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Hesburgh honored with resolution

Congressman Donnelly calls president emeritus a role model for work in civil rights

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

Over the years, University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh has been bestowed with many honors — including the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest awards given to civilians.

Now, after the work of Congressman Joe Donnelly from the 2nd District of

Indiana, a congressional resolution can be added to the list.

The House resolution — H.RES.687 — passed on a voice vote with 103 co-sponsors on Oct. 9.

According to the Library of Congress Web Site, the resolution recognizes "Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., for his contributions to the civil rights movement in the United States, his tireless work to reduce the threat of nuclear conflict and his efforts to secure the peaceful resolution of inter-

national conflicts."

Hesburgh was a charter member of the U.S.

Commission on Civil Rights and served on it from 1957-72. He was Notre Dame's president from 1952-1987.

Donnelly, a 1977 graduate of the University, was a student during the Hesburgh



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era, decided to sponsor a resolution honoring Hesburgh, who he called a "tremendous role model" and one of his heroes, when he found out he would be honored for his 90th birthday in Washington. The Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery accepted a portrait of Hesburgh arm-in-arm with Martin Luther King, Jr. into its collection earlier the day the resolution passed. A copy of the photograph hangs in the

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Holy Cross education discussed

O'Connor highlights international mission

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

Sister Francis O'Connor spoke to the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) International Advisory Board Thursday about education in the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Sponsoring schools in South America, Africa and Bangladesh, the Sisters of the Holy Cross have produced visionary leaders and have empowered women in a multiplicity of cultures, O'Connor said.

In Brazil, a sister constructed a recycling plant. Her popularity prompted the local community to nominate her for town mayor, O'Connor said.

In the U.S., the sisters lobby for peace and justice issues and defend abused women, O'Connor said.

"Young women have joined us and carried on the dream of an intercultural, diversified congregation," O'Connor said.

She also referred to her 20 years of missionary work in Bangladesh.

Under the Holy Cross leadership, the only Christian women's college in the country was founded in 1950.

"The school has contributed to empowerment of Bangladesh women," O'Connor said.

A student who attended the school from kindergarten through college now works with refugees in Darfur. Another recent alumna

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Students rally for migrant wages

Crowd gathers to demonstrate against Burger King's refusal to increase worker pay

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

A crowd of about 40 gathered at the Fieldhouse Mall Friday despite freezing temperatures to listen to speakers talk about the plight of migrant tomato farmers in Florida and fight to end sub-poverty level wages.

Literature distributed at the rally said that Burger King, headquartered in Miami and a major purchaser of Florida tomatoes, has publicly rejected increasing the workers' wages by a penny per pound. Two of its competitors, Taco Bell and McDonald's, have both agreed to the pay raise, which would have been the first in 30 years.

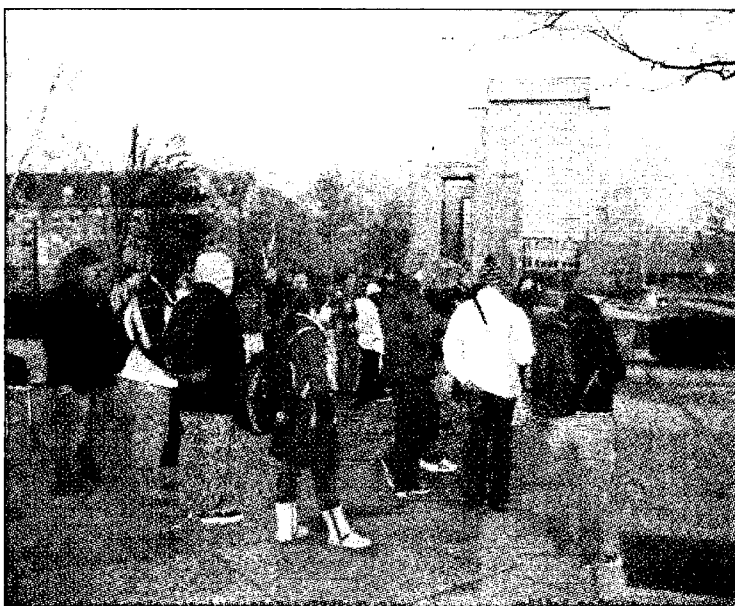
Sophomore Kris Trujillo, one of the organizers of the event, spoke from a stage covered with

posters, including one that read: "We are a Nation of Immigrants."

"Today, thousands of people are marching in Miami, Florida, in an effort to stop sweatshop conditions and modern day slavery in the fields of South Florida," he said.

A group of workers formed what is called the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to help stop the injustice, he said. Their campaign has succeeded in the case of McDonald's and Taco Bell. But Burger King, which has a branch in the LaFortune Student Center, has not agreed to their three demands: one penny more per pound of tomatoes picked, a code of conduct in the fields and

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JENN METZ/The Observer

Students gather for a protest Friday on Fieldhouse Mall. Ralliers demonstrated against Burger King's migrant wages.

Fence blocks part of DeBartolo quad

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Students returning to campus after Thanksgiving break may have noticed a new obstacle they had to maneuver on their way to classes — a fence around the DeBartolo Quad.

Construction of the fence began on Nov. 19, according to an e-mail the Office of the University Architect and Utilities Department sent to the student body. The new fence encloses the construction site for Stinson-Remick Hall, the planned state-of-the-art engineering building on campus.

Notre Dame is building Stinson-Remick Hall on the site formerly

occupied by the University Club.

The University Club, founded in 1958, closed its doors earlier this year amid complaints from club members and employees who were unsure of the Club's future as it is forced to move off campus.

The new engineering building, set to open in 2010, will house a nano-technology research center, a new energy center, an undergraduate interdisciplinary learning center and a semiconductor processing and device fabrication clean room.

"This [new building] is just additional space for engineering. They will still continue to occupy the old buildings. It's not replac-

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Travel supplements in-class learning

Professors take students to Europe, but funding proves problematic

By KATE McCLELLAND
News Writer

First it was a day trip to Chicago to see a play. Now, multiple Notre Dame classes are spending a week touring Europe.

Two prominent classes with a travel component this year are Ian Kuijt's Archaeology in Ireland class and Father Kevin Spicer's Holocaust class.

During fall break, students in Kuijt's class explored archaeological digs throughout Ireland to see firsthand what they had been studying in the classroom.

"It was amazing; I would recommend it highly," said Jillian Brems, one of 12 students who participated in the class this



Photo courtesy of Jillian Brems

Students in Ian Kuijt's Archaeology of Ireland class sit in front of the Trim Castle located in County Meath, Ireland over fall break.

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INSIDE COLUMN

BCS isn't BS

I started this column with every intention of pile-driving the BCS into the ground. I had scores of undisputable evidence concluding that the system was flawed and that the only solution was a playoff system in the style of March Madness.

But you've heard it all before.

Since its inception, we've all been made aware of the system's shortcomings. How it misplaces teams in the national championship. How it takes a degree in computer science to predict bowl winners with any semblance of accuracy. How it doesn't give undefeated teams like Hawaii a chance to play in the national championship even though Boise State proved last season that mid-majors can compete.

The more I thought about it, I realized that this is exactly why the BCS works.

Hypothetical situation: The NCAA institutes a 16-team playoff system, set up like one region of the college basketball tournament so that the No. 1 plays the No. 16 seed, etc. If that were in place this season, No. 8 USC would play No. 9 Oklahoma in the first round. The Trojans' disaster of a loss to Stanford would mean nothing in that scenario. As it is today, it means everything.

If your team loses in a tournament, who do you blame? The players or the coaches. With the BCS, you can blame the computer rankings, the Associated Press and a multitude of other factors for keeping your team out of the championship. Much more fun.

In a crazy season such as this, the BCS is the perfect solution. The great thing about this football season was the parity. LSU's triple-OT losses, Boston College's last-minute comeback, Central Florida's brief moment in the spotlight, Appalachian State making fans everywhere but Ann Arbor giddy with excitement, West Virginia and Missouri both throwing away their shot at the bayou at the same time — none of this would be nearly as interesting without the BCS in place to intensify the mess. This year, a playoff would not work. Tennessee, at 9-4, would have a chance at the championship in a playoff system. Completely unacceptable.

Also, the BCS is only nine years old. It's a fluid system that continues to evolve. Hawaii has a BCS bowl this season, following in the footsteps of Utah and Boise. Should it win, it will become even more apparent that mid-majors with perfect records against weak schedules may in fact be pretty good. It's only a matter of time before one reaches the championship game.

Finally, it's just plain fun. Who didn't have a blast Saturday night after West Virginia and Missouri lost arguing about whether Georgia, LSU or Virginia Tech will play the Buckeyes in New Orleans? The BCS may not be perfect, but it's an important part of the game, much as the strike zone is in baseball. You may hate it, you may vilify it, and you may think you have alternatives. But this season wouldn't be what it was without it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Bill Brink at wbrink@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU HAD A RACEHORSE, WHAT WOULD YOU NAME IT?



Charley Spear
sophomore
Keough

"Chris Meister and I would ride him all the time."



Brittany Perrie
sophomore
Lyons

"The Magic Bullet because it sounds good."



Greg Torrisi
freshman
O'Neill

"The Grand Prizer because that's what it would win."



Valerie Cosimano
senior
Welsh Family

"Carmen Sandiego because I can never find the damn thing."



Rachel Wiehoff
junior
Welsh Family

"Non-carnivorous fish so it can live in the dorm."



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Freshman Christopher Lee, middle, sings "Santa Claus is Coming to Town at a Carroll Christmas Friday.

OFFBEAT

Girl Scout receives award, 69 years late

GRAND CHUTE, Wis. — A Girl Scout who failed to receive a Golden Eaglet Award because she woke up with the mumps finally got the accolade — 69 years later.

Faith James Schremp, 86, joined Girl Scouts in 1938 and earned all the proficiency badges needed to win the award.

But the morning Schremp, of Wausau, was to leave for Girl Scout Camp, she woke up with the mumps. Attending camp was the final rite of passage in earning the award.

Schremp said she was

heartbroken.

That is until Fran Raley, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Fox River Area, presented Schremp with her long-deserved award Saturday during the Girl Scouts' 2007 Holiday Folk Fair.

Receiving the Golden Eaglet Award, the predecessor to the Gold Award, is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

Giant truffle auctioned for \$330,000

FLORENCE, Italy — A Macau casino mogul bid a record \$330,000 at auction Saturday to win a giant white truffle dug up in Tuscany, organizers said.

Billionaire Stanley Ho

made the winning bid for the 3.3 pound truffle during an auction staged simultaneously in Florence, London and at Ho's Grand Lisboa hotel in Macau, said auction organizer Giselle Oberti.

The price bested the previous record for a truffle of \$212,000, she said.

The unusually heavy truffle was dug up last week by truffle hunter Cristiano Savini, his father Luciano and dog Rocco in Palaia, a town about 25 miles from Pisa. The Savinis said Rocco started sniffing "like crazy" when he zeroed in on the fungus.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The rosary will be said tonight at 6:45 at the Grotto. The rosary is said daily.

Craig Cramer will present a faculty organ recital tonight at 8 in Reyes Organ and Choral Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are \$3.

There will be a prayer service called La Novena a La Virgen de Guadalupe tonight at 9 in St. Edward's Hall Chapel as part of the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration.

There will be NASDAQ training sessions Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 in Eck Visitors' Center. The event is available to students only. Wednesday's topic is "Defining Your Customer Market and Competition."

The Take Ten program will sponsor local children at the Robinson Community Learning Center in a bookmark recognition ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday. Local school children who participated in the Take Ten program will make bookmarks. The Robinson Center is located at 921 North Eddy Street.

The annual football banquet will be held Friday at 5:45 p.m. in the Joyce Center Monogram Room. The featured speaker will be 1993 graduate Aaron Taylor, a two-year All-American Offensive Tackle and Lombardi Award winner. Tickets can be purchased through the Notre Dame Ticket Office, 574-631-7356.

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

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
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LaFortune Student Center.

"A few of us got together and said we'd love to present him with a proclamation from Congress at that time. His lifework is breathtaking," Donnelly said. "He is one of the

Americans that has changed this country in the past century and the beginning of this century. I wanted to make sure everyone in America understood what a tremendous human being Father Hesburgh is."

Donnelly said he has spoken with Hesburgh many times, both while he was a student at the University and after.

After he presented Hesburgh with the resolution, "I told him what an honor it was to have him as our president at Notre Dame and thank him on behalf of Notre Dame graduates, students and Americans around the country for all he's done for us," Donnelly said.

Hesburgh, sitting in his office on the 13th floor of the library named for him, expressed gratitude for Donnelly's work on the resolution.

"This is a great honor from the Congress," he said. "Without him, this would have never been. ... I am grateful to the congressman for his wonderful efforts to produce this resolution and have it approved unanimously by the Congress."

Hesburgh, however, said one has "to be careful when so many people are being nice."

"Don't let it go to your head," he said, in between puffs of his cigar. "As someone said, you can taste it, but don't inhale. But when you get to be 90 years old, it's nice to be honored, especially in the nation's capital, where I spent a great deal of my

life."

Donnelly said he was drawn to Hesburgh not only by his accomplishments as civil rights leader and University president, but also by his character.

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semester. "We could have stayed the rest of the semester, and I wouldn't have minded."

Kuijt's class is offered every other fall semester to students studying anthropology or Irish Studies and is fully funded — including air travel, lodging and food — by a private donor. Students spent considerable time before the trip studying papers about assigned sites, and when they arrived they gave the other students a tour of their site.

Brems said the experience's benefits were not confined to the academic side.

"It was an opportunity to get to know the professor and other students in a different context," she said.

Spicer's Holocaust class will travel to Europe during spring break. Students will examine the Holocaust from a chronological perspective in class and visit the sites where critical events occurred — including the cities of Warsaw, Krakow, Prague and Berlin — as well as several of the Nazi death camps.

The class was open to applications from all Arts and Letters majors, with some preference given to history majors.

"Funding was the biggest question going into this project," Spicer said.

The History Department, the Nanovic Institute and the Learning Beyond the Classroom program have funded the program. Students will be able to write research proposals and seek additional funding individually.

But these classes are not the

only options available to students who want to incorporate travel into their curriculum. Learning Beyond the Classroom has helped fund travel within the U.S. and abroad for several classes.

"It is in the interests of the college to promote faculty and student interactions outside of class, and it is well worth the investment we're making into these excursions," said Dean Stuart Greene, who supervises the program.

There have been film, television and theatre classes that have traveled to see Broadway shows and to conduct research on the art of costuming in London. Music classes have traveled across Europe to study different types of organs, and advanced French literature classes have journeyed to France.

The program attempts to distribute resources to promote new opportunities for students, while also donating to classes that have been successful in the past. It will fund up to 75 percent of the cost of a class, but the precise ratio depends on how well the travel portion is incorporated into the regular curriculum thereafter.

"We have been very fortunate with endowments but it's still fairly limited," Greene said. "Expansion depends on renewed funding."

Greene said travel outside of the classroom "makes the subject come alive for students" and that he often receives letters from students that describe their travels as having made a serious impact on their life.

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additional needs we have," Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves told The Observer in February.

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told O'Connor the school equipped her with the right value system to face the world and interact with different cultures with ease.

O'Connor said government service, human rights and the World Bank are just a few areas one can find alumni from the Bangladesh school.

"The sisters have widened horizons and stood by a mutually respectful, cross-cultural conscience," she said.

Women not only in Bangladesh but also in other developing countries are not aware of their own rights, which leads to many societal problems, O'Connor said.

Through intercultural learning, women can become agents in society and family and stop the spread of AIDS, reduce child mortality and defend the environment, she said.

In addition, O'Connor discussed the Catholic Church's past and present position on mission work.

Prior to the 1960s, the Catholic Church defined mission work as the conversion of pagans, she said.

Stinson-Remick Hall will also feature a \$500,000 solar panel array and energy system donated by General Electric which undergraduates will be allowed to study to track the energy being generated.

The fence enclosing the construction will be in place

throughout the building of the hall. The fence surrounding the utilities work area to the east of DeBartolo Hall and west of the Hesburgh Center is set to be taken down by March 15.

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"Saint Mary's allowed and prepared me to be a woman of today's challenging world."

Rocio Sandoval student

Now, O'Connor stressed, the Church accommodates the hunger for learning no matter the circumstance of families.

She called upon different religions to embrace a more spiritual understanding and tolerance. The model of the sisters reflects universal sympathy regardless of race or economic status.

As recipients of Holy Cross education, two Saint Mary's alumnae and a current student reflected on the intercultural opportunities at the College and the school's preparation for careers in an intercultural world.

A member of the International Advisory Board, Paula Dawning, arrived at Saint Mary's during a turbulent time when African Americans were faced segregation. The first in her family to attend college, Dawning enjoys being an "agent of change."

Leaving her job as vice president of sales at AT&T, Dawning became the superintendent of the Benton Harbor school district.

According to Dawning, prior to her arrival, only 15 percent of the district's middle school students read at their grade level. Now, that number has jumped to 45 percent.

Working in Geneva for Proctor and Gamble, Rocio Sandoval received an international scholarship to attend Saint Mary's.

"Saint Mary's allowed and prepared me to be a woman of today's challenging world," Sandoval said.

The social responsibility supported by the College is reflected in her career as she strives to improve low-income consumers' lives as a market researcher.

Senior Adriana Lopez, who said CWI promotes personal transformation and systematic change, hopes to give back to her Mexican heritage and use the values she learned at Saint Mary's to make a difference in the world.

Looking to the future, O'Connor urged the college to strengthen diversification and fulfill the vision of the sisters. Dawning also suggested a global experience as a requirement for graduation, which would allow students to see the injustices present today around the world.

O'Connor is currently a Hesburgh Scholar at Notre Dame and teaches in the adult education program at Holy Cross College. She completed her graduate work in Indian History at the University of Chicago before working in Bangladesh.

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a place at the negotiating table for future agreements.

