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Season-high ejected from football game

Throwing of snowballs, marshmallows possible causes for high number of ejections

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

A season-high number of 22 people were ejected from the Stadium on Saturday for "violations of Stadium rules," according to Assistant Director of Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) David Chapman.

Which rules were violated and information regarding consequences of the snowball throwing and marshmallow fight was not available as of press time.

Fourteen people were arrested Saturday on the Notre Dame campus, according to Chapman.

"The offenders were transported to the county jail," he said. "One person was transported to the hospital for

intoxication."

At the Stadium, five people were arrested for public intoxication, two for public intoxication and disorderly conduct, one for resisting law enforcement and assault and one for resisting law enforcement and disorderly conduct.

Outside the Stadium, two people were arrested for public intoxication, one for resisting law enforcement and public intoxication and two people were arrested for theft.

The 14 arrests and 22 ejections at the Syracuse game compare to 34 arrests on campus and nine ejections from the Stadium for the first home game against San Diego State University, 29 arrests and two ejections for the

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GAME	ARRESTS	EJECTIONS
SYRACUSE	14	22
SAN DIEGO STATE	34	9
MICHIGAN	29	2
PURDUE	35	3
STANFORD	9	7
PITTSBURGH	8	4

MARY JESSE/The Observer

ResLife preps for returnees

Office says it will try to accommodate wishes

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

As students return from their Study Abroad experiences next semester, the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH) has been working to ensure students requesting on-campus housing will be able to receive rooms.

According to the ORLH Web site, Notre Dame's 28 residence halls have space for over 6,200 students. In any normal year, these dorms are completely full during the fall semester, but are only filled to about 95% capacity during the spring semester.

Scott Kachmarik, associate director of ResLife, said there should be no problem accommodating the students returning to campus for the Spring Semester.

"Overall, there will be plenty of room," he said.

Kachmarik also said there may be issues with overcrowding in specific dorms.

"There are a few halls that are experiencing a problem of more residents returning than leaving," he said.

ResLife, however, is working to fix this issue to attempt to accommodate students who wish to live in a specific dorm.

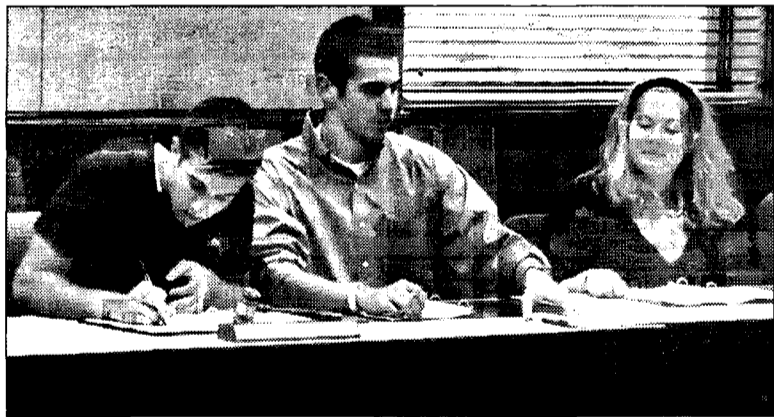
"Many of those will be resolved by January and the few that cannot be assigned

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group calls for printers in every residence hall

Resolution passes without opposition, will now be presented to Student Senate for consideration



Student body vice president Grant Schmidt, center, proposed a resolution to put Pharos printers in every dorm Monday.

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

The Campus Life Council finalized a resolution calling for discussions about the installation of printers in residence halls at their meeting Monday.

Grant Schmidt, student body vice president and chair of the Task Force on Technology and Study Spaces in Dorms, presented the resolution his group created to the council.

The resolution is "encour-

aging the installation of printers within each residence hall," Schmidt said.

The resolution passed with 14 votes, with one council member abstaining.

"This exact resolution will now be proposed in Senate and will be voted upon," Schmidt said, who added that the resolution will then be presented to University Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman, who has two weeks to respond.

"This has been something

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Students hope team can redeem itself at USC

Band to travel to Coliseum for first time in history

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Band of the Fighting Irish will make its first-ever trip to Los Angeles for Saturday's game against the University of Southern California.

"It's taken a couple years to put together, and was primarily funded by just four alumni," Notre Dame Marching Band Director Ken Dye said. "This is the very first time, it's been talked about for decades, and it

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Band members perform the Irish jig in an attempt to rally the student section in the freezing cold during the Irish's 24-23 loss to Syracuse on Saturday.

Supporters would like to see team avoid embarrassing loss

By KATIE KOTARAK
News Writer

Following Saturday's disappointing loss to Syracuse, students hope the Fighting Irish football team will look to rebound and close their regular season with a win over a heavily favored No. 5 USC team.

"Even if [Notre Dame] doesn't win, I hope they look better than they did [last week] by showing some effort," Saint Mary's junior Ashley Peterson said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

I am thankful for

It is that time of year again: the time of year that my mom makes me and all of my brothers and sisters (and whoever happens to eat Thanksgiving turkey in our house) write down things that we are thankful for on slips of paper and put them into a basket. Then, one by one, each piece of paper is read out loud and everybody has to guess who wrote it. Since my siblings and I range in age from five to twenty-two, there is really never too much mystery involved.

Emma Driscoll

News Wire Editor

I have to admit that this year has been stressful in different ways. As a senior, there are applications to submit, interviews to bear through and decisions to make. Lately, there have been a lot of "last (insert event) ever" moments, such as darting for classes, sitting in the student section, and being in the middle of the first snow fall of the year at Notre Dame. This Thanksgiving, I am finding myself particularly grateful for anything that has helped me put my time at Notre Dame in perspective and for the people and resources that make this school a place that I have come to love.

On Thursday, I will try to fit all of the following on my "what I'm thankful for paper":

Seniors being able to go on the football field and leave through the tunnel after Saturday's game.

The silence in the stadium just before Officer Tim McCarthy speaks.

Souvenir mugs of hot chocolate in the Stadium.

ND Food Services for going out of its way to make meals special, especially Candlelight dinners.

ND Food Services for chicken cordon bleu days.

Realizing that I don't know where I will be at this time next year, and for Professor McKenna's final lecture that helped me understand that that is not necessarily a bad thing.

Tap dancing class.

Everybody who works hard to keep our campus beautiful and accessible — at all hours and during all weather conditions.

People who spend hours laughing at YouTube videos.

For still being in college and thus somewhat able to rationalize spending hours laughing at YouTube videos.

The Ron Clark Academy performances of "You Can Vote However You Like."

Passionate people — no matter what you are passionate about, you consistently remind me that although the world is a big place, it's possible to make an impact.

Long meals in the dining hall with friends.

Facebook albums.

"I Don't Feel Like Dancin'" and "You Get What You Give."

Just to be here.

For family traditions that, although I mocked for years, I know I will still be keeping for the rest of my life.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD BE A THANKSGIVING DISH, WHICH WOULD YOU BE?



Cody Borgstrom

sophomore
Carroll

"Turkey so I could have all the stuffing that I wanted."



David Zedigian

sophomore
Keenan

"Pumpkin pie — save the best for last."



Paul Schlvetter

senior
Zahm

"Brussell sprouts because I like to save the best for last."



Oliver Chmell

freshman
Morrissey

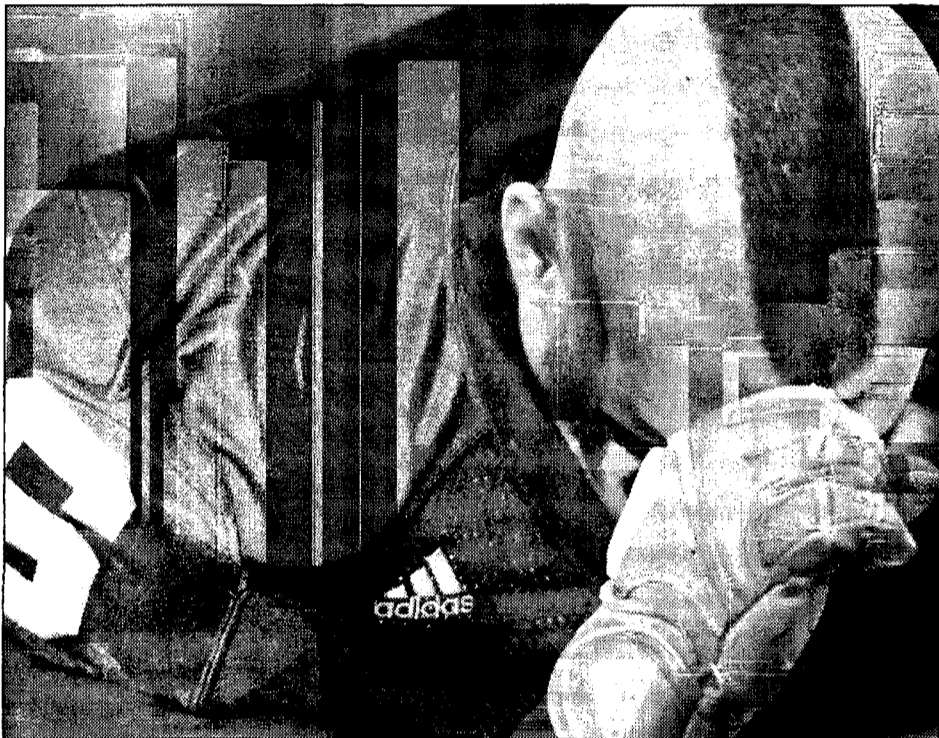
"Mashed potatoes so I could get covered in gravy."



Katie DeMartini

senior
Welsh Family

"Thanksgiving leftover sandwich because I like to savor the flavor."



Notre Dame linebacker Pat Kuntz prays on the sidelines during the Syracuse game Saturday.

OFFBEAT

Jet pack pilot flies across 1,500-foot-wide canyon

CANON CITY — A daredevil wearing a jet pack has flown across a 1,500-foot-wide canyon in southern Colorado. The sponsoring Go Fast Sports & Beverage says Eric Scott took 21 seconds to cross the Royal Gorge at 75 mph on Monday. It says he didn't use a parachute while flying across the 1,100-foot-deep canyon.

He was wearing a jet pack powered by hydrogen peroxide and developed by Jet Pack

International. The company developed it for stunts, promotions and other events for Go Fast.

Both companies are based in Denver and were founded by entrepreneur Troy Widgery.

Panda attacks man who wanted a cuddle

BEIJING — A panda at a zoo in southern China attacked a student who snuck into its pen hoping for a cuddle with the endangered bear, state media said on Saturday.

The 20-year-old male student surnamed Liu

jumped over the fence at the zoo in the tourist city of Guilin, ignoring warning signs not to, Xinhua news agency said.

"The panda, named Yangyang, was wide awake. Apparently scared by the intruder, he bit at Liu's arms and legs," it quoted an unnamed worker as saying after zoo keepers managed to calm the bear and rescue Liu, the report said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Zhigang Suo, professor of engineering and applied sciences at Harvard University, will present a seminar on the thermodynamics of large deformation in soft active materials on today at 3:30 p.m.. The lecture, entitled, "Thermodynamics of Large Deformation in Soft Active Materials," will be held in room 138, DeBartolo Hall. It is sponsored by the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering.

The Entrepreneurship Society is having a series of presentations on business entitled Case Study Challenge. The event is Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo.

Men's soccer will be playing in the second round of the NCAA Tournament against Northwestern on today at 7 p.m. on Alumni Field.

Direct from Buenos Aires, Estampas Porteñas presents a new, fresh look at tango on Wednesday at 7 p.m.. A combination of live music, alluring dances and just pure fun, Tango Fire is an event for everyone who wants to move and shake. This event is held in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center in the Decio Mainstage Theatre. Tickets are \$48, \$38 for faculty/staff, \$36 for seniors, and \$15 for all students.

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

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 36 LOW 27	HIGH 27 LOW 22	HIGH 38 LOW 27	HIGH 40 LOW 27	HIGH 39 LOW 29	HIGH 34 LOW 26

Atlanta 56 / 35 Boston 45 / 38 Chicago 38 / 29 Denver 57 / 34 Houston 76 / 46 Los Angeles 71 / 53 Minneapolis 32 / 20 New York 48 / 43 Philadelphia 48 / 41 Phoenix 82 / 57 Seattle 55 / 41 St. Louis 49 / 29 Tampa 77 / 58 Washington 50 / 40

FLEX to create freshmen involvement

New program gives underclassmen opportunity to join class council

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

As a part of his plan to get more freshmen who didn't have the opportunity to join the Freshman Class Council involved in student government, student body president Bob Reish has implemented a new program called the Freshman Leadership Experience (FLEX).

FLEX is composed by four committees — the Intercollegiate Committee, the Google Apps Committee, the Freshman Booklet Committee and the Legal Services Committee. Each committee is made up of 8 students and has its own project to work on for the year, Reish said.

The Intercollegiate Committee is working on bringing other colleges together to discuss how they integrate freshmen. They are looking at schools that are similar in size, academic standing and religious affiliation to Notre Dame, Reish said.

FLEX member Meghan Donoghue, who is on the Intercollegiate Committee, said they are also working on making a "a big flow chart of power from Father Jenkins down" so students know "who's in charge of what."

"In general, it's really hard to

know who to go to if you have an issue," she said.

Donoghue joined FLEX because she wanted to get involved on campus, and had experience with student government in high school.

The Google Apps Committee is working on informing students on what Google Apps can do for them, FLEX programmer director Blair Carlin said.

"They're going to promote all of the things that Google has to offer," she said. "There is so much that the student body doesn't know that can really help them."

Reish said the Freshman Booklet Committee will put together a booklet of advice from upperclassmen for freshmen to use.

Reish gave examples of the type of advice that would be in the book, such as going to the dining hall at certain times that are less crowded or going to one away game a year.

"It's just advice that you learn throughout the years," he said.

The Legal Services Committee is researching through other universities to gather legal advice for on and off campus, Carlin said.

"They want to produce a know-your-rights type pamphlet as well as set up some sort of contact through the law school," she said.

In addition to working on

these group projects, Carlin said FLEX will bring people from higher level positions in student government to speak to the group, so that the freshmen can get to know more about what student government has to offer.

"We really want to expose them to all the different branches of student government so that they knew the different avenues that they could take and that they weren't just limited to being the president of their class," she said.

Donoghue said that she isn't sure if she will run for class council next year, or try something different.

"I'm just waiting to see what intrigues me," she said.

While Freshman Class Council is made up of one representative per dorm, dorms were not taken into consideration in the interview process that Carlin conducted. FLEX is meant to be something completely different than Freshman Class Council, Carlin said.

Donoghue said that she feels that the members of FLEX are diverse, which is what Carlin intended when she interviewed students.

"I didn't want everyone to be the student body president in high school," Carlin said.

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CHINA

China maintains its hold on Tibet

Associated Press

XIAHE — Chinese paramilitary police with riot shields and batons abruptly took up posts Monday on the main street of this Tibetan town, disrupting the bustle of Buddhist pilgrims in a reminder of China's determined control of the region.

With some Tibetans pushing harder against Chinese rule, the communist government is determined to pacify the area.

The show of force Monday was meant to deter unrest while a local court sentenced a group of Tibetans for taking part in large anti-government protests in March in Xiahe, a small town abutting a sprawling complex of golden-roofed temples.

Though the verdicts were not publicly announced, the trial also seemed timed to answer the complaints of the Dalai Lama and other exiled leaders meeting in India over the weekend that Tibetans' patience with China's domination was thinning.

Seven months after Tibetans across western China exploded in the largest

uprising against Chinese rule in nearly 50 years, the authoritarian government is adjusting tactics. Police checkpoints and guard posts in place for months are suddenly dismantled, only to reappear without warning days later.

"We are in the grip of the Communist Party. Tibet is occupied. The Dalai Lama has fled to India. My heart is sad," said a monk who has studied at Xiahe's Labrang monastery for 15 years and declined to give his name for fear of government reprisals.

On a spare altar in his small room was a framed portrait of the Dalai Lama.

Monday's police action in Xiahe came after several weeks in which riot squads had rarely been seen on the streets, residents said.

Helmeted police with truncheons and six-foot-long poles stood outside the courthouse and government buildings. At a checkpoint with sandbags chest high on a bridge, uniformed officers studied identification papers and stopped all but a few dozen vehicles from entering the one-street town.

SMC hosts Native American panel

By EMILY DABISH
News Writer

In recognition of Native American heritage month, Saint Mary's College hosted a discussion panel on the Native American legacy at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

The panel consisted of Native American history experts and Potawatomi elders.

Moderator Ben Secunda began by describing the Potawatomi's local influence.

Potawatomi's Joseph and Madeline Betrand, helped to start Saint Mary's College by lending out a building to the sisters of the Holy Cross. This early convent helped to serve as a foundation for the college and became its first permanent structure.

"The [Native American] legacy has long been forgotten," Secunda said. "[T]here is a need to restore a sense of native pride because of past friendship with native peoples."

Currently the Potawatomi tribe is working to regain some of their lost traditions. They are encouraging colleges to offer classes teaching their native language in hopes to regain more fluent speakers.

The panel described ceremonies, feasts, honorings and powwows as the way they keep their identity alive.

"Culture raises eyebrows at times... [The Potawatomi's are] not just a casino tribe," panel member Marchell Wesaw said.

In an effort to build welcoming

communities, the panel said culture changes as time progresses, as do people and society. However, there are many traditions that remain in tact.

For instance tribal elder Majel DeMarsh described how women in her band, the Pokagons, will sing and pray for bodies of water. In Native American culture all aspects of the land and animals are considered important.

