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'The only rules of the game'

Hesburgh reflects on student activism, 15-min. rule on 40th anniversary of 'Notre Dame 10'

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the second installment in a four-part series commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Notre Dame 10 and exploring the history of student activism on campus. The first part introduced the Notre Dame 10 and their protest efforts.

In the fall of 1969, then-University President Fr. Theodore Hesburgh's office door was always open, it seems.

Reflecting on the time of what he calls "the student revolution" in his new office

in the Library named for him, Hesburgh described the protest fervor that swept across a nation at war in a foreign land and turned college campuses into battlefields.

Several of those students came to him to "talk about the problems of the day," he said — at times in the middle of the night.

During the Vietnam War, Hesburgh said, about 250 college and university presidents left or were asked to leave office, one even suffering a heart attack while being confronted by students. Campuses transformed from reflective sanctuaries of

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, in his library office, recalls the atmosphere at Notre Dame and other college campuses during a time of protests and activism in 1969.

Former presidential candidate Huckabee hosts book signing



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Former governor and presidential candidate Mike Huckabee held a book signing at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Tuesday.

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

Mike Huckabee's appearance at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore yesterday afternoon to sign copies of his newest book, "A Simple Christmas," marked the first time a politician has appeared at the Bookstore for a book signing, Kristin Blitch, marketing manager at the bookstore, said.

Notre Dame, Huckabee said, is the only college or university on his current book tour.

Huckabee, who served as governor of Arkansas from 1996 until 2006 and ran in the Republican Party primaries for the 2008 presidential election, said being on book tour allows him to have friendly conversa-

tions with people across the country.

"In a campaign the unfortunate fact is that you spend about 75 percent of your time defending yourself against the attacks of your opponents and a little bit of time actually articulating your opinions on policy," he said. "And so the good thing about a book tour is people come out to a book signing because they want to read your book and most folks are very pleasant."

While he enjoys his book tour, Huckabee also said he is "not ruling anything out" in regards to running for the presidency in 2012.

"Well it is, I think, too far off. I'm going to wait until after the midterm elections next year and see where things stand," he

said. "... I've got so much going on between doing the Fox News show on the weekends and my commentaries three times a day five times a week on about 500 stations a day, my writing, speaking ... it's hard to even find the time to think about it right now."

When asked about the current state of the Republican Party, Huckabee said its leaders "are finding their sea legs again to get back on track" by realizing that something must be done to fix national debt and spending.

"I'm more worried about the direction of the country than the Party," he said. "The Party will eventually right itself and kind of find its way, but the one thing I am encouraged by is that

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OIT urges Facebook awareness

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

Social networking through Web sites such as Facebook has become a popular way to communicate with friends, and it is no longer just college students who are taking advantage of the services offered by these sites.

The explosion of online social networking, however, has also exposed users to new identity theft risks, Director of Information Security Gary

Dobbins said.

"There are a lot of people who would like to find out what your password is, find out more about you in order to use those things to impersonate you," he said. "There are a dozen different things you should be aware of when using social networking tools like Facebook."

To help combat the risks posed by social networking, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) has launched a new campaign that encourages Notre Dame faculty, staff and students

to not "be a victim of social networking," OIT organizational communications analyst Lenette Votava said.

"We're going to have posters going up with social network precautions people can take so that they stay safe and they are aware of what can happen to them," she said.

Votava said one of the simplest ways to reduce one's risk is to limit the personal information one posts on the Web site.

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Several items stolen from men's residence hall

Observer Staff Report

Several items were stolen from rooms in a men's residence hall on campus early Sunday morning, according to Dave Chapman, assistant director for Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP).

Chapman said three rooms in the residence hall were targeted. No force was used as the rooms were unlocked.

Chapman did not disclose

the residence hall.

NDSP is also investigating a case of indecent exposure in which a man exposed himself to three women walking on Saint Mary's Rd. at about 5:15 p.m. Saturday.

The witnesses told police the man was on a bicycle and about 40 to 50 years old.

Chapman said NDSP does not have new information on either case.

INSIDE COLUMN

Faking it

There is a lot of faking at Notre Dame. Here at Notre Dame, you can fake understanding your philosophy professor. Here at Notre Dame, you can fake that you don't mind the snow or the cold. You can fake obeying parietals, and you can fake agreeing with our sometimes unnaturally inflated football ranking. Here at Notre Dame, you can even fake going to Notre Dame.



Molly Sammon

Sports Writer

Gary Stearley came to South Bend before the fall semester as a student at Notre Dame's law school. He moved into a house south of campus earlier this semester and found himself a pair of roommates to live with. He bought thousands of dollars worth of textbooks. He walked around on campus. He had the pass codes for different campus buildings.

According to his roommates, he did homework in his room, studied court cases and wrote papers. He made himself an ID card. He made friends with a professor who called him by name on campus in front of witnesses. Gary Stearley was an excellent faker.

His roommates found out their tenant's actual identity when the three of them were sitting in the living room of their house, watching the South Bend local news. The report on television revealed Stearley's story to the unsuspecting owners.

Stearley told them he would turn himself in the next morning, but when they returned, Stearley had grabbed a few of his belongings and snuck out of the house just as Leonardo DiCaprio's character in "Catch Me If you Can" might have done.

Among his leftover possessions, they found ID cards from other colleges where it was most likely that Stearley had committed similar acts. Further investigation of Stearley's story led to the discovery that he had been in legal trouble before for faking being a physician's assistant in Jacksonville, Florida.

My first thoughts after reflecting on Stearley's story were in praise of him. I do not feel as though I have ever wanted anything as badly as Stearley wanted to be a Notre Dame law student. I certainly am not dedicated enough to any cause to find the time that he found to make himself a fake ID card, make himself do fake law school homework and make friends on campus.

It's almost invigorating to come across the story of a young man that wants something so badly. Though his persistence is commendable, it would be naïve not to see the problems that Stearley's story brings to campus security.

His actions show exactly how easy it is to by-pass the different forms of security we have. Though he was not a threat to campus in particular, his experience demonstrates how easy it might be for someone who is potentially dangerous to learn building pass codes and take advantage of lax security on campus.

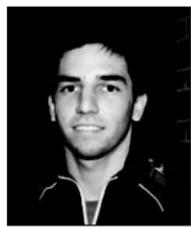
Aside from the problems his talent for faking presents, he made my completely legitimate spot at Notre Dame seem a little more special and a little more valuable.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Molly Sammon at msammon@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT MUSICIAN WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TO NOTRE DAME?



Mike Perez
senior
Morrissey

"Kanye. He's a controversial artist and it would be a pretty sick concert."



Beto Elizondo
freshman
Fisher

"Nickelback because I just think it'd be pretty cool."



Alex Kimball
freshman
Dillon

"Taylor Swift. Maybe she can sign the posters in my room."



Caroline Bates
freshman
Lewis

"Taylor Swift. Maybe she can sign the posters in Alex's room."



Cara Nozykowski
freshman
Holy Cross

"Wilco because they are awesome. Have you heard their music?"



Ben Ryan
junior
O'Neill

"John Mayer because maybe he'll bring Jennifer Aniston."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



A hawk is spotted killing and eating a squirrel in a tree on North Quad Tuesday afternoon.

TOM LA/The Observer

IN BRIEF

H1N1 flu vaccines will be available to high risk groups, including all students under 24, today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Stepan Center.

Johanna Fernandez, professor of history at Baruch College, will deliver a lecture today called "The Young Lords and the Social and Structural Roots of Sixties Radicalism" from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in room 210-214 in McKenna Hall. The event is sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies.

A performance of Dance: Flamenco Vivo! will take place tonight and Thursday at 7 at the Decio Mainstage Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased online at performingarts.nd.edu

The film "Still Walking" will be shown Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased online at performingarts.nd.edu

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Wisconsin-Green Bay Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field. For ticket information, call 631-7356.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will play Long Beach State Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center. For ticket information, call 631-7356.

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

OFFBEAT

Would-be ninja impaled on fence

SEATTLE — Seattle police say a man who thought he was ninja was impaled on a metal fence when he tried to leap over it. An officer who was looking for an assault victim nearby Monday night heard the man screaming for help. Police supported him to prevent further injuries until medics arrived and took him to a hospital, where he was in serious condition in intensive care on Tuesday.

Police spokeswoman Renee Witt wrote in a department Web site posting that officers thought the man

might have been involved in the reported assault, but he insisted he was just a ninja trying to clear a 4- to 5-foot-tall fence.

Witt says the man was "overconfident in his abilities," and that alcohol likely played a role.

Alleged door-to-door pot seller picks wrong home

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — A 19-year-old man was jailed on a drug charge after he allegedly went door-to-door trying to sell marijuana. A Brownsville police spokesman said Anthony Carrazco's alleged scheme went awry when he knocked

on a police officer's apartment door.

