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Exams add stress to the holidays

National study suggests students underprepared for class, finals; have other priorities

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

According to a national survey, studying and preparing for class is not high on many students' to do list, and as finals approach, this leaves many students feeling nauseous at the thought of exams.

The most recent National Survey of Student Engagement, released last month, reported that about one in five students frequently come to class without completing readings or assignments — just one example of being underprepared.

That may or may not be the case at Notre Dame, according to Learning Resource Center (LRC)

director Nahid Erfan. She said that students at Notre Dame are typically "motivated and hard working."

But with final exams looming in the days ahead, many students reported feeling overwhelmed by coursework, especially exams.

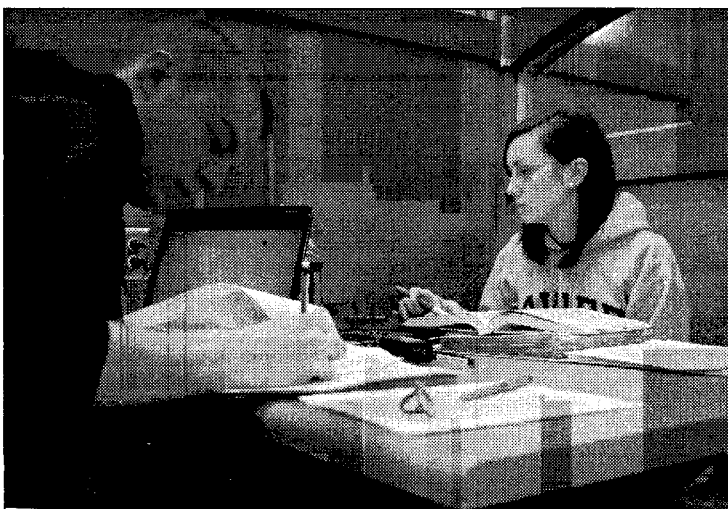
Senior Apurva Aslekar said he was "stressed" about the work he has to get done in the coming days.

"I have 45 pages to write by next Monday," he said.

Junior Gavin Green said that part of the stress is "the build up at the end of the semester" that really makes things difficult.

"Usually when it's more spread

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Seniors Nick Ward and Kristine Murphy study in the basement of the Hesburgh Library to prepare for finals.

JESS LEE/The Observer

NDSP to offer free winter storage

Service will be available for bikes, cars and off-campus valuables beginning on Dec. 18



Bikes are left in the snow on South Quad. After Dec. 18, students will be able to store bikes in Notre Dame Stadium for the winter.

JESS LEE/The Observer

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) are offering free winter storage for both on and off campus students, relieving them of worry about the safety of their items.

NDSP offers three different storage areas for current Notre Dame students.

Starting Dec. 18, students will have the opportunity to store their bikes in Gate D of the football stadium. They can drop their bikes off between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The release date for when the bikes will be available for pick-up is yet to be determined, but there is also an option of pick-up by appointment.

For students who will be leaving their cars on campus over the winter break, they can store their vehicles in the D2 South Parking Lot. After 5 p.m. on Dec. 20, the area will be locked and will reopen Sunday Jan. 11 at 9 a.m.

NDSP requested that students remove all personal belongings from the car and certify that it is locked before leaving.

As with the bike storage, there is

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

CLC passes Transfer-O resolution

Weekend would focus more on student life

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

The Campus Life Council unanimously passed its second resolution of the year Monday, calling for Student Affairs to play an active role in Transfer Orientation.

Meg MacCaughy, chair of the Task Force on New Student Introduction to Notre Dame, said the resolution seeks to encourage greater involvement of Student Affairs in the orientation. Currently, the Office of Admissions organizes the program.

"We feel that it has a great academic focus," MacCaughy said of the current format, "but not as much the student life portion of it ... and that's what we're really trying to target."

The resolution asks Fr. Mark Poorman, the vice president of Student Affairs, to consider creating a review committee to see how Transfer Orientation might better integrate the resources of his office, including the Office of Residence Life and Student Activities.

Council members questioned whether the task force wanted to change the format to be more like Frosh-O. Some transfer students have expressed concerns that the program would be too much like

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Students present on social change

Returned volunteers cite health, education, language as causes of hardship

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Barriers to health, education and language, as well as the corrupting influences of racism and sexism, cause economic hardship and social tension in the developing world, according to the 13 Notre Dame students who presented at the "Cultural Differences and Social Change Student Forum" Monday night.

Senior Caitlin Ivester taught English at a high school in the mountains of Costa Rica for two months this past summer. She recalled explaining to her students why it was important for them to learn English.

"As I spoke I realized that my

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Kerry McGuire, who volunteered in Oaxaca, Mexico this summer, speaks at Monday's "Cultural Differences and Social Change" forum.

JESS LEE/The Observer

Senior sponsors meal for homeless

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Thanks to a Saint Mary's senior, students were not the only ones able to enjoy the Noble Family Dining Hall's annual Student Christmas and Feast of the Immaculate Conception holiday dinner last night.

About 35 guests, including babies and children, attended the event from the Center for the Homeless in downtown South Bend.

Senior Theresa Klinkhammer brought the idea to Carrie Call, the director for the Office of Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE). The OCSE is a resource center for the College with infor-

mation on community service, one-time volunteer events, service-learning, special speakers and events relating to community engagement.

"Theresa was the one with the idea for the dinner and I thought it was a great opportunity for us to share our bounty," Call said.

Klinkhammer, a resident assistant in Regina Hall, sent an e-mail to her residents letting them know that the guests would arrive on campus at 5 p.m. and inviting them to attend the dinner. Call sent an e-mail informing the student body of the event as well.

Call told students that they

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INSIDE COLUMN

Fearing winter in the Bend?

I can't remember experiencing a winter without snow. I allegedly lived in the South as an infant, courtesy of an Air Force dad, but if I lived through a winter without loads of that fluffy white stuff, I've chosen to block it out of my memory. I've been a proud resident of New Hampshire for the past fourteen years — well, when I'm not living in the Bend — and even if there's no snow on Christmas day, you can safely have faith that the good stuff will come eventually. There's skiing, sledding and snow-trekking to be had, and it's all pretty wonderful.

Analise Lipari

Scene Editor

Snow has blanketed campus as well, and I couldn't be happier. I love that crunch underfoot as I cross snow-laden sidewalks, and the twinkle that lingers on your eyelashes after the flurries have melted. There's nothing like making snow angels, or having snowball fights (unless you get one of those back-of-the-neck-and-down-the-collar snowball hits that gives you a head cold. Boo).

Well, at least during fall semester. As I look around a campus clothed in white fluff, I can't help feeling a slight sense of dread. Like the ethanol perma-cloud that blankets our skyline in a weird, light-orange haze, the dread of what's to come has me spooked.

What's got me so concerned? The threat of February.

I know, I should enjoy the moment and not freak out about the future. (I've tried to apply that logic to my senior year, by the way, and have soundly failed.) But if there's one thing that can dampen my campus reverie, it's the spring semester winter blues.

You know what I'm talking about — or, if you're freshmen, you will. I don't mean more snow in general. I'm talking about the oppressive cold, bone-chilling winds and tundra-like feel to campus that settles in during that second month of the year.

You'll recognize its arrival. People start complaining of backaches from walking bent-over across the South Quad wind tunnel. You'll start making fish faces whenever you come in from the cold, trying to establish feeling in your facial muscles. All semblance of a social life beyond your dorm, your classes and your occasional trips for food will cease, unless you, brave soul, dare to trek into the wild.

I decided to go abroad last spring for a variety of reasons: academic concerns, timing issues, et cetera. But I'd be lying if I said I didn't want to skip out on spring semester winter blues. Turns out that it rarely snows in London, and the only time I experienced real "winter" weather while I was abroad was during a canyon-jumping excursion in the Swiss Alps (which was, by the way, totally ballin').

Did I miss the winter weather? Sure — I'd be a fool to complain about the joys of snow.

But did I miss February on campus? Heck no.

Ultimately, the weather is what you make of it: vow to stay positive, and you will. Me, I'm just trying to enjoy the beauty of the moment, because it will inevitably end too soon.

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

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CORRECTIONS

The Observer misspelled "The Aidan Project" in Monday's paper. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO AFFECT SOCIAL CHANGE?



Katie Shakour

senior
off-campus

"And on Wednesdays, we wear pink."



Sarah Lyons

senior
Lewis

"Dismantling the patriarchy."



Julian Corona

sophomore
St. Ed's

"Nothing."



Mary DeAgostino

senior
Lewis

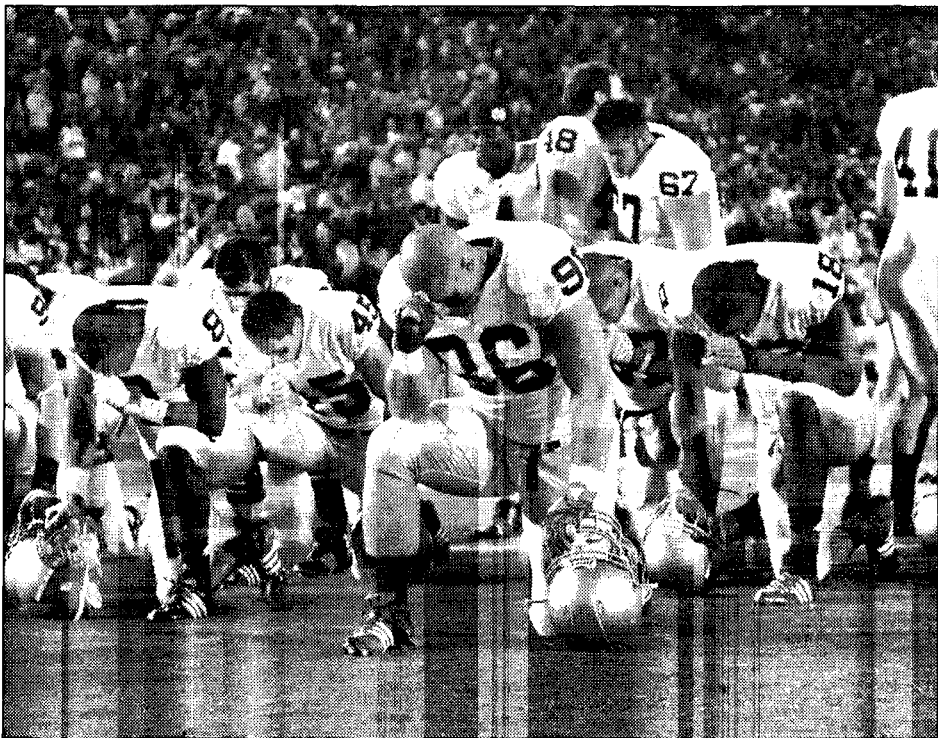
"Practicing my Lauren Kummer impressions, and researching women's sexuality and HIV."



Caroline Shakour

sophomore
Welsh Fam

"I proudly brew Starbucks coffee."



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Defensive end Pat Kuntz (96) and the Irish football team pray before their Nov. 29 game at USC. Notre Dame will take on Hawaii Dec. 24 in the Hawaii Bowl.

OFFBEAT

Nagging wife, sausage help man win lottery

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A "nagging" wife who pushed her husband to buy a lottery ticket helped scoop the \$4.2 million (\$7.7 million New Zealand dollar) first prize — with only minutes to spare. The man from New Zealand's biggest city, Auckland, bought his ticket just two minutes before ticket sales closed Saturday night.

"My wife had been nagging me all week to get a ticket, so I when saw the Lotto sign ... I sprinted in to get the ticket before

they closed," said the man, who asked not to be identified — normal practice among lottery winners in New Zealand.

"I must have been their last customer of the night," he said, adding that the young married couple had had a "rough" couple of years, reduced to one income after having children.

"Butt Bandit" gets 13 months in jail

VALENTINE, Neb. — A man dubbed the "Butt Bandit" for making greasy imprints of his nether parts on windows

in the north-central Nebraska city of Valentine has been sentenced to more than a year in jail. Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott says police caught 35-year-old Thomas Larvie in the act on Nov. 19.

Scott says Larvie was sentenced Thursday to 13 1/2 months in jail after being convicted of eight misdemeanor counts of public indecency and one of disturbing the peace.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A public talk on "American Politics: A New Era?" is taking place Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Intercultural Studies Auditorium of the Hesburgh Center. Dr. William Kristol will be speaking on the impact of the recent election.

The 6th annual Christmas at the CoMo featuring the ND Celebration Choir and Instrumentalists will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center. The event will feature reflections on Christmas traditions by ND international students. A freewill offering will support the Holy Cross Missions in Haiti.

SIBC will host a Cambodian dinner Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFortune Student Center. The club will sell food to benefit Cambodian dinner. The donation is \$5 and all are welcome to attend.

The special lecture "What and When was the Christmas Star? An astrophysics perspective" will be given by Grant Mathews, professor of physics, in the Jordan Hall of Science Digital Visualization Theater. The event, held on Friday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. is sponsored by Department of Physics.

Glee Club will perform its annual Christmas Concert Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Leighton Concert Hall of DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students and proceeds will benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
HIGH	37	32	27	32	30	39
LOW	27	27	22	25	25	34

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Woo speaks on business education

Dean emphasizes importance of broader role of industry in society

Special to The Observer

Carolyn Y. Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean and Ray and Milann Siegfried Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, was a presenter at the first Global Forum for Responsible Management Education, held Dec. 4 and 5 at the United Nations headquarters in New York City.

In her remarks during an address to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as part of the global forum, Woo urged attendees to refocus business education away from a too-narrow agenda of wealth-creation for owners only to a broader perspective considering the role of business in solving the pressing global issues of poverty, disease and conflict.

"In subtle but undeniable ways, through our focus and content, we have let our students walk away from the bigger picture and the big responsibilities," Woo said. "As we go forward, let it not be our negligence that we continue to foster an attitude of disconnectedness from the common good, a disconnectedness that sows the seeds of unbridled self-interest."

Attended by senior administrators from more than 150 academic institutions around the world, the forum provided a platform to advance the concept of corporate responsibility and sustainability in management education.

At the close of her address, Woo also requested of the secretary-general two hours of programming time to further engage business school deans on this message. Immediately after the conference, Ban sent word to the dean that her request was granted.