"Water is the life blood of mother earth," DeMarsh said. "Without water there is no living."

The panel explained how in the past being Native American was not totally accepted. They referred to themselves as a once "hidden minority."

Now more Native Americans are proud to embrace their heritage. According to Tom Topash, Potawatomi member, there is a desire to get over "trauma by historical oppression — to heal and move forward."

Today, because of past efforts by Native Americans, there is a choice whether or not to embrace the culture. Native peoples no longer have to worry about trying to blend in with American culture, since society has become far more accepting.

The panel urged people to talk to Native Americans in their communities at home to learn more and to seek out events like local powwows that exhibit some of native traditions.

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Charity gives money to terrorists

Group convicted of funneling funds to Palestinian militant organization

Associated Press

DALLAS — A Muslim charity and five of its former leaders were convicted Monday of funneling millions of dollars to the Palestinian militant group Hamas, finally handing the government a signature victory in its fight against terrorism funding.

U.S. District Judge Jorge A. S. announced the guilty verdicts on all 108 counts on the eighth day of deliberations in the retrial of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, once the nation's largest Muslim charity. It was the biggest terrorism financing case since the attacks of Sept. 11.

The convictions follow the collapse of Holy Land's first trial last year and defeats in other cases the government tried to build. President George W. Bush had personally announced the freezing of Holy Land's assets in 2001, calling the action "another step in the war on terrorism."

After Monday's verdict, family members showed little visible reaction until the jury left. Several women sobbed loudly. "My dad's not a criminal!" one nearly inconsolable woman said loudly. Court personnel told the family to calm her down, and as family members rushed her out of the courtroom, she said, "They treated him like an animal."

Ghassan Elashi, Holy Land's

former chairman, and Shukri Abu-Baker, the chief executive, were convicted of a combined 69 counts, including supporting a specially designated terrorist, money laundering and tax fraud.

M u f i d Abdulqader a n d Abdulrahman Odeh were convicted of three counts of conspiracy, and Mohammed El-Mezain was convicted of one count of conspiracy to support a terrorist organization. Holy Land itself was convicted of all 32 counts.

"I feel heartbroken that a group of my fellow Americans fell for the prosecution's fear-mongering theory," Elashi's daughter, Noor, said outside the courthouse late Monday. "This is truly a low point for the United States of America, but this is not over."

She said that she was proud of her father and that he was "paying the price" for saving lives.

"My dad was persecuted for his political beliefs," she said. "It's as pure and simple as that."

A sentencing date hasn't been scheduled, but the punishments could be steep. Supporting a terrorist organi-

zation carries a maximum 15-year sentence on each count; money laundering carries a maximum 20 years on each conviction.

Solis ordered the Holy Land leaders detained, citing the long prison terms they may face and their ties to the Middle East.

Holy Land was accused of giving more than \$12 million to support Hamas. The seven-week retrial ran about as long as the original, which ended in October 2007 when a judge declared a mistrial on most charges.

Holy Land wasn't accused of violence. Rather, the government said the Richardson, Texas-based charity financed schools, hospitals and social welfare programs controlled by Hamas in areas ravaged by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The U.S. designated Hamas a terrorist organization in 1995 and again in 1997, making contributions to the group illegal. Government officials raided Holy Land's headquarters in December 2001 and shut it down.

Prosecutors labeled Holy Land's benefactors — called zakat committees — as terrorist recruiting pools. The charities, the government argued, spread Hamas' violent ideology and generated loyalty and support among Palestinians.

It was a "womb to the tomb" cycle, prosecutor Barry Jonas told jurors during closing arguments last week.

"My dad was persecuted for his political beliefs. It's as pure and simple as that."

Noor Elashi
daughter of former
Holy Land chairman

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that's been a issue since I've been at Notre Dame," Schmidt said. "A lot of students feel that it would be a great convenience for students to have printers in their residence hall."

Currently, there are Pharos printers in 10 dorms, and the council's resolution recommends that printers be added to remaining dorms. The first ten were installed as part of a pilot program.

Schmidt said while additional printers may be a convenience, his task force came up with multiple arguments in addition to being convenient, stating that the additional printers were "something that students would greatly appreciate for a number of reasons."

The resolution notes in the recent Student Survey completed by Student Government, 91.1 percent of respondents felt that there was a current need for a printer in their dorm, or they already had a printer located in their dorm.

The document also states that under current circumstances "some students are required to walk across campus for printer usage which, depending on the hour of the day or night, leads to safety concerns."

Devin Fee, the Student Senate Campus Technology Committee chair, said now is a prime opportunity for the installation of more printers in dorms. The University's contract with Xerox expires at the end of the calendar year, and Fee said the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and Procurement are negotiat-

ing a purchase of used Xerox printers which would be installed in dorms.

The new dorm printers — and the existing ones — would be maintained by OIT as part of the agreement.

"If we can support OIT on this issue, and get Fr. Poorman's voice on this, it has a pretty high chance of success," Fee said.

In other CLC news:

♦ Schmidt said his Task Force has arranged for the east side of South Dining Hall to be available as study space between Dec. 14 and 18. The two dining rooms on the south side of North Dining Hall will also be available. In addition, the Career Center will donate the interview rooms for use as group study space.

♦ Student Government parliamentarian Nicole O'Connor, chair of the Task Force on Student Safety, said her group is continuing to gather information for the creation of an off-campus Web site.

"Right now we've divided up the assignments and we're gathering information," she said.

The Web site will include information on restaurants, shopping, safety and crime prevention, she said.

♦ Student Body President Bob Reish said the Task Force on New Student Introduction is continuing discussions about the current policies and procedures dealing with transfer orientation. Reish said he met with Dan Saracino, assistant provost for Admissions, about the issue.

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Campus hosts holiday festivities

Students, staff celebrate Thanksgiving over extended break

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Notre Dame students will have one more day to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday, which begins Wednesday, after the University's Academic Council decided in August to extend the break to allow for easier travel.

Some students will take advantage of the extra day to travel home and visit family.

Freshman Mary Coyne said she is looking forward to going home in Washington, D.C., for the break.

Coyne said she plans to go to a lake with her family over the break and to relax at home.

"I'm mostly looking forward to watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade," she said.

Freshman Ryan Solava said he plans to go back home to the Chicago area for Thanksgiving and will be bringing one of his friends home with him.

"I'm going back home...and a friend of mine is staying with me," Solava said.

Others have decided to stay on campus for the break.

Sophomore Yanning Sun, who is from China, said that she will spend part of her Thanksgiving break exploring Chicago and the rest of it on campus.

"I'm going to Chicago with friends to go shopping, and then I'll come back [to campus] to sleep a lot. If I have time, I'll do homework," Sun said.

Sun also said she plans to take advantage of the Thanksgiving feast that North Dining Hall will host.

North Dining Hall operations manager Dan Patterson said that the dining hall's Thanksgiving feast will feature three main entrees — turkey, ham and

Atlantic char.

Thursday's menu also includes traditional favorites such as candied sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes and butternut squash.

Patterson also said they will prepare gravy, green bean casserole and julienne carrots for the approximately 1,300 guests they expect to serve. Additionally, there will be hors d'oeuvres as guests enter the dining hall, and desserts will include pumpkin pie, apple pie and a chocolate

fountain.

Patterson said he did not think the longer break would affect the number of guests that would eat Thanksgiving dinner in the dining hall.

"I think it will be the same base of people — those that live too far away to go home. We also get a lot of guests, faculty and staff who come in," he said.

Patterson said the Dining Hall staff tries to vary its Thanksgiving menu each year.

"We try to put a different spin on it every year," Patterson said. "In a way it's routine but in a way it's not. We try to perfect it every year."

Patterson said much of North Dining Hall's staff began preparing the Thanksgiving meal at 5:30 a.m. last Saturday.

Some students like freshman Jacob Wenger will have family in to visit him over the break.

"My parents are coming up [to celebrate Thanksgiving], so I'll be spending the week in a hotel in South Bend," Wenger said.

Wenger said his parents will be bringing a turkey with them from a store in Pennsylvania.

"I'm looking forward to not going to classes," Wenger said.

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John Smart, President, Acceleration Studies Foundation

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Jean Sweeney, Vice President, 3M-Environmental, Health & Safety Operations

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Keeping America Great
David M. Walker, President & CEO, Peter G. Peterson Foundation

March 20

Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility: The McDonald's Story
Jack Daly, Senior Vice President, Corporate Relations, McDonald's Corporation

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuelan opposition gains votes

CARACAS, Venezuela — Modest opposition gains in state and local elections, coupled with sagging oil prices, could hamper President Hugo Chavez as he lays the groundwork for a new attempt to persuade Venezuelans to do away with term limits.

The opposition won five of 22 states up for grabs, including the two biggest — Miranda and Zulia — as well as mayoral races in the two largest cities.

The opposition's gains, however, did not dampen Chavez's ambitions.

"We've handed them a new defeat ... and a big one," Chavez said at a news conference Monday night, calling the results "a great revolutionary victory."

He said Sunday's vote showed that Venezuelans want him to press ahead with his socialist policies, and he has hinted at a renewed effort to make constitutional changes that could expand his powers and let him run for re-election in 2012 and beyond.

Bomber targets Green Zone

BAGHDAD — A woman hiding a bomb under her long robe blew herself up Monday among Iraqis waiting to enter the U.S.-protected Green Zone, where lawmakers plan to vote this week on a pact that would let American forces stay in Iraq for up to three more years.

The morning attack in central Baghdad killed seven people, by an Iraqi count, and came about 45 minutes after a bomb destroyed a minibus carrying Trade Ministry employees in the eastern part of the capital. At least 13 people died in that blast, most of them women; some of the bodies were burned so badly that authorities could not immediately identify them.

NATIONAL NEWS

Defense rests in Myspace trial

LOS ANGELES — The defense in the MySpace hoax trial rested Monday without calling a Missouri mother to testify on her own behalf, instead relying on her tearful daughter to direct blame elsewhere for an Internet ruse that allegedly led to a teenage girl's suicide.

The case neared closing arguments with U.S. District Court Judge George Wu yet to rule on a defense motion for dismissal on grounds that Lori Drew, 49, could not be held responsible for violating the service rules of the MySpace social networking site because there is no proof she ever read them. In comments to lawyers, the judge cited a rule under which he may wait until after a verdict to rule on the motion.

Suicide broadcast on webcam

MIAMI — The father of a college student whose suicide was broadcast live over a webcam said Saturday he was appalled by the virtual audience that egged on his son and called for tougher regulation of Internet sites.

Abraham Biggs Sr. said those who watched and the Web site operators share some blame in his 19-year-old son's death.

"I think they are all equally wrong," he said. "It's a person's life that we're talking about. And as a human being, you don't watch someone in trouble and sit back and just watch."

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana revisits teenage driving laws

INDIANAPOLIS — Teenagers would be required to complete at least 50 hours of supervised driving practice and wait longer before getting an Indiana driver's license under a proposed bill unveiled by lawmakers Monday.

The bill, aimed at reducing the number of crashes caused by young people, also would ban teen drivers from using cell phones and handsfree devices while driving. Probationary drivers would have to display a placard issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in the rear window of their vehicle.

Astronauts finish final spacewalk

Unprecedented clean and lube job completed at international space station

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts successfully carried out one last spacewalk Monday, finishing an unprecedented clean and lube job that they began a week ago at the international space station.

Spacewalker Stephen Bowen wrapped up work on a jammed solar-wing rotary joint as his partner, Shane Kimbrough, squirted some extra grease as a precaution on another joint that is working fine.

When the repairs to the gummed-up joint were deemed officially complete, Mission Control radioed up its applause.

"Finally," Bowen exclaimed. "Thanks for your work," replied Mission Control, erupting in laughter.

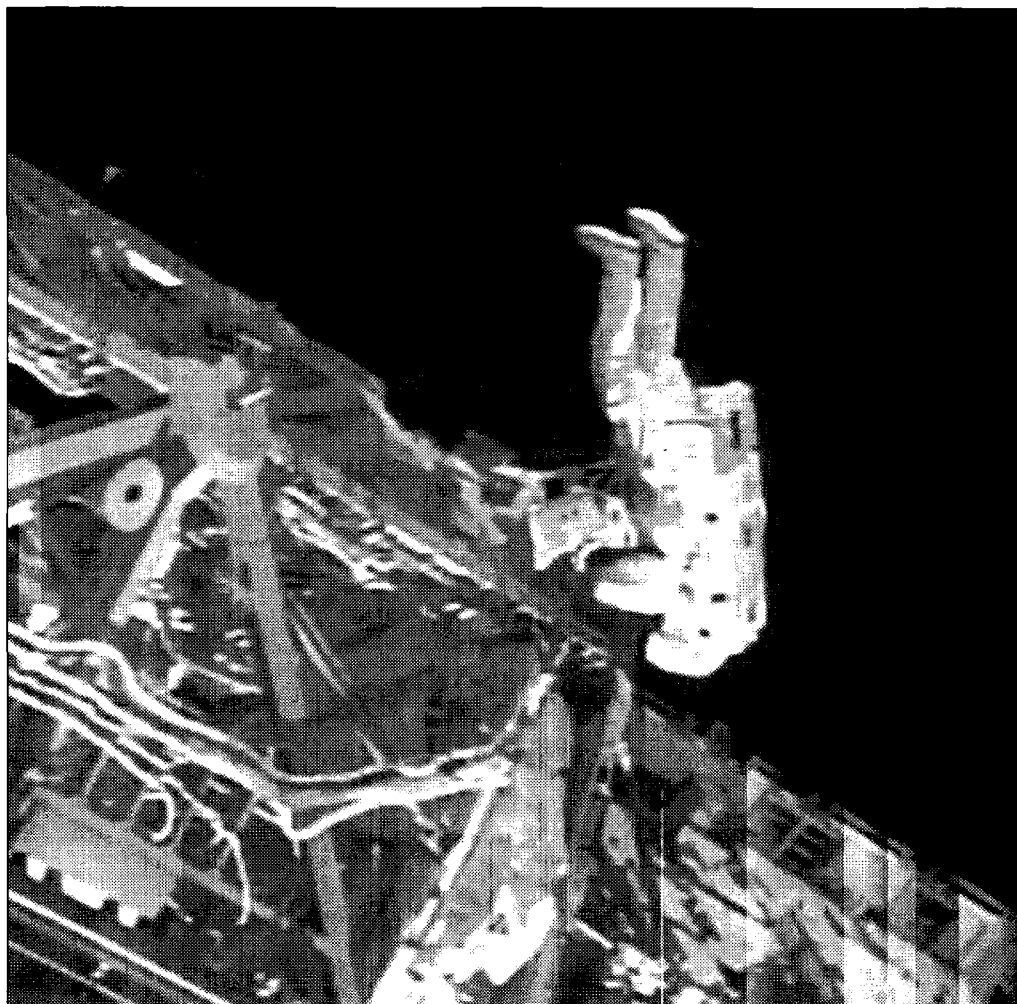
Just before Monday's spacewalk began, NASA added a 16th day to space shuttle Endeavour's mission. Managers wanted to give the astronauts more time to fix a machine that's supposed to turn urine into drinking water; additional repairs were performed Monday for the fifth day in a row.

The \$154 million recycling equipment was delivered by Endeavour, along with other home makeover items needed to expand the space station crew to six next year.

Monday's spacewalk was the fourth for Endeavour's astronauts. Greasy repair work on the clogged joint consumed most of their time.

The rotary joint on the right side of the space station hasn't worked properly for more than a year, preventing the solar wings on that side from pointing automatically toward the sun. Grinding parts left the joint full of metal shavings.

Almost all the gritty mess was cleaned up during the first three spacewalks and new bearings were put in. Bowen finished the job Monday, paving the way for



In this image from NASA TV, astronaut Stephen Bowen does a space walk outside the International Space Station Monday.

a test of the newly repaired joint Tuesday. Regardless of the outcome, more spacewalks are planned on later missions for a better, longer-term fix.

An identical joint on the left side of the orbiting complex has worked perfectly, but NASA wanted the spacewalkers to grease it up to ensure its longevity. Once they opened up this joint, the astronauts noticed wear on some parts.

The dialogue between the spacewalkers and the astronauts inside was technical and full of numbers denoting the various panels on the joints. "Too many numbers," one of the spacewalkers grumbled.

As they have before, the spacewalkers had to share

grease guns 225 miles up. There was one less tool kit after a sack full of grease guns and other items floated away on the first spacewalk last Tuesday.

Inside the space station, meanwhile, skipper Mike Fincke performed more repair work on the new urine processor.

NASA was hoping for a full four-hour test run Monday following Fincke's tinkering. On Sunday, the urine processor shut down after operating less than three hours; before, it never even made it that far.

When informed more urine might be needed, Fincke said, "Well, we've got a very adequate supply of yesterday's coffee to help." Mission Control then joked:

"We'll see if we need to add some Diet Coke to the plan." For the record, there is no Diet Coke — or any other soda — up there.

The astronauts have managed to collect samples of the recycled water for return to Earth aboard Endeavour, relying mostly on converted condensation. NASA would prefer more urine in the mix; that's the way the system was designed.

No one can drink the recycled water until tests show it's safe. Additional samples will be returned on the next space shuttle flight in February, to confirm everything is working properly. NASA's goal is to have six people living on the space station by June.

Biden aide to fill his Senate seat

Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — Edward "Ted" Kaufman, a former aide to Sen. Joe Biden, was named Monday by Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner to fill the Senate seat Biden is leaving for the vice presidency.

Kaufman, co-chair of Biden's transition team and an Obama-Biden transition project advisory board member, plans to serve until the 2010 election, when a new senator is elected. He said he is comfortable stepping down after two years in office.

