdowns and no interceptions.

Although his statistics aren't gaudy, they include exactly what the ball-control, defensive-minded Jaguars want from their quarterback: few turnovers. Garrard has just one all season, a fumble following a sack in Week 2.

Garrard has thrown 209 times without turning it over.

Miami's John Beck (two starts) and Tennessee's Kerry Collins (one start) are the only other starters in the league without an interception.

"I've been lucky," said Garrard, who missed three games because of a sprained left ankle. "But there's been a couple of games where there wasn't any chance of having any interceptions."

Those games are becoming more common for the sixth-year pro who broke several passing records at East Carolina before Jacksonville drafted him in the fourth round in 2002.

Garrard was supposed to be the team's quarterback of the future, waiting his turn while learning from Mark Brunell. But Garrard's path took a turn when first-year coach Del Rio chose Byron Leftwich with the seventh overall pick in 2003.

Garrard spent the next four years in and out of the starting lineup, filling in for Leftwich and playing well at times, but never doing enough to supplant him.

Garrard, however, improved significantly this summer —

Del Rio compared him to a fastball pitcher who learned he could be more accurate by taking a little bit off — and it really showed in training camp and the preseason.

He outplayed Leftwich, prompting Del Rio to make the surprising move to release his four-year starter and go with Garrard.

It was a bold move, especially since it left the Jaguars with just one experienced QB, but it has turned out to be one of Del Rio's defining decisions.

Garrard has Jacksonville in the postseason picture. And with a victory Sunday at Indianapolis (9-2), the Jags would be tied with the Colts for the lead in the AFC South.

"David has taken a step as a young quarterback and has shown that he can lead this football team," Del Rio said. "The guys are gaining confidence in him, he's gaining confidence in himself and that's good for our football team to have the clarity that we have. ... David is our man."

And he's been more efficient than Manning, who has 19 touchdown passes, 12 interceptions and an 89.4 passer rating. Garrard is even hearing talk about possibly making it to the Pro Bowl.

"It's pretty cool," Garrard said. "All of that can go right by the wayside if you start losing ballgames and they add up and you miss the playoffs."

"I'd like to hear somebody continue talking about the Pro Bowl. It's cool, but I can't worry about that stuff. I can't dwell on it. I can only enjoy the moment, enjoy the fact that I'm playing well enough that they are talking about me like that."

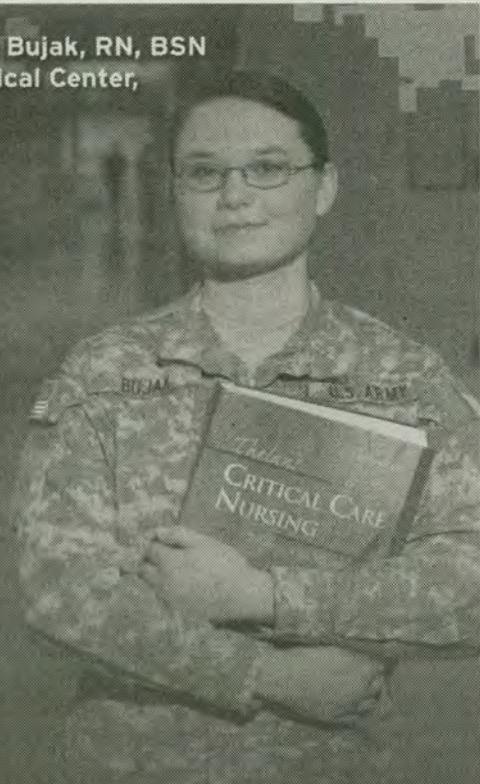
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ND MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish prepare for OSU meet

Team looks for continued success after win over Cleveland State

By ELLYN MICHALAK
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The swimming season has not yet reached its one-third point, but Notre Dame is preparing for one of its biggest regular-season meets — the Ohio State Invitational.

"The Ohio State meet will be a measure of our progress this semester," Irish coach Tim Welsh said.

The meet, which begins today and continues through Sunday, includes some of the top teams in the nation, like No. 13 Ohio State and No. 10 Minnesota. The diving team will have additional competition in Alabama, Arizona State, Arkansas, Miami and No. 12 Purdue.

"We hope to swim the fastest we've swam all semester at this meet," Welsh said. "We're hoping for a lot of good things to

come out of this meet."

Notre Dame (3-3) is fresh off a 171-124 win over Cleveland State. The Irish now have a 24-10 series record against the Vikings, with a record of 21-2 under Welsh.

"We enjoyed the win a lot. Cleveland State helped us prepare for this meet, and it was a good opportunity for our team," Welsh said. "A lot of our guys swam in races they haven't swam in before and now they

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Tim Welsh
Irish coach

will get a chance to swim in them again this weekend."

The Irish captured wins in several races against the Vikings. The 200-yard medley relay team of junior Jeff Wood, sophomore Ross Moore,

junior Sam Pendergast and sophomore John Lytle took first place in the first race with a time of 132.75. Lytle also cap-

tured the gold in the 50 freestyle, while freshman Michael Sullivan earned first place in both the 500 and 1,000 freestyle.