The forum in particular centered on the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), a U.N.-backed global initiative developed to promote corporate responsibility and sustainability in business education. Woo spearheaded an international task force of 60 deans, university presidents and official representatives of leading business schools who developed the initiative, which was launched under the patronage of Ban in July 2007.

Participating institutions, including the Mendoza College, make a commitment to align their mission and strategy, as well as their core competencies — education, research and thought leadership — with U.N. values embodied by the six PRME principles. Actions encouraged under the initiative's framework include curriculum development around the corporate responsibility agenda and research in support of sustainable management systems, as well as public advocacy and opinion leadership to advance responsible business practices. Currently, more than 175 business schools have endorsed the initiative.

PRME is part of the U.N. Global Compact, a strategic policy initiative for businesses that are committed to aligning their operations and strategies with 10 universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption.

"PRME is an important counterpoint to the direction that business education has taken over the last 60 years," said Woo, who added that the current analytical framework often turns human endeavors into competitive battles that glorify a winner-take-all mentality. In contrast, she described how PRME and the U.N. Global Compact re-orders priorities, shifting attention to the fundamental canons of human communities.

"First, human rights takes precedence over all other interests. As such, economic enterprises must serve people and uphold these rights, not the other way around," Woo said. "Second, as a community, by definition, we flourish and advance collectively, not individually." This last point calls for "mutuality," a balance between what a person or organization takes and what is given back.

Keane named director of Executive Education

Special to The Observer

Sharon E. Keane has been named the director of Executive Education of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame.

Keane will provide strategic direction to the Executive MBA programs in South Bend and Chicago, as well as executive non-degree programs, which include custom, online, international and open-enrollment offerings.

"The deeply rooted mission of Executive Education at Notre Dame has always been to prepare individuals for new levels of leadership that emphasizes not only work performance but also personal integrity and responsibility to the greater community," Keane said. "I'm excited to be carrying forward this tradition."

In her new role, Keane also will be responsible for overseeing the transition to a new Executive Education center. Notre Dame recently received a \$20 million gift from alumnus Ralph C. Stayer, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Johnsonville Sausage, for the construction of the new center just south of the business school.

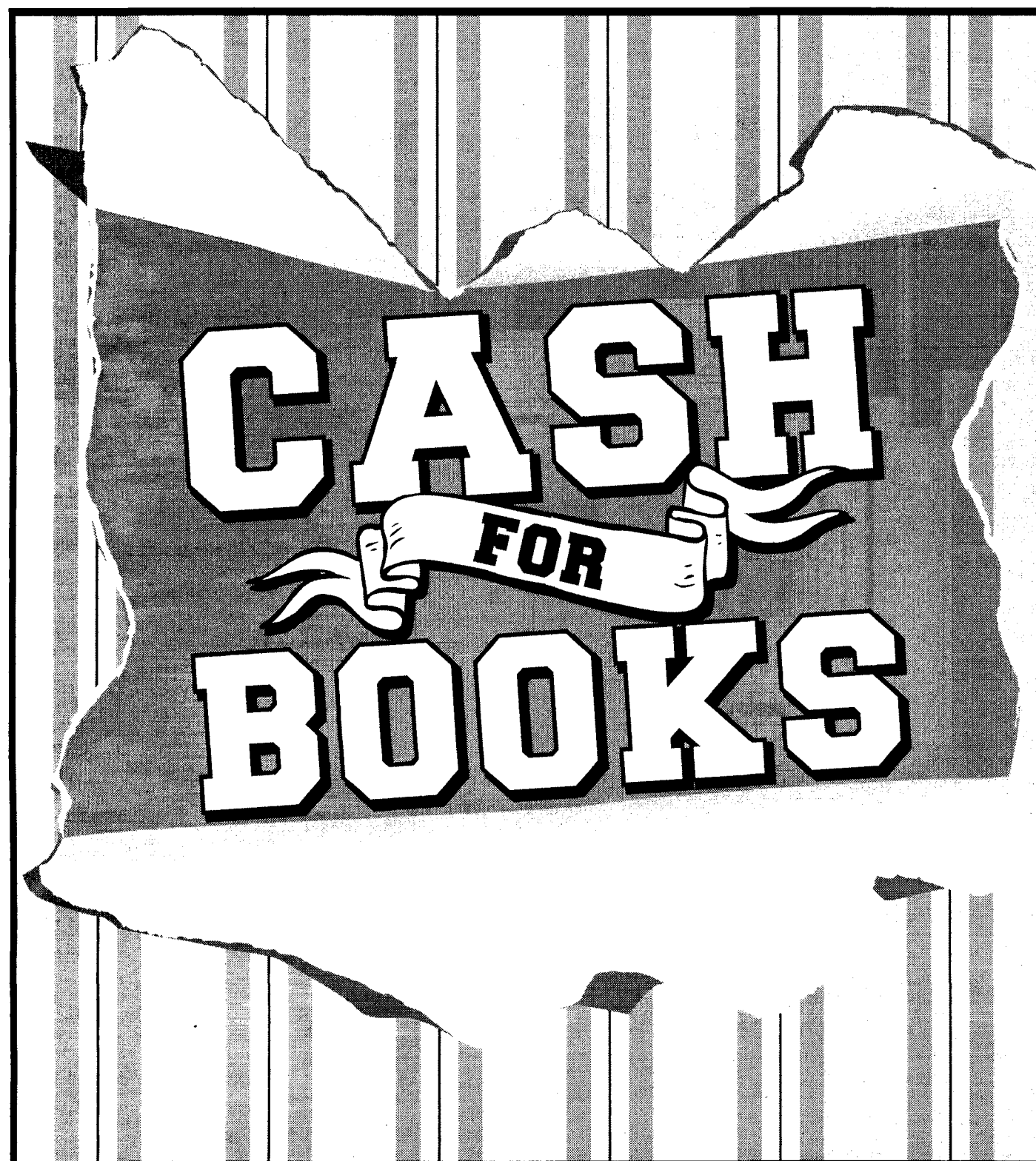
Keane joined the Executive Education program in August 2000, focusing primarily on developing custom programs, which earned a BusinessWeek ranking of 15th among Executive Education custom programs worldwide in 2007.

Previously, Keane was a vice president of South Bend, Ind.-based Corporate Staffing Resources. She also worked for the federal government for nine years in policy analysis, sales and consulting positions, and served as a legislative assistant to Sen. Hank Brown, R-Colorado.

Keane earned a bachelor's degree in the Program of Liberal Studies from Notre Dame and a master's degree in public administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School.

"Sharon brings to the position a strong understanding of the challenges faced by executives seeking additional education, particularly in today's ever-more complex global business environment," said Carolyn Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College.

Founded in 1980, Notre Dame Executive Education provides leaders in the executive and management ranks the opportunity to develop and strengthen their leadership abilities and business acumen skills with an emphasis on values-based principles in keeping with the Notre Dame mission. Today, Executive Education offers degree as well as non-degree programs in South Bend and Chicago, awarding about 120 MBA degrees annually and delivering programs throughout the United States and abroad.



BUYBACK LOCATIONS

Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore

December 11 - 19
8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

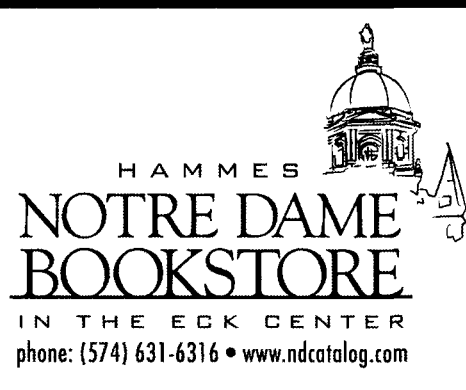
North Dining Hall

December 15 - 19
10:00AM - 7:00PM
(No Saturday or Sunday)

South Dining Hall

December 15 - 19
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
(No Saturday or Sunday)

Make the holidays a little greener



Exams

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out during the course of the semester it isn't as bad," Green said.

Junior Bridget Tully agreed that the end of the semester is the hardest "when you have to cram everything in."

"I think you have to get things done, no matter what. It'll get done. It just might not be the best work you would have done with more time," she said.

Erfan said that students often lack enough time to study, and may mismanage the time they do have.

"It's a little bit of both," she said. "Many students, especially first year students, have not perfected their skills for managing time well."

Other students just don't have enough hours in the day to do it all.

"There are many students who have excellent time management skills, and are still unable to complete all assignments," she said. "They simply do not have enough time between classes, meetings, meals and other commitments."

The national study, based on surveys earlier this year of close to 380,000 college students, said that students spend about 3.5 hours a week preparing for each class, about half what instructors expect from a

typical student.

Erfan said that it is normal for professors to expect more from students.

"Higher expectations promote learning," she said.

For those feeling stressed and underprepared for their finals, Erfan offered some suggestions to students as they approach exam week.

"First, [students] should not panic," she said. "Second, they should take full advantage of the resources the University ... has to offer."

Erfan said students should start by arranging a meeting with their instructors to get a better idea about their situation, and to find out what resources are available.

She also said not to "blame yourself" for past mistakes, but instead to correct them. This includes reviewing midterms, tests and other assignments.

"Consider the final as the last opportunity to learn what the course is all about," she said. "This way you remove some of the exam stress since you place the focus ... on learning."

When the final arrives, students should remain calm and prepare by taking care of themselves.

"Go to the exam room on time and in good physical and mental state," Erfan said. "Eating well and sleeping well during exams week can help."

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also an option for early pick-up. Students must call NDSP and have proper identification in order to exercise this option.

Students who live off campus have the option of storing items like electronics, musical instruments and other items of great value with NDSP.

The drop off for these items will take place in the second floor of the Hammes Mowbray Hall in the Investigations room.

Students have the option of dropping off their belongings Wednesday from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. During final exams week, there will also be drop-off times available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Pick-up times for these items will be offered every day during the first week of the second semester. In addition, there will also be pick-up times on Wednesday, Jan. 14 and Thursday, Jan. 15.

In order to use this method of storage, students must box their items and have their name clearly printed on the box. Students must also bring their student IDs when dropping off and picking up the items.

Questions about storage for off-campus students should be addressed to NDSP officer Keri Kei Shibata at kshibata@nd.edu.

For more information about bike storage, students can call e-mail Cappy Gagnon at rgagnon@nd.edu

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Forum

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own answer to that question didn't seem significant," she said. "Most of them would not travel outside Costa Rica."

Ivester said that "larger forces were at work," since, she said, local education initiatives are affected by the global economy. Because Costa Rica is commercially dependent on English-speaking countries, she said, the government mandates that English is a central part of the curriculum.

Many of the students who presented on the international service projects they completed over the summer reported their findings in the

larger context of their host region's cultural history and global economics.

Senior Mary DeAgostino worked for the Global Service Corps' AIDS

education program in Tanzania while also conducting anthropology research. She found that perceptions about gender roles have led to a high infection rate among women.

She proposed gender equality and increased education as part of a solution to the spread of the disease.

"General women's empowerment can spill over into sexual decision making," she said.

The problem with one of the major AIDS education programs is its focus on fidelity in marriage as a solution, DeAgostino said.

"Being faithful requires two people and that's not something you can control as a married person," she said.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, senior Casey Engelbert spent time at a prison for female foreigners. He said that many of the women came from South Africa and were imprisoned for smuggling small quantities of drugs into the country.

"A lot of these prisoners are mothers," he said. "Their motherhood is the number one reason why they decided to smuggle drugs."

He said they are motivated by "desperation and love of their families" to help make ends meet. Engelbert said the drug lords

employ these women as "scape-goats," knowing that they will be arrested when they arrive at the Sao Paulo airport. They tip off the authorities so that when the women are arrested, the smugglers who do carry large quantities of contraband escape attention from the police.

Senior Emily Newport focused on "the disconnect between government directives and the local implementation of health initiatives" in Urubamba, Peru that has kept hepatitis-B vaccination programs from working effectively.

Scarcity of resources is not the main problem, Newport said, but rather, programs should attempt to negotiate cultural attitudes and misunderstandings about medicine.

"People didn't want the vaccine because they were afraid that it might cause their child to die," she said.

Senior Kerry McGuire worked in Oaxaca, Mexico over the summer to help reintroduce the plant amaranth into the populace's diet.

High in fiber, protein and calcium,

the crop is easier to grow than corn and helps to prevent birth defects, but it was all but eliminated from the region when Spanish colonialists destroyed fields because of the plant's use in native religious rituals, McGuire said.

Senior Jonathan Kennedy traveled to Bugembe, Uganda to help with a local program that partnered with the Foundation for Sustainable Development.

He criticized development programs of recent decades that have attempted to stimulate growth by providing funds to governments and counting on official leadership to implement policies effectively. According to Kennedy, directly helping the communities and building trust with the people who need help is the best model.

"Empowerment at the grassroots level is the most essential element for development," he said.

Students Tiffany Nelson, Sarah Miller, Brendan Apfeld, Casey Robinson, Lauren Kummer, Kerry McGuire, Ellen Rolfes and Joe Demott also gave presentations on their summer service projects abroad.

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Frosh-O, which they feel wasn't appropriate for transfers who already have college experience.

"We're trying to not necessarily have a freshman orientation for them," MacCaughey said. "Having said that, there are definitely aspects of freshman orientation that could be brought into transfer orientation."

MacCaughey said things like getting to know your rector and dorm better would be examples of what they would like to see.

Council member Sr. Sue Dunn, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, said that the resolution is "offered in the spirit of utilizing the rich resources — including people — that we have." The various departments within Student Affairs could contribute greatly to the orientation, she said.

"We've created a resolution that we hope will enhance the lives of transfer students," MacCaughey said.

Student Body President Bob Reish said that he would create a cover letter and submit the resolution to Poorman this week.

In other CLC news:

u Nicole O'Connor, the student government parliamentarian and chair of the Task Force on Student Safety said her task force has spoken with the Office of the University Architect about concerns about safety and lighting near Ryan Hall, the newest women's dorm on campus. She said administrators were aware of concerns.

u O'Connor said meetings are ongoing regarding creation of the off-campus Web site. The content is being finalized in the coming weeks, and student government — in conjunction with the Office of Student Affairs — hopes to launch the site in February.

u Student body vice president Grant Schmidt, chair of the Task Force on Technology and Study Spaces in Dorms, said his task force will continue to investigate the increased use of Google Calendars throughout campus next semester. The group is also investigating the use of study spaces across campus, with the help of the Office of Student Affairs.