"I don't think Delaware's appointed senator should spend the next two years running for office," Kaufman said. "I will do this job to the fullest of my ability,

and spend my days focused on one thing and one thing only: serving Delaware."

Speculation on Biden's successor had centered in recent weeks on his son, Attorney General Beau Biden. But last week the younger Biden announced that he planned to fulfill his National Guard duties and wouldn't accept an appointment to his father's U.S. Senate seat.

Biden is a prosecutor for the 261st Signal Brigade, which left for Iraq last week. The unit is due back in September 2009, in time for Biden to run for his father's Senate seat.

The elder Biden said in a statement, "It is no secret that I believe my son, Attorney General Beau Biden, would make a great United

States Senator just as I believe he has been a great attorney general. But Beau has made it clear from the moment he entered public life that any office he sought he would earn on his own."

Just before announcing Kaufman as the appointee, Minner acknowledged speculation about the younger Biden being picked for the post and said she would have strongly considered him.

"The fact that Beau Biden is committed to fulfilling his obligation and not seeking appointment to this office tells us everything we need to know about his character," she said. "Should Beau choose to run for this office in 2010, he will — as will whoever runs — have to earn on his own the trust of the people of Delaware."

Abroad

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to their hall will be accommodated as groups in other halls," he said.

While there are no official numbers yet, Kachmarik estimates there will be around 350 students returning from Study Abroad programs. He also said there are around 20 students returning to campus from off-campus venues.

As for new students, there are five new freshmen that will be moving into the dorms for the spring semester. Also, there will be an additional 20-30 transfer

students who will be welcomed into the dorms as well.

While the majority of the traffic moving in and out of the dorms is attributed to students studying abroad, there are a small number of students who have chosen to move off-campus for the remainder of the school year.

"I believe the last I heard was that somewhere

between 5 and 7 residents were breaking their contract to move off-campus. That number will grow slightly as we usually have around 10 or so cancel in the spring semester," Kachmarik said.

With the addition of Duncan Hall came 30 extra beds for undergraduate male students. While there are over 100 dorm rooms in the dormitory, most of these were

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Scott Kachmarik
associate director of ResLife

used as a way to loosen the congestion in other residence halls.

"The effect of Duncan is that we are able to reduce overcrowding and open up lounges and room configurations that create a ladder-effect whereby students can attain more desirable room set-ups as they progress through to their Senior year," Kachmarik said.

Overall, ResLife does not anticipate any problems with the transition to the Spring Semester.

"Right now it appears to be about normal," Kachmarik said.

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Game

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"Even if the odds aren't looking good for [Notre Dame's], they should still go into [the game] with an intent to win... and leave [the Coliseum] with some dignity."

Many students will be traveling to Los Angeles for the game next Saturday. Senior Nicole Yergler said she is excited about seeing the Irish on the road over the Thanksgiving weekend, despite that fact most experts have predicted a Trojan victory.

"It will be awesome to experience my last ND football game [in the] Coliseum... with my whole family and a big group of friends, ND and USC fans included," Yergler said. "It should be an exciting day, regardless of our underdog status."

Last Saturday's loss aside, Yergler said she is optimistic about the game against the Trojans this weekend.

"Saturday's loss to Syracuse was a huge let-down, but November 29 is a new day. The players need to get pumped up for their last game of the season [and] go out there and do what they've practiced," she said.

However, many Notre Dame fans are not as optimistic. Senior Garrett Busch said he simply hopes the Fighting Irish just don't embarrass themselves.

"I think we are going to lose, and by lose I mean get absolutely obliterated, however I always have hope for a miracle... and being Notre Dame I figure God owes us a miracle about now," Busch said. "All I can hope for is [Notre Dame] putting up a decent fight and not embarrassing [themselves] like [they] did the last two times [they] matched up with [USC]."

While not all students will be traveling to Los Angeles, some will be returning to campus to watch the game with friends. Saint Mary's sophomores Janine Kingsbury and Franca Peluso said they will be watching the game in Alumni Hall.

"Hopefully [Notre Dame] goes into the game with positive attitudes," Kingsbury said. "[The players] need to play like they know how and hopefully we'll see a win."

Yergler said players searching for inspiration must simply remember the rich tradition of Notre Dame football, and hopefully the Fighting Irish will be able to pull off the stunning upset.

"We need to step up to the challenge and be confident in the talent we have. We need to play some Notre Dame football," said Yergler.

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Arrests

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Michigan game, 35 arrests and three ejections for the Purdue game, nine arrests and seven ejections for the Stanford game and eight arrests and four ejections for the Pittsburgh game.

The Stanford and Pittsburgh games were designated as games for which parents of undergraduate students were allowed to purchase tickets.

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Band

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has required a lot of planning."

Dye explained that Notre Dame fans and alumni have wanted to see the marching band play at the USC game for years.

"We've seen USC bring their band for the last 35 years [to Notre Dame's Stadium]. This is really one of the premier match-ups, and the alumni thought it was historically important for the band to be there," Dye said.

Dye said one of the donors who helped fund the trip played in the marching band.

"All the big costs for the trip are predominately anonymous donations... one was a former band member, and the [other three donors] just wanted to see it happen."

Dye said the band members have been excited about going to the USC game all season since this is the

band's first trip to Los Angeles for the USC game in the band's 154-year history.

"It's a chance to be the first ones to do it, so it's been one of the focuses of the season for the band," Dye said.

Saint Mary's senior Jessica Sheehan said she is excited to be a part of the band's historic trip.

"I'm really excited to go because it's something we've never gotten to do before," Sheehan said. "We have t-shirts that say 'Making History' because that's what we're doing."

Sheehan said while she will not be in southern California long, she is looking forward to the trip.

"I'm excited to see friends out there [in Los Angeles] and get away from the snow for a while," she said.

Sophomore Courtney McVey also said she is excited to be a part of the band's "monumental" trip to California.

"We're definitely all very excited about it. It's totally unprecedented for the [marching] band to go to the

USC game," McVey said. "Small groups of students [from the marching band] have gone in the past, but this is a monumental trip. Our director was telling us what a big landmark this is."

Dye said that the trip will cost approximately \$250,000 to fly the 350 member band and its staff.

"That's about what it costs to do a flying trip — airfare, one night of hotel and buses around the L.A. area," he said.

Additionally, Dye said the Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles and Notre Dame Club of Orange County will host the band for a few meals during the game weekend.

"The two [alumni] clubs in L.A. and Orange County are feeding the band a couple of times," he said.

Sheehan said the band will play at Notre Dame High School Sherman Oaks and Crenshaw High School before Saturday night's game.

She also said there is a group of and members that will be playing at the pep rally on Friday.

According to Dye, the majority of the student band members will make the trip to Los Angeles to cheer on the Irish in the Coliseum, however some students that

already had plans for Thanksgiving will not attend the game.

"The [band members] that wanted to are, some that had previous plans for Thanksgiving are not going, and we give them that option. But almost everybody is going to the USC game," he said.

The entire marching band's staff will also travel to Los Angeles for the game, Dye said.

Dye also said a truck left Notre Dame last Sunday to transport the band's larger equipment to Los Angeles for the Thanksgiving weekend match-up.

Dye said that all the band members will fly out of Chicago, unless they are from the Los Angeles area.

"Some of [the band members] are going home, those that live far away are not," Dye said.

He also said the majority of the band members will only stay Friday night, but some will also stay Saturday night due to flight availability.

"The majority [of the band members] are flying back after the game on Saturday," he said.

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Obama announces budget director

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama intends to name Peter Orszag as his budget director, Democratic officials said Monday, turning to Congress' chief adviser on spending and taxes as he fills out his economic team.

Orszag, 39, is serving a four-year term as head of the Congressional Budget Office.

If confirmed by the Senate, he would head the Office of Management and Budget, the agency that makes sure a president's priorities are translated into spending decisions.

The Democratic officials said Orszag's appointment was scheduled for Tuesday in Chicago, where Obama was holding his second news conference in as many days.

Obama announced four members of his economic team on Monday, including Timothy Geithner, currently the president of the New York Federal Reserve, to be treasury secretary.

The officials who described Obama's plans to appoint Orszag did so on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to divulge his selection before the president-elect announced it.

GM bails on Tiger Woods' contract

DETROIT — General Motors is bailing out on Tiger Woods.

Woods, a global icon in sports with his 14 major championships, has been carrying the Buick logo on his golf bag for the last nine years and still had one year left on his contract.

But General Motors Corp. was looking to cut costs and hoard cash while trying to survive the worst sales downturn in a quarter-century. And it said Monday the world's No. 1 golfer wanted more time for himself, especially with a second child on the way.

"Timing is everything," said Larry Peck, golf marketing manager for Buick. "We've had such a great partnership with Tiger. It's hard for us to walk away from that. But this frees up time for him. And it sure frees up a lot of money for us."

The endorsement deal, believed to be worth at least \$7 million a year, was to expire at the end of 2009.

Obama takes rare pre-inaugural action

President-elect confers with Bush, urges Congress to pass job-creating bill

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Forget about waiting for Inauguration Day.

Looking almost like a co-president, Barack Obama cited an "economic crisis of historic proportions" on Monday, conferred with the man who's still in the White House and urged Congress to pass a costly, job-creating stimulus bill as quickly as possible.

It was a rare pre-inaugural call to action, delivered as the outgoing Bush administration approved fresh billions to bail out one of the nation's largest banks.

For a day, it all seemed to work.

Stock prices surged — the biggest two-day percentage gain for the Dow Jones industrials in 21 years — as investors took heart from the actions and words of the incoming and departing chief executives.

"If we do not act swiftly and boldly, most experts now believe that we could lose millions of jobs next year," said President-elect Obama, 57 days shy of taking office in the shadow of the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

He blended criticism of Detroit's beleaguered Big Three automakers — General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC — with a pledge of support for government aid to help them survive. "We can't allow the auto industry to ... vanish," he said, although he added that a blank check for an industry resistant to change was not the solution to its long-term decline.

At a news conference in which he introduced New York Federal Reserve President Timothy Geithner as his treasury secretary and named other top economic officials, Obama said restoring the economy to health took priority over deficit concerns. Still, he said he would be looking



President-elect Barack Obama and Treasury Secretary-designate Timothy Geithner leave a news conference Monday where Obama announced his economic team.

for "meaningful cuts and sacrifices" to restrain federal spending.

The president-elect was expected to stress that pledge at a second news conference on Tuesday. Democratic officials said he intended to name Peter Orszag, currently the head of the Congressional Budget Office, to be his budget director.

Obama and President George W. Bush spoke by telephone during the day, their first disclosed conversation since a visit at the White House more than a week ago, and each man appeared eager to show a transition proceeding

smoothly.

At the same time, the juxtaposition of the outgoing and incoming chief executives grappling — publicly and simultaneously — with the economy underscored the severity of a crisis that has sent joblessness rising, caused a large spike in mortgage foreclosures and crippled the credit markets.

Bush said his administration's dramatic overnight rescue of Citigroup Inc. was necessary to safeguard the nation's financial system and help the economy recover. He said more such moves might follow if other institutions need help.

Officials said the government might invest \$20 billion in the firm, and guarantee \$306 billion in risky assets.

Encouraged by the action, investors sent the Dow Jones industrials up 397 points. Coupled with Friday's gain, that meant an 891 point increase over two trading days, the biggest percentage rise since October 1987.

Obama made a point of saying his administration "will honor the public commitments made by the current administration to address this crisis," words of reassurance to the financial markets.

More aid sought as home prices fall

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With nationwide sales of existing homes falling more than expected last month and the median sales price plunging to \$183,000, the U.S. housing market keeps getting worse. Bracing for more bad news likely on the way, industry groups pressed President-elect Barack Obama to help stem the damage.

Meanwhile, the major Wall Street indexes surged Monday on the government's plan to bail out Citigroup Inc., a move investors hope will help quiet some of the uncertainty hounding the financial sector and the overall economy. The Treasury Department says it will invest another \$20 billion in Citigroup, and the government agreed to guarantee large losses the company might absorb on real estate-related

assets.

The Dow Jones industrials soared nearly 400 points, and the 891-point rise since Friday gave the Dow its biggest two-day percentage gain since October 1987. The major indexes all jumped more than 4.5 percent Monday.

Obama unveiled the top members of his economic team, beginning with New York Federal Reserve President Timothy Geithner as Treasury secretary and Lawrence Summers as director of his National Economic Council. Summers led the Treasury Department under former President Bill Clinton.

Obama urged the new Congress to pass an economic stimulus bill, pledged help for the troubled auto industry and blessed the Bush administration's bailout of the financial industry. Even so, he conceded, "The economy is like-

ly to get worse before it gets better."

From real estate agents to carpet makers, businesses dependent on a healthy housing sector are calling on lawmakers and the incoming administration to subsidize lower mortgage rates and beef up tax credits in a desperate effort to stimulate housing demand.

Spending \$50 billion to lower mortgage rates would yield about 500,000 more home sales, projects the National Association of Realtors.

"If home prices overshoot downward, then it can lead to collateral damage to the economy," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist at the Realtors group. The cost would be "very reasonable" compared with the billions the government is spending to rescue major banks such as Citigroup, he added.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senior legacy options debated

Unpaid internship

The senior class has an exiting opportunity available to us these next few weeks; voting on what we want to leave behind as our legacy here at Notre Dame when we graduate. The 2009 Senior Class Legacy gives the senior class the chance to make a major difference in the lives of many students to follow us. This year we have the option to vote on a new fund for future students that can benefit students for several years to come. This is the option of the unpaid internship fund.

Think back to your past summers of work. You worked full-time hours, gained invaluable experience both in your possible future career and in "real-life." You may have worked side-by-side with the professionals in the firm, sat in on meetings, worked on major projects and gained knowledge and skills that you can't learn in the classrooms.

Now imagine this experience without the pay. Maybe some of you experienced this, or maybe some of you were unable to partake in an internship because the firm couldn't pay you. This is actually a very common dilemma, one that I personally experienced the summer before junior year. This happens across all industries in which the expertise and ideas of interns are highly valued, yet the funds simply are not available.

The unpaid internship fund can make all the difference of those students. It is a fund that would support students in unpaid summer internships via an award that would go toward paying expenses during the internship. This provides students previously unable to gain this work experience the opportunity to build their resumes and make them a more marketable student upon graduation. I think this program is the best way that our senior class can give back to this University

that has given us so much. It will be a lasting legacy that can help so many future students fortunate enough to attend Our Lady's University.

Abby Wilgenbusch

senior

off-campus

Nov. 17

Community service

Seniors, it's time to decide what we want our class legacy to be. While all three of the available options are great, I believe one of them stands out as the truly compassionate choice. If we end up selecting the community service option, the proceeds of our legacy will go to the Center for Social Concerns in a special fund earmarked for local community programs. The CSC will have more resources to devote to its programs focused in South Bend, including community-based learning and research for Notre Dame students, community and economic development programs and partnerships with local coalitions for social change. It seems that this year more than ever I hear our classmates worrying about how dangerous this town is and how unsafe they feel off-campus.

Pair that with all the anti-Notre Dame sentiment you find on the South Bend Tribune's website, and the tension between students and city residents is palpable. The disconnect between the University and the city seems obvious to us, and we finally have an opportunity as a class to do something tangible to change it.

Wishing for a better relationship with the South Bend community gets us nowhere — it's time to realize that the South Bend community is our community too.

So when you vote for our class legacy,

please vote to give our gift to the Center for Social Concerns. The Class of 2009 can give a gift that benefits not only future Notre Dame students but also the entire city of South Bend.

Anna Curtis

senior

off-campus

Nov. 19

EcoFund

In light of Notre Dame's recent efforts to address sustainability on campus, last year's Senior Legacy establishing the EcoFund was appropriate and effective. The point of a Senior Legacy is to create an impact lasting far longer than our four years at this University. That's also what sustainability is all about and why the Class of 2009 should continue to support the EcoFund.

The EcoFund enables students, faculty and staff to take ownership over their original ideas and turn them into projects that contribute substantially to campus sustainability efforts. For example, the EcoFund could support the goals of both of the other Legacy options — pursuing an unpaid internship about energy or environmental issues, or supporting the sustainability work of the CSC in South Bend or around the world.

Our class has contributed substantially to sustainability at Notre Dame — and the EcoFund is a wonderful way to leave our final mark. Energy and climate change issues will impact each of us in our personal and professional lives. Let's set the right kind of precedence at Notre Dame.

Lourdes Long

senior

off-campus

Nov. 19

Consider train travel

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Chances are good that you, like millions of other Americans, will be going home for the long weekend. Chances are also good that you will be either flying or driving. Unless you live within a couple hour's drive, your trip will probably be uncomfortable, expensive, stressful and it will probably involve a delay. It will also emit a lot of Carbon Dioxide and other pollutants, in addition to the more aesthetic problems of noise and light pollution that these modes of transportation foster.

It does not have to be like this though; there is a third option: rail travel. Trains are a very comfortable, incredibly efficient mode of transportation, and they can be made extremely fast, reliable and comparatively cheap.

Many Americans have never even ridden on a train. They do not consider trains when making travel plans. Even though I have had experience with commuter rail and subways all my life, I never really considered long-distance rail until this fall, when my CSC Energy Policy Seminar took the Capitol Limited to Washington, DC for Fall Break. The trip was incredibly comfortable — we had at least three feet of legroom in coach (first class passenger had full

sleeper compartments) and access to a full lounge car. My flight for Thanksgiving has been booked for months, but after my Fall Break journey I have been looking at Amtrak timetables for future trips.