Notre Dame also dominated the diving events. In the 3-meter board, Irish junior Michael Bullfin took first place with a score of 347.30. He was followed by senior teammates Sam Stoner and Steven Crowe, who each earned 321.08 and 302.55 points, respectively, on the 3-meter board.

The Irish also took the top four spots in the 1-meter diving event. Stoner placed first with a score of 312.30, while freshman Eric Lex (311.78) took second. Bullfin (310.92) and Crowe (302.55) took third and fourth place in the event.

While the Irish gained experience from the meet against Ohio State, the week's practices have been devoted entirely to building speed in the pool.

"We're trying to brush up on fine points of how we get our races started," Welsh said.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Slaton excited despite reduced offensive role

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A season that began with Heisman Trophy expectations for Steve Slaton could still end up with the West Virginia running back playing for a national title.

That would be just fine with him.

"As long as you're winning, that's the only thing that really matters," Slaton said, repeating his season-long mantra. "A lot of guys that are here aren't big-star guys."

Slaton hasn't consistently been the feature back like he was last season, when he set a school record with 1,744 yards rushing and earned All-American honors. Instead, he's split carries with quarterback Pat White, fullback Owen Schmitt and a pair of freshmen.

But after yielding personal success to that of the team, the 100th Backyard Brawl against Pittsburgh on Saturday gives Slaton a chance to finish strong.

He still surpassed 1,000 yards rushing last week and is one of the big reasons why the second-ranked Mountaineers

(10-1, 5-1 Big East) are one win away from a trip to New Orleans for the BCS national championship game.

"It's easy to get fired up for this," said Slaton, who has averaged 200 yards on the ground and scored seven times against Pittsburgh (4-7, 2-4) in two blowout wins. "It's a rivalry game and I know what it means to the coaches and fans."

"A lot of our fans are going to be here and a lot of their fans are going to want to get in. There are going to be some fans just around the stadium. It will be pretty loud."

Several times there have been tremendous expectations at West Virginia, only to be followed by bitter disappointments.

The Mountaineers went 11-0 during the 1988 regular season and rose to No. 3 before losing to top-ranked Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. Their last trip to New Orleans came after an unbeaten 1993 regular season, when they were embarrassed by Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

The Mountaineers had solid running games in those years, too.

West Virginia is averaging 310 yards per game on the ground this season, even without a significant contribution lately from Slaton. He started with four straight 100-yard efforts but has only two in his past seven starts.

Despite being healthy, Slaton has 44 fewer carries at the same point in the season and isn't even in the top 40 in the country in yards rushing. He has nine career games of more than 150 yards but none this season.

He'll have just the third-highest rushing total in the Backyard Bowl, behind Pitt freshman LeSean McCoy with 1,180 yards and White's 1,144 yards.

None of that fazes coach Rich Rodriguez, who believes Slaton is becoming a more complete player.

He's the team's second-leading receiver with 24 catches for 339 yards, and when he isn't carrying the ball he's a great decoy for White, who like Slaton a year ago has emerged as a Heisman candidate with a

penchant for pummeling Pittsburgh on the ground.

Last week against Connecticut, Slaton delivered several crushing blocks that helped spring freshman Noel Devine for 118 yards.

"That just goes to show the unselfishness of a Steve Slaton," Rodriguez said. "His blocks were huge."

Even though defenses are jamming the trenches and challenging West Virginia's reshuffled offensive line, Slaton has still managed 5.2 yards per carry and 95 yards per game. His 17 touchdowns rushing matches his total from 2005 and surpasses last season by one.

He can add to his school-record 50 career touchdowns rushing against a Pittsburgh defense that has surrendered an average of 444 yards rushing and six TDs to the Mountaineers in the past two seasons.

Seemingly the perfect tonic for Slaton, even if he is more concerned about punching a ticket to New Orleans than the numbers.

"As long as you're winning, that's the only thing that matters"

Steve Slaton
Mountaineers tailback

NHL

Chara leads Boston to win

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Zdeno Chara came up big at both ends of the ice.

The 6-foot-9 defenseman scored two goals and kept Florida's leading scorer Olli Jokinen mostly in check to lead the Boston Bruins to a 4-3 victory Thursday night.

Boston won for the sixth time in eight games, and broke a six-game losing streak to the Panthers dating to Nov. 3, 2005.

Glen Metropolit and Phil Kessel added goals, and Tim Thomas stopped 32 shots.

Steve Montador, David Booth and Jokinen scored for Florida, and Craig Anderson made 34 saves in his first start since Nov. 13 at Atlanta.

"We outplayed them and deserved to get the win,"

Thomas said. "Jokinen is one of the best forwards in the league and 'Z' was able to frustrate him most of the night."

The loss snapped Florida's winning streak at a season-best four games and prevented the Panthers from breaking the .500 mark for the first time this season.

