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Students abroad aid Mexico floods

International study program in Puebla reaches out to those affected in nation's center

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

Although much of the flooding that had submerged nearly 80 percent of the Mexican state of Tabasco and parts of adjacent Chiapas earlier this month has subsided, the Notre Dame students studying abroad in Puebla are working to reach out to the hundreds of thousands of displaced civilians that remain homeless.

"We were told that nearly 800,000 people have been displaced in Tabasco and 20,000 in Chiapas," said junior James Welle, who is in Puebla. "Although the death toll of 50 people has been relatively low for such a major disaster, a lot of

people did not receive much warning about the floods and have lost everything."

Although Puebla is located in central Mexico, several hundred miles away from the flooded areas, the aftermath of the disaster hit close to home for many of the students staying with host families. Many of them were shocked to see that relatives of their home stay families had lost everything in the flooding.

"My host family first told me of the situation and were especially concerned because my [host family] dad's brother and his family were trapped," said junior Jason Rodulfa, from Puebla. "They lived on top of a hill in Villa Hermosa, the capital of

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A flood victim struggles in waist-deep water to save household items. Thousands are homeless because of flooding in Mexico.

SMC holds language week recital

Music supplements foreign culture lessons

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

To bridge the gap between cultures and facilitate language study, the modern language and music department at Saint Mary's will host a multicultural vocal recital tonight as part of Modern Language Week.

The recital, which will include music in French, German, Italian and Spanish will be performed by seniors Crystal Buck, Megan Bolander and McKayela Collins. The show will be at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater.

Marianna Hahn, coordinator of many of this week's events and German professor at the College, said this as an important way of linking cultures.

"Culture is a major component in my teaching of foreign languages," she said. "And teaching German, one cannot ignore the major contributions of Germany and Austria to music."

This is the sixth year Hahn collaborated with the music department to incorporate music into cross-cultural teaching. In prior years, Hahn encouraged her students to perform for the rest of the class.

"In the beginning of each academic year, I like to know of the talents of my students and give them the opportunity to share them in class," she said. "I had students who played piano, violin, cello, flute and gave a presentation on the history of the piece they played as well as the

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Football fans travel for season finale



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

The Leland Stanford Jr. University Marching Band performs Saturday at Stanford Stadium.

By MADDIE HANNA and
KAREN LANGLEY
News Writers

PALO ALTO, Calif. — It was an anticlimactic end to one of Notre Dame football's worst seasons, but thousands of Irish fans — many from the Bay Area — showed up Saturday to watch their team manage a win over Stanford.

Outside Stanford Stadium, it seemed like every other person was a Notre Dame fan. Notre Dame tailgates blared the Victory March through the eucalyptus groves, and the Notre Dame Alumni Band repeated it inside the stadium after each Irish touchdown. With their trombones, saxophones, trumpets — and members ranging from 13 to 87 years old — the band sat high above one end zone.

There were hundreds of empty seats at Stanford Stadium, which was renovated before the 2006 season and now seats only 50,000 people. Throughout the game, the motley Stanford band — attired in vests or jackets with phrases taped on the backs — played to a student section of far fewer than a thousand students.

Dancers clad in red sundresses stood by late in the game as the Stanford cheerleaders donned their wind jackets.

Irish fans at the game said Saturday was a welcome opportunity to watch Notre Dame football, regardless of the team's then 2-9 record.

"This is our one chance in the Bay Area to see the Irish," said Anne Stricherz, a 1996 alumna who now teaches near San Francisco.

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ACE teacher emphasizes faith

ND grad focuses service experience into two years educating in Denver

By JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writer

When Elias Moo, a 2007 Notre Dame graduate, applied to become a teacher as part of Alliance for Catholic Education, he saw the program as a way to continue to live Notre Dame's message of service. He was eager for the chance to help others after graduation.

"My whole career at Notre Dame was very service-based," Moo said. "ACE seemed like a great fit for what I wanted to do post-Notre Dame."

However, like all ACE participants, Moo had no idea where he would be placed.

He had talked to some of his friends that were participating in the program. After hearing about their experiences, Moo decided to apply for a teacher position.

Eventually, he was assigned to teach for the next two years at an elementary school in Denver, Colo. The urban west side of Denver has seen a rise in percentage of low-income families living in the community over the past several years. At St. Rose of Lima, the school Moo works in, 80 percent of the students are on free lunch and receive scholarship money.

As their teacher, Moo is with the children everyday from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. In

addition to giving them a well-rounded academic education, Moo also stresses the religious component of his job. He said that one of the most important aspects of his job is to help these children grow spiritually as well as intellectually.

"Even though these kids come from low-income families, we get them to try to have a sense of service for each other and other in the community," he said.

For the past 15 years, ACE has placed college graduates like Elias Moo into teaching positions in Catholic schools in low-income communities around the country. The pro-

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Journal for undergrad poli sci research begins

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Beyond Politics, a new undergraduate research journal targeted at a broad audience of politically interested readers, has begun accepting submissions.

John Lentz and Greg Wagman, the editors-in-chief, said the journal will broaden the appeal for undergraduate research and make it easier for students to get published. Wagman stressed that anyone could submit to the journal, regardless of major, and that the research did not necessarily have to be pure political science.

"We aim to publish outstanding undergraduate relevant to politics, which could include sociology and other disciplines," he said.

The journal will accept submissions between 10 and 25 pages. Lentz said that shorter pieces could appeal to a wider audience.

"As it is, people aren't reading undergraduate research," Wagman said. "Getting people to read this is the critical angle for us."

Lentz said their objective was to create something more than "a typical research journal." Beyond Politics will feature a political cartoon contest, campus polls on the 2008 presidential campaign and attractive cover art, he said.

"I think that a lot of non-political science majors will be interested," he said.

Professor Dan Lindley, the jour-

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INSIDE COLUMN

A few chill weeks

There's little about Notre Dame I enjoy more than the return from Thanksgiving break. After an extended weekend filled with good friends, good food and normal sleep cycles, what can beat the disjointed trip back to South Bend, where the coming weeks promise exams, essays and the constant daily deadline, all under the cold and hopeless November grey.

Karen Langley

News Editor

OK, so the inter-holiday fortnight can be a little rough.

And despite any lingering Irish Catholic reticence, few students are afraid to share their feelings about it.

Students at Notre Dame tend to be fairly discrete about their competition with each other — until the semester is about to end. Then begins a vicious game of one-upsmanship, not over grades or scores but the amount of work and level of stress each courageous student must endure.

Sure, those three 10-page papers and two exams might seem bad, but did you know I have those and a thesis to pull together? My bad, don't know how I forgot your 13 final exams — I've been hearing about them all week.

Let's ignore that most of us chose the classes and commitments that now bind us. The justice of our seemingly untenable situation aside, the next few weeks will just pass more easily if the better part of our collective conversation is not devoted to telling our friends, siblings, RAs and the dining hall ladies about how many presentations on Proust and articles on Aristotle we're just about to produce.

I bet you can handle it.

In the meantime, let's not make the final weeks of this semester worse by dulling down the discourse we now save for study breaks. When someone asks you how you're doing, resist the temptation to shriek and tear your hair — and don't even think about listing assignments.

Tell them you're almost caught up with *Grey's Anatomy*, but you're really looking to get to the extra material for *Entourage*. Tell them that with Spring Break only 94 days away, you've been logging some solid hours at Rolfs. And since everyone else seems so bogged down with term papers — whatever those are — you're really interested in lending some Honor Code-friendly assistance, so long as it can earn you some extra cash for the tanning salon. At the very least, tell them you're going to avoid the real stress of the season by hitting the mall pre-Christmas crowds.

Your life during the next two weeks might seem as bleak as a northern Indiana sky, but it's temporary. Denial could be the first step to a brighter outlook.

So order that extra-large coffee. Pull those all-nighters. However, you do it, get it done. But when you escape the library for a five-minute breather, leave your deadlines, your headlines and your fortnight-from-hell at the door. It will be good for all of us.

As for me, I'll be working my way down the AFI's top-100 list, practicing my mile repeats and planning the next road trip. Things are looking pretty busy.

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

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The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DO YOU LISTEN TO WHEN YOU STUDY?



Andrea Mayus
senior
Welsh Family

"Rock & Roll, because its what all the geologists listen to."



Jackie Anthony
junior
McGlenn

"Christmas music — it reminds me of happier times."



Kelsey Young
junior
Badin

"I like to keep it on random to spice things up."



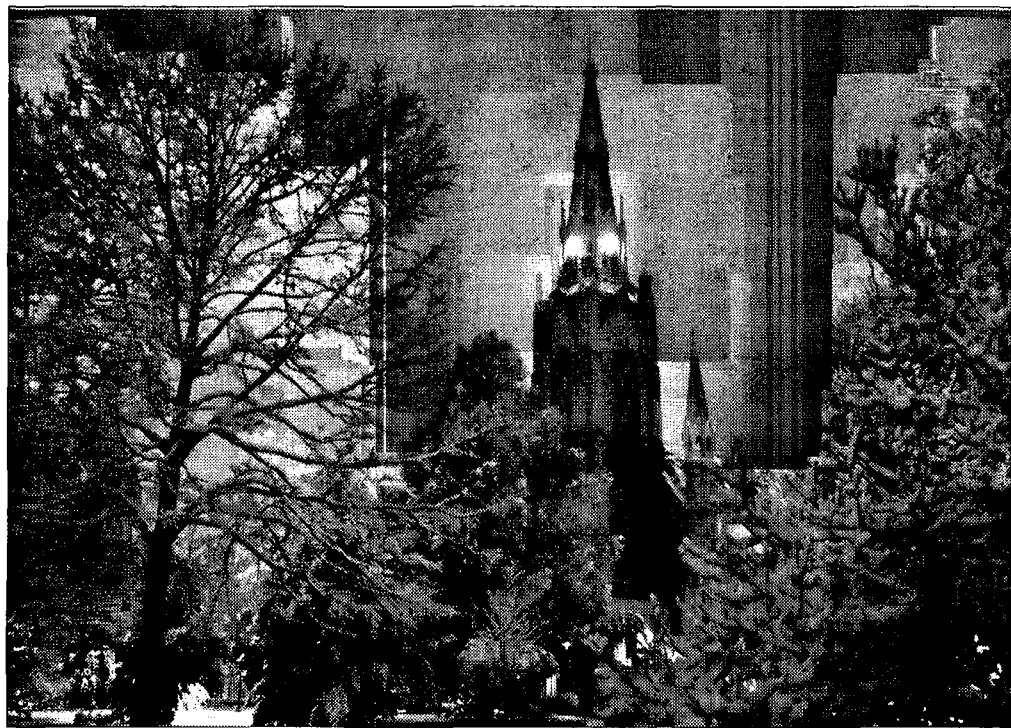
Patrick Tighe
sophomore
Keough

"All by myself" by Celine Dion, because I'm all by myself."



Andy Hermansen
sophomore
Keough

"Beethoven — it makes you smarter."



WU YUE/The Observer

The first snowfall of the winter season covered Notre Dame's campus and the Basilica Thanksgiving night.

OFFBEAT

Cyclist nabbed for motel hallway ride

ROCHESTER, Minn. — A man clad in swim trunks was arrested after riding a bicycle through a motel's hallways and hitting two men. A woman showering after using the swimming pool at Best Western Soldiers Field Tower and Suites told police she heard a door open and saw a naked man at about 3:10 p.m. Sunday.

The man ran out of the room, pulled on swim trunks, hopped on a bike and road through the hallways, police said.

Police Lt. John Edwards said the man, 38, hit another man, 76, and his son,

both of whom suffered minor injuries.

The son chased the bicyclist, tackled him and waited for police to arrive, Edwards said.

Charges against the man were pending Monday, police said.

Woman has baby in truck on Thanksgiving

NATCHEZ, Miss. — An impatient baby ruined Thanksgiving dinner for a family which then welcomed its newest member on the road to the hospital. Minyon Brister said her contractions started Thursday as she bent down to put the turkey in the oven.

"The pain just started,"

she said. "And I knew it was time."

Before she could get to Natchez Regional Hospital from her Woodville home, however, Mykayla Jalyin Gaines arrived in the back seat of her stepfather's truck.

Mykayla's grandmother, Lucy Brister, handled the delivery.

"That baby could not wait," the eldest Brister said in an article at <http://www.natchezdemocrat.com>.

"I pulled her jeans off and said, 'God give me strength.'"

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Mario Richard Eden, assistant professor of chemical engineering at Auburn University, will deliver a lecture titled: "Property Based Techniques for Integrated Process and Molecular Design." The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and will take place today at 3:30 p.m. in 129 DeBartolo Hall.

Larry Diamond, a Stanford University professor of political science and sociology will give a lecture titled: "Can Iraq Be Stabilized?" The event will take place today at 6:00 p.m. in C-100 Hesburgh Center auditorium.

Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Oakland Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

Mass will be celebrated in the Alumni Hall Chapel at 5 p.m. Friday for the Feast of St. Andrew. The Gregorian Schola will sing Gregorian chant.

Notre Dame hockey will play Nebraska-Omaha Friday at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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

The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will perform their fall concert, "Come Back to Your First Love" Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in Washington Hall.

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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Floods

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"They lived on top of a hill in Villa Hermosa, the capital of Tabasco. The house was completely flooded."

The family lost all their possessions and are in serious danger because of water-borne diseases and insufficient food and shelter, he said.

To aid the Red Cross and the Catholic Relief Services with relief efforts, the students abroad, with the aid of the Center for Social Concerns and Pasquerilla West and Breen-Phillips halls, are selling rosaries and collecting donations this week on campus.

"Both of these organizations are well established in Mexico," Welle said. "The work of the CRS in Mexico has primarily been with migrants and farmers and is focusing on providing basic needs such as food, water, blankets and other emergency supplies."

The Red Cross also helps to provide basic needs but is working to prevent potential epidemics that could stem from the lack of clean water and growing mosquito populations, he said.

Welle contacted vendors in the neighboring town of Choluca who make and sell rosaries for a living.

"So not only will the profits be supporting the flood victims in Tabasco, but the purchase of

the rosaries themselves will be supporting the hard working people in our Mexican community," he said. "The sale of rosaries is going to be limited to the Notre Dame community because of basic logistical problems, but the fundraising will not be."

A number of Notre Dame students said they were motivated to help in part because the images of thousands of civilians trapped on their rooftops reminded them of Hurricane Katrina just two years ago.

"The disaster has been aptly called, 'the Katrina of Mexico' because it is the worst disaster

to hit Mexico in recent history," said junior Kim Churbock, a Puebla participant.

The destruction is widespread. The Red Cross website has claimed more than 1 million people are affected.

"The loss of agriculture, infrastructure, homes, etc. makes the situation all the more complicated," Churbock said. "Also, the possibility of disease spreading from lack of clean water sources is a very real threat."

Students also said they felt the need to act in return for the large amount of aid Mexico provided the U.S. following Katrina. According to the American Red Cross website, on Sept. 1, 2005, two days after the hurricane struck, Mexico sent 250 tons of food, bottled

water, canned food, disposable diapers and medical supplies to New Orleans to aid relief efforts.

"As neighbors, it seems right that we should return the favor," Churbock said. "It's interesting that there have been recent proposals to spend a significant amount of capital building a border fence. It's almost worth researching how much the government is willing to pay to help those in need versus for a border fence."

Katie McAnany, a student in Puebla, said she was particularly motivated to help after seeing the United States struggle with disaster relief, while equipped with far greater resources than Mexico.

"I was appalled at the lack of publicity that these floods have had in the U.S.," she said. "We know they helped us during Katrina, we ought to return the favor."

The Puebla students hope to begin selling the 200 rosaries they have purchased during the week following Thanksgiving break. Although he is uncertain to what capacity the proceeds will go toward, Welle hopes that it will be for infectious disease prevention and medicine, relief efforts to remove people from the affected areas or recuperation for the victims.

"The response that we've received thus far has been heartwarming," he said. "Everyone has been so receptive and positive. I am so happy to be able to actively experience the loving nature of the human spirit."

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group discusses Food for Thought

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

This month's Food for Thought meeting will be held Wednesday in the West Wing during dinner hours, Student Body President Kim Hodges said Monday at the Board of Governance meeting. The forum is open to the campus and this month's topic will be about the Board of Governance and other boards on campus.

The goal of Food for Thought is "for people to get to know BOG and the functions of BOG and other boards on campus," Hodges said.

The Board has discussed in past meetings plans to increase student government transparency to the student body.

Election Commissioner, Maggie Siefert, said that campaigning will take place for the new Student Body President and the Student Activities Board and Student Diversity Board after students return from Christmas break. Informational sessions will be held during next week.

Hodges also announced the Bookstore will hold a Christmas contest. It is a competition to paint the panes of the bookstore in the Student Center. A drawing will be held on Thursday to choose the students who will

paint the windows. The windows will then be judged and gift cards will be given to the winners. If you are interested, you can sign up in the bookstore before Thursday.

There will be a bus trip to Chicago this weekend, Hodges said. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. at the Le Mans bus stop. Students can sign up in the Student Center through Friday.

This week is Disabilities Week, said Student Diversity Board President Abby Hinchy. There are drop boxes in all of the residence halls for used eyeglasses which will be cleaned and donated to the needy.

Colleen Kielty, president of the Class of 2008, announced the Saint Mary's cookbooks will go on sale at the end of the week. The books are being sold for \$10 each. The profits will be donated to Twelve Days of Christmas families. Kielty did mention that she received over 300 recipes from Saint Mary's students and alumni.

Kielty also said that there will be Bingo with the Sisters of the Holy Cross tomorrow night in the Lily O'Grady Room of the convent.

"The sisters really enjoy themselves," Kielty said. Prizes will be given to the winners.

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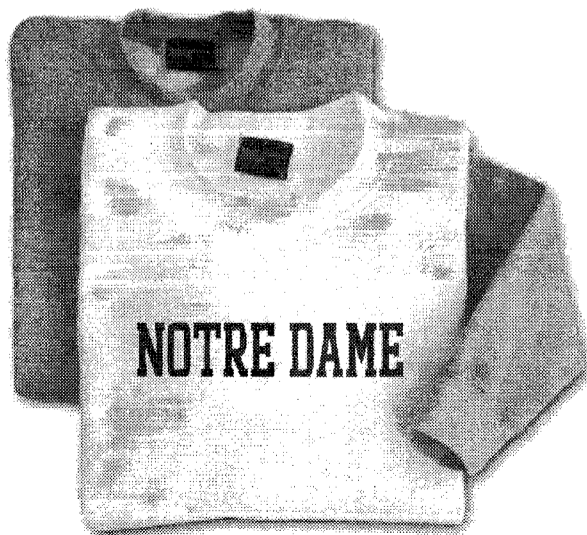
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Game

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Stricherz said the atmosphere at Stanford didn't compare to that of football Saturdays in South Bend.

"In the Bay Area, we're not apathetic, but it's not like some sports towns," she said. "We're kind of laid back. It's like Club Med here."

She called Saturday's game "really emotional" and said the Irish played like "they're willing to prove something next year."

"I don't know what to expect," Stricherz said. "This year, people knew we weren't going to be that strong. I'm hoping we mature and get stronger and better. I don't feel like everyone's giving up on Notre Dame, and they shouldn't."

"I joke it's like wedding vows —

for better or worse."

That's how Cindy Aselage and her husband Steve see it. This year, the couple, who live in Pleasanton, Calif., went to four Notre Dame games: Georgia Tech, UCLA, USC and Stanford.

But that wasn't enough. The Aselages recently purchased a house in South Bend, where Cindy Aselage said they hope to spend future football seasons.

Steve Aselage graduated from Notre Dame in 1973, his wife said, and started going to Irish football games with his father — also a Notre Dame alumnus — nearly 50 years ago. After college, Cindy lived in Ohio, and Steve in Iowa. The two met in South Bend to watch Notre Dame games, Cindy Aselage said.

"It's nice to see the spirit of Notre Dame," she said. "You watch the players and you see the different coaches through the

years. ... The fans don't give up. I just feel bad for the team. You feel bad for the fifth-year seniors. You have your ups and downs."

While many Notre Dame fans at Stanford went out of loyalty to the team, Dave Heine wanted to support Irish tight end, and fellow Minnesotan, John Carlson.

"We all rally around John," Heine said.

Heine was disappointed in Notre Dame's season, but enjoyed Carlson's performance.

"John had a great game," he said. "He had three catches today. ... It's great to be around his parents and his family and watch everyone rally around him."

Mary Kate Malone contributed to this report.

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Recital

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life of the composer."

The success of the recitals, most specifically this year, was contingent on the students in Hahn's classes, she said. This is the second year the formal recital has taken place.

Hahn's formal involvement with Modern Language Week started last year when she had three vocal performance majors in her French class, she said.

"The idea of singing for the students in the class expanded to a recital for all Saint Mary's students and faculty," she said.

The goal of this year's recital, which will be presented to a much larger audience, is twofold.

"The goal was not only to entertain, but also to combine their music major with the foreign language they study and to show how the two are interrelated," Hahn said. "This is an interdisciplinary engagement that exposes all students who study a foreign language to the language outside the textbook and classroom."

Hahn and her students are eager to continue this tradition in the coming years, she said.

The recital will feature the

four foreign languages taught at Saint Mary's and will be mostly arias from operas, Lieder and Spanish zarzuelas.

Buck sees the recital as a way to showcase both the study of modern languages and music.

"The program offers inter-departmental bonds and encourages students, especially those in music, to pursue the study of modern languages," she said.

The music for the recital was chosen to represent the languages offered at Saint Mary's and to show the language through song, Buck said.

She said she hopes for continued success of the recital.

"The overall message is that music is an important part of the culture of modern languages," she said. "And for songs having text, language is exceedingly important in music."

Other events for Modern Language Week include a German-themed dinner tonight at the Noble Family Dining Hall, a French mass at LeMans Chapel at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, various film screenings and a poetry reading by Yanira Paz at 4 p.m. on Friday in Dalloway's.