Spokesman Jimmy Manrique said the episode happened Thursday downtown near the University of Texas-Texas Southmost College campus. He said Carrazco appeared to be intoxicated and allegedly had three ounces of marijuana with him that he tried to sell door-to-door. Finally, Manrique knocked the off-duty police officer's door. The officer "said he would be right back and went to get his badge and handcuffs."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	GAMEDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 51 LOW 40	HIGH 40 LOW 33	HIGH 45 LOW 38	HIGH 50 LOW 39	HIGH 50 LOW 40	HIGH 50 LOW 39

Atlanta 61 / 39 Boston 54 / 34 Chicago 50 / 42 Denver 54 / 30 Houston 72 / 52 Los Angeles 66 / 48 Minneapolis 50 / 40 New York 56 / 45 Philadelphia 59 / 46 Phoenix 78 / 51 Seattle 47 / 45 St. Louis 45 / 40 Tampa 80 / 60 Washington 61 / 50

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Shirt Project elects president

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

With football season almost over, preparations are already underway for the 2010 Shirt Project, with the nomination and selection of junior Christian Gigante for the position of the president.

President of The Shirt 2009, senior Matthew Barloh, asked the Council of Representatives (COR) to approve his nomination of Gigante for the responsibility of planning the largest student-run fundraiser at the University. COR voted unanimously in approval.

"I am here to do great things and I am very passionate about the Project," Gigante said.

Gigante served as the Director of Special Projects for The Shirt 2009, gaining valuable experience of the day-to-day operations of the project and the challenges of designing a shirt that will appeal to students, alumni and fans, Barloh said.

One of the main difficulties facing Gigante as president of The Shirt 2010 is to create a shirt with greater appeal to the student body.

"Our goal is to create something that we know everybody in the student body will love and wear," Gigante said. "We're always going to have critics though."

In addition, The Shirt has to appeal to alumni and the Notre



TOM LA/The Observer

Junior Christian Gigante was selected to be president of The Shirt 2010 at the COR meeting Tuesday.

Dame fan base throughout the country, since it is the largest fundraiser for the student body.

"The Shirt 2009 was one of the most appealing to alumni," Gigante said.

In order to improve the marketing for The Shirt, however, The Shirt Committee hopes to appeal to more Notre Dame alumni clubs, urging the presidents to buy shirts at a lower cost so that their community can understand and be a part of the Project, Gigante said.

The Shirt Project, which raises money for the Notre Dame student body, helps students suffering from serious illnesses or in need financial support.

In other COR news:

♦ COR discussed possible revisions to the IRISHLINK list-serv, the means by which various campus organizations, academic offices and student groups publicize information to the student body e-mail system.

In response to complaints about a barrage of e-mails sent to the student body at midnight each night from varying sources, COR is planning changes to the system in order to create policies for who can send e-mails, what merits an e-mail sent to the entire student body and how best to publicize campus information.

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Club fights to improve working conditions

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Human rights violations against farm workers in Florida are the focus of an on-campus Latino student activist club MEChA's upcoming Education Night as part of a Week of Action for better working conditions and fair food policies.

MEChA, the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán, strives to raise awareness of social and cultural issues in the community as well as human rights, particularly for Latinos, according to MEChA's Web site.

The club's Social Action Committee is spearheading work with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), an organization founded by immigrants in Immokalee, Fla., in order to bring about a change in their poor working conditions in the fields.

The Campaign for Fair Food, a major CIW project, is a boycott against fast-food giants and the corporate food industry. The Immokalee workers have encountered success by forging contracts with some of the nation's largest fast food producers, including McDonald's, Taco Bell and Subway, to take responsibility for the workers who provide the produce used by their restaurants, according to the CIW Web site.

"The CIW has three main demands in the Campaign for Fair Food and their work right now," MEChA member senior Nicole Medina said. "They are fighting for fair working conditions, a place at the table, meaning a say in what happens to them and, finally, a penny more per pound of tomatoes picked."

The CIW reports that 10 to 12 hours of work yields only 45 cents for every 32 pounds of tomatoes picked by these Florida workers. This means that over 2.5 tons of tomatoes are required to earn the equivalent of the minimum hourly wage for 10 hours. This rate has not changed significantly in over 30 years, and the working conditions of the farmers from Immokalee are comparative to modern-day slavery, according to the CIW Web site.

"A lot of people just do not know what is going on and understand whose back bears the burden of the things that we take for granted," co-president senior Rocío Aguiñaga said. "We work for a greater appreciation of our rights as we try to bring them to others as well."

The week of Nov. 18

through Nov. 25 is designated as a Week of Action for protests against major national supermarkets. In order to compliment the CIW's pressure on Publix, a southern grocery store, MEChA's Social Action Committee will host an Education Night this Thursday in order to provide information about the CIW and the human rights violations in Immokalee.

Guadalupe Gomez, a Notre Dame graduate, said the Education Night is "a chance to educate people in the community about what is going on and how they can get involved."

"We work for a greater appreciation of our rights as we try to bring them to others as well."

Rocío Aguiñaga
senior co-president
MEChA

Another Notre Dame alumna and MEChA activist Melanie Gonzales will also attend the event and discuss her experiences with the workers in

Immokalee and the opportunities for change. Guests can then sign delegation letters to Kroger managers that will show consumer dissatisfaction with the store's policies.

Notre Dame representatives also said they hope to be present at the additional protests on Kroger in Lakeland, Fla., in December.

Medina said MEChA is one strongly rooted in community and works to bring equality to all people. The club strives to spread awareness through the Notre Dame community about human rights violations that affect not only Latino Americans but also all Americans.

"If we can focus our efforts on getting this campus more aware, then we will have already won part of the battle," she said.

Freshman Victor Cruz recently joined the club and has been involved in the Social Action Committee and the Week of Action planning.

"I grew up with parents who instilled in me a pride in my heritage," he said. "MEChA is my way of focusing my energy and my passion about that subject into something good for the community."

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Nicole Medina
senior

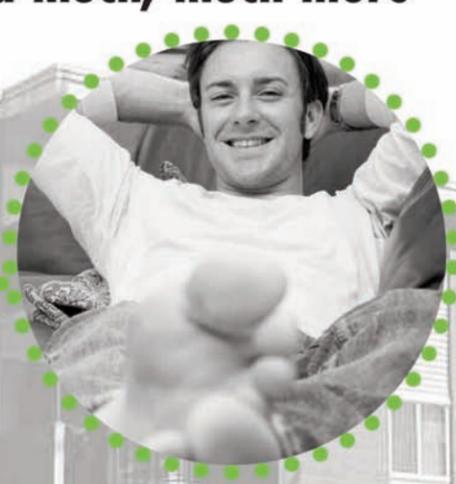
The University offers a Migrant Experiences Seminar involving immersion into the Immokalee community and first-hand experiences with the difficult lives of these laborers. According to the Center for Social Concerns' Web site, the course introduces students to the difficulties and social issues surrounding migrant farm labor. A trip to Immokalee over semester break is a central component of the seminar.

MEChA's Education Night will be tomorrow from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in DeBartolo room 140.

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Book fair to benefit SMC education center

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

The Learning Tree, a resource education center for students at Saint Mary's, will be co-hosting a book fair with Usborne Books, an educational materials supplier, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium.

Usborne will be giving 50 percent of all the proceeds of the fair to the Learning Tree in the form of learning material, including textbooks and educational packets.

The fair will offer educational materials ranging from preschool to high school. Jayne Fogle, director of the Learning Tree, said there will be items like chapter books, activity books, learning activities, puzzles, phonics flash cards and many other materials that cover topics from geography and language to science and social studies.

Fogle said they are books for College education majors, "but more than that, they could be used for gifts."

She said the fair was planned for around this time of the year so students could buy Christmas gifts for their siblings and friends. The items also could be useful to education majors who are looking for materials for their classes.

Prices of items start at around \$4, and Fogle said given the high quality of the books, the prices are reasonable.

Fogle said Karen Richards, a consultant for Usborne, is certain there will be a book at the fair for all who attend. Richards said she plans to bring hundreds of books to the campus.

The fair has been held successfully at other colleges and schools around the community including Indiana University South Bend, and the company has been looking forward to bringing it to Saint Mary's.

The Learning Tree, located in Madeleva Hall, has been a resource at Saint Mary's since 2001 and serves the South Bend community as well as students at the College, Fogle said.

The center supplies services and materials at reasonable costs, she said. Services include laminating and poster making.

The Learning Tree also is unique, Fogle said, because it has learning games available for sale ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.50. The accompanying packets allow the student, parent or teacher to put the game together on their own.

The Learning Tree is open to the public from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Fogle said she is also available to students in the Saint Mary's community as needed.

Fogle said she works with South Bend area schools, parents who home school and education majors from not only Saint Mary's but other colleges.

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Huckabee

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Republicans realize that the vast debt and record spending that's going on now is the wrong thing."

Huckabee said in regards to health care reform, the leadership of the Democratic Party, on the other hand, has been irresponsible.

"I think the Democratic leadership has been recklessly irresponsible in pushing something that is not only a policy that the American people don't truly support, but worse, that would have a devastating impact on jobs and the economy," he said.

Between traveling on the book tour and giving speeches, Huckabee said he interacts with thousands of people every week and has gotten a sense of the "great deal of angst" among Americans.

"And the one thing that becomes very evident is that people are genuinely concerned about the loss of jobs, the fact that the people of Congress seem to be totally immune to any semblance of reality when it comes to their policies and what they're pushing," he said. "Small business owners in particular are extremely concerned because they see the free enterprise system under assault."