"As a forward you have to make yourself available and find a way to get pucks," Jokinen said. "That was a big problem for us tonight. We couldn't get out of our end of the zone."

Florida, coming off a 2-1 shootout victory Wednesday night in Washington, started slow and was outshot 17-6 in the first period.

"Traveling and playing the night before we wanted to keep it simple," Montador said. "You could say that's the reason we

didn't come strong in the first period. That's the only thing we can look to right now to define that first period. We started to battle back but it was too late."

Booth's wrist shot at 17:41 of the third made the score 4-2, and Jokinen took a pass from Nathan Horton in front and pushed the puck past Thomas at 19:30.

"We're happy with the win but not satisfied with the ending," Chara said.

Boston stretched its lead to 3-1 on Chara's second power-play goal of the game at 16:24 of the second. His shot from just inside the blue line went between Anderson's pads.

Kessel's goal at 4:57 of the third pushed Boston's advantage to 4-1. His shot from the top of the right circle went over Anderson's high stick side into the net.

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As a team, Michigan hits 36 percent of its 3-point attempts. Against Cincinnati, Michigan made 11 of 29 attempts from behind the arc. McGraw said the Irish, who have struggled to defend the 3-pointer, must work hard to slow the perimeter attack.

"We've got to identify where they are," McGraw said. "They are running a motion offense and set a lot of screens. We've got to have good communication."

In order to keep confidence in check on a team that has won four of its six games by 30 points or more, McGraw said, she has pointed out problem areas during film study.

"I keep telling them when we watch film from other games, 'This isn't going to be good enough against Michigan,'" McGraw said. "They've been receptive at how to improve."

McGraw expressed disappointment in her team's free-throw shooting after Notre Dame's win over Canisius. Notre Dame, which shot 76 percent from the line last season, has shot only 65 percent so far this season.

The Irish have excelled on defense and in transition. They force an average of 24 turnovers per game — 12 more than they commit. They routinely intercept passes, and the size of centers Melissa D'Amico and Erica Williamson



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Irish guard Tulyah Gaines trips over a defender in Notre Dame's 78-59 win over Western Kentucky on Nov. 13.

— both 6-foot-5 — provides many shot-block opportunities. Freshman forward Devereaux Peters, while only 6-foot-2, has a knack for rejecting the ball and averages 2.6 blocks per game. Notre Dame has four players with double-figure steals — and a team average of 12.7 per game.

The season has been one of offensive explosion for the Irish. They average 85 points a game and have three players — guards Ashley Barlow, Charel Allen and Lindsay Schrader — who average double-figure points.

But the Irish can't plan on repeating their averages

against the Wolverines.

"I don't expect to score as many as we've been scoring when we get into the stronger part of the schedule, which is right now," McGraw said. "We're capable of scoring points, certainly, but we only had 59 against Maryland. We don't want to try to outscore teams, we want to play good defense."

Notes:

♦ The Ticket Office has sold more than 10,000 tickets for Sunday's game. Fewer than 500 tickets are still available.

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Sweet 16

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stands in Notre Dame's way after the Broncos defeated UCLA 3-1 Wednesday at home. Such a decisive result has been the norm this season for Santa Clara (16-1-4), which holds an 18-game winning streak heading into Saturday's match.

The Broncos only defeat in 2007 came all the way back on Sept. 7, when they fell 2-1 to Brown — who is the No. 6 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame will be going up against a stiff Santa Clara defense. The Broncos have allowed only 0.63 goals per contest. Santa Clara has shut out nine opponents, and its defense has more than one goal only twice.

Luckily for the Irish, they have Joseph Lapira.

The reigning Hermann Trophy winner is the Notre Dame record holder for goals in the NCAA Tournament with five. Lapira was on his game against Oakland, scoring a goal and notching an assist.

"Hopefully, he keeps it

going," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Hopefully, he has a few more in his bag."

Lapira isn't the only player who stepped up against Oakland.

Fellow seniors Alex Yoshinaga and Ryan Miller made significant contributions. Yoshinaga tallied the first goal, and Miller assisted on Lapira's score. Clark recognizes the importance of this group's leadership for his team in the N C A A Tournament.

"[This group of seniors] worked awful hard from the minute we lost last year at Virginia. This is the culmination of their work, and hopefully we can push this thing a little farther."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

"This group of seniors really want it," Clark said. "They've worked awful hard from the minute we lost last year at Virginia. This is the culmination of their work, and hopefully we can push this thing a little further."

Should Notre Dame defeat Santa Clara Saturday, it would advance to play the winner of the match between West Virginia and Wake Forest. A win by the Mountaineers would give the Irish one final home game; a Demon Deacons victory would mean Notre Dame's path runs through Winston-Salem, N.C.

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NBA

Pierce, Celtics annihilate disarrayed Knicks

Associated Press

BOSTON — The New York Knicks' brief winning streak is history, and the Boston Celtics nearly made history ending it.

The Celtics cruised to their biggest victory since Larry Bird was in high school, beating New York 104-59 on Thursday night to send the Knicks to their third-worst loss and their second-worst scoring performance of the shot-clock era.