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ATTENTION: DON'T MISS OUT:

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AN ABSOLUTE MUST-SEE TV: WEDNESDAYS, ABC, 10:00 P.M. EST.

WITH A STELLAR CAST OF ACCLAIMED, AND SEXY, ACTORS: WILLIAM BALDWIN [OF "BACKDRAFT" FAME & A GREAT NOTRE DAME FAN], PETER KRAUSE, DONALD SUTHERLAND [OF "MASH" the Movie & KIEFER SUTHERLAND FAME], JILL CLAYBURGH & BLAIR UNDERWOOD.

TUNE IN AND GET "SEDUCED" BY THE FILTHY AND WEALTHY "DARLING" FAMILY OF MANHATTAN.

[FICTION, OF COURSE,—OR, IS IT??@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@]

This Message Approved By the Newly-Elected New York Senator Patrick Darling—or, is it??@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@\$\$@

Dinner

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could help welcome to guests to Saint Mary's by eating with them at tables reserved in the West Wing of the Dining Hall.

While students attending the Holiday Dinner had to swipe a meal from their meal plan to enter the Dining Hall, tickets were made available for those living off-campus to attend for free.

Many students gave the guests a warm welcome, helping families with childcare as parents enjoyed the candlelit dinner until around 6 p.m. when the families moved to Regina Hall. Call said about half the families would attend a Vespers, or evening prayer, service for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Advent.

The other half went to the Regina North Lounge to play games with students, Call said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Greek riots continue for third day

ATHENS, Greece — Gangs of youths smashed their way through central Athens, Thessaloniki and other Greek cities Monday, torching stores, buildings and cars in the third day of mayhem after the fatal police shooting of a teenager.

In the country's worst rioting in decades, dozens of shops, banks and even luxury hotels had their windows smashed and burned as youths fought running battles with riot police. Black smoke rose above the city center, mingling with clouds of tear gas. Broken glass littered the streets.

High school and university students joined self-styled anarchists in throwing everything from fruit and coins to rocks and Molotov cocktails at police and attacked police stations throughout the day.

Taliban vows increase violence

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban's fugitive leader said the planned increase in U.S. troops in Afghanistan will give his fighters incentive to kill and maim more Americans than ever.

Mullah Omar, who is believed to be sheltered by fiercely conservative tribesmen on the Afghan-Pakistan border, said battles would "flare up" everywhere.

"The current armed clashes, which now number into tens, will spiral up to hundred of armed clashes. Your current casualties of hundreds will jack up to thousand casualties of dead and injured," said the statement, which was written in broken English and posted on a Web site Sunday that has previously carried militant messages.

Violence in Afghanistan has spiked in the last two years, and 2008 has been the deadliest year for U.S. troops since the 2001 invasion to oust the Taliban for hosting al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden.

NATIONAL NEWS

Military jet crashes, kills three

SAN DIEGO — A fighter jet returning to a Marine base after a training exercise crashed in flames in a San Diego neighborhood Monday, killing three people on the ground, leaving one missing and destroying two homes.

The pilot of the F/A-18D Hornet jet ejected safely just before the crash around noon at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Explosions rocked a neighborhood of half-million-dollar homes, sending flames and plumes of smoke skyward.

"The house shook; the ground shook. It was like I was frozen in my place," said Steve Krasner, who lives a few blocks from the crash. "It was bigger than any earthquake I ever felt."

Calling in gay to work is latest protest

SAN FRANCISCO — Some same-sex marriage supporters are urging people to "call in gay" Wednesday to show how much the country relies on gays and lesbians, but others question whether it's wise to encourage skipping work given the nation's economic distress.

Organizers of "Day Without a Gay" — scheduled to coincide with International Human Rights Day and modeled after similar work stoppages by Latino immigrants — also are encouraging people to perform volunteer work and refrain from spending money.

LOCAL NEWS

Puruse auctions off naming of species

INDIANAPOLIS — Searching for a truly one-of-a-kind holiday gift, one that could bestow a bit of immortality on a loved one or a friend?

If so, Purdue University has the goods: The school is auctioning the naming rights to seven newly discovered bats and two turtles. Winning bidders will be able to link for the ages a relative, friend — or even themselves — to an animal's scientific name.

The first of the nine auctions began Monday when the school put up for grabs the naming rights to a tiny gold and black insect-munching bat found in Central America.

9/11 masterminds plan to confess

Five men seek to formally confess, throwing Gitmo 9/11 trials into confusion

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Khalid Sheikh Mohammed said Monday he will confess to masterminding the Sept. 11 attacks, throwing his death-penalty trial into disarray and shocking victims' relatives who watched from behind a glass partition.

Four other men also abandoned their defenses, in effect daring the Pentagon to grant their wish for martyrdom. The judge ordered lawyers to advise him by Jan. 4 whether the Pentagon can apply the death penalty — which military prosecutors are seeking — without a jury trial.

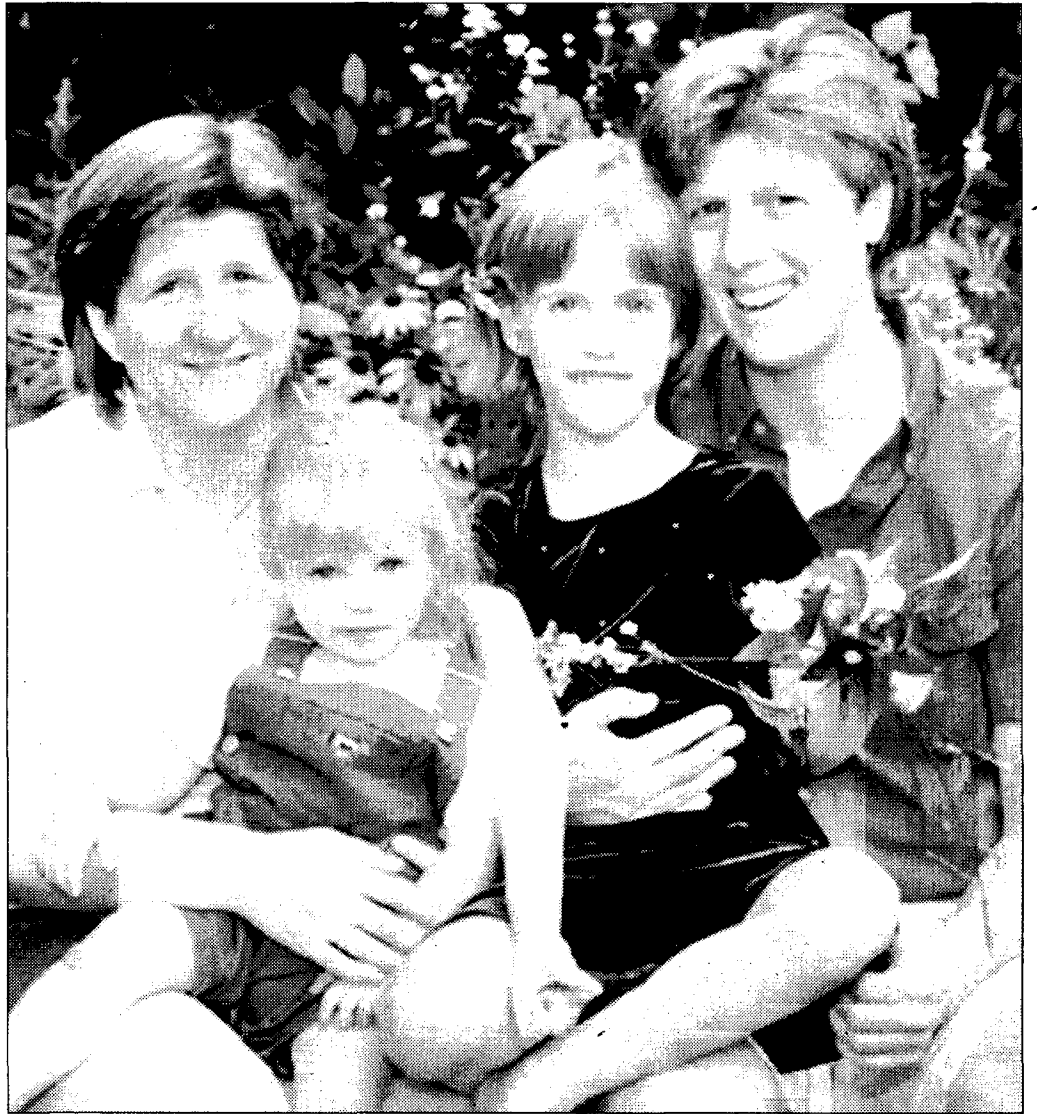
"When they admitted their guilt, my reaction was, 'Yes!' My inclination was to jump up and say 'Yay!' But I managed to maintain my decorum," said Maureen Santora, of Long Island City, New York, whose firefighter son Christopher died responding to the World Trade Center attacks.

Santora was one of nine victims' relatives watching the proceedings, the first time relatives of the 2,975 people killed in the attacks have been allowed to observe the war-crimes trials. She watched from the back of the courtroom, wearing black and clutching a photo of her son in uniform.

Alice Hoagland of Redwood Estates, California, whose son Mark Bingham was on United Flight 93 whose passengers fought hijackers before it crashed in rural Pennsylvania, said the defendants should not be executed and become martyrs.

"They do not deserve the glory of executions," Hoagland said. "I want these dreadful people to live out their lives in a U.S. prison under the control of people they profess to hate."

In an about-face that appeared to take the court by complete surprise, the five men announced they



Dawn and Jen Barbou-Roske, pictured here with their two daughters in Iowa City, Iowa, are plaintiffs in a challenge against Iowa's ban on same-sex marriage.

were abandoning their attempts to mount a vigorous defense and instead requested "an immediate hearing session to announce our confessions."

However, that didn't mean they had repented.

"I reaffirm my allegiance to Osama bin Laden," Ramzi Binalshibh blurted out in Arabic at the end of the hearing. "I hope the jihad continues and I hope it hits the heart of America with weapons of mass destruction."

Hamilton Peterson, of Bethesda, Maryland, and whose father and stepmother died on United 93, said the defendants showed a

"complete lack of contrition" and deserved to be executed.

The formal confessions were delayed, however, when the judge said two of the defendants couldn't enter pleas until the court determines their mental competency. The other three said they would wait as well. "Our plea request was based on joint strategy," said defendant Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali.

In a letter read aloud by the judge, the defendants implied they want to plead guilty, but did not specify whether they will admit to specific charges.

Their letter was so unex-

pected that the judge, Army Col. Stephen Henley, was unsure how to proceed. He noted that the law specifies that only defendants unanimously convicted by a jury can be sentenced to death in the tribunals. No jury has been seated.

"It seemed like a real bombshell to me," said

She told reporters that she hoped President-elect Barack Obama, "an even-minded and just man," would ensure the five men are punished, though she stressed that wouldn't heal the loss of her son.

"I do not seek closure in my life," she said, blinking back tears.

PAKISTAN

Suspected Mumbai plotter arrested

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Troops raided a militant camp and arrested a suspected mastermind of the Mumbai attacks, Pakistan's first reported response to U.S. and Indian demands for action against alleged plotters on its soil, officials said Monday.

The arrest in Pakistani Kashmir of Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi could signal the beginning of a wider crackdown aimed at reducing tensions between the nuclear-armed neighbors and satisfying Washington.

Lakhvi is allegedly a member of Lashkar-e-Taiba, a banned group blamed for other attacks on its soil. Analysts say it was created in the 1980s by Pakistan's intelligence agencies to act as a proxy fighting force in Indian Kashmir.

Many analysts suspect elements within Pakistan's intelligence agencies keep some links with Lashkar and other militants, either to use against India or in neighboring Afghanistan, but U.S. counterterrorism officials say there is no evidence linking Pakistan state agencies to the Mumbai attacks.

The United States says Lashkar is linked to al-Qaida. In May, the U.S.

blocked the assets of Lakhvi and three other alleged members of the group, including its leader, Hafiz Mohammed Saeed.

Indian officials in New Delhi and Islamabad were not available for comment.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack did not confirm Lakhvi's arrest, but said the reported raid was a "positive step."

India says the 10 gunmen who killed 171 people in the country's financial hub on Nov. 26-29 were Pakistani members of Lashkar-e-Taiba. Washington said Sunday the attack was planned in Pakistan.

Defense leaders: Marines to shift from Iraq to Afghanistan

International think tank estimates that the Taliban has "permanent presence" in nearly three-quarters of country

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There is a growing consensus among defense leaders to send a substantial contingent of Marines to Afghanistan, probably beginning next spring, while dramatically reducing their presence in western Iraq, the top Marine general told The Associated Press on Monday.

Gen. James Conway, the Marine Corps commandant, said in an interview that Marine units tentatively scheduled to go to Iraq next spring are already incorporating some training for Afghanistan into their preparations.

He said he has had discussions with Defense Secretary Robert Gates, and believes the Pentagon chief "would not object to the idea of a fairly strategic shift of focus of Marines from Iraq to Afghanistan."

"I don't want to put words in his mouth," said Conway, who has made no secret of his belief that Marines could be put to better use fighting in Afghanistan than their current peacekeeping, nation-building mission in Iraq. Gates understands, he said, "my public stance on the fact that we can be better used elsewhere. And he certainly hasn't told me to pipe down. So I like to think he understands the logic of it."

At the same time, Conway

said that when the 22,000 Marines in Iraq's Anbar province leave, he believes they should all go, and not leave training teams behind.

More than a year ago, when early discussions of sending more Marines to Afghanistan became public, Gates signaled opposition to the idea, preferring to maintain the concentration on Iraq.

At that time, Conway said that Gates and others believed the timing wasn't right to shift the Marines out of Anbar province.

On Monday, however, Conway took a decidedly different tone.

"I just see that people have, over time, understood we don't want to take over Afghanistan, such as was rumored when we first started talking about a shift of forces," Conway said. Instead, he said officials now realize that the Marines are an expeditionary fighting force that is better suited to the Afghanistan battle.

Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell also signaled a more positive reaction from Gates.