"A Simple Christmas" in part addresses these feelings, Huckabee said, because it tells some of his favorite Christmas stories to remind Americans, as they enter the holiday season during a difficult economic

climate, that the best holidays can be the simplest ones.

"I hope it will be a book that will encourage people, particularly those who are struggling right now," he said. "I think sometimes people forget that Christmas is not about the what — the what I give, what I get, what I eat, what I wear — it's about the who and the relationships of our lives. The stories I tell in this book will cause people to really reflect on their own lives, their own stories and experiences."

"It's different — it's not a political book. It's a book that's kind of outside my norm. It's my seventh book, but it's probably my very favorite of all."

Although he said he is not ready to release details about it, he is also already starting an eighth book.

"I don't know if it will come out next year, or in 2011," he said. "This is two years in a row I've missed the opening day of duck [hunting] season and half of deer season because I was on book tour. And so no matter what the publisher wants, next year I plan to be in the woods a whole lot more than on the bus."

Huckabee said the decision to make Notre Dame a stop on his book tour most likely came from a recommendation from his publisher.

The Bookstore began planning for Huckabee's visit at the beginning of September, Blich said.

"They contacted us, so it was really an honor," she said.

Blich said because they travel to so many cities, Huckabee's staff sent specific

instructions and procedures for the Bookstore to follow during his visit.

Huckabee's visit to Notre Dame was one of three book tour appearances yesterday, Blich said. From South Bend, Huckabee traveled to Grand Rapids, Mich. and Naperville, Ill.

People began waiting in line for the book signing one hour before Huckabee arrived, she said.

First year law student Claire Leatherwood was one of many people who stood in line to meet Huckabee and have books signed.

She said she was there for a friend who could not come due to class, but wanted a copy of the book for his father and grandmother.

"I also really like Mike Huckabee," she said. "I was pretty pumped, he was nice to us, joking with us about law school and the first year being tough."

Blich said one interesting thing she learned during Huckabee's visit is that he can sign more than of 600 books an hour.

Even when there was a lull in the line, Huckabee continued to sign the stacks of books that his staff put in front of him, but he also took time to shake hands and chat with the people who waited to meet him.

"I'm glad we're here," Huckabee said. "I love this campus, it's absolutely magnificent and one of the greatest American treasures in the world of academics."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Putin appears on hip hop TV
 MOSCOW — Putin in da house? He's tracked Siberian tigers wearing military camouflage, sat in the cockpit of a fighter jet, and shown off black-belt judo moves. Now Vladimir Putin is adding another groove to his tough guy persona: hip hop idol.

Since the Russian leader popped up last week on a music TV show surrounded by rappers, some in the Kremlin elite are following his lead. On Tuesday, lawmakers and musicians staged a "rap battle for justice" that included a freestyle message urging President Dmitry Medvedev to fight corruption and other problems faced by everyday Russians.

90-year-old charged with Nazi crimes

BERLIN — A former SS sergeant who worked unnoticed for decades as a train-station manager was charged with 58 counts of murder Tuesday after a student doing undergraduate research uncovered his alleged involvement in a massacre of Jewish forced laborers.

University of Vienna student Andreas Forster was working on a project about the slaying in a forest near the Austrian village of Deutsch Schuetzen when he stumbled across Adolf Storms' name in witness testimony.

Forster then obtained files from federal archives in Berlin that enabled him to link the former sergeant to the massacre, his professor Walter Manoschek told The Associated Press.

NATIONAL NEWS

Astronauts check for damage

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts scoured their ship Tuesday for any signs of launch damage while pursuing the International Space Station.

Atlantis and its crew of six will hook up with the space station Wednesday.

The shuttle gradually was gaining on the station, and the two craft were on opposite sides of Earth at midday Tuesday, not quite 24 hours into the chase.

"You've got 8,000 miles of rock between you and it," Mission Control informed shuttle commander Charles Hobaugh.

"I'm seeing somebody out in front, must not be them," Hobaugh joked.

Santas wish for swine flu vaccine

CONCORD, N.H. — Forget cookies and milk. Santa wants the swine flu vaccine.

Many of the nation's Santas want to be given priority for the vaccine and not just because of those runny-nosed kids. There's also the not-so-little matter of that round belly. Research has suggested obesity could be a risk factor.

Swine flu has become such a concern that the Amalgamated Order of Real Bearded Santas featured a seminar on the illness at a recent conference in Philadelphia. The group also urged its members to use hand sanitizer and take vitamins to boost their immune systems.

The president of the organization said he also hopes parents will keep sick kids away.

"We don't want any child to go without seeing Santa, but it's not worth bringing your child to the mall, infecting the Santa and infecting the other children," Nicholas Trolli said.

LOCAL NEWS

Lawmakers get legislative headstart

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana lawmakers will get a jump start on the upcoming legislative session by holding committee meetings a month early, giving themselves more time to examine issues including property taxes, unemployment insurance and ethics.

The House and Senate both met Tuesday for a largely ceremonial organization day, but leaders also assigned several bills to committees so they could be discussed during December meetings before the session starts Jan. 5. Legislative leaders said the early meetings — dates of which have not yet been set — will give them more time to sort out complicated issues.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Many remember fall of communism

Thousands of Czechs gather to relive and commemorate their nation's triumph

Associated Press

PRAGUE — Thousands marched through the Czech capital Tuesday in commemoration of a student protest 20 years ago that grew into the human tidal wave sweeping away the communist regime in what was then Czechoslovakia.

Today, the Czech Republic and Slovakia are European Union and NATO members. While the world recession has left its mark, their economies are among the strongest of the continent's former communist nations, and their democracies among the most resilient. Pragmatic Czechs in particular have moved into the European mainstream, with most citizens spending little time on any normal day looking back on their Velvet Revolution.

But Tuesday was no normal day for the several thousand Czechs gathered to relive the hours that led to their nation's democratic triumph.

Nov. 17, 1989, began with fiery speeches at a university campus in Prague, inspiring thousands of students to march downtown toward Wenceslas Square. As darkness fell, police cracked down hard, beating demonstrators with truncheons and injuring hundreds in the melee.

Unbowed, the crowds mushroomed in the ensuing days, with demonstrators chanting: "You have lost already!"

They were right. Following the collapse of the Berlin Wall and communism in the region, by Dec. 10, Czechoslovakia had a new government. On Dec. 29, Vaclav Havel, a dissident playwright who had spent several years in prison, was elected the country's first democratic president in a half century by a parliament still dominated by communist hard-liners.

For many retracing the march, it was a joyful return to a time when repression proved no match



Former Czech Republic's President Vaclav Havel, center, places a candle as he joins a group of people commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution on Tuesday.

for people power, which in a string of protests brought down the Iron Curtain across East Europe.

"I came here with hope," said Renata Krbcova, 45, who studied at the Faculty of Arts of Charles University in 1989 and joined the ranks of those that rolled through the capital.

"It was a wonderful feeling, after all we hoped that something had to happen," she said.

Krbcova, who teaches Italian and Italian literature at a Prague high school, said she came again to celebrate.

"Not everything is perfect," she said. "But overall, it is on the right track."

On Tuesday, Havel,

President Vaclav Klaus and Prime Minister Jan Fischer joined hundreds of people laying flowers and lighting candles at a monument marking the site of the brutal clash.

"The demonstration, the march set the history into motion," said Havel, who was applauded by the surrounding crowd.

Earlier Tuesday he praised the memory of those who helped overthrow the repressive regime, naming dozens including his late wife Olga.

"We often tend to forget our fellow colleagues, friends, and the open-minded people in everyday life," Havel told the Czech Senate.

Prominent outsiders joined

in the praise.

"I congratulate the Czech Republic and Slovakia on 20 years of democracy and reaffirm the commitment of the United States to our strong alliance," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a statement.

Czechs remain relatively optimistic, 20 years on.

A Pew Global Attitudes Project survey, conducted among respondents of nine post-communist countries, has only Czechs and Poles feeling they are better off now than back then. The Aug. 27 survey had a percentage of error between plus or minus 3.5 and 5 percentage points, depending on the country.

VIETNAM

Internet users fear Facebook blackout

Associated Press

HANOI — Vietnam's growing legions of Facebook users fear that the country's communist government might be blocking the popular social networking Web site, which has become difficult to access over the past few weeks.

Facebook has more than 1 million users in Vietnam, and the number has been growing quickly since the company recently added a Vietnamese language version of the site.

Over the last week, access to Facebook has been intermittent in the country, whose government tightly controls the flow of information. The

severity of the problem appears to depend on which Internet service provider a customer uses.

Access to other popular Web sites appears to be uninterrupted in Vietnam, a nation of 86 million with 22 million Internet users.

Government officials and managers at several of Vietnam's state-controlled Internet service providers did not respond to a request for comment.

But technicians at two of Vietnam's largest Internet service providers said they had been swamped with calls from customers complaining they could not access Facebook during the last week.

A technician at Vietnam Data Corp. said government officials had ordered his firm to block access to Facebook and that VDC instituted a block on the site Nov. 11. He declined to give his name because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

However, Vu Hoang Lien, the firm's top executive, said he was unaware of any such order.

"I don't know anything about that," he said.

Word of the access problems has not yet filtered back to Facebook's headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif., said Debbie Frost, a company spokeswoman.