The rally, which took place from 5 p.m. to 6, was co-organized by the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) and Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA), a club that has previously worked to initiate the availability of free trade coffee on campus.

Trujillo, who is involved in MEChA, handed out literature and flyers as people passed by the rally.

"I thought it was good. It was more of an informational meeting," Trujillo said.

Last year, after taking a seminar through the Center for Social Concerns, he "got to see the situation first hand" when he visited the predominantly migrant community of Immokalee, Fla.

"We talked about the issues they were facing down there and ... led efforts to protest against McDonald's," Trujillo said.

About 1,000 people showed up at the rally against Burger King in Miami, he said, including about eight Notre Dame students.

One of his main goals, Trujillo said, was to educate students and members of the Notre Dame community about the problem, "what we're trying to change and how Burger King is reacting in a negative manner."

Sophomore Chris Meister was one of the Notre Dame rally's

attendees. He learned of the event and "about the different horrible conditions and unfair wages" through the PSA, he said.

"I don't think that it's right," Meister said. He attended Friday's rally because he wants "to do everything possible to help make a change in the situation. ... This is the best thing to do since I can't get to Miami."

Overall, Trujillo was pleased with the event's turnout.

"It was a good effort on our part to create at least a little bit of campus awareness."

Kris Trujillo sophomore

"It was a good initial effort on our part to create at least a little bit of campus awareness," he said. "People seemed really interested to see what the situation was."

However, the rally is "only the beginning" in organizers' efforts to make people conscience consumers, Trujillo said.

In a Nov. 29 New York Times op-ed titled "Penny Foolish," Eric Schlosser, the author of "Fast Food Nation," wrote that the migrant workers in the South Florida tomato fields work for 10-12 hours a day picking tomatoes by hand to earn about 45 cents per every 32-pound bucket.

"Migrant farm laborers have long been among America's most impoverished workers ... and especially vulnerable to abuse," he wrote.

Schlosser applauded the job of the CIW in working to improve the lives of migrant workers in Florida by investigating cases of slavery and pushing for wage negotiations with the major fast food chains.

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Scholar completes series

ND professor publishes final two volumes about theater history

Special to the Observer

Peter Holland, McMeel Family Professor in Shakespeare Studies and acting dean of the Graduate School at Notre Dame, recently published the final two volumes of his five-book series "Redefining British Theatre History."



Holland

The series brings together more than 60 major practitioners in theater history to examine the ways in which previous assumptions need fundamental questioning and to initiate new directions for the field. It seeks to establish a new future for theater history by making theater historians aware of their own history, current practice and future.

The final volume released this month, "The Performing Century," includes a wide-ranging collection of essays from leading scholars in Britain and the U.S. It examines modes of performance and forms of theater in 19th century Britain and Ireland, placing drama and

performance in the social and cultural contexts of the rapid transformations in 19th century society.

In "Players, Playwrights, Playhouses," published in October, leading theater historians identify and exemplify a variety of new approaches to the investigation of plays, players, playwrights, playhouses and other aspects of 18th century theater.

Published by Palgrave Macmillan in association with the Huntington Library in Pasadena, Calif., the series' other volumes are: "From Performance to Print in Shakespeare's England" (2006), "From Script to Stage in Early Modern England" (2004), and "Theorizing Practice" (2003).

"This marks the end of a seven-year project," said Holland, who served as general editor of the series and co-editor of each volume.

"Each book began as a conference I organized at the Huntington Library in a rare example of a project suggested by the library and publisher, for which each conference took place with

the volume already planned."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel says peace depends on Palestine

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Sunday that Israel is not bound by a December 2008 target for a peace agreement set at last week's U.S.-hosted Mideast summit, telling his Cabinet that progress will depend on the Palestinians' ability to rein in militants.

The comments reflected Olmert's internal political weakness. Hard-liners have threatened to bring down his coalition government if he makes too many concessions in peace talks with the Palestinians. Olmert spoke a day before Israel was set to release 429 Palestinian prisoners in a gesture to moderate President Mahmoud Abbas, a step that has drawn criticism from the same hard-line members of Olmert's Cabinet.

In a message that could further anger Israeli hawks, Olmert's defense minister, Ehud Barak, said he supports a measure to give compensation to Jewish settlers in the West Bank who leave their homes voluntarily, according to the Defense Ministry.

Putin's party takes parliament again

MOSCOW — Vladimir Putin's party won a crushing victory in parliamentary elections Sunday, paving the way for the authoritarian leader to remain in control even after he steps down as president.

The vote followed a tense Kremlin campaign that relied on a combination of persuasion and intimidation to ensure victory for the United Russia party and for Putin, who has used a flood of oil revenues to move his country onto a more assertive position on the global stage.

"The vote affirmed the main idea: that Vladimir Putin is the national leader, that the people support his course, and this course will continue," party leader and parliament speaker Boris Gryzlov said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Winter weather hits Midwest, Northeast

DES MOINES, Iowa — Highways were still slippery in parts of the Midwest on Sunday as utility crews restored power knocked out by a snow and ice storm blamed for at least eight traffic deaths.

A few light flurries lingered over Nebraska, Iowa and southeastern Minnesota as the core of the storm slid through the Northeast.

Less than 3 inches of snow had fallen by midday in New Jersey, with little more than a dusting in other areas, but the National Weather Service said a foot of snow was possible in the mountains of northern New England, with up to 20 inches in northern Maine.

With snowfall that light in New Jersey, and a changeover to rain expected later Sunday in places, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority salted its roads Sunday and didn't bother to plow.

"It's not a bad way to start the season," said Joe Orlando, a spokesman for the authority. "Compared to what's happening in the Midwest, we've kind of got it easy right now."

Muslim informant aides FBI in arrests

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — William Chrisman had three wives and nine children to support and struggled with panic attacks, but the Muslim convert was determined to help the United States after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

He became an informant for the FBI and ended up in contact with two other Muslim converts suspected of supporting terrorism.

His work helped authorities charge both men. Derrick Shareef, 23, pleaded guilty to plotting to set off grenades in an Illinois shopping mall. Hassan Abu-Jihaad, a former Navy sailor, has pleaded not guilty to charges he gave terrorists secret information about the location of Navy ships and ways to attack them.

LOCAL NEWS

Hockey team in crash; one dead

WINGATE, Ind. — Seven injured Purdue University students were released from a hospital Sunday after being treated for injuries caused by an accident that killed one student, a school spokeswoman said.

A van carrying members of Purdue's ice hockey club rolled over on an ice-slickened highway Saturday afternoon. Andrew T. Jackson, 18, from Chanhassen, Minn., was killed in the accident, said Tippecanoe County Deputy Coroner J. Steve Kohn.

The seven injured students were treated for non-life-threatening injuries and released from the hospital, said Purdue spokeswoman Jeanne Norberg.

VENEZUELA

Nation votes on controversial reforms

Future of term limits, other policies unknown as officials continue to count ballots

Associated Press

CARACAS — Hugo Chavez sought to cement his power Sunday in a vote on constitutional reforms that could let him remain president for life, a critical test for a leader bent on turning this major U.S. oil provider into a socialist state.

Opponents fear a plunge toward dictatorship. Supporters have full faith that Chavez will use the reforms to deepen grassroots democracy and more equitably spread the wealth.

Information Minister William Lara said early in the day that there had been "a massive turnout," but turnout later appeared low at some polling places and no official figures were available.

An emboldened opposition and violent clashes in recent weeks prompted fears of bitter conflict if either side disputes the results, which pollsters predict will be close. Polling stations with lines remained open into the evening.

"I'm very sure that everything is going to go very well," Chavez said after voting, holding his newborn grandson in his arms. "We're going to accept the results, whatever they are."

Two pro-Chavez officials told The Associated Press their exit polls show a victory for the reforms, but an opposition campaign official said its poll shows Chavez headed for defeat. All spoke on condition of anonymity because of election rules barring the early release of results.

The changes would create new forms of communal property, let Chavez hand-pick local leaders under a redrawn political map, permit civil liberties to be suspended under extended states of emergency and allow Chavez to seek re-election indefinitely. Otherwise, he cannot run again in 2012.

"He's going to be an elected dictator," said 77-year-old voter Ruben Rozenberg.

The retired blue jeans maker, who emigrated from Cuba in 1961, said that



A Venezuelan man waves a red hat to show his support for Hugo Chavez during the elections Sunday. Venezuelans are split on the issue of the reforms.

although Chavez's revolution is peaceful compared to that of Fidel Castro, "we've been violated all around" by the Venezuelan leader's progressive consolidation of power.

Across town, in a pro-Chavez slum, Jorge Blanco, a 40-year-old motorcycle taxi driver, said Chavez "is giving power to the people" through the reforms. "He opened that little door and now we're free." Of the wealthy elite, Blanco said: "What they fear is losing power."

Chavez has warned opponents he will not tolerate attempts to stir up violence, and threatened to cut off oil exports to the U.S. if Washington interferes. The United States is the No. 1 buyer of Venezuelan oil.

Latin America's most out-

spoken foe of Washington, Chavez calls those who resist his socialist agenda pawns of President Bush.

While his government touted pre-election polls showing Chavez ahead, surveys cited by the opposition indicated strong resistance — unfamiliar for a leader who easily won re-election last year with 63 percent of the vote.

Chavez has accused the U.S. government of plotting to thwart the legitimate victory he predicted.

Sen. Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat who chairs the Armed Services Committee, denied any U.S. attempts to undermine Chavez.

"We're not seeking to destabilize him. His policies, his efforts at dictatorship, to amend the constitution so he can stay there for life, that is

what's destabilizing Venezuela, not our policies," he told CNN.

Casting his ballot, Chavez called the electronic voting system "one of the most modern in the world, one of the most transparent in the world."

His opponents have questioned the National Electoral Council's impartiality, however, especially after Chavez named its former chief, Jorge Rodriguez, vice president in January.

About 100 electoral observers from 39 countries in Latin America, Europe and the United States were on hand, the electoral council said. Absent were the Organization of American States and the European Union, which have monitored past votes.

N.H. hostage taker had troubled past

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.H. — Leeland Eisenberg was already in trouble before he walked into one of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign offices.

Three days earlier, his wife had filed for divorce; he was due to appear in court with her for a domestic violence hearing in about half an hour.

Then, the nicely dressed, gray-haired man peeled open his jacket to reveal what looked like dynamite strapped to his chest, authorities said, and things got much worse.

Police say Eisenberg went to the office Friday demanding to talk to Clinton about helping him get mental health care

and ended up taking at least five people, including an infant, hostage. Night would fall before the last one walked free and the hostage-taker peacefully surrendered.

In the meantime, downtown shops, restaurants and homes were evacuated, and nearby schools were placed on lockdown until students could be rushed away on buses.

Authorities said a state police negotiator spoke to the hostages, and then to Eisenberg, eventually persuading him to give up. Shortly after 6 p.m., the suspect walked out of the storefront office, put down a package and was immediately surrounded by SWAT team officers with guns drawn. They put him on the ground and handcuffed him.

The package was not dynamite, but rather road flares duct-taped to Eisenberg's body that were made to look even more realistic by a separate detonator, said Col. Frederick Booth, commander of the New Hampshire State Police.

Clinton, in the Washington area during the day, traveled to New Hampshire Friday night to meet with the hostages, their families and police.

The confrontation brought her campaign to a standstill just five weeks before the New Hampshire primary, one of the first tests of the presidential campaign season. She canceled all appearances Friday, as did her husband, former President Bill Clinton, but she planned to campaign as scheduled in Iowa on Saturday.

IRAQ

Diplomat urges Iraqis to consider legislation

U.S. says political progress needed to stabilize country, warns that Sunni and Shiite extremists still pose serious threat

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Washington's No. 2 diplomat pressed leaders of Iraq's religious and ethnic factions Sunday to take advantage of recent security gains to push through legislation aimed at cementing national reconciliation or risk a return to greater violence.

The warning came as the main Sunni bloc agreed to return to parliament after officials eased a virtual house arrest of its leader, putting an end to a crisis that had threatened to inflame sectarian tensions as Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds struggle to forge power sharing agreements.

"The security surge has delivered significant results, now progress on political reconciliation including key national legislation as well as economic advances is needed to consolidate the gains made thus far," U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte said. "If progress is not made on these fronts we risk falling back to the more violent patterns of the

past."

The U.S. military has said the levels of violence in Iraq have fallen to lows not seen since January 2006, just before the bombing of a revered Shiite shrine in Samarra set off reprisal killings that have left tens of thousands of Iraqis dead and pushed the country to the brink of civil war. But top American commanders have warned that Sunni and Shiite extremists still pose a serious threat.

At least 17 people were killed or found dead on Sunday. The deadliest attack was a suicide car bomber who struck a highway police checkpoint northwest of the Anbar provincial capital of Ramadi, killing at least three officers and wounding one, police said. Roadside bombs also killed five Iraqi security forces in separate attacks in Baghdad and north of the capital in Samarra.

Political progress has been lagging, with lawmakers clashing over Kurdish oil deals with foreign companies and engaging in heated exchanges over a draft bill that would allow thousands of former members of Saddam

Hussein's Baath party to return to their government jobs. Both measures are among the 18 benchmarks set by U.S. President George W. Bush's administration to encourage reconciliation.

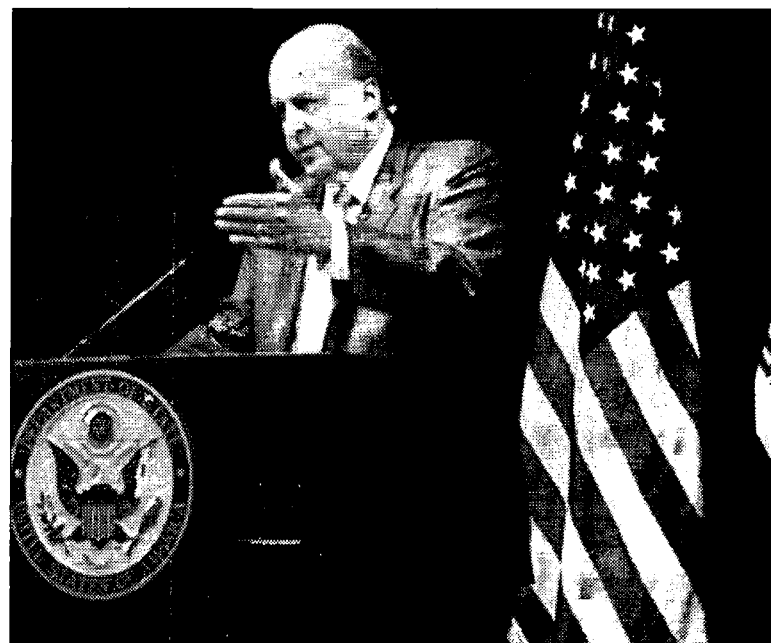
Oil Minister Hussain al-Shahrastani, using unusually strong language, told Iraqi state television late Sunday that the contracts signed by the self-rule Kurdish region were illegal and that the companies involved had been told so by the Iraqi government.

"They have acted alone and gave Iraq's oil to strangers," al-Shahrastani, a Shiite, said.

"No region has the right to go it alone and sign a deal," he added. "This will lead to the breakup of Iraq ... oil is the business of the federal government and any attempt at extracting oil without the approval of the federal government is tantamount to smuggling."

The Kurds have insisted the deals are constitutional.

Negroponte, who was wrapping up a six-day tour through half of Iraq's 18 provinces, said Iraqi politicians needed to follow



AP
U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte speaks at a conference Sunday, encouraging Iraq in its political progress.

up quickly on "significant" and "very palpable" achievements in security.

"It's one thing to have brought the violence under some semblance of control but it's another

now to follow up with the necessary reconstruction and stabilization projects," he said at a news conference in the U.S.-protected Green Zone in central Baghdad.

Toddler undergoes rare partial transplant surgery

Uncommon, controversial liver operation in Miami hospital saves 3-year old boy from life of treatment, medication

Associated Press

MIAMI — Kimberly Lindsey marvels that her 3-year-old son Merrick doesn't need to take 10 different medicines anymore. He can safely frolic on the playground among the germs that lurk there.

Two years ago, Merrick's liver suddenly shut down. Standard treatment would have meant a full liver transplant and a lifetime on drugs to keep his body from rejecting the new organ. The medication suppressing his immune system would have raised his risk for infection and possibly damaged his kidneys.

Instead, Merrick underwent a rare and once virtually abandoned operation in which a partial donor liver was attached temporarily to his failing liver.

His own liver regenerated, and the transplanted liver is shrinking and may eventually waste away. He has been taken off the anti-rejection medication.

Seven children have had the operation at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital — the only U.S. facility believed to be regularly performing the surgery. Four of them are now off anti-rejection drugs and a fifth is close.

The procedure was first tried in the mid-1990s, but U.S. doctors thought the chance of death or complications was too high. One patient who had the surgery at the Miami hospital in 1998 remained hospitalized for three months because of complications. Ultimately, his liver recovered and he too was taken off the anti-rejection

drugs.

Surgeons in England, France and Japan continued to do the procedure, and in several cases had favorable results. Jackson's Dr. Tomoaki Kato was encouraged by reports out of Europe. Since 2005, he has performed six partial transplants; all have survived.

It's "time to revisit the procedure," said Kato, the hospital's director of pediatric liver and gastrointestinal transplant program. "There's a great benefit for the children and the technology has developed so much."

Still, some surgeons say they will stick with the traditional transplant until they see more proof that the partial transplant is safe. The operation can take more than 10 hours, twice as long as the standard transplant surgery, and is more complicated, increasing risks to the patient. After surgery, a patient must have multiple biopsies to see if his own liver is regenerating.

Dr. Charles Miller, director of liver transplantation at the Cleveland Clinic, said that what concerns surgeons "is that you're taking a very sick patient and, in most cases, you would rather do the simplest operation."