"Of course I am embarrassed. We lost by nearly 50 points," Knicks guard Stephon Marbury said. "I'm angry. I'm always angry when I lose, but that was just flat-out embarrassing. To lose that bad was just ridiculous."

It was the sixth-biggest win in Celtics history and the biggest since a 153-107 victory over the Baltimore Bullets in 1970 — five NBA titles ago.

Only Nate Robinson's 37-foot 3-

pointer at the final buzzer saved the Knicks from scoring the fewest points in franchise history. That might not be enough to save coach Isiah Thomas from getting fired: He was all-but-gone during an eight-game losing streak before earning a reprieve with two straight wins.

Now the Knicks are embarrassing themselves again.

"We take two steps forward and one giant step back," Thomas said. "I don't know where this game came from. I thought we played extremely selfish tonight ... Definitely didn't see this type of game coming after the last two games we played. This was just not a good night."

And, unlike the Boston area's NFL team, the Celtics didn't even try to run up the score.

Kevin Garnett played just 22 minutes, scoring eight points before leaving the game midway through the third quarter with

Boston ahead 69-34. Paul Pierce and Ray Allen also sat out the fourth quarter and played 29 minutes apiece.

"I can't even remember having that much rest," Garnett said. "It's good, because we have back-to-back games. Rest is important at this time."

Rajon Rondo dribbled out 24 of the final 26 seconds, turning the ball over on purpose rather than go for a 50-point win. Robinson followed with long jumper off the inbound pass to save the Knicks from their lowest-scoring game in the shot clock era.

The exchange kept Boston from threatening its biggest-ever win, a 153-102 victory over Philadelphia on March 7, 1962.

"I'm never great in math," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "So I couldn't figure out if we were up by 30. I wasn't even paying a lot of attention to it. But I knew we were playing well and, obviously, I looked."



Celtics forwards Kevin Garnett, left, and Paul Pierce celebrate during Boston's 104-59 win over New York Thursday.



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ting open and then let them play.

"It's a fun way to play," Hillesland said, "Being a basketball player making basketball plays is fun."

The strategy has had mixed results. In their four wins this season, the Irish are averaging almost 85 points. But in Notre Dame's two losses, to Baylor and Georgia Tech in the Paradise Jam tournament two weeks ago, it averaged only 67.5 points.

Still, senior forward Rob Kurz said the Irish are better than they were in the Virgin Islands.

"We've improved the past two games and we have to keep improving on the things that we didn't do well in the Virgin Islands," he said.

As the season goes on, Hillesland said, the Irish will continue to jell and the offense will get more consistent — especially late in close games, against stiffer competition.

"It's a matter of getting experience as a group," he said. "It's a matter of finding what we're looking for down the stretch and getting good shots."

Notre Dame's wide-open offense will get another test Saturday when Eastern Michigan (3-3) visits the Joyce Center at 7 p.m.

Like Youngstown State and Colgate, Notre Dame's most recent opponents, the Eagles will probably concentrate on denying passes to the post,

where Kurz and sophomore forward Luke Harangody lurk. The pair is averaging a combined 32.2 points per game.

If Eastern Michigan succeeds, the Irish will need to shoot well from the outside, something that didn't happen in the Virgin Islands but has improved recently. After starting the season 6-of-20 from behind the arc, junior guard Kyle McAlarney has made 12 long-range jumpers in the past two games.

Forwards Ryan Ayers and Luke Zeller have also been threats from outside, with both making more than half of their 3-pointers this season.

In Notre Dame's free-form offense, a lot of the open looks for shooters come from passes out of the post. Harangody said he's been working hard on finding the open man when he gets double-teamed.

"Last year, I was terrible at it," he said. "But now I'm older and I've gotten better."

On the other side of the floor, the Irish will have to defend Eagles guards Jesse Bunkley and Carlos Medlock, who are both averaging double figures this season.

Bunkley drains almost 45 percent of his 3-point shots, while Medlock is a slasher who likes to penetrate and distribute the ball to the tune of five assists per game.

The game against the Irish will be Eastern Michigan's first of the season against a power conference opponent. The Eagles lost 72-68 Wednesday at home to Detroit.

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Elite 8

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the two teams from Tobacco Road go beyond the proximity of their schools. Like the Tar Heels, Duke boasts a strong midfield that should challenge the Irish in the possession battle.

"They have a really solid midfield, so our midfield matchup against theirs is going to be really big," Waldrum said.

Sophomore C.J. Ludemann, who has four goals and seven assists on the season, leads the Blue Devils' midfield. She is joined on the unit by fellow sophomore Elisabeth Redmond, who leads the team with eight goals. Redmond will draw a lot of attention from Irish defenders, Waldrum said.

Duke, which is making its first quarterfinals appearance since 1994, already has NCAA Tournament wins over No. 23 South Carolina, No. 13 Georgia and Indiana.

Waldrum said he's familiar with the majority of Duke's lineup, because he recruited many of the current Blue Devils when they were in high school.