Hesburgh

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learning to institutions wrought with turmoil.

"The whole country, it seemed, was up for grabs," Hesburgh said, "and I thought it was high time that someone set down what the rules of the game were."

The game: protesting the War, the production of napalm, a mixture of gasoline and thickening agents used in incendiary bombs, and the draft on college campuses.

Colleges and universities across the country, along with law enforcement, struggled to find peaceful alternatives to student-led riots and demonstrations, at times tragically failing to settle the crowds.

Hesburgh, in a letter written Feb. 17, 1969, outlined a set of criteria for disruptive protests called the 15-minute rule.

The letter, sent to faculty and students, focused on the rights of the established Notre Dame community. It said: "We cannot allow a small minority to impose their will on the majority who have spoken regarding the University's style of life."

"The letter I wrote, in rather general terms," Hesburgh said, "took on the national crisis and then said what are we going to do at Notre Dame? I said let's be clear about a few basic things: Every student at Notre Dame is free to protest anything they don't like — either at the University or in the world generally or in our country especially."

"The only rules of the game were that this had to be done in a civilized fashion, that universities are places of civil discussion, not rioting and destroying property," he said.

The letter, Hesburgh said, was printed in full in the New York Times, The Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal.

"In a way that word went

around the country and it became a kind of turning point in the student revolution," he said. "People became more civilized, order returned to the campus."

The order was short-lived, and Hesburgh's 15-minute rule was enacted nine months later, when the now-famous Notre Dame 10, on campus today for the 40th anniversary of their demonstration, protested against the Dow

Chemical, Co., the producers of napalm, and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) recruiting students for jobs on campus.

"Protest is always legitimate at a university

because you have differences of opinion. It was perfectly obvious that most students in those days were against the Vietnam War," Hesburgh said.

The leaders of the Notre Dame 10 were some of those who knocked on Hesburgh's door in the middle of the night, at about 2 a.m.

The group said they had been walking up and down campus with signs, but their efforts were not having any effect: students were still being interviewed for jobs with Dow-CIA.

That's when they went to see the University president.

"I said, 'Well, that's their privilege.' Your privilege is to protest and carry signs if you want, but don't impede their rights either," Hesburgh said.

The group warned Hesburgh they would "put it to the test," he said, leading to the demonstration in the Main Building and their eventual suspensions.

"You know the rule, that if you're disturbing the common, ordinary life at Notre Dame and preventing other students from doing what they want to do, you're out of

order and you're not allowed to continue," Hesburgh told the group.

The 15-minute rule, Hesburgh's stand against campus unrest, "changed the whole mood in the country," he said. "It was kind of a historical moment for higher education in America and Notre Dame became a kind of symbol of getting out of that disorder and getting back into order again so the students could do what they come here to do, namely to study and get a degree."

Forty years later, the game has changed.

Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as social and moral debates have sparked students to protest and demonstrate in recent years, but not in the same way as their predecessors of the 1960s.

"I think students ought to be interested and involved in the great issues of our time — and these are great issues. It's perfectly right that students should have a point of view on these issues, should be able to express that, should be able to have meetings to discuss it, and even to come up with some solutions if they can," he said. "That's a legitimate part of University life and no one is against that."

Student activism these days, Hesburgh said, can be most effective at an academic, rather than a destructive level.

"The only thing is that we have to do this in an intelligent, orderly way, not by destroying property or creating disorder in the University, which needs a certain amount of peace to go on with its work," he said.

One of his proudest moments came during last year's Commencement, when the student body banded together in the face of outsiders' disruptions that threatened the University community.

"They stood firm in their principles, they stood up for what was right, and when things looked a little dicey ... they stood up as one person, men and women graduates, and they put their fists in the air and they shouted, 'We are Notre Dame,'" Hesburgh said. "That was a proud moment for the whole university, and it brought tears to my eyes."

Hesburgh will concelebrate a Mass with Fr. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy, lawyer and advocate of the Notre Dame 10 this afternoon. Several members of the Notre Dame 10, along with McCarthy, will present at a panel titled "Being a Christian in a Catholic University in times of war: has 40 years changed the conversation?" at 7:30 p.m. in Geddes Hall.

The third installment in the series will recap the Notre Dame 10's 40th anniversary events on campus. The fourth will feature current and recent Notre Dame students sharing their views on the issues that sparked their activism. Both installments will run in Thursday's edition.

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But as to prudence and stability, I say that a people is more prudent, more stable, and of better judgment than a prince.

I return to my home and enter my study, and at the door I take notice the ancient courts of the men of antiquity where affectionately received by them I find on that point that alone if mine and for which I wish those, where I am not too timid to speak with them and ask them about the reasons for their actions; and they in their country...

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"...we cannot allow a small minority to impose their will on the majority who have spoken regarding the University's style of life."

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Wal-Mart unveils holiday sales

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. on Tuesday unveiled weekly savings starting this Saturday on popular toys and video games that it is pitching as comparable to the sales blitz the day after Thanksgiving.

Wal-Mart and other retailers including Sears have started to hawk deep sales usually reserved for the big sales day known as "Black Friday" in hopes of attracting more shoppers early.

Walmart said Tuesday that some of the toys that will be discounted starting this Saturday through Nov. 27 are EZ Bake Oven, Disney Princess Scooter and Nerf N-Strike Vulcan. The discounts are up to 60 percent.

Customers purchasing certain gaming packages such as "Band Hero" and "DJ Hero" will receive a \$40 Walmart gift card while supplies last.

Walmart is also offering a 26-inch Vizio LCD HDTV TV for \$248, down from \$347.

Coca-Cola announces new look

ATLANTA — Coca-Cola Co. is unveiling new packaging for half of its worldwide juice volume that borrows from staple brand Minute Maid to create a more uniform look highlighting fruit and nature to appeal to consumers worldwide focusing more on health.

The world's largest soft drink and juice maker introduced the new packaging to investors and analysts at a meeting Tuesday in its hometown of Atlanta. Consumers around the world are switching to juices and teas for health reasons, leaving soft drink sales falling.

Coca-Cola has been growing its juice offerings, including launching the all-natural Simply brand in the U.S., and is now going to create a single identity for at least half of them around the world. Simply will not be included, but key international brands such as Del Valle, Andina and Cappy are.

The changes are already starting to show up in the market place, including some Minute Maid products, and the transformation will be complete by the end of next year. The new packaging includes Minute Maid's well-known black-and-white logo and mixes in larger images of fruit and leaves. Other brands will have similar looks while maintaining their brand names.

\$1 promotion sparks disagreement

Burger King franchisees spar with management over cheeseburger decision

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Burger King Corp.'s franchisees are taking aim at the fast-food chain's management, complaining to the restaurant's board about a series of decisions they say are "ill-conceived" and put the burger joint's business in "deep trouble."

In a letter to Burger King's board, a group representing hundreds of franchisees blasted management for its \$1 double cheeseburger promotion forced on them after they twice voted against it.

They also criticized an earlier corporate decision to take back millions of rebate money distributed to franchise owners from soft drink companies.

Franchise owners operate 90 percent of the company's 12,000 locations, making Burger King one of the nation's most heavily franchised restaurant chains.

While disputes between owners and restaurants aren't unusual, the sheer size of Burger King's franchise base could pose a heady challenge for the chain as the battle continues to brew.

"If this continues to fester, I think this could be a serious problem," said Morningstar restaurant analyst R.J. Hottovy.

The letter, obtained by The Associated Press and dated Nov. 11, shows just how frustrated the tone has become.

"We feel this is a very sad time for the Burger King brand," according to the letter from the National Franchisee Association dated the same day the group sued the restaurant chain. "You should be asking yourselves why is this happening and why is it happening now? During the meetings held around our system over the last few weeks, many franchisees in public forums have verbalized that they



Burger King Corporation's managers and franchisees' frustration grows as the heated dispute over the \$1 double cheeseburger continues to brew.

'no longer trust or have confidence in the present management.'

The letter was addressed to nine board members including Chairman and CEO John Chidsey.

Burger King spokeswoman Denise Wilson said the franchisee association is mischaracterizing the \$1 double cheeseburger offer.

"BKC takes great pride in our franchise system and the actions we have taken to enhance our competitive position," she said in a statement Tuesday evening. "We remain committed to making the right decisions and constructively engaging our franchisees to strengthen the brand and move our business forward."

Franchisees sued the

nation's No. 2 burger chain earlier this month over the \$1 double cheeseburger promotion, saying the Miami company couldn't mandate maximum menu prices. Restaurant owners contend that the offer, which was launched in October, forces them to sell the product at a loss.

The company said its actions were allowed.

Burger King, which is locked in a heated battle to attract customers, has seen increased customers because of the deal, according to analysts.

While the quarter-pounder may be popular with diners, it's a thorn in the side of franchisees. While costs vary by location, the \$1 double cheese-

burger typically costs franchisees at least \$1.10.

The latest litigation comes months after the franchise group sued the company to stop it from taking a share of multimillion-dollar rebates from soft drinker makers. The money was paid to franchise owners who used Coca-Cola and Dr Pepper sodas.

In legal filings, the NFA said that decision could take away \$25 million in franchisee revenue in 2010 and up to \$40 million a year by 2012.