The liver, which cleans toxins from the blood, is unique among the body's organs in its ability to regenerate, making the procedure possible. In some cases, the liver can recover from acute, or sudden, failure on its own. But if the organ doesn't recover fast enough, patients can suffer brain damage from the toxins if they don't get a transplant.

For Lindsey, choosing the

"There's a great benefit for the children and the technology has developed so much."

Dr. Tomoaki Kato
surgeon

potentially riskier partial transplant for Merrick was easy. Either road was going to be difficult, she said, and at least with the partial transplant, the little boy had a chance to regain the use of his

own liver.

Little more than a year after the operation, Merrick's liver had regenerated enough that Kato took him off his anti-rejection drugs. His transplanted liver is shrinking and may

eventually disappear. (In some patients, it is surgically removed.)

"I can sit here and say my son is off. He's off everything," Lindsey said. "What they did was a true miracle."

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IN BRIEF

Congressional delay affects tax returns

WASHINGTON — Silena Davis had counted on an early tax refund to pay for getting her teeth fixed. Now, because Congress has dawdled all year on a tax bill, she and millions of other early filers could have to wait extra weeks for refunds that last year averaged \$2,291.

The Internal Revenue Service is looking hard at delaying the start of its filing season, set to kick off on Jan. 14, if Congress fails to pass legislation in the next two weeks. At issue is how to handle what could be a dramatic increase in the number of people facing a higher alternative minimum tax.

If there is a delay and it extends into mid-February, it would slow nearly 38 million refunds worth a total of about \$87 billion, the IRS Oversight Board predicts.

"It would definitely make a big difference with me," said Davis, a George Washington University Law School administrator. "I'm going to have to get a crown and it's going to be really expensive."

Advertising targets web users' activities

NEW YORK — Golf club manufacturers have long placed ads in printed golf magazines. Movie studios tend to run television spots before a weekend rather than after.

Targeting got even more precise as advertising moved to the Internet.

At first ads were largely targeted to Web sites or sections geared to specific topics. An ad for food products might appear on a cooking site.

Then came search and the ability to target messages even more precisely based on what you're looking for.

But increasingly, online time is spent connecting with friends at News Corp.'s MySpace or Facebook — places that aren't focused on a single topic and may not have good keywords in the text. Even when good keywords like "Hawaii" or "Porsche" are available, Web sites can't always meet advertisers' demand for popular topics like travel and autos.

Enter behavioral targeting.

If you've been browsing a lot of Web sites on Chrysler LLC's Dodge Grand Caravan, a "cookie" data file on your Web browser might mark you as being in the market for one. Next time you're on a Web site about cooking, don't be surprised if Caravan ads follow you there.

Democrats support fuel efficiency

Congress set to demand 40 percent increase in vehicle mileage standards by 2020

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An agreement among congressional Democrats — including those from auto industry states — to support a 40 percent increase in vehicle fuel efficiency is likely to be the tonic needed to push energy legislation through Congress before Christmas.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., a long-time protector of the auto industry, settled their differences in an agreement late Friday on the fuel economy, or CAFE, issue, clearing the way for a House vote on a broader energy bill, probably on Wednesday.

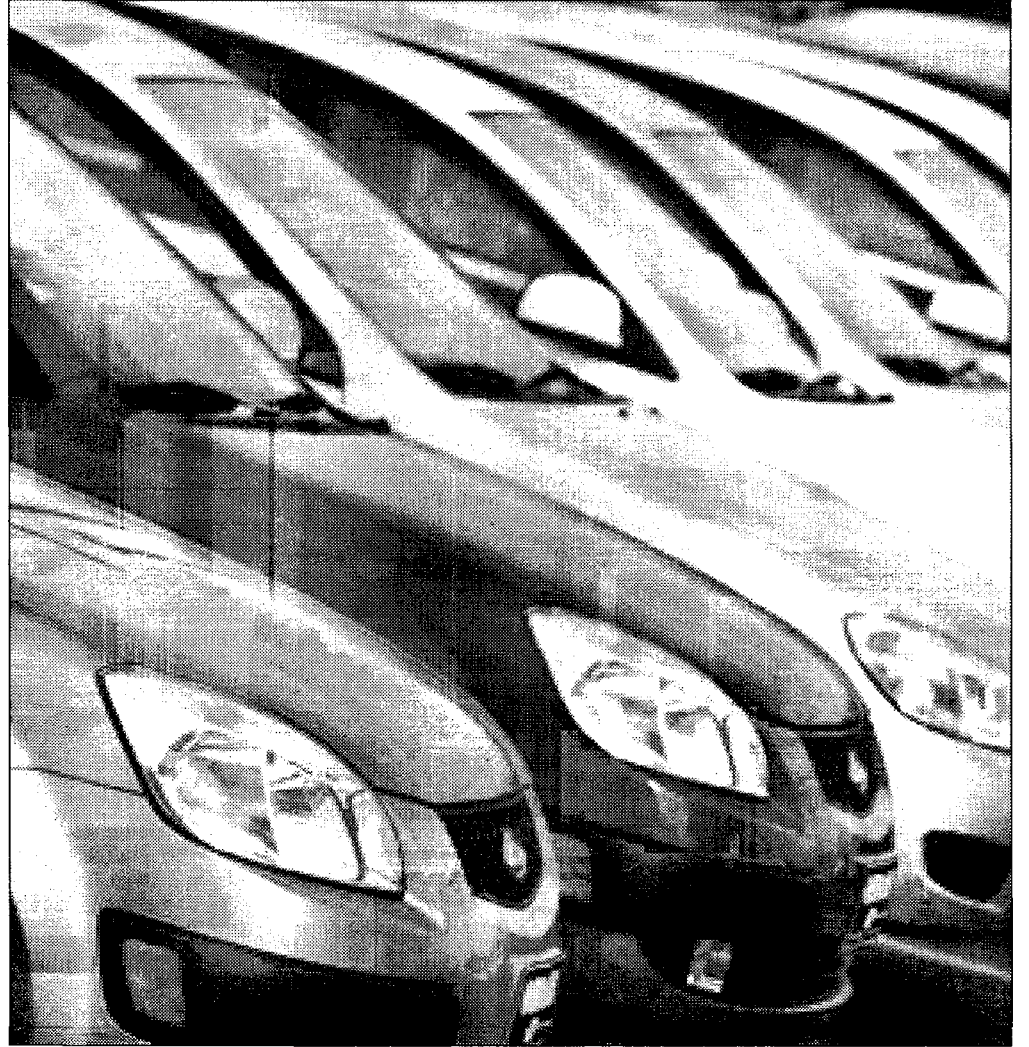
Automakers would be required to meet an industrywide average of 35 miles per gallon for cars and light trucks, including SUVs, by 2020, the first increase by Congress in car fuel efficiency in 32 years.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada called the compromise "good news" and said he hoped to take up the legislation quickly after the House acts.

Dingell said the tougher standards are "both aggressive and attainable" and include provisions that give manufacturers the needed flexibility to bring SUVs and small trucks under compliance and to avoid job losses.

"We have achieved consensus on several provisions that provide critical environmental safeguards without jeopardizing American jobs," said Dingell in a statement.

Pelosi, D-Calif., said in a statement that the tougher CAFE requirements "will serve as the cornerstone" of the energy bill, which also is expected to require



Sedans such as these Kia Rios would be required to meet an average of 35 miles per gallon if Congress passes the bill supporting fuel efficiency.

a sharp increase in ethanol use as a motor fuel and require nonpublic electric utilities to produce 15 percent of their power from renewable energy sources such as wind or solar energy.

The amount of ethanol required to be used as a motor fuel would be ramped up to 36 billion gallons a year by 2022, a sevenfold increase over today's production.

Dingell's support for the new CAFE requirements avoids what otherwise was almost certain to have been a contentious — some

say "bloody" — floor debate over energy next week. Dingell, the longest serving member of the House and chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, likely would have been joined by a number of other Democrats in opposing the bill.

Instead, the legislation, while criticized by most Republicans, is expected to have smooth sailing.

But the negotiations had as much to do with the Senate as the House.

The compromise quickly received the endorsement

of senators who have long opposed increased fuel economy legislation, and whose support is viewed by Democratic leaders as essential if the energy bill is to get the 60 votes need to overcome an almost certain GOP filibuster.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who strongly opposed the 35 mpg requirement when it passed the Senate in June, announced his support of the compromise.

It "will be challenging for auto manufacturers," he said. "[But] we got concessions on some of the most important issues."

Alaska pipeline proposals accepted

Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — ConocoPhillips wants to build potentially the world's largest, most expensive energy facility — a multibillion dollar gas pipeline running from Alaska's North Slope to Midwestern states.

The project, with a price tag of up to \$42 billion, would be worth it, if it can help supply North American homes and businesses with heating fuel for years to come.

ConocoPhillips, Alaska's leading North Slope oil producer, said Friday it's "prepared to make significant investments, without state matching funds, to advance this project."

It's the first proposal in the state-sponsored competition for a pipeline to tap the rich fields where the industry has identified about 36 trillion cubic feet of proved reserves that could be shipped within the next 10 to 12 years.

And with so many Lower 48 regions

off limits to oil and gas development, Alaska's gas line could ultimately help stem America's dependence on foreign resources. Net imports made up about 15 percent of the approximately 22 trillion cubic feet of gas the U.S. consumed last year.

But the geopolitical climate changes frequently as oil prices continue to climb.

"The viability of the Alaska pipeline depends on the access to the Lower 48 fields and the day on which you bring the pipeline on," said Peter Hartley, a Rice University energy economist who studies North American natural gas markets.

"There is a lot of gas that is inaccessible as a result of the politics, areas like the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast," he said. "What all these projects have hanging over them right now is political uncertainty if these regions open up."

Friday was the deadline for oil and independent pipeline companies to sub-

mit applications under state guidelines, outlining details such as the pipeline's route, the market it will serve and how it can build a pipeline and avoid cost overruns.

The state announced other proposals late Friday evening.

Others submitting an application include: a joint proposal from Canadian pipeline companies TransCanada and Foothills Pipe Line Ltd; the Alaska Gasline Port Authority; the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority; Sinopec ZPEB, China's second largest energy company, and a company listed as AEnegria LLC. Not much was immediately known about AEnegria LLC, and the governor's office could provide no further immediate information, having received the application late Friday.

"Bringing Alaska's North Slope gas to market in an environmentally responsible manner may reduce the burden on energy consumers and lessen American dependence on foreign energy sources," Gov. Sarah Palin said late Friday.

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What's in a name?

To Bush administration officials, a good slogan is synonymous with a good strategy.

The realities behind the intricate names and acronyms of the laws and operations touted by the Bush White House, however, tell a different story than their grandiose titles.

The No Child Left

Behind Act is one exam-

ple of a policy that, despite its gripping title, is increasingly controversial and, by many accounts, is leaving children behind.

The Patriot Act has been one of the administration's successes, not only for how quickly it was pushed through and passed by Congress back in 2001, but also for its acronym: Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act).

It's hard to tell if the continuation of the "good name makes good policy" mantra is a cause or a symptom of troubled American operations in Iraq. Operation Iraqi Freedom was originally called Operation Iraqi Liberation, but perhaps renamed to sidestep the unfortunate acronym, OIL.

The war in Iraq is part of a larger operation that has undergone its own share of White House identity crises. In May 2005, the Bush administration changed the name of its military operations against terrorist organizations and the governments that support them. What was the Global War on Terror became the Global Struggle Against Violent Extremism.

GWOT became GSAVE. An upbeat shift. The global war on terror transformed into our struggle to save the world. The change came as approval of the President and his war, or, struggle, was dropping. As Bush's national security advisor said at the time, they needed "to dispute both the gloomy vision and offer a positive alternative."

The revamped slogan also resulted from the administration's realization that the

long-term struggle against terrorism is as much an ideological battle as a military mission.

Again, this was in 2005. Four years after 9/11 and two years into the war in Iraq, the administration concluded that ideological forces were at play in the global war and/or struggle against terror and/or violent extremism. Rather than a policy overhaul, they changed the name of their international fight.

The GSAVE terminology didn't stick, with the public or the media. The White House dropped it, embracing instead a brainchild of Rumsfeld, the "Long War." This was the slogan Bush used in his 2006 State of the Union speech.

None of these changes in naming were accompanied by or reflected changes in policy, strategy or approach on the ground in Iraq or Afghanistan. While there of course have been changes and reforms in policy, the Jan. 2007 surge is a prominent example, they have not coincided with the marketing efforts of the executive branch.

The irony of these attempts to garner support, with the White House behaving more like a desperate public relations firm than the leadership hub of the nation, is the downward trend in approval ratings. The more that President Bush and his administration ignored reality and promoted new catch-phrases, the more dismayed Americans became.

What is needed now is a shift that prioritizes policy and the individuals it impacts — both Americans and Iraqis; a change in the reality rather than the perception of the war.

Admittedly, public support is crucial to winning a war, but the administration must realize that when a decline in insurgency and street violence is our victory after four years of troop deployments, civilian and military casualties and billions of dollars, the American people want more than a new image for the war.

As reports of decreasing violence are

haunted by leading Republicans, we must remember that our mission in Iraq is two-fold. We cannot claim victory because of a reduction in violence alone, but have to continue to look toward true Iraqi independence and political agency.

Putting more American soldiers in Iraq to police violence led to a decrease in violence. Does this mean the surge succeeded? And is this a sustainable formula for stability? We cannot allow another flawed "Mission Accomplished" message to overshadow the tragedies and the shortcomings of the "Long War" that remain and the lack of political and social reconciliation in Iraq.

The recent hopeful headlines out of Iraq include a 25-30 percent reduction in foreign insurgents in Iraq and the lowest death toll since February 2006. The devastating reports include the Sunni bloc's walkout of Parliament in protest on Saturday — 44 MPs out of the 275 members vowing to boycott the assembly until their leader is restored to Parliament.

This level of political turmoil coupled with the fact that the notable low death toll for November still surpassed 600 is cause for not necessarily a new name, but for new strategic efforts in Iraq. We need to make diplomatic choices that leave room for and encourage political reconciliation in the country. And as the American electorate, with much more invested in Iraq than perhaps we expected in 2003, we should demand nothing less from our leaders and president.

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Molière
French playwright

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Christmas spirit harder to embrace

I've done everything I can to get into the spirit of the holiday season.

I rose before the sun on Black Friday — Christmas list and coupons in hand. I stood for a half hour in the Kohl's checkout line that wrapped around the store. I bounced down the aisles in sync with the Christmas carols projecting from the stores' speakers.

I decorated my miniature Christmas tree and placed it on my nightstand underneath my window adorned with multicolored lights. I helped my mom hang garland and red bows on the pillars outside our house.

I changed the wallpaper on my cell phone and computer to white falling snowflakes. I changed my ring tone to 'NSYNC's "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays," and I have been jamming to Clay Aiken's "Merry Christmas With Love" in my car. I sang Christmas carols with my friends downtown at Yulelike Peoria.

When we got the first snowfall Sunday, I stared out my bedroom window hoping it would stick to the grass and trees and accumulate.

But despite the effort I've put forward to welcome the holiday season, I still can't seem to get into the mood. Part of the problem is that Thanksgiving came earlier this year and the weather just recently became cold to match the season.

Instead of having a week of classes and then a few days of finals before Winter Break, we aren't officially finished until Dec. 19.

But I can't blame the calendar makers for making Thanksgiving come early, and I can't blame school officials for letting us out later because of it. I also can't hold the meteorologists responsible for letting the temperature rise into the 60's in November.

In the end, I can't find anyone to point fingers at for not letting me get into the holiday buzz. I feel like Charlie Brown when he was trying to find the true meaning of Christmas. But that's not really it because I already know the true meaning of Christmas. It's about the birth of Jesus Christ, being charitable to our fellow man, celebrating the gift of giving

and spending time with friends and family.

So now what? Do I accuse myself and other American shoppers for getting wrapped up in the materialism of holiday shopping? Do I blame the people who look past Jesus and venerate inflatable Santas instead?

I can't point fingers at anyone because Christmas shopping and Santa are almost as important to my holiday season as Jesus and family are.

But I think I've found the answer. The holiday season isn't what it used to be because I'm growing up. Christmas gets farther away from how I remember it as a child, and I haven't wanted to acknowledge that. I'm 21, and I refuse to accept that Santa isn't going to eat my chocolate chip cookies I put by the tree and Rudolph isn't going to eat the carrots I throw in the yard.

Instead of studying for final exams and putting out a newspaper, I want to go back to the times when my mom Saran-wrapped my feet to keep them warm during the Festival of Lights parade in East Peoria. I want the adrenaline I got when I snuck into the living room to see if Santa had come yet. I want to watch "Prancer" and still believe it's a true story.

But that's not happening, and I need to come to terms with it. Everybody wants to be 10 years old again, including me, but it's not realistic. And I'm hoping that because I finally figured that out this year, I can enjoy the holiday season and be thankful for the Christmas I have.

But I can't promise I won't cry during "Prancer" or sneak downstairs to see what Santa brought.

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The game of tm flrtng

It's Friday afternoon and I hear a familiar beep in my purse. I open my phone to a glowing message.

"Hey what r u up to?" Sigh. I guess we're doing this again.

Ever since phone calls replaced love letters, women only had to worry about one thing: Will he call or won't he? These days, this concern is exacerbated by even more ways for your sweetie to either snare or snub you electronically.

The old-fashioned phone call now shares the spotlight with a host of other options for technological foreplay: Facebook messages and wall posts, instant messages and, foremost among them, text messages. (We won't include Facebook pokes, as they're for 13-year-olds and perverts.) As they've evolved, each one has been loosely ranked on a scorecard of affection, leading everyone in the dating game to wonder how many points they still need in order to get to the next level.

Girls' Night Out conversations are filled with breaks to thumb-type furiously and fret about the intentions of someone who has yet to communicate via voice. "If he doesn't call, but he texts and IM's, is that just as good?" "How many texts equal a phone call?" "I got a wall post saying he's free tonight, but it's been two hours since I texted him back, so I think he's sleeping with someone else." And because no one ever texts, "My intentions are that we continue seeing each other regularly for an extended period of time" but rather, "Ur 2 cute. C u at 9 k? xx!" The ambiguities never quite get resolved.