"They're a very talented team," Waldrum said. "We were looking at the roster and they've got about seven kids that we've recruited throughout the years."

Waldrum said both the Irish and the Blue Devils focus on maintaining control of the ball throughout the game.

"Duke's a little bit more of a passing team than Carolina,"



Irish midfielder Amanda Clark chases after the ball in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Georgetown on Oct. 12.

Waldrum said. "They're very similar to us in that they like to keep possession."

But the game could simply hinge on a battle between the forwards and whether one team can finish better.

"It might come down to who can impose their offensive firepower on the other," Waldrum said. "It should be a good chess match between two really good teams."

The Irish offense packs the punch necessary to outscore the Blue Devils.

Three Irish forwards, senior captain Amanda Cinalli and juniors Kerri Hanks and Brittany Beck, were recently named semifinalists for the Hermann Trophy, which is given to the most outstanding player in the nation.

Sophomore forward Michele

Weissenhofer notched two goals and an assist in the victory over the Tar Heels after she was slowed by an injury for most of the season.

The Irish have outscored opponents 8-2 in their three NCAA Tournament wins, and a trip to the College Cup would be their third appearance in the last four seasons.

The 2004 team won the national championship while the 2006 squad was the runner-up. Cinalli is the only starter remaining from the squad that took home the 2004 title.

The winner of tonight's contest will play the winner of the quarterfinal between Florida State and Connecticut.

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pretty good hockey team."

Notre Dame is 8-1 in November and can set or break the program record for wins in a month this weekend.

A big part of Notre Dame's recent success has come from defense men pushing forward and making plays on offense.

"I put more emphasis on it because our system needs to be successful 5-on-5," Jackson said. "It's about confidence and making sure that the guys with the puck don't make mistakes with it."

Senior defenseman Dan VeNard has scored more goals (three) in the first 16 games this season than in the first three seasons of his career (two). Sophomore Kyle Lawson has a three-game point streak, which includes a game-winning goal against RPI in the holiday tournament championship game.

"I definitely feel more confident since the beginning of the year," Lawson said. "As the season progressed, we've become more comfortable and that leads to individual success."

The Michigan native was named the CCHA's defensive

player of the week the past two weeks.

Jackson said Lawson's work ethic has improved his play and the entire defensive unit so far this year.

"He plays with his heart on the sleeve, hard all the time. He leads by the way he does things on the ice," Jackson said. "He's a catalyst

offensively because he can make things happen, he has good vision and he has confidence to do all of the things we talk about."

Lawson and the rest of the defensemen will have their hands full this week with the Mavericks, who average more than three goals a game. Senior linemates Bryan Marshall and Mick Lawrence lead the way with 14 and 10 points, respectively. Marshall has 11 assists on the season, and Lawrence leads the team with seven goals in 10 games.

"They have always been a great offensive team, so we're going to have to be on top of our game defensively this weekend,"

Lawson said. Nebraska-Omaha (5-5-1) began the year with four straight losses in back-to-back weekends on the road against No.1 Miami and No. 2 Michigan. Since then, it has lost only one game to Ferris State on Nov. 16.

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Kyle Lawson
Irish defenseman

"I expect [Nebraska-Omaha] to be as good as any team we see this year from an offensive standpoint."

Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

any team we see this year from an offensive standpoint," Jackson said. "They started off a little bit slow but part of that was because of their schedule, we started off a little slow because of our schedule too."

Notre Dame had a pair of two-game series with top-five teams Miami and Denver. The Irish won the first game of both series, but lost the second each time.

Notre Dame plays Nebraska-Omaha tonight at 7:35 and Saturday at 7:05 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Notes:

◆ Jackson announced Thursday that three players signed letters of intent to join Notre Dame next fall: forward Patrick Gaul and defensemen Sean Lorenz and Eric Ringel. The three signees will join forward Billy Maday, who deferred his entry into the program until 2008.

"We're excited about this class of players from both an offensive and defensive perspective," Jackson said in a statement released by the athletic department. "Although they are young, as a group, they all stand to become great college hockey players."

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Irish center Mark Van Guilder fights off a Bowling Green skater in Notre Dame's 2-1 win over the Falcons on Nov. 20.