"I think the secretary under-

stands the Marine's desire to be in the fight. And there certainly is more of a fight these days in Afghanistan than in Anbar," said Morrell. "But, as for the suggestion of the Marines pulling up stakes from Anbar and setting up camp in Afghanistan, there has been no such formal request made."

Morrell said that when a request to move specific units comes across Gates' desk, the secretary will consult commanders and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to determine the right course of action.

In an illustration of the growing challenge for the U.S. in

Afghanistan, an international think tank estimated in a report released Monday that the Taliban has a "permanent presence" in nearly three-quarters of the country. The International Council on Security and Development said the Taliban presence has grown from 54 percent of Afghanistan a year ago to 72 percent today.

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Geoff Morrell
Pentagon press secretary

The report described the Taliban as "the de facto governing power" in some towns and villages in southern Afghanistan, and it said the militant group has managed to advance into Afghanistan's western and northwestern provinces, as well as some areas north of Kabul, the capital.

Gen. David McKiernan, the commander of U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan, has said he needs up to 20,000 additional troops, including four combat brigades and thousands of support troops.

Other military leaders have cautioned, however, that they first need to build the infrastructure to accommodate the troops — including housing and helicopter pads.

Conway countered that the Marines could move in far more quickly because they don't need to wait for such logistical improvements.

"We're prepared to live austere for a time in order to take the fight to the enemy and build our infrastructure around us on deck," said Conway. "We have done that before, we can do it again."

Marine units generally enter combat with whatever resources they need, including their own combat aviation units and helicopters that would enable them to move through the mountainous terrain.

In particular, Conway said that there are serious problems in southern Afghanistan that the Marines can address. Insurgents there, he said, have lines into Pakistan, much like the Sunni Arab insurgents in Iraq's western Anbar province had remote passages from Syria, to move fighters and finances.

Gates has not yet approved additional forces for Afghanistan, but it's expected he may do that fairly soon. After that, military leaders will decide which units will go.

Conway said several Marine units will be moving into Iraq in January and February, and it is too late to redirect them to Afghanistan. Instead, he said another large turnover of units in Anbar around April could be shifted to Afghanistan if they are notified soon.

To plan for that possibility, Marines training at Twentynine Palms, Calif., are preparing for battle in both countries.

Asked about the expected cut in U.S. forces in Iraq, Conway acknowledged there's a running joke in the military that his Marines want to leave Iraq because there's not enough action there. Peacekeeping and nation-building — roles that troops are playing to a larger degree in Iraq now — are "not our forte," Conway said.

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Anheuser-Busch InBev to cut 1,400 jobs

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Anheuser-Busch InBev announced Monday it would cut some 1,400 U.S. jobs — or another 6 percent of its U.S. work force — to help save the world's largest brewer at least \$1.5 billion a year.

It said three-quarters of the jobs cut will disappear from Anheuser's North American headquarters in St. Louis, both at downtown offices and a campus in suburban Sunset Hills, Mo.

A letter employees received Monday said affected workers had not yet been notified, and they will likely be people who hold engineering, information technology and other corporate positions. Unionized workers at the company's 12 North American breweries will not be affected.

Laid-off workers seize factory in protest

CHICAGO — The nation's grim economy now has a rallying point: Employees at a window-and-door factory that went out of business have taken over the building in a siege that has come to symbolize the woes of the ordinary worker.

The Republic Windows and Doors factory closed abruptly last week after Bank of America canceled the company's financing. Since then, about 200 of the 240 laid-off workers have taken turns occupying the factory, declaring that they will not leave until getting assurances they will receive severance and accrued vacation pay.

But the standoff has also come to embody mounting anger over the government's willingness to bail out deep-pocketed corporations but not average people.

"There's a simplicity and straightforwardness to this particular case that anybody can wrap their head around," said James Thindwa, executive director for the Chicago office of Jobs With Justice, a national coalition of unions, community groups and other organizations.

Apolinar Cabrera, a 17-year Republic employee, lost his job and benefits just as his wife is about to deliver their third child.

"I don't know what to do," said Cabrera, 44, who worked in Republic's shipping department. He has been shuttling between the plant and home so he can check on his wife.

Congress proposes 15B auto bailout

Congress, Bush administration negotiate, are optimistic differences will be solved

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional Democrats and the White House worked to resolve their last disputes Monday over terms of a \$15 billion bailout for U.S. auto makers — complete with a "car czar" to oversee the industry's reinvention of itself — that's expected to come to a vote as early as Wednesday.

Top Democrats gave the White House their proposal for rushing short-term loans to Detroit's Big Three through a plan that requires that the industry remake itself in order to survive. The Bush administration gave a cool initial response, saying the measure didn't do enough to ensure that only viable companies would get longer-term federal help. Negotiators worked into the night Monday to resolve differences.

"We've made a lot of progress in recent days to develop legislation to help automakers restructure and achieve long-term viability," Dana Perino, the White House press secretary, said in a statement. "We'll continue to work with members on both sides of the aisle to achieve legislation that protects the good faith investment by taxpayers."

President George W. Bush himself said it was "hard to tell" if a deal was imminent because definite conditions had to be met. "These are important companies, but on the other hand, we just don't want to put good money after bad," he said in an interview with ABC's "Nightline."

Despite optimism on both sides that Congress and the White House could reach a swift agreement on the measure, it was still a tough sell on Capitol Hill.

"While we take no satisfaction in loaning taxpayer money to these companies, we know it must be done," said Senate Majority Leader



Rick Wagoner, GM CEO, along with the CEOs of Ford and Chrysler, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. on November 19, 2008.

Harry Reid, D-Nev. "This is no blank check or blind hope."

The bill puts a government overseer named by Bush — a kind of "car czar" — in charge of setting guidelines for an industry-wide overhaul, with the power to revoke the loans if the carmakers weren't taking sufficient steps to reinvent themselves.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the restructuring would require tough concessions from management, labor, creditors and others.

"We call this the barber-shop. Everybody's getting a

haircut here," Pelosi said.

Still, the White House said a preliminary look at the draft didn't appear to contain strict enough conditions to ensure that long-term financing would be available only to companies that could survive, according to officials who would comment on the continuing negotiations only on condition of anonymity.

The crux of the White House's concern is that there may not be enough clear, immediate protection for taxpayers if a company is not meeting its own promises for long-term viability after review by the

president's overseer. The latest proposal suggests Congress may have to get involved again in a few months and pass a law to force a company to stick to its own plan — a potentially unwieldy political step.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the House Financial Services Committee chairman who is leading negotiations on the measure, said he was optimistic that the differences could be resolved.

"There are a couple of specific issues to be negotiated. I think they can be worked out," Frank said Monday afternoon.

Major publisher files for bankruptcy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tribune Co. — owner of the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, Baltimore Sun and other dailies — filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Monday, the first major newspaper publisher to take such a step since the Internet plunged the industry into a desperate struggle for survival.

The media conglomerate was smothered by a drop-off in advertising and a crushing \$13 billion in debt from the company's takeover a year ago by Chicago real estate mogul Sam Zell.

Chapter 11 would buy the Tribune Co. time to put its finances in order. Analysts said the company will almost certainly have to sell off some of its major holdings — and that could prove extremely difficult because of the bad economy and the poor outlook for newspapers.

"When you look at the near term, prospects for the company and the industry are certainly not very bright," said Dave Novosel, an analyst with the Gimme Credit research firm.

Tribune Co. employees, who received an ownership stake in the company when Zell came in, could also see the value of their holdings wiped out.

Tribune Co., which has 20,000 employees, owns baseball's Chicago Cubs as well as 10 daily newspapers, including The Hartford (Conn.) Courant and the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel, cable channels and 23 TV stations. Its papers' total circulation of more than 2 million puts the Tribune Co. among the top three most-read newspaper groups nationwide.

Other newspaper companies have also struggled with heavy debt, a downturn in advertising and the loss of readers to the Internet, but the Tribune Co.

was something of a special case.

"Tribune's debt was so outsized and so disproportional to its cash flow compared to these other companies that it can be the sore thumb sticking out rather than an example of the industry," said Ken Doctor, media analyst with Outsell Inc.

Most of the company's debt comes from the complex deal engineered by Zell. The company's lending agreements require it to keep its debt at a certain point relative to its cash flow. Those deals became harder to meet as revenue declined because of the poor economy and competition from the Internet.

Although the Tribune Co.'s next major debt payment is not due until June, the company was in danger of missing the financial targets set by its lenders. The bankruptcy filing could give the Chicago-based company some time to press its lenders to ease their targets.

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Christmas messages

Each Christmas Day, the Pope delivers a message "Urbi et Orbi" to the City and the World. Last year, Benedict XVI said that at Christmas, "the great hope that brings happiness entered the world." Perhaps in his Urbi et Orbi this year, Benedict will sound again the Christmas note of hope. It would be familiar to the American people who have just elected a President who promises "change" through "the audacity of hope." That political hope, however, is different from the hope Benedict sees in the Christmas event.



Dr. Charles E. Rice

Right or Wrong?

In his 2007 annual Christmas address to Rome's university students, the Pope urged them to reflect on "the hope of the modern age" as described in his encyclical Spe Salvi ("In hope we were saved."). From the 17th century on, he said, "human progress" was seen as the work only of "science and technology." Reason and freedom were separated from God so as to construct the "kingdom of man ... in opposition to the kingdom of God." In this "materialistic concept ... changing the economic and political structures... could finally bring about a just society where peace, freedom and equality reign." The "fundamental error" in this, said Benedict, is that man is not merely the product of economic and social conditions. "[W]ithout ethical principles, science, technology and politics can be used, as ... still happens... for ... the harm of individuals and humanity."

Some changes promised by our president-elect could serve as Exhibit A for the truth of that last comment. Barack Obama not only pledges that "the first thing I'd do as President is sign the Freedom of Choice Act," which would remove all restrictions on the "fundamental right" to abortion. He also

strongly supports, and co-sponsored as a Senator, federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research (ESCR) beyond the limited funding allowed heretofore. Each embryo is a living human being. In ESCR, human embryos are produced, by cloning or otherwise, for the purpose of killing them by removing their stem cells which are then used for biomedical research. This is not only wrong in itself. It opens the door to the mass production of human beings as objects of science, the creation of "designer" human beings, etc.

In his 2002 book, "God and the World," Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Benedict XVI, discussed the description in Genesis 3 of the posting of angels east of Eden with flaming swords to keep man, after the Fall, from eating of the Tree of Life (p. 133-138). After the Fall, man was forbidden to eat of that tree which gave immortality, "since to be immortal in this [fallen] condition would ... be perdition." People are now, Ratzinger said, "starting to pick from the tree of life and make themselves lords of life and death, to reassemble life." "[P]recisely what man was supposed to be protected from is now actually happening: he is crossing the final boundary ... [M]an makes other men his own artifacts. Man no longer originates in the mystery of love, by ... conception and birth ... but is produced industrially, like any other product."

This is serious business, indeed. "[W]e can," said Ratzinger, "be certain of this: God will take action to counter an ultimate crime, an ultimate act of self-destruction, on the part of man. He will take action against the attempt to demean mankind by the production of slave-beings. There are indeed final boundaries we cannot cross without turning into the agents of the destruction of creation itself, without going far beyond the original sin and the first Fall and all its negative consequences."

In this presidential interregnum we already know that the "hope" offered by our political messiah includes the utilitarian abuses described above. In that "hope," man can be treated as an

object and the intentional killing of the innocent is an optional problem solving technique. Perhaps some Catholics, especially in the professoriate, will come to reconsider the enormity — and frivolity — of their voting into power a politician committed to the implementation of such a "hope."

Christmas tells a different story. Christmas overturned "the world-view of that time, which ... has become fashionable ... again today. It is not ... the laws of matter and of evolution that have the final say, but reason, will, love — a Person ... who in Jesus has revealed himself as Love." Spe Salvi (SS), No. 5.

The smart guys of the media, the academy, and the political world can't tell you where you came from, where you are going and how you get there. But "Christians ... have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness. Only when the future is certain as a positive reality [is it] possible to live the present as well." SS, No. 2. We know this by experience. We ask ourselves, "What's it all for?" We look for answers here but we know there has to be more. "[W]e need," said SS, "the greater and lesser hopes that keep us going day by day." But "anyone who does not know God, even though he may entertain all kinds of hopes, is ultimately without hope, without the great hope that sustains the whole of life." SS, No. 27.

So what is the lesson of Christmas? As Pope Benedict said last year, it gives us the "great hope" that is true. That hope transcends political counterfeits because the Person born at Christmas is, himself, Truth with a capital T. In him we "have a future." Merry Christmas.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it. Resist it, and your soul grows sick with longing for the things it has forbidden to itself."

Oscar Wilde
dramatist, novelist, poet

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts."

John Locke
philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks, women's soccer

On behalf of the entire Notre Dame community, I would like to thank the women's soccer team. Your season was an inspiring show of excellence that made everyone proud to be Irish. Throughout the year, you constantly demonstrated your fighting spirit by never becoming complacent. It was clear you were striving to improve every game, always hungry for improvement, which is a difficult level of effort to maintain when you're undefeated. Your first-class behavior on and off the field has made you well-respected and loved by your peers, and we are all so proud of you. The last game of your season didn't go as you planned; this does nothing to weaken the incredible performances that marked your entire year. Keep your heads up and be proud of yourselves. We are.

Caitlin Lynch
sophomore
Pasquerilla East
Dec. 7

Lies, fritters, and South

This past Thursday, I sat down with my tray and my Observer to relax a bit between classes and enjoy lunch. I surveyed the tray before me with very mild enthusiasm. The repetitiveness of the meals and my relatively picky taste in food had forced me to resort to peanut butter & jelly, Captain Crunch, yogurt, and an apple fritter. I can say that the only thing I was really looking forward to was the apple fritter, which only makes seldom appearances in the dessert section, especially considering it is forced to share playing time with the not as delicious cinnamon fritter. However, I also glanced at my dessert with a hint of skepticism as I worked through the main part of my food.

The thing is, this was probably the fifth or sixth time I had grabbed an apple fritter this year, and each and every time I have been met with no apple. I have even resorted on a few occasions to cutting my fritter in half before eating it in order to avoid disappointment. But on Thursday, I had some hope that I would not be disap-

pointed again. In the end, I was met with a feeling I have become very accustomed during football season: disappointment. The fritter was empty again. I don't know who to blame for this. Is it a case of false advertising by the dining hall, or are the fritter makers skimping on the filling? I don't even know if I am just incredibly bad at choosing fritters.