I was formerly completely anti-text message and would use them for strictly utilitarian purposes, such as to let someone know to meet me somewhere, or that the bus had hit a hobo and therefore I would be another hour late. I had the type of text plan where you pay 20 cents per text sent or received, and I would berate my friends for sending me non-necessary texts. I finally cracked and upgraded to a more generous plan when I began seeing a guy who liked to send about 10 or 20 texts throughout the day, each bearing nothing but a semicolon and

closed parenthesis, every time we had a date. Obviously, neither telling him to stop nor suffering a \$150 phone bill were viable alternatives.

What's baffling is that behavior like that of Emoticon Man is increasingly thought of as a viable alternative to actual contact. Text messaging has been around for a gazillion technology years, but its use has expanded from a quick-update mechanism to a legitimate form of interpersonal communication.

Under the guise of "saving time," we've adapted technology to make us look as breezy and busy as possible, waiting hours before responding to texts or abbreviating five-letter words for that "I'm so busy and important" effect. We spend 20 minutes thumb-typing a message that could be said in 20 seconds, crafting newer, sexier sign-offs.

What's more, there's a somewhat scary permanency to it all. Technology allows us to accurately ascertain, with friends gathered around a glowing iPhone screen, "What did he mean by that?" without accidentally remembering it incorrectly. It can document exactly what you said in that fateful 160-character precursor to the breakup. There are no take-backs in e-flirting.

In short, technology has streamlined dating communication to its barest essentials. With it, we are able to project quick, impersonal glimpses of our most perfectly crafted selves, saving time, effort and daytime minutes. Unfortunately, we also lose the stutters, the awkward silences, the thoughtful pauses and all of the other beautiful imperfections of old-fashioned conversation. Instead, we lie in wait, cells in hand, hoping for a witty, carefree, abbreviated comment to beep through from across the electronic abyss so that we can wonder what it signifies. In the end, it only adds obstacles to a game that was complicated enough to begin with.

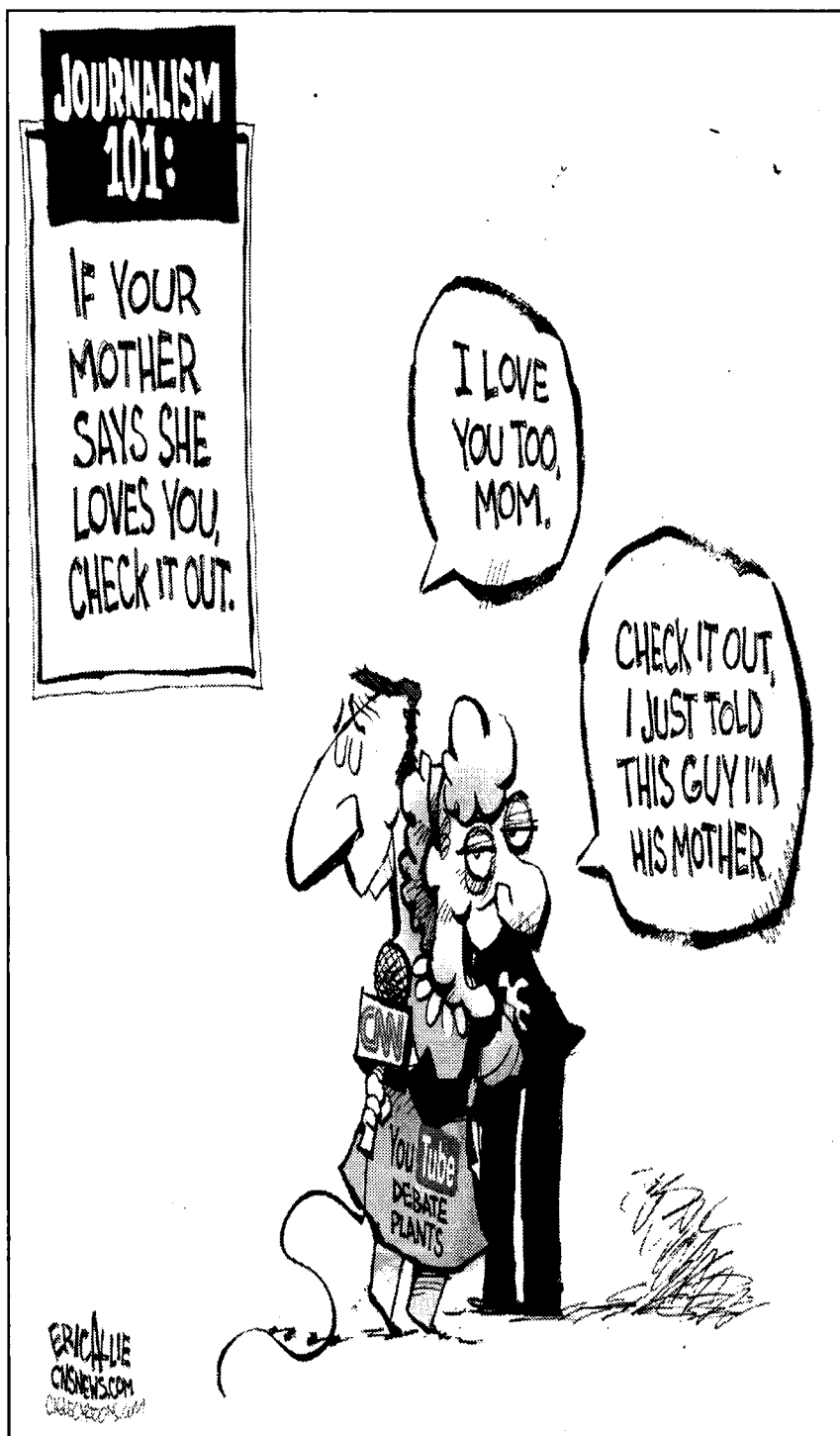
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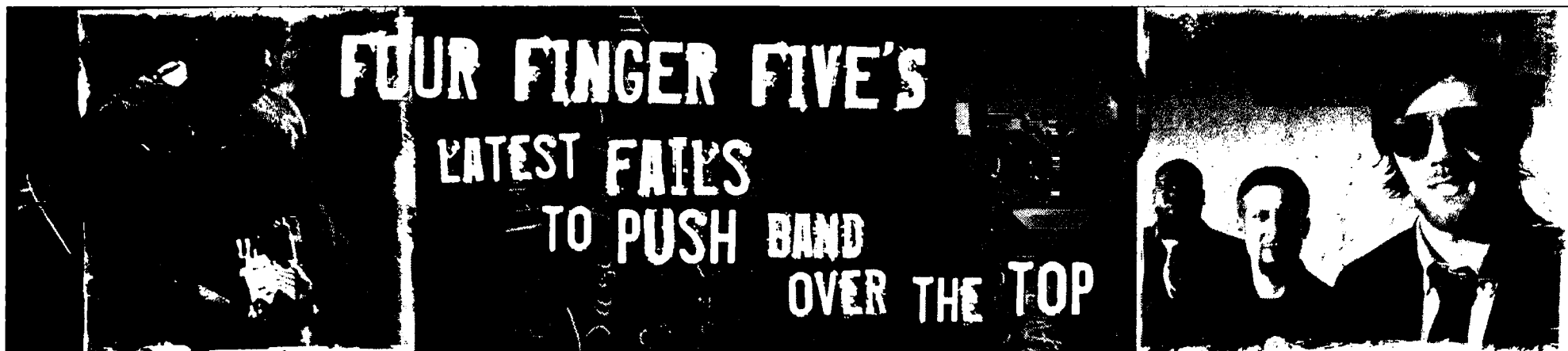
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JARRED WAFER | Observer Graphic

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Somewhere between practicing in the garage and making it big, bands have to struggle through that in-between stage when they are not quite yet defined and only semi-popular. Some make it, many don't. Four Finger Five is on its way up that hill, and while it looks like it has a few obstacles to overcome, it might make its way over.

Four Finger Five is made up of guitarist and vocalist Joe Sturgill, bassist Mike Phillips and percussionist Steve Harris. The

band just signed its first deal, which promises three records, with Terrestrial Records this spring. Its first album, the self-titled Four Finger Five, is scheduled to be released on Dec. 11. It will be accompanied by a year long tour throughout 2008. The Michigan band has recently been featured in regional venues and on local radio stations, playing both its originals and covers. Four Finger Five concentrates on rock and soul, but have experimented with many other musical genres.

The wide range of genres Four Finger Five presents manages to become both its greatest strength and weakness. One track will have moments like those found in the music of Led Zeppelin, the next will have a strong jazz feel, the one after appeals to Al Green, and when the listener least expects it suddenly he is exposed to rap or what sounds like reggae. This is no surprise considering that between the three musicians in the band, they have been trained in everything from classical, to jazz, funk and hip-hop. Its list of covers includes artists ranging from the Beatles to Stevie Wonder and Soulive.

While it is refreshing to lis-

ten to an album with a diverse set of sounds, in the end it feels like the band is still looking for a style that is uniquely its own. There is no question that Four Finger Five can do a lot, but the listener is left wondering what it is the band really wants to do.

The extreme mixture of genres is revealed in songs such as "Rubble." The song starts off with work from the electrical guitar that nears catchy, moves into some soulful lyrics including "the rubble is looted and the truth reconstituted," but somehow ends with rap and a light trailing off of a bell-like keyboard. Some of the songs need a little fine tuning; there is nothing particularly wrong with "Get It Together," but the keyboard throughout the song hearkens to the electric organs heard in baseball stadiums. "Soul Rhythm" is one of the most fun and danceable tracks, incorporating mostly jazz and soul, as Sturgill sings, "You are dancing to the rhythm of your soul / Got to free your body, let your body go."

The album also includes contributions from veteran sax player Karl Denson and keyboardist Anthony Smith. Denson and the other brass guest musicians add a lot of depth to the jazz pieces, especially on "Johnson" where Denson shows off his skill. Overall, the songs are pleasant and something to jam to while getting work



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Steve Harris drums onstage during a Four Finger Five concert.

done, but not yet memorable.

Four Finger Five has a lot of potential that just hasn't quite been realized. With so much skill and material to draw upon, the band has the ability to create something intriguing. Don't turn your back on the Five, even if you shouldn't expect to be overwhelmed just yet.

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Four Finger Five

Four Finger Five

Label: Terrestrial Records

Recommended Tracks: "Johnson" and "Soul Rhythm"



A FINE FRENZY

'One Cell in the Sea' whips fans into 'Frenzy'

JARRED WAFER | Observer Graphic

While sitting around late in the evening a few days ago and watching the end of "Last Call with Carson Daly," I caught a bit of A Fine Frenzy's performance of its new song, "Almost Lover." Intrigued, I stopped by a local music store the next day to pick up its album "One Cell in the Sea." After a few listens, it is clear that the band's name is a bit misleading. First of all, the name is actually just the stage name of Alison Sudol. In all of the songs on the album, she uses her powerful vocals and piano skills to construct songs of aching and seductive beauty.

James Costa

Scene & Heard

As Sudol's debut album, "One Cell in the Sea" incorporates many fresh and subtle themes from her life, such as her parents' divorce and the breakdown of various relationships, to produce hauntingly moving songs.

While most of the songs stay hushed and low key, a few pick up the rhythm and keep the album safe from the danger of being too depressing. Two in particular, "You Picked Me" and "Hope for the Hopeless," incorporate sweeping orchestrations and swift arrangements to keep the listener from drifting into a sad and depressed stupor from all the heartbreak songs. With the inclusions of the upbeat piano and string sections, these poignantly buoyant songs add an almost ethereal element to the album, making it interesting for the listener to ponder.

Perhaps the most fascinating element of the album is its being in Wonderland appeal. There are all the colors and wonders of Alice, coupled with the mature and confused insight into love and experience that Alice always seemed to somehow hold deep within her soul.

The album's bleakest and most haunting point is reached in the track "Almost

Lover." It is a song about a relationship that was not to be and is now far gone from its happiest moments. You can sense that Sudol is sensitive to the hurt inflicted by the inaccessibility of love, however, it is somehow clear that while she is sensitive she is not vulnerable. Indeed, her remarkable confidence as a woman and an artist flows through each note and word. Of course, the song is only powerful because it so truly embodies the fullest moments of human heartbreak. Yet the heartbreak is only as much as heartbreak can be; it is not a song of obsessive desperation. She is heartbroken at what could not be, yet she is not obsessed with what will not be.

Indeed, like experienced in "Almost Lover," many of the album's tracks contain a trace of resignation that is trumped by Sudol's stirring vow to herself to rise above the sadness and move on — a bit bruised, not broken — to something unseen yet beautiful nonetheless. The vocals are clear, powerful, and stunningly beautiful. With the piano and accompanying orchestrations, Sudol constructs some of the most gorgeous songs being produced today.

Sure, Sudol sings a few songs that border on overly sappy and melodramatic. But really, what can you expect from the debut album of a girl who has so much to sing about and with so much emotion? Nothing much different at all. What she does, she does well. Plus, she's been desig-



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Alison Sudol performs under the stage name "A Fine Frenzy."

nated by VH1 as a "You Oughta Know" artist.

Her new tour will be announced pretty soon, so be sure to check her out and when she might be visiting a venue near you. It'll be worth it.

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A Fine Frenzy

One Cell in the Sea

Label: Virgin Records

Recommended Tracks: "You Picked Me" and "Hope for the Hopeless"





JARRED WAFER | Observer Graphic

The Format took to Legends' stage Saturday, promising to be the Notre Dame audience's "campfire" for the night. Well it was the best sing-a-long that I've been to in a long while. Everything about The Format's performance was honest, uncomplicated, and confident. A surprisingly knock out blend. Only The Format's essential figureheads, the cool duo of Sam Means and Nate Ruess, made the trek out to Notre Dame. Leaving the rest of their band back home in Arizona, the pair opted for a combination of unadorned vocals and graceful instrumental accompaniment.

Jess Shaffer

Scene & Heard

In this age of music, who knew the wonders that just a mic, keyboard and amped acoustic guitar could do. Apparently these tried and true staples can still make music magic when in the right hands. The poignant affect of this simplicity was only accentuated by the close proximity of the audience to the band. While at times you had to question the logic of putting The Format mere inches away from their viewers, the close dynamic of the performance made for an appealing and personal music going experience. Despite fan's sometimes precarious excitement, the group effortlessly performed essentially in its audience. Commendable bravery, considering that their performance relied on raw vocals. Ruess, the lead vocalist, even warned the closest audience members to keep their crooning at a minimum as to not throw off his

pitch. For those not in the first row, the tantalizing opportunity to sing along gave fans a chance to contribute as a crowd of backup singers. Fans were so close, not only could they easily hear the group, but in turn could easily be heard by the group, making an endless amount of openings for eager viewers.

During breaks, fans took advantage of this proximity to shout out cries of support and interest. Ruess replied to everything from comments about the purple knit cap he donned to the audience's shouted requests. One particular fan cried out that he had written his Notre Dame admissions essay on The Format's pensive song, "Snails." The band got a kick out of this, joking that if "my s**y lyrics got you in here then maybe I could get in too." Later the duo urged prospective med students to use their new song, "Swans," in their future admission essays. They reasoned that "it's a metaphor too," and apparently that works. Though there was plenty of energized fan activity to go around, Ruess' on point vocals demanded attention.

Exceeding expectations, his voice was unfathomably studio quality. With seemingly effortless ease, Ruess' performance lived up to the standards that can be found on any one of their albums. Furthermore, it demonstrated an experienced confidence that could achieve virtual perfection even in close quarters. These vocals coupled with Means' easy accompaniment created a plain, down to earth presentation. This band clearly understands the difference between simple and simplistic, pairing

their obvious talent with a quirky sense of humor. This eccentric talent was often brought to life by Ruess' comfortable presence, which had a hint of Mick Jagger's mannerisms. In songs typically characterized by drum or guitar solos, Ruess filled in with his own vocal versions of the instrumental. Cheers to not taking oneself too seriously. He showed real commitment to this cause when he accompanied these solos with respective air guitar or air drumming.

The Format took care to cover the full ground of their discography. Their roughly hour-long set included favorites from "Snails," "Interventions and Lullabies," and the most recent "Dog Problems." They also previewed a couple of new songs. Their diverse set ended with a two-song encore, which the group claimed to be unanticipated. Overall, The Format's performance seemed to satisfy the desire for old favorites and curiosity about new material. After this appearance the band has surely won a few more fans and intrigued old fans with fresh material.

Though there was expressed interest in the group's return to South Bend, The Format predicted that the closest they would get to our campus in future would be Chicago. After this concert, the South Shore Train ride would be worth the trip.

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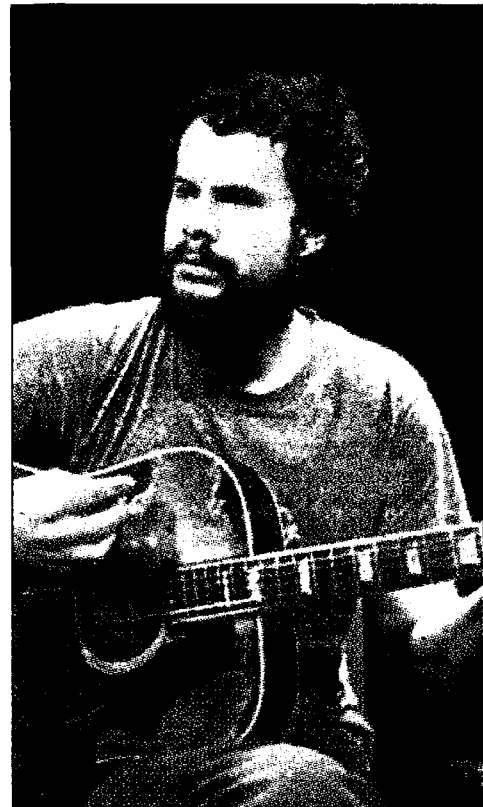


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Guitarist Sam Means strums onstage at a Format show.