Burger King told franchisees the money would be used to pay for more advertising, according to the filings made in U.S. District Court in Southern California.

Airlines to bump fares, add surcharges

Associated Press

DALLAS — Call them surcharges or call them fare increases, but either way it looks like you'll pay more to travel next spring or summer.

US Airways said Tuesday it will add a 5 percent surcharge to all U.S. flights on or after May 8. Spokeswoman Valerie Wunder says the surcharge will protect the airline in case fuel prices or other costs increase.

Separately, Delta, Northwest and United confirmed that they bumped the surcharge on some busy days next March and April to \$30 each way from \$20 — and to \$50 on the day after the Super Bowl.

Most major U.S. airlines have been losing money this year, and they're scrambling to add revenue with bag-

handling fees and surcharges on heavy travel days. Airlines have also been cutting unprofitable flights, which saves money and reduces the supply of seats on America's jetliners.

"The number of seats they've cut is allowing them to do crazy things," said Tom Parsons, CEO of discount travel site Bestfares.com. "They added bag fees and nobody blinked. They've got \$150 (itinerary) change fees, and now the surcharges."

Parsons said consumers should expect higher prices next year, whether they're called fares or surcharges.

"There were a lot of bargains in 2009, but it looks like that's not going to happen in 2010," he said.

It wasn't clear Tuesday afternoon

whether the new, higher surcharges would stick. Airlines often roll back fare increases if competitors don't match them.

Continental had not matched the moves, spokeswoman Julie King said. American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith said the surcharges "seem to be all over the map. It's varying widely by airline and market."

Smith said American had raised surcharges to \$30 for some Florida destinations in the spring, and \$50 only for flights leaving Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach on Feb. 8, the day after the Super Bowl in Miami.

The airlines have enacted several broad fare increases this year, as well as \$20 surcharges on peak days around Thanksgiving and Christmas.

THE NOTRE DAME 10: DOW-CIA

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Center for Social Concern, November 18, 7:30 P.M

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“We just found that people were ... putting a lot of their information up on Facebook and [other sites],” she said. “A lot of people like to steal others’ identities and this is how they get a lot of their information.”

Votava said social network users need to be aware that pictures and other content posted to a Web site like Facebook are public.

“If you go out and party hardy one night, do you necessarily want people who you are going to be interviewing with the next day or the next week viewing those pictures?” she said.

Dobbins said social networks are very public, and it is important to take advantage of privacy setting to restrict what the world can see.

“The mistake a lot of people make is that only their friends are going to bother looking at their stuff online, so they put everything up there about themselves as if they were telling only their friends,” he said. “Unless they take advan-

tage of the privacy settings, it’s not just their friends who will look at that stuff.”

Dobbins also said it is important to remember that some applications such as Facebook games could allow potential identity thieves to access sensitive information.

“Every one of those games that you join on Facebook ... we have no idea who wrote that application and now knows everything your friends know about you,” he said. “Do you really want to give a complete stranger knowledge of things you would only share with your friends?”

Dobbins did not recommend students stop using social networking sites, which he called “a great tool.”

“It’s a great medium for interacting, especially when you’re in a place where you cannot reach everybody, but do it carefully,” he said.

Votava said she hopes the awareness campaign will achieve a “reduction in people coming to us reporting that they had some type of problem or that someone is using their personal information.”

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Senate considers long-term insurance



In this Oct. 1 photo, Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., waits during a break in the Senate Finance Committee hearing on health care reform legislation on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate health care legislation expected this week is likely to include a new long-term care insurance program to help the elderly and the disabled avoid going into nursing homes, Democratic officials say.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is expected to incorporate the voluntary program in legislation to be unveiled as early as Wednesday, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because a final decision has not been made.

Known as the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Act, or CLASS Act, the program was a top priority for the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. It would begin to close a gap in the social safety net that’s received little attention in the health care debate.

Fiscal conservatives and government economists have questioned whether the program would be financially sustainable over the long run, and insurance companies are lobbying to strip it from the health care bill.

Nonetheless, the House included the program in its health care legislation, with the approval of the Obama administration. In the Senate, the Health Committee bill had included it, but the Finance Committee omitted it. The approach Reid is considering in a

combined bill would address the objections of fiscal conservatives by stipulating that premiums from the program could not be counted in offsetting the cost of the broader health care bill. Reid’s office had no comment on Tuesday.

The cost of nursing homes averages \$70,000 a year, and a home care attendant runs about \$29 an hour. Medicare only covers temporary nursing home stays. Middle-class households have to exhaust their savings before an elder can qualify for nursing home coverage through Medicaid.

Under the proposed program, people would pay a modest monthly premium during their working years. If they become disabled, they would get a cash benefit of at least \$50 a day that could be used to pay a home care attendant, buy supplies and equipment, make home improvements such as adding bathroom railings, or defray the costs of nursing home care.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the program would be fiscally solvent over a 75-year period with the income from premiums, and no taxpayer financing. That assumes an initial monthly premium averaging \$123, and a \$75 daily benefit. People would sign up for the program at work through a payroll deduction. They would have to pay premiums for five years before they could qualify for bene-

fits. Both the premiums and benefits would be adjusted annually.

“This is primarily a product for baby boomers, and people who are still working,” said James Firman, president of the National Council on Aging, and a supporter of the program. “If we don’t do this now, I don’t think boomers are going to get another chance.”

Supporters say the government benefit would provide a foundation upon which private insurance companies could build by selling supplemental long-term care coverage. But the industry says a new program would only create confusion for consumers.

Critics’ concerns got validation recently from a report by Medicare economists who are expert in long-range cost estimates. In a report issued last weekend, they said a voluntary insurance program is likely to attract people who expect they’ll need the coverage. Without taxpayer subsidies, premiums would keep going up, discouraging healthy people from signing up and triggering an “insurance death spiral.”

“Individuals with health problems or who anticipate a greater risk of functional limitation would be more likely to participate than those in better-than-average health,” the report said. “There is a significant risk that the problem ... would make the CLASS program unsustainable.”

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We could not so help us God do otherwise
For we are sick at heart our hearts
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(STATEMENT BY CO-DEFENDANT DANIEL BERRIGAN, SJ, AT THE TRIAL OF THE CATONSVILLE NINE FOR SETTING DRAFT FILES ON FIRE WITH NAPALM (1968).

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Va. inmate executed by electric chair

Associated Press

JARRATT, Va. — A former Army counterintelligence worker was executed by electric chair Tuesday for killing a Virginia couple, becoming the first U.S. inmate to die by electrocution in over a year.

Larry Bill Elliott, 60, of Hanover, Md., was pronounced dead at 9:08 p.m. at Greensville Correctional Center. He was convicted of the January 2001 shooting deaths of 25-year-old Dana Thrall and 30-year-old Robert Finch.

Prosecutors said Elliott killed the couple to win the love of former stripper and escort Rebecca Gragg, who was involved in a bitter custody dispute with Finch.

Elliott said in the death chamber that he had prepared a final statement for his attorneys to

read after the execution. In the three-page typed statement, Elliott maintained his innocence, saying he hoped groups that oppose the death penalty will use his case “as a launching pad for the elimination of the death penalty.”

“The very system that I spent a lifetime defending has failed me,” the statement said.

Elliott was brought into the death chamber at 8:55 p.m., taking several glances at the oak chair before he was turned around and backed up to it and seated. Despondent, Elliott looked forward or watched members of the execution team as they strapped him tightly into the chair and attached metal clamps with sea sponge soaked in a brine solution to his right calf and head, both of which had been shaved.

The team attached electric cables from the floor to the metal clamps and placed a brown strap across much of his face that was tied to the back of the chair to support his head.

When the operator in a room off to the side pushed the “execute” button, Elliott’s body tensed as he received several bursts of electricity. Several minutes later, a doctor checked for a heartbeat and pronounced him dead.

Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine declined to stop the execution earlier in the day, while the U.S. Supreme Court refused to intervene on Monday.

Two separate juries convicted Elliott of the killings. A 2002 verdict was set aside because a juror discussed the case outside of the court. He was convicted again a year later.

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Looking back, looking ahead

A funny thing happened when I came back from summer vacation and moved into the dorm this fall: things changed. Maybe it was foolish on my part to expect to return to campus and simply pick up right where everything left off last May, but I did exactly that. And, much to my surprise, this semester has been a completely new and unexpected experience. As anyone in the Class of 2011 will tell you, junior year is very different.

Andy Ziccarelli

Moment of Inertia

The backbone of my underclassman experience here was my dorm hallway, as I am sure it was with most people. My roommates and I were blessed by being put in a hallway almost exclusively populated by freshmen, and we had the benefit of an abnormally large triple in our hallway, which was usually reserved for visiting priests (dorm overcrowding pays off every once in a while). It had a separate bedroom, a huge living room and a private bathroom. How my three friends that lived there hit the ResLife jackpot, I will never know, but it didn't take long before our entire hallway essentially turned their room into our section lounge. It turned out to be the perfect thing for still-unsure, tenuous freshmen: a place to watch TV, debate about sports or play Mario Kart (hours and hours of Mario Kart), all in the company of other tenuous freshman. If homework ever got done early (or it didn't exist), you just had to walk down to "The Palace" and there was sure to be at least five other guys there (whether or not the kids who

actually lived there were present), ready to hang out or play some Kart.