But I felt obliged to write this letter not only because I feel like I can make a difference but also because the running commentary about snowballs, Charlie Weis, and ND arrogance are bringing me down. In conclusion, I hope someone out there feels my pain and does something concrete about it. I, on the other hand, will keep hoping for more apple in my fritters and hopefully more of those cinnamon muffins that are far too rare.

Jack Vogel
sophomore
O'Neill
Dec. 8

Students' interests at mind

As Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies in the College of Arts and Letters, I would like to address the concerns that Eric Prister expressed in The Observer on December 4. In writing, I wish to reaffirm the Assistant Deans' commitment to helping undergraduates flourish while they are at Notre Dame and well after they graduate. We try to meet the needs of every student who comes to see us, whether it's about fulfilling a requirement or inquiring about the availability of funding for research, attending graduate or professional school, applying for post-graduate fellowships, finding the right study-abroad program, or acquiring an internship.

We would maintain that we have students' best interests in mind — as is the case when sophomores like Eric Prister ask for an overload. Over the years, we have seen any number of students make a similar request only to drop a class within a few weeks after a new semester begins. It is easy for students to feel overwhelmed by the demands of coursework and the other activities they participate in. Thus our response is to be a bit protective. We want to help students avoid getting in over their heads.

However, Eric makes the very legitimate point that the Assistant Deans should be willing to listen to students who may have a very good reason to depart from standard policy. There is

much at stake for each student. I met with Eric, and we were able to resolve the issue about which he wrote in The Observer.

Still, it is worth keeping in mind that the demands upon the Assistant Deans at the end of the semester can be pretty overwhelming because the requests we receive are so urgent. Students have exam conflicts that we try to resolve, we are doing graduation checks for students who plan to complete their degrees by the end of the semester, and we are trying to insure that students who are struggling can finish out the semester.

We also meet with many students who are trying to finalize their schedules. It would be unfair to allow students like Eric to overload before every student has an opportunity to complete their schedules. This is why we ask students who want to "overload" to wait until after a new semester begins.

I appreciate Eric Prister's concern that the Assistant Deans and I treat each student as an individual. This is what we strive to do in the Office for Undergraduate Studies. And this is what I think sets Notre Dame apart from other universities. We can always do better.

Stuart Green
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies
College of Arts and Letters
Dec. 8

Returning the mystique

Dear Editor,

I was watching a sports program this past weekend in which one of the talking heads proclaimed that in the minds of today's athletes, Notre Dame was no longer a special place to play football. While the reporter was a much older gentleman who seemed unlikely to know much about the inner thoughts of young athletes, his comment caught my attention.

To our critics, Notre Dame football is a privileged program living on past performance. The mystique that attracted a national following in the past is gone. And there really has been nothing special about the on-field performance in some time.

Maybe so, but I think the mystique goes much deeper than wins and losses. The spirit of those who went before us is real — perhaps in need of some nourishment, but real all the same. Notre Dame's mystique began in a time when religious affiliation mattered. Catholics perceived themselves as underdogs — the first Catholic President was not elected until 1960. Notre Dame, a small school, was also an underdog to bigger, wealthier programs. Yet, the Fighting Irish usually found a way to win, endearing the University to its fan base. I am told that when radio emerged as the internet of its day, Knute Rockne gave away the national broadcast rights to Notre Dame football for free. Nationwide broadcasts brought a

great product to the country and cemented the mystique in the minds of its fans.

Today, we are at a crossroads of sorts. It is uncomfortable to think that our critics have a point. Is Notre Dame still a special place to play football, or have we become too comfortable with benefits earned in the past? Here is a modest proposal for re-energizing the mystique to a national audience. Just as Notre Dame's football team has struggled, so too has Catholic education in America. Every year, underdog Catholic schools struggle to survive financially, while winning major victories in student performance, especially in poor urban areas.

The University should take a sheet from Knute Rockne's playbook and convert all of the revenue from the NBC contract into scholarships for poor kids to attend Catholic schools. This would remove a major criticism of the University and its football program, while building a whole new image of the Fighting Irish as champions of the underdog. While I am getting older as well, I think it would be truly special for any young person to know that they played or cheered for something more than their peers. Wake up the echoes.

Timothy Connors
alum
class of '97
Dec. 8

Comments on Weis

I enjoyed Ryan Shestak's letter Monday for its frankness about Weis. "...you'd have to say he's the exact opposite — an obese, foul-mouthed, uninspiring leader..." I graduated from ND the same year as Weis, although I started in 1970. While he grew up in New Jersey, I grew up in Wisconsin under the year of Lombardi. My junior year in high school our football team was in last place and my senior year we were first place. My football coach wanted me to go out for ND football even though I weighed 145 lbs and was slow.

I feel compelled to mention this in light of Ryan's main argument why Weis is not successful: "This is obviously the result of Charlie never having played football and therefore being unable to teach the fundamentals and intricacies of the game." The first year Weis was coaching in South Bend I was hosting a weekly hour long TV show through cable access with another ND alumnus. It was mentioned quite frequently during that fall season that Charlie could not be a successful head coach for three reasons. He has never played the game, and

like a Judo or karate teacher, he can not give out what he does not possess. Second, he is undisciplined personally as seen by his weight problem and therefore as head coach severely handicapped in instilling the discipline of tackling and blocking which Lombardi says makes up the core of what football is. Thirdly, at a Catholic university it is imperative that the coach be a role model spiritually. Lombardi and Holtz went to Mass almost every morning.

When I was attending ND it was understood by many serious Christians in the area that the diocesan bishop, Pursley, had said in private that Notre Dame was under the control of a dumb spirit called Titan, in Greek Colossae. (cf. The Institutes of Lactantius, Father of the Church) It is my belief that Notre Dame's obsession with trying to win football games is primarily a spiritual problem.

Peter Helland
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Dec. 8

It's such lonely space...

E-mail a Letter to the Editor to viewpoint.1@nd.edu



WINTER WARDROBE WONDERLAND








By JESS SHAFFER

Assistant Scene Editor

It's is undeniably that time of the week again. It's snowy and, windy and cold and simultaneously Uggs, Northfaces and sweats have become ubiquitous on Notre Dame's campus. The three "S's" are on the rise: sloppiness, shapelessness and sleepiness. It's an unfortunate development that we should just not settle for! Fashionistas on this campus deserve more than permanent ponytails, never ending stints of sweats, jeans and pjs and other tired looks. But you don't necessarily need a Paris size budget to manage a sharp, current, and exciting wardrobe. Here are some winter styling tips for those of us confined by student budgets and South Bend weather.

LAYERING LOVE

This might seem like the most obvious ND fashion advice ever. It's probably a message that has been crammed down your throat since Frosh-O. But that doesn't make it any less true. This is the easiest way to (a) stay warm and (b) make your summer pieces last longer. You save body heat and cash, who doesn't love that?

Summer tops, dresses, and skirts are all excellent candidates for your winter wardrobe. Simple, neutrals and cool tones are all ideal qualities to look for when trying to transition a piece from a sultry summer look to a chic winter style. Using these pieces, add tank tops, long sleeve tees, leggings, tights and sweaters build off your summer piece. The possibilities are endless, and it's easier than you'd think to create a completely new look. Break away from the heard and ignore Gap ads and American Eagle models, instead have some confidence and look through magazines for inspiration. Mix and match with confidence, and layering can be a novel way to stand out in a wintry crowd.

NOT SO STANDARD STAPLES

Scarves, mittens and hats are obvious choices — cute and comfy. It's nice when the elements coordinate, but not necessary. Overall, pick colorful, vibrant accessories, like a patterned hat, bright gloves and a funky scarf. Or combine neutrals like cream, grey, navy or tan.

But winter accessories do extend outside of the standards. Scarves are not just for cross campus treks. They can be used a nice accessory over sweaters and tees to change it up. Look in LaFun and check out the recent craft fairs (Haitian crafts are being sold tomorrow in the Sorin Room) and free trade sales. Sarongs can also be used as colorful, bright scarves. Just

because South Bend is bleak doesn't mean your wardrobe has to be. Scarves and accessories can provide the pop of color needed to keep your outlook bright.

NOT YOUR TREE'S TRIMMINGS

Deck your trees, but don't forget to deck yourself in shiny, fun baubles. Headbands, as per Blair Waldorf, are very in right now. But the trend does extend outside of preppy, clean-cut looks. If polo shirts and plaid float your boat than fat patterned or solid colored headbands are for you. If you're more on the trendy side, look for headbands with lace, sparkle, feathers, and vintage frill. Looks like this add interesting detail in an intricate but contained way.

Bold bracelets, earrings, and necklaces can also add some detail to tired looks. Bright, big accessories can hold their own against chunky sweaters and other heavier winter pieces. Once again sparkle, knit (yes knit, they make knit earrings and such), and vintage are crucial to sing a worthwhile accessory that is fresh.

BEYOND NORTHFACE AND UGG

This is clearly a beloved staple of the collegiate population, but there is a whole world to explore outside of these overused standards. Pea coats with fun details like toggle buttons or cool patterns are not just for Northeastern whalers. Additionally, parkas are fantastic for keeping warm and are far more practical than Northface fleece. And there is also winter shoe ware outside of UGG boots. Casual boots typically are flat and therefore, perfect for dashes to class. Flat boots should be knee highs and can come in a multitude of styles, colors and fabrics. So there is something out there for everyone. And for the weekends, heeled ankle boots are adorable and fresh when paired with patterned tights and leggings.

HAIRY SITUATION

We've all done it. We've all gone just a bit too long with that messy ponytail. But it doesn't have to be that way. Even gym-junkies have to let their hair down every once in a while. So braid, create cool quaffs with bobby pins, curl, straiten, clip. Whatever it takes give your hair a chance to escape the confines of rubber bands.

Fashion should be fun, even when the weather isn't. So don't limit yourself by following the crowd. Have confidence and follow your inspiration. No matter the weather, style doesn't take a snow day! So keep it fresh, hip and cozy while rocking 'round the Christmas tree and the Bend.

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Sing: Just Do It

You can sing. Yes, you can. "But I sound terrible." You speak. You phonate. Therefore, you can hold a pitch. "I can't carry a tune." Most likely, if you are singing along with a song, you are carrying its tune. "I'm tone deaf." Alright, this does happen, but not as often as you think, and probably not true, unless you've specifically had a musician say to you, "Shut up, you're tone deaf."

Too often I see people singing along with a song while dancing or humming a Christmas carol only to shrink away from the idea of singing when specifically asked to do it. There are a myriad of excuses as to why a person doesn't feel comfortable singing, when in reality most of us do it all day long.

There is some stigma that comes with offering to sing at mass or in a choir that assumes anyone willing to do it has openly declared themselves to be God's gift to the musical world. This isn't the case.

Most people who sing for fun (i.e., are anything other than a voice major) do it because it's just that — fun. They don't necessarily think they're hot stuff, but they don't feel ashamed of letting their own musical light shine.

So why are so many people afraid to sing in public? This is a problem that frustrates me to no end. I am a voice major. It's my job to sing. For some reason, whenever I ask other people to sing with me at dorm mass or just because, some inevitably excuse themselves and say,

"You're the voice major." Okay, kids, just because I've devoted my time here to studying music doesn't mean my presence makes you sing any worse. In fact, I am far more interested in hearing other people sing than myself a lot of the time because I spend most of the day listening to myself.

Scene & Heard
Stephaine DePrez
Assistant Scene
Editor

Everyone can sing. Everyone who talks has the physical capability of making noise with his or her vocal chords. I would like to erase this stigma that the only people who should sing are the few who are devoting their life to it. This just isn't the case. People sing not only to sound beautiful, but also to express feelings on a higher level. To

sing is to pray twice, which means God doesn't matter if you're tone deaf, he still wants you to have the experience of lifting your voice in song, even if you have no idea what pitch you're lifting it to.

On Saturday night I went to the Voices of Faith Gospel Choir concert. It was a phenomenal, moving experience not only because the music and performing was, itself, very good, but also because every person there was singing for the right reasons. No one was there because they felt it was smart to join a choir and appear well rounded on their resume, or because their parents thought it was a good idea, but because they wanted to fulfill a primal human need — to raise one's voice in higher praise. There is something basic and satisfying about letting go of all inhibition and crying out with a voice. Not every soloist was perfect, but if they all had been, it would have been boring. Each singer brought their own conviction and story to the music, and it was the joy in singing that they each displayed that made the concert so filling for the listener.

This is why true singers sing. It's not to show off or prove something, but to rejoice in their ability to transcend this earth-bound existence. Therefore, I am calling you to sing. You who claim to be awful, you who can't carry a tune in a bucket, I call you to sing and sing out. Sing ye loudly, and with reckless abandon.

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NFL

Crennel working despite job fears

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — As speculation about his shaky future mounted and the rumor mill churned up another big-name coach with Cleveland ties, Romeo Crennel pushed ahead.

He has to. It's his job.

For at least three more weeks.

Crennel, who will likely be fired once the Browns finish this disheartening season, reiterated Monday that he isn't worried about reports that he will be replaced after his fourth year. It's out of his hands, so Crennel, down to playing his third-string quarterback because of injuries, is focusing only on getting his team ready to play its last three games.

"It's tough when you lose. I don't care what the circumstances," Crennel said of the engulfing distractions. "If you're in this profession, if you don't like losing. But you have to get up every day and do the best that you can, and if the coach doesn't get up and do the best he can then it's hard for the players to do the best they can."

On Sunday, the Browns (4-9) lost for the fifth time in six games, 28-9 to the Tennessee Titans. The loss guaranteed Cleveland its eighth losing season in 10 years since returning to the NFL as an expansion team. The Browns, who have not scored a touchdown in three weeks, are on the verge of another rebuild.

The hammer will come down soon.

Changes are coming, with Crennel expected to be the first to go. Owner Randy Lerner said he will not make a decision on his coach or general manager Phil Savage until after the season, but Crennel's 24-37 record without a playoff appearance is enough to justify a switch.

Former Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher is believed to be Lerner's top choice. However, Cowher, who now works as an analyst for CBS, has not indicated whether he will return to coaching. Cowher enjoys his TV gig and recently said he's leaning toward staying in broadcasting for another year.