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Journal

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nal's faculty advisor, said the student-run journal would "work to select articles that should represent the best of undergraduate research."

Though the Journal of Undergraduate Research already accepts research submissions in political science, it publishes only one, Lindley said.

"Political Science has 600 [undergraduate] majors," he said. "I think we deserve and can sustain our own journal," he said.

Lindley said he has been looking into having a political science undergraduate research journal throughout the eight years he has spent at Notre Dame.

Professor Sebastian Rosato, another faculty advisor to the journal, said "the founders recognized that the probability of getting published in the Journal of Undergraduate Research is very low. This provides more opportunities for publication," he said.

Publication was important because it "gives students a taste of academic life," he said.

By providing undergraduates with another outlet for publication, the journal could encourage students to make more submissions, he said.

"It raises the profile of political science as a subject instead of a gateway to law school or business school," he said.

If the journal reaches a high enough quality, it could also inform the campus about current events, he said.

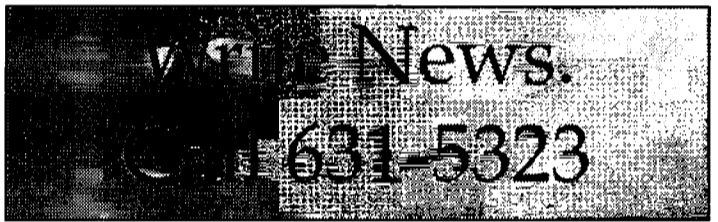
The journal is funded by the College of Arts & Letters, the department of political science and Professor James McAdams. Lentz said McAdams "has been a strong advocate for undergraduate research."

The journal will accept submissions until Feb. 10. It will be published later in the semester.

Wagman said Beyond Politics' peer-review process is blind, meaning that the editors would not know who submitted each manuscript. That helps ensure that each submission is fairly evaluated based on content, style and the quality of research, he said.

The website for Beyond Politics is beyondpolitics.nd.edu

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Fighting in Chad kills hundreds

N'DJAMENA, Chad — Chad's army and a rebel group both claimed to have killed hundreds of fighters on the opposing side in fighting Monday in the country's east, an area in turmoil from domestic unrest as well as spillover conflict from the neighboring Darfur region in Sudan.

The violence at Abougouleigne, about 60 miles east of the town of Abeche, left "several hundred (rebels) dead, several injured and several prisoners of war" in military custody, according to a statement from Chad's general staff.

"The fighting lasted four hours and ended in the total and definite annihilation of this column" of rebels, said the statement read on state radio and television by an unidentified officer.

Bush steps into Mideast peacemaking

WASHINGTON — President Bush stepped cautiously into the most direct Mideast peacemaking of his administration on Monday, meeting separately with the leaders of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to explore whether peace is possible. "Difficult compromises" will be required but the Israeli and Palestinian leaders are committed to making them, he said.

A day ahead of a major Mideast peace conference in Annapolis, Md., Bush said he was optimistic. The gathering is to launch the first direct peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians of Bush's nearly seven years in office, and has attracted Arab and other outside backing.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senator Lott announces resignation

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — Mississippi Sen. Trent Lott announced Monday he will leave a 35-year career in Congress in which he epitomized the Republicans' political takeover of the South after the civil rights struggles of the 1960s.

Lott said he wanted to leave on a "positive note" after winning re-election last year to a leadership post and fostering legislation for rebuilding the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. He was first elected to Congress on the coattails of Richard Nixon's re-election landslide in 1972 — with 78 percent of the vote in Mississippi. He won election to the Senate in 1988, succeeding retiring veteran Democrat John Stennis.

Gore, Bush meet again in Oval Office

WASHINGTON — Talk about an inconvenient truth.

Al Gore finally won his place in the Oval Office on Monday — right next to George W. Bush.

Forever linked by the closest and craziest presidential race in history, the two men were reunited by, of all things, White House tradition. Gore was among the 2007 Nobel Prize winners who were invited in for a photo and some chatter with the president; Gore got the recognition for his work on global warming.

The two men stood next to other, sharing uncomfortable grins for photographers and reporters, who were quickly ushered in and out.

"Familiar faces," the former vice president said of the media. Bush, still smiling, added nothing.

LOCAL NEWS

Gary ex-cop faces federal indictment

HAMMOND, Ind. — A former Gary police officer has been indicted on federal civil rights charges after he was accused of assaulting a suspect.

The indictment was filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Hammond. It alleges that 35-year-old Robert Irving assaulted an arrestee at Northlake Methodist Hospital and again in the police department's booking area on September 11, 2005. The U.S. Department of Justice didn't identify the suspect, who it says was injured in the alleged assaults.

There was only one number under Robert Irving's name in published listings for Gary and a recording said the phone was disconnected. He could not be reached for comment.

IRAQ

Bush, al-Maliki reaffirm alliance

Deal sets foundation for "enduring" military and economic relationship between U.S., Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday signed a deal setting the foundation for a potential long-term U.S. troop presence in Iraq, with details to be negotiated over matters that have defined the war debate at home — how many U.S. forces will stay in the country, and for how long.

The agreement between Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki confirms that the United States and Iraq will hash out an "enduring" relationship in political, economic and military terms. Details of that relationship will be negotiated in 2008, with a completion goal of July, when the U.S. intends to finish withdrawing the five combat brigades sent in 2007 as part of the troop buildup that has helped curb sectarian violence.

"What U.S. troops are doing, how many troops are required to do that, are bases required, which partners will join them — all these things are on the negotiating table," said Lt. Gen. Douglas Lute, President Bush's adviser on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The proposal underlines how the United States and Iraq are exploring what their relationship might look like once the U.S. significantly draws down its troop presence. It comes as a Democratic Congress — unsuccessfully, so far — prods Bush to withdraw troops faster than he wants.

Bush and al-Maliki signed the new U.S.-Iraq "declaration of principles" during a secure video conference Monday morning.

Al-Maliki, in a televised address, said his government would ask the United Nations to renew the mandate for the multinational force for one final time with its authorization to end in 2008.



A U.S. soldier conducting a patrol mission searches a house on Monday in Youssifiyah, a town 12 miles south of Baghdad.

The U.S.-Iraq agreement will replace the present U.N. mandate regulating the presence of the U.S.-led forces in Iraq. Al-Maliki said the agreement provides for U.S. support for the "democratic regime in Iraq against domestic and external dangers."

It also would help the Iraqi government thwart any attempt to suspend or repeal a constitution drafted with U.S. help and adopted in a nationwide vote in 2005. That appeared to be a reference to any attempt to remove the government by violence or in a coup.

Al-Maliki said the renewal of the multinational forces' mandate was conditional on the

repeal of what he called restrictions on Iraqi sovereignty introduced in 1990 by the U.N. Security Council to punish Iraq for invading neighboring Kuwait.

The new agreement would not signal an end to the U.S. mission here. But it could change the rules under which U.S. soldiers operate and give the Iraqis a greater role in determining their mission.

Two Republican senators said that unless Baghdad makes more political progress by January, the U.S. should consider withdrawing financial aid or political support from al-Maliki.

The warnings, coming from Sens. Lindsey Graham and Saxby

Chambliss, were an indication that while GOP patience on the war has increased this fall because of security gains made by the military, it isn't bottomless.

"I do expect them to deliver," Graham, R-S.C., said in a phone interview. "What would happen for me if there's no progress on reconciliation after the first of the year, I would be looking at ways to invest our money into groups that can deliver."

Likewise, Chambliss, R-Ga., suggested lawmakers might even call for al-Maliki's ouster if Baghdad didn't reach agreements on at least some of the major issues seen as key to tamping down sectarian violence.

Heart trouble sends Cheney to hospital

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney, who has a history of heart problems, experienced an irregular heartbeat Monday and was taken to George Washington University Hospital for evaluation.

The condition was detected when Cheney was seen by doctors around 7 a.m. at the White House for a lingering cough from a cold. He remained at work throughout the day, joining President Bush in meetings with Mideast leaders.

"During examination he was incidentally found to have an irregular heartbeat, which on further testing

was determined to be atrial fibrillation, an abnormal rhythm involving the upper chambers of the heart," said spokeswoman Megan Mitchell.

She said Cheney went to the hospital around 5 p.m. She said that if necessary, he would be receive cardioversion, a procedure that involves the delivery of an electric impulse to the heart.

About 2.8 million Americans have atrial fibrillation, the most common type of irregular heartbeat, and cases are increasing as the population ages.

The condition occurs when the heart's top chambers, called the atria, get out of sync with the bottom chambers' pumping action. It is not immediately life-threatening, and the heart

sometimes gets back into rhythm on its own. Many times, patients aren't aware of an episode of atrial fibrillation.

But if the irregular heartbeat continues, it eventually can cause a life-threatening complication — the formation of blood clots that can shoot to the brain and cause a stroke.

The main treatment is to try an electrical shock to restore normal heartbeat. If that doesn't work, patients may need to take the blood thinner warfarin to reduce stroke risk.

Other options include anti-arrhythmic drugs or, for severe a-fib, surgical procedures to interrupt the faulty heartbeat.

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gram is a two-year commitment, and in return for their service, all ACE participants receive a tuition-free Masters degree in education from Notre Dame. The coursework for the degree is taken during the two summers of the program.

ACE was originally founded as an option for students who wanted to obtain a degree in education, said ACE assistant director Liz Stowe.

"ACE is a Notre Dame program founded in 1994 as a response because many students wanted to become teachers," Stowe said. "So ACE matched that need as well as the need of Catholic schools."

For many, however, the Masters is just a bonus. The opportunity to shape young minds and help troubled children is a reward in itself for ACE participants like Moo. He said that he tries to instill in his students the "three pillars" that came to define his Notre Dame career.

"It is about spirituality, com-

munity and education," he said.

After a Notre Dame career marked by a service record, Moo believes his participation in the ACE program is an extension of his work at the University.

"I believe that the ACE program is an extension of Notre Dame and the Notre Dame mission," he said.

Although teaching in a low-income community can often be a trying task, both Stowe and Moo agree the results are well worth the effort.

"We are answering the financial need of Catholic school and the spiritual need," Stowe said. "These young energetic adults are able to bring life and faith to these communities."

In fact, Moo has found the program so rewarding that he is reconsidering his previous plans to continue on to graduate or law school.

"Now that I'm actually here, I'm a little more confused than I was before," he said. "I really enjoy teaching, and I can definitely see myself in education."

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Mother admits killing child

Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas — A woman believed to be the mother of a 2-year-old whose body was found in Galveston Bay told police she and the girl's stepfather beat and tortured the child to death, court documents show.

The details, in a statement Kimberly Dawn Trenor gave to police, paint a chilling picture of the last days of the girl investigators called "Baby Grace" as they worked for weeks to learn her identity.

Investigators are awaiting DNA test results but said Monday they are "fairly confident" that the body a fisherman found in a plastic box Oct. 29 is that of Riley Ann Sawyers. Trenor, 19, and her husband, Royce Clyde Zeigler II, were in custody on charges of hurting the girl.

"It was a few weeks ago I held up this little shoe and asked, 'Who is Baby Grace? Who does this belong to?'" sheriff's Maj. Ray Tuttoilmondo said at a news conference. "We're now fairly confident we know the answer to that."

An autopsy revealed three skull fractures, but the cause of death has not been determined.

Tuttoilmondo said he could not discuss details of the little girl's death, but Trenor said in her police statement, first reported by Houston television station KTRK, that she and Zeigler, 24, killed her July 24.

The girl was beaten with leather belts, had her head held underwater in a bathtub and then was thrown across a room, her head slamming

into a tile floor, Trenor said in the document. She said they kept the body in a storage shed for one to two months before they put it in a plastic bin and dumped it into Galveston Bay.

Trenor's attorney, Tom Stickler, said she has cooperated with authorities. He declined to comment about her statement to investigators.

"But from what she said, there is no doubt that the girl found is Riley Sawyers," Stickler said.

Trenor and Zeigler were arrested early Saturday and charged with injury to a child and tampering with evidence, Tuttoilmondo said. Bail was set at \$350,000 each. The couple's next court appearance was expected to be scheduled on Tuesday.

Wendell Odom, Zeigler's attorney, declined to comment on the case except to say Zeigler grew up in Spring, about 75 miles north of Galveston, and works as an instrument technician in the oil industry.

Trenor and Zeigler met a couple of years ago playing an online game, World of Warcraft, and she moved with her daughter from suburban Cleveland to Spring in June, Stickler said.

Riley's paternal grandmother, Sheryl Sawyers, hadn't seen her granddaughter in months when she saw a police sketch of "Baby Grace." Thinking it might be Riley, she called authorities in Texas.

In Mentor, Ohio, on Monday, Sawyers wiped away tears at a news conference and held up the Elmo doll she had already bought Riley for

Christmas.

"It's hard to think that I'll never see her again," she said.

The Sawyers family's attorney, Laura DePledge, said they take comfort in knowing that the girl is "resting peacefully and is no longer subject to abuse."

DePledge said Trenor and Sawyers' son, Robert Sawyers, also of Mentor, had been high school sweetheart. Sheryl Sawyers said she has not seen Riley since the girl and Trenor moved to Texas.

Robert Sawyers, who works in an auto-parts store, was never married to Trenor but lived with her and their daughter in his parents' home for about two years. He and Trenor split up after March 31, when he was charged with domestic violence against her.

DePledge said there was insufficient evidence to support the charge, which was reduced to disorderly conduct. Robert Sawyers is now married and has a 3-month-old son.

Riley "had a very big imagination for such a little girl," he said of his daughter. "She could play with anything and have fun with it."

Tuttoilmondo said Trenor had told relatives that someone claiming to be a social worker from Ohio took the girl in July.

Tuttoilmondo said investigators became emotionally involved in determining the little girl's identity.

"Any way you look at it, we carry a piece of her with us and will always carry a little piece of her with us," he said. "She's still our little girl."

ND professor wins international award

Special to The Observer

Kathryn Kerby-Fulton, professor of English at the University of Notre Dame, recently was awarded the John Ben Snow Prize from the North American Conference on British Studies for "Books Under Suspicion: Censorship and Tolerance of Revelatory Writing in Late Medieval England."

Published last year by Notre Dame Press, "Books Under Suspicion" offers a sharply revisionist account of intellectual freedom in the 14th and 15th centuries and examines the censorship issues that propelled the major writers of the period toward their massive use of visionary genres.

The award citation states: "Through its superb scholarship, 'Books Under Suspicion' recasts our understanding of religious heterodoxy in late medieval England. Kathryn Kerby-Fulton challenges traditional historiography that privileges the radicalism of John Wycliffe and his followers. Instead, through close examination of visionary genres and texts, she establishes a significant, alternative intellectual history, one that

shows a surprising degree of pluralism and tolerance for unorthodox thought. Kerby-Fulton's scholarship is remarkable, her methodology often ingenious, particularly her use of reception history and codicology. This book rests on rich sources, both literary and theological, vernacular and Latin. It integrates Europe and England in new ways and shows a pluralist culture under constant negotiation and evolution."

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2005, Kerby-Fulton was awarded a 2007-08 fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, for which she is working on a project titled "Medieval Reading Circles and the Rise of English Literature in England and Anglo-Ireland."

Specializing in Middle English literature and related areas of medieval studies, Kerby-Fulton also is the author of "Reformist Apocalypticism and Piers Plowman" (which won the John Nicholas Brown Prize from the Medieval Academy of America in 1994), co-author of "Iconography and the Professional Reader," and co-editor of three collections.

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NYSE	9,389.50	-193.48
S&P 500	1,407.22	-33.48
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	14,874.26	-260.95
FTSE 100 (London)	6,180.50	-81.60

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECIEPTS (SPY)	-2.21	-3.18	140.95
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-1.73	-0.86	48.98
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-3.15	-1.00	30.70
FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF)	-3.35	-0.98	28.29

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-4.11	-0.165	3.847
13-WEEK BILL	-2.71	-0.085	3.055
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IN BRIEF

Oil prices rise to nearly \$99 a barrel

Oil prices rose to near \$99 a barrel Monday with temperatures falling in the United States and Europe and continued weakness for the U.S. dollar.

The Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday marked the unofficial start of winter in the United States. Among other areas, southeastern New Mexico got up to 9 inches of snow and experienced colder than normal temperatures over the holiday weekend. Snow also fell in Germany over the weekend.

"The onset of cold U.S. weather is going to boost fuel demand," said Victor Shum, an energy analyst with Purvin & Gertz in Singapore.

Light, sweet crude for January delivery added 75 cents to \$98.93 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, midway in Europe.

On Friday, the contract rose 89 cents to settle at \$98.18 a barrel, besting the previous settlement record by 15 cents.

January Brent crude added 68 cents to \$96.44 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Meanwhile, the dollar hit a new low against the euro Friday as speculation continued that the American credit crisis will lead to another cut in U.S. interest rates.

"The weakened U.S. dollar remains at record low levels and so we've got pricing trying to test \$100 again," Shum said.

Oil futures offer a hedge against a weak dollar, and oil futures bought and sold in dollars are more attractive to foreign investors when the U.S. currency is falling.

Nymex crude prices reached a trading record of \$99.29 a barrel on Wednesday, and are within the range of inflation-adjusted highs set in early 1980. Depending on how the adjustment is calculated, \$38 a barrel then would be worth \$96 to \$103 or more today.

"Almost anything could push prices higher from here and we have to expect to see a move to" \$100 per barrel this week, said Peter Beutel, president of U.S. energy risk management firm Cameron Hanover, in a research note, listing a U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate cut, a weaker U.S. dollar, colder weather forecasts or "any petro-political problem" among the factors which could push oil prices to three digits.

Credit concerns hit stocks again

Despite strong retail sales, Dow falls another 240 points, 10 percent off mid-October peak

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street sold off sharply Monday as concerns about a weakening credit market wiped out investors' enthusiasm about strong retail sales over the holiday weekend. The Dow Jones industrial average fell nearly 240 points.

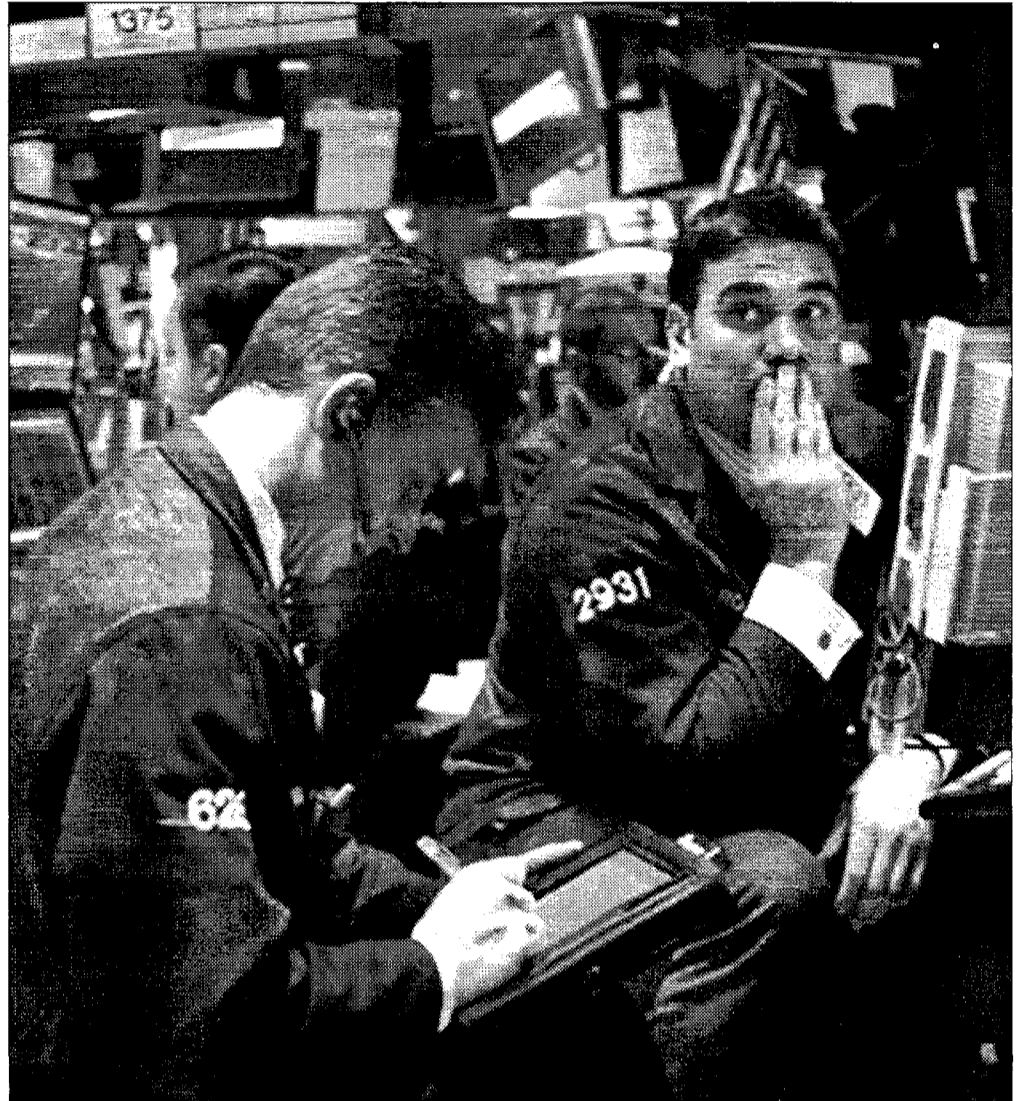
The Dow's decline from its mid-October closing high is now 10.03 percent, putting the blue chip index past the 10 percent threshold that signifies a correction.

The swoon comes as investors were unnerved by another series of announcements that pointed to continuing problems in the credit markets, the result of home loan debt going bad under the weight of a faltering housing market.