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Singer Nate Ruess croons into the microphone during a recent show.

Reporter goes backstage at Legends with The Format



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The Format singer Nate Ruess entertains onstage during a performance.

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Writer

Though the combination of water bottles and Coronas had a place in The Format's backstage hangout, there were no hordes of groupies to be found. Instead, some comfy couches, an Apple computer and college football set the scene. The Format's personality is about as upfront and sincere as any fan would expect. The best way to describe the band's members is refreshingly down to earth.

The group's founders, Nate Ruess and Sam Means, are currently taking time off from full band performances, using the free time to relax and work on new material while intermittently playing at university venues. They cited favorite shows at schools in Irvine, Phoenix and Memphis. But they haven't all been easy, low maintenance appearances. Under previous conditions of obnoxiously early slots or equipment lost in poor flight connections, the band did admit to not always being on its A-game.

Its talent doesn't seem to be too threatened by flukes. The band has received critical praise for its unique sound. It must have something going

for it to draw hundreds of fans to Legends Saturday, despite sleet storms and campus wind tunnels. Perhaps The Format's commitment to creating complete, cohesive albums, rather than CDs of singles surrounded by fillers, keeps fans wanting more.

Musical purity of this type reflects the band's appreciation for 1960s and 1970s music. When asked about its interest in rock's golden age, the band noted an admiration for the quality of work and the experience of that time but also valued the merits of the current music scene. Though Means did admit to not know what fans were doing the first time he saw lighted cell phones wave in the air, don't look to this band to preach about returning to the integrity of lighters.

This intelligent balance of respect for the past and contentment with the present explains The Format's all-time favorite bands, the Beatles and Lindsey Buckingham. It also accounts for its gratitude for being compared to bands like Jellyfish. Overall The Format isn't too concerned with rivalry.

When asked who its biggest competition was, The Format answered Steel Train. But not for the reasons you might think. Ruess grumbled that tour-

ing companions always beat them in bowling and dodge ball matches. Maybe The Format would have a better chance against Fleetwood Mac, the act the band said it would most like to tour with.

The Format's unassuming vibe speaks well to its ideas on the progression of its style, leaving it free of pretention. The group wants to make each record better than the next, and it looks forward most to playing its new material at concerts. It was most excited to sample its new song, Bends and Hedges.

While the band conceded that "money is awesome," it also maintained that being satisfied with its work is paramount. The Format isn't about to sacrifice the veracity of its talent for a larger fan base or more profit.

While band members said they value fan interest, they're not concerned with catering to their fan base. Luckily for them, they earn enough that they don't have to work — a luxury that grants them more time to work on their music.

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NFL

Manning's 4 TDs lead Colts over rival Jaguars

Tatupu intercepts Feeley three times as Seahawks edge Eagles; Chargers take out Chiefs in AFC West showdown

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning is adjusting to being without Marvin Harrison. Tony Dungy is finally adjusting to instant replay.

So the Indianapolis Colts are on the verge of their fifth straight AFC South title.

Manning, hampered by a lack of receivers for the past six weeks, threw four touchdown passes, two after the Colts won replay challenges, to beat Jacksonville 28-25 Sunday and take a two-game lead with four games to go.

It was the second victory by the Colts (10-2) over Jacksonville (8-4) this season, essentially giving them a three-game lead with four games left in a division they've controlled since Tennessee won it the first year of the current configuration.

"I feel great about where we are right now," said Dungy, who during the early years of the challenge system couldn't win any, let alone two, as he did in a bizarre first quarter Sunday that included three challenges.

"Going into the fourth quarter of the season, we've got a good lead in the division and we're second in the conference. If we'd lost, we'd have felt we'd have to win all four of our last games."

Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio all but conceded the title.

"In all likelihood, they'll win the division," said Del Rio, whose team still leads the AFC wild-card race. "They still have to play it out, but they deserve it. We didn't quite get it done today, but I saw a lot of good things."

Having lost to unbeaten New England, the Colts have almost no chance to get home-field advantage for the AFC playoffs. To get a first-round bye, they have to finish second in the conference and went into Sunday a game ahead of Pittsburgh for that spot.

The Colts' first two TDs came after challenges.

The first one came on the Jaguars' opening possession when Robert Mathis sacked David Garrard and knocked the ball free. Officials first ruled Jacksonville recovered at its 11, but Dungy appealed and referee Terry McAuley ruled the Colts' Raheem Brock recovered.

"I never thought there was a question," Dungy said. "I saw Raheem get the ball. He was down. Then someone knocked into him and knocked it loose."

Two plays later, Manning threw a 5-yard TD pass to Dallas Clark.

On the Colts' next possession, officials ruled Ben Utecht fumbled. Dungy appealed, McAuley ruled it an incomplete pass, and on the next play, Manning threw a 48-yard TD pass to Reggie Wayne, who finished with 8

catches for 158 yards.

Manning, who was 19-of-28 for 288 yards, also threw a 14-yarder to Clark and a 1-yard shovel pass to running back Luke Lawton for scores. He now has 23 TD passes for the season, tying him with Dan Marino as the only quarterbacks to throw more than 20 in each of their first 10 NFL seasons.

Seahawks 28, Eagles 24

Lofa Tatupu joked about missing a tackle and a few defensive assignments. The way he caught the ball, the linebacker might want to play tight end, too.

Tatupu set up Seattle's first two touchdowns by intercepting A.J. Feeley twice in the first quarter, and he sealed a victory over Philadelphia with another pick at the Seahawks 4 in the final minute Sunday.

Tatupu had three interceptions as a rookie in 2005, but only two since. He matched that total in the first six minutes, and capped off a career day by hauling in Feeley's pass with 23 seconds left.

"I'm just glad I didn't drop it," Tatupu said.

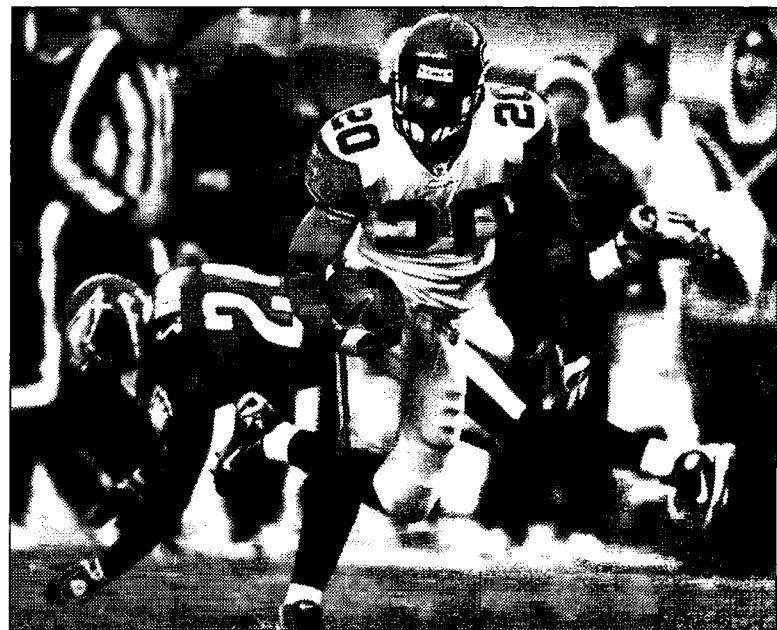
Maurice Morris had a 45-yard touchdown run, helping the NFC West-leading Seahawks improve to 8-4. Matt Hasselbeck threw for two scores and Shaun Alexander had 65 yards rushing and one TD after missing three games with a sprained knee.

By the time Donovan McNabb comes back, Philadelphia (5-7) might be playing for pride only. The Eagles are in danger of missing the playoffs for the second time in three years after making four consecutive appearances in the NFC championship game.

"It's frustrating the way we've lost some of these games," safety Brian Dawkins said.

Playing their second straight game without the injured McNabb, the Eagles didn't have problems moving the ball on a cold, rainy day. But Feeley's interceptions cost Philadelphia again.

McNabb hasn't played since spraining his right ankle and injuring his thumb in a win over Miami two weeks ago. Led by Jeff Garcia, the Eagles went 5-1 and won the NFC East after McNabb went down with a knee injury last year. But Philly is 0-2 without its five-time Pro Bowl quarterback this season. Coach Andy Reid said McNabb likely



Seattle running back Maurice Morris races past Eagles defensive back Sheldon Brown in the Seahawks' 28-24 win Sunday.

will start against the New York Giants next week.

Chargers 24, Chiefs 10

Norv Turner finally found a team that could handle the Kansas City Chiefs. Now, his San Diego Chargers could be ready to run away with the AFC West.

With LaDainian Tomlinson rushing for 177 yards and two touchdowns and the defense getting eight sacks and four turnovers, the Chargers beat Kansas City Sunday for their sixth win in eight games. They're beginning to flash the form that made them 14-2 in the 2006 regular season before Marty Schottenheimer got fired after the playoffs.

"I think we have improved as a football team all the way through," said Turner, who beat the Chiefs for the first time in seven tries as a head coach. "I know there were some weeks that it didn't show up."

It was just the second victory in 11 games in Kansas City for San Diego and put the Chargers (7-5) 1 1/2 games ahead in the AFC West, pending Denver's game at Oakland.

The Chiefs (4-8) lost their fifth in a row and could be headed for their worst season in about 20 years.

"It is flat-out embarrassing," said tight end Tony Gonzalez, who had 10 catches for 140 yards. "I don't think I've lost five games in a row as a Chief. It's frustrating, because I feel like we're a lot better team than what we're playing right now."

Since the Chiefs beat the Chargers 30-16 and plunged them to 1-3 on Sept. 30 and triggered an outcry against Turner, the Chargers have turned it around.

"We know we control our own destiny, but I wouldn't say we're breathing easier," said quarterback Philip Rivers, who had a 38-yard touchdown pass to Vincent Jackson. "We're still not pleased at being 7-5. It is certainly better to be where we are than looking up at someone."

By the middle of the fourth quarter, normally loud and packed Arrowhead Stadium was quiet and about half-empty.

"We just can't seem to score any points in the fourth quarter coming down the stretch," said Chiefs coach Herm Edwards.

Tomlinson had only 60 yards on 13 carries in the first half, but came on after intermission with scoring runs of 31 and 28 yards. Tomlinson's second touchdown was No. 111 in his career and moved him past Walter Payton for third on the all-time list for touchdowns rushing.

"You've got to understand, the whole reason I wanted to even play football was seeing him," Tomlinson said. "I remember watching everything he did, even off the field, the way he talked to kids, the way he talked to people, the way he carried himself."

Shawne Merriman had three of the eight sacks, which broke the Chiefs' record of seven allowed in a game.



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning eludes pressure Sunday in Indianapolis' 28-25 victory over the Jaguars.

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NCAA Football BCS Standings

	team	record	BCS avg.
1	Ohio State	11-1	.959
2	LSU	11-2	.939
3	Virginia Tech	11-2	.870
4	Oklahoma	11-2	.857
5	Georgia	10-2	.839
6	Missouri	11-2	.776
7	USC	10-2	.764
8	Kansas	11-1	.759
9	West Virginia	10-2	.663
10	Hawaii	12-0	.647
11	Arizona State	10-2	.620
12	Florida	9-3	.613
13	Illinois	9-3	.460
14	Boston College	10-3	.459
15	Clemson	9-3	.384
16	Tennessee	9-4	.325
17	Brigham Young	10-2	.303
18	Wisconsin	9-3	.292
19	Texas	9-3	.252
20	Virginia	9-3	.235
21	South Florida	9-3	.211
22	Cincinnati	9-3	.179
23	Auburn	8-4	.157
24	Boise State	10-2	.118
25	Connecticut	9-3	.075

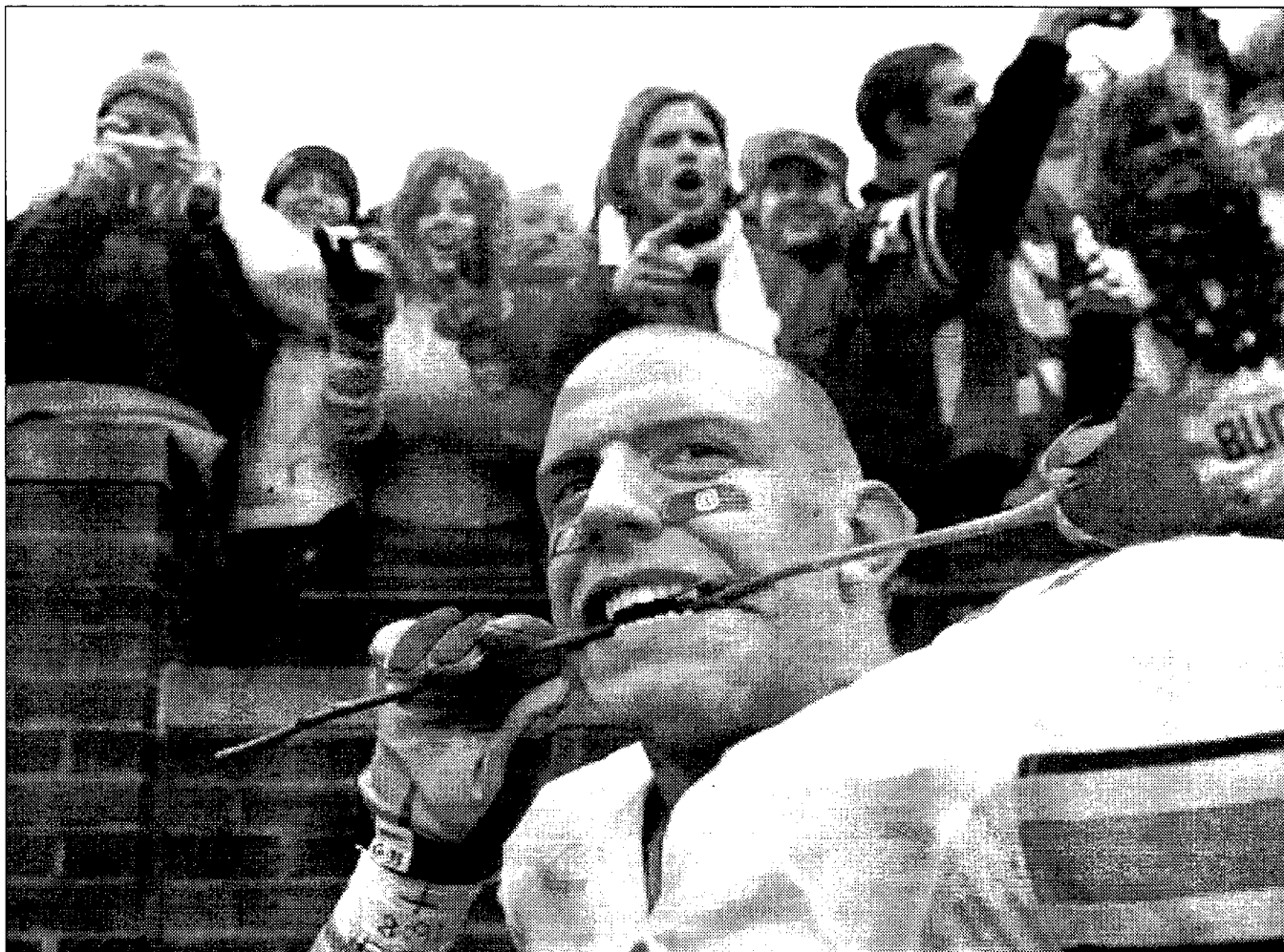
NCAA Basketball AP Top 25

Men's	Women's
team	team
1 North Carolina	1 Tennessee
2 UCLA	2 Connecticut
3 Memphis	3 Maryland
4 Kansas	4 North Carolina
5 Georgetown	5 Rutgers
6 Washington State	6 Stanford
7 Duke	7 Georgia
8 Texas	8 LSU
9 Texas A&M	9 Oklahoma
10 Michigan State	10 Baylor
11 Tennessee	11 Duke
12 Louisville	12 California
13 Marquette	13 Texas A&M
14 Pittsburgh	14 Arizona State
15 Indiana	15 West Virginia
16 Butler	16 GWU
17 Oregon	17 DePaul
18 Clemson	18 Auburn
19 Gonzaga	19 Ohio State
20 Wisconsin	20 Michigan State
21 Brigham Young	21 Florida State
22 USC	22 NOTRE DAME
23 Xavier	23 Vanderbilt
24 N.C. State	24 Texas
25 Kansas State	25 Wyoming

NCAA Men's Soccer NSCAA/adidas Poll

team	record	previous
1 Wake Forest	15-1-2	2
2 Connecticut	16-2-1	1
3 Santa Clara	13-1-4	3
4 Brown	14-1-1	5
5 SMU	13-3-2	6
6 Boston College	12-4-1	8
7 Creighton	10-1-5	7
8 Virginia Tech	10-2-5	4
9 Indiana	13-4-3	9
10 Tulsa	12-2-2	10
11 NOTRE DAME	11-3-5	11
12 Saint Louis	12-2-3	12
13 UC Santa Barbara	11-3-3	13
14 Ohio State	13-3-5	18
15 Harvard	11-3-2	15
16 Northwestern	12-4-3	14
17 Akron	13-3-2	17
18 West Virginia	13-5-2	16
19 Maryland	10-4-4	19
20 California	11-4-2	19
21 Duke	11-6-1	24
22 Furman	16-3-0	23
23 South Florida	12-5-2	22
24 New Mexico	11-4-1	NR
25 Virginia	10-6-2	21

NCAA FOOTBALL



Ohio State linebacker James Laurinaitis celebrates his team's Nov. 17 victory over Michigan with his eyes set on a Rose Bowl berth. When the nation's top two teams lost on Saturday, however, the Buckeyes earned a spot in the BCS title game.