If Cowher isn't an option, or is signed elsewhere, former Browns coach Marty Schottenheimer could be.

ESPN.com reported that Cleveland is formulating a backup plan to bring back

Schottenheimer if Cowher can't be lured out of semi-retirement. Schottenheimer coached the Browns from 1984-88, one of the franchise's most successful stretches in the past 45 years. Schottenheimer, who was fired in 2006 by San Diego despite leading the Chargers to a 14-2 mark, won three division titles and went to two AFC championship games with the Browns.

Schottenheimer did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

On his weekly show on Sirius NFL Radio, the 65-year-old Schottenheimer was asked if he was in the mix to coach again in Cleveland.

"I don't see that as being likely at all," he said. "First of all, nobody has presented me with an overture and, secondly, I've kind of aligned myself and my life kind of where it is and if they want to pay me \$30 million a year I'll have to talk about it. I don't see it (as being) likely."

Obviously, Schottenheimer was joking about the salary, but Lerner will likely pay whatever's necessary to get his team, which won 10 games last season, turned around quickly. Crennel has three years remaining on a contract extension he signed after last season. That deal is worth close to \$4 million per season.

Schottenheimer was driven out in San Diego because of a personality clash with general manager A.J. Smith. By the end of Schottenheimer's tenure, he and Smith weren't talking.

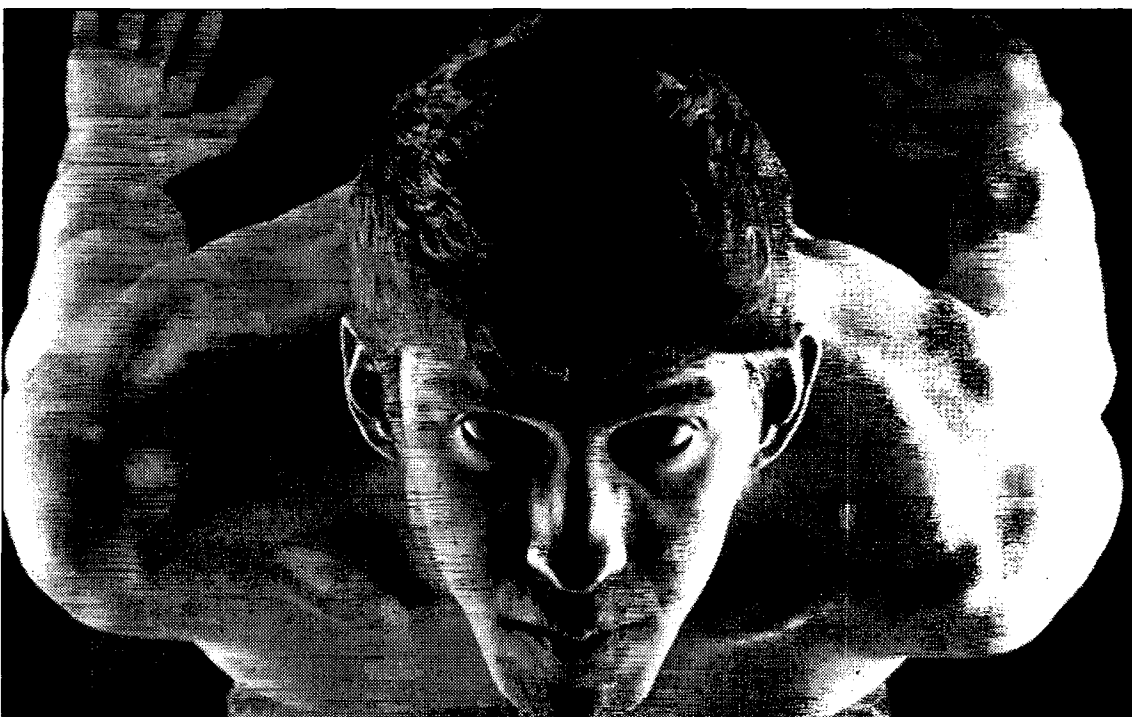
Cleveland's situation hasn't digressed to that point, but Crennel and Savage don't seem to connect, a problem Lerner wants to resolve with his next hire. Schottenheimer said his departure in San Diego would have no bearing on his desire to return to the NFL.

"I'm a football junkie," he said. "There's no doubt about that. I enjoy it. But that doesn't put me necessarily in a situation where I want to stand there and have every moment that I'm there, making decisions and all. The key for me is people. That is the most important thing."

Schottenheimer's experience could make him attractive to Lerner in another role, possibly in Cleveland's front office or on Cowher's staff. Cowher was an assistant to Schottenheimer with the Browns and later in Kansas City, where he was Schottenheimer's defensive coordinator.

SWIMMING

Phelps to publish autobiography



Olympic swimming star Michael Phelps poses for a photo during the US Olympic Committee Media Summit in Chicago. Phelps' autobiography is set to be published today.

Associated Press

Jason Lezak was nearly a full length behind Frenchman Alain Bernard on the final turn of the 400-meter freestyle relay at the Beijing Olympics, putting Michael Phelps' bid for a historic eight gold medals in jeopardy.

But Bernard made "a stupid, and what would turn out to be colossal, mistake" that allowed Lezak to pull out an amazing comeback victory.

Phelps recalls the moment in a new book, "No Limits: The Will to Succeed," available in stores today.

"After the flip, instead of swimming in the middle of his lane, he had drifted to the left," Phelps writes. "That meant that Jason, now to Bernard's left, could again tuck in behind him. Bernard was doing the hard work. Jason was cruising, preparing to slingshot by Bernard."

Lezak touched the wall first with the fastest relay split in history, helping the U.S. win in a world-record time and give Phelps his second gold of the games.

In the book, co-authored by Alan Abrahamson of NBCOlympics.com, Phelps describes himself as a kid who was given to whining and crying, and with his big ears and scrawny build, was constantly being picked on. In sixth grade, he was diagnosed with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder and a doctor prescribed the stimulant Ritalin.

Phelps took three doses daily during the week, including a lunchtime dose that

required a trip to the school nurse's office, which made him stand out among his classmates.

By seventh grade, Phelps told his mother he wanted to stop taking Ritalin.

"I viewed it as an unnecessary crutch," he writes.

He was weaned off the medicine.

"I had proven to myself that I could set a goal and, through willpower and being mentally tough, not only meet that goal but beat it," he writes.

Phelps' mother, Debbie, became a recognizable face in the stands at the Water Cube during the Beijing Olympics. But his father, Fred, was not there and is never mentioned publicly by Phelps.

In the book, he offers a brief glimpse of their early years together, recalling how his father took him fishing and to Baltimore Orioles games.

"He taught me to look people in the eye when I was meeting them and to shake hands like I meant it," Phelps writes. "Unquestionably, I inherited my competitive athletic drive from him. If I was playing sports, no matter what it was, my father's direction was simple: Go hard and, remember, good guys finish second."

Phelps' parents were high school sweethearts in a mill town in western Maryland. Fred Phelps, who had played small-college football, moved out of the family's home when Michael was seven, the same year he started swimming.

"As time went on, we spent less and less time together,"

Phelps writes. "Eventually, I stopped trying to include him in my activities and he, in turn, stopped trying to involve himself in mine."

Phelps writes that the last time he saw his father was at his sister Whitney's wedding in October 2005, and they didn't speak.

"There just hasn't been anything to say for a while," he writes. "Maybe there will be later."

In November 2004, a few months after winning six medals at the Athens Olympics, an under-21 Phelps was charged with DUI. In the book he recounts how his first phone call was to his agent, rather than his mother or coach Bob Bowman, both of whom he said he knew would yell at him.

Later, he called Bowman, who was supportive but told him, "Michael, just because you want to blow off some steam doesn't mean you can be an idiot."

Debbie Phelps cried at the news.

"That hurt worse, maybe, than anything," Phelps writes. "I had never seen my mother that upset."

In Beijing, Phelps was asked after winning his sixth gold medal what he would say to people who suspected his feats were aided by doping.

"I know, for me, I am clean," he said. "I purposely wanted to do more tests to prove it."

Phelps, along with teammates Dara Torres and Natalie Coughlin, volunteered for extra drug testing leading up to the Olympics.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 11, IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE OBSERVER FOR THE SEMESTER. HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will do
Don't want a doll, no dinky Tinker Toy
I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy

I can see me now on Christmas morning,
Creeping down the stairs

Oh what joy and what surprise
When I open up my eyes
To see a hippo hero standing there

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will do
No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses,
I only like hippopotamuses
And hippopotamuses like me too

Mom says the hippo would eat me up, but then
Teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian
There's lots of room for him in our two-car garage.
I'd feed him there and wash him there and give him his massage

Men's Basketball
AP Top 25

	team	points	record
1	North Carolina (72)	1800	8-0
2	UConn	1710	8-0
3	Pittsburgh	1633	9-0
4	Gonzaga	1574	6-0
5	Oklahoma	1529	8-0
6	Texas	1381	6-1
7	Duke	1256	8-1
8	Tennessee	1203	6-1
9	Louisville	1080	4-1
10	Xavier	1041	7-0
11	Wake Forest	957	8-0
12	NOTRE DAME	954	6-2
13	Syracuse	869	8-0
14	Purdue	718	6-2
15	Villanova	713	8-0
16	UCLA	705	5-2
17	Memphis	579	5-1
18	Michigan State	536	5-2
19	Georgetown	475	5-1
20	Arizona State	462	7-1
21	Ohio State	435	5-0
22	Baylor	351	7-1
22	Davidson	348	6-1
24	Marquette	222	7-1
25	Kansas	206	7-1

Women's Basketball
AP Top 25

	team	points	record
1	UConn (45)	1125	6-0
2	North Carolina	1076	9-0
3	Stanford	1010	6-1
4	Texas A&M	940	8-0
5	Oklahoma	878	6-2
6	Texas	846	8-0
7	Tennessee	844	6-1
8	NOTRE DAME	784	7-0
9	Cal	763	7-1
10	Baylor	721	7-1
11	Duke	685	6-1
12	Louisville	645	7-1
13	Auburn	637	10-0
14	Rutgers	526	3-2
15	Maryland	514	7-2
16	Pittsburgh	419	6-1
17	Virginia	380	7-2
18	Ohio State	365	7-2
19	TCU	317	8-2
20	Vanderbilt	202	8-2
21	Purdue	164	5-3
22	Arizona State	161	6-2
23	Florida	138	8-1
24	Oklahoma State	91	3-2
25	Kansas State	90	7-0

NCAA Cross Country
USTFCCCA Rankings

	team	conference	overall
1	Hope	2-0	5-0
2	Saint Mary's	2-0	4-3
3	Adrian	1-0	6-1
4	Calvin	1-1	5-2
5	Trine	1-1	4-2
6	Olivet	0-0	3-3
7	Alma	0-1	0-6
8	Albion	0-2	3-3
9	Kalamazoo	0-2	0-5

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7:00 p.m., ESPN

(6) Texas vs. (12) Villanova
9:00 p.m., ESPN

MLB



Greg Maddux throws a pitch in the first inning of the Dodgers Sept. 27 game against San Francisco. The four-time Cy Young winner announced his retirement Monday after an illustrious 23-year career.

Hall of Fame bound Maddux retires

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Greg Maddux grew up with the same weekend ritual as so many other American kids. Tagging along with his big brother, he would run down to the park to play ball against the older guys from the neighborhood in regular Sunday scrimmages. He met a pitching coach who preached movement over velocity, and pretty soon Maddux was striking out those stronger teenagers. Nearly three decades later, he walked away from baseball Monday as one of the

greatest pitchers to put on a uniform. After 355 wins and 23 major league seasons, Maddux held a 30-minute news conference to announce his retirement on the opening day of the winter meetings — just minutes from his Las Vegas home. "I really just came out here today to say thank you," he said in a ballroom at the swanky Bellagio hotel. "I appreciate everything this game has given me. It's going to be hard to walk away obviously, but it's time. I have a family now that I need to spend some more time with. I still think I can play the

game, but not as well as I would like to, so it's time to say goodbye." Next stop, the Hall of Fame. Wearing a casual shirt and slacks, Maddux spoke softly on stage and never appeared to get choked up. His parents and family — including brother Mike Maddux, the Texas' Rangers pitching coach and a former big leaguer himself — sat in the front row. A large poster with photos of Maddux hung behind the podium. He was introduced by agent Scott Boras, who said "Mad Dog" had a "model" career.

Maddux leaves with four consecutive NL Cy Young Awards (1992-95) and a 3.16 ERA, especially impressive in the steroid era. He ranks eighth on the career wins list, with one more victory than Roger Clemens. "I never changed," said Maddux, who turns 43 in April. "I think, hey, you locate your fastball and you change speeds no matter who is hitting." Maddux spent his final season with the San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers, finishing 355-227. His remarkable resume includes a record 18 Gold Gloves, including one this year.

IN BRIEF

Star quarterback McCoy to stay at Texas another year

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas quarterback Colt McCoy confirmed that he'll return to the Longhorns for his senior season in 2009. McCoy has led No. 3 Texas (11-1) to a Fiesta Bowl matchup against Ohio State with 3,445 yards passing and 32 touchdowns, both team records. He's also the team's leading rusher with 576 yards and is expected to be a finalist for the Heisman Trophy this week. "I'm not going anywhere," McCoy said in an interview published Monday on the Austin American-Statesman's Web site. McCoy said he wants to try to win a national championship next season after falling one spot short of the Bowl Championship Series title game this season. McCoy has said all season he plans to be back next year, but said recently that he would at least inquire about his potential draft status.

Wittman out, McHale in as Timberwolves coach

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin McHale is leaving Minnesota's front office to coach the wayward team he assembled, returning to the sideline after Randy Wittman failed to turn around the rebuilding franchise. McHale stepped down as Timberwolves vice president of basketball operations on Monday, a position he has held since 1995, to become the coach after owner Glen Taylor fired Wittman. The job is not an interim one. McHale said he "plans on being here" for the long term and general manager Jim Stack and assistant GMs Fred Hoiberg and Rob Babcock will take over his executive duties for the remainder of the season. Now it's up to McHale to breathe some life into a team that wasn't responding to the hard-nosed Wittman.