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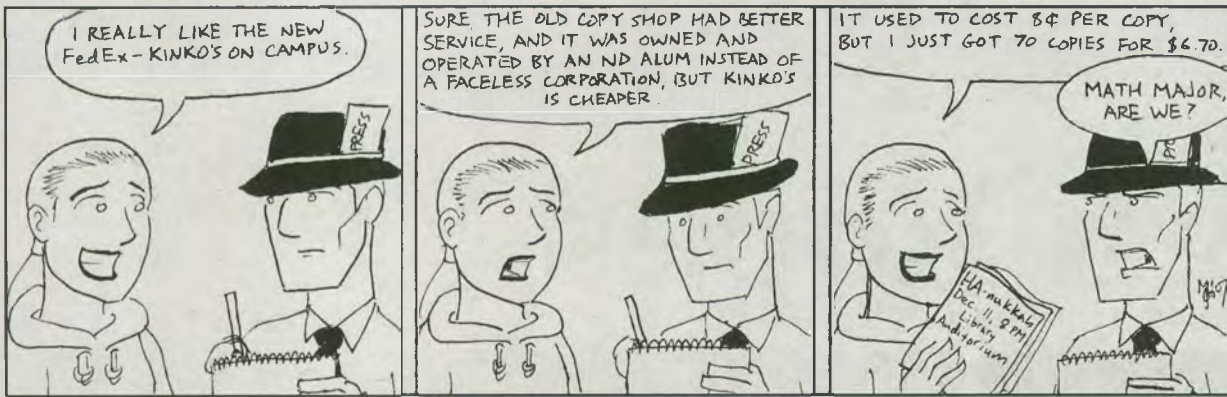
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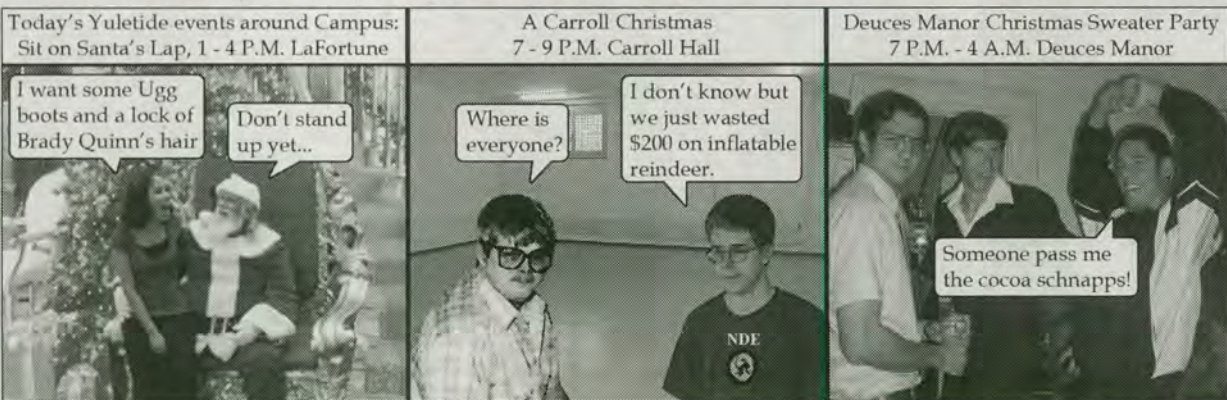
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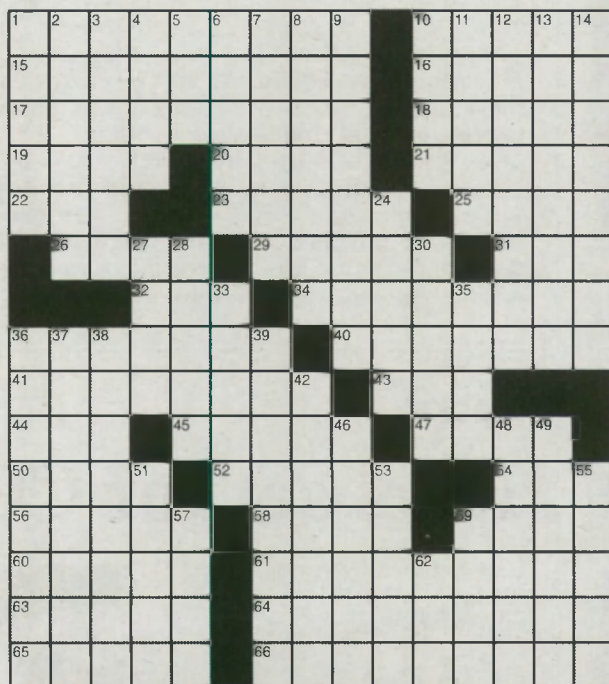
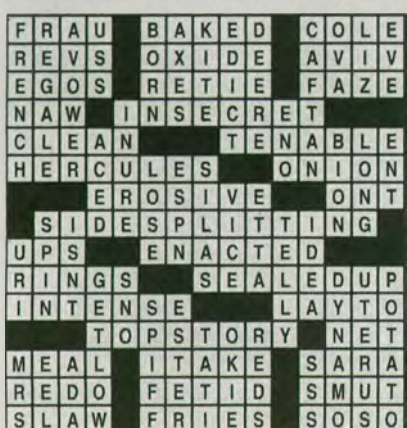


CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Windshield wipers
 - 10 "Unbelievable!"
 - 15 Darwin's home
 - 16 Superrealist sculptor Hanson
 - 17 Zip
 - 18 They stand for something: Abbr.
 - 19 Station info, briefly
 - 20 Checks out
 - 21 1984 hit parody of a 1983 hit song
 - 22 Get moving, with "up"
 - 23 Four-time Vardon Trophy winner
 - 25 Area below the hairline
 - 26 Lock changer?
 - 29 Turn out
 - 31 Narrows: Abbr.
 - 32 Directory data: Abbr.
 - 34 Clam
 - 36 Bluster
 - 40 Hardly humble homes
 - 41 A bit much
 - 43 Call in a calamity
 - 44 No longer doing the job?: Abbr.
 - 45 Bombards with junk
 - 47 Become active
 - 50 Pull out of ____ (produce suddenly)
 - 52 Makes out
 - 54 Fat cat, in England
 - 56 Packs in stacks
 - 58 Short distance
 - 59 "Eight is Enough" wife
- Down**
- 1 Not as touched
 - 2 Like successful orators
 - 3 James Forrestal was its last cabinet secy.
 - 4 Portions of les années
 - 5 Stat for a reliever
 - 6 Slalom targets
 - 7 Comic Boosler
 - 8 Astronaut Collins and others
 - 9 Toasted triangle topper
 - 10 One of Jon Arbuckle's pets
 - 11 Changsha is its capital
 - 12 "Hang on!"
 - 13 Eager
 - 14 Things that may be shot in stages?
 - 24 "La Reine Margot" novelist
 - 60 Creator of lofty lines
 - 61 Freshening naturally
 - 63 Something to get a kick out of
 - 64 Park gathering place
 - 65 Starters
 - 66 Garb symbolizing youth

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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- 27 ___'acte
- 28 Ways to go
- 30 Some shirts
- 33 Dishes out undaintily
- 35 Trailer's place
- 36 South Pacific island
- 37 Cry before storming out
- 38 "Lighten up, will ya?!"
- 39 Hiking aid
- 42 Hate, say
- 46 "Tristram Shandy" author
- 48 Natural
- 49 In the pink
- 51 10 kilogauss
- 53 Relish
- 55 Disk units
- 57 Bring to a standstill
- 59 Mar makeup
- 62 Letter run

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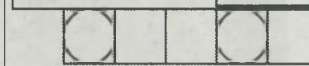
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Fridays with Fran

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Libra — Your life will have three stages: birth, the middle, and death. Oh, I forgot about the fourth stage: pooping yourself. Make that four stages.

Scorpio — WWRWD: What would Ricky Williams do?

Sagittarius — Happy birthday to the horoscope maker! Call (845) 729-0367 to wish him/her a happy b-day.

Capricorn — When in doubt, buy a yarmulke.

Aquarius — We can make sandwiches together. You can be my bread and I'll be your hamburger.

Pisces — Raise your own Chia Pet. You can taste the satisfaction. Plus you can taste the Chia leaves (they taste like lettuce).

Aries — If you want to see where you are, enter your cell number at phonetrace.org.

Taurus — You love Henry Ford.

Gemini — You are extremely pretty.

Cancer — Which letter is missing? abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Leo — Sure, everyone knows diarrhea. But what's monorrhea???

Celebrity Birthdays: Suge Knight, 43 (unless dead); Dunston from "Dunston Checks In," 12; Air Bud, 17 (119 dog years); Rosie O'Donnell, 350 dog years (534 pounds)

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High hopes

Women duel Duke at home in Elite 8 match

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

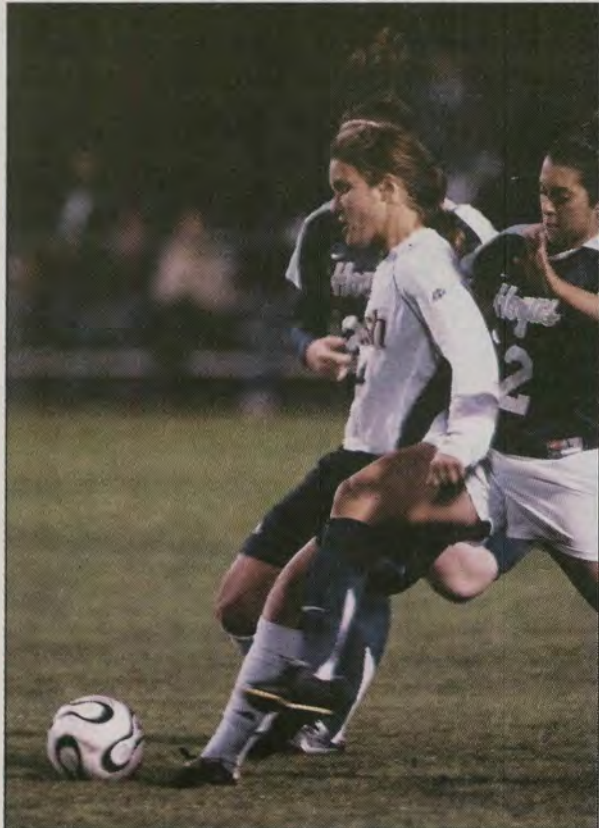
Notre Dame avenged its loss to North Carolina in last season's national title game by downing the Tar Heels 3-2 last Saturday in the round of 16 of the NCAA Tournament. But the Irish (18-4-2) know their work is not finished.