Trains are far lighter on the environment than other modes of transport. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, trains are the most efficient mode of transport in terms of emissions per passenger. Electric trains can be powered by renewable sources of power such as wind. Additionally, rail lines take up far less space than a road carrying an equivalent amount of traffic would.

America's rail network was once the envy of the world, providing safe, reliable and fast access to virtually every town of any size. Rural areas currently without airports nearby enjoyed regular service, and mail and freight moved at least as quickly as today aboard specialized trains. We let it decline after World War II though, putting our faith in automobiles, the purchasing, maintenance and fueling of which, according to railroad historian John Stilgoe, places an unsustainable burden on many American families. Having been raised in a car culture, many people see trains

as relics of the past.

This is changing though. Cities such as Denver and St. Louis, have recently installed popular light-rail networks, and Amtrak has introduced new rail routes extending service into Maine by popular demand. New Jersey Transit reported a 6 percent increase in commuter rail ridership in 2007. California recently passed a ballot initiative proposing a high-speed rail network linking the major cities in the state. Many European countries have had high-speed rail for over a decade which have become accepted as the preferred mode of transportation for trips under 500 miles in length.

For decades, America was at the forefront of railroad innovation, inventing high-speed rail with creation of streamliners in the 1920s. Famed trains such as the Santa Fe's Super Chief and the New York Central's 20th Century Limited are still remembered today for their speed and luxury. Rail was once known to all as "the way to travel," and it still is; we just need to remember it.

Jackson Bangs

sophomore

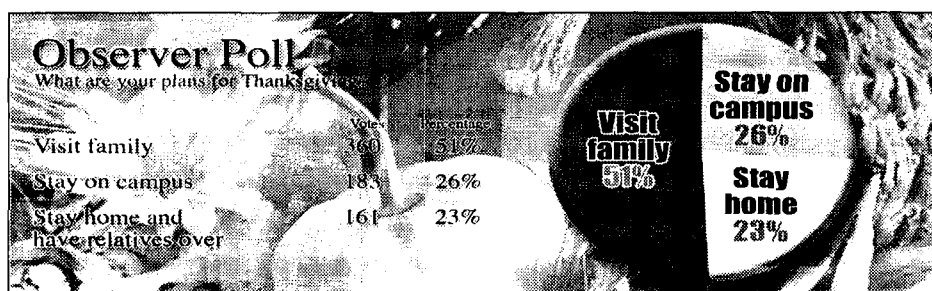
Stanford Hall

Nov. 17

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."

Robert Frost
poet



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get your head in the game

So here is what Charlie had to say after the game. I'm not making a case for or against his firing. This article might be emanating from my severe frustration with this day and with Weis. The game itself was a disaster, and it was my mistake to watch the press conference. And before you jump at me and defend Weis, read the entire article. I have quoted nothing out of context. I just want to make sure that people are aware of what the Head Coach of Notre Dame thinks after a loss to Syracuse. Here are some exact quotes from his press conference. In parentheses is what I get out of it.

"We challenged the one play, which ... you know we don't have replays here" (So you challenged without any legitimate certainty.) "But I was fairly confident that he had his toe inbounds" (You were confident. Hence it must be the case. How far from the play were you?).

"I know Pat [Kuntz] had to call the time-out in the second half; I'm not exactly sure why at this point" (Do you know now Charlie, or not yet?).

"At the end of the day, they had to go down the field and score two touchdowns, and give credit to Syracuse — they did too." (That's exactly what I need ... a head coach giving credit to the 19.5 point underdog ranked 108th in the country and who got blown out by Rutgers — don't even give me the respecting the other team nonsense.)

"That [53-yard field goal] was right on the cusp of his distance." (Haha...good one)

"I truly separate myself from feeling bad for me. I really only worry about them [the players]. I worry about those kids and their families. I worry about my coaches and their families. I worry about my wife and kid. But I don't worry about my mentality."

(What about the fans Charlie? Do you worry about them? Do you worry about the 80,000 people at the stadium who pay to see Notre Dame Football, and the 2 million fans that watch on TV?) "I don't feel miserable for me." (Well maybe you should.)

"Jimmy did not make the big mistake we've had the last couple of weeks. He was a lot more efficient at what he was doing." (18 incompletions, a 17-yard sack, accomplishing nothing in the red zone ... that's the definition of efficiency.)

Three questions about the future of Notre Dame football and his job status: "I don't like answering big picture questions like that without doing some serious reflecting on what I think is the appropriate answer." (Ok, I buy the spur of the moment aspect, but you have seven years left on your ten-year contract. As of now, you are the big picture. Might wanna start thinking about stuff like that.)

So ... no mention of any hope for the future of the program. Just ignorance. No motivation, no inspiration, no passion, no emotion. After a loss like this, I personally want a coach who keeps his head up, acknowledges mistakes and says something about getting better results. One who offers even a hint of an apology to the fans. Not one who tells me Jimmy Clausen was efficient. Not one who thinks the 53-yard line is Brandon Walker's target line. Not one who ignores arguably the most significant questions of the press conference.

I mean, c'mon Charlie. Syracuse?

Piyush Ranade

sophomore

Dillon Hall

Nov. 22

To the stadium ushers

Thank you kindly for your vigilant removal of so many hostile student snowball throwers.

When I was a young boy, I was hit in the head with a snowball by some school yard bullies. The pure shame alone was unbearable, not to mention the multiple surgeries I had to undergo to correct the injury. This act in which, during winter season, many festive youth demonically take joy is a statement to each victim, "We do not like you; we think you are a loser."

Sure I could have taken it lightly and assumed that it's not malicious and just for fun; but clearly snowball throwing is a hateful, wicked attempt to single out a person and defile, embarrass and hopefully maim them. I can only plead that for the next big quad snowball fight, we bring in SWAT and not only save some lives, but perhaps even save some poor students' self-worth.

Satire aside, it is unfortunate that some of our players were hit. I hope this was accidental given the weakness of accuracy for even the soberest, most discerning snowball thrower. On the other hand, that trooper getting smoked in the head was

hilarious. I finally learned what he and his posse contribute to the game and school. Their eagle eye powers which give them superhuman vision to swiftly kick out students who try to hit them with snowballs should make us all feel safe.

Every home game you attend, check your insecurities at the entrance. They see all. It is sad that critics and disgruntled alumni are questioning the students' pride in and support of our team and school just because of some thrown snowballs. While the students at very good football schools hardly make it to the games, nearly every Notre Dame student attends every home game, stays standing the entire game and remains to sing the alma mater and victory march in honor of the team regardless of weather and the outcome.

Or perhaps these critics have never stayed until the end of a game and didn't know this.

Connor Keenan

sophomore

Siegfried Hall

Nov. 24

Jersey chasers need a bye week

Several hours following the football game this weekend our friends sat and contemplated how a team so full of talent could lose to an abysmal Syracuse team; a team so bad that their coach had already been fired.

Some people might think it might be our coaching, and while this might be part of the problem, I still think there is an unrelenting X-factor affecting the performance of our players. Later that night, we went to CJs Pub and it became painfully obvious what that X-factor was, positive reinforcement for a miserably pedestrian performance.

Don't get me wrong, we know the players were frustrated mourning their loss and combating low self esteem upon entering the bar. However, their dejection becomes pacified and inflated egos come roaring back when several of the most desirable girls that Notre Dame and St. Mary's have to offer are hanging all over them, while the proverbial Joe the plumbers of Notre Dame are anxiously scouring the establishment for a decent catch that is either too intoxicated to notice that you're not wearing a Notre Dame football sweatshirt, or doesn't realize that she too could be hanging off the jock strap of a player who has been warming the bench for the backup long snapper.

But I digress, we are asking the jersey chasing

women of Notre Dame and St. Mary's, to take at least a week off when we lose to a team like Syracuse. This behavior is preposterous. I don't pet my dog when he takes a poop in my house. If someone is not performing to the level that they should, you do not reward their lack luster performance. Let them get angry as they strike out with you. You can even use clever rhyming comebacks to deter your unworthy suitors.

For example: Learn how to block and then I'll touch your 'sock.' Bring back the fire, and motivate them to play to their potential. It is simple psychology. Because let's face it ladies, what jersey would you rather chase, someone on a 6-5 Notre Dame team or a player on a future national championship team with Heisman consideration.

Plus, there are a lot of other cool jerseys out there. Fencing: awesome. Water Polo: sexy. Wrestling: need I say more? I have a Tony Romo jersey, maybe I would be wise to wear it out next weekend?

And lastly, feel free to hook up with Golden Tate, he tore it up this Saturday.

Ryan Shook and Shea McCarthy

juniors

off-campus

Nov. 24

We deserve ND

Dear Ms. Stephan ("Student behavior embarrassing," Nov. 24),

You have gone too far. I acknowledge that the snowball-throwing wasn't the best thing for Our Lady's PR Department, but you have overstepped the boundaries of this issue. I am referring to your assertion that we, the student body, "are undeserving of the university so many of us love." Even as a non-snowball-thrower, I am deeply offended.

I am not quite sure how to respond to your implication that we do not love our university. To keep it simple, you are wrong. (While I understand you believe our behavior displays a lack of respect and love, if we really didn't love Notre Dame, we wouldn't have remained in the stadium for the entirety of the game in 18 degree weather.) To assert that we do not deserve this University is the sharpest and most unjust insult you could have delivered. It is a blatant slap in the face to anyone, student or parent, who has worked hard and made sacrifices to make this education possible.

The senior class, more than any of us, deserves this University. And Saturday night, they deserved a win. You may criticize our behavior, you may even talk down to us like we are children, but you have no right to tell us that we do not deserve our university.

Go Irish.

Whitley Esteban

sophomore

Lewis Hall

Nov. 24

Snowball stories misleading

Ms. Stephan's ("Student behavior embarrassing," Nov. 24) and Ms. Wuellner's ("Snowball incident disrespectful," Nov. 24) letters yesterday lead me to assume that they were not in attendance at the game on Saturday but instead were victims of the irresponsible journalism that reported a relatively innocuous event as an all-out assault on our own football team.

While the concerns of our alums that the reputation of Notre Dame students may be at stake are well founded, Notre Dame fans have cause to be embarrassed not because of their actions but because of the way they were described by the media. Insinuating that Notre Dame fans were barraging their own team as a result of displeasure with the team's performance — which the AP, Ms. Stephan, and Ms. Wuellner are all guilty of — is simply false. Snowballs were being thrown before the game started and lobbed primarily at friends within the section. The snowballs that made their way onto the field were most frequently aimed at cameramen and state troopers. The few snowballs that hit our own players were stupid, dangerous and distracting, but they represented a miniscule percentage of the snowballs that were thrown and were likely errant throws aimed at Oven-Mitts, cameramen or other non-athletes.

Expecting college students in the midst of a festive snowy atmosphere not to throw snowballs is absolutely ridiculous. Calling the student body immature is unfounded. Criticize our fan base for leaving the game early. Criticize our fan base for not being loud enough. Criticize our fan base for booing. But please, don't criticize the members of the student body for acting their age and being goofy at a football game. Don't project the behavior of three students (the number of snowballs that the AP reported actually hit Notre Dame players) onto the rest of the student body, especially when your reaction has been manipulated by shoddy and irresponsible journalism and a lack of first-person evidence.

Finally, please take your energy and emotion and pour it into another letter, this time to your local paper which ran the AP story that falsely represented your alma mater.

Michael Streit

junior

Alumni Hall

Nov. 24

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!

"A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving"

In this 1973 holiday special, Charlie Brown is facing a tricky predicament. Due to a few bumbling mishaps, he finds himself stuck preparing for two simultaneous Thanksgiving dinners. He and Sally are already spending the day with their grandmother, but Peppermint Patty has invited Marcie, Franklin and herself to dinner at "Chuck's" house.

Linus, with his trademark wisdom and blanket in tow, suggests that Charlie Brown host both dinners, cooking for all of his friends. The pair, along with Snoopy and Woodstock, put together a feast of jellybeans, popcorn, buttered toast and pretzel sticks. Eventually, the group winds their way to his grand-

mother's house for a traditional Turkey Day meal with all the trimmings.

The special won an Emmy in 1974 after it aired on CBS. Since 2000, ABC has aired "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving," along with the other Peanuts television specials. From 2005 to 2007, the network moved the special to the Monday before Thanksgiving to compete with its Thursday programming during the November ratings sweeps. This year, however, the special is due to return to its traditional spot on Thanksgiving night. Tucked between the saga of Linus and the Great Pumpkin on Halloween and the beauty that is "A Charlie Brown Christmas," this Peanuts special is sure to please.

Thanksgiving Day Football

A longstanding tradition that you won't find on the dining room table this Thanksgiving is backyard football. Get your uncles, aunts, cousins, siblings and friends outside in that crisp November air while the turkey's still roasting. Who knows? Maybe you'll catch that Hail Mary pass for the winning touch down; anything's possible on your home turf.

Hometown high schools nationwide will play in Turkey Bowls on Thursday morning, often in the cold or even the snow. Football rivalries will heat up on gridirons across the country, from high school and college football to the

NFL

Three different NFL games are airing on Thanksgiving this year. The Detroit Lions will host the Tennessee Titans at 12:30 p.m. on CBS, the Dallas Cowboys will take on the Seattle Seahawks at home at 4:15 on Fox, and the Arizona Cardinals will face the Philadelphia Eagles at 8 p.m. on the NFL Network and NFL.com. For any tween football viewers looking to catch some NFL action, pop star Jesse McCartney is slated to perform during the halftime show of the Detroit-Tennessee game. For the rest of us, the games themselves should prove entertaining enough.

How to spend Thanksgiving in front of the tv:

By ANALISE LIPARI

Scene Editor

It's officially that time of year again.

No, not Christmas time — yet. No matter what retail giants, overzealous kiddies and that one girl down the hall who hasn't stopped playing Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas Is You" may tell you, it isn't Christmas time just yet. It's close, precariously and delightfully close, but not yet.

No, children, the time has come for this nation's annual dose of tryptophan, that day set aside for giving thanks to the Lord and stuffing yourself as silly as possible. It is the day of tasty turkey, buttery mashed potatoes, creamy pumpkin pie and good, old-fashioned backyard football games. It's even the day when popsters like "American Idol" contestant David Archuleta and Hannah Montana herself, Miley Cyrus, are scheduled to ride through New York City on a giant float and stop in front of that old, beloved Macy's on your television.

That day is Thanksgiving, and it is finally here.

One of the great things about Thanksgiving is how quintessentially American it is. It's unlikely that most other nations would legally set aside a day for giving thanks (our neighbors to the north aside). We hold tightly to

the belief that the first Thanksgiving was a moment of community and understanding between two disparate peoples, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Native Americans, a New England melting pot of cuisine and culture cemented, we think, over a mutual love for really dry poultry.

Scholars and historians may tell us that the real cuisine of the first Thanksgiving probably included eel, venison and swan, but no matter. We'll have our cranberry sauce and eat it too.

One of Thanksgiving's heartier offerings won't show up on your Grandma's dining room table. Instead, you'll find it in the den or the living room, on your television. Thanksgiving TV is another, albeit more recent, tradition. Like your typical array of holiday side dishes, there's a little something for everyone when it comes to Turkey Day TV. Sitcoms will often have Thanksgiving specials which range from zany to heartwarming, football games will abound, and a certain cartoon blockhead and his gang may also appear.

To prepare you for the choices you'll face on Thursday, Scene has compiled a slew of options for you to sample. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

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Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

From the Broadway performances, to the floats, with smiling kids and famous musicians, to the train of larger-than-life balloons hovering over New York City, to the final arrival of Santa Claus: Few things say Thanksgiving TV more than the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Hosted by the crew from NBC's "The Today Show" and usually featuring the ever-spirited Willard Scott, the televised parade has been a hallmark of the holiday for decades. Here's a little history for you: The parade as it is now actually began in 1924, when Macy's transferred the Bramberger's parade, based in Newark, N.J., to New York. The first balloon to march in the parade was Felix the Cat in 1927, later followed by Mickey

Mouse in 1934. The parade was actually suspended during World War II, resuming in 1945. It earned its place in Americana after it was featured in the 1947 film "Miracle on 34th Street," and a telecast followed in 1952.

One of the highlights of the parade is the variety of balloons featured. Past parade marchers have included Rich Uncle Pennybags from the game "Monopoly," Hello Kitty, Dora the Explorer and a balloon version of late artist Keith Haring's "Figure with Heart."

Year after Year, the parade also features high school marching bands, live music and snippets from Broadway shows. This year, Miley Cyrus, David Archuleta and Miranda Cosgrove are among the scheduled performers.

Thanksgiving Sitcom Episodes

One of the Thanksgiving season's unexpected traditions is the "special Thanksgiving episode" of your favorite network television shows. While most of these episodes haven't aired on the actual holiday, they'll often address different aspects of this most American of holidays.

NBC's "Friends" was famous for its series of Thanksgiving episodes and the lasting images they left in the cultural lexicon. There's the episode when Chandler describes his worst Thanksgiving, the day his parents divorced, and Monica tries to cheer him up by dancing with a turkey over her head (complete with a hat and sunglasses). There's also the classic episode when Brad Pitt, married at the time to Jennifer Aniston, guest-starred as Will, a formerly over-

weight high school classmate of Ross, Rachel and Monica. And you can't forget the episode when Chandler, as punishment for kissing Joey's girlfriend, Kathy, spends the day trapped in a box.