As sophomores, our whole group was able to divide into three quads and a handful of doubles and singles and, miraculously, we all ended up in the same hallway again. So instead of one huge lounge, we had a few smaller lounges in each quad common room, but all of your close friends were still within a 10-second walk. We all ate together. We played section football together. FIFA replaced Mario Kart as the video game of choice, but we set up a league in which literally every person played.

Then came this year. Sure, some things are still the same as they always have been. The football team is still disappointing. I still have a ton of homework and Alumni still sucks. The Dome still shines on a sunny day, South Quad is still a huge wind tunnel and parietals still exist.

However, due to study abroad and the temptation of bigger rooms scattered across Dillon, we no longer have a hallway to call our own. You always tell yourself that your close friends are just a short walk across the dorm, away and up some stairs, but that is a lot easier said than done. Community has been replaced by a sense of independence.

However, this year goes beyond just that. Study abroad has taken friends from everybody this semester, it will take even more next semester (and in some cases, people are gone for both). Some juniors have already moved off campus. Rather than taking a bunch of general electives or introductory college requirements, junior year is the year that you really start to take classes that are concen-

trated within your major, meaning that if you have a smaller major, pretty much every class from here until you graduate is going to be with the exact same people. This can be great, provided you are close with people in your major. If not, you have to learn to get close with them because they aren't going anywhere. Plus, for some reason, South Dining Hall has a newfound obsession with putting butternut squash in every dish. I'm not really sure where that came from.

That's not to say that this year is worse, necessarily. Knowing people off campus is tremendously helpful and I can finally say I feel truly at home here, after spending two years shuffling around and finding my place. In many ways, I'm more comfortable than I've ever been.

But this whole experience is a good thing. We are at a time in our lives where things are going to change extremely quickly. Faster than what we are ready for, I would imagine. Long gone are the days where you see the same people at school in the same town, living in the same house year after year after year. In a year and a half, we are going to leave this place and scatter all over the country (and all over the world) doing whatever it is that we do, and this whole process of radical change will happen all over again. And this time, maybe I'll be ready for it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coach suggestions

Dear Mr. Swarbrick,

What should you be looking for on our next coach's résumé? Because let's face it: Charlie should be fired later this week, season or year. He has the same winning percentage as Ty Willingham and Bob Davie, and has gone 0-5 against USC. How could he not be fired (and 15 million little reasons don't count)? How about two for two in games against USC in the Coliseum. Charlie hasn't come within 30 points, let alone getting a victory in his two trips to Southern California.

If you are one of those people who say we can't recruit the same caliber athlete because of academic standards, you'll be shocked to know which team boasts this accolade. It's the Stanford Cardinal. Jim Harbaugh has taken lesser athletes and gone to the Coliseum and outcoached Pete Carroll twice. Yes, he went to Michigan. Yes he is 16-18 in three years at Stanford. But he is turning around a program that was irrelevant in the Pac-10 and college football in general into a team that can beat anyone in the nation. He has shown his ability to win big games by beating Oregon and USC in back-to-back weeks. Charlie doesn't have a victory in his five seasons that compares to those great upsets.

So, Mr. Swarbrick, I have a suggestion for you. In two weeks, let Jim Harbaugh make your coaching search easy. If he can beat Charlie, even without the three flashy Super Bowl rings to show recruits, I propose you offer him the job immediately. And then, just maybe, he can lead us to a 34-point victory in the Coliseum next year. I'll even be happy with a three-point victory. Wouldn't that be a nice change?

Go Irish. Beat UConn.

P.S. If Jim Harbaugh should turn you down, Brian Kelly wouldn't be a bad choice, either.

David VanEgmond

senior
off campus
Nov. 17

Mike Sullivan

senior
Zahm Hall
Nov. 16

Go ahead and 'kill'

I would like to add my support to Lizzie Laughman's letter in which she encouraged the student body to put competition aside for the UConn game ("Be class, respectful," Nov. 16). She's right — even though we just lost to Navy for the second time in three years, our main concern should be not to hurt the opposing team's feelings. Maybe we will win the coveted College Football Bowl Subdivision award for "Classiest Football Team" or "Nicest Student Body." We can put that trophy right next to the Jeweled Shillelagh and all of the BCS trophies we've won recently.

Go Irish, Beat Huskies (but not too badly!)

OBSERVER POLL

What are you looking forward to most in the next two weeks?

Thanksgiving
New Moon
Last home football game
Other

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at
www.ndsmcobserver.com.

Submit a Letter
to the Editor at

www.ndsmcobserver.com

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Make three correct guesses consecutively and you will establish a reputation as an expert."

Laurence J. Peter
U.S. comedian

The Notre Dame 10

Today is the 40th anniversary of an important event in the life of Notre Dame. On Nov. 18, 1969, 10 students were suspended under the famous “15-minute rule” after a demonstration protesting the presence of recruiters from Dow Chemical and the CIA. The 15-minute rule, announced by Fr. Hesburgh earlier that year, was viewed nationally as a get-tough response to student protests. “Disruptive” students were to be given 15 minutes to “cease and desist.” If they failed to disperse, they would be suspended. If they remained five minutes longer, they would be expelled and subject to arrest.

This was at the height of the United States’ involvement in Vietnam. Dow was the maker of napalm used against civilian

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 Columnists*

as well as military targets. The CIA had been involved in the efforts to overthrow Salvador Allende, as well as deeply involved in the Vietnam War.

Prior to the protest, the Student Senate had passed a resolution requiring any recruiting agency to submit to an open forum to discuss its practices, so long as a sufficient number of students petitioned for such a forum. Despite a petition for such an open forum presented to the administration, they refused to make arrangements for such a dialogue between recruiters and students, thus setting the stage for the Nov. 18 action. The demonstration stemmed from the belief that students had a right to ask whether they were being recruited for jobs that were consistent with the teachings of Jesus, the Catholic Church or their personal consciences.

Following the suspensions, weeks of

events in sympathy for the Notre Dame 10 took place. Several faculty came to the assistance of the students. A written “defense” was presented at an appeals hearing where the students presented their legal and moral position. The judiciary board overseeing that meeting recommended that lesser punishments be imposed, a conclusion rejected by the university. Most of the suspended students returned to complete their degrees, but three did not.

Although this action was modest in magnitude to subsequent antiwar events, such as the Strike in the spring of 1970 that brought many campuses to a halt following the invasion of Cambodia and the shootings of students at Jackson State and Kent State, the Dow-CIA Protest and its aftermath raised unique issues for Notre Dame in its role as a Catholic University with ties to military and industrial entities

that were implicated in the conduct of the war.

Today at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns in Geddes Hall, as two members of the Notre Dame 10, we will join two former Notre Dame faculty members, Dr. Carl Estabrook and Fr. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy, for an open forum to discuss the events of 1969. We hope to reflect with the audience on the relevance of these issues to Notre Dame today and the challenges inherent in maintaining Christian moral positions within a university during times of continuing war and violence.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remember the good

On Nov. 21, the seniors will play their last football game at Notre Dame Stadium. A lot will be made of it, and hopefully they will bounce back from the last couple of weeks and win their last home game.

But Saturday is also likely the last game at Notre Dame Stadium for another person: Coach Weis. During the last five years, Coach Weis has worked tirelessly at his job, but for whatever reason, he never reached the goals set; not only by the students, alumni and administration, but by himself. After five years, it is time to make a change in leadership of the football team.

However, his failure in reaching these goals was not for want of trying. Davie and Willingham may have had the same winning percentage as Coach Weis, but they left the program in shambles. When Coach Weis came on board, he had to completely rebuild the program. Coach Weis has done much to fix those problems, and once again proved that you can recruit elite football players to Notre Dame.

But more than that, Coach Weis has shown what it is to be a Notre Dame alumnus. From “Pass Right” in

2005, to walking to the USC locker room with his son to offer congratulations after a heartbreaking loss, to establishing Hannah and Friends in South Bend, to befriending a Boston College player suffering from cancer, Coach Weis has shown the rest of us how to act as Notre Dame men and women.

At the game on Saturday — for some of you, your last as students — let us remember how much Coach Weis cared about the players, the students and the University. Let us remember how tirelessly he worked at his dream job. And let us remember he did things the right way.

Saturday is not a day to vilify or boo Coach Weis; his time is likely up regardless of the outcome. Let’s sing the Alma Mater one last time with our Coach and wish him the best.

James Liebscher
 law student
 off campus
 Nov. 3

The actual facts

The statement “You cannot be pro-life and pro-choice at the same time” (“The facts,” Anne Barbera, Nov. 17) is not a fact. There is no well-constructed fence that divides the abortion debate.

The term “choice” has more complexities than the traditional abortion debate acknowledges. A pregnant woman who opposes abortion chooses to carry her child to term; thus, she is making a choice. In a world where the existence of available options (one being abortion) generates the necessity of choice, she made a conscious decision to give birth. Traditionally, this woman is “pro-life.” Other “pro-life” advocates would support her decision. However, the “pro-life” side of the “fence” normally fails to recognize that they are supporting the woman’s decision to choose life. The fact that choosing life is excluded from the pro-choice spectrum shows that the fence analogy is flawed.