They return home to face Duke (10-5-7) tonight at 7 for a chance to return to the College Cup, soccer's version of the Final Four.

"We had a couple of days to enjoy [the win over North Carolina] and now it's back to work," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "We've got a great opportunity. We don't need to let it slip through our hands. ... We're only halfway to where we want to be."

The comparisons between

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Irish midfielder Courtney Rosen, left, battles for possession in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Georgetown on Oct. 12, while Irish forward Kurt Martin does the same in Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Oakland Wednesday.



WU YUE and DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Men head west to face Santa Clara in Sweet 16

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After moving closer to its goal of reaching the program's first College Cup with a 2-1 win Wednesday over Oakland, No. 10 Notre Dame will travel to take on No. 7 Santa Clara Saturday at 10 p.m. in an NCAA Tournament round of 16 match.

This marks the third straight season that the Irish have advanced to the Sweet 16 and the third straight year they have to win on the road in order to reach the Elite 8.

In 2005, Notre Dame fell 1-0 at Clemson. But the Irish defeated Maryland 1-0 in overtime last season to advance to the program's first Elite 8, where they lost to Virginia.

This season, Santa Clara

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Freelance offense goes to work against EMU



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish forward Zach Hillesland dismounts a Colgate defender during Notre Dame's 94-63 win over the Raiders Monday.

By CHRIS KHOREY and CHRIS HINE
Sports Editors

Notre Dame has scored 87 and 94 points in its last two games.

So Irish coach Mike Brey must be drawing up some impressive offensive schemes, right?

Wrong.

This season, and especially in the last week, Notre Dame

(4-2) has played a mostly freelance offense, with only a few designed sets.

"The strength is that there's no predictable movement," Brey said. "This group understands what a good and bad shot is."

Junior forward Zach Hillesland said that instead of installing a complex offense during fall practice, Brey gave the players a few tips on get-

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wolverines come to JACC

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

After winning four of its first six games by 30 points or more, Notre Dame will face a tough opponent Sunday when Michigan visits the Joyce Center at 2 p.m.

Although the Wolverines have only one loss, like the Irish, Michigan has played harder competition than Notre

Dame — it defeated a strong Cincinnati team on the road on Nov. 13.

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said Michigan presents the toughest challenge since Maryland. She also said that 6-foot-6 Wolverines center Krista Phillips would give the Irish headaches.

"She's good, she's agile, she can shoot the 3, she can score around the basket," McGraw said of the Saskatoon,

Saskatchewan native. "She's playing really well right now."

Phillips leads the Wolverines with 11.4 points per game. No other player averages in double figures.

"Teams with good balance are harder to guard," McGraw said. "That's a concern of ours, how to guard all of them. That's something we're looking at, different defenses."

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HOCKEY

Icers set for CCHA home series

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

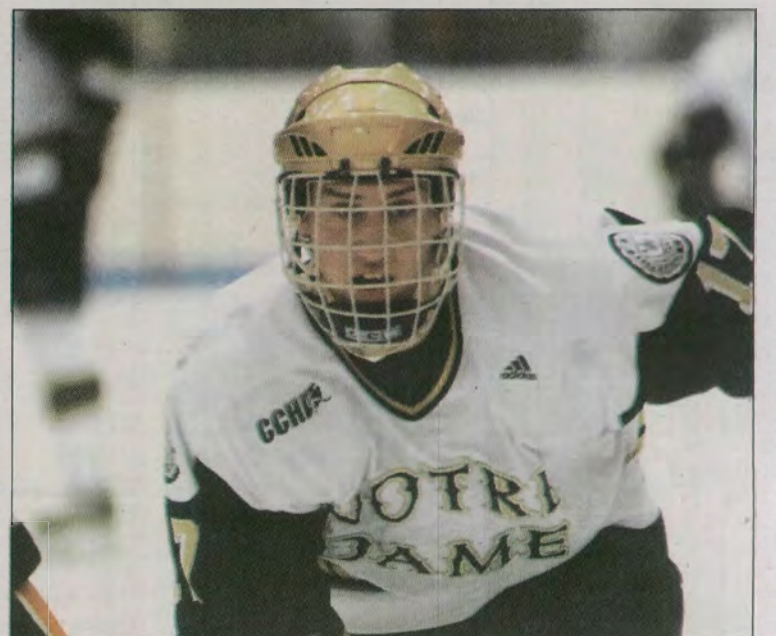
No. 7 Notre Dame plays its final home series of the semester this weekend when it takes on Nebraska-Omaha in the Joyce Center tonight and Saturday.

The team will travel to Princeton next weekend before a three-week hiatus at the end of the month.

The Irish (12-4-0) come into the game riding a five-game winning streak. Their last loss was on Nov. 10, to No. 1 Miami on the road.

"I think we've made good progress, but I want us to get better," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "This will be a big test for us this weekend. We're facing a

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish forward Robin Bergman skates up ice in Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Bowling Green on Nov. 20.