NFL's career scoring leader Anderson to retire

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Kicker Morten Andersen, the NFL's career-leading scorer, is retiring because of knee problems. The 48-year-old Dane, who scored 2,544 points during his 25-year career, played for the Atlanta Falcons the past two seasons but wasn't able to get a contract this year. Andersen said Monday he has given up his search and his NFL career. "I realized I no longer can train in an optimal way because of my knees," Andersen told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "So I am retiring." Andersen said that his knees were worn out after so many years as a professional player. "It's not that I cannot kick, play golf or go bicycling, but it's not the same anymore," he said.

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PGA

Frazar leads at Q-school

Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Harrison Frazar finished a memorable week that included a 59 by reaching his ultimate goal Monday, closing with a 5-under 67 at the PGA Tour qualifying tournament to lead 28 players who earned their cards for next season.

Frazar, who has played 300 times on the PGA Tour without winning, seized control of Q-school with a 59 in the fourth round. He built such a big lead that even with a double bogey on the final hole of the Nicklaus Tournament course at PGA West, he still won by eight shots.

Frazar, who played at Texas with Justin Leonard, finished at 32-under 400.

Derek Fathauer of Jensen Beach, Fla., who made the cut at the U.S. Open this year as an amateur, and James Nitties of Australia, each closed with a 70 to tie for second.

Typical of Q-school, the drama took place around

the cutoff for the top 25 and ties to earn full status on the PGA Tour next year.

Notah Begay, a four-time PGA Tour winner and college teammate at Stanford with Tiger Woods, was one of only two qualifiers who faced the tougher TPC Stadium course in the final round. Two shots below the cut line with four holes to play, Begay ran off three straight birdies for a 67 to make it by one shot.

"Tiger and I always talk about, 'You gotta do what you gotta do.' I was thinking about him the last day," Begay said. "I've got to get this done. Those last three (birdies) out of four holes were great."

The other Stadium survivor was Wil Collins of Rapid City, S.D., who kept his job in suspense to the very end.

Collins, who made it to the final stage for the first time in his seventh try, made a 10-foot birdie putt to reach the cutoff at 19-under par, and needed only a par on the tough ninth hole to earn

his card.

He steered his tee shot away from the water, but landed behind a steep mound. He had 217 yards to the hole with mud on his ball, a difficult shot without having to clear the slope in front of him. He chose to lay up, then hit his third shot to 18 feet.

The par putt broke just enough to the right to catch the high side of the hole and curl in, giving Collins a 67 and a spot on the PGA Tour.

"I finally have a home to play, and it's on the greatest tour in the world," Collins said. "It's going to take a while to sink in."

Collins was among six players who earned their cards after going through all three stages of Q-school. The others were Tyler Aldridge of Caldwell, Idaho; Matthew Borchert of Orlando, Fla.; Troy Kelly of Tacoma, Wash.; Leif Olson of Golden, Colo.; and Brian Vranesh of Northridge, Calif.

For most, the end of the six-round Q-school was simply a relief.

MLB

Former Yankee Gordon elected to Hall of Fame

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Gordon joined former teammates Joe DiMaggio, Lou Gehrig and Bob Feller in the Hall of Fame.

For the likes of Joe Torre, Jim Kaat and Ron Santo, it was another shutout.

Gordon was elected Monday by a 12-member Veterans Committee composed of Hall members and historians that studied pre-1943 players. A nine-time All-Star, the late second baseman won five World Series titles with the New York Yankees and Cleveland.

But another panel made up of the living 64 Hall of Famers didn't come close to picking anyone who started after World War II. Santo fell short, followed by Kaat, Tony Oliva, Gil Hodges and Torre.

This marked the fourth straight time that nobody was chosen from the newer group.

"It's not our job to vote someone in," Hall of Fame manager Dick Williams said by phone from Las Vegas, where the results were announced at baseball's winter meetings. "It's our job to consider the candidates."

"I thought Kaat would get in. I voted for him. And I think Joe Torre will, too, when he's done managing," he said. "I missed quite a few times before I got in. I know what that's like."

It took 75 percent — 48 votes — for election and Santo did the best with 39. The former Cubs slugger led Kaat (38), Oliva (33), Hodges (28) and Torre (19).

All 64 Hall voters sent a ballot. They were allowed to pick four players, and they listed an average of 3.3 names.

"We just didn't have them lined up, I guess," Williams said.

Rickey Henderson is the leading candidate in the upcoming Hall election by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Results will be announced Jan. 12.

Induction ceremonies in Cooperstown, N.Y., are July 26.

Gordon got 10 votes, one more than needed. He began his career in 1938 with a championship Yankees team that included future Hall members DiMaggio, Gehrig, Bill Dickey, Red Ruffing and Lefty Gomez.

"Flash" Gordon played in 1948 with the last Indians team to win the World Series. He finished in 1950 alongside future Hall of Famers Larry Doby, Lou Boudreau, Bob Lemon, Early Wynn and Feller.

Gordon was the 1942 AL MVP, beating out Triple Crown winner Ted Williams, and hit .268 overall with 253 home runs and 975 RBIs, big power numbers for second basemen in that era. He died in 1978.

"To me, he was a major Hall of Famer," Feller said by telephone from Las Vegas. "He'll probably go in as a Yankee because that's where he had most of his success. But he did well for us in Cleveland."

"He was a wild swinger at the plate, a free swinger with power," he said. "He was an acrobat around the bag, he was all over the place in the field."

Pitcher Allie Reynolds, traded from Cleveland to the Yankees for Gordon after the 1946 season, fell one vote short of election.

The Veterans Committee format has been changed twice since 2001, when charges of cronyism followed the election of Bill Mazeroski. The 15-member panel was broadened to include every living Hall member, but it didn't pick anyone in three elections.

"When our board of directors restructured the Veterans Committee after the 2007 election, it did so with the goal of ensuring the voters the living Hall of Famers would review their peers," Hall chairman Jane Forbes Clark said Monday. "The process was not redesigned with the goal of necessarily electing someone."

The veterans panels will next vote on players in 2010. Managers, umpires and executives will be considered in 2009.

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Woody

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went back to St. Louis in 2001 to cover McGraw's team's win over Purdue for the NCAA Championship.

Despite his advanced age, he still has a great mind for basketball and for sports writing. His stories are remarkable in their consistency, and will always give you every fact you need to know. He knows the ins and outs of every team the Irish face, and would make as good a scout for McGraw as he was a writer for the Tribune.

Woody also didn't have any trouble following the team. I have covered the women's team the last two seasons, and Woody has faithfully shown up for every interview and every game, pen and pad in hand. And even while I sit at a computer watching the gametracker, Woody travels all over the country every game to watch the Irish. Not just because he has to, but also because he is a genuine fan of the team.

When the Irish played at Eastern Michigan on Dec. 2, Woody was still there, even if not for the Tribune.



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Junior guard Ashley Barlow drives past a Spartan defender in Notre Dame's 78-72 win Nov. 29.

"He came as a fan. He and his wife drove up. He's a season ticket holder. I feel like he's going to be part of the fan base and certainly part of the program for us," McGraw said in a phone interview with The Observer.

McGraw said that, even though he was in Ypsilanti, it was strange not seeing him in the postgame press conference.

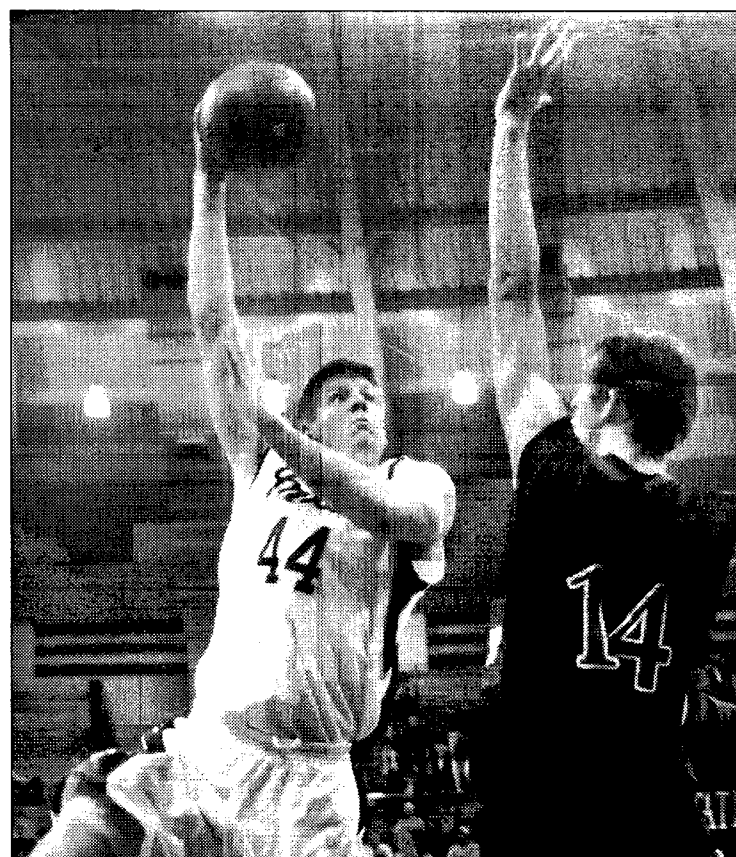
"He's been there so many years, and traveling with us the

last, I don't know how many years," McGraw said. "Just having him there was like having a little bit of home. You knew who he was and knew he was going to be there for us," she said.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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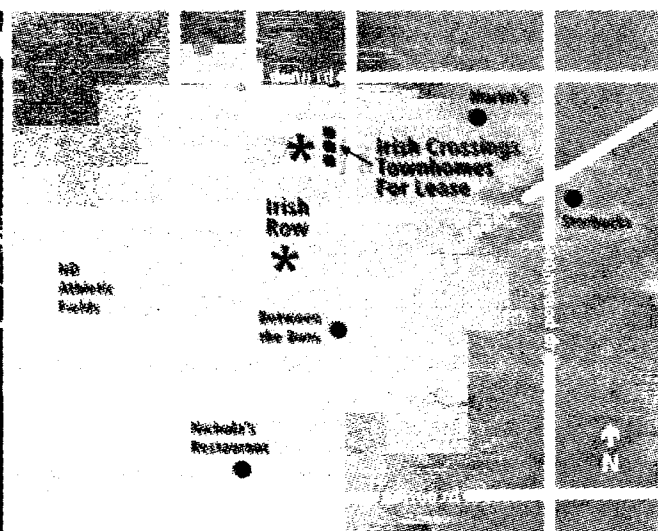


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Junior forward Luke Harangody puts up a hook shot over a USC Upstate defender in Notre Dame's 94-58 win Nov. 16.

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Seniors

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the women, the sun, the atmosphere in general of Hawai'i and just basically living a dream or a fantasy just to go out there," Bruton said.

When presented with the option of bowls, Irish coach Charlie Weis asked for his players input. He turned to the captains and leadership council to help him make the decision.

"Friday we met about it and just kind of, in order of the options, which one we thought was best for the team. And that's the one we thought was best," Crum said.

The captains said the team was hoping to have a good time, but knew that they were going on a business trip not a vacation. All three agreed that the team would have no problem focusing on the task at hand when it came time to work.

"The party line, since we

found out, has been just to win the Bowl game. I think secondly is to enjoy a place like Hawaii, but definitely our goal is to win a Bowl game.

Notre Dame has not won a postseason game since 1994.

Notes:

Friday evening the team met for their annual awards banquet. Crum was awarded the team's MVP. He also shared the Nick Pietrosante Award with fellow senior Mike Anello. Anello also picked up a second award when he was named the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award winner.

Former Irish coach Lou Holtz will also be collecting hardware this week. Holtz is set to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame tonight in New York City. He is being inducted with an impressive class including Troy Aikman, Pat Fitzgerald and Thurman Thomas.

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Kuhlke

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major began this season strongly, especially in her performance in Columbus, Ohio this weekend. She swam in nine events, both individual and relay.

"We did better than expected," Kuhlke said. "We had been training hard for a long time. It was fun to see them do well in the middle of the season, when typically you're the most tired."

Kuhlke came from obvious success in high school. Her times in both butterfly and freestyle events helped her win a qualifying spot at the 2008 Olympic trials.

"The Olympic trials was my first meet back after the surgery," Kuhlke said. "Going from not being able to do a 20th of a practice, to being at the Olympic trials, I was really happy I was able to experience that with all my teammates."

On Saturday, Kuhlke participated in the 200-meter medley relay along with teammates Colleen Fotsch, Samantha Maxwell and Amywren Miller in 1:40.92, breaking the previous pool record of 1:41.26. The girls were unable to beat Minnesota's relay team, but this NCAA B-cut performance proves they are in good shape for calling national attention as the season progresses. The team is off from competition for the next few weeks and over break, but Kuhlke and the girls are anticipating the bulk of the upcoming season against prominent teams, such as Northwestern, Michigan and Louisville, before attending the Big East Championship in mid-February.

"It is great being able to finally represent Notre Dame and compete with all my teammates again. It's a great feeling of pride," Kuhlke said.

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Weis

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his job took the hardest toll, Weis said, on the coaches, players and recruits and their families.

Former Irish quarterback Joe Theismann, who was the guest speaker at Friday's football banquet, said he believed Weis should return.

"I believe Charlie can build this program back to where we can compete on a BCS level," Theismann said. "I'm not just blowing smoke. I do believe in Charlie Weis, and I'm glad he has the opportunity to come back and work with this program. I don't think a change at this point would have been good for Notre Dame."

Weis and Theismann both separated the first two seasons, where Weis took the team to BCS bowls, and the last two, where Weis' team lost 15 games. The senior leadership on Weis' first two teams, Theismann said, gave the teams stability that helped them succeed.

Theismann also highlighted the significance of Notre Dame's loss to Syracuse, who before the game had two wins, on Nov. 22, and that the team needed to work on finishing games.

"We wouldn't be in the state that we're in, to be honest with you, if we had beaten Syracuse," Theismann said. "A play at the end of the Navy game, a play at the end of the Syracuse game. We have to learn to finish. You don't put it off and say it's a lot of young kids. They were young a year ago."

Joe Theismann
former football player
class of 1971

Weis had a similar outlook on the close losses this season and the effect wins in those games might have had.