Two banks had bad news: Citigroup Inc. warned it is looking to cut costs — raising the possibility of further job cuts — and HSBC Holdings PLC said it plans to bail out two funds it manages. To do so, Europe's largest bank plans to move about \$45 billion of the fund's assets onto its balance sheet.

Comments from Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a key member of Senate finance and banking committees, about the exposure that the Atlanta-based Federal Home Loan Bank might have to Countrywide Financial Corp.'s debt stirred concerns about further weakening in the banking sector.

Meanwhile, The New York Federal Reserve, acknowledging "heightened pressures" in money markets that are expected to last through the rest of



Traders at the New York Stock Exchange were unnerved by bad news from the housing market and banking sector Friday.

the year, said it plans to conduct a series of repurchase agreements aimed at boosting liquidity in the credit markets. The announcement from the New York Fed, which carries out monetary policy set by the U.S. Federal Reserve, essentially puts in writing many of the steps the Fed often takes at this time of year.

The Fed said it would inject \$8 billion into the banking system on Wednesday. The amount of money is somewhat

larger than in past years at this time.

A better-than-expected report on retail sales wasn't able to hold the market's early gains. Retail sales on Friday and Saturday combined rose 7.2 percent to \$16.4 billion from the same two-day period a year ago, according to ShopperTrak, which tracks total sales at more than 50,000 U.S. retail outlets. That's helped ease investor concerns about consumer spending,

which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity.

"The early focus was on the consumer and the weekend sales but of course subprime always seems to pop its head up," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at New York-based brokerage house Avalon Partners Inc., referring to loans made to borrowers with poor credit. Some of these loans are now souring, forcing banks to write off huge sums.

"We" to "me" shift hard for some vets

Associated Press

FORT RILEY, Kan. — Brian Brooks sat against the wall listening intently to instructions for his next mission. After 20 years of working for team Army, the next task was all his.

Brooks is trading his uniform and procurement job for civilian clothes and work schedules. Since 1987, he has reported each day for duty, knowing there was a job waiting for him. Now, there's no guarantee.

"For some of us, it's a different world. It will make you a little nervous," said Brooks, 38, who's retiring after 20 years.

The disconnect between life in the active duty military and the civilian job market is not unusual. For the nearly 250,000 who leave the military annually, selling themselves to employers isn't something they have had to worry about for years — if ever.

More and more mid-grade officers

and enlisted soldiers are leaving the military as multiple deployments to war takes its toll on them and their families. Despite increased incentives, including huge bonuses from the Army, many are opting to test the civilian job market, even if they aren't sure how.

For the Department of Defense, having thousands of unemployed veterans is costly. In 2006, the agency paid \$518 million in unemployment benefits, and \$365 million through the first three quarters of 2007.

Veterans say it's difficult to go from a culture where the emphasis is on "we," as in the squad or platoon, to "me," as in a qualified applicant.

"It's lost in the translation, this inability of the veteran to communicate all of their skills to an employer in a way that is meaningful," said Tom Aiello, vice president of military.com, a division of Monster Worldwide.

A recent survey by military.com found that 76 percent of veterans felt

unable to effectively translate their military skills in civilian terms and 72 percent felt unprepared to negotiate a salary. The survey heard from 287 recruiters and hiring managers from firms across the country, as well responses from 4,442 veterans. Responses were gathered through telephone interviews and online questioning.

"Because their resumes and experiences differ from traditional candidates, it can be challenging for hiring managers to immediately appreciate the value they bring," Aiello said.

Brooks was responsible for getting resources to train teams sent to Iraq and Afghanistan to work as advisers. It meant working with approved suppliers and contractors for clothing, weapons, food and anything else soldiers or trainers needed to complete the mission. In the civilian market, Brooks could expect to do similar tasks in factories, warehouses or retail stores.

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Honesty needed in foreign policy

The debacle in Pakistan this month has brought to light the utter hypocrisy of U.S. foreign policy. Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has suspended the constitution, declared a state of emergency, blacked out independent television networks, arrested thousands of dissidents and threatened to postpone elections.

Zach Einterz

Bulletproof Ideas

Despite these recent developments, the United States has stayed committed to Musharraf as an "indispensable" ally in the War on Terror.

The Bush Administration has done little more than pay lip service to the situation in Pakistan, all the while insisting that Musharraf is dedicated to bringing about democratic reform. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called Musharraf's actions "a bad decision." She added, "I don't have any doubt that [Musharraf] is somebody who tries to have the best interests of his country at heart."

Bush Administration officials have pointed out democratic advancements attained under Musharraf, such as gains in gender equality, freedom of the press, civil rights and the economy. According to President Bush, "Pakistan has been on the path to democracy."

There are many reasons to doubt the Bush Administration's insistence that Pakistan is a pro-democracy ally. Musharraf came to power by a coup d'etat in 1999, and he has been accused of tampering with elections several times since.

Pakistan's position as an "indispensa-

ble" ally in the War on Terror must also be called into question. Pakistan has been incompetent, if not unwilling, in the War on Terror. It's estimated that more Al-Qaeda members find shelter in Pakistan than any other country, and it is widely believed that Osama Bin Laden is living in Pakistan. In addition, U.S. intelligence reports note that Pakistan has been actively trading nuclear technology with Libya and North Korea.

Our alliance with Pakistan has turned into an exercise in stubbornness and stupidity. All the reasons given for an alliance with Pakistan have failed. Pakistan is neither an "indispensable" ally in the War on Terror nor is it a state "on the path to democracy."

Once all the rhetoric has been removed, we are left with this solemn fact: Since Sept. 2001, the United States has sent \$10 billion to a military dictatorship that oppresses its people, has nuclear weapons and does little to fight terrorism.

Our counterintuitive policy toward Pakistan is not unique. We give monetary and military support to repressive regimes throughout the world, and we've been doing it for a long time.

Consider the case of Saudi Arabia. Over 75 percent of the Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudis and it's estimated that as much as 50 percent of the suicide bombers in Iraq are Saudis. Saudi Arabia's pitiful human rights record has made it comparable to more notorious countries such as Myanmar and North Korea.

Saudi Arabia, like Pakistan, is not a democracy. Yet Saudi Arabia is one of our

closest allies in the Middle East and this summer we brokered a deal to sell them \$20 billion dollars worth of arms. Selling \$20 billion in weapons to a country that produces hijackers and suicide bombers en masse may seem illogical, but Defense Secretary Robert Gates astutely explained that the arms package is necessary to reassure the Saudis that "our commitment in the region remains firm."

The United States prides itself on being "the brightest beacon for freedom" and promoter of democracy throughout the world. However, it's clear that these phrases have turned into meaningless political rhetoric.

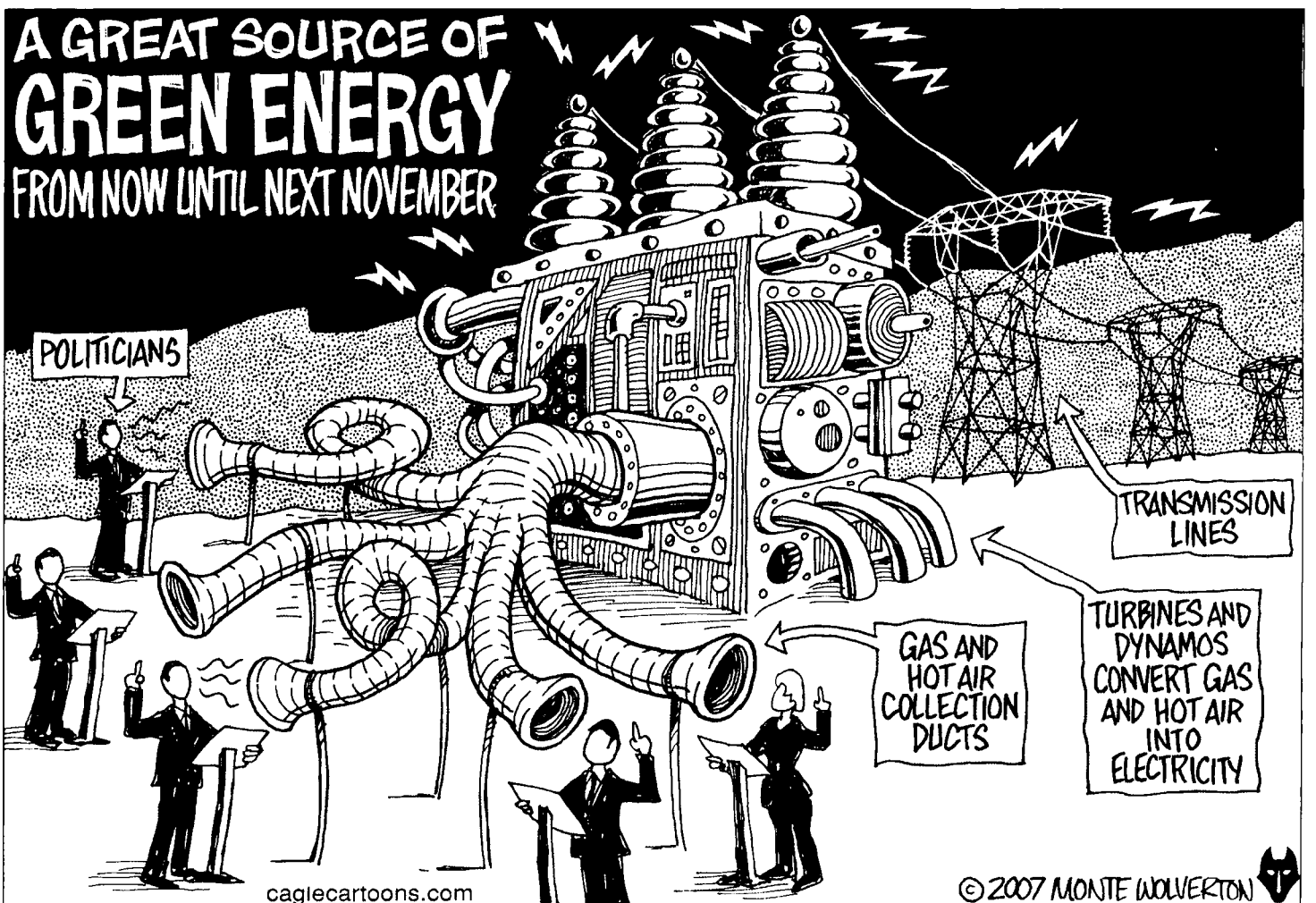
The inconsistency between our rhetoric and our actions needs correction. Since our foreign policy is unlikely to change anytime soon, we must change our rhetoric. The next time the U.S. makes an asinine deal with another country, Americans deserve to hear the truth.

The State Department should admit that we're doing it to ensure the free flow of oil or to appease political factions. Americans don't want to hear that sending billions of dollars to a puppet regime in the Middle East is necessary for democracy, because we know that's not true.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A person is never happy except at the price of some ignorance."

Anatole France
French author

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday."

Don Marquis
humorist

Reassess use of Tasers

The old adage that “guns don’t kill people, people kill people” is often touted by NRA gun rights fanatics who can recite the Second Amendment by heart and proudly sport “Charlton Heston is my president” bumper stickers. It’s a way of defending the presence of guns and pointing elsewhere for the cause of violent crimes, and it’s sadly true at some level about the human pathology of violence.

James Dechant

Foregone Conclusion

Unfortunately, we no longer have only guns to fear. These days, we have to worry about being killed by a weapon designed, ironically, to help police stop criminals without resorting to lethal force: The Taser.

The United Nations’ Committee Against Torture declared on Nov. 23 that Tasers — the electronic “stun gun” weapons used by nearly half of all United States police departments — are a form of torture. They cite the multitude of questionable deaths related to Taser use and say that the weapons violate the U.N. Convention Against Torture.

The U.N. aimed its statement particularly at Portuguese police forces that recently purchased new Taser X26 models, but the pronouncement strikes a chord here in the U.S., where recent Taser-related deaths have sparked an outcry against the use of the weapon. The last week and a half has seen four such deaths in this country: two in

Florida, one in Maryland, and one in New Mexico. Canada saw two fatalities last week involving the weapon, and last month in British Columbia, a Polish man’s death following two shots with the taser was caught on video at the Vancouver Airport.

Taser International, the manufacturer of the item, refuses to even call the stun gun a weapon. They advertise it as a “personal protection system,” but make no mistake: The company is a weapons manufacturer. They claim no deaths have ever been proven conclusively to be a direct result of the “low energy electrical discharge” of the weapon. The low energy in question is 50,000 volts.

One of the biggest groups speaking out against the (mis)use of the weapon is Amnesty International. Amnesty has been calling for a suspension of the weapon since at least March of 2006, when they issued a statement against police use of the Taser. Their report cites several areas of concern, including the rise of Taser-related deaths (over 150 then, now over 250), the severe limitations of independent Taser research (that is, research not affiliated with the producer of the weapon and not benefiting from its sale), and the use of the weapon on vulnerable groups like children, pregnant women, drug users, mentally impaired victims, criminals in jail or prisoners in U.S. foreign detainment camps (already in trouble for torturing prisoners).

If you think these claims are exagger-

ated, read the Amnesty report online. It documents gross misuses of the Taser in just one state (Florida), including the use of the weapon on a 12-year-old boy, a 14-year-old girl and a 15-year-old autistic boy.

Clearly, the weapon has a documented history of violent effects. The U.N. accusation of torture shows how far afield the weapon has come from its original intention of incapacitating without violence.

Proponents of the Taser claim that in any event, the weapon’s use is preferable to guns and their unavoidably lethal consequences. But as the Amnesty report points out, the Taser’s classification as a non-lethal weapon and its underestimation as “low force” only authorizes its frequent, indiscriminate employment. Police departments, instead of using the Taser as an alternative to the gun, brandish it like a nightstick. Some departments place the weapon low enough on their use-of-force scales to justify its use where the only provocation is failure to comply with an officer’s requests.

The recent and now infamous “Don’t Tase me, bro” incident (again in Florida) sickeningly shows how security forces use the weapon without hesitation as a first option instead of a last, regardless of the student’s intentions.

There are no easy solutions here: Some situations require force, but the most humane tool we can create ends up killing people as a gun would do

anyway.

Tasers should be safer and not kill — yet they do, and misconceptions about their “safety” prompts their use all the time. Giving police high-powered Nerf guns might seem appealing, but I suspect more real criminals (not autistic children from Florida) would escape that way.

Hopefully the U.N. statement will prompt a reevaluation of the weapon’s use by domestic security forces. The United Nations has only made one error in its illustrious history: Its inexcusable failure to create a Committee for the Veneration and Admiration of John Bolton’s Mustache. Its assessment of the weapon as a device of torture avoids any similar errors, and all kidding aside, the time has come for the weapon to come under serious inspection.

The increasing sentiment of negative public opinion, the growing collective of human rights groups speaking out against the weapon and, most of all, the mounting number of Taser-related deaths all point to the need for a suspension of the weapon until further study takes place.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help town honor Victory March

My wife and I have had the pleasure of visiting our daughter at Notre Dame over the past three years. Each visit reinforces for us that Notre Dame is a special place. This is not just because of the physical attributes, but more due to the intangibles derived from faith, loyalty, respect and enthusiasm. This contributes to a school spirit that is difficult to define, but you know it when you feel it.

During our visit this year, we took particular note of one contributing element to the Notre Dame Spirit: The Notre Dame Victory March. As members of the Shea Tribute Committee from western Massachusetts, the home of the composers Michael and John Shea, our ears and eyes were tuned to the role this song plays in fostering this sense of spirit. We noted that the Shea brothers’ motivating words jumped from walls of numerous buildings throughout the campus and the echoes of their song emanated from the quads, the Eck

Center, the JACC and the stadium over the weekend.

The Victory March brings forth the Notre Dame spirit. The most powerful example of this for us came from the words of Coach Weis. During his pep rally speech, he spoke of the marching band coming to the football team’s practice following their tough loss to Navy the weekend prior. During their surprise visit, he stated the band played eighteen renditions of the Victory March, highlighting the song’s impact. Clearly, his men felt the spirit and the resultant practices were increasingly productive.

Michael and John Shea composed the Notre Dame Victory March and first played it in their home city of Holyoke, Mass., in 1908. Holyoke is also the home of the second-largest St. Patrick’s Day Parade in the nation. What a fitting tribute to the contribution these men have made to Notre Dame it would be to have the Band of the Fighting Irish play their song down the parade route in

their home city on its 100th anniversary. While Dr. Kenneth Dye feels that such a grandiose plan would not be possible, I invite the creative and cognitively-gifted Notre Dame community to assist in developing a fitting tribute during the 2008 parade. The Holyoke St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee has embraced our committee’s efforts to pay tribute to the Shea brothers and may be considering a Notre Dame graduate for their prestigious John F. Kennedy National Award. This will synergize our efforts to honor the Shea Brothers and Notre Dame.

So “rally sons (and daughters) of Notre Dame, sing her glory and sound her fame” by helping us pay a fitting tribute to these men in their home city, the birthplace of the Notre Dame Victory March. Go Irish!

Dave Shea

Shea Tribute Committee chair
 Easthampton, Mass.

Nov. 11

Change the consequences

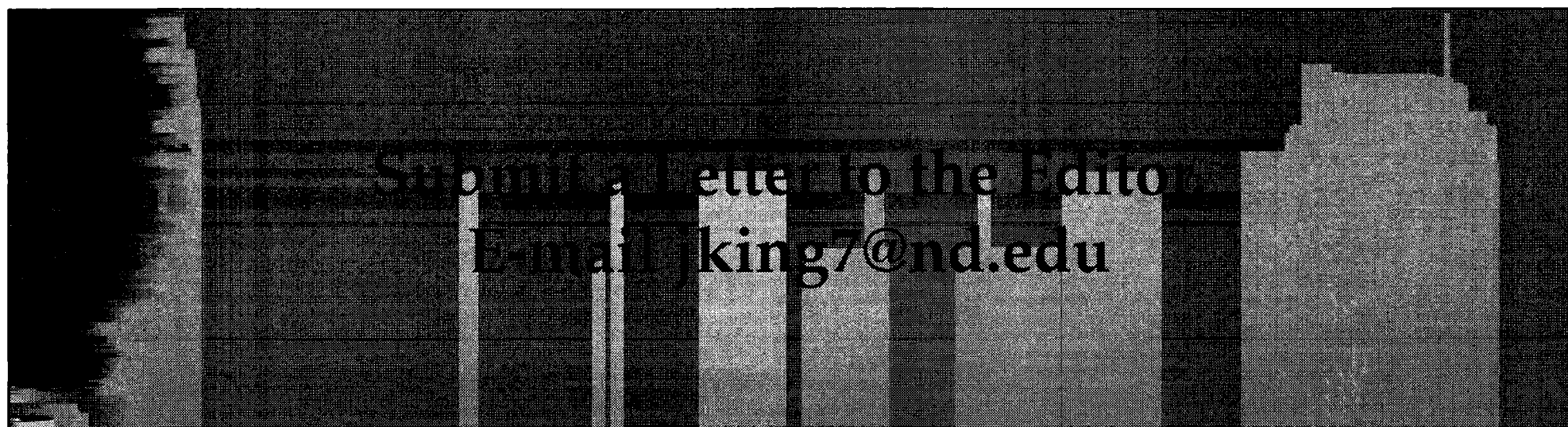
The tradition of throwing marshmallows at the last home football game is a tradition which appeared after I was a senior, but then, there have been several new chapters written in most history books since I was a student at Notre Dame. That said, I do have to weigh-in on the side of the seniors who were removed from the game. Ejection seems like an overly-harsh punishment for what is otherwise, at most, an annoying “tradition,” especially when it appears to have been applied randomly. Such random enforcement of the rules may, in fact, be actionable by those who were deprived of a valuable asset without due process, that asset being the right to watch the remainder of the last home football game for which the seniors or their parents had paid.

If cleanup is truly an issue, perhaps following Joe Paterno’s lead would make more sense than throwing the rascals out: Make the seniors clean up the stadium Sunday at 7 a.m.