Ohio State, LSU to battle for BCS title

Associated Press

LSU has a ticket to the title game. Everyone else has a pretty good gripe.

The latest chapter in this crazy, unpredictable college football season was written Sunday when LSU won the sport's version of the lottery, being picked to play Ohio State for the championship and leaving about a half-dozen other candidates with plenty to complain about.

The Tigers (11-2), ranked second in the latest Associated Press poll, will be the first team to play in the BCS title game with two losses.

No. 1 Ohio State goes into the game, Jan. 7 at

the Superdome in New Orleans, at 11-1.

Missouri and West Virginia, the teams that came into the weekend ranked 1 and 2, lost Saturday to blow their title chances, were left out of the BCS altogether.

Why did LSU, which was seventh in the BCS standings heading into the final weekend, make the jump to No. 2 and into the big game, while Oklahoma, Southern California, Georgia and a number of others were left behind?

The 174 poll voters and handful of computer nerds whose calculations make up the BCS rankings probably all have their own reasons. Among the best is

that LSU was rewarded for winning the Southeastern Conference, which is traditionally viewed as one of the toughest leagues in the nation.

There's also the argument coach Les Miles and athletic director Skip Bertman offered up Saturday night: The Tigers went undefeated in regulation this season — their two losses both coming in triple overtime.

Paper-thin as that line of reasoning may sound, it's as good as any in this topsy turvy season during which the top-ranked team lost four times, the second-ranked team lost six times since October and Nos. 1 and 2 lost on the same

week three times in the last two months.

The rest of the BCS games are filled with teams that had every bit as good an argument as LSU for a spot in the title game.

In the Sugar Bowl, Georgia will play Hawaii. The Bulldogs (10-2) were fourth and idle coming into the final weekend — behind Missouri, West Virginia and Ohio State — but didn't automatically rise two spots the way coach Mark Richt thought they should. Hawaii (12-0), meanwhile, is the nation's only undefeated team, but is penalized for playing a weak schedule in the Western Athletic Conference.

IN BRIEF

Hawaii to face Georgia in New Orleans for Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS — Colt Brennan and high-scoring Hawaii are perfectly thrilled to play in the Sugar Bowl. Georgia hoped to reach the Superdome, too — only not for this game.

In the year of the upset, Georgia was indeed upset. The Bulldogs blossomed into one of the best teams in the country with six straight wins, and believed they should've been picked for the BCS championship game.

Instead, LSU jumped the Bulldogs in the standings and will play Ohio State for the title.

"We feel like we got shafted a little bit," Georgia safety Kelin Johnson said. "The numbers don't add up. The numbers do not lie. That's what is confusing. I don't know what's going on."

"I do think we were unofficially disqualified for not winning our conference," Richt said.

Spurs beat Portland, lose Duncan to knee injury

SAN ANTONIO — When Tony Parker saw teammate Tim Duncan on the court clutching his knee, two things went through his mind.

First, he hoped it wasn't as bad as it looked. Second, the team had to maintain its focus, even though it didn't know how bad the damage was to the star player.

As it turned out, Duncan's injury doesn't appear to be season-ending and Parker and the Spurs kept their mind on the game, coasting to a 100-79 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday.

"It looked bad at first," said Parker, who scored 27 points and dished out eight assists. "There were still like eight minutes left in the second quarter, so we just had to keep playing, keep playing and then whatever happens, happens."

Duncan bruised his right knee and sprained his right ankle in the first half and did not return to the game. The team said all of Duncan's ligaments appeared stable but that he'd undergo an MRI exam Monday.

Yankees set deadline for Santana trade talks

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The New York Yankees likely will pull out of trade talks for Johan Santana if the Minnesota Twins don't make a decision by late Monday.

"I'm not going to be played against the Red Sox. That's not something I'll do. That's not something the Yankees should ever do, and that's I think what they're trying to do now," Yankees senior vice president Hank Steinbrenner said Sunday. "So if they want the best offer that has been offered to them, then they need to make up their minds."

The Yankees have proposed swapping pitcher Phil Hughes, center fielder Melky Cabrera and a midlevel prospect for the two-time Cy Young Award winner, who can become a free agent after next season.

Boston also is competing to land Santana. The Red Sox are thought to have offered a package that would include pitcher Jon Lester or center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury but not both. Center fielder Coco Crisp also could be part of a trade.

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NFL

Patriots at Ravens
8:30 p.m., ESPN

NCAA FOOTBALL

Nebraska names Pelini new coach

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Bo Pelini is the new coach at Nebraska, leaving the defensive coordinator post at LSU for a job many Cornhusker fans thought he should have been given four years ago.

Interim athletic director and former head coach Tom Osborne announced Pelini's hiring Sunday, after introducing Pelini to the players.

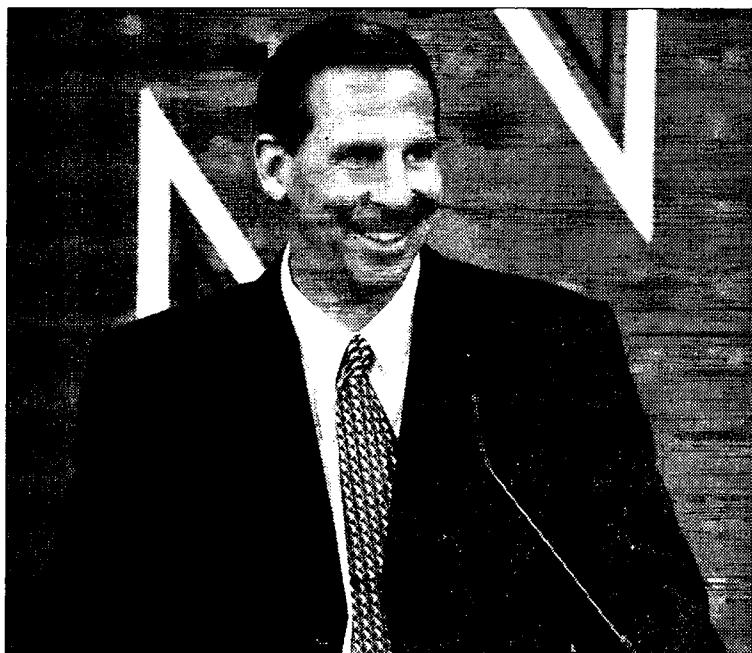
"We need a head coach with strong defensive credentials and great leadership," Osborne said. "We were also looking for someone who can inspire confidence and get players to play with great effort."

"And, of course, we also wanted our new head coach to understand our traditions, including the importance of our walk-on program and the importance of football in this state."

It's the first head coaching job for the 39-year-old Pelini, who spent three years at LSU orchestrating one of the nation's top defenses. He replaces Bill Callahan, fired Nov. 24 after the Huskers' second losing season in four years.

Unlike Callahan, a former NFL coach many Nebraska fans never felt comfortable with, Pelini doesn't come to the football-crazed state as a stranger.

He was interim coach after Frank Solich was fired following the 2003 regular season and went on to coach the Huskers to an Alamo Bowl victory over Michigan State. As he walked off the field in San Antonio, Husker fans chanted



Bo Pelini, LSU's defensive coordinator, speaks Monday in Lincoln after being introduced as Nebraska's coach.

"We want Bo."

"It's something I've worked a long time for," Pelini said Sunday of becoming a head coach.

Expectations are high at Nebraska, where football is king and the Cornhuskers are the only big-name program in the state. Pelini said he won't concern himself with the expectations, but appeared ready to embrace them.

"One of the unique aspects of this job ... is everything it means to the state," he said.

"It's like one big family."

Pelini said a contract hasn't been finalized, and he wouldn't discuss what he might be paid.

Osborne had said that the next coach didn't need to have Nebraska ties. Pelini was only at Nebraska in 2003, but his

no-nonsense style of coaching defense and fiery demeanor quickly made him a beloved figure.

Husker quarterback Joe Ganz said Pelini's fiery style was apparent in a players-only meeting before he was officially announced as head coach. Osborne consulted with players and coaches who have worked with him and said he found the same thing.

"All of them are very impressed with his ability to inspire people," Osborne said.

Osborne had interviewed Pelini and Buffalo coach Turner Gill, a former star Nebraska quarterback and longtime assistant at the school. Osborne also reportedly spoke informally with Wake Forest coach Jim Grobe.

NBA

Confident Tinsley leads Pacers to win

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Clippers chose to leave Jamaal Tinsley alone on the perimeter because Jermaine O'Neal was enough trouble in the low post.

They made the wrong choice.

Tinsley capitalized on the open looks, scoring 10 of his 29 points in the final 4:09 and leading the Indiana Pacers to a 101-95 victory on Sunday.

"I'm always confident when the ball is in my hands. I don't care if I miss eight or nine shots, I feel like the next one is going to go in," Tinsley said. "I've got to credit my coaching staff for leaving me out there when I miss a lot of shots so that I get an opportunity to take another one. They were doubling down on Jermaine, the guys made the extra pass, and they just went in today."

O'Neal had 20 points and 15 rebounds despite a sore right shoulder. The six-time All-Star was forced to sit out the final 2:19 of Friday night's 95-93 loss at Seattle after hurting himself setting a screen.

"Yesterday morning he wasn't able to get his arm above his shoulder, but we kept on working on it," coach Jim O'Brien said. "He was doubtful today, and I was actually planning on going without him. But I found out he could go, and he had a great game."

O'Neal was more concerned about his left knee Saturday morning than his shoulder. He missed five games prior to the

Seattle contest because of swelling in the knee and his lower leg.

"Obviously, my knee has been a concern over the last two months, and I've been struggling to make moves, make shots, rebound and block shots," O'Neal said. "The Seattle game was actually the first time I didn't have pain in my knee in almost a year and a half, and today I didn't have any pain in my knee at all."

"My shoulder was about 85 percent," O'Neal added. "We iced it a lot yesterday, I took some Advil, iced it again this morning and was ready to go."

Chris Kaman had 22 points and 22 rebounds for the Clippers, who are 2-9 since a 104-89 win at Indiana on Nov. 7 that capped their 4-0 start. Sam Cassell, who scored 35 points that night, missed his second straight game with a strained left calf.

The Clippers' injury woes grew a bit worse when No. 1 draft pick Al Thornton sprained his left ankle and left the game with 1:22 to go in the first half.

"It seems like it's one injury after another for this team," said Kaman, the only player to start all 15 games for the Clippers. "We can't make excuses, because every team in the NBA goes through that. But it has been ridiculous."

Tinsley hit a 3-pointer and a 19-footer 44 seconds apart to put the Pacers ahead to stay, then drained another 3-pointer with 1:56 remaining to put them ahead 96-90 and added a pair of free throws in the final minute.

NBA

Strong shooting vaults Detroit over New Jersey

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Richard Hamilton and Chauncey Billups got into a groove on Sunday night — at the New Jersey Nets' expense.

Billups and Hamilton, both hampered by injuries in the first month of the season, combined for 37 points on 12-of-19 shooting in the Pistons' 118-95 victory.

"It's fun to play like this," said Billups, who had 18 points and nine assists. "We're moving the ball well, and that's the key for us."

Hamilton sat out most of the preseason with an ankle injury, then missed the first two games of the regular season while attending the birth of his son.

He's gone eight straight games without reaching 20 points, but he felt as if he was closer against New Jersey, getting 19 before sitting out the final nine minutes.

"I was finally able to get into a rhythm," Hamilton said. "Coach left me out there to figure things out, and that helped a lot."

Detroit also got a boost from Jason Maxiell, who had 18 points and 11 rebounds to help the Pistons win for the sixth time in seven games, and beat the

Nets for the fifth straight time.

Maxiell struggled while replacing Rasheed Wallace and Antonio McDyess in the starting lineup, but has averaged 13.3 points and 10 rebounds as a reserve in the last three games.

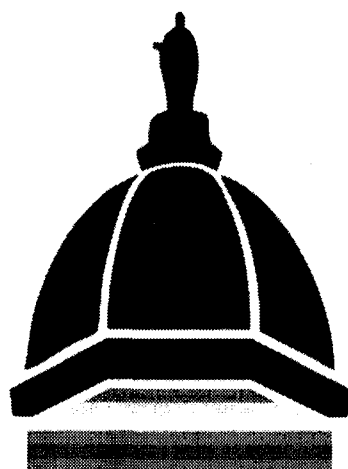
"I think Maxie is better coming off the bench, because the refs tend to call games tight early, and he was picking up early fouls," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. "Now he's in there a little later, and he's able to be more aggressive."

The Nets agreed that Maxiell's physical style blew open what had been a close game.

"He changed things," New Jersey coach Lawrence Frank said. "Look at the extra possessions game gave them in the first and second quarters. The energy he brought changed the whole tempo."

Vince Carter, back in the starting lineup, led New Jersey with 22 points, and Richard Jefferson added 21. Jason Kidd had a season-best 16 assists.

"We aren't as good as Detroit," Kidd said. "We were playing against a very good team, and we didn't have any answers. It seemed like they made every shot, or if they didn't, they got the offensive rebounds and put that in."



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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish place fourth at OSU

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

In a competitive 13-team field in Columbus, Ohio, Notre Dame took fourth place this weekend in its last meet of the fall semester. The squad ended day one of the Ohio State Invitational in fourth and finished there after two more days of competition.

Highlights from day one included a fifth-place finish for the Irish in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The relay team, which consisted of sophomore John Lytle, sophomore Andrew Hoffman, freshman Thomas Van Volkenburg and junior Danny Lutkus, finished with a time of 1:23.33.

Lytle also swam in the 50-yard freestyle, where his finals time of 21.03 was the 14th best out of 66 swimmers. In the preliminary race earlier in the day, Lytle posted a time of 20.92, finishing in under 21 seconds for the first time since last year's Big East championships.

Sophomore MacKenzie LeBlanc swam to a 10th place finish in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:30.67. It was the best time

in that event for an Irish swimmer this season.

Junior diver Michael Bulfin earned points for the Irish on day one by placing 16th in the 1-meter event with a score of 277.75.

On day two, senior Andrew MacKay finished 10th in the 400-yard individual medley, recording a time of 4:02.97. In the subsequent event, the 100-yard fly, sophomore Ross Moore claimed a fourth-place finish with a time of 49.32.

Lytle turned in another strong performance in the 200-yard freestyle relay, finishing in 1:39.72, good enough for eighth place.

Other top-10 finishers for the Irish on day two were the 200-yard medley relay team (eighth), junior Sam Pendergast in the 100-yard breaststroke (10th), two teams in the 800-yard freestyle relay (eighth and ninth), and Bulfin in the 3-meter dive (sixth).

Moore again made his mark on the third day of competition, breaking a school record in the 200-yard fly while posting a time of 1:47.45. The mark was good enough for second place and is also an NCAA "B" qualifying time.

The Irish posted top-10 fin-

ishes in all five other events on day three to maintain their fourth-place position. Freshman Michael Sullivan placed ninth in the 1,650-yard freestyle while posting the fastest time of the year for an Irish swimmer. Sullivan also finished sixth in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:48.80.

On day three, Lytle posted yet another strong finish in the 100-yard freestyle, coming in seventh with a time of 45.36. Daniel Rave swam the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:03.17, landing another seventh-place finish and earning a team best for the season. The top two teams for the Irish in the 400-yard freestyle relay finished sixth and 10th overall.

The Irish compiled a three-day total of 401 points, while Minnesota took first overall with 1,168 points. Ohio State was second with 1,074 points, and Denver third with 429 points.

Notre Dame will return to action on New Year's Day when it faces LSU in a dual meet in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Miller takes first place as team finishes in third

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Irish placed third out of 12 teams at the Husky Invitational in Federal Way, Wash., over the weekend. During the three-day competition, the Irish finished with 897 points. The host school, Washington, took first place with 1,369 points.

USC finished in second place with 1,225 points. The Irish have now lost to the Trojans twice this season.

The Irish had an impressive showing, with 16 swimmers making it past the preliminaries. The top swimmer for the Irish was freshman Amywren Miller, who claimed a first-place finish in the 100-yard

freestyle. Miller notched a season-best time of 50.37 seconds and shattered her previous best of 51.69.

And Miller was not the only swimmer to record a season best this weekend. Junior Christa Riggins tied for second place in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 50.53, topping her previous best of 51.23.

Freshman Lauren Parisi took a second-place finish in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:00.83. This time also marked a season best for the freshman.

The Irish will next compete in a dual meet against LSU on Jan. 2.

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NFL

Peterson runs through Lions in Vikings rout

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Wearing a brace on his right knee and playing for the first time in three weeks, Adrian Peterson was a bit hesitant on the first few plays of the game.

"I definitely wanted to go out and get that first hit and see how it felt," Peterson said Sunday.

Once he took a few shots from the Detroit Lions, some of which he felt were cheap, Peterson was off and running. So were the Minnesota Vikings, 42-10.

The star rookie rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns in less than three quarters of work and quarterback Tarvaris Jackson continued his steady improvement to lead the surging Vikings over the free-falling Lions.

"I got choked up a couple times, so it kind of pushed my buttons," Peterson said.

The favorite for Offensive Rookie of the Year showed he is back in a big way, but the Vikings suddenly appear much more than a one-man show.

In the last three weeks, Jackson has shown poise, an accurate arm and command of the offense that simply wasn't there early in the season, and Sunday was his best game yet. He was 18-of-24 for 204 yards and two touchdowns, and the Vikings (6-6) scored TDs on their first six possessions to win their third in a row and fourth in the last five games.

"We feel like we're getting

on a roll and we want to stay on that roll," Jackson said.

The roll has the Vikings back in the thick of the NFC playoff picture, thanks in large part to a November swoon by the Lions (6-6) that has an all-too-familiar feel for their long-suffering fans.

Jon Kitna threw for 260 yards and one touchdown for the Lions, who have lost four in a row to waste a 6-2 start. A month later, the Lions are looking more like the hapless Motor City Kitties who started the season with more losses than any team in the NFL over the last six years.