"You win one more game, you're 7-5, and you're going to the Gator Bowl," he said. "Not finishing those games out and closing out the year, if you're sitting here 9-3 right now, people are saying, that's not great, but it's a pretty good turnaround."

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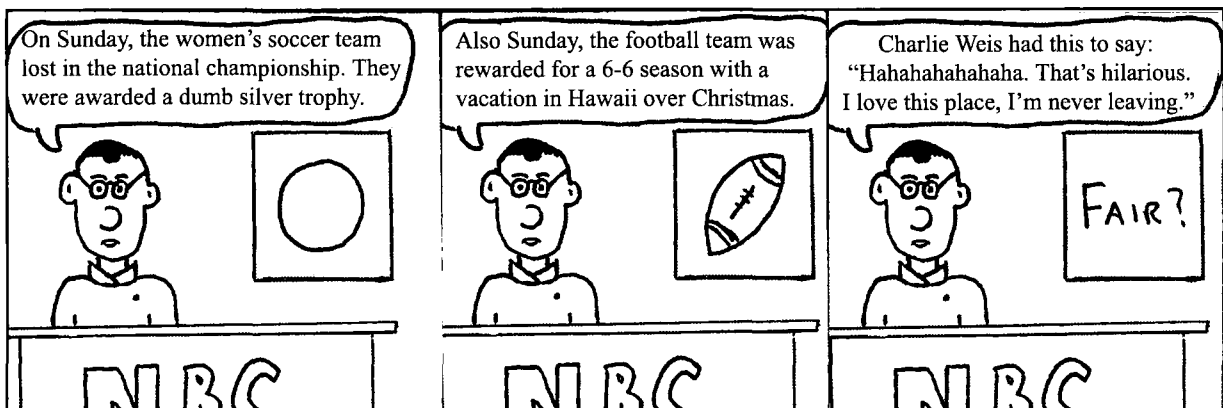
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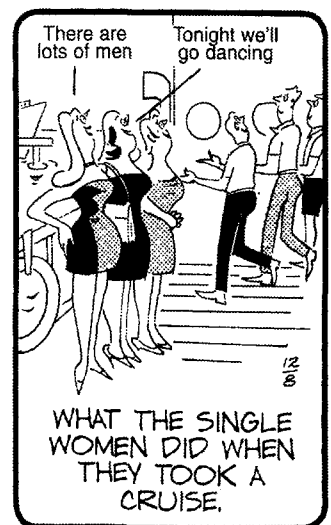
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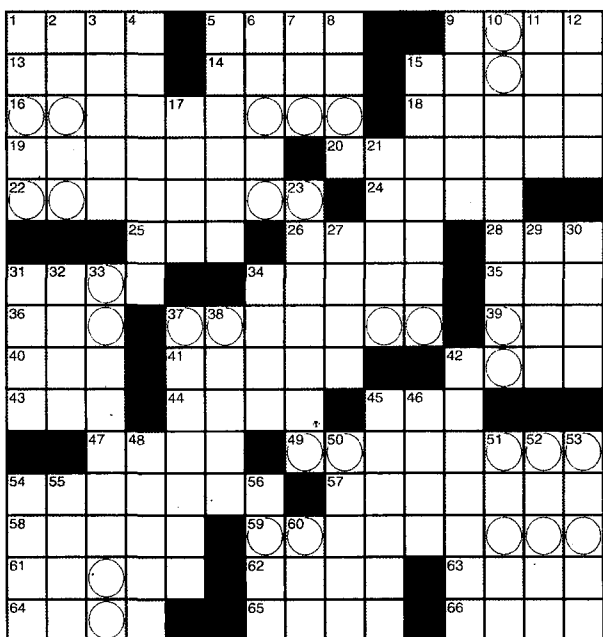
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 - 18 Where William the Conqueror died
 - 19 Kerosene
 - 20 N.B.A. center who has pitched for McDonald's, Pepsi and Visa
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stop waiting to see what everyone else is going to do when you are the one with the ideas and wherewithal to make things happen. It's your own reluctance that will hold you back when you should be making changes to support your latest goals. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be fooled by someone who just wants something from you. It's important to do things for the right reason so you don't have any regrets. An opportunity is available that can stabilize your professional position. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Turn everything you do into an event. Include all your favorite people to join you in whatever you do. It's the teamwork that will put you in a leadership position and help you control the situation around you. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid anyone trying to convince you to donate your time or cash to a cause you really can't afford to support. Changes regarding an older family member may leave you with added responsibilities. Deal with what needs to be done and move on. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Plan a little get together that will reunite old friends. It's time to enjoy some of the end-of-year festivities and to make a decision that will have an effect on your personal life. Don't spend impulsively. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Moving if you are in the right spot geographically. There is something to be said about deciding to a location that is closer to work or can bring you greater opportunities for professional or educational pursuits. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be passionate about everything you do but this can lead to emotional upset and disruptions with friends, peers or neighbors. Try to focus on love and spending time with someone special. Keep things in perspective. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't waste your time trying to convince others to follow your beliefs. You stand a better chance of getting your way by moving forward alone and seeing who joins in. A service you have to offer can be launched with success. Don't let anyone's negativity lead you into rethinking your strategy. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make some alterations at home that will please others. Be careful, however, not to disrupt someone else's plans. Opposition can cause delays if you haven't gotten approval. Love should be one of your focuses for future plans. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be fooled by what others tell you. You can offer help but not at the expense of losing out somewhere else. Put your own plans first. Don't let someone's anger about your choices stand in your way. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you can pick up part time work or volunteer for something that might lead to fulltime work, jump at the chance. Don't let an emotional issue stand in the way of an important decision that will influence your future and your earning potential. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't count on anything or anyone and you won't be disappointed. If you put everything you've got into something you believe in, you will make some forward motion. A questionable partnership must be reviewed. ★★

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FOOTBALL

After meeting, Weis, Swarbrick and Jenkins discuss changes

By **BILL BRINK**
Sports Editor

Charlie's back, and he's got a plan to rejuvenate a Fighting Irish team that lacked some fight down the stretch.

He said in his press conference on Dec. 5 that his views of how to fix the program closely mirrored those of athletic director Jack Swarbrick, and that helped him keep his job.

"I think when I sat down with him on Tuesday, it wasn't

everything eye to eye, but our perspectives were married very closely," Weis said. "Most of that list was covered on both lists. I think that if our discrepancies were more, they could have gone in another direction."

Weis said he understood what both the University and people who follow the team wanted: BCS consideration.

"I think it's important that you're moving towards the BCS discussion," he said. "I'm not saying you're playing in the

national championship every year, but you have to be in the discussion."

Weis and Swarbrick met in San Jose, Calif. last Tuesday to discuss the future of the program and the changes required to improve it. Swarbrick also said Weis' views mirrored his.

Weis said Swarbrick and University President Fr. John Jenkins asked Weis three things in relation to the future of the football team, which finished 6-6 this year. They asked him: 1) Would he like to be here? 2)

What would be his commitment to come back? and 3) Would you be accountable?

Weis said he and Swarbrick had a plan in place.

The unsure nature of his job status didn't affect Weis' recruiting, although he said he lost sleep after the 38-3 loss to USC on Nov. 29. "You deal with the negative, and live off the positive," Weis said.

Weis was recruiting on the west coast and in Hawaii and said he used that attitude when talking to recruits and their

families.

"When I went into those homes on Sunday, and they asked me if I was the head coach of Notre Dame, I said, 'I'm sitting in your house,'" Weis said. "What do you think, I'm recruiting for the next head coach? That's the perspective you had to have. And if something happens and you're not the guy, then you're not the guy."

The perceived insecurity of

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'Redemption Song'

Seniors looking to go out on top after rough season with bowl win

By **DAN MURPHY**
Sports Editor

After a disappointing finish to the regular season, Notre Dame seniors have one last chance to end their up and down football careers on a high note.

Irish captains Maurice Crum, David Grimes and David Bruton met with media Monday to discuss their upcoming appearance at the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl against the Rainbow Warriors in Honolulu.

"This truly is my last chance to leave a mark in the program, and also give those guys who are coming back something to build off of," Crum said. "I really do think that will be a good way just to leave a good taste in my mouth."

The senior class finished their final season with a 38-3 loss to USC in Los Angeles and also dropped their final home game

to Syracuse the week before. It was first time since 2004 that the Irish lost on Senior Day. Grimes was also excited about the opportunity to freshen his breath, so to speak.

"Kind of take that bitter taste out of our mouth that we had this last month, and get the seniors something to be happy about," he said.

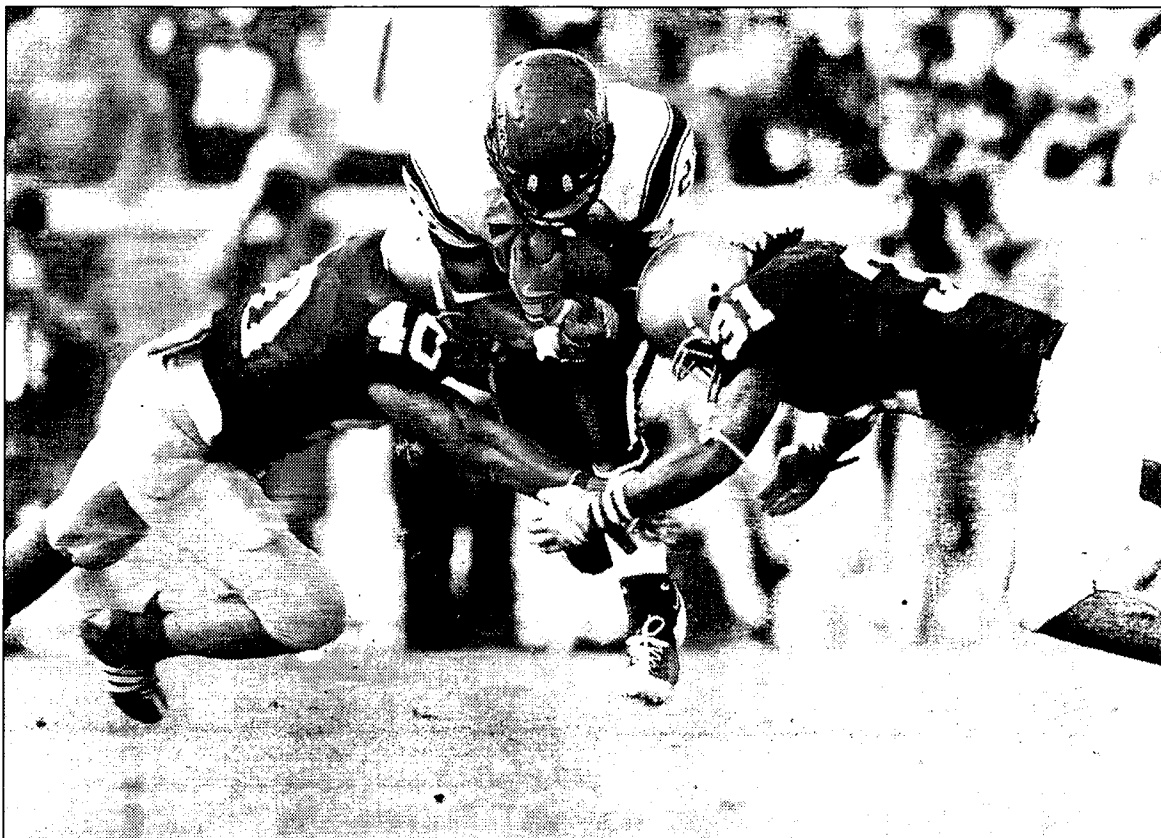
On top of a chance for redemption, Grimes was also excited to get a chance to get away from the bitter cold of South Bend to the sunny shores of Hawai'i.

"I think there's even more energy, because Hawaii, nice weather, beautiful women," Grimes said.

Notre Dame had a choice of bowl games to pick from but opted to head to Hawai'i because of the unique atmosphere, the earlier date — the game will be played at 8 p.m. EST on Dec. 24 — that would allow some players to be home for Christmas and of course the women.

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Senior linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr., left, and junior safety Sergio Brown, right, tackle a San Diego State ball carrier in Notre Dame's 21-13 win Sept. 6.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Kuhlke now developing after shoulder surgery

By **MOLLY SAMMON**
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After being red-shirted for her freshman season, sophomore swimmer Kellyn Kuhlke debuted with an outstanding weekend at the Ohio State Invitational after an unfortunate shoulder injury.

"I was happy with how I swam," Kuhlke said. "This was the first time since my surgery that I've been back to where I was before the accident."

This recovery marked a new start for Kuhlke.

"It was the light at the end of the tunnel, and I know this season is going to be great."

Kuhlke said.

Last November was the turning point of a shoulder injury, which would progressively plague Kuhlke in the pool. The diagnosis was made, and Kuhlke was out of activity for four to six weeks.

"I had a hole in my rotator cuff and labrum," Kuhlke said. "We tried cortisone shots and rehab."

But Kuhlke didn't just sit on the sidelines during her break.

"I would help out the girls, and the coaches," Kuhlke said. "I did whatever needed to get done for the team."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMENTARY

Miller no longer with SBT

Women's basketball is a little bit different this season.

It has nothing to do with the seniors who graduated, including Charel Allen, one of the best ever.

Nor is it the incoming freshmen, even though they comprised another

top 15 recruiting class for coach Muffet McGraw and her staff.

The biggest change is one that the casual fan might not recognize.

Woody Miller isn't writing for the South Bend Tribune.

Forrest "Woody" Miller has been covering basketball for the Tribune for as long as anyone can remember, including McGraw, who has been the head coach at the University for over 20 years. He is also the longtime Notre Dame baseball and South Bend Silver Hawks reporter for the Tribune.

It's not hard to wrack up that kind of resume when you've been with the same paper for more than 50 years.

But the real shame in this change is that Woody was let go

as one of the 56 employees cut loose from the Tribune because of the growing economic crisis. This is not to say the paper could have refrained from firing anyone, but by letting Woody go, they let go a piece of Tribune — and Notre Dame — history.

Woody was inducted into the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association Hall of Fame in 2004, and started working with the paper in 1955. He has covered Irish baseball since then, including the team's two trips to the College World Series (1957 and 2002).

Woody was there when Digger and the men's basketball team knocked off No. 1 UCLA. He was there at the program's Final Four in 1978 in St. Louis. He



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