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SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS

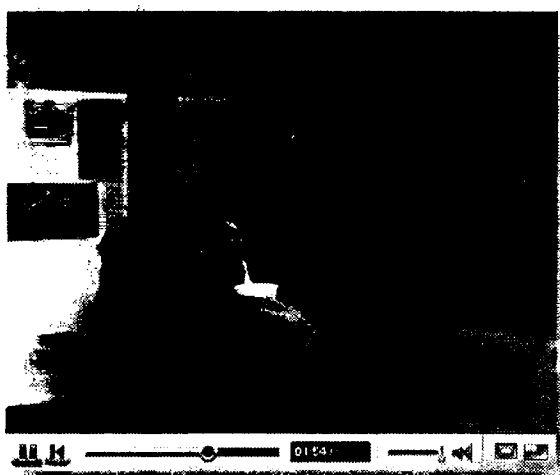


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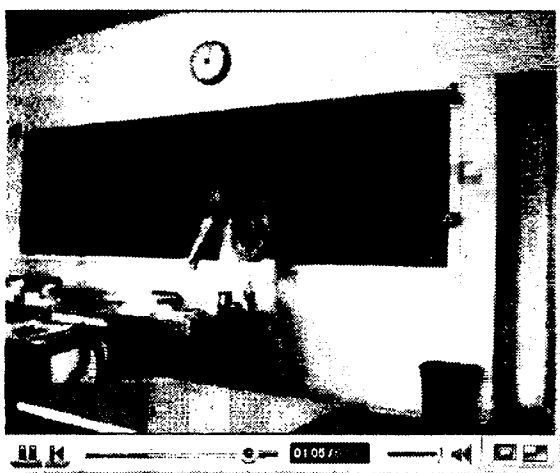
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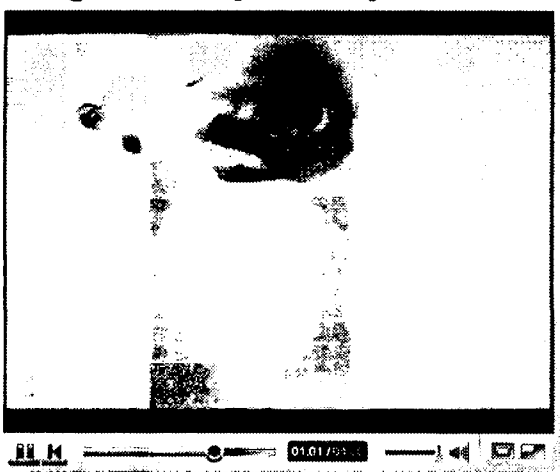
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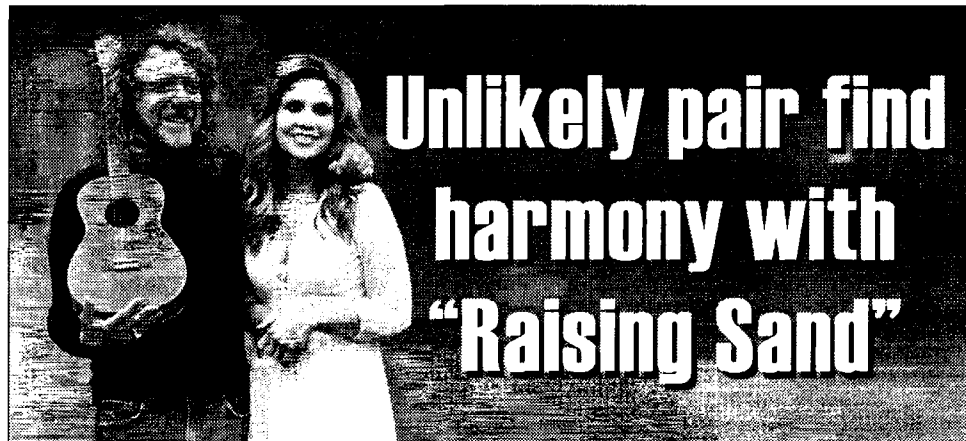


Uncanny? Creepy? Awesome? You decide.

Virgin Mary in my PB&J



And you thought your ham on rye was special.



Unlikely pair find harmony with "Raising Sand"

MATT HUDSON | Observer Graphic

By JAMES COSTA
Scene Writer

There are certain musical pairings that immediately make sense. Take Simon and Garfunkel or Celine Dion and Andrea Bocelli.

But Robert Plant and Alison Krauss?

It's like setting Bambi and King Kong up for the senior prom and expecting some sparks to fly by the last slow song. Yet somehow, it works. It works beautifully.

Plant is most famous for his role as lead singer of the iconic rock band Led Zeppelin.

At the band's heyday, Plant contributed vocals that often bordered on screams and created a blasting sound often imitated, but rarely equaled in the world of rock and roll.

Krauss, on the other end of the musical spectrum, is considered the quintessential female bluegrass vocalist. She's prone to whisper her way through hypnotic songs of love and loss in a

way more eerie and transcendent than most any other performer today.

The two seasoned artists, in a display of mutual admiration, find in "Raising Sand" a means of creating a unique musical collaboration that is as haunting as it is brilliant. Indeed, this could not have happened except for now, as both artists ease toward the twilights of their respective careers. Each song carries a seasoned and aged perspective that feels believable because of its honesty.

All of the songs on the record are remakes of lesser-known tracks from the catalogs of blues, country, folk, gospel and R&B artists like Tom Waits, Townes Van

Zandt, Milt Campbell, the Everly Brothers, Sam Phillips, and A.D. and Rosa Lee Watson. The record's producer, T. Bone Burnett, deserves recognition as the third piece of the puzzle, choosing most of the songs and compiling the backing band that adds a mystic quality to each track.

Using guitarists Marc Ribot and Norman Blake, bassist Sam Phillips and A.D. and Rosa Lee Watson, Burnett fashions a mellow and concise sound that augments Plant and Krauss without overpowering them.

Some of the songs on the record are left alone, sounding like the obscure original versions. Yet Burnett chooses more often to

change the arrangements in powerful ways. In "Rich Woman," the record's opening track, Plant and Krauss sing together in a soft and optimistic tone, while just beneath their words a river of music crafts an ominous undertone.

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delving into new and untried disciplines. Plant convincingly plays the honkeytonker and gospel singer, while Krauss supports him as a bona fide blues singer. While removing themselves from their comfort zones to create a new sound together, they both use their classic strengths to make the album truly exceptional.

Krauss in particular uses her famously ethereal voice to lend a lingering and poignant effect to nearly each song on the record.

The album has an almost back-porch-like appeal that carries it admirably through its heaviest and lightest moments. The sound is so earnest and natural that you can imagine

stumbling into an old farmhouse in some sleepy Southern town and finding Plant and Krauss, just sitting back on two old rocking chairs and harmonizing.

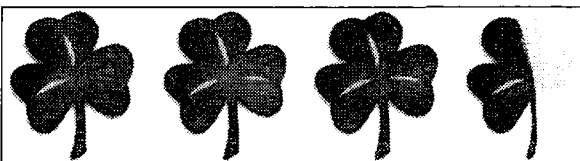
Old songs can be made new again by old souls bent on forging new ground together. Thank goodness Plant and Krauss had courage enough to raise the sand one more time.

Raising Sand

Robert Plant and Alison Krauss

Label: Rounder

Recommended Tracks: "Rich Woman" and "Sister Rosetta Goes Before Us"



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Alison Krauss, left, and Robert Plant may seem different, but their bluegrass and rock sensibilities work well together on their new album, "Raising Sand."

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Notre Dame 21, Stanford 14

Through the grit and Grime(s)

Robert Hughes rushes for game-winning TD and 136 yards in third win of season

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. — It's over. A season that saw the Irish lose more games than ever in their 119-year history ended with what was seen rarely in coach Charlie Weis' third season on the Notre Dame sideline — a win. The Irish (3-9) defeated Stanford 21-14 on Saturday to end the year with two straight wins, fielding a young team that had true freshmen lead the game in passing, rushing and receiving yards.

"All along we knew we were playing with talented young guys and that there was going to be a growing process," Weis said. "There's some growing pains that take place when you're doing it. They're going to be a lot more ready to play next year by how they finished this year."

Notre Dame freshman running back Robert Hughes juked his way into the end zone for the 6-yard, go-ahead touchdown run with 6:06 left in the fourth quarter. The Cardinal (2-9) offense then drove 46 yards to the Irish 6-yard line with under a minute left to play, but two dropped passes to Stanford receivers in the back of the end zone turned the ball, and the game, over to Notre Dame.

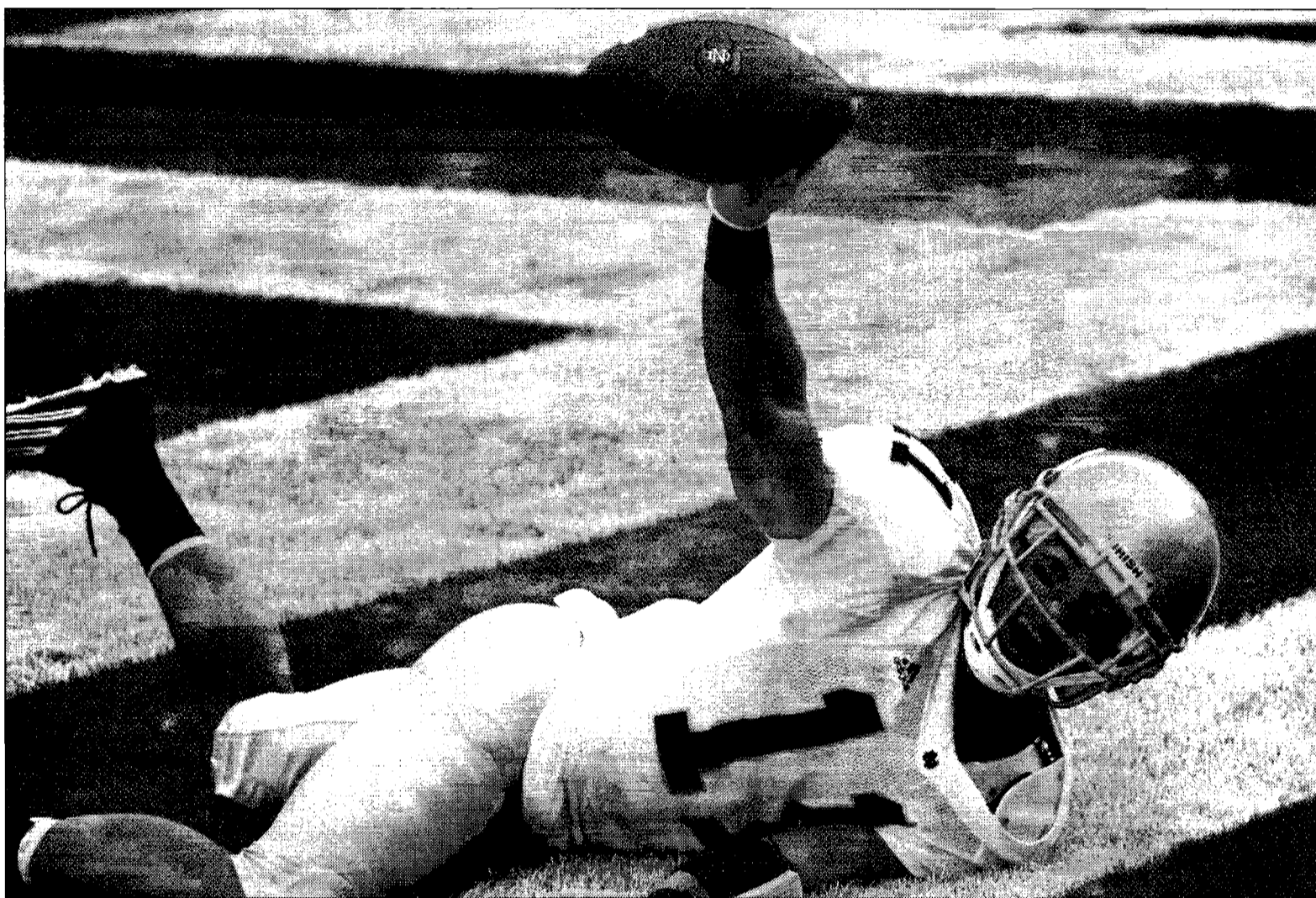
Hughes ran for a game-high 136 yards, including a 44-yard run around the left end into open space in the fourth quarter that set up his game-winning touchdown.

"[Hughes] played awesome. He run's hard, he's huge," Irish wide receiver David Grimes said. "I wouldn't want to tackle him."

Freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw for 196 yards with 19 completions on 32 attempts, outgunning his Stanford counterparts Tavita Pritchard and T.C. Ostrander by 44 yards. Clausen connected with freshman wide receiver Duval Kamara six times for a team-high 93 yards.

"Those freshman and sophomores and juniors, they played really well," Grimes said. "Some of those catches Golden Tate and Kamara made were awesome."

There were four calls by Big East referees on the field overruled by a Pac-10 replay judge in the booth, including what would have been a 29-yard touchdown reception to put the Irish up 21-14 by Irish wide receiver David Grimes midway through the third quarter. Grimes laid out in a Superman dive with his back to the ball in the end zone, caught the ball while in mid-air and cradled it in both hands as he hit the ground.



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish receiver David Grimes holds up the ball after making an apparent catch in the third quarter of Notre Dame's 21-14 win Saturday at Stanford. The catch was called a touchdown, but replay officials overturned the decision after review.

The play was initially ruled a touchdown, but upon replay it was reversed and a 44-yard field goal attempt by Brandon Walker on the next play missed wide right to keep the game tied at 14-14.

"David [Grimes] said he had the ball underneath his hands," Weis said. "[The players] usually tell me what they perceive to be the truth. And when he reached out he had the ball in his hands, and he said the ball didn't bounce off the ground because he had his hand underneath the ball. He said there was no way it was an incompleteness. I trust David."

It took three failed drives, two of which ended with fumbles, and a fortunate interception before Notre Dame scored the first points of the game to go up 7-0 at 4:57 of the first quarter. Cardinal quarterback Pritchard threw a quick pass to wide receiver Richard Sherman that popped out of his hands, and Irish safety Tom Zbikowski grabbed it out of the air and fell on the Stanford 14-yard line.

Clausen then hit Kamara with a 12-yard pass to the 2-yard line

and ran a two-yard quarterback keeper into the end zone on the ensuing play for the touchdown.

"It wasn't the prettiest [game]," Weis said. "Obviously we turned the ball over in the first quarter three times."

Cardinal running back Anthony Kimble fought through an Irish goal line stand on his second attempt from the 1-yard line to tie the game at 7-7 with 1:36 left in the first quarter.

Kimble's short rush was set up by a 42 yard pass from Pritchard to wide receiver Mark Bradford, who caught the ball 20 yards from the line of scrimmage and then made several cuts up the middle to avoid tackles and stretched it out for another five yards with a stiff arm.

With 2:54 remaining in the second quarter, Kimble zigzagged through the Irish defense for an 11-yard touchdown, breaking four tackles to put the Cardinal up 14-7.

With a familiar stat line, Irish senior running back Travis Thomas carried the ball one time for one yard and a touchdown in his final game when he tied the

game at 14-14 with 48 seconds left in the first half on a run up the gut into the Cardinal end zone.

The Thomas run was set up by a 44-yard swing pass to senior Junior Jabbie, who bust into open space after right guard Eric Olsen created a lane by steamrolling a Cardinal defender into Stanford Stadium's new hybrid Bermuda grass.

The Grimes touchdown catch wasn't the only touchdown Notre Dame saw reversed in the game.

On Stanford's last drive of the first half, Pritchard threw a deep interception to Irish safety David Bruton on the Notre Dame 3-yard line, starting a three-lateral return into the end zone that was eventually brought back on a penalty.

Irish safety Tom Zbikowski got the first lateral from Bruton, took it 27 yards before he tossed it 10 yards to his left to cornerback Darrin Walls, then got it back and outran Pritchard into the end zone. The multi-lateral play, which Weis said they played around with in practice, was nullified by a personal foul to defen-

sive end Trevor Laws.

"[It was] 14-14, and we had a chance to get ahead, and then the penalty by one of your best friends," Zbikowski joked about Laws. "We do it in practice, we mess around, start pitching it around. It worked pretty well today."

As the sun set on the redwoods ringing the stadium in northern California, the Irish stayed in the locker room a little bit longer to celebrate the win. They performed around five renditions of the fight song, led by Weis, Zbikowski, Laws and center John Sullivan, and were slow to board the buses that were the first leg of the final trip back to South Bend.

"For all the guys walking out the door, there's a lot of scrutiny as the year goes on that everyone says, 'this team's going to throw in the towel,'" Weis said. "It says a lot for the characters of those guys that in the last two years when everyone said they're going to throw in the towel, that's the last thing they're thinking."

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player of the game

Robert Hughes

Hughes was a presence in the Irish offense early and often. The freshman had two runs of over 40 yards en route to his second consecutive game with over 100 yards rushing.

stat of the game

7.6

Yards per carry for Irish running back Robert Hughes, who finished with 136 yards on 18 carries and one touchdown.

play of the game

Hughes' 44-yard run on second and 7 Hughes carried the ball four straight times on Notre Dame's go-ahead drive, but this play put the Irish in the red zone and set up the winning touchdown.

quote of the game

"David Grimes said he had the ball underneath his hands. ... He said there was no way it was an incompleteness. I trust David."
Charlie Weis
Irish coach.

report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** Clausen made some good throws, but was inconsistent in the win. Mental mistakes from the freshman cost the Irish a lot of field position, including one interception.
- B+** **running backs:** Hughes had a great game running the ball, and Thomas got the one yard he was asked to, but Schwapp and Allen had a tough time getting any positive momentum.
- B+** **receivers:** This game featured fewer drops than previous efforts, including a big day for Kamara. The unit had no scores, although Grimes had a touchdown catch reversed by the booth.
- B-** **offensive line:** The line opened up a lot of big holes for Hughes to run through. The passing protection was questionable, as they gave up five sacks and 13 tackles for loss.
- A-** **defensive line:** Trevor Laws and Ian Williams each had great games in the trenches with eight and six tackles, respectively. Laws added a sack and Justin Brown on another.
- C+** **linebackers:** The backers were able to get some pressure on the Cardinal quarterbacks, but failed to stop Stanford from gaining consistent yardage off sweep plays in the running game.
- B** **defensive backs:** The secondary played tight defense on most of the Cardinal receivers. Bruton and Zbikowski each picked off Pritchard; Zbikowski's set up Notre Dame's first score.
- C** **special teams:** Walker missed another two kicks, while the kickoff team gave up 27.5 yards per return. The punt team and punt return teams each played well, however.
- B-** **coaching:** Notre Dame made a lot of costly mental mistakes, but showed a lot of determination to win in a game that had very little real significance.
- 2.89** **overall:** The Irish and Cardinal played a sloppy game, but Notre Dame did a little more to pull out its second straight win.

adding up the numbers

- 2** Offsetting personal foul penalties in the second half. Both times Irish players retaliated upon Cardinal provocation.
- 5** Missed field goals Irish kicker Brandon Walker and Cardinal kicker Derek Belch combined for. Belch missed four, including a 30-yard try.
- 116** Ranking for Notre Dame's rush offense out of 119 teams at 75.25 yards per game this year. The Irish were in last for most of the season.
- 3** Laterals made in Notre Dame's interception return just before halftime. The touchdown was called back because of a personal foul on Laws.
- 1** Tackle short of the record for tackles in a season by an Irish defensive lineman Trevor Laws ended the season at.
- 101** Pass attempts between interceptions for Clausen. He threw a pick to Cardinal defensive end Emmanuel Awofadeju in the fourth quarter.
- 16** Fumbles lost for Notre Dame this season. The Irish are tied for No. 115 in Div. I with Fresno State, USF and TCU.
- 2** Game-winning streak Notre Dame currently has. The last time Notre Dame won its last two games in a season was the 1992 season when it beat USC and then Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl.



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish receiver David Grimes dives in the end zone to make a catch during the third quarter of Notre Dame's 21-14 win Saturday over Stanford. The catch was initially ruled a touchdown, but was later overturned by the replay official.

Replay system needs overhaul

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Somehow, this ending was fitting.

With Notre Dame's 21-14 win over Stanford, a frustrating, bizarre and poorly officiated game concluded the season — for the Irish anyway — in this, the Year of the Wacky.

For a moment, at least, let's ponder what clear judgments we can deduce by reviewing this insane season's final game.

The Pacific 10 Conference replay officials inexplicably overturned a remarkable touchdown catch by David Grimes; Trevor Laws shoved an offensive lineman's head into the ground, negating what would have been one of the most exciting scores in Notre Dame history; and Terrail Lambert knocked Tavita Pritchard out of the game, for a time, with a hit to the head.

Laws' penalty was at least understandable, as was the non-call when Terrail Lambert hit Pritchard in the head as the quarterback attempted a clumsy diving slide. But there is no legitimate explanation for the reversal of Grimes' touchdown catch.

Had Evan Moore or Richard Sherman hauled in one of T.C. Ostrander's two final passes — both easily catchable — Stanford probably would have gone for a two-point conversion and quite possibly could have won the game. The Cardinal didn't, but the Pac 10's inane replay nearly cost the Irish the game.

There's one thing to remember about wackiness, though. Out of oddity often flows clear thinking: It's time to review the review system.

Let's start from the top: Replay should stay.

There are two common strands of arguments against replay in general.

One is that the replay system attempts to get rid of the human element of the game and refereeing. The problem with this line is that

the argument is only half true. Replay attempts to eliminate human error, not human element. Shouldn't one goal be to make sure officials don't make errors that change what would be the just outcome of the game?

The example of Grimes' catch is one of a play where replay turned a good call wrong, but it is the exception rather than the rule. Replay officials have overturned far more bad calls than they have reversed correct calls. Take, for instance, Pritchard's fumble, Clausen's incompleteness and Anthony Kimble's touchdown — just to name those from a single game.

The other argument against replay is that it slows down the pace of the game too much — momentum is killed, and play slows to a crawl. This comes down to a value judgment, however. Which do you value more: greatly increasing the chance of getting a call on the field correct, or the pace of the game? This writer stands steadfast with the former.

So then the question becomes: Does the present system need changing?

Currently, the away team supplies the field officials (Notre Dame sends Big East referees), and the home team provides its conference-affiliated replay officials. After the game, Irish coach Charlie Weis proposed having a single conference crew in charge of both the field work and the replay booth.

But the main advantage of the split crews is balance. Every conference benefits when its teams win: more bowl eligible teams, more television revenue and more prestige. Obviously, the conferences don't want clearly biased officiating to become a significant problem, but the split-roles at least minimize the negative affects a poor officiating crew can have; bad calls can be overturned.

However, there are some undeniable problems with replay in general. Referees are using the possibility of review as an excuse to delay blowing plays dead. That can lead to non-reviewable plays, like Connecticut's punt return against Louisville; absurd late hit flags thrown for collisions before a whis-

tle is blown, like the one against Notre Dame had against Duke; and, sometime soon, serious injuries.

So what's the answer?

First, the NCAA should take over the officiating responsibilities from the conferences for all Division I games. The major problem with this plan is that conference-based officiating crews offer the benefit of limiting the referees' travel; in-conference games are almost always geographically close, and most teams play only four out-of-conference games for which referees would have to travel far distances.

Thus, the NCAA should absorb all current referees working and divide them into non-conference, regional zones. Thus, the ACC and SEC would have many of the same referees working their games. In this setup, referees would earn their paychecks from the NCAA and have a limited possibility of conference bias. Abandoning the split-crew setup for the replay booth also would indicate a strong movement towards neutrality. (Until there's one governing body, however, this is a bad idea.)

There are a few other things that need to happen.