Maintaining a moral stance on an issue does not mean that you cannot respect other opinions. One can genuinely believe in the Catholic faith while respecting another’s right to choose a different religion. A woman can maintain the position that she would

never choose to abort a child, yet respect another woman’s belief that abortion should be permissible in certain circumstances. Wouldn’t that traditionally make her both pro-life and pro-choice? No one knows the truth. It is not our place to judge and label one another.

The real fact is that we will never live in a world where there is complete consensus on complex moral debates. The best that individuals with differing views on abortion can do is to work together to find common ground in the matter, such as focusing on efforts to reduce unwanted pregnancies that create the need for abortion in the first place. Furthermore, we should stop seeking to divide the issue into such black and white labels; the search for truth in morality should not be treated as a civil war within humanity. It is not that simple.

James Petrocelli
 senior
 off campus
 Nov. 17

True justice for terrorists

Christie Pesavento’s Nov. 17 column “Taking terrorists at their word” is another absurd lash by the right wing in an attempt to smear the Obama administration. To suggest that the Obama administration is not taking the threat of terrorism seriously is an enormous misunderstanding of the Obama administration’s commitment to the principles this nation was founded upon.

My father, Thomas Anthony Durkin, has been working with the American Civil Liberties Union as a civilian council for one of the five co-conspirators of the 9/11 terror plot currently held at Guantanamo Bay. He has been appointed to Ramzi Binalshibh, famously known as one of the alleged 20 hijackers. This man has endured years of torture and it has yet to be determined if he is competent to stand trial. Since Pesavento objects to Attorney General Holder’s decision to try these men in federal court, I assume she believes that these men must be tried in the farce of a legal system convened under George Bush called the “Military Commissions.” In this military court, defendants are prohibited from seeing the evidence incriminating them. Any sort of evidence brought about through torture and hearsay is legitimate. And prior to 2008, defendants did not have the right to habeas corpus, meaning our government was able to hold what they call “unlawful alien combatants” for as long as they please without offering any explanation. Luckily, we live in a country which has an established judiciary system.

Obama and Holder’s decision to bring these defendants to a federal court is a testament to the administration’s commitment to the Constitution and human rights. So what if these five men are tried in a federal court? The Justice Department has enough evidence to convict these men, and justice will be served. By electing to try these men in a federal court, the U.S. continues to improve its international legitimacy that was severely damaged under the Bush administration. Finally, I admire my father and others for standing up to the Constitutional and human rights abuses of the Bush administration, and ensuring that legitimate justice is brought to these terrorists.

Anthony Matthew Durkin
 junior
 off campus
 Nov. 17

Party at my place

Seriously. You are all invited. Although it will not be a typical Notre Dame party, it will be a good time.

Too often in life the quirky, unique and most interesting aspects of individuals are suppressed due to social expectations. This is often true at Notre Dame despite our school’s appeal. Some people naturally thrive in our environment, but what about those whose perspectives do not quite fit? Many are either forced to wear masks, concealing their fascinating qualities, or regretfully choose not to share all

that is spectacular about themselves. There is so much we could all gain if this were not the case.

At least for one night, let’s create an atmosphere that fosters sincere sisterhood and brotherhood, appreciation for differences and an attempt to understand each other. Without exception, everyone is invited.

“Everyone” includes the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning students, those out and those not; you are all invited. It includes pretty girls that

guys are too afraid to talk to, as well as every pretty girl who doesn’t see her beauty yet. In other words, all Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame girls are invited. All guys are invited, too, and you don’t even have to pay! Artists, athletes, musicians, engineers, dancers, social activists, writers — all invited. Everyone is invited. We are all beautiful people and there is a place for each person on Friday.

Whether you come in a group or by yourself, I’m excited to meet you! Take a chance, because there will be no expecta-

tions about who you are supposed to be.

There will not be any beer, by the way. It’s a tea party. We will boil as much water as is needed, and it’s all on me. Also, please feel free to bring more teabags or snacks. See you Friday, Nov. 20 between 8 p.m. and midnight in 259 O’Neill.

John Villecco
 junior
 O’Neill Hall
 Nov. 17

SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS



Soccer Cartwheel Taunting



Oh, burn.

Taylor Swift in SNL's spoof "Firelight"



Green skin doesn't sparkle in the sun.

Rocket Ismail at ND-USC Pep Rally



Formula for pump-up: Inspirational phrase, repeat six times.

"Saved by the Bell" tribute rap: "I Love Bayside"



Asher Roth has nothing on Zach Morris.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

helps students navigate in a global culture



By TATIANA SPRAGIN
Scene Writer

Sponsored by International Services and Activities (ISSA) and the Office of International Studies (OIS), Notre Dame is dedicating this week, International Education Week, to events that promote or will advise students on issues of international relevance. Since Saturday, a variety of events have been held on campus, and the schedule continues until Friday.

The paper tents on the South Dining Hall tables that advertise for this week carry, on the front, the smiling faces of three girls each from a different corner of the world and, on the back, the weekly schedule. The first event, held last

Room and noon Thursday in the Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune).

Otherwise, there is also the "Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda" exhibition at the Snite Museum of Art, which focuses on the artist's displays of traditional "ofrendas" (memorial altar, offerings) for All Souls Day in Mexico, incorporating elements of her late father's life and memories, to whom she dedicated this exhibit.

The One World Film Festival and the Ten Thousand Village Sale (Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in O'Shaughnessy) provides insight into the working reality of artisans. The Ten

Thousand Village sale boasts a variety of beautiful hand-made products



weekend, was the "One World Film Festival," where five widely acclaimed international movies were screened at the Hesburgh Library. The point of the film festival was to use cinema to display a reality that is often overlooked, such as that of children growing up in the streets of Bombay or in a Brazilian slum. Some of the movies played were the widely acclaimed Brazilian movie "City of God," and the Oscar-winning Chinese documentary "The Blood of Yingzhou District."

The rest of the week's events seem to be geared to the international student population, with a couple workshops for those students planning on studying abroad. A workshop that takes place three times this week is the Tax Assistance Program, directed at helping international students with advising on federal and state tax returns (this same event will held again today, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Fischer and O'Hara-Grace Community

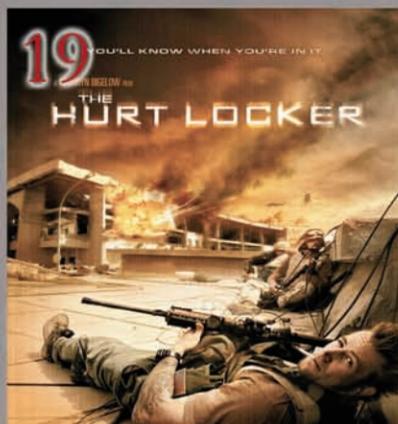
crafted by artisans in 38 countries who, without this organization, would've most likely Still coming up this week is the Study and Travel Abroad discussion with Notre Dame senior Andy Steves at the Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune (Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.), where Steves will talk about his experience and advise when it comes to traveling in Europe. Also, for international undergraduate students there will be an ice cream social on the same day, from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m., to meet new people who share a diverse background. Finally, on Friday there will be another workshop about safety when studying abroad (10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Notre Dame room in LaFortune).

For the full program, please visit issa.nd.edu/news-and-events

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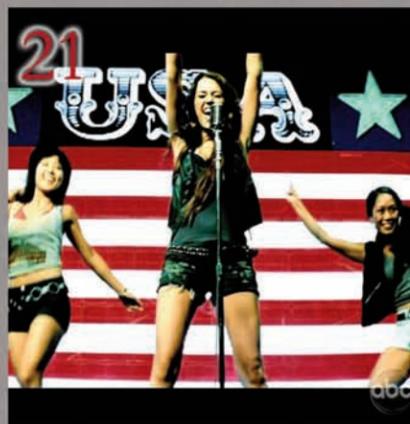
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"The Hurt Locker" @ 10 p.m. in DeBartolo 101

This jarring movie follows the story of a group of soldiers in Iraq in 2004. As part of an Explosive Ordinance Disposal team, they disarm bombs. Sergeant First Class William James (Jeremy Renner) becomes the new team leader after the death of his predecessor, quickly proving himself to be a reckless and emotional leader. James befriends a local Iraqi boy, Beckham, who is soon killed by a body bomb. James is forced to deal with the loss of a friend as well as the continuing challenge of living in Iraq. The Hurt Locker is also showing Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

"Flamenco Vivo!" @ 8 p.m. in DPAC

This colorful, masterful performance promises to be an exciting show. Led by Flamenco master Carlota Santana, the show "El Corazon del Flamenco" is an expressive look at various Flamenco style dances from throughout Spain. Through entertaining music, impeccable footwork and amazing costumes, Flamenco Vivo! exposes the audience to a wide array of Flamenco styles, all steeped in rich history and tradition. The New York Times calls it "an infectiously joyful celebration of music and dance." Tickets are \$36 for the general public, \$25 for faculty/staff and seniors and \$15 for all students.