Other sitcoms have had their own Thanksgiving episodes. The "Gilmore Girls" hopped to four different dinners in "A Deep Fried Korean Thanksgiving," with entrees ranging from tofurkey to a crisply fried fowl. CBS's "How I Met Your Mother" celebrated "Slapsgiving" when Marshall gave Barney the second of five slaps he had earned as the loser of their "Slap Bet." And in a classic episode of "Cheers," Diane attempts to bring decorum to the Cheers gang's version of the holiday results in a slapstick food fight, complete with a flying bowl of mashed potatoes.



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By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

Tonight at 7:30 in Washington Hall, the Music Department's Opera Workshop class will perform Francis Poulenc's 1957 work "Dialogues of the Carmelites." The performance will feature selections from Poulenc's 20th century opera about an order of nuns attempting to survive during the Reign of Terror in France.

Poulenc, once described by critic Claude Rostand as "half bad boy, half monk" ("le moine et le voyou"), was a versatile composer who also wrote chamber music, ballet, choral pieces, music for film and more. "Dialogues of the Carmelites" is based on a screenplay by French author Georges Bernanos, which was in turn based on a German novella by Gertrud von Le Fort. The opera actually first made its debut in Italian at the La Scala opera house in Milan.

The students' performance will include four songs from the opera, with each song containing a different prayer.

The performance is a pure workshop experience, rather than a finished product. The class has been working since fall break on all aspects of this

program: Learning the text and examining the staging, costumes, makeup and lights, while also handling publicity in groups run by the students themselves. The goal of the workshop is to present the material as one does in performance — by accepting and sharing where the process of production is at this given moment.

What will be different about the experience that one would usually expect from an opera is that the students will then engage the audience in dialogue about their work.

**Opera Workshop
Performance
Tonight
Washington Hall
7:30 p.m.
Free Admission**

After the interactive discussion, and benefiting from that discussion, the class will present the production again, incorporating whatever comments and suggestions the audience has given them.

By this process, the students of the Opera workshop hope to illustrate a truth about performance: that it is an active collaboration between audience, performer and composer.

The show itself will run for approximately 25 minutes. It will be performed in English. Tickets are free at the door.

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Opera ND performs Gounoud's "Faust" in April. The fall Opera Workshop class will present "Dialogue of the Carmelites" tomorrow night at Washington Hall.

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NBA

Wizards fire Jordan after worst start in franchise history

Injuries to All-Star guard Gilbert Arenas and center Brendan Haywood have contributed to Washington's 1-10 record

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even without Gilbert Arenas and another injured starter, the Washington Wizards never imagined they would be as bad as the franchise ever has been.

So after opening 1-10 to match the worst start in team history, the Wizards fired coach Eddie Jordan and his top assistant Monday and gave director of player development Ed Tapscott his first NBA head coaching job.

"That's an unacceptable record, obviously," team president Ernie Grunfeld said. "We thought the change needed to be made. We needed to do things a little bit different."

With that in mind, Grunfeld phoned Jordan and delivered the news — after the coach spent Monday morning distributing turkeys during a team charity event. Grunfeld then informed Tapscott — who was at the arena, watching tape and preparing to help Jordan at practice.

Instead, Tapscott wound up running the session.

"Surreal," he said.

The coach at American University in the 1980s, and an NBA front-office employee for years since, Tapscott will make his professional coaching debut Tuesday night against the visiting Golden State Warriors.

"We're better than 1-10. We know it. But we're all responsible," Tapscott said at a news conference, a whistle dangling from a string around his neck.

He was given the title of interim coach and will run the Wizards until the end of the season, when Grunfeld said he plans to "evaluate everything." Associate head coach Mike O'Koren also

was fired Monday; Randy Ayers will be Tapscott's top assistant.

Jordan, the Eastern Conference's coach at the 2007 All-Star game, was in his sixth season with the Wizards. He led the team to the playoffs each of the past four — the longest postseason streak for a Washington coach since Dick Motta did it from 1976-80. Under Jordan, though, the team made it past the first round only once.

In September, shortly before the start of training camp, the Wizards picked up a one-year option to keep Jordan under contract through the 2009-10 season. That, along with the key injuries to Arenas and center Brendan Haywood, were reasons Jordan's job was thought to be safe — and why Monday's move came as something of a surprise, despite the team's record.

"I don't think any of the players saw it coming," Haywood said.

Jordan leaves as the Eastern Conference's longest-tenured coach and No. 3 in the NBA behind Jerry Sloan of the Utah Jazz and Gregg Popovich of the San Antonio Spurs.

Asked if he was shocked by the firing, co-captain Antawn Jamison bristled and replied, "Why wouldn't I be shocked? The team is 1-10, not the coach. Next question."

The Wizards have struggled to even be competitive at times this season, with Arenas recovering from his third operation on his left knee in 1 1/2 years, and with Haywood out for perhaps the entire season after sur-

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Antawn Jamison
Wizards forward

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Wizards president

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Ed Tapscott
Wizards coach



Washington Wizards interim head coach Ed Tapscott, center, works with JaVale McGee, right, during Tapscott's first practice as an NBA head coach Monday afternoon.

gery on his shooting wrist. "Other teams in the league also have injuries," Grunfeld said.

Washington opened 0-5, then beat the Jazz at home to avoid the first 0-6 start in franchise history.

That victory, though, was followed by another five-game losing streak. The Wizards' record matches the worst start in franchise history; the only other time the team was 1-10 was in 1966, when it was called the Baltimore Bullets.

"It just felt like we were going in the wrong direction," Grunfeld said. "It felt a little bit stale and we needed to freshen it up."

The final straw for Jordan appears to have been a 122-117 loss Saturday night to the undermanned New York Knicks, who had only seven players available.

"We lost games we were supposed to win — especial-

ly that one," second-year guard Nick Young said.

Tapscott vowed to emphasize defense and rebounding, and he wants his team to push the ball up the court on offense.

That isn't very different from what Jordan talked about, although without the 7-foot Haywood in the paint, Washington has been allowing 103.5 points per game, which ranks 27th in the 30-team league.

"We need to guard the rim, guard the lane, be a more physical team. It doesn't mean I think we're going to try to turn greyhounds into Clydesdales," Tapscott said after what he termed a hard practice.

"We've been a little sieve-like."

While never before a head coach in the pros, Tapscott has plenty of front-office experience, including as president and chief operating officer of the Charlotte Bobcats and, before that, as vice president of player personnel and basketball operations for the Knicks in the

1990s. He joined the Wizards' front office in August 2007 after spending a year as an analyst for the team's television broadcasts.

Tapscott was an assistant to current Maryland coach Gary Williams at American University in the 1970s and became head coach in 1982. In eight seasons at AU, Tapscott finished with 119 victories.

"We all respect him," Jamison said. "We know he has a great basketball IQ."

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Ed Tapscott
Wizards coach

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And I think its a sin

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Men's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	points	record
1	North Carolina (72)	1,800	3-0
2	Connecticut	1,694	4-0
3	Louisville	1,646	2-0
4	Pittsburgh	1,423	4-0
5	Michigan State	1,402	2-0
6	Texas	1,355	2-0
7	Duke	1,330	6-0
8	NOTRE DAME	1,291	2-0
9	Gonzaga	1,222	2-0
10	Purdue	1,161	4-0
11	Oklahoma	1,094	4-0
12	Tennessee	1,005	3-0
13	UCLA	916	3-1
14	Arizona State	767	3-0
15	Marquette	735	3-0
16	Xavier	600	5-0
17	Florida	535	3-0
18	Memphis	500	4-1
19	Wake Forest	414	2-0
20	Villanova	356	3-0
21	Georgetown	349	2-0
22	Miami	272	2-1
22	Kansas	272	2-0
24	Davidson	238	3-1
25	Wisconsin	214	4-0

Women's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	points	record
1	Connecticut (44)	1,124	3-0
2	North Carolina (1)	1,070	5-0
3	California	971	3-0
4	Oklahoma	943	3-1
5	Stanford	925	3-1
6	Baylor	845	4-0
7	Louisville	836	3-0
8	Texas A&M	741	3-0
9	Tennessee	716	3-1
10	Maryland	704	3-1
11	Texas	664	5-0
12	Duke	626	3-1
13	Rutgers	583	2-2
14	NOTRE DAME	579	3-0
15	Auburn	469	4-0
16	Virginia	444	2-1
17	Vanderbilt	352	4-1
18	Oklahoma State	318	2-1
19	Purdue	303	3-0
20	Ohio State	258	3-1
21	Arizona State	257	2-1
22	TCU	211	4-0
23	Old Dominion	186	3-1
24	Michigan State	79	5-0
25	Xavier	67	2-2
25	Iowa State	67	3-0

NCAA Swimming CSCAA Rankings

Men

- 1 Texas
- 2 Stanford
- 3 Michigan
- 4 Arizona
- 5 California
- 6 Florida
- 7 Tennessee
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Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb, left, and coach Andy Reid watch from the sidelines against the Baltimore Ravens during the second half of Sunday's game in Baltimore. Baltimore won 36-7.

McNabb will start again for Eagles

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. — Donovan McNabb's benching lasted less than 24 hours.

One day after he got yanked at halftime of a close game, the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback got his job back — for now. McNabb will start when the Philadelphia Eagles host the Arizona Cardinals on Thursday night.

"Donovan is the quarterback. I don't want to leave here until you understand that," coach Andy Reid emphasized at his news conference Monday. "Donovan is the quarterback for this football team."

McNabb was pulled from a game for the first time in his

career after two dismal quarters in Sunday's 36-7 loss at Baltimore. The Eagles (5-5-1) only trailed 10-7 at the time, but Reid thought second-year pro Kevin Kolb gave the team a better chance to win a game it desperately needed to maintain its slim playoff hopes.

Kolb played poorly while McNabb watched from the sideline in a hooded jacket and minus the headset backups usually wear to assist coaches.

"Sometimes you have to step back to step forward in a positive way and Donovan will do that," Reid said. "This has nothing to do with Kolb's performance or Donovan's performance."

The Eagles are on the verge of missing the playoffs for the third time in four years since losing the 2005 Super Bowl. No matter how they finish, this could be McNabb's last season in Philadelphia.

McNabb, who turns 32 on Tuesday, is signed through 2013, but there's no chance the Eagles will pay him \$9.2 million next year to be a backup. He's 22-21-1 as a starter since leading Philadelphia to four straight NFC championship games from 2001-04.

"As I sit here right now, he's my starting quarterback," Reid said. "I need to coach better. Donovan needs to play better and the guys

around Donovan need to play better."

McNabb was 8-for-18 for 59 yards with two interceptions and a fumble in the first half against Baltimore. Last week, McNabb threw three interceptions and lost a fumble in an overtime tie with Cincinnati. Overall, he's completed 58.8 percent of his passes for 2,770 yards, 14 touchdowns, 10 interceptions and a passer rating of 81.1.

"I think I know Donovan McNabb better than anybody in this room," Reid said. "I know (seven) turnovers, that's not him. That's no part of his game. You back up an inch and you evaluate it and you should be able to step forward a mile after that."

IN BRIEF

Three perjury charges dropped against Bonds

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Three charges against Barry Bonds were dismissed Monday by a federal judge who left intact most of the indictment alleging he lied to a grand jury when he denied knowingly taking performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds, baseball's home run king, is scheduled for a March 2 trial. He had faced 14 counts of making false declarations to a grand jury investigating steroid use in sports and one count of obstruction of justice.

His lawyers had asked U.S. District Judge Susan Illston to dismiss 10 of the lying charges, claiming he was asked unclear questions in front of the grand jury in 2003. Illston ruled Monday to dismiss three charges and consolidate or rewrite another two.

Bonds has pleaded not guilty to all charges. Bonds' lawyer, Allen Ruby, didn't immediately comment, saying had not yet read the ruling.

Snyder takes up reins again at Kansas State

MANHATTAN, Kan. — After a restless retirement, coach Bill Snyder is ready to turn Kansas State into a winner again.

Three years after handing off a successful Wildcats program to Ron Prince, the 69-year-old and wispy-haired Snyder was hired to take charge of the school he transformed from college football's biggest losers to national championship contenders. Prince was fired this month but is completing the season.

"The Kansas State family is in flux right now," Snyder said at a news conference Monday. "I want to be able to help. I want to be able to soothe the waters. I've learned some lessons and there are some things I will do to encompass my family."

Snyder signed a five-year contract for a base salary of \$250,000 and a total compensation of about \$1.85 million annually, athletic director Bob Krause said. Krause said he had made no offers to anyone else.

Cowboys' Jones returns to practice after suspension

IRVING, Texas — Suspended cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones was back at work with the Dallas Cowboys on Monday, going to meetings and a practice even though he can't suit up until Dec. 7 against Pittsburgh.

Jones is allowed to do everything but play in the next game — Thursday against Seattle — as he works his way back from his latest suspension, a six-game penalty for violating the league's player conduct policy. He previously was suspended for the entire 2007 season and coach Wade Phillips said Monday it's reasonable to believe another slip-up would get him permanently banned from the NFL.

"We've got to hope, for his sake really, that he has cleared all that up," Phillips said. "All the pressure is on him, really, to do the right thing."

Jones did not come into the locker room during the 45 minutes it was open to reporters. A team meeting followed, then an extended walkthrough that was closed to media.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Harris, Flynn lead Syracuse victory over No. 18 Florida

Abrahms leads Texas past St. Joe's in Maui Invitational; Longhorns to face Harangody, Irish in semifinals

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Paul Harris had 18 points and 11 rebounds, Jonny Flynn scored 18 points and Syracuse beat No. 17 Florida 89-83 Monday night in the semifinals of the CBE Classic.

Syracuse (4-0) opened the season with easy wins over Le Moyne, Richmond and Oakland, shooting over 50 percent while scoring over 82 points a game. The Orange had similar success against a much formidable opponent, picking apart Florida's zone with dribble drives and spot-up shooting from the perimeter.

Syracuse shot 51 percent from the field and had 19 assists on 31 field goals, taking control with a big run early in the second half. Andy Rautins hit five 3-pointers and had 15 points — all in the first half — Arinze Onuaku added 13 points and 12 rebounds, and Kris Joseph had 10 points for the Orange.

Syracuse will face the winner between No. 22 Kansas and Washington Tuesday night in the championship game of a tournament that features four of the last six NCAA champions.

Alex Tyus finished with a career-best 24 points on 11-of-14 shooting and Nick Calathes had 19 points for Florida (3-1), which lost despite getting 12 steals.

The Gators made defense a priority in the offseason after finishing near the bottom of the Southeastern Conference in several categories. Florida defended well in its first three games this season, forcing 23 turnovers a game, holding each opponent under 60 points.

But after beating up on Toledo, Bradley and Southern Utah, the Gators had a little more trouble with the bigger, faster Orange.

Syracuse repeatedly beat Florida off the dribble, penetrating the lane for easy lay-ups or kickouts to shooters at the 3-point line.

The Orange had 11 assists on 16 field goals in the first half, more half of those coming on dribble penetrations by Harris, Flynn and Eric Devendorf.

Onuaku had a pair of dunks on drive-and-dishes and Joseph had a couple of easy baskets inside to help Syracuse take command early.

Rautins took it from there, doing most of his damage by spotting up at the arc.

Syracuse's best perimeter shooter had yet to find his stroke this season, scoring 20 total points on 6-of-24 shooting, including 4-for-20 on 3-pointers. He came out firing against Florida, hitting five 3-pointers in the first half despite Florida's coaches repeatedly yelling "shooter!" each time he touched the ball.

Rautins couldn't keep it going in the second half, though, finishing 5-for-9 from the 3-point line.

It didn't matter the way the Orange were shooting.

Syracuse was 16-for-32 in the first half and even better in the second, using a 10-2 run early in the second half to go up 56-44. Florida came close a few times, but couldn't get closer than four.

Texas 68, St. Joe's 50

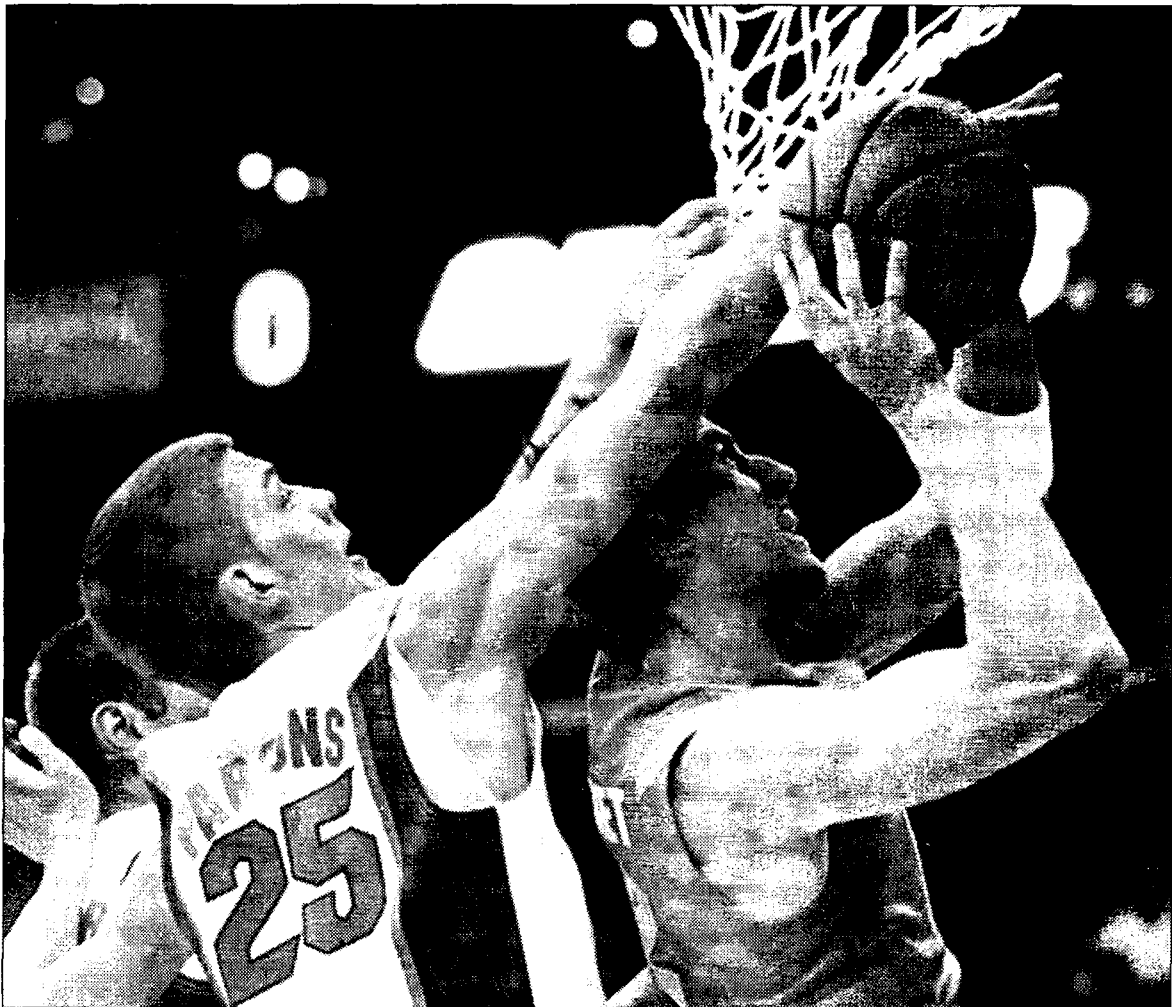
Texas' latest outstanding defensive effort left coach Rick Barnes complaining about the Longhorns' offense.