First, the NCAA should alter the replay rules to allow for a change of possession when a referee incorrectly blows a whistle when a player fumbles before hitting the ground. Second, and connected, the NCAA should stress to officials the importance of blowing their whistles at the correct times — and not penalizing players who tackle an opponent before a whistle has blown. Finally, the NCAA ought to hold sessions with referees to reinforce the importance of the doctrine of "indisputable" or "conclusive" evidence on instant replay.

Instant replay has a place in college football, but it needs to change.

Notre Dame can just be thankful the darker side of the replay booth didn't cost the Irish their season-ending win.

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Sports Writer

Hughes' big game propels offense

By CHRIS KHOREY
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PALO ALTO, Calif. — Notre Dame's offense was struggling.

Deadlocked at 14 with Stanford, the Irish had just four first downs since halftime. And with under eight minutes left to play, time was running out.

Enter Robert Hughes. The freshman running back took a hand-off from quarterback Jimmy Clausen and barreled into the line — but there was nowhere to run.

Undeterred by the mass of bodies at the line of scrimmage, Hughes bounced backwards, then cut to his left and found nothing but grass in front of him. By the time he was caught from behind, Hughes had gained 44 yards and given his team a first and goal at the Stanford eight yard line.

Two plays later, Hughes got the ball again. He took it right, cut up field, bounced off two defenders and dove into the end zone to give the Irish the lead and their third win of the season.

The touchdown capped off a day in which Hughes gained 136 yards on 18 carries, including Notre Dame's two longest runs of the season — the 44-yarder in the fourth quarter and a 45-yarder to open the game.

But life wasn't always this good for Hughes.

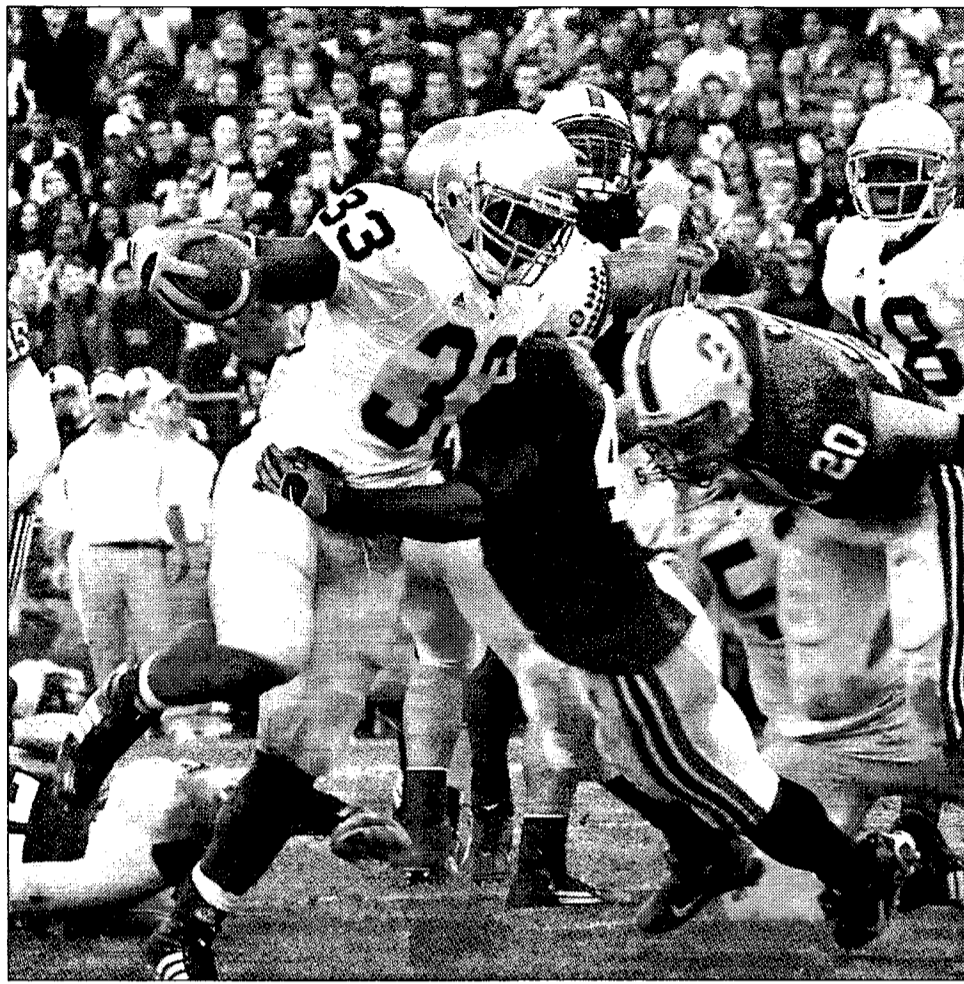
On Oct. 29, five days before Notre Dame was scheduled to take on Navy, Hughes' brother, Earl "Tony" Hughes, was killed. And on the field, life wasn't much better. The Irish were 1-7 and Robert was struggling to get playing time.

But on the following Friday, the day before the game against the Midshipmen, over 50 of Robert's teammates joined him at Tony's funeral. The next day, Hughes scored his first collegiate touchdown.

After that score, Hughes was mobbed by his teammates. Center Dan Wenger said Robert's affable personality was part of the reason the Irish rallied around him so well.

"He's awesome to be around off the field," Wenger said.

And since then, with Tony watching from on high and his teammates rallying around him, Hughes has burst onto the scene for the Irish. The freshman had his first collegiate hundred yard rushing game with 110 yards in a 28-7 win over Duke Nov.



Irish running back Robert Hughes stretches the ball into the endzone during the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 21-14 win on Saturday against Stanford.

17, then followed that up with his performance against the Cardinal in his first career start.

Hughes' patience and hard work in practice paid off, Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

"When you're trying to work your way up the depth chart, then you start getting more reps, and then guys get banged up and all of a sudden, they're calling your number," he said.

All in all, Hughes rushed for 298 yards in 2007, with 246 of them coming in the last two games of the season. His sudden success has also buoyed his team — the Irish won those two games after starting 1-9, and the team's rushing offense, which was averaging a nation's-worst 56.1 yards per game, averaged 168.5 yards against the Cardinal and Blue Devils.

Hughes' running style resembles bumper bowling. While he isn't the fastest of the Irish backs, at 5-foot-11 and 238 pounds he has a low center

of gravity and always seems to bounce off tacklers — and when he hits someone head on, they usually fall backwards, like bowling pins.

"When he gets going north, he's a load to bring down," Weis said.

Notre Dame center Dan Wenger said Hughes is a joy to block for because he's so hard to bring down and never gives up on play.

"He runs really hard and never stops his feet," Wenger said. "It's always fun to block for him because big plays happen."

Hughes' ability to make something out of nothing means offensive linemen have to keep their heads on a swivel because the play is rarely over on the first hit and they might suddenly find Robert headed back towards them.

"We always have to play to the whistle," Wenger said.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Air Force	7	7	0	7	21
Notre Dame	7	7	0	0	14

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Stanford 0
Jimmy Clausen 2-yard run with 4:57 remaining (Brandon Walker kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 14 yards, 00:12 elapsed.

Notre Dame 7, Stanford 7
Anthony Kimble 1-yard run with 1:36 remaining (Derek Belch kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 69 yards, 3:14 elapsed.

Second quarter

Stanford 14, Notre Dame 7
Anthony Kimble 11-yard run with 2:54 remaining (Belch kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 49 yards, 3:12 elapsed.

Notre Dame 14, Stanford 14
Travis Thomas 1-yard run with 00:48 (Walker kick).
Drive: 7 plays, 75 yards, 2:01 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 21, Stanford 14
Robert Hughes 6-yard run with 6:06 remaining (Walker kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 68 yards, 1:55 elapsed.

statistics

total yards

SU	327
ND	313

passing yards

SU	152
ND	196

rushing yards

SU	175
ND	117

return yards

SU	131
ND	156

time of possession

SU	34:15
ND	25:45



passing

Clausen	32-19-1	Pritchard	24-10-2
		Ostrander	9-5-0

rushing

Hughes	18-136-1	Kimble	20-82-2
Allen	6-4-0	Stewart	13-54-0
Schwapp	4-3-0	Pritchard	9-55-0
Thomas	1-1-1	Gatewood	1-9-0
Clausen	8-22-1	Ostrander	1-3-0

receiving

Kamara	6-93-0	Bradford	7-111-0
Jabbie	3-35-0	Moore	1-8-0
Carlson	3-29-0	Gunder	1-7-0
Grimes	2-10-0	Marecic	1-7-0
Hughes	2-4-0	Ladner	1-5-0
West	1-11-0	Gatewood	1-5-0
Allen	1-9-0	Sherman	1-5-0
Tate	1-5-0	Kimble	1-3-0

tackling

Bruton	9	McNally	8
Zbikowski	9	Sanchez	6
Brockington	9	Evans	6
Laws	8	Snyder	5
Williams	6	Amajoyi	4
Stephenson	6	Lorig	4

Laws, Zibby climb all-time tackle lists

ND beats Stanford for sixth straight time

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

PALO ALTO, Calif. — With eight tackles Saturday against Stanford, Notre Dame fifth-year senior defensive end Trevor Laws came up just one short of the all-time Notre Dame record for tackles in a season by a defensive lineman.

The record is held by Steve Niehaus, who made 113 tackles in 1975.

Laws, Notre Dame's leading tackler this season, missed several plays at the end of the game Saturday after spraining his foot.

"Everyone knows I would have had [the record] if I didn't get hurt," he said.

Laws' eight stops also moved him up four spots on Notre Dame's all-time tackles list. He passed Courtney Watson, Greg

Collins and Brandon Hoyte.

Laws also blocked a field goal Saturday. It was his third blocked kick of the season and the sixth of his career.

"It tipped my left hand," Laws said of the block. "I didn't know if I got enough, but when I turned around and saw that it was short I was like 'yes!'"

Irish safety Tom Zbikowski also finished his career among the all-time Irish greats. The fifth-year senior ended his college career with 299 tackles — most all-time for a Notre Dame defensive back and eighth on the career list at any position.

Dominating the Cardinal

Notre Dame's win Saturday was its sixth straight against the Cardinal, who have not won in the series since 2001. The Irish were awarded the Legends Trophy after the game, which the two schools compete for.

The trophy is a large glass bowl with emblems of the two teams on either side. Several

Notre Dame players carried it around during the post game celebration, occasionally shouting, "We won the bowl."

Missed field goals

The Irish and Cardinal were a combined 0-for-5 on field goals Saturday, with four misses by Stanford kicker Derek Belch and one by Notre Dame kicker Brandon Walker.

Thomas touchdowns

Fifth-year senior halfback Travis Thomas only got one carry Saturday, but he made it count with a 1-yard plunge in the second quarter. The touchdown was Thomas' fifth of the year in just 27 carries.

Interception streak broken

After not throwing an interception in his previous 101 pass attempts, freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen found himself under pressure and threw the ball to Stanford defensive lineman Emmanuel Awofadeju in the fourth quarter.

"That was the one play [by Clausen] where I said 'what were you doing?'" Irish coach Charlie Weis said of the play.

Empty seats

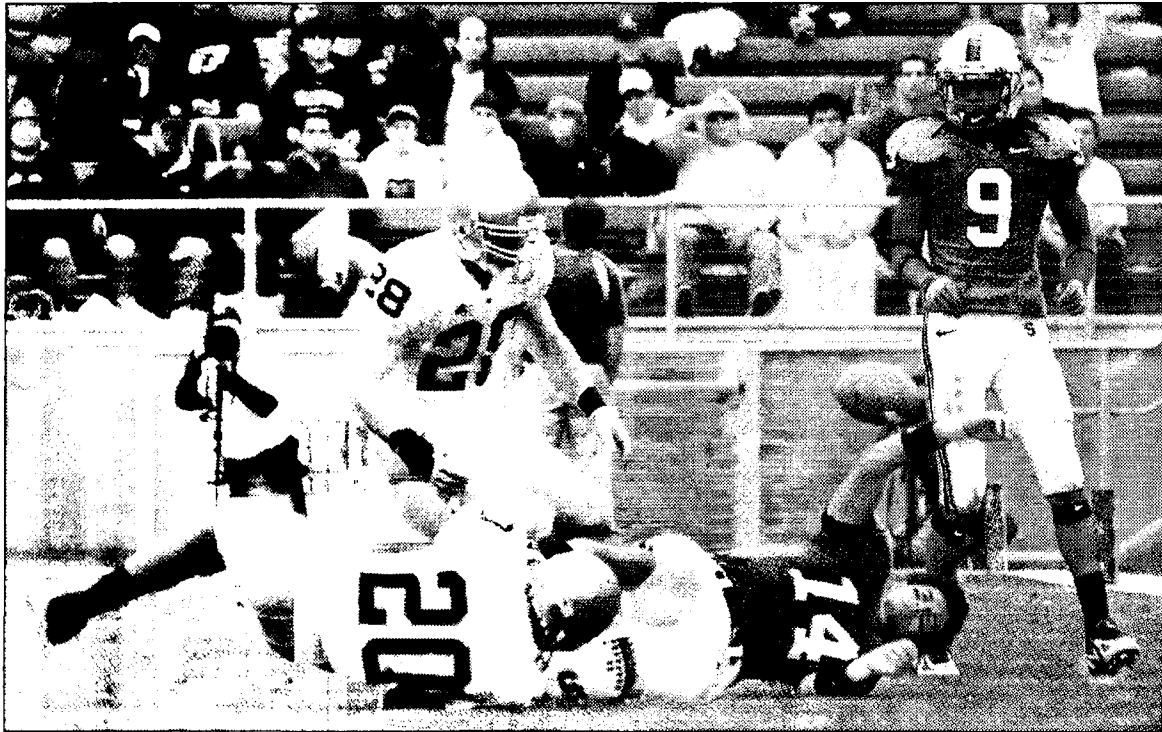
The announced attendance at Saturday's game was 48,953 in 50,000 seat Stanford Stadium, although there were plenty of empty seats. The game was the second that Notre Dame has played in this season that was not officially sold out. The other was UCLA.

Irish fans dominated one of the end zones, and there were other smatterings of green around the stadium.

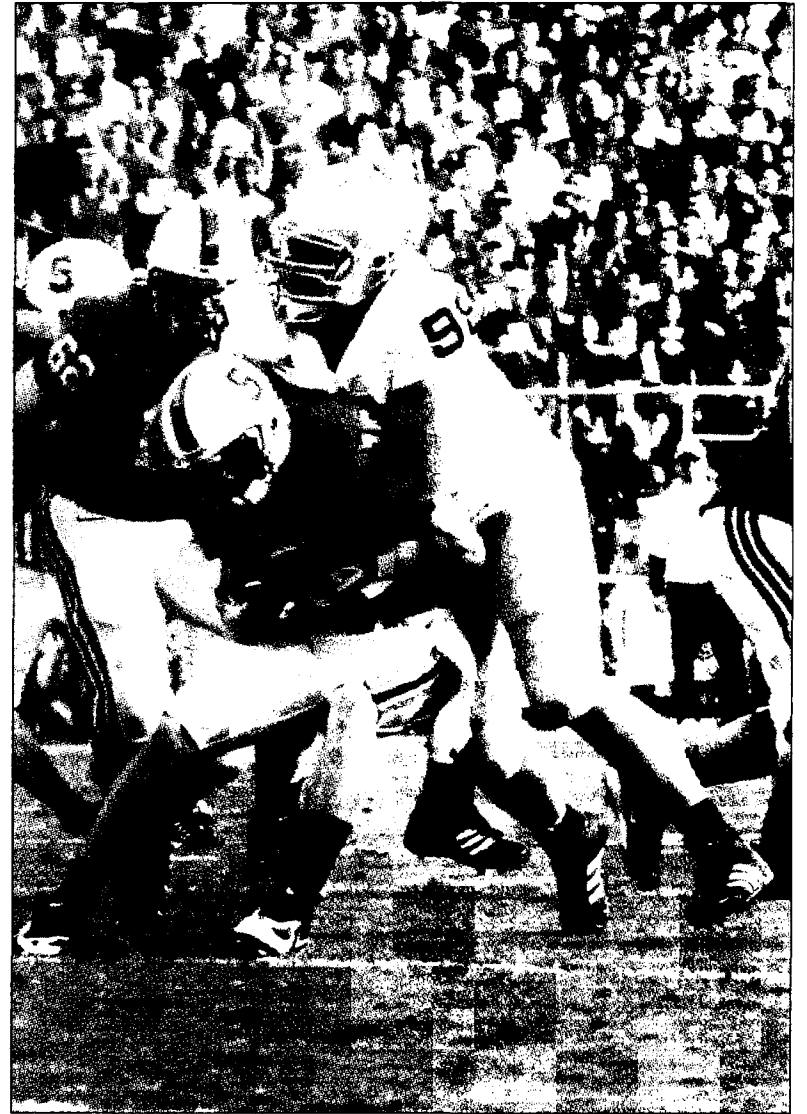
Alumni band

While the Band of the Fighting Irish did not make the trip, a brass band of about 25 Notre Dame alumni was in attendance and played various school songs throughout the game.

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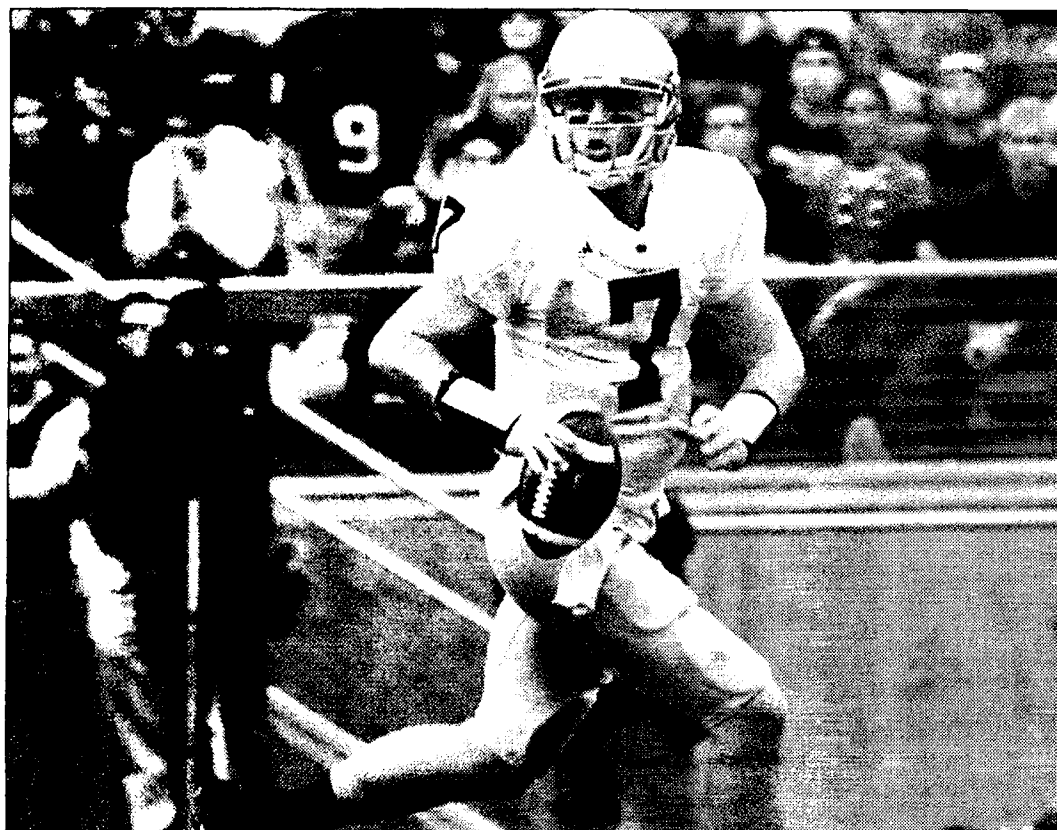
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Ugly finish to an ugly year

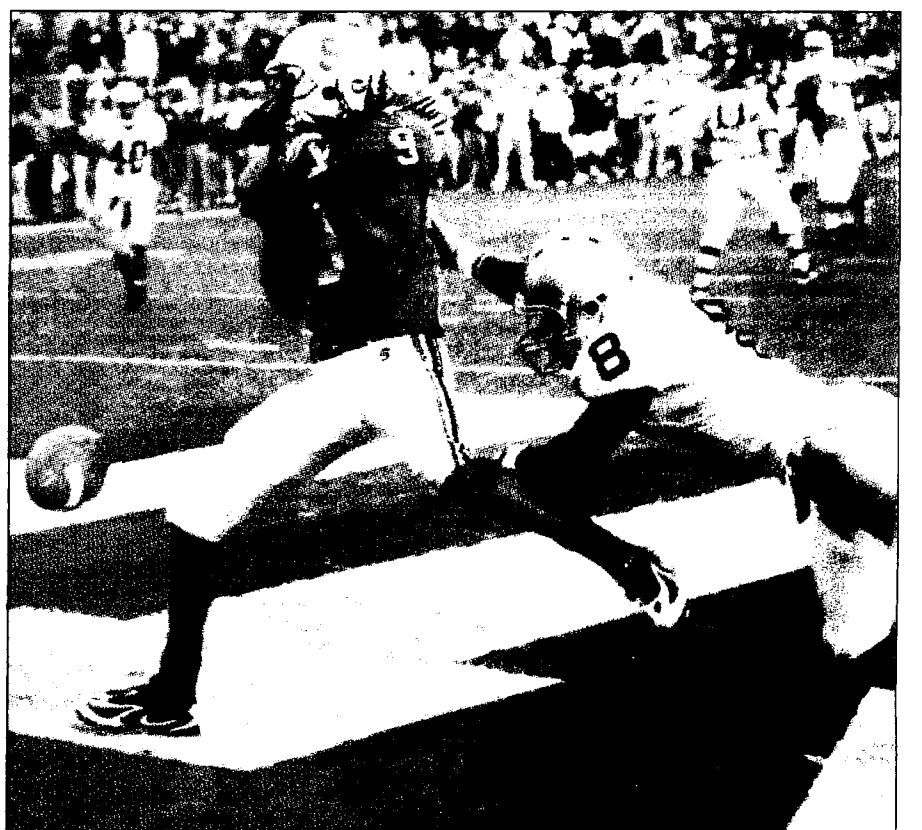
After beating Duke last weekend to win its first — and only — home game of the season, the Irish traveled to Palo Alto, Calif., to try and finish the year off with two straight wins. Notre Dame started playing sloppy, fumbling the ball away on two consecutive offensive plays in the first half, but then was able to get back on track later in the half. Going into the locker room, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen and running back Travis Thomas each had touchdown runs, but Cardinal tailback Anthony Kimble had a pair of scores of his own to keep the score at 14-14. The second half was sloppy again, with both teams committing unnecessary personal foul penalties. The Irish held the Cardinal scoreless in the half, in part thanks to four missed field goals, and a late Robert Hughes touchdown put them up for good. Stanford had a late drive, but failed to complete two passes in the end zone on third and fourth downs to seal the Irish win.