"Our boat's not very full, I know that. We don't have a lot of people left in our boat right now," Kitna said, referring to the sulking Lions locker room.

"I'm talking about us in general. We are not heading in the same direction right now, as a football team."

Coming in, the Lions talked about needing a sense of urgency to turn things around. But they showed nothing of the sort in a woeful effort.

The Lions rushed for just 23 yards on seven attempts against the league's top-ranked run defense, committed three personal fouls and were manhandled at the line of scrimmage.

"It's a team that's gotten tentative," said Lions coach Rod Marinelli, who blamed himself for the loss. "Today, especially, we looked lethargic. The fundamentals aren't being executed the way I wanted."

NCAA BASKETBALL

Texas upends No. 2 UCLA

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Damion James had stars in his eyes playing No. 2 UCLA at Pauley Pavilion. Not so much, though, that he couldn't finish off an upset victory for Texas.

James dunked with 8 seconds remaining and the eighth-ranked Longhorns won 63-61 after blowing all of a 16-point, first-half lead Sunday in the Big 12/Pac-10 Hardwood Series.

James and D.J. Augustin finished with 19 points each, and the Longhorns (7-0) survived their closest game yet after winning their first six by at least 15 points. James had 10 rebounds for his second double-double of the season.

"It's like a dream come true," said James, who led a Longhorn celebration at midcourt in front of 96-year-old former UCLA coach John Wooden and Denzel Washington. "Him and Denzel, wow, man."

UCLA star freshman Kevin Love finished with 11 points and five rebounds after taking just six shots and getting benched for the final 2 minutes.

"I need to seek the ball out more," he said. "I only played 24 minutes, but five rebounds on my part is unacceptable. I should at least have 10 rebounds every game."

With Darren Collison guarding him, Augustin gave up the ball to James in the low post.

"I stumbled, but I knew Damion was down there," he said. "I threw it up for him to rebound and put it up or finish it with a dunk and that's what he did."

Collison played 39 minutes, his most in two games, and blamed himself for the last-sec-



Texas players celebrate Sunday after handing No. 2 UCLA its first loss of the season at Pauley Pavilion.

ond loss.

"I reached for the ball instead of standing in front. My man had the help and they got the rebound," he said. "The bottom line is we didn't play defense."

UCLA's first loss of the season ended the Bruins' 25-game home winning streak. Luc Richard Mbah a Moute had 14 points, and Collison added 12 in his first start for the Bruins (7-1), who led by four with 3 minutes remaining.

"That wasn't fun," Love said. "It could be a good wakeup call for us."

Mbah a Moute missed a 3-pointer in front of UCLA's bench at the buzzer.

"I shot the ball knowing it was going to go in, it just didn't go

in," he said.

UCLA became the highest-ranked opponent Texas has beaten in a true road game in school history. Their previous best win came over No. 4 Memphis in January 2006.

With the score tied at 61, Mbah a Moute was fouled by Connor Atchley. The UCLA player's first attempt spun out of the basket, setting up the Longhorns' final possession.

"That's on me," Mbah a Moute said. "I haven't been to the line a lot. I've been making them in practice."

Josh Shipp added 11 points for the Bruins, who outscored Texas 36-26 in the second half after being stymied by its zone early.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ND beats Michigan in fourth straight blowout

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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With 13:05 remaining in the second half, Notre Dame guard Ashley Barlow stole the ball from Michigan guard Jessica Minnfield and passed it up court to guard Lindsay Schrader, who then dished it behind her back to point guard Tulyah Gaines for a layup.

It was just that easy Sunday night in a game the Irish eventually won 77-46, their fourth straight victory of at least 30 points.

Gaines finished the game with 15 points on 6-of-7 shooting, including just her second career 3-point shot. She was one of four Irish players in double figures.

"Tulyah runs our team. I think [we're] where we are right now because she is the heart and soul of our team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She's poised and gets the team to do exactly what she wants."

Guard Charel Allen finished with 19 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Schrader had 11 points, and forward Devereaux Peters tallied 10 points and three steals.

McGraw said her team's depth was one of the reasons the squad has been able to dominate opponents this season.

"Because of the depth, we can sub more," McGraw said. "So if somebody looks tired we can take them right out and the can rest up a little bit and come back in. So I think that makes them play harder when

they're in there, knowing that they play five or six minutes at a stretch and then they can get a rest."

Gaines said the depth allows her to get open more often and take more shots.

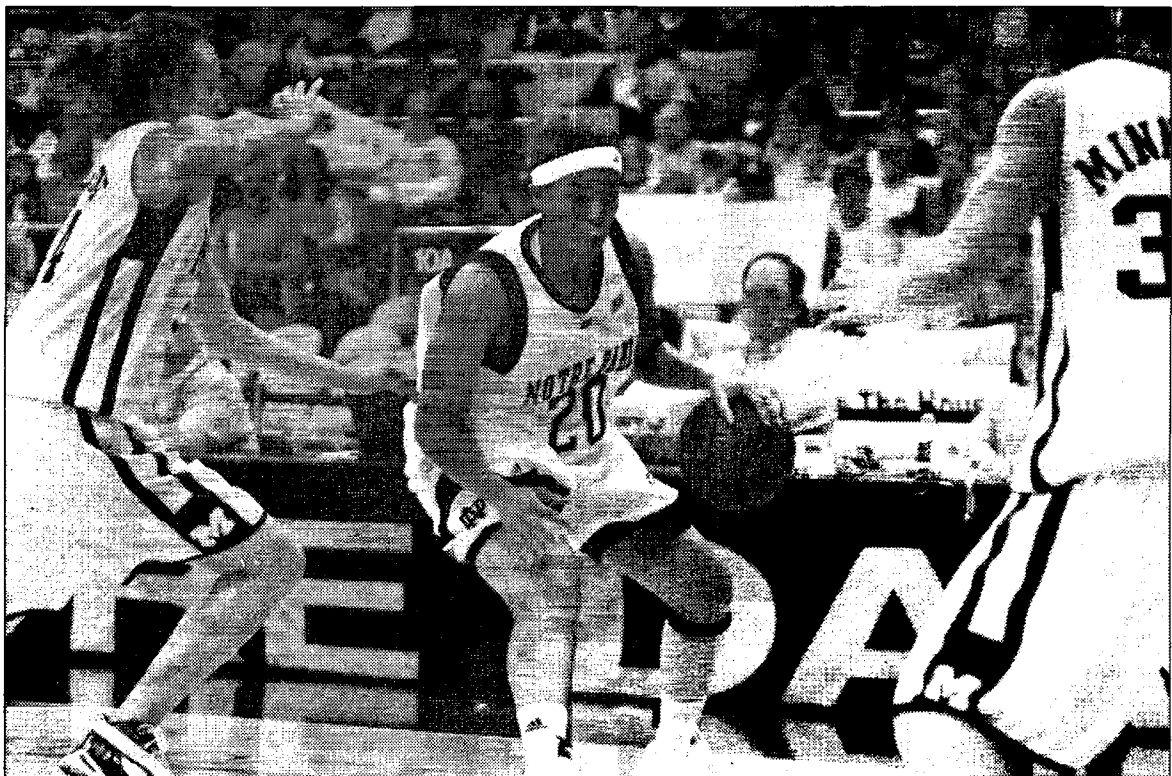
"It always helps to not have to take care of the ball, but just having that depth really helps that team overall," she said.

Michigan traded baskets with Notre Dame early in the game before the Irish went on an 11-0 run that didn't end until Wolverines center Krista Phillips hit a free throw with 9:21 left in the first half. Phillips was one of only four Wolverines to score in the first half. In the opening 20 minutes, the Wolverines shot just 6-of-20 from the floor, including 1-of-9 from beyond 3-point land.

McGraw said her team is comfortable in the zone defense, which is why she used it along with a press throughout most of the game. She also said that the Wolverines' poor 3-point shooting meant she did not have to make any serious defensive adjustments during the contest.

Phillips, who entered Sunday's matchup averaging 10.5 points per game, netted only nine before fouling out with 7:46 remaining. Phillips committed fouls on the perimeter instead of staying in the low post like Wolverines coach Kevin Borseth wanted.

McGraw said the Irish were fortunate to get Phillips in early foul trouble — she committed her fourth infraction just 2:22 into the second half



Irish guard Brittany Mallory dribbles past a Michigan defender in Notre Dame's 77-46 rout on Sunday. The Irish have won their last four games by an average of 40 points.

— and that Notre Dame's two post players, senior Melissa D'Amico and sophomore Erica Williamson, did a good job against her.

"I thought [D'Amico] played very well tonight. We worked on when they were switching out, she would go down and take the guard down low and she did a good job of that early on," McGraw said. "Both of them defensively were a big presence on [Phillips]. The shots she made didn't even always come against them."

Notre Dame pulled away for good in the second half, espe-

cially when Phillips was on the bench. But the Irish played sloppily late in the game, giving up open shots and lacking the defensive intensity they had displayed earlier.

"[Michigan] had 15 [turnovers] at halftime and they only had seven in the second half. And I think when we watch the film we'll see that we weren't quite as intense on the defensive end as we needed to be," McGraw said.

Notes:

♦The official attendance for Sunday night's game was

10,825, the fourth largest in school history.

"It was a huge factor," McGraw said. "I thought the freshmen looked a little nervous, they wanted to play so well for the crowd."

♦Senior guard Amanda Tsipis appeared in her sixth game this season and, with 30 seconds remaining, nailed her first career 3-pointer to give the Irish a 77-46 win.

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NFL

Redskins honor Taylor with 10 men on 1st play

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — The message was perfectly clear: Sean Taylor is gone forever, and he is not forgotten.

For all of the No. 21 jerseys, twirling white towels and handwritten signs in the stands Sunday, for all of the red-and-yellow flowers and burning candles at a makeshift memorial outside the stadium, for all of the pregame tributes to the Pro Bowl safety, the most stark reminder of Taylor's plight came when the Washington Redskins lined up on defense for the first time since he was killed.

Instead of 11 Redskins on the field, as rules allow, there were 10.

When the visiting Buffalo Bills prepared to run their first play on offense midway through the opening quarter, the man who replaced Taylor in Washington's lineup, Reed Doughty, stood near coaches on the sideline.

"It was important for the team to know that Sean was with us that one last time on the field," Doughty said. "He'll always be with us, but that was special."

After watching while Bills running back Fred Jackson gained 22 yards, Doughty entered for the next play — and made the tackle.

Redskins coach Joe Gibbs wasn't aware ahead of time that players were going to honor Taylor that way; assistant coach Gregg Williams said his defensive coaches and unit decided Saturday night to do it.

"We were going to let him ride with us one more time," said Williams, who has described Taylor as being like a son to him.

The 24-year-old Taylor died Tuesday, a day after being shot at his home in Florida during a burglary. The shock has yet to dissipate for Taylor's teammates and the Redskins' fans, and the grieving process continued on game day, from the cloudy, chilly hours before the kickoff until the rain-soaked end of what turned out to be a 17-16 comeback victory for Buffalo.

"I didn't show up to play this game, I showed up for a tribute for my friend, to send him out right, and we found a way to mess it up," said cornerback Fred Smoot, who teared up when he looked where Taylor usually plays and didn't see him.

Before entering the stadium, some spectators talked about Taylor in the present tense, as though it all hasn't quite registered. Many wore Taylor's number — on burgundy, white or black versions of the jersey. —

DAVIS CUP

U.S. defeats Russia 4-1 for title

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — James Blake smiled his way through an ultimately meaningless match Sunday, still reveling in the United States' victory over Russia in the Davis Cup final.

"It's starting to sink in," Blake said. "We did it."

Blake defeated Dmitry Tursunov 1-6, 6-3, 7-5, and the U.S. beat Russia 4-1 to win the Davis Cup title.

Igor Andreev gave the Russians their only win in the final by defeating Bob Bryan 6-3, 7-6 (4) earlier in the day, after United States had already clinched the title for the first time in 12 years.

Bryan and his brother Mike defeated the Russian duo of Andreev and Nikolay Davydenko 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-2 on Saturday to give the Americans an insurmountable 3-0 advantage.

At a ceremony following the final two matches, captain Patrick McEnroe was brimming with pride.

"It's pretty emotional. I think it's finally setting in that these guys did it," McEnroe said. "We won the Cup."

Blake called it one of the greatest moments of his career.

The first match on the hard court at Memorial Coliseum was supposed to be between sixth-ranked Andy Roddick and



American James Blake hits a forehand against Russian Dmitry Tursunov Sunday in the United States' 4-1 Davis Cup victory.

Mikhail Youzhny, but the captains for Russia and the United States each made substitutions.

Andreev claimed the first set, and then the crowd tried to spur Bryan with chants of "Go Bob Go!" At one point he got frustrated and dropped his spinning racket to the court, but he saved serve on a pivotal game that went to deuce four times, evening the second set at 3-3.

The second set would go to a tiebreaker, which Andreev won with a forehand that sailed past Bryan at the net.

"Of course, we didn't want to lose 5-love, but today I couldn't take this much too serious ... At least we showed we could fight and maybe make up a little for the score," Andreev said.

Each player had seven aces in the 1 hour, 22 minute match.

Bryan said such meaningless matches are "probably the worst thing in sports."

"Imagine Jordan winning an NBA title and having to play a pickup game against the guys he just beat," Bryan said.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hoopsters clip Eagles' wings

McAlarney scores 21 points as team sets Joyce Center record

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Kyle McAlarney scored more than 20 points for the third straight game and Notre Dame tied a program-best Joyce Center winning streak in a 76-65 victory over Eastern Michigan Saturday.

It was the 24th straight win at home for the Irish, which equals a mark set by the 1973-74 teams. But Irish coach Mike Brey told his players not to rest on their laurels.

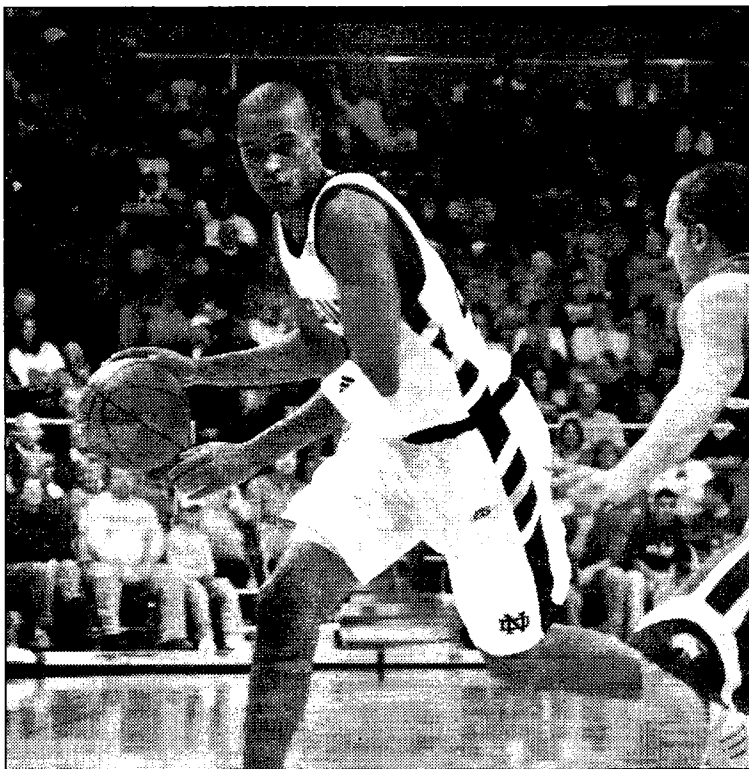
"I said, 'Congratulations, I'm gonna shake your hand next Saturday when you break [the record],' Brey said. 'But we're very proud of that, [the players] are very proud of that, they should be very proud of it. I'm very happy for them.'"

After pouring in 25 points against Colgate last Monday, McAlarney dropped 21 on 8-of-10 shooting in the triumph over Eastern Michigan.

"My confidence is real high and I'm learning as the games go on how to move without the ball better," McAlarney said. "My teammates have been doing a great job finding me. I have to credit my teammates for getting me those open shots."

After jumping out to an early 17-7 lead, Notre Dame fell behind 21-20 with 9:59 left in the first half when Eastern Michigan guard Carlos Medlock made an uncontested lay-up.

The Irish then went on a 7-0 run to take a lead they would not relinquish. Sophomore forward Luke Harangody nailed a 15-foot jumper to give the Irish a one-point edge. After Eastern Michigan turned the ball over on its next possession, Irish guard Ryan Ayers drilled a 3-pointer. Harangody, who finished with 18 points and seven rebounds, hit another jumper the next time down the floor to make the



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Irish junior guard Ryan Ayers dribbles toward the basket in Notre Dame's 76-65 victory over Eastern Michigan Saturday.

score 27-21.

Eastern Michigan pulled within three points of the Irish with 4:35 left in the opening half, but the Irish closed the period with eight unanswered points. With the clock running down in the half, Notre Dame guard Tory Jackson rebounded a missed 3-pointer by Medlock and started a three-on-two break for the Irish. Jackson eventually found Ayers, who spotted up and made a 3-pointer to give the Irish a 43-32 lead going into halftime.

"The shot right before halftime was a big-time shot," Brey said. "That really gave us great momentum."

After the break, the Irish continued their run and poured in six more points before Eastern Michigan scored again.

"We ended the first half and started the second half really well, which I thought was the key to the game," Brey said.

Eastern Michigan never pulled within 10 points for the remainder of the contest.

Brey said he was especially happy with his team's defense

against the Eagles' perimeter threats, especially senior guard Jesse Bunkley.

"The key for us was to not let them get going from the 3-point line and I think we did a great job," Brey said.

The coach commended Ayers for locking down Bunkley, who came into the contest shooting 44.7 percent from beyond the arc and averaging 15.4 points per game. The Eagles star did not attempt a long-range shot against the Irish and finished with only six points.