A.J. Abrams had 17 points to lead No. 6 Texas to a victory over Saint Joseph's on Monday in the opening round of the EA Sports Maui Invitational, but the Longhorns committed 16 turnovers and that's what Barnes wanted to talk about.

"We turned it over way too many times. We have to cut that down," he said. "Defensively we gave the effort we wanted and we got good play off the bench, but the turnovers were just careless mistakes. We have got to value the basketball. We're too good a team to score 68 points. We can fix that."

The Longhorns (3-0) will meet No. 8 Notre Dame, which beat Indiana 88-50, in the semifinals on Tuesday.

Abrams was 4-for-7 from 3-point range, extending his strong start from beyond the arc as he was 8-for-17 in Texas' first two games.



Syracuse guard Kristof Ongenaet, right, is pressured by Florida forward Chandler Parsons as he shoots during the first half of their game in Kansas City, Mo. Monday night.

The Longhorns had allowed 44.5 points and 28.7 percent field goal shooting while forcing an average of 22 turnovers in their first two wins. No. 3 looked very familiar.

Ahmad Nivins had 14 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Hawks (1-2), who finished 17-for-58 from the field (29.3 percent), including 4-for-21 from 3-point range, and turned it over 18 times.

"This team has been really focused on playing defense, trying to get stops, and that's a good thing," Abrams said. "On offense we just have to slow down and not play at 100 miles an hour. We have to get efficient and get wide-open shots."

Saint Joseph's scored six of the

final eight points in the first half to pull within nine, but Damion James had seven points in Texas' 11-2 run to start the second half. Saint Joseph's missed three of its first four shots in the half and had three turnovers in the opening 1:40.

The Hawks scored seven straight to make it 48-37, but they came up empty on their next eight possessions and Texas had its first 20-point lead, 57-37, on a layup by Gary Johnson with 8:55 to play.

"We laced it up and stood toe to toe with a team that in my estimation can be in Detroit in March," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said, referring to the site of this season's Final Four. "We had too many turnovers

from our older guys and the primary ballhandlers and we have to do a better job as we go forward. We weren't good enough and that's all right for today."

James and Johnson both had 14 points for Texas. Johnson led the Longhorns with 10 rebounds.

Darrin Govens added 12 points for the Hawks, who used a matchup zone to try and handle Abrams.

"We recognized it and that made it better for us," Abrams said. "We were playing too fast and guys weren't ready for it. We have to get down to 70, 75 miles per hour and read what the defense is giving us."

This is the Longhorns' third appearance in Maui with their best finish a third in 2004.

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NBA

Yao's dominating performance spells doom for Heat

Jefferson's 25 not enough as Howard, Orlando turn back Milwaukee in a match-up between injury-plagued teams

Associated Press

MIAMI — Ron Artest is difficult to please.

After seeing Yao Ming shake off waves of defenders in a 28-point, 12-rebound effort that helped the Houston Rockets beat the Miami Heat 107-98 on Monday night, someone asked Artest to assess his center's performance.

"I thought he could have played better," Artest said.

The Heat surely wouldn't have wanted to see that.

Yao shot 9-for-15 from the floor and scored 19 points in 19 second-half minutes, more than doing his part in keeping the undersized Heat at bay. Miami primarily used 6-foot-8 Udonis Haslem — by far, the smallest starting center in the NBA — against the 7-foot-6 Yao, along with a steady stream of help from the weak side to get in the Chinese star's way.

"We did all right, but Yao's Yao," Heat forward Michael Beasley said. "He's 8 feet tall. Ain't much we can do."

Artest scored 20 and Rafer Alston added 14 points for Houston, which finished with six players in double figures and outrebounded Miami 51-35. Luis Scola had 11 points and 13 rebounds, while Carl Landry and Aaron Brooks each scored 11 for the Rockets, who finished off a 3-0 road trip against East teams.

Dwyane Wade scored 23 points for Miami, doing so on 7-for-23 shooting, which prompted another quick line from Artest.

"He played really bad tonight," Artest said. "He didn't play like I'm used to seeing him play."

Mario Chalmers added a career-best 23 points, including five 3-pointers, for the Heat, who also got 17 points from Shawn Marion, 14 from Beasley and a season-high 12 from Yakhoubia Diawara.

By now, the Heat are used to dealing with some major lack-of-size disadvantages.

But facing Yao clearly exacerbated the issue, something the Rockets happily exploited. Miami would always have someone helping Haslem against Yao, even two people dropping into the lane at times, so the Rockets' center often took what the Heat defense gave and found someone who was open.

It wasn't coincidence: With Yao on the floor in the first half, the Rockets were 5-for-7 on 3-point tries, 2-for-4 with him on the bench.

"He really does create a matchup problem down there," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "He's so efficient. You can't foul him, it's tough to play in front of him, it's tough to play in front of him. But in the first half, we kind of opened up the door for the 3-point shooting. We didn't close out quite as hard as we have in other instances and they got it going."

Miami had its moments, though, against Yao. After he grabbed a rebound in the opening minutes, Chalmers — who is 17 inches shorter than Yao — ran from behind, stripped the ball away, then stepped out and hit a 3-pointer.

Yao got revenge on the next trip, rolling to the basket after setting a pick and dunking over Chalmers, who could only shake

his head.

"On this trip, we're finding a way we're going to play basketball, (take) advantage of what we have as a team and create open shots," Yao said.

Miami faced a sizable early deficit for the second straight game, this time an 11-point hole in the opening quarter. But things never got truly out of hand, and when Wade hit the first two baskets after intermission, the Heat found themselves only down 56-52.

The margin was trimmed to two after a layup by Beasley moments later, but Miami — which has alternated wins and losses in its last 10 games — never got closer.

After Beasley's score, the Rockets went on an 11-0 run, with Yao getting nine of those points.

He had three-point plays on consecutive possessions, the second of which actually became a four-pointer when Haslem was called for a technical for arguing that Yao was in the paint far longer than the allowed three seconds.

"Felt like 10 seconds in the paint to me," Haslem said. "I was guarding the guy all night. I'm conscious of three seconds."

In the fourth, whenever Miami got close, Houston had an answer, never letting its lead fall below four. And when Alston hit a 3-pointer with 1:47 left to make it 103-93, the outcome was sealed.

"Another solid win for us," Rockets coach Rick Adelman said. "For the most part, we followed the game plan on Wade. Ron did a great job just making him work."

Orlando 108, Milwaukee 101

Dwight Howard was still standing, and that's all that mattered for the Orlando Magic.

Howard had 24 points and 13 rebounds as the Orlando Magic outlasted the Milwaukee Bucks 108-101 Monday night in a matchup of injury-depleted teams.

Richard Jefferson scored 25 points to lead Milwaukee, which lost Andrew Bogut to a knee bruise in the third quarter. The Bucks were already missing Michael Redd and Luke Ridnour, their starting backcourt, to injuries.

Hedo Turkoglu, forced to play some point guard when Jameer Nelson went out with a groin pull, and Rashard Lewis each added 22 points for the Magic. Howard picked up his fourth foul halfway through the third quarter but played eight minutes in the final quarter, scoring 7 points but making only 5 of 11 free throws.

"It was a war of attrition, that's what it was. They came in here missing guys and we came in missing one, then lost one and had one in foul trouble. Neither team was playing with the guys they really wanted to play with most of the night."

Orlando (10-4) led by 12 with just under two minutes left, but poor free throw shooting and Jefferson almost brought the Bucks back. His short jumper with 24 seconds left cut the lead to 103-100, but free throws by Turkoglu and Lewis sealed the win.

"Some games we just come out

and our talent takes us over the edge, but we've got to learn how to play together," Howard said. "Sometimes our talent won't take us that far."

Milwaukee committed 39 fouls but Orlando made only 38 of 54 free throws.

"We cannot afford to come out here and try to outscore these guys," Luc Mbah a Moute said. "They have an offense that is more established than our offense. Our main thing is to defend. Tonight we did not do a good job of it."

Howard made only 10 of 20.

"It's every game, so I do worry about that," Van Gundy said.

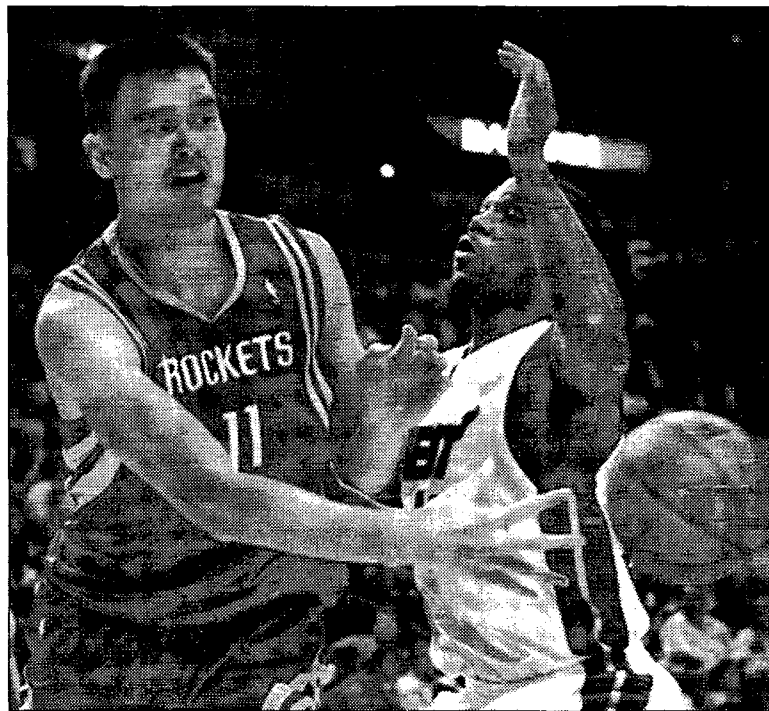
Bogut got the better of a matchup of back-to-back No. 1 overall draft picks early. Bogut made a pair of jump hooks over Howard to start the game. He then drew charges for two of the three fouls that sent Howard, the 2004 top pick, to the bench with about seven minutes left in the second quarter.

Bogut had 16 points and three rebounds in the first. Howard, the No. 1 pick had only four points and six boards.

In the first three minutes of the second half, Bogut picked up three fouls trying to stop Howard inside, sending Bogut to the bench with four. A minute later, Bogut was taken to the locker room for X-rays.

"I took a charge in the first half and got a knee," Bogut said. "But I'll be OK."

Turkoglu hit a 3 at the end of the first quarter to give the Magic a 33-23 lead. Milwaukee cut the lead to six midway



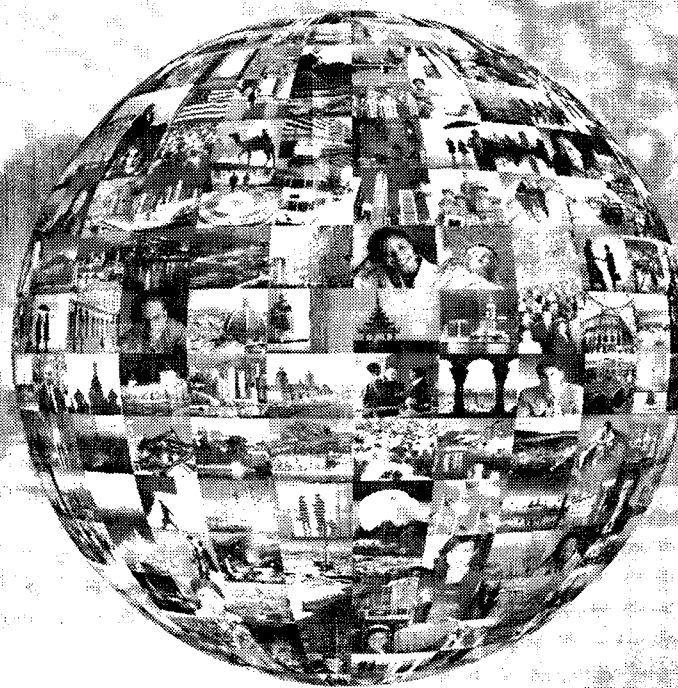
Houston Rocket center Yao Ming, left, makes a pass around Miami Heat forward Udonis Haslem in their game Monday night.

through the second quarter, but another basket by Turkoglu gave Orlando a 58-47 halftime lead.

Both teams have already been hit hard by injuries. The Magic announced earlier Monday that sixth man Keith Bogans would miss at least a month with a broken thumb.

Redd, out since Nov. 5 with a high ankle sprain, was joined on the inactive list by point guard Ridnour, who suffered a scraped and bruised knee against the Bobcats. Ridnour had missed two games earlier this year with lower back spasms.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Smyth earns third All-American honor

Men finish 19th at NCAA championships

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Patrick Smyth earned his third cross-country All-American honor Monday with a 10th-place finish at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

This was Smyth's fourth trip to the national meet and his highest placing. He finished the 10-kilometer race in 29:48.

"He ran well," men's head coach Joe Plane

said. "He's a tough kid and that really showed today." Smyth led Notre Dame to a 19th place overall finish among 31 teams. The Irish, who came into the race ranked No. 27 and had earned the last bid out of regionals, finished significantly higher than expected.

Piane, however, played down the significance.

"Top 20 in the country, that's not too bad," he said. "It was a pretty good showing."

Both Smyth and the Irish improved upon their 2007 NCAA Championships performance, when Smyth finished 15th and the team finished 21st.

Sophomore Dan Jackson finished second among the

Irish and 74th overall with a time of 30:52, and junior Jake Walker finished right behind him, crossing the line 76th in 30:53. Freshman Joe Miller came in 134th in 31:26, and senior Daniel Clark rounded out the scoring for the Irish, finishing 152nd with a time of 31:37.

The Irish women finished 29th of 31 teams in their championship appearance since 2005. Junior Lindsey Ferguson led the Irish and finished 99th overall with a time of 21:24 in the 6k race. Sophomore Marissa Treece followed and finished 122nd in 21:38. Senior Heidi Rocha finished 129th in 21:42, freshman Rachel Velarde finished 155th in 21:42, and senior Becca Bauman finished 184th in 22:15.

Piane said he will look for even more improvement in the future, as most members of his team are underclassmen. "On a grade scale, I'd give the season a B," he said. "And you're always trying to get A's, right?"

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NFL

Saints get big victory over Packers

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees and Deuce McAllister gave Saints fans what they longed to see after 43 days away from the Louisiana Superdome.

Brees threw for four scores. McAllister set a Saints record with his 54th career touchdown and New Orleans rolled to a 51-29 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Monday night.

Brees dismantled a Packers secondary that came in ranked third in the NFL with 176.3 yards passing allowed per game. He was 20-of-26 for 323 yards as New Orleans tied a club record for points scored in a game. Two of Brees' touchdowns went to Lance Moore, one for 70 yards.

"We spread the ball around pretty good," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "You just saw (Brees) being very comfortable with where he was going each time and I thought he was extremely efficient — and those guys up front did a good job for him as well."

Brees remained on pace to break Dan Marino's 1984 record of 5,084 yards passing in a season. He has 3,574 yards with five games remaining. He also has the Saints (6-5) feeling better about their hopes of rallying for a playoff spot now that they've won two games in a row for the first time all season.

The Packers (5-6) dropped a game behind Minnesota and Chicago in the race for first in the NFC North.

"We didn't slow them down at all tonight," Green Bay

coach Mike McCarthy said. "Give credit to the Saints and the play of their quarterback. He was on fire coming into the game and we didn't cool him off any."

Aaron Rodgers' attempt to keep up with Brees' torrid passing resulted in three interceptions, two by Jason David and one by Kevin Kaesviharn. David returned his first pick to the 3, setting up McAllister's scoring run, which broke Dalton Hilliard's club record set in 1993.