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Top left, Irish cornerback Terrall Lambert knocks Cardinal quarterback Tavita Pritchard out of the game; top right, Irish defensive end Trevor Laws sacks Pritchard; middle, Irish running back Junior Jabble runs upfield; bottom right, Cardinal receiver Richard Sherman drops a pass in the end zone in the fourth quarter; bottom left, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen scrambles.



Pop Culture Politics

Celebrities are speaking up and speaking out

MATT HUDSON | Observer Graphic

Save the dolphins. Save the world. Well, that's what "Heroes" star Hayden Panettiere might as well have said to the Japanese fishing authorities when they issued a warrant for her arrest.

The 18-year-old actress and her fellow surfers were protesting a centuries-old tradition of bottle-nosed dolphin hunting when they were stopped by a fishing boat. After heading straight for a coastal airport, Panettiere and her cohorts swiftly flew home to avoid any prosecution. "But in the end," she said in an interview with Fox News, "all we really worried about was the dolphins ... We were so close to them and they were sky hopping, jumping out of the water to see us."

I'll admit that when I first read this story, I was kind of annoyed with Hayden and her surfer pals. If I'm looking for political activists after whom I'll model my actions, I'm not going to turn to TV dramedies, and I don't need the stars of said dramedies pushing their beliefs on me. Though if John Krasinski from "The Office" told me to write my congressman for organic napkins in the NBC studio cafeteria, I'd totally do it. But I digress.

It's true that Panettiere and Co. have brought further media attention to what PETA and similar groups can justifiably argue is a cruel practice. But I was struck by her attitude in response to the arrest; in her mind, Japanese tradition was much less important than the well-being of the pod of dolphins.

"We can no longer hide [behind] outdated, senseless cultural traditions," she said in a recent statement to the media, "and lazy, bad habits that are resulting in the annihilation of our planet's resources and the extinction of our species."

Oh, you celebrities. Hollywood stars and political causes

are an interesting mix that just keeps coming. Every four years the celebs trot out their presidential plugs for the media and the American people to take notice — and unless you're Chuck Norris, Arnold Schwarzenegger or the members of ZZ Top, that candidate's a Democrat — and 2008 should prove to be no exception. Celebs right and left are going green for climate change, and Al Gore just won the Nobel Peace Prize for the Oscar-winning film "An Inconvenient Truth."

Later in her statement, Panettiere justified her actions as protecting an innocent group of dolphins from what she believed to be cruelty.

"Because I am in the public eye, I feel the need to be a voice of worthy and important causes whose efforts impact the lives of every person on Earth," she said. "These animals are being brutally and unnecessarily slaughtered — and who are we to say to they have less of a right to exist than we do."

I'm sure that if you saw this news story on MSN or Google, you probably laughed to yourself and forgot about it, unless you were either passionate about the well-being of bottle-nosed dolphins or, like some guys I know, just passionate about Hayden Panettiere. But it's interesting to think about what she's saying, both in her statement and in her actions in Japan.

She disregarded Japanese law and culture, but for a cause that's respectable. Does that make it okay? Does the law even matter if Johnny McCelebrity thinks his political beliefs are justified? And is it easier for the "pretty people" to do this than it is for Annie McAverage-American?

Sure, Panettiere can laugh off a Japanese arrest, but if the same thing happened to you, it'd probably be more serious.

In the end, what matters most isn't the celebrity who attaches himself or herself to any particular issue (though if Lindsey Lohan starts promoting



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Actress Kate Hudson gives the press a peace sign at a recent award show.

human rights, I'm pawning my TV and donating the money to her miracle-working rehab center), but the issue itself.

Maybe I still get annoyed with that smug self-righteousness that comes with feeling right — like an 18 year-old actress taking on a millennium of Japanese culture — but if it saves Flipper from uncertain doom, I'm cool.

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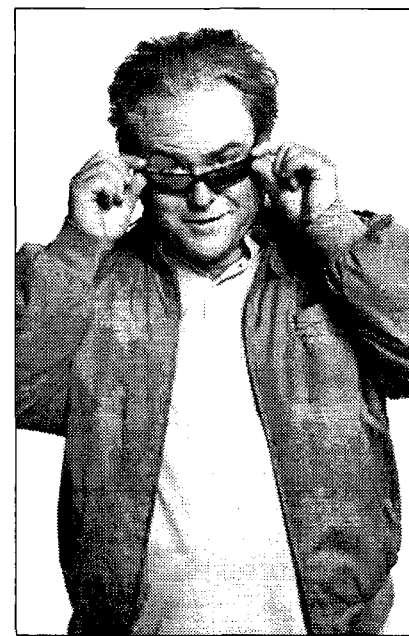


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"MADtv" alumnus Frank Caliendo now has his own show on TBS.

Caliendo makes an impression

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Frank Caliendo is a man of many faces. And voices.

The former MADtv star known for his impersonations now has his own show, Frank TV, which airs Tuesdays on TBS. Frank TV premiered last Tuesday to mixed results.

While the network's slogan reads "very funny," Frank TV

doesn't quite live up to the billing. The show isn't quite the comedic tour de force the many commercials hyping it up have advertised it to be.

Instead, the sketch comedy show feels much like a drawn-out version of its commercials, with Caliendo working the microphone for a few minutes before cutting away to a skit featuring Frank performing a cameo as one celebrity or another.

However, Frank Caliendo himself delivers every bit with his impressions. Among others, Caliendo's spot-on renditions include John Madden, Jack Nicholson, Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino. Caliendo's impersonation of George Bush is so good it's eerie — he has the man down to his facial expressions. Caliendo's versions of the artist formerly known as the Round Mound of Rebound, Charles Barkley and the cartoonish Robin Williams are also hilarious.

During one skit on last week's show, Caliendo impersonated the entire cast of Seinfeld, including Jerry himself, George Costanza, Elaine and, of course, Cosmo Kramer, to hilarious effect. (You can check out the footage for yourself on YouTube).

Unfortunately, Frank TV's writers (are they on strike?) don't hold up to their end of the bargain, and many of the sketches simply fall flat on their own humorous two feet. Even so, Caliendo's on-the-money impersonations make the show worth a watch, if only to see him contorting his fleshy face into any one of his many hilarious personas.

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"Heroes" star Hayden Panettiere, center, marches with protesters against whale and dolphin hunting.



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Oprah Winfrey, right, chats with Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, center, and his wife Michelle.

NHL

Bruins retaliate against Flyers with 6-3 win

Meeting between two teams was first since Philadelphia's Randy Jones put Boston's Patrice Bergeron on IR with concussion

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Boston Bruins chose the high road and it paid off with a victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

Glen Murray scored two goals and Marc Savard added a goal and three assists to help the Bruins beat the Flyers 6-3 on Monday night.

The game was the first between the two teams since Philadelphia's Randy Jones was suspended for two games after checking the Bruins' Patrice Bergeron hard into the boards during the Flyers' 2-1 win at Boston on Oct. 27. Bergeron remains on injured reserve with a severe concussion.

Murray said that the Bruins had no intention of retaliating.

"It's unfortunate it happened and obviously we don't have Bergy back," Murray said. "But we were focused on making sure we came back after our loss on the Island and getting two points because there's a lot of teams winning and we don't want to get behind the eight ball and we want to keep climbing in the standings."

Glen Metropolit, Peter Schaefer, and Chuck Kobasew also scored for the Bruins, who built leads of 4-0 and 5-2. Boston bounced back from a 2-1 loss at the New York Islanders last Saturday to win for the fifth time in seven games.

"We said right from the get-go that we were coming here to win the hockey game," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "We

weren't coming here to deal with that (Jones) situation. Obviously we're trying to create some more offense for this hockey club and slowly but surely getting there.

"Hopefully we can combine a good defensive effort with some goal scoring as well."

There were no incidents involving Jones, but Philadelphia's Scott Hartnell was given a 5-minute boarding penalty and a game misconduct for hitting defenseman Andrew Alberts at 14:22 of the second period. Andrews left the game with an unspecified head injury and will be evaluated on Tuesday.

Boston's Zdeno Chara said that his team decided not to retaliate after Alberts was injured.

"It's something we talked about," Chara said. "We probably ended up with some bruises, but we have two points and that's the most important thing right now. It's up to the league to address things like that."

Hartnell said that the hit on Alberts was not deliberate.

"I did not try to hurt him," Hartnell explained. "There was no intent at all. I am not that type of player. If you look at all the games this year and past years, I finish my checks every time I have an opportunity."

Stars 3, Islanders 2

The first goal Marty Turco gave up was as ugly as they come. Mike Modano's second looked picture perfect for the surging Dallas Stars.

Dallas' slow start is a thing of



Stars defender Philippe Boucher moves the puck up the ice between Islanders forwards Ruslan Fedotenko, left, and Miroslav Satan, right, during Dallas' 3-2 victory Monday over New York.

the past, and the Pacific Division-leading Stars (13-7-4) are showing signs of being the good team they were expected to be.

Modano scored his second goal of the game 35 seconds into overtime, Turco made 23 saves, and Dallas beat the New York Islanders Monday night for the Stars' sixth straight win.

Modano knocked in a rebound from the slot of Stephane Robidas' shot to give the Stars their first win over the Islanders since March 23, 2001 (1-5-0-1).

"We couldn't have drawn up the game-winner any better," Modano said. "That's the best overtime we've played in a long time."

Jeff Halpern had given Dallas a 2-1 lead in the third period, but that was erased with 2:38 left in regulation when Miroslav Satan tied it for New York with a power-play goal.

Turco made just his second start in six games as Mike Smith has staked his claim to Dallas' No. 1 goalie spot. Turco earned his second straight victory following an 0-1-2 stretch in which he allowed 14 goals.

The Stars have outscored opponents 20-7 during their winning streak and have earned points in eight straight games (6-0-2). Dallas has taken the first two of a six-game road trip, already improving after escaping Madison Square Garden with a 3-2 win Sunday

over the New York Rangers when they were decidedly outplayed and outshot.

"When you get on the road it's a little harder to dominate," said Turco, who watched Smith make 39 saves Sunday. "We would like to have better starts. It was better than yesterday, but we'd like to play a full 60 minutes and see what happens if we come out flying and play our game on the road."

Modano, who has eight goals this season and 515 in 18 NHL seasons, got Dallas into a 1-1 tie in the second period after a big gaffe by Turco put the Stars behind. Halpern made it 2-1 when he took a pass from defenseman Sergei Zubov to the right of the Islanders net and slid a shot under the glove of goalie Rick DiPietro at 6:07 of the third for his 100th in the NHL.

"I didn't know until after the game that I got that," Halpern said.

Sabres 3, Capitals 1

The Buffalo Sabres are now getting the bounces that didn't go their way earlier this season.

Jochen Hecht had two goals and an assist to lead the Buffalo Sabres to their season-high fifth straight victory, over the Washington Capitals on Monday night.

Buffalo struggled in the first part of the season despite often playing well, and coach Lindy Ruff said the breaks and

bounces now are going his team's way.

"We had two or three games before (the streak) we deserved to win; we did everything but win," Ruff said. "We out-played, we outshot and we got nothing for it. (But) we got a couple of bounces to start the streak and ever since then, guys have kind of lightened up and played even better."

Hecht scored Buffalo's first two goals, with the second snapping a 1-1 tie in the second period. He then assisted on Jason Pominville's insurance goal later in the period at the end of a 2-on-1 breakaway.

A fortunate bounce gave Hecht his first goal. He fired a crossing pass across the crowded crease, and it hit a leg or a foot and bounced in.

A bad Washington pass landed near Hecht to start the breakaway that gave the Sabres their third goal, another fortunate break.

"Finally things seem to go our way," Hecht said. "Before we were trying to make those pretty plays, through the legs, through the skates, and it just didn't work for us. It seems like those are the goals that are more common in the league ... odd bounces."

Washington had won consecutive games since Bruce Boudreau took over as interim coach last Thursday. The Capitals beat Philadelphia and Carolina after Boudreau replaced the fired Glen Hanlon.



Bruins teammates Glen Murray, left, Marc Savard, and Zdeno Chara celebrate a goal during Boston's 6-3 win Monday over Philadelphia

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USCHO.com/CSTV Men's Hockey Poll

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	5
6 New Hampshire	7-2-1	8
7 NOTRE DAME	12-4-0	9
8 North Dakota	6-4-1	6
9 Clarkson	10-4-0	7
10 St. Cloud State	7-3-2	10-tie
11 Massachusetts	6-3-4	10-tie
12 Minnesota-Duluth	6-4-2	15
13 Wisconsin	5-6-1	12
14 Minnesota	7-6-1	13
15 Harvard	5-2-0	18
16 Northeastern	6-4-1	20
17 Niagara	8-3-0	17
18 Rensselaer	6-4-3	16
19 Boston College	3-4-5	14
20 Michigan Tech	5-6-1	19

NCAA Women's Basketball AP Top 25

team	record	previous
1 Tennessee	4-0	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	4-1	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	29

NCAA Men's Basketball Coaches' Poll

team	record	previous
1 UCLA	6-0	1
2 North Carolina	5-0	1
3 Memphis	5-0	3
4 Kansas	5-0	4
5 Georgetown	3-0	5
6 Washington State	6-0	9
7 Duke	6-0	10
8 Texas	5-0	16
9 Texas A&M	6-0	15
10 Louisville	4-1	6
11 Pittsburgh	5-0	17
12 Tennessee	5-1	7
13 Michigan State	4-1	11
14 Marquette	4-1	13
15 Indiana	4-1	8
16 Butler	6-0	23
17 Oregon	5-1	11
18 Clemson	5-0	22
19 Gonzaga	5-1	14
20 Wisconsin	5-0	26
21 Villanova	4-1	19
22 Southern Illinois	3-1	18
23 Brigham Young	5-1	31
24 Southern California	5-1	41
25 Xavier	4-1	39

NCAA FOOTBALL



Former Georgia Tech head football coach Chan Gailey addresses the media Monday in Atlanta, Ga., after he was fired. Gailey led the Yellow Jackets to a 7-5 record this year and a 44-32 record over six seasons.

Georgia Tech fires Gailey after six seasons

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Chan Gailey never had a losing season in six years at Georgia Tech.

Then again, he never produced the sort of team that really got the fans excited.

Citing business considerations as much as wins and losses, athletic director Dan Radakovich fired Gailey on Monday, two days after his sixth straight loss to rival Georgia ended a season that failed to meet expectations.

The 55-year-old Gailey had lost support among the fan base, which made fundraising more difficult, and he wasn't the sort of dynamic personality who could help the Yellow Jackets make a name in the crowded Atlanta sports

scene.

"Obviously, he didn't agree with the decision, but he understood there's a business aspect to this," Radakovich said. "As far as Xs and Os, Chan is a very good coach. But there's more to it now. College football is more than just Xs and Os, especially in the competitive market where we are."

Radakovich finalized his decision Sunday and broke the news to Gailey on Monday morning. Defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta took over as interim coach for an expected trip to the Emerald or Humanitarian Bowl, and he will be a candidate to keep the job permanently.

The move was widely expected after Georgia Tech (7-5) came up far short of

another run at the Atlantic Coast Conference championship one year after winning its division. Also, Gailey never beat the school's biggest rival, dropping to 0-6 with a 31-17 loss to the Bulldogs on Saturday.

"Nobody likes to get fired," said Gailey, a former head coach with the NFL's Dallas Cowboys. "But all they can take is your job. They can't take your faith. They can't take your family. They can't take your integrity."

Gailey's overall record was 44-32 in six seasons, and he never lost less than five games in a year. Radakovich said the latest loss to Georgia did not influence his decision; he already had decided to make a change.

"We've been very consistent with wins and losses," said Radakovich, who's in his second year as AD and inherited Gailey from the previous regime. "I want to be able to ratchet that up, take the next step."

Navy coach Paul Johnson, a former coach at Georgia Southern, will likely be mentioned as a possible successor. Florida State offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher figures to be tossed out as a candidate for several coaching jobs that have opened.

Fisher previously worked at LSU, as did Radakovich.

When asked about the speculation, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said, "You can't do anything about it. What does it mean? Most of the time, nothing."

IN BRIEF

Duke fires football coach Roof after 1-11 season

DURHAM — Duke fired Ted Roof on Monday, two days after the Blue Devils concluded a 1-11 season with their ninth straight loss.

A news conference was scheduled for Monday afternoon to discuss the program. A person close to the Duke program, speaking on condition of anonymity because an announcement had not been made, said athletic director Joe Alleva would announce Roof's dismissal.

The coach's career record dipped to 6-45 after a 20-14 overtime loss to North Carolina, the Blue Devils' fourth straight to their main rival. Duke has lost at least 10 games in three straight seasons, including a winless 2006.

After snapping a 22-game losing streak with a victory at Northwestern, the Blue Devils lost nine straight to end this season.

Raines and Justice highlight new candidates for MLB HOF

NEW YORK — Tim Raines and David Justice head 11 first-time candidates on the baseball writers' 2008 Hall of Fame ballot, joining Mark McGwire, Rich Gossage, Jim Rice and 11 other holdovers.

McGwire, his candidacy hurt by suspicions of steroids use, was selected on just 23.5 percent of ballots when he was eligible for the first time in 2007.

When Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn were elected in January, Gossage fell 21 votes shy of the necessary 75 percent and Rice was 63 votes short.

Rice is on the ballot for the 14th time and Gossage for the ninth. Players can be on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot for up to 15 years.

Gossage's percentage increased from 64.6 in 2006 to 71.2 in 2007, while Rice's declined from 64.6 to 63.5.

Stadium collapse in Brazil kills seven, injures at least 40

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — A stadium collapse that killed seven people highlighted the crumbling state of Brazil's soccer arenas less than a month after the country was chosen to host the 2014 World Cup, architects said Monday.

The victims fell 49 feet through a 10-foot wide hole that opened in the concrete stands of the Fonte Nova stadium in Salvador, a coastal city of Bahia state. At least 40 people were injured in the accident Sunday night.

"Unhappily, a lot of stadiums have problems, some are in better conditions than others, but I think we could see another collapse like this if something isn't done," said Eduardo de Castro Mello, an architect who helped conduct a survey of soccer stadiums for the national association of engineering and architecture companies.

around the dial

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NFL

Hope abounds that Patriots are mortal

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Maybe the Patriots aren't so perfect.

Eight blowout wins in their first eight games almost made it seem that way. But they never believed the hype and neither did the Philadelphia Eagles.

Now, with two close calls in the last three games, New England has given opponents more reason to hope that they could be the one to knock off the juggernaut trying to fashion the NFL's first unbeaten season in 35 years.

Baltimore gets the next chance when it hosts the Patriots next Monday night amid all the chatter about prospects for a perfect record.

"I don't care what everybody else thinks," coach Bill Belichick said Monday. "I can tell you what this team thinks. Right now we're thinking about getting ready for Baltimore."

The Patriots did improve to 11-0 and clinched the AFC East title even before their 31-28 win over the Eagles on Sunday night. But they were tested by a .500 team with backup A.J. Feeley at quarterback that was within range of a tying field goal before he threw an interception with 3:52 left.

The final margin was the smallest in a season when the Patriots have averaged 40.2 points and outscored opponents by 23.4 per game. It was even tighter than their 24-20 win at Indianapolis on Nov. 4, when they didn't get the go-ahead touchdown until 3:21 remained.

Linebacker Adalius Thomas expects more close games down the stretch.

"You guys expect that if it's not a blowout or anything like that there's something wrong," Thomas told reporters. "You have good teams in this league. Philadelphia's a good team. And so there's going to be more games like that."

It wasn't just the closeness of the game that gave Patriots fans cause for concern whether their team could be the first to go unbeaten in the regular season and playoffs since the 1972 Miami Dolphins.

There also was this to mull over on both offense and defense:

—Tom Brady threw for just one touchdown, the first time this season he didn't have at least three, and was sacked three times, matching his season high. On Monday, he talked at his locker with Belichick for about 10 minutes, then left with his left elbow wrapped in ice but without speaking with reporters.

—The Patriots had just one planned running play in the

first half and rushed just 16 times for 48 yards.

—The defense allowed Feeley, a seven-year veteran but a backup for all but one season, to throw for a career-high 345 yards with three touchdown passes.

—The 28 points allowed tied the Patriots' season high, and the 391 yards Philadelphia gained were the most they've given up in any of their 11 games.

"We're not expecting to go out there and have a blowout every week," defensive end Ty Warren said. "We know that this is the National Football League and it's a copycat league and a lot of things that Philly did good this past week, a lot of teams will dissect that and try to come up with their own scheme."

"We've just got to make sure that we're not making the same mistakes we made in previous games because they can show up again."

The Ravens' chances of winning next Monday night don't seem great considering they've lost their last five games. But they have the fourth-stingiest defense in the NFL, stingier than the Eagles, who pressured Brady and controlled wide receiver Randy Moss.