"That's maybe the thing I'm maybe most excited about — [Ayers] on Bunkley, absolutely taking Bunkley away," Brey said. "Bunkley's the guy that makes them confident and really gets them going."

Eastern Michigan sophomore forward Justin Dobbins scored a career-high 26 points. But it wasn't enough.

"The flow of the game was excellent," Brey said. "The guys did a heck of a job tonight."

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SMC SWIMMING

Team finishes in fifth place in DePauw meet

Belles record several personal best times in early-season event

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Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finished in fifth place this weekend in the DePauw Swimming Invitational, the best the Belles have ever done at the meet.

"Mostly everyone had either their best times of the season or close to their best times," Belles junior captain Melissa Gerbeth said. "Attitudes were positive, and it was encouraging to get some reward from all the hard work we have been putting in."

This meet differed from the Belles' previous meets of the season because it was an invitational that included both preliminary races and finals. Swimmers had to qualify in the top 16 in prelims in order to make it to the finals.

"The competition was pretty intense — there were swimmers of all speeds, so it was nice to see where you landed among that spread," said Gerbeth, who placed sixth in the finals of the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 5:01.20.

Other key contributors for the Belles included several freshmen. Freshman Lauren Hartman placed 10th in the 50-yard freestyle. Her classmates Maggie Williams and Casey Niezer placed sixth and seventh, respectively, in the 100-yard backstroke. Freshman Caroline Arness finished 10th in the 100-yard butterfly.

The 400-yard "A" Free relay placed sixth overall.

Gerbeth was very pleased with her team's effort.

"Everyone swam their hearts out and were encouraging and positive to their teammates," Gerbeth said. "The team definitely bonded after this meet."

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NFL

New York comes from behind to beat Bears

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Eli Manning's second pass landed in Brian Urlacher's hands. There was a fumble that led to a field goal, too, and just when it seemed his day couldn't get much worse, he threw an interception in the end zone.

Then, everything turned around.

Manning redeemed himself just in time, and the New York Giants dealt the Chicago Bears' playoff hopes another stagger-

ing blow.

Manning led two late touchdown drives and Reuben Droughns scored on a 2-yard run with 1:33 remaining to lift the Giants to a 21-16 victory over the Bears on Sunday.

Manning was awful for most of the game but delivered in the latter stages after throwing four interceptions the previous week in a drubbing by Minnesota.

"It's easy to forget bad plays," Manning said. "And to be a quarterback, to be a football player, you have to be able to do that. You have to be able to forget the week before. You have to be able to forget the play before and just move on and work out the next play."

The embattled quarterback threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Amani Toomer, which was initially ruled incomplete, with 6:54 left to cap a 75-yard drive and cut the Giants' deficit to 16-14.

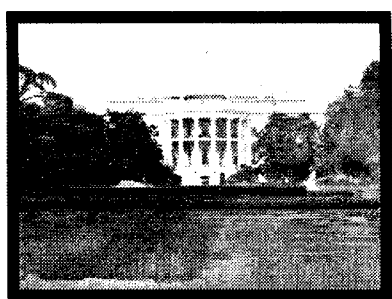
"I knew I caught it," Toomer said. "And I knew (the replay) was going to look like I caught it, so it wasn't a problem. I don't know if it hit my arms or hands, but I was underneath it. I didn't even think it was that close."

After the Bears (5-7) punted, the Giants launched a 77-yard drive that ended with Droughns running around the right end with 1:33 left. Manning hit David Tyree with a 24-yard pass and threw a 15-yarder to Plaxico Burress that put the ball on the 2.

The Bears got the ball with 1:28 remaining and marched from their 41 to the Giants 28, before Rex Grossman threw three incompletions — the last one broken up by James Butler.

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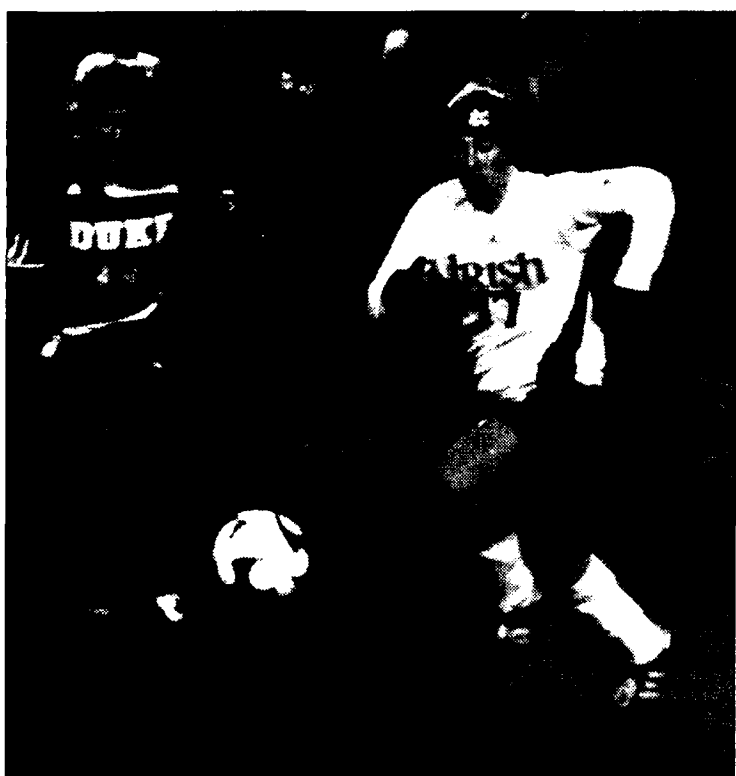
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Irish senior forward Susan Pinnick dribbles downfield in Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Duke Friday.

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scored twice in five minutes to tie the score.

Notre Dame had not allowed a team to tie the game after leading 2-0 in 175 straight matches before Friday's contest.

"It was fitting that Duke came back and tied it, and then you saw our character to come back and win it," Waldrum said. "Nobody ever got discouraged when Duke came back."

Weissenhofer had a different take on the Blue Devils' comeback.

"We like to keep the games entertaining," she said. "That was the case tonight when they came back and tied it."

Blue Devils coach Robbie Church said his players' lack of experience played a role at the end of the game.

"We spent a lot of energy tying the game up and then tried to put some fresh, but inexperienced, legs in there," Church said.

Irish keeper Lauren Karas prevented a goal in the fifth minute of the game when Blue Devils midfielder CJ Ludemann got free on the right side. Ludemann dribbled close and took a hard shot, but Karas came off her line and dove to her right to make the save. Weissenhofer opened the scoring in the 20th minute after receiving a pass from Bock. Weissenhofer feinted around her defender and took a shot that slipped to the right of Lipsher.

"Brittany played a great ball and I cut it back, saw where the goalkeeper was and placed it in the right corner," Weissenhofer said. "It was with my right foot, just like the two goals at UNC."

Weissenhofer now has four goals in the postseason, the same number she had in the entire regular season and Big East tournament combined as an ankle injury hampered her early performance.

"I am more confident in myself over the past few weeks and am just so happy for the team and how we are playing," Weissenhofer said. "We all are more confident and unified right now because we are nearing the end of a common goal."

Bock scored in the 52nd minute to give the Irish a

two-goal cushion when she headed a Hanks corner kick under the crossbar and out of Lipsher's reach. After that goal, Church said, the Blue Devils changed their approach.

"When it went to 2-0, we just wanted to get one back and put the pressure back on them," the coach said. "Then we really started to press hard and were winning balls in the midfield and running at their back line."

And the increased pressure worked: Duke scored twice in five minutes.

Before Duke's first goal, the Irish couldn't clear Blue Devils midfielder Jane Alukonis' corner kick. Ludemann passed the ball to Duke forward Jane Hathorn, who put the ball past Karas to get Duke on the board in the 58th minute.

In the 63rd minute, Ludemann got free in the middle of the field and fired a long shot that bent from right to left, out of Karas' reach, into the left corner of the goal.

"We should have closed that quicker and not given her that shot to strike the ball," Waldrum said. "But give credit to the kids, we didn't lose control of the game."

After Hanks' goal, the Irish killed the clock and sealed their trip to the semifinals. The team was ecstatic to have another chance at a championship after losing in last year's title game to North Carolina.

"I'm just so proud of the team that we get to go to the final four again," Hanks said. "I want to win a national championship. To win it for our seniors will mean everything."

Notes:

♦ Senior midfielder Ashley Jones played in her 104th career game Friday. She now holds the school record for career games played and is tied for second in career games played in the NCAA. Robin Confer, who played for North Carolina from 1994-97, is safe at No. 1 with 107.

♦ In Notre Dame's last 17 games, it is 16-0-1 and has scored five goals for every goal allowed (50 goals scored, 10 goals allowed).

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Sweet 16

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ed his production early in the season.

"It's tough when you've been unfit for the first part of the season," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Now, [Lapira] is fit. His confidence is getting higher every game, and that's great because this is the part of the season when you want your top striker to have confidence."

Lapira opened the scoring in the 68th minute when fellow senior Alex Yoshinaga attacked from the right side and fed Lapira, who found the back of the net. That was the same combination that opened the scoring for the Irish against Oakland. Except in that game, Lapira was the distributor and Yoshinaga the finisher.

Lapira helped Notre Dame double its lead in the 72nd

minute when his cross found sophomore Dave Donahue. Donahue deposited the ball for a goal that was nearly identical to the one Lapira set up for Yoshinaga against Oakland.

Both Irish goals came against Santa Clara's back-up keeper, Joseph Buttitta, who entered in the 47th minute after starter Kevin Klasila left with an injury. Klasila made two saves in the first half, but Buttitta didn't record a stop.

"To be honest with you, we were pretty sad when the first goalie went out," Clark said. "We thought he was looking really shaky, and our bench was hoping he would stay in the game."

Irish senior keeper Chris Cahill, on the other hand, was his usual steady presence in the Notre Dame net. The keeper made five saves to record his 11th shutout of the season. It was also his fourth career NCAA Tournament shutout, a Notre Dame record.

Clark, however, felt that Cahill's biggest contribution was helping break up Santa Clara's crosses, most of which were directed at 6-foot-5 striker Jidi Ogunbiyi.

"He really settled us," Clark said of Cahill. "He handled traffic that came into his area. He gave me the feeling that when he plays like that, nobody is going to beat him."

With the win, the Irish broke the Broncos' 18-game unbeaten-streak. Santa Clara's last loss was on Sept. 7 to Brown.

In another parallel to last season, the Irish will have to win on the road if they wish to reach the program's first-ever College Cup — soccer's version of the Final Four. In 2006, Notre Dame lost 3-2 to No. 4 Virginia. This weekend, the Irish will take on No. 2 Wake Forest, which defeated West Virginia 3-1.

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goals behind to win late for the second straight game. Notre Dame erased a 3-0 deficit to RPI a week earlier in a 4-3 victory.

"I'm concerned about how we've been starting," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "That's two games in a row where we spot the opponent three goals and I don't think we were emotionally or physically sharp at all in that game."

Nebraska-Omaha freshman Joey Martin scored the first two goals of his career to give the Mavericks a 2-0 lead. Sophomore Dan Swanson then found his linemate JJ Koehler in the low slot, and Koehler sneaked it through Irish goalie Jordan Pearce's pads.

"When you get down 3-0, you're looking to do anything. Whether it's scoring a goal, getting a shot on net or starting some trouble after the whistle you have to do whatever you can to try to get everybody going," Irish sophomore center Kevin Deeth said.

Deeth picked up a coincidental minor on his shift after Nebraska-Omaha's third goal when he was caught mixing it up with a Nebraska defenseman in the corner. The scrum gave the Irish the spark they needed.

Deeth broke up the shutout on an Irish power play with just under four minutes left in the second period. Junior center Erik Condra slipped a pass to Deeth, who found himself all alone and beat DuPont with a backhand. It was Deeth's third goal of the season.

With time running out in the second, the Irish caught a lucky break. Junior center Christian Hanson attempted to dump the puck from center ice, but it ricocheted off a glass partition and went directly at the net. DuPont was off his line looking to play the puck in the corner so he couldn't make the save.

"That's my go-to move," Hanson joked. "I faked, got the goalie to bite, went to dump it in the corner and it went in."

Notre Dame took advantage of the good fortune, taking the lead in the third period with goals from Condra and sophomore Dan Kissel. Condra extended his scoring streak to six games with the goal.

The Mavericks' leading scorer, senior Mick Lawrence, tied the game again with 12 minutes



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Irish sophomore center Dan Kissel looks up ice during Notre Dame's 5-4 victory over Nebraska-Omaha Friday.

to go. The goal was Lawrence's eighth of the year.

But with a little over two minutes left, Irish junior Garrett Regan put the Irish ahead for good when he scored on a deflection in front of the net. Senior center Mark Van Guilder took the initial shot from the point and Regan was able to get a stick on it in front.

"I was just glad to step back in the lineup and keep helping the team," Regan said.

Regan returned to action Friday night after being sidelined with an ankle injury for several games.

"I don't think he is at 100 percent yet, but he's a great energy guy and it's good to see him back on the ice," Jackson said.

On Saturday, the Irish played with a sense of urgency that was absent Friday and let the Mavericks know they couldn't stake another 3-0 lead when Van Guilder scored a short-handed goal just 3:31 into the first period.

The center corralled the puck along the right-side boards in the neutral zone and fed a pass to Deeth, who was streaking down the left side. Deeth got Mavericks goalie Eric Aarnio to commit himself to Deeth's side, and then fired a pass to Van Guilder in the low right slot for an open-net goal.

The Irish out-shot Nebraska-Omaha 12-4 in the first period, including five shots on a pair of

fast-action power plays. On its power plays, Notre Dame worked the puck around the offensive zone with speed and accuracy, in contrast to the play-it-safe, plod-the-puck-around-the-defense approach the Irish have taken most of the season on the man advantage.

Jackson said that facet of the game looked more active because a third power play unit was created in practice, increasing competition and performance.

Notre Dame extended its lead to 2-0 with 17:25 remaining in the second period on an odd redirection by Hanson in the high slot. Freshman defenseman Teddy Ruth took a one-timer from the left point that changed paths after it deflected off Hanson's skate and slid untouched into the open right side of the net.

The Irish had the comfortable lead Nebraska-Omaha held the night before.

"It's nice to play the game where you're not in fear of breaking down," Jackson said.

Ruth scored his first career goal to put the Irish up 3-0 less than a minute into the third period. Left wing Ryan Thang and defenseman Ian Cole then each added a tally to secure Notre Dame the 5-0 win.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Still kicking



Left, Irish freshman defender Lauren Fowlkes battles for possession in Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Duke Friday. Right, junior forward Kerri Hanks holds a Blue Devils defender off the ball. Hanks scored the decisive goal during the 78th minute of action to send the Irish to the College Cup for the second consecutive season.

Squad downs Duke,
moves on to College Cup

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Irish forwards hit the trifecta Friday.

Sophomore Michele Weissenhofer, junior Brittany Bock and senior Kerri Hanks all scored, and Hanks' goal in the 78th minute gave Notre Dame a 3-2 victory over Duke at Alumni Field in the NCAA quarterfinals.

The Irish move on to face Florida State Friday in the NCAA semifinals at Texas A&M

in College Station. The game is a rematch of last year's semifinal match, which the Irish won 2-1. Florida State beat Connecticut 3-2 in overtime to advance to the semifinals.

Hanks' decisive scoring sequence began with senior midfielder Amanda Cinalli winning control of the ball from two Duke defenders. Cinalli passed to an open Hanks on the right side. The reigning Hermann Trophy winner dribbled closer and scored on a low shot past Blue Devils goalkeeper Allison Lipsher into the left side of the net.

"Kerri did a great job of cutting it in and creating a great angle for herself," Irish coach

Randy Waldrum said. "She is the best finisher in the county if you give her chances like that."

Hanks said the trust between her and her teammates helped in the buildup to the winning goal.

"We went in at halftime and knew that one or two goals would not do it," Hanks said. "It was amazing how we came back to get the final goal. I believe in our team and everybody just trusts each other and we did it."

Notre Dame took a 1-0 lead into halftime and scored again in the first seven minutes of the second half, but the Blue Devils

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Irish junior midfielder Rebecca Mendoza looks for the ball during Notre Dame's victory Friday.

MEN'S SOCCER

Team knocks out
host Santa ClaraIrish head to Wake
Forest for Elite 8

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's run through the NCAA Tournament so far has a very familiar feel to it.

For the second consecutive season, the Irish have followed a second-round victory at home with a win over a higher-seeded opponent on the road in the Sweet 16.

The No. 10 Irish upset No. 7 Santa Clara 2-0 Saturday night at Buck Shaw Stadium. Last year, Notre Dame defeated No. 5 Maryland 1-0 in overtime in the round of 16.

Once again, it was forward

Joseph Lapira leading the way for the Irish. Lapira, who scored the game-winning goals in Notre Dame's two NCAA Tournament victories last season, netted the game-winning goal and notched an assist against Santa Clara. That tally brings Lapira's total of NCAA Tournament goals to six — a Notre Dame record.

Lapira's three points against Santa Clara marked the second consecutive Tournament game that the senior has recorded three points; he also had a goal and assist against Oakland last Wednesday.

That's a major accomplishment for the striker, who had a nasty calf injury that limit-

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HOCKEY

Irish sink Nebraska-Omaha twice

Icers come from
behind Friday, get
blowout win Saturday

By KYLE CASSILY and
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Sports Writers

No. 7 Notre Dame swept Nebraska-Omaha in a two-game series at home this weekend to leapfrog both No. 1 Miami and No. 2 Michigan into first place of the CCHA.

The Irish (14-4, 10-2 CCHA) defeated the Mavericks 5-4 Friday and 5-0 Saturday to win their sixth and seventh straight games and bypass an idle Miami and a Michigan team that split two games with Ohio State.

In Friday's series opener, Notre Dame came from three

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Irish junior forward Garrett Regan skates up ice in Notre Dame's 5-4 win over Nebraska-Omaha Friday.