The sellout crowd erupted after McAllister's score. The Saints' career rushing leader kept the ball as he trotted to the sideline, where he was hugged by Payton.

"Obviously, a lot of emotion and we couldn't be happier for him," Payton said. "His teammates, all the fans here had a chance to witness that. It was pretty special. It was a good run, great effort. A typical Deuce McAllister run with a second effort that finished into the end zone."

It might have been McAllister's final game in the Superdome this season. He has appealed a four-game suspension levied after he tested positive for a diuretic banned by the NFL because it could be used as a masking agent for steroids. It is not clear when the league will rule on McAllister's case. Rodgers was 23-of-41 for 248 yards and touchdown

passes of 7 yards to Greg Jennings and 4 yards to Ruvell Martin. Rodgers also ran for a 10-yard score. Ryan Grant rushed for 64 yards in the first half, but the Packers were forced to throw more as their deficit grew and Grant finished with only 67 yards.

Leading 24-21 at the half, the Saints began to seize control with a long touchdown drive that ended with Brees' 16-yard strike to tight end Billy Miller. McAllister then went in from the 3 and Brees hit Marques Colston in stride down the sideline for his second 70-yard TD pass of the game. It was Colston's first score of the season after battling back from a thumb injury on opening day.

Pierre Thomas rushed for 87 yards and two touchdown runs, a 4-yarder in the first half and a 31-yard scamper in the fourth quarter that gave

New Orleans a 51-29 lead. The Saints had scored 51 points twice before in their four-decade history and easily could have reached 52 if Payton had elected to kick the extra point. However,

Payton called for a 2-point conversion that failed in an attempt to go up by 24 points.

The Packers scored first on a 1-yard touchdown leap by fullback John Kuhn. It was the first rushing touchdown for Kuhn in his three-year career and only his eighth carry.

But that would be Green Bay's last lead. Moore's 70-yard score came on the Saints' next play, and New Orleans took the lead on Thomas' first TD run. Green Bay tied it at 14 and again at 21 before New Orleans took the lead for good shortly before halftime on Garrett Hartley's 30-yard field goal, set up by Courtney Roby's 62-yard kickoff return.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

UConn downs Wisconsin

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands — The second-ranked Connecticut Huskies will head back across the Atlantic Ocean sporting a championship trophy after sweeping the Paradise Jam tournament in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Jerome Dyson scored 21 points and Connecticut beat No. 25 Wisconsin 76-57 on Monday night.

"This was a very good win for us because we proved we could press. It's just amazing what our press did against a team as good as Wisconsin," Huskies coach Jim Calhoun said. "We squeezed

them with our pressure and our defense."

Jeff Adrien had 14 points and Kemba Walker added 12 points and four steals for the Huskies (5-0), who led 38-28 at halftime. Hasheem Thabeet, who finished with nine points, seven rebounds and three blocks, was the tournament MVP.

"We're here!" the jubilant 7-3 junior center said as he held the Paradise Jam trophy, surrounded by his teammates.

Outside the locker room, Dyson said securing the tournament championship was a big boost.

"It feels great. We've been waiting for this moment a long time," said Dyson, whose steal

followed by a thundering dunk with 11:52 left in the second half brought Connecticut's fans to their feet.

Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said his team made some bad decisions with the ball down the stretch.

"Just guys not moving to the ball, making hard cuts. (Connecticut is) a very difficult team to come from behind against," Ryan said. "Three or four turnovers can quickly change a game. We're not immune."

UConn scored 31 of its points off turnovers.

Keaton Nankivil led the Badgers (4-1) with 11 points, and Marcus Landry, Trevon Hughes, and Lon Leuer had nine apiece.

With the Paradise Jam victory, UConn claimed its second tropical in-season tournament title in the last four seasons, having won the Maui Invitational in 2005.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles open season at home against Wheaton

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Coming off a one-point loss in the finals of the Anderson University Tip-Off tournament to Robert Morris, Saint Mary's (1-1) looks to rebound in its home opener against Wheaton College Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Senior forward Erin Newsom who racked up a game-high 26 points to go along with eight rebounds in the loss to Robert Morris leads the Belles this season. Newsom was named to the All-Tournament team for her performance.

Junior center Anna Kammrath is off to a hot start as well, recording a double-double against Robert Morris and coming just one point short of another in the first game against Ohio Wesleyan.

Much of Saint Mary's early success thus far has hinged on its domination under the bas-

ket. The Belles have out-rebounded their opponents by 13 through the first two games.

Freshman forward Maggie Ronan is already beginning to contribute for the Belles having to step into the starting role in just her first season. In her first career game against Ohio Wesleyan, the freshman scored 15 points on 5-of-7 shooting, 3-of-4 behind the arc.

Last year's season opening match-up in the Lee Pfund Classic with Wheaton College did not end well for Saint Mary's. The Belles took a small lead into halftime before being outscored by 25 points in the second half and falling 75-56. A strong nucleus of returning starters hopes to move past that performance and reverse last year's result.

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come to the game to see if we've done our job."

Notre Dame (12-6-2, 7-2-2 Big East) suffered a 2-1 loss to South Florida in the Big East tournament's semifinals on Nov. 14 but still received a first-round bye in NCAA play as a top-16 seed. The Wildcats (13-4-3, 3-3-0 Big 10) edged Loyola Chicago in penalty kicks Friday after the two teams played to a scoreless draw in the tournament's first round.

"They're a good team. In the NCAA's, there's not many bad teams, so that's kind of a given," Clark said. "They're well-rounded and well-coached. It'll be a challenge, but it's not one that's beyond us."

Northwestern is led by sophomore Matt Eliason, whose 12 goals and 25 points are both team highs. Junior Misha Rosenthal has started all but one of the Wildcats' games in goal and has posted 12 shutouts and a 45 goals-against average, which ranks seventh in the nation.

"They're similar to ourselves — a lot of players that are technically good, they connect well as a team and they're well-organized," Clark said. "There's a lot of similarities. On the night, you just hope some of your match-ups are a little bit better, but I'm sure they'll be hoping for the same thing."

Notre Dame has struggled to put the ball in the back of the net of late, failing to score more than once in a game since Oct. 19. The Irish managed a 3-2-1 record over that six-game span but have put a lot of pressure on junior goalkeeper Philip Tuttle, who has stepped up in the place of injured starter Andrew Quinn.

"I think it'd be really nice if we could put some goals in the back of the net, and we haven't done that in awhile," Clark said. "We've been winning games, but by narrow amounts, and it's about time we started [scoring] ... At the beginning of the season we were scoring goals, and it'd be nice if we could get back to that form."

The Irish have offensive firepower in the form of senior forward Bright Dike, who has scored a team-best 12 goals. The team averages two goals per game, tied for 15th nationally, and Notre Dame has scored three or more goals in eight games this season — all Irish victories.

"What you can control is to keep making chances, I think that's the one thing [you can control]," Clark said. "The key thing is to make chances and I think we've been doing that. If you're not making chances, then you start to worry."

Notre Dame hopes to take full advantage of playing on its home field, where the Irish have an unbeaten 9-0-1 record.

"Home field's always nice, but it doesn't win you the game," Clark said. "In fairness, the team has got to win the game."

Though much of the campus may be headed elsewhere for the Thanksgiving break, Clark said a student presence would be a major help to the team's chances tonight.

"Tonight's a tough night to get a crowd out, but we'll make a plea to any of the students on campus," Clark said. "If there's any students around, let's make sure it's a home-field advantage. It'll be a cold one, but if you like Notre Dame and you want to cheer us on, you'll be very welcome."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hot offense ready for Eagles

By BILL BRINK
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Success breeds inspiration, apparently. Notre Dame's hot start this season has the players raring for more, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

"It's like we can't wait to play another game," McGraw said.

No. 15 Notre Dame comes back home to play Georgia Southern today at 7 p.m., three days after hitting triple digits against Boston College on the road.

Notre Dame's offense over the past two games has been scorching. The Irish (3-0) averaged 99 points against Evansville and Boston College. Forward Becca Bruszewski scored at least 18 points in both games, and at least five Irish players hit double figures in both games.

"I think we try to get even better," McGraw said. "I feel like we are playing with a lot of confidence, we are having fun, and everybody's contributing."

The Eagles (3-1) started their season strong as well. Their only loss came against No. 20 Auburn on Nov. 19. Their defense, like that of

Notre Dame, has not allowed many points. Against the Eagles, Brewton-Parker managed 44 points, and UNC Asheville scored only 39. Georgia Southern also defeated Florida Atlantic on Nov. 17.

This season, the Eagles have attempted 83 3-pointers and made 31 of them, an average of 7.8 per game. McGraw said she was happy about the way her team defended the 3-point line against Boston College.

"I was very pleased with the defense to only hold them to 2-for-6, and one of those was late in the game," she said.

Eagles guard Ashley Melson leads the Eagles with 14.8 points per game, but the team spreads points around well. Five players average over 6.8 points per game.

So far for the Irish this year, four players — Bruszewski, Mallory and guards Ashley Barlow and Lindsay Schrader — average in double figures.

The defense has held up its end of the bargain as well. The Fighting Irish have not allowed more than 61 points this season and have forced 25.7 turnovers per game. Opponents struggled to score as well — Notre Dame held

them to 38 percent shooting from field goal range.

McGraw said she liked the play of center Erica Williamson, who guarded Boston College center Carolyn Swords during Sunday's game. Swords, who is 6-foot-6, shot 8-for-14 from the field and had 16 points and seven rebounds against the Irish.

"She did some good things at BC and showed improvement, even from last year," McGraw said. "She took over the game at one point and had a nice stretch of minutes against a very good post player."

Notre Dame has created much of its success off of turnovers. So far, the Irish have forced an average of 25.7 turnovers per game and parlayed those possessions into fast-break points. Georgia Southern turns the ball over 19.3 times per game, 2.8 fewer than their opponents.

Guard Brittany Mallory shot 5-for-5 from the floor and 3-for-3 from 3-point range against Boston College on her way to 14 points. The Irish as a team hit 7-of-8 3-pointers.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

One last match, nothing at stake

By SAM WERNER
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Even though Notre Dame came up just short against Louisville in the Big East tournament final Sunday, the Irish still have one more regular season match remaining before packing it in for the offseason.

With an at-large NCAA Tournament bid out of the question, the Irish (16-14, 9-5 Big East) will take the court one last time against Xavier Friday night in what will be the final match for seniors outside hitter Mallorie Croal and middle blocker Justine Stremick.

"We know it's the last match of the season and we know we're just going to make the best of it," coach Debbie Brown said. "We want to go out, obviously, finishing the year on a high note."

While Stremick will make her contributions on the court Sunday, Croal will be limited to the sidelines. The Villa Park, Calif., native suffered a serious ankle injury during the spring of her sophomore year and had sur-

geries after her sophomore and junior years, but was unable to fully recover. After Notre Dame's Oct. 21 loss to Long Beach State this year, Croal decided that the pain was too great to continue, and elected to sit out the rest of the season.

"This injury that she suffered is just one of those things you don't understand, but she still gave to the team in any way that she could," Brown said. "She always put the team in front of herself."

Croal has still attended every practice and has been instrumental, Brown said, in tutoring younger players.

"Because she's such a good leader, even though she wasn't on the court, she really helped the team mature and grow throughout the year," Brown said.

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Stremick was also hindered by injury early in the season after partially tearing her ACL last March, but has since returned to being one of Notre Dame's most consistent players. Despite missing the team's first six matches, Stremick has posted 165 kills, good for a .298 hitting percentage.

"Injuries are a part of sports," Brown said. "But it's just great to have her back." Against the Musketeers (16-14, 8-5 Atlantic 10), the Irish will face a team that is coming off a loss to No. 21 Saint Louis in the Atlantic-10 tournament. Junior outside hitter Kelly Ruth, who has notched 359 kills and a .220 hitting percentage on the season, leads Xavier.

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Assists

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received for leading the nation in assists last season. After the victory over the Hoosiers, he again brought up Notre Dame's unselfishness.

"We can pass the ball, we led the nation in assists," he said. "This group really knows how to find each other."

Indiana first-year coach Tom Crean, who frequently coached against Notre Dame while he was with Marquette, said he hopes his young team can eventually adopt a similar style to the one Notre Dame uses.

"There's no question they're a very together team and they've done a great job building it up," Crean said. "Somewhere down the road, there may be something for us to learn from this game in terms of the togetherness they have."

The Hoosiers often concen-

trated their defense on Irish forward Luke Harangody, who did not put up his typically gaudy statistics. But Brey said the junior's unselfishness helped the Irish cruise to an easy win.

"We can kinda take advantage of what the defense gives us and I thought we did a great job of that," Brey said. "I thought Luke Harangody, they were aware of him, doubling him a little bit. He didn't get 25 [points] and 15 [rebounds] but he set up a lot of these guys, there was just a lot of attention on him."

In addition to leading scorer Tory Jackson, senior forwards Ryan Ayers and Luke Zeller were two of the players that benefited from Indiana's focus on Harangody. Ayers scored 13 points on 5-of-7 shooting while Zeller chipped in 10 points and 11 rebounds.

"My teammates have really been on me, so has coach, just [to keep] being aggressive, playing my game," Ayers said.

"My teammates were able to find me, set good screens ... We share the ball so well, it's really easy to play in this system."

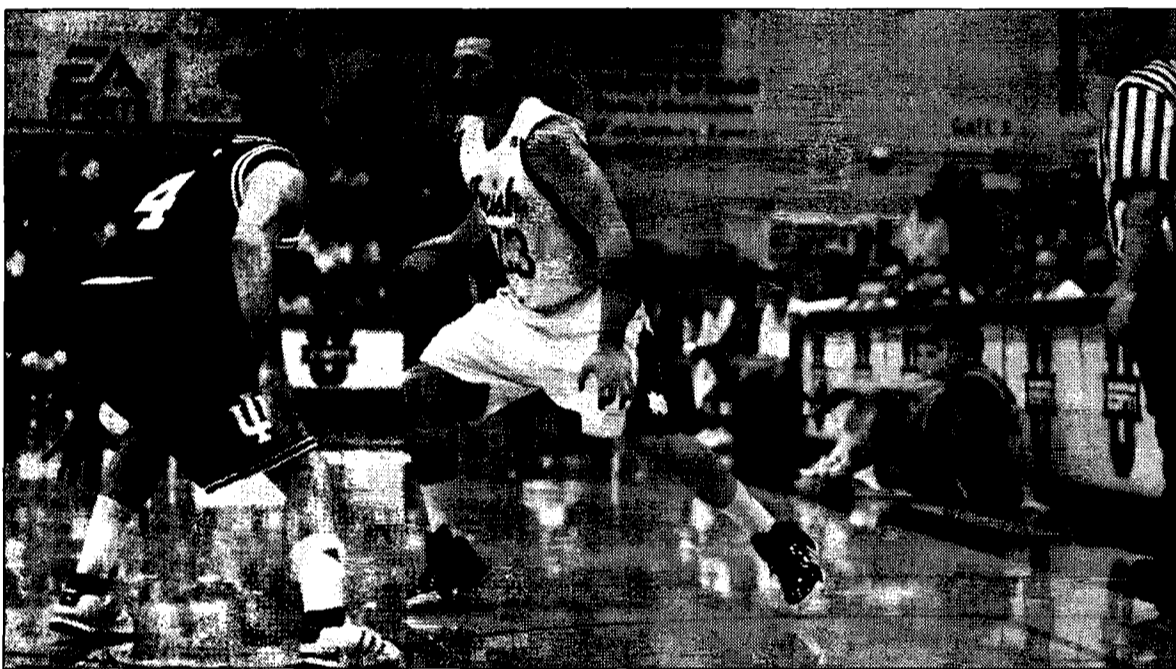
McAlarney, who scored 18 points, said his teammates' screens allowed him to get open shots throughout the game.

"I think I hit one and then I started feeling pretty good. I gotta credit my teammates a lot. They've been screening much better lately...I give them a lotta credit," he said.

Notre Dame was also effective playing as a team on the defensive end, limiting Indiana to 50 points on 39.6 percent shooting.

"I thought our position defense was excellent," Brey said. "You hold them to 50 points and 39 percent field goal shooting, that's something we've been trying to get better at."

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Irish guard Kyle McAlarney dribbles during Notre Dame's 88-50 win over Indiana Monday. McAlarney had 18 points and hit six 3-pointers in the game.

Jackson

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when they're double-guarded, I just got to the open spot and I happened to be open and they fell in. I will not be taking 17 shots [every night]. It just happened. I was feeling it today."

The Hoosiers kept it close in the opening minutes, but Jackson helped spark a 17-6 Notre Dame run midway through the first half that put Notre Dame ahead for good. Jackson hit two jumpers and assisted on a Zach Hillesland layup that put Notre Dame ahead 20-11 with 8:50 to play in the half.

Then some of Jackson's teammates began to catch fire.

Senior guard Kyle McAlarney, who finished with 18 points, hit one of his six 3-pointers. Then junior forward Luke Harangody grabbed one of his five steals, passed to McAlarney, then raced down the floor. McAlarney lobbed it from about mid court to the streaking Harangody, who caught it and executed a difficult layup to put the Irish up 25-13.

Following another McAlarney 3 and a Ryan Ayers jumper, senior forward Luke Zeller, who had 10 points and 11 rebounds, drained a 3 of his own and the Irish had a 33-16 lead with 5:16 left in the half.

"I thought we played old today," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We knew who we were, we were pretty mature. We took what the defense gave us and

we got back and protected the paint and made them take tough, challenged shots."

Even with Harangody out the last four-plus minutes of the first half with two fouls, Notre Dame increased its lead to 44-23 at halftime. Harangody finished with 14 points and five rebounds.