Still Baltimore (4-7) has as many losses in its last five games as New England has in 2006 and 2007 combined. And the Patriots have beaten opponents by a total of 257 points. Only eight other teams have scored that many.

"Records don't mean anything," Belichick said. "The only thing that matters on Monday night is how well they play and how well we play."

He backed up his point with the Patriots' previous game against Feeley, then with Miami, on Dec. 20, 2004. Feeley led two touchdown drives in the last 2:07 for a comeback 29-28 win.

"You want to go back to the Miami game from '04? We're 12-1, they're 2-11," Belichick said. "The records don't mean anything. The only thing that matters is how you play. And coach."

Opponents have been much more competitive lately. The Patriots won their first eight games by at least 17 points each and crushed Buffalo 56-10 in their 10th game. But the Colts and Eagles nearly ended all talk of an unbeaten season.

"You're not going to always have a blowout," Thomas said. "We were able to come up with a win, which was good. We achieved one of our goals yesterday with the championship of the division, but we have more things that we have to do."

Shooting leaves Taylor hospitalized

Redskins star safety in critical condition after robbery attempt

Associated Press

PALMETTO BAY, Fla. — Washington Redskins star safety Sean Taylor was in critical condition Monday after he was shot during what police are investigating as a possible armed robbery at his home.

The 24-year-old player was in the intensive care unit following several hours of surgery at

Jackson Memorial Hospital, said family friend Richard Sharpstein, his former lawyer. Taylor remained unconscious early Monday evening.

Taylor lost a "significant" amount of blood because the bullet damaged his femoral artery, and doctors are worried about blood flow to the brain, added Sharpstein, who was at the hospital with the player's family and friends.

Taylor has had problems on and off the field, and two years ago was accused of brandishing a gun. The shooting came eight days after another invasion was reported at his home. According to police records, someone pried open a front window, rifled through drawers and left a kitchen knife on a bed.

"They're really sifting through that incident and

today's incident," Miami-Dade Police Detective Mario Rachid said, "to see if there's any correlation."

Officers were sent to Taylor's home at about 1:45 a.m. Monday after his girlfriend called 911 and said he was shot in his lower body, Miami-Dade Police Lt. Nancy Perez said. Taylor had missed the last two games because of a knee injury and was at home recuperating. He was airlifted to the hospital.

Investigators were still interviewing the girlfriend and other relatives in the home, Perez said. No arrests had been made.

"It could have been a possible burglary; it could have been a possible robbery," Perez said. "It has not been confirmed as yet."

Sharpstein said Taylor's girlfriend told him the couple

was awakened by loud noises, and Taylor grabbed a machete he keeps in the bedroom for protection. Someone then broke through the bedroom door and fired two shots, one missing and one hitting Taylor, the lawyer said.

"It was clearly a burglary, an armed burglary," Sharpstein said, adding nothing appeared to have been stolen.

The shooting happened at the pale yellow house Taylor bought two years ago in the Miami suburb of Palmetto Bay. Taylor is in his fourth season with the Redskins after playing at the University of Miami,

where he was an All-American in 2003. Despite his injury, he is tied for the NFC lead with five interceptions.

Redskins owner Dan Snyder arrived in Miami on his private plane with running back Clinton Portis, vice president of football operations Vinny Cerrato and trainer Bubba Tyer.

Taylor called coach Joe Gibbs on Nov. 19 to let him know he'd miss that morning's regular team meeting because he was in Florida dealing with the first break-in on Nov. 17.

"I said, 'I understand that.' I said, 'Take care of your house and everything you have to there,'" Gibbs recalled.

Taylor was at team headquarters Saturday to treat his knee, Gibbs said, adding he wasn't aware the player then returned to Florida.

A group of Taylor's fans planned a two-hour vigil Monday evening outside Redskins Park in Ashburn, Va.

"This is not just a member of the Washington Redskins," fellow safety Pierson Prioleau said. "But we're talking about a dad, a brother, a friend of ours, and that's where we're at with this right now."

Gibbs was joined by the team chaplain at the Redskins' usual Monday meeting. A small group of players held a separate prayer gathering.

The Redskins (5-6) lost 19-13 at Tampa Bay on Sunday. Taylor did not travel with the team to the game because of his injury. He sprained a ligament in his right knee in the second half of the Nov. 11 loss to Philadelphia and was expected to miss at least two games.

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Saint Mary's drops 2 of 3 during break

Inability to preserve halftime leads costs Belles in tournament

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Despite holding halftime leads in all three of its games in the past week of action, Saint Mary's managed only one win and saw its record fall to 2-3 in non-conference action.

After a 54-44 loss at Anderson University on Nov. 20, the Belles traveled to Trinity, Texas, for the Trinity University Thanksgiving Classic, where they opened with a 92-44 rout of Notre Dame (Maryland) on Saturday. The following game, Saint Mary's suffered a 69-58 loss to the nation's No. 22 team, George Fox University.

Saint Mary's entered halftime of each game with the lead but quickly saw three-point advantages vanish against both Anderson and George Fox. The Belles have led at the half in all five of their games but have struggled to maintain those leads in all but their two blowout victories, which have come by a combined 84 points.

Against Anderson, the Belles started slowly but found their stride, going on a 21-3 run after failing to score a point in the first five minutes. They led 24-21 entering the break, but the host Ravens scored the second half's first 10 points and kept the Belles from finding the bottom of the net until only 13:13 remained in the game.

Senior Alison Kessler scored 11 points in the loss, while junior Erin Newsom and sophomore Anna Kamrath each grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Belles never trailed in their dismantling of Notre Dame, and five players scored in double figures: junior Katie Rashid (17 points), Kessler (16), Kamrath (15), Newsom (10) and freshman Becky Newsom (10), who is Erin's sister. Each Newsom sister totaled nine boards, and junior Meghan Conaty dished out nine assists.

As a team, St. Mary's shot 52.3 percent from the field in the victory and dominated the interior, out-rebounding the Gators 57-25 and outscoring them 48-28 in the paint.

A four-minute scoring drought near the end of the second half against George Fox killed the Belles' chances, as they failed to convert a field-goal attempt from 5:46 until 1:08 remained. The back-and-forth battle included four ties and nine lead changes, and after squandering a 30-27 halftime lead, the Belles pulled within seven points in the final 30 seconds, but it was simply too little, too late.

Kessler, who was named to the all-tournament team, racked up 19 points in the loss. Erin Newsom dropped 17 points and had 9 rebounds, and Kamrath put home 12 points.

The Belles have a week off before playing their MIAA opener on Dec. 5, when they host Calvin at 7:30 p.m.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Win nets 21st winning season in row

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Notre Dame capped off its season with a 3-1 victory over Tennessee in Knoxville on Friday, securing their 21st consecutive winning season.

"Everyone played really well in our match against Tennessee, and we had control the whole time. Everyone was playing their best in the last match of the season, and that is what we have been working for," sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl said.

Notre Dame (15-13) controlled the match, dominating in three of the four games (30-21, 30-20, 23-30, 30-19). The Irish jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in both of the first two games. The Irish never looked back from their quick starts, leading by as many as eight or nine points in each of the matches.

After the break, Tennessee turned the tables. The Vols took an early three point lead and stretched the margin to 10 late in the stanza. The third game would be the only strong point for Tennessee, however.

Coming off the defeat, the Irish regained the prowess that they had in games one and two. They were up by 10 late in game four and held on to win

by converting 18 kills and seven blocks.

"I think the biggest strength that stood out was our serve-ceive," senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk said. "They were out of system quite a bit, which made it easier for us. I think we really perfected a lot of really important skills. Blocking, passing, attacking — and we became really close on the court and off.

We had outstanding team chemistry that is hard to find. We also learned about some lesser-known volleyball skills, such as the all-important backwards bump surprise."

Notre Dame finished the match with a .316 hitting percentage. Junior middle blocker Justine Stremick and Stasiuk paced the Irish attack with 16 kills each. Sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl also finished strong with 14 total kills, while sophomore outside hitter Serinity Phillips had 10. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis led the team in both assists (56) and digs (13).

The Volunteers (11-18) were led by senior outside hitter Yuliya Stoyanova and fresh-

man outside hitter Nikki Fowler. Stoyanova had 20 kills and six digs, while Fowler notched 16 to go along with 11 assists and seven digs.

Despite the win, Notre Dame didn't earn a berth in the N C A A Tournament. This marks the first time since 1991 that the Irish won't have a shot at the national title.

"Although we all really wanted to make it to the N C A A Tournament, it is really good that we made the most of our situation and finished our season strongly," Fesl said. "I'm certain that it is everyone's goal for next season to not let this happen again. We need to be sure that next year our team is in a position for winning a Big East championship and success in the NCAA Tournament."

Notes:

◆The Irish ended their regular season on a five-game winning streak.

◆The team leaders for the season are as follows: kills — Stasiuk (361), hitting percentage — freshman middle blocker Kellie Sciacca (.343), assists — Tarutis (1178), service aces — Stasiuk (33), digs — Stasiuk (377) and blocks — Stremick (162).

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Irish hitter

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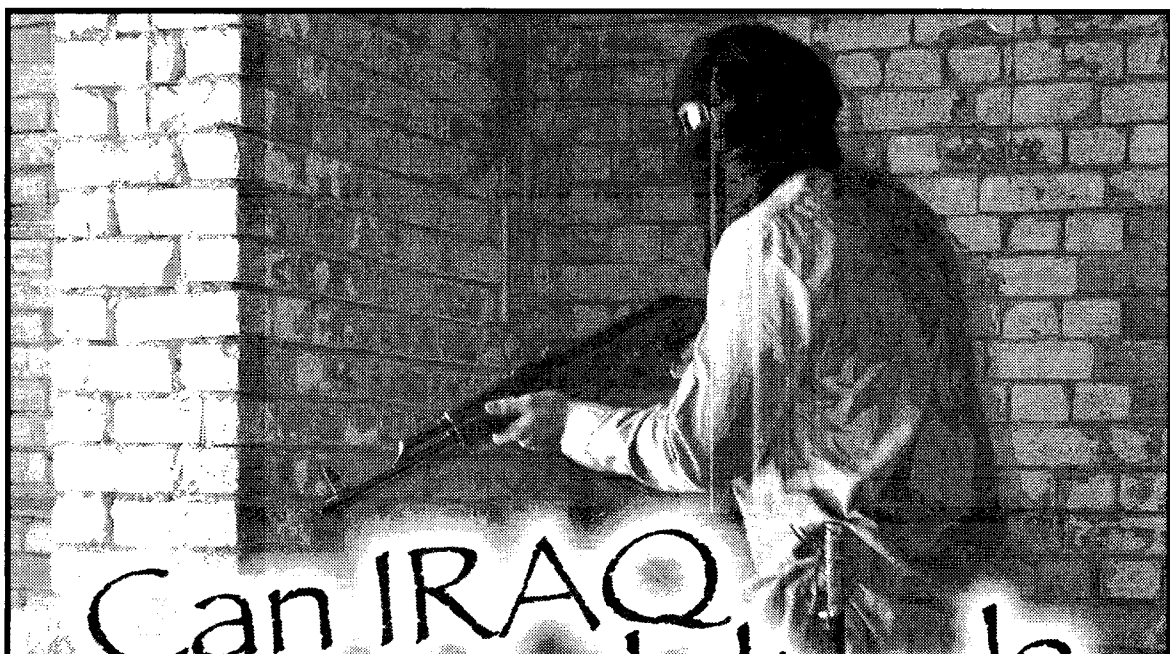
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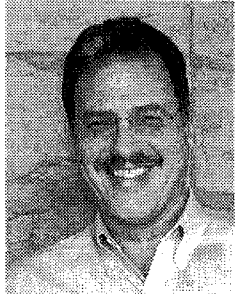
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defense. Sophomore left wing Kevin Deeth started the scoring on a power play goal. Junior Erik Condra connected with Deeth streaking through the slot and he redirected the pass through goalie Jason Alford's five hole.

It took the Irish just over a minute to strike again.

This time center Justin White got the goal, burying a shot in the top left corner of the net. The play started when senior Evan Rankin and sophomore Christiaan Minella caused a turnover on the forecheck. The loose puck found its way to the front of the net where White finished the play.

Notre Dame tied the game six minutes into the third period on an unassisted goal from defenseman Dan VeNard, setting up Ryan Thang for the game-winner.

The sophomore right wing got a drop pass from defenseman Kyle Lawson and fired it past Alford with a little more than three minutes remaining on the clock. Condra also picked up an assist on the play, giving him 100 career points for the Irish.

"He's not only a productive player but he brings all different elements to our team that go unnoticed," Jackson said about Condra. "He has been a big part of the rejuvenation of our program. Whoever Erik plays with, he makes them better."

The junior playmaker led the team in points his first two seasons and is at the top of the list again this year with 18 so far. Eight of those points have come on the power play.

Rensselaer also used the power play effectively Saturday night, scoring two early goals with the man advantage to build their 3-0 lead.

The Engineers jumped out to a quick lead on their home ice when center Chase Polacek deflected a shot past Irish goalie Jordan Pearce 5:34 after the opening face off. The goal, Polacek's third of the year, came at the tail end of an RPI power play.

They picked up their third goal of the night on a 5-on-3 situation when sophomore Jonathon Ornelas stuffed a rebound past Pearce giving RPI a 3-0 lead early in the second stanza.

Notre Dame reached the final after beating Alabama-Huntsville 4-1 the night before. The last time the Chargers and the Irish faced off was in the first round of last year's NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame won that game 3-2 in a double overtime thriller.

"I don't think [Alabama-Huntsville] was as deep. They had a freshman goaltender who stood on his head for them," Jackson said. "Until we eventually scored he was the difference."

Chargers goalie Cameron Talbot stopped Notre Dame's first 25 shots before freshman Ian Cole finally broke the drought late in the second period. Deeth, Thang and freshman Ben Ryan added goals in the third to secure a victory.

The Irish got off 41 shots compared to Alabama-Huntsville's 14. Pearce made 13 saves with Joe Federoff scoring the lone goal for the Chargers. By that time Notre Dame had opened up a comfortable three-goal lead and coasted into the championship game with Rensselaer.

Notre Dame also defeated CCHA foe Bowling Green 2-1 to start their break Tuesday night. Sophomore Kyle Lawson scored the eventual game-winner two minutes into the second period.

Pearce shut down the Falcons for the final two periods, picking up 27 saves in the win.

"Jordan was the difference in the game in my opinion. I don't think we were as sharp as we needed to be in that game," Jackson said.

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Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

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success from outside may not have been possible without the play of forwards Rob Kurz and Luke Harangody, who drew defenders to the low post to facilitate Notre Dame's shooting.

"From the start of the game we really wanted to establish the low post, and we wanted to get some looks for Kyle and the other guys," Kurz said. "We kept rolling, and I think we were really efficient offensively. That's why we were able to score so many points."

Kurz keyed the Irish inside with another quiet, but solid performance of 20 points and 10 rebounds.

"That's just a typical Rob Kurz game," junior forward Luke Harangody said. "He goes out, brings his lunch pail every game and he gets a double-double."

Harangody ended his three-game streak of 20-point performances, finishing with 11 points and seven rebounds.

The Irish went on a 7-0 run between the first two media

timeouts to take a 16-6 lead thanks to an offense that featured a little bit of everything - a kick-out three by Zeller from Kurz, a transition lay-up by Kurz on a timely pass from junior forward Zach Hillesland and an inside bucket from a penetrating McAlarney.

Colgate was able to exploit holes both in Notre Dame's man-to-man and 2-3 zone defense to shoot 46 percent in the first half, but shot only 36 percent in the second half against Notre Dame's tightened defense.

Forward Kyle Roemer led Colgate with 13 points. Sophomore guard Tory Jackson added seven assists for Notre Dame

Notre Dame 87, Youngstown State 75

Notre Dame led the entire game in its two games before

Saturday, but lost both in the final two minutes. Against Youngstown State, however, the story was different. The Irish built a 79-53 lead with 7:06 to play and held off a late run from the Penguins to snap their two-game losing streak.

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Luke Harangody
Irish forward

Harangody netted 25 points and McAlarney scored 23 points to give the Irish their first win in three contests Saturday night.

McAlarney shot 5-for-10 from beyond the arc.

Youngstown State had four players finish in double figures, but struggled to stop Notre Dame. Youngstown State closed Notre Dame's lead to 83-71 with 1:46 left but missed shots down the stretch that could have made the game closer.

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scoring in double figures. Guards Lindsay Schrader and Ashley Barlow lead the Irish with 12.8 points per game each, while guard Charel Allen has 12.2 points per game.

But even that isn't good enough for McGraw, who feels that her team is capable of a lot more offensively. McGraw said she expects to have at least five players scoring between 10 and 14 points per game this season.

"Everybody's contributing and different people are contributing on different nights. It's really been kind of a full team effort," she said.

Notre Dame has also stepped up defensively in its last two games. After giving up 12-of-20 shooting from 3-point distance against Maryland, the Irish allowed the Chippewas and Eagles to shoot only a combined .095 from beyond the arch.

McGraw attributed this 3-point defense — one of her team's goals this season — in part to Boston College and Central Michigan's poor shooting but also to her team's defensive intensity.

"I think we're getting better at man-to-man, and I think we're focusing on the three-point line," McGraw said. "I think we were all disappointed with the Maryland game's defense, and I think there's been a real concerted effort to fix that."

McGraw said the team has



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Irish guard Ashley Barlow gets ready to grab a rebound in Notre Dame's 78-59 win over Western Kentucky on Nov. 13 at home.

worked on playing more man-to-man in practice, but that it used a lot of zone against the Eagles.

The Irish will have to continue defending the line effectively against Canisius. The Golden Griffins shoot .333 from distance but are not afraid to shoot the ball. Guard Amanda Cavo is 12-of-33 and guard Britanne Russell is 7-of-24 on 3-pointers. For the Irish, Brittany Mallory has put up the most 3-point attempts for the Irish, but is only 6-of-23 — in one more game than Canisius.

The Golden Griffins also present a challenge to the Irish defensively in the form of Russell's 23 steals — more than any two Irish players combined. McGraw said Russell will try to shut down Irish point guard Tulyah Gaines, but that the Irish have enough top quality guards who can bring the ball up the court that the Golden

Griffins could waste their best defender on a player who doesn't have the ball a lot of the time.

"We're turning the ball over less because so many people can bring it up. And when you don't rely on that one person, it's harder for the defense to take you away."

The game against Canisius will be at the Joyce Center tonight at 7 p.m.

Note:

♦ Center Melissa D'Amico started for the Irish on Saturday against Boston College, and McGraw said she will be the starter for the remainder of the season.

McGraw said she made the decision because sophomore Erica Williamson is more comfortable off the bench and D'Amico is playing better on both ends of the court.

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over North Carolina Saturday.

Weissenhofer had 53 points last season — 18 goals, 17 assists — which were second on the team to forward Kerri Hanks, who had 66 points. Heading into the Illinois game, she had scored only four. An ankle injury hampered her this season.

"As you've probably seen this season I haven't been much of a goal scorer, so I was very excited to get a goal," she said after the Illinois game. "It was great to get the goal and get the win."

Waldrum felt that the goal may have ignited her to her previous form.

"Maybe the goal against Illinois in the second round was a big thing for her, to finally score a goal," Waldrum said Tuesday.

Waldrum said that having Weissenhofer fully healthy and back on her game "made all the difference in the world."

"She looked to me like the Weissenhofer we had last year," he said. "She actually looked faster than some of North Carolina, she was strong and confident."

Weissenhofer is a physical presence in the attacking third and asserts herself well against defenders. Her quickness enables her to reach through-balls others may not. Against North Carolina, for instance, she outran a defender while chasing a ball that had been passed to the Tar Heels keeper. The keeper misplayed the ball, and Weissenhofer put herself in

position to steal the ball and score.

"The defender was trying to block me off from the goalie getting it," Weissenhofer said Tuesday. "I pressured the goalie and I kind of got around her. The goalie didn't think I was going to get there. The ball hit the goalie's shoulder, and I just game along the side of her, took it off my chest, and shot it."

Weissenhofer, like her teammates, was surprised at the turn of events.

"We were just like so excited, like, 'that really just happened,'" she said. "Everything happened so quick, it was crazy."

Weissenhofer gives Notre Dame an added weapon most teams don't possess. From the sidelines in the attacking third, Weissenhofer's acrobatic somersault throw-in can reach the center of the penalty kick box. She did just that early in the North Carolina game, and forward Brittany Bock redirected the throw for the first goal of the game.

"I just kind of really try and get it in the PK spot, six-yard box, so someone can hit it," Weissenhofer said.

The atmosphere of Saturday's game gave Weissenhofer and the Irish an idea of what the national championship might be like, she said.

"We got a taste of what it would feel like to win the national championship — just a small taste," she said.

Taste or not, Weissenhofer believed in her team and its chances in the coming weeks.

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Karas

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but I needed to reconcile what happened last year," Karas said, who made five saves in the game. "It was nice to not lose to Carolina twice in my career."

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said the team came a long way since last year's championship loss.

"We were so different this time than we were in the championship last year," Waldrum said. "Last year, I thought we under-achieved, I thought we weren't intimidated, I thought we didn't play up to the way I knew we could play."

Before Saturday's game, no team had scored three goals against North Carolina (19-4-1) in seven years. The Irish (18-4-2) also joined Santa Clara as the only two teams ever to defeat North Carolina more than twice.

The Irish jumped ahead in the 13th minute when they had a throw-in chance in their attacking third. Weissenhofer's flip-throw carried the ball to the center of the penalty box, where Bock headed the ball in the far side of the net for her 15th goal of the season.

Bock, a junior, and Weissenhofer, a sophomore, are both from Naperville, Ill., and played together at Neuqua Valley High School. Bock said that playing with Weissenhofer for so long gave her a good idea of where the throw-in would land.

Weissenhofer, in turn, said she aimed for the middle of the penalty box as well as for Bock in particular.

"I try and look for Bock to see where she is," Weissenhofer said.

Bock said she came free and had a clear path to the ball.

"I kind of just drifted away, no one was really man-marking me," Bock said.

Just 14 seconds later, a miscue by North Carolina keeper Ashlyn Harris allowed Weissenhofer to score and give the Irish a quick 2-0 lead. Harris misplayed a pass back from left back Ariel Harris, allowing Weissenhofer to control the ball and take the shot.

"It was kind of like, 'Are you serious, right now?'" Weissenhofer said of the back-to-back goals.

Bock was also taken aback by the second goal.

"I was so tired just from celebrating," Bock said. "I think half the people at the stadium didn't even know what happened."

One minute into the second half, North Carolina midfielder Yael Averbuch's shot deflected off Irish midfielder Courtney Rosen's hand. Since the infraction occurred in the penalty box, the Tar Heels received a penalty kick and midfielder Allie Long placed her shot to the left of Karas to make the score 2-1.

Weissenhofer struck again in

the 61st minute when she chased a pass from Rosen down the left side of the field. Ashlyn Harris came out to challenge her, but Weissenhofer took a shot across the goal into the right side netting to make the score 3-1.

"That probably to me was a turning point, once they got the goal, to see us respond to that and get the next goal and go back up by two," Waldrum said. "I think that was even bigger than going up by two initially."

The Tar Heels kept the pressure on when they made the score 3-2 in the 71st minute. Defender Jessica Maxwell sent a free kick into the box, and midfielder Nikki Washington headed the ball over Karas' head.

Karas' play kept the Tar Heel offense in check. She saved two shots from Washington in the second half and had to dive to her right and knock one of them away from the post. In the final minute of play, forward Casey Nogueira drove the ball down

the middle of the field, but Karas charged and blocked the shot with her hands.

"Every time they came down, it seemed like I had to do something," Karas said. "It was kind of nice to finish a game where I actually did some things."

The Irish face Duke at home Friday in the round of eight. Weissenhofer was confident that Notre Dame could advance.

"I think if we play how we played on Saturday, I don't think any team will be able to beat us," Weissenhofer said.

Note:

♦ Defender Elise Weber left the game shortly before the end of the first half when she rolled her ankle. Waldrum said she had a high-ankle sprain and that X-rays were negative. He said he will hold her out of practice for a few days.

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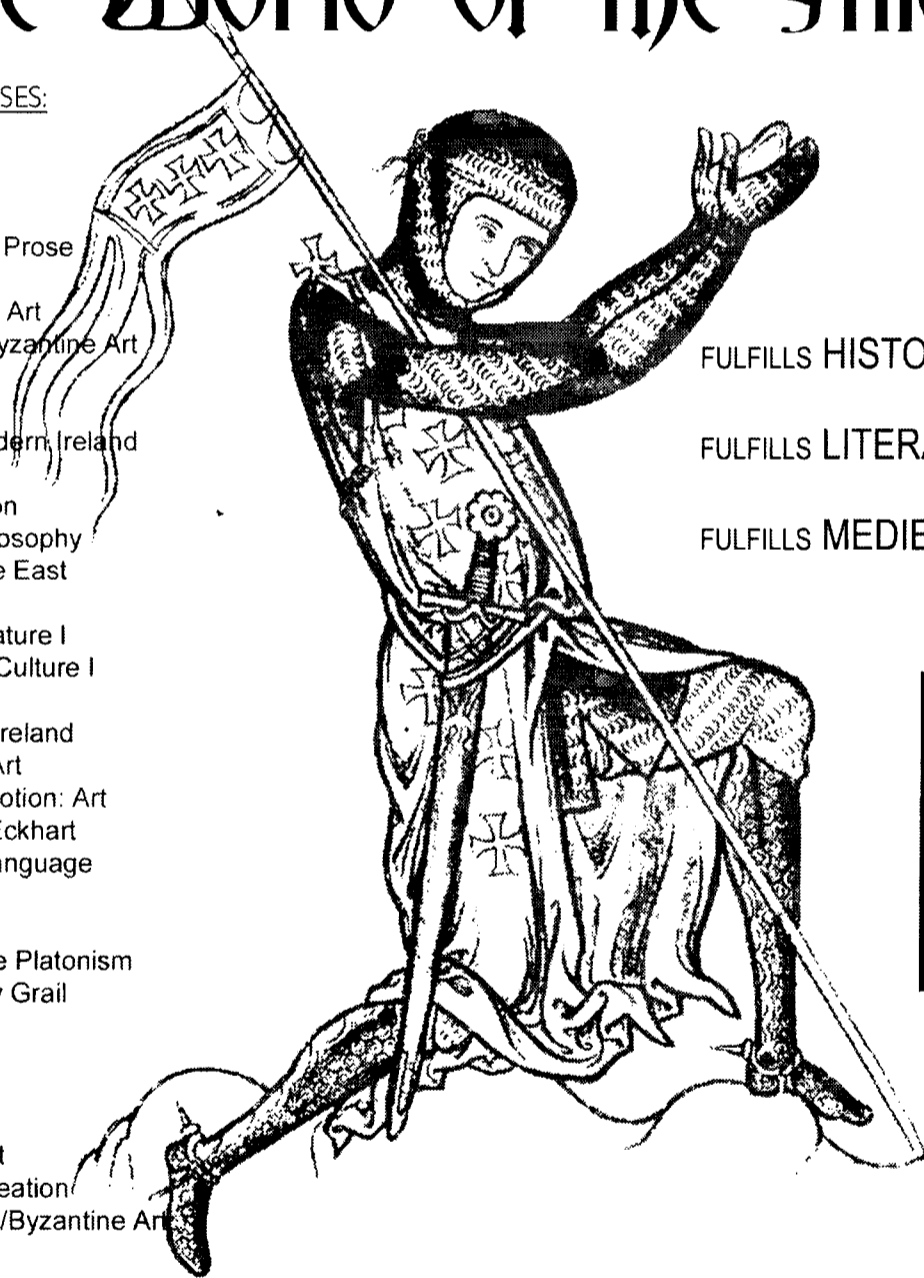
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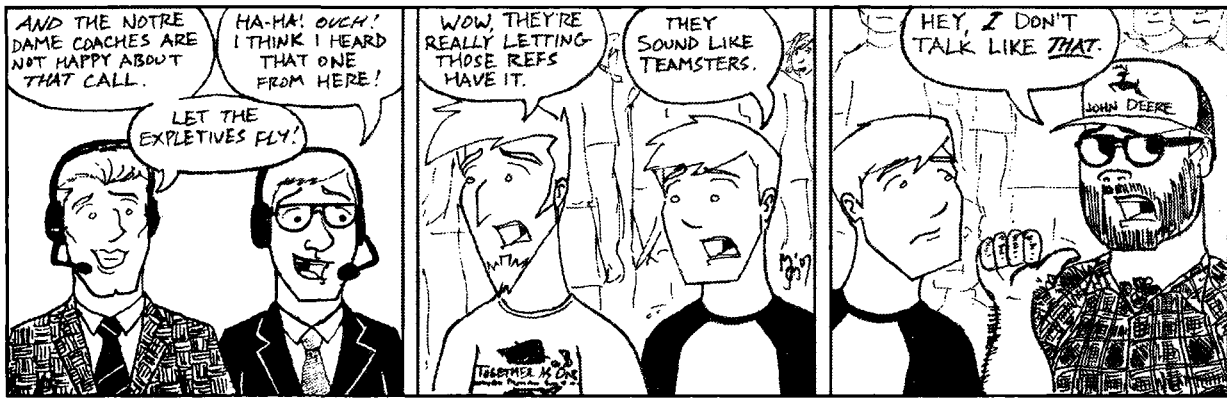
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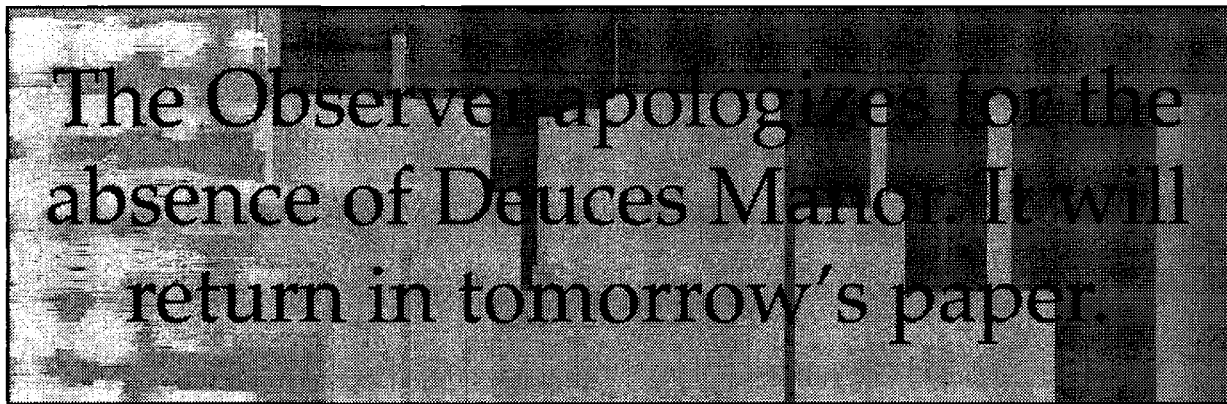
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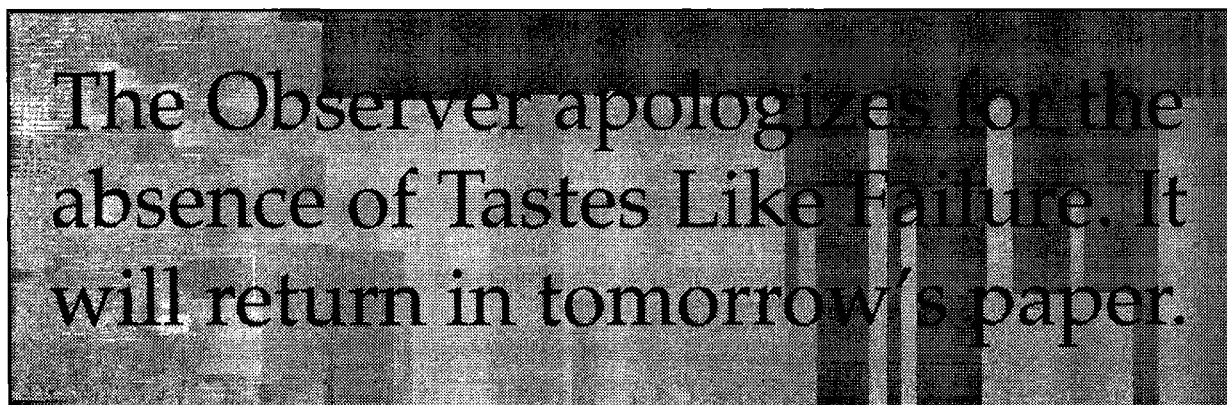
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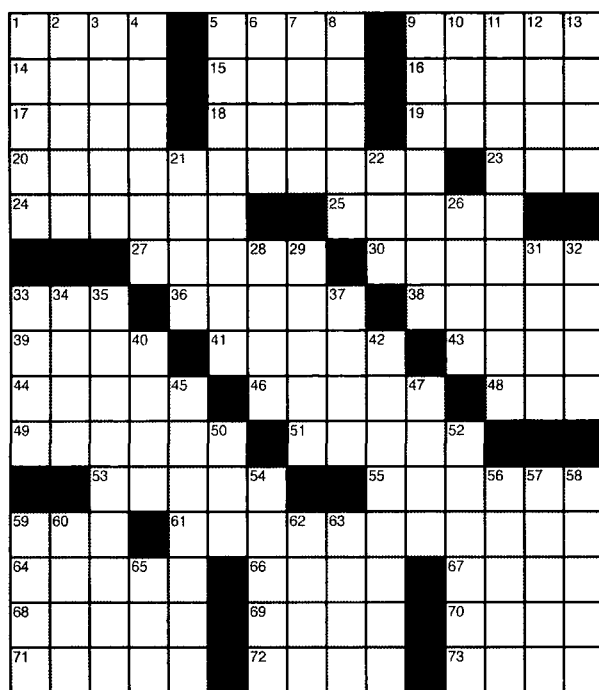
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WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Show anger
 - 5 Round before the final
 - 9 Washroom tub
 - 14 Ph.D. awardee
 - 15 Gave the boot
 - 16 Blessing-inducing sound
 - 17 Flank
 - 18 Gimlet garnish
 - 19 Crockpot concoctions
 - 20 Relax during a drill
 - 23 Temp's work unit
 - 24 Polite affirmation
 - 25 Brazilian dance
 - 27 Big Apple awards
 - 30 Like hair, usually, after combing
 - 33 Post-O.R. stop
 - 36 Craps natural
 - 38 Impoverished
 - 39 Sgt. Friday's org.
 - 41 Calendar units hidden in 20- and 61-Across and 11- and 35-Down
 - 43 Worker's pay
 - 44 Like a brainiac
 - 46 Fire remnants
 - 48 The "R" in Roy G. Biv
 - 49 Trojan War hero
 - 51 Popular snack chip
 - 53 Surveyor Jeremiah, for whom a famous line is partly named
 - 55 Beatle, endearingly
 - 59 Meadow sound
 - 61 Sunshine State school
 - 64 Minute Maid Park player
 - 66 Baylor's city
 - 67 Sp. girl
 - 68 Rodeo animal
 - 69 From the top
 - 70 Ticks off
 - 71 TV shout-out from the team bench
 - 72 It's sold in skeins
 - 73 "Great" kid-lit detective
- Down**
- 1 Hard to please
 - 2 Bring together
 - 3 Greedy monarch
 - 4 "Nevertheless ..."
 - 5 On the payroll
 - 6 Lighted sign in a theater
 - 7 Hand-waver's cry
 - 8 They may be bright
 - 9 One in the infield
 - 10 Follow direction?
 - 11 Show sadness
 - 12 Political caucus state
 - 13 Like a yenta
 - 21 "That's mine!"
 - 22 Deplete, as energy
 - 26 Cold one
 - 28 FEMA recommendation, briefly
 - 29 Play by a different rules
 - 31 Upper hand
 - 32 Like batik fabrics



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- 33 Ingrid's role in "Casablanca"
- 34 Showed up
- 35 "Time to rise, sleepyhead!"
- 37 Within earshot
- 40 Zwei follower
- 42 Lose the spare tire
- 45 Schedule B or C, e.g.
- 47 Ancient Greek colonnade
- 52 Chooses to participate
- 54 "Impossible!"
- 56 ___ firma
- 57 Largish combo
- 58 Terrible twos, e.g.
- 59 Bad-mouth
- 60 Sparkling wine city
- 62 ___ deficit (lost money)
- 63 Pastry prettifier
- 65 Vintage auto

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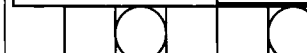
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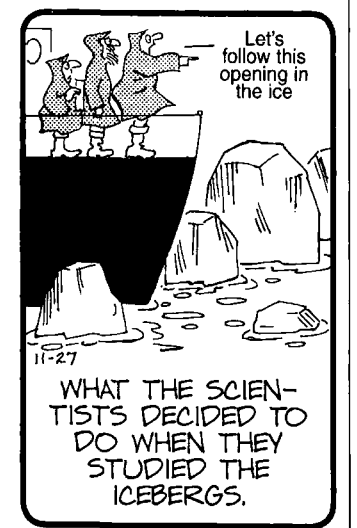
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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can't take what's said too seriously today. Someone you are close to will probably be insensitive to your situation. Problems with someone you work with may lead to a change in your position. 2 stars
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Share your thoughts with people you trust but don't reveal how you feel about someone you work with. Gossip may lead to setbacks. Get involved in something that will benefit others or help the environment. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your head and you will win but don't let someone anger you and get in the way of your productivity. Accept the opportunity to join forces with someone who will help you better see what you want in the future. Consider an updated look or image. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be emotional, feisty and ready to pick a fight. Stick to your own devices and get things out of the way and you will be avoid trouble. A new activity will inspire you but don't get taken in by a different lifestyle, cult or group. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get involved in gossip. Stick to the things you enjoy doing and the people you like to spend time with. A change in the way you earn your living or with an investment you have will help you out financially. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't jeopardize a chance to get ahead because someone you are emotionally attached to doesn't want you to make a change. Consider your own needs, not someone else's. A problem with overspending could arise if you don't stick to a budget. 2 stars

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): High energy, drive and determination should help you get to the bottom of things. You can finish off projects or promote, present or push others to support, invest or purchase what you have to offer. A little charm and mystery will help you attract the right people. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Reserve judgment and you will avoid having to apologize. Emotional matters will crop up and someone may try to corner you into discussing matters better avoided. The chance to meet someone new through work or a colleague is looking good. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you are feeling confused, insecure or just uncertain about a partnership, observe the dynamics of this union and how the person reacts to different situations. Money can be made but it is apparent someone may try to borrow from you as well. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can learn a great deal by talking to people with experience or who have something to offer you. Open your heart and your suggestions to a group that can use your expertise. This is a perfect day for give-and-take. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to basics and you will surpass your expectations. A little will go a long way financially, physically and emotionally. You can make some positive life changes. An opportunity to meet potential partners will arise if you network. 5 stars

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Smoking Tobacco Road

ND downs Tar Heels, Blue Devils up next

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

It took just over a year, but Notre Dame got its revenge against North Carolina.

Irish forward Michele Weissenhofer scored two goals and assisted forward Brittany Bock on a third, and Notre Dame beat the No. 1 Tar Heels 3-2 Saturday at Fetzer Field in Chapel Hill, N.C., in the NCAA Tournament round of 16.

The game was a rematch of last year's NCAA championship game, which the Tar Heels won, 2-1. The teams later played to a 2-2 draw in an exhibition game before this season.

The win felt good for Irish senior keeper Lauren Karas, who said she had some unfinished business with the Tar Heels.

"I don't want to say revenge,

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Sophomore forward Michele Weissenhofer lines up a shot in Notre Dame's scoreless tie with Michigan on Aug. 31. Weissenhofer had two goals to lead the Irish to a 3-2 win over North Carolina on Saturday.

Weissenhofer breaks out of slump in big way in NCAA win

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

To describe forward Michele Weissenhofer's postseason success, Irish coach Randy Waldrum had to turn to baseball.

"With forwards, it's probably like a home-run hitter or a slugger," Waldrum said. "If you get in a little bit of a slump, it starts to weigh on you and as a forward, I think she was getting really down on herself because you're not scoring a lot of goals on a regular basis."

Weissenhofer picked a great time to break out of her slump.

The sophomore scored a goal during Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Illinois in the second round of the NCAA tournament and had two more in the 3-2 win

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

McAlarney drops 25 as Notre Dame blows out Colgate

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Colgate hit four straight 3-pointers to keep the score close at 29-23 with 5:19 to play in the opening frame Monday night, but then Kyle McAlarney caught fire and burned any chance of a Colgate upset.

The junior guard, who fin-

ished with a game-high 25 points, drained four straight 3-pointers of his own to lift Notre Dame to a 46-33 halftime lead on its way to a 94-63 win over Colgate.

"It's almost like I know the shot's going in before I get the ball," McAlarney said. "There were a couple where I was just itching to get the ball because I knew as soon as I got it, it was going in."

McAlarney came out of the locker room and picked up where he left off in the first half, hitting his first two 3's during a 13-5 Notre Dame run to start the second half that put the Irish up 59-40 with 15:53 to play.

"It's the best feeling in the world, especially on your home court, when things are really clicking," McAlarney said.

Then the Irish clamped down

on defense, allowing just two Raiders field goals over the next 10:40. During that stretch, Notre Dame outscored Colgate 29-11 and put the game out of reach.

"I liked our offensive efficiency, and I liked that it came from some different areas tonight," Irish coach Mike Brey said.

McAlarney's 7-for-10 night from 3-point land led Notre

Dame's 13-for-28 performance beyond the arc. Junior forward Luke Zeller also played a prominent role in Notre Dame's 3-point fest. Zeller knocked down four of his five 3-point attempts and finished the night with 14 points.

Even though Notre Dame's perimeter shooting lifted the Irish to a blowout victory, its

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HOCKEY

Irish capture RPI tourney

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

No. 9 Notre Dame reeled off four unanswered goals to defeat No. 16 Rensselaer 4-3 Saturday night and win their first Rensselaer Holiday Tournament in Troy, N.Y. The Irish finished fourth in the tournament in 1988 and 2000 — the only other times they participated.

"We started off slow again, which is a bit of a concern, but for the first time with this group, they showed some resiliency," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "To me that is a sign of a team that is focused and strong of character."

Notre Dame was down 3-0 halfway through the game before they were able to spring a leak in the Engineers

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IAN GAVLIK/The Observer

Freshman wing Robin Bergman skates down ice during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Bowling Green on Tuesday in the Joyce.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team takes on Canisius after consecutive routs

McGraw says squad found strong balance

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame hasn't had any problems winning this season. It's only a matter of if the game will be close.

In its first five games, the Irish have gone 4-1 with a 75-59 loss against No. 3 Maryland at College Park the only slip up. But other than that game, the Irish have scored 89.5 points per game, while not surrendering 60 points or more to any opponent this season.

This trend held true during Notre Dame's 94-41 win over Central Michigan on Nov. 20 and 88-58 win over Boston

College on Saturday. This weekend marked the first time since the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament in 2001 that Notre Dame had back-to-back 30-point victories.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said the two wins were important to getting the team back on track after the loss to the Terrapins.

"We're pretty confident right now. I think we feel good about a lot of things because it's such a balance," she said. "I don't think we're relying on any one person, which I think makes everyone a little more comfortable."

The Irish have been able to spread the ball around offensively early in the season and currently have three players

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