Notre Dame came out in the second half and steadily put away Indiana. Ayers opened the half with a 3-pointer, Jackson pitched in two layups on drives to the basket and McAlarney downed another 3 to put Notre Dame up 56-29 by the first media timeout at 15:43 left in the game.

Points came easy for the Irish against the Hoosiers, easier than they did in Notre Dame's 65-54 win at Loyola Marymount Friday.

"Friday's game in a little gym and crazy atmosphere helped us today," Brey said. "We played in a small gym at Loyola. They played great and we had to fight to get out of there with a win. I think that really helped us."

During one fast break against the Hoosiers, Jackson dribbled down the floor and kept looking at McAlarney and Harangody, who were positioned at his sides. Indiana defenders were so concerned with Harangody and McAlarney that they forgot to pick up Jackson, who coasted in for a layup unguarded.

"They laid off me," Jackson said. "Some of the shots, I feel like I rushed them and some of the shots, I felt like they were quality shots. Overall, I felt like I

had a good game, but I had five turnovers today and that was awful for me."

Notre Dame will take on Texas Tuesday at 7 p.m. EST on ESPN. The Longhorns' downed St. Joseph's 68-50 on Monday.

"They're really talented. That's Big East athletic ability coming at us," Brey said of Texas. "We see that a lot in our league, so you're concerned about you rebound the basketball and getting through some big stagger screens. Some of those guys could play for Mack Brown setting those screens. But, they're a really good team. I think it's two good teams going at it."

Note:

uTuesday night, EA Sports and Xbox360 hosted a tournament to see who the best NCAA Basketball '09 player was among the eight participating teams. Each team had two representatives to the tournament. For the Irish, Jackson and Harangody participated. Harangody lost in his first-round matchup to Indiana's Devan Dumes.

Jackson fared a little better. He won a tight first-round contest against Indiana's Daniel Moore 20-19 and downed St. Joseph's Edwin Lashley in the second round. But in the semifinals, Jackson lost to North Carolina's Ty Lawson 26-22. Lawson would go on to lose to fellow teammate Mike Copeland in the finals.

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Broncos

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each of their last three games.

Last weekend, Notre Dame demolished a Bowling Green team that entered the home-and-home series with a 4-3-1 conference record. The Irish beat the Falcons 5-1 at home on Friday night before posting a 9-1 blowout win in Bowling Green, Ohio on Saturday.

"All four of our lines are helping us score, and our power play has been more consistent over the past few weeks than it's been over the last year," said Jackson, whose team is now averaging four goals per game. "Those two things combined have given us the opportunity to be an effective offensive team ... But against a good defensive team, we're going to be challenged and we have to bear down and not take anything for granted."

Jackson said the defensive-minded Broncos will look to force turnovers by playing their aggressive style. The stats suggest that the style wears on opponents, as the Broncos have scored 12 third-period goals this season, compared to six in each of the first two periods.

"They're an up-tempo team and they pressure the puck very well," Jackson said. "They come after you. They don't sit back and play a

trap."

The series might be a trap in another way — with Thanksgiving break beginning Wednesday, Jackson said playing at home might actually be a disadvantage this weekend.

"It's easier to play on the road over Thanksgiving break for a number of reasons," Jackson said, citing dietary, family and scheduling distractions. "It gets us out of our normal routine ... We'll have a Thanksgiving dinner for the guys — it's a family holiday, so we want to make sure they have the opportunity to experience that, but not to excess."

Note:

uBrett Blatchford and Christian Hanson were named the conference's defensive and offensive players of the week, respectively, the CCHA announced Monday.

Blatchford, a junior defenseman, took defensive honors for the second consecutive week. He recorded four assists in the two games against Bowling Green, posting a plus-three mark for the weekend.

Hanson notched two goals and an assist in each game for a six-point weekend. The senior center had never posted a three-point game for the Irish before Friday.

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"The organization of the back four plus the goalkeeper, the coordination and the organization is huge ... when you zone like we do, it's very important that every player not only do their job but that they're confident in the player next to them," Waldrum said.

Those four players sit at the base of Notre Dame's 4-3-3 system, which though similar to the Seminoles 4-4-2, will have to adjust to a team that can defend and attack nearly as well as the Irish. Sophomore

forward Sanna Talonen leads Florida State with 16 goals. And like the Irish, the Seminoles play a game of possession, not like the physical style of Minnesota seen in round three. Meaning both Florida State and Notre Dame will look to control the ball in their respective offensive halves.

"I think your going to find two teams that will try to play on that field, so certainly you put a priority on keeping the ball and trying to play," Waldrum said.

The game kicks off at 7 Friday night.

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Fans braved the single-digit wind chill to support the women's soccer team during Notre Dame's 1-0 win Friday.

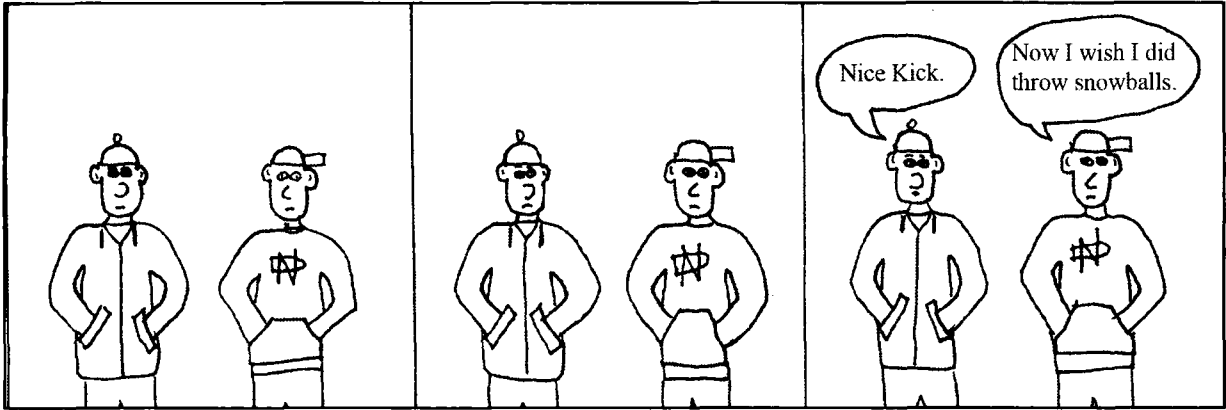
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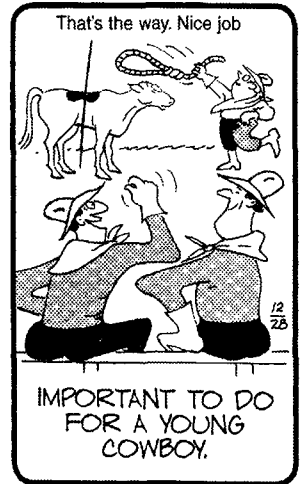
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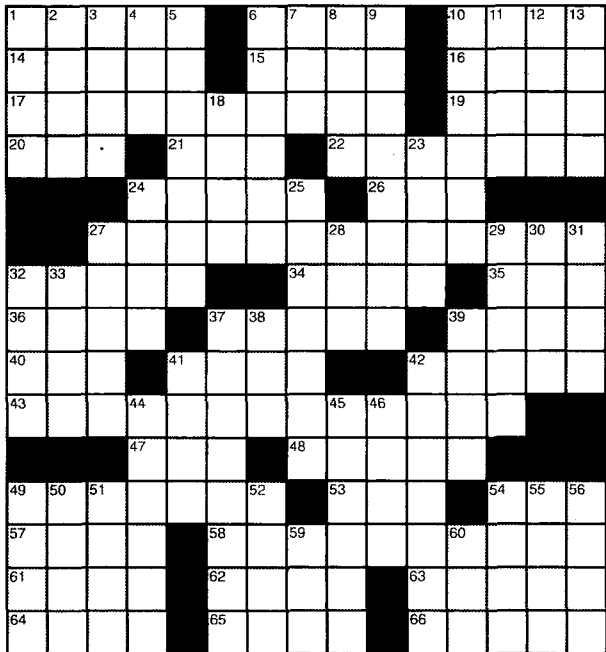
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Speak from the heart. Give your honest opinion of whatever situation you face at home, work or school. A position that you want should come through if you handle an interview or application with strength, knowledge and confidence. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's not always about money -- sometimes it has more to do with integrity and what you can live with. Don't be so hard on yourself when you know in your heart what you must do. Surround yourself with a good team. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a bit of a break and do something nice for yourself. Romance is looking good so pick up something for that special person in your life. Draw the line if someone you have to work with is taking over or being a bully. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let personal, emotional issues cloud your vision. Focus on what you can do and who you can convince to take your side. Joining forces with people who think like you will help you get your way. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be careful how you handle the ones you love. Sudden, unexpected changes in your life and your home are upon you. You may have options but, before you go down a road that may cause rumors, evaluate the pros and cons. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make some good decisions regarding your home, family and what to do next. There are opportunities to expand your friendships and your knowledge through travel, courses or a group that offers mental stimulation. ★★★

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You don't have to go far to gain approval or to find a way to utilize your talents. Get involved in a group or organization that interests you. A serious connection will lead to important professional knowledge. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let someone's compliments fool you. He or she wants something and you have to figure out what. Don't give in but do get serious about what you can and cannot do. A deal can be made but it must be on your terms. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have more to offer than you realize. Use your services to make proposals and to turn any negative in your life into a positive. Give up what you don't need and budget in what you do. ★★★★★

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Leis and layups

Jackson scores 21 and gets five boards in win

By CHRIS HINE
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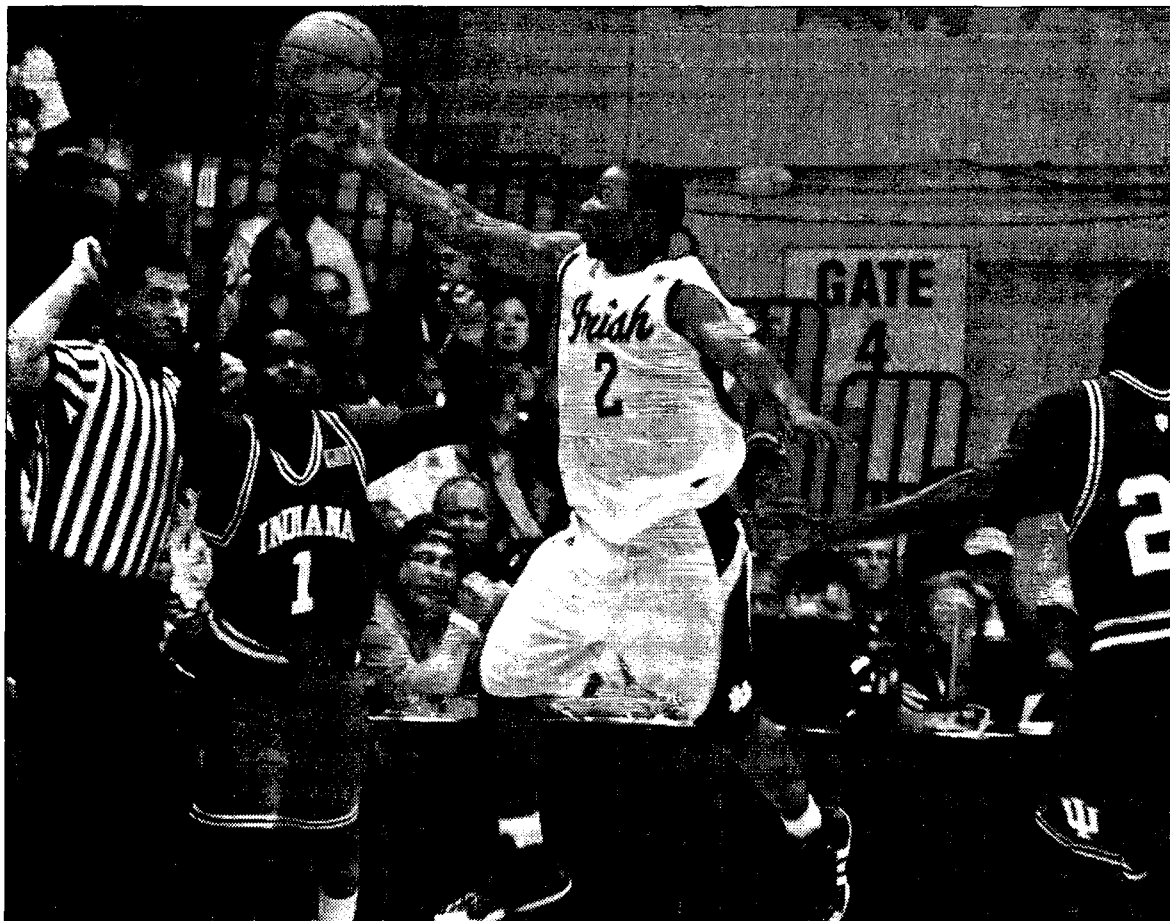
MAUI — His fellow players and coaches often refer to him as Notre Dame's heartbeat, and how he performs dictates how the rest of the Irish usually play.

So on Monday, when junior point guard Tory Jackson scored 21 points, grabbed five rebounds and had six assists, it was no surprise that Notre Dame defeated Indiana 88-50 in the first round of the Maui Invitational.

Jackson, who led all scorers, was one of five Notre Dame players in double figures. And in a rare occurrence for Jackson, he took the most shots of anybody on the floor — Jackson shot 10-for-17 from the field goal range.

"I just took those shots because they came in the flow of the offense," Jackson said. "A lot of teams focus on Kyle, a lot of teams focus on Luke Harangody, so most of the time

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Irish guard Tory Jackson drives for a layup during Notre Dame's 88-50 win over Indiana Monday in the Maui Invitational. Jackson led the Fighting Irish with 21 points.

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Team finds ways to score without stars

By FRAN TOLAN
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MAUI — Luke Harangody and Kyle McAlarney have grabbed most of the early-season attention for Notre Dame, but the Irish didn't need either player to dominate as they blew out Indiana Monday.

As Notre Dame built a 21-point lead before halftime, it did not have a single double-digit scorer but had five players drop at least six points. And by the time the final horn sounded, the Irish had five double-digit contributors and eight players with an assist.

"A lot of unselfishness. Today's indicative, if you look at the scoring, [that] it can come from a lot of different areas with our team," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We have a lot of different guys that can score the ball."

Brey has repeatedly talked about the importance his team places on the plaque it

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Seminoles travel to colder climate to face undefeated ND

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
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For the first time in this NCAA Tournament, the Irish will take on a team not versed in the cold and snow. But No. 6 Florida State is also the highest-ranked opponent Notre Dame has faced yet.

And even with a southern team traveling to Alumni Field to take on the No. 1 Irish Friday, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he knows the team will be chal-

lenged.

"How much [home field advantage] really factors in I'm not really sure," Waldrum said. "But that I think that's why you try to win as many games as you can to secure home field."

And there's a reason the Irish earned the No. 1 seed in their bracket and home field advantage through Friday's night game — they're the No. 1 team in the nation with a perfect record. The Irish defense sits at the backbone of that success. The Irish have

allowed only two goals in the Tournament, both of which came in their 5-2 win over Toledo in the first round.

"We've been really good throughout the Tourney defensively ... I just think defensively we've really been on the last month," Waldrum said.

With senior offensive star Kerri Hanks getting all the attention, it's easy to forget the other senior who shares her first name (be it slightly varied): senior Carrie Dew. Dew sits at the center of the

Irish four-man zone, directing and preventing opponents from getting shots on goal.

"She's just gotten better and better as the year's gone on, her presence, she's taken on now more of a leadership role than she did even earlier in the year ... she's just elevated it to another level," Waldrum said.

Coming from a club in San Diego that taught her the importance of a zone defense, Dew needed little instruction, but Notre Dame wasn't just a place

for Dew to play four years before hitting the national scene.

"When we get kids here as freshman, we hope when they graduate they're not just four years older, they're four years better," Waldrum said.

It's that experience and knowledge that has built a defense where in addition to Dew, defenders Elise Weber, Julie Scheidler and Jessica Schuveiller work together in perfect unison.

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HOCKEY

Upset-happy Broncos present tough challenge

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If the Irish want to hang on to the No. 2 national ranking they earned in this week's polls, they'll have to take care of business this weekend against a Western Michigan squad looking to upset a top-10 team on the road for the second straight week.

The Broncos (2-7-3, 1-4-3-1 CCHA) got their first conference win of the year Friday by beating No. 8 Michigan 2-1 at the Wolverines' Yost Arena, considered one of the toughest places to play in college hockey.

"Any team that can go into Yost and beat Michigan has to be doing something right," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We have to be conscious of that and go into the game understanding they're a good enough team to beat anybody."

Notre Dame (9-3-1, 5-2-1-1 CCHA) has seen its stock rise 10 spots in the polls over the last three weeks on the heels of an eight-game unbeaten streak. The Irish have scored at least three goals in each of those games and have tallied four or more in six of those contests — including at least five goals in

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish host Wildcats in NCAAAs

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After an 11-day layoff, their longest of the season, the No. 12-seed Irish open NCAA tournament play with a home game tonight at 7 against a Northwestern squad that was the No. 2 team in the country earlier this season.

"That's always a concern," Irish coach Bobby Clark said of the extra time off. "I think we've handled the time well — we've given them sufficient time off, varied the practices, varied the venues ... We've done a lot of things to get them ready, but you'll have to



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Senior defender Jack Traynor kicks the ball downfield during Notre Dame's 3-0 win against Michigan State on Nov. 8.

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