"That's So College Nightclub @ midnight at Legends

It's "That's So College Night" at Legends! And what better way to warm up after a cold day of football than a Legends dance party? We all know Notre Dame students love an excuse to dance and this is the perfect opportunity to get your groove on. The music is sure to be all those songs you love to dance to. Therefore, one can only expect this to be a bigger, better version of a dorm party with an actual DJ instead of an iPod playlist. Starting at midnight, come over to Legends and enjoy great music and a great atmosphere with friends.

Stefon Harris @ 2 p.m. in DPAC

Stefon Harris has been heralded as "one of the most important young artists in jazz" by the Los Angeles Times. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Manhattan School of Music in New York and has been cultivating an impressive career since graduation. Considered an energetic and dynamic performer, Harris has been breathing a fresh life into jazz performance through his impressive mastery of the vibraphone as well as his skills as a composer. Tickets for the event are \$32 for the general public, \$22 for faculty/staff and seniors and \$15 for all students.

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Movie Rewind

"Ocean's Eleven" has a high rewatch value

By ERIC PRISTER
Scene Writer

"Cause the house always wins. Play long enough, you never change the stakes, the house takes you. Unless, when that perfect hand comes along, you bet and you bet big, then you take the house."

Steven Soderbergh certainly had a near perfect hand and beat the house when he chose to direct the 2001 remake of a 1960 Rat Pack film, "Ocean's Eleven."

This movie takes place in Las Vegas, where professional thief Danny Ocean (George Clooney), just after being released from jail, sets out to rob three casinos with the help of 10 carefully chosen accomplices, including his right hand man, Rusty (Brad Pitt).

The 2001 version first and foremost does an excellent job of creating a unique situation by portraying as likable those that would normally be considered the "bad guys" and making even more unlikable those characters that would normally be the victim. The star-studded cast certainly helps achieve this goal, creating likable personas for the thieves and vice versa.

Clooney and Pitt headline the incredible cast, and their characters — Ocean and Rusty — give

the feeling that these two have known and worked with each other for so long that they act with one brain. This makes the dialogue witty but also relatable, since most viewers have a person with which they communicate in this way. The supporting cast of characters, including those played by Bernie Mac and Don Cheadle, are each very likeable in their own right, and add to the overall vivacity of the group.

The owner of the casino — Terry Benedict — is played by Andy Garcia, who does an equally good job of making his character unlikable. Benedict is selfish and chilling, looking out only for what is good for himself and his casinos. He stands alone in the film as the only antagonist, and his very nature makes the viewers want him to come out losing in the end.

The movie itself has an air of coolness throughout, from the flashy scenery to the clothes worn by all of the characters to music chosen by the director. It makes the viewer to want to be a part of the robbery. There is something appealing about using intelligence to outsmart someone, and "Ocean's Eleven" brings that out remarkably.

In the end, it is not simply one aspect that makes "Ocean's Eleven" an enjoyable movie many times over. It has excellent rewatch value, particularly because of the intricate plot and the witty dialogue. In fact, the movie gets better each time one watches it, in part because it has layers that are missed the first time. Each time someone watches it, he or she is likely to pick up some new aspect to the plot or a humorous line that he missed, adding to the experience.

It is difficult to explain exactly why the movie succeeds (which is saying something coming from a writer who has seen the movie more than 50 times). Yes, the dialogue is witty and quick. True, the actors are stars and live up to their stardom. And of course, the plot is interesting and intense at points. It is an indefinable quality that shines through, however, which makes "Ocean's Eleven" such a quality movie-watching experience and which should earn it a second viewing. Or a 50th.

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MLB

Royals' Greinke wins AL Cy Young Award

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When the phone rang, Zack Greinke let it go — he didn't recognize the number. Only after listening to the voice mail did he call back and find out he'd won the American League Cy Young Award.

The Kansas City Royals ace easily beat out Felix Hernandez for the honor Tuesday after a spectacular season short on wins but long on domination. Winning left the extremely shy Greinke with mixed emotions.

"Back in Orlando, I haven't really got a whole lot of attention from people, which has been nice," he said. "So I hope it doesn't get that way, where everyone is like, 'Oh, hey, Zack, hi.'"

He'd prefer to remain anonymous when he's not on the mound. He's not looking forward to being introduced at banquets as "Cy Young Award winner Zack Greinke" for the rest of his life.

"In that way, it's kind of like a negative for me," he said.

It's been quite a turnaround for Greinke, who led the AL in losses in 2005 and quit baseball for six weeks the following year after being diagnosed with a social anxiety disorder.

Greinke went 16-8 with a major league-low 2.16 ERA this season and received 25 of 28 first-place votes and three seconds for 134 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Hernandez, 19-5 with a 2.49 ERA for the Seattle Mariners, drew two firsts, 23 seconds and one third for 80 points.

"I thought it was going to be real close between the two of us," Greinke said.

Detroit's Justin Verlander was third with the remaining first-place vote and 14 points, followed by the Yankees' CC Sabathia (13) and Toronto's Roy Halladay (11).

"Greinke deserved it. Before

the season was over, I said my vote was for him," Hernandez said in Venezuela.

"This has taught me that I need to be perfect, I will prepare myself to be stronger next season. I will need a superb year because just a good one, it's not enough," he said.

The NL winner will be announced Thursday.

Despite what he's overcome, Greinke doesn't view himself as a role model.

"I really don't like having a bunch of attention, so even if I did see myself in that light, I don't do anything about it," he said. "I'm real uncomfortable doing stuff like that, to be around people and doing stuff like that," he said.

He fidgeted a bit and spoke softly during a series of telephone conference calls and a video linkup from a studio in Orlando, Fla.

Even before winning, this was sure to be a big week for Greinke. He is getting married on Saturday to high school girlfriend Emily Kuchar, a former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader, and then is heading to Hawaii for a three-week honeymoon.

The 26-year-old right-hander was the sixth overall pick in the 2002 amateur draft. He made his major league debut in 2004 and got hit hard the next year. After leaving spring training in February 2006 to combat his anxiety, he worked his way back to the majors by late September.

Greinke was 7-7 the following year and 13-10 in 2008 before his breakout season. Greinke's ERA was the lowest in the AL since Pedro Martinez's 1.74 ERA in 2000 and his 242 strikeouts were second in the league behind Verlander.

After speaking with a pair of pitchers on opposing teams — he wouldn't identify them — he credited an improved mental approach in which he put all his



Royals' ace Zack Greinke delivers a pitch against the Chicago White Sox in a game on Aug. 19. Greinke finished with a 16-8 record and led the major leagues with an ERA of 2.16

focus on each individual pitch he was throwing.

But he did think he had the best season. He said he had spoken with teammate Brian Bannister about his FIP — a new-age statistic called Fielding Independent Pitching, which is supposed to factor out defensive differences.

He allowed just 11 home runs this year — nine solo and two with one man on, according to STATS LLC. His victory total matched that of Arizona's Brandon Webb three years ago

for the fewest by a starting pitcher to win a Cy Young Award in a non-shortened season and was the fewest by an AL starter to win in a full-length season.

Steve Carlton was the only Cy Young Award winner who pitched for a club that was worse. The Hall of Fame lefty was 27-10 with a 1.97 ERA for the 1972 Philadelphia Phillies, who went 59-97.

Kansas City, which tied for last place in the AL Central at 65-97, scored just 13 runs in his eight losses and 21 runs in his nine no-

decisions. He failed to get a victory in six starts in which he allowed one run or none.

Greinke, who agreed to a \$38 million, four-year contract last winter, received a \$100,000 bonus for winning.

The first-place votes for Hernandez came from Chris Assenheimer of The Chronicle-Telegram in Elyria, Ohio, and Mark Feinsand of the Daily News in New York. Verlander's first-place vote was cast by Steve Kornacki of Booth Newspapers in Michigan.

NBA

Durant scores 32 as Thunder roll past Heat, move to 6-5

Associated Press

MIAMI — Kevin Durant scored 32 points, Russell Westbrook had 24 and the Oklahoma City Thunder added to their surprising start by beating the Miami Heat 100-87 on Tuesday night.

An early 20-1 run put the Thunder in control, and a 14-2 burst in the third quarter helped seal it for Oklahoma City. Jeff

Green added 13 for the Thunder, who've won three straight on the road.

Dwyane Wade finished with 22 points on 6 of 19 shooting and Daequan Cook scored 14 of his 17 in the fourth quarter for Miami. Jermaine O'Neal had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Heat, who visit Atlanta Wednesday for the first time since the Hawks beat Miami in

Game 7 of last season's Eastern Conference opening-round series.

The Thunder got off to a 6-32 start last year. This season, they're 6-5.

Westbrook's 3-pointer with 6:40 left might have been the biggest blow, considering it came after he lost the dribble, while being closely guarded by Mario Chalmers and with the shot

clock running down. He swished it anyway, putting Oklahoma City up 87-72.

Miami made a run, with Cook scoring five quick points and Wade hitting a 3-pointer to get the Heat within nine, but Durant answered with a turnaround jumper and the Thunder weren't seriously threatened again.

Nick Collison and Nenad Krstic each finished with 10 points for

Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City trailed 16-11 midway through the opening quarter. Without warning, everything quickly turned its way.

A 20-1 run over an 8-minute stretch set the tone. Durant scored 10 points (plus had two assists), Miami missed 10 straight shots and a sequence at the end of the first quarter further soured the Heat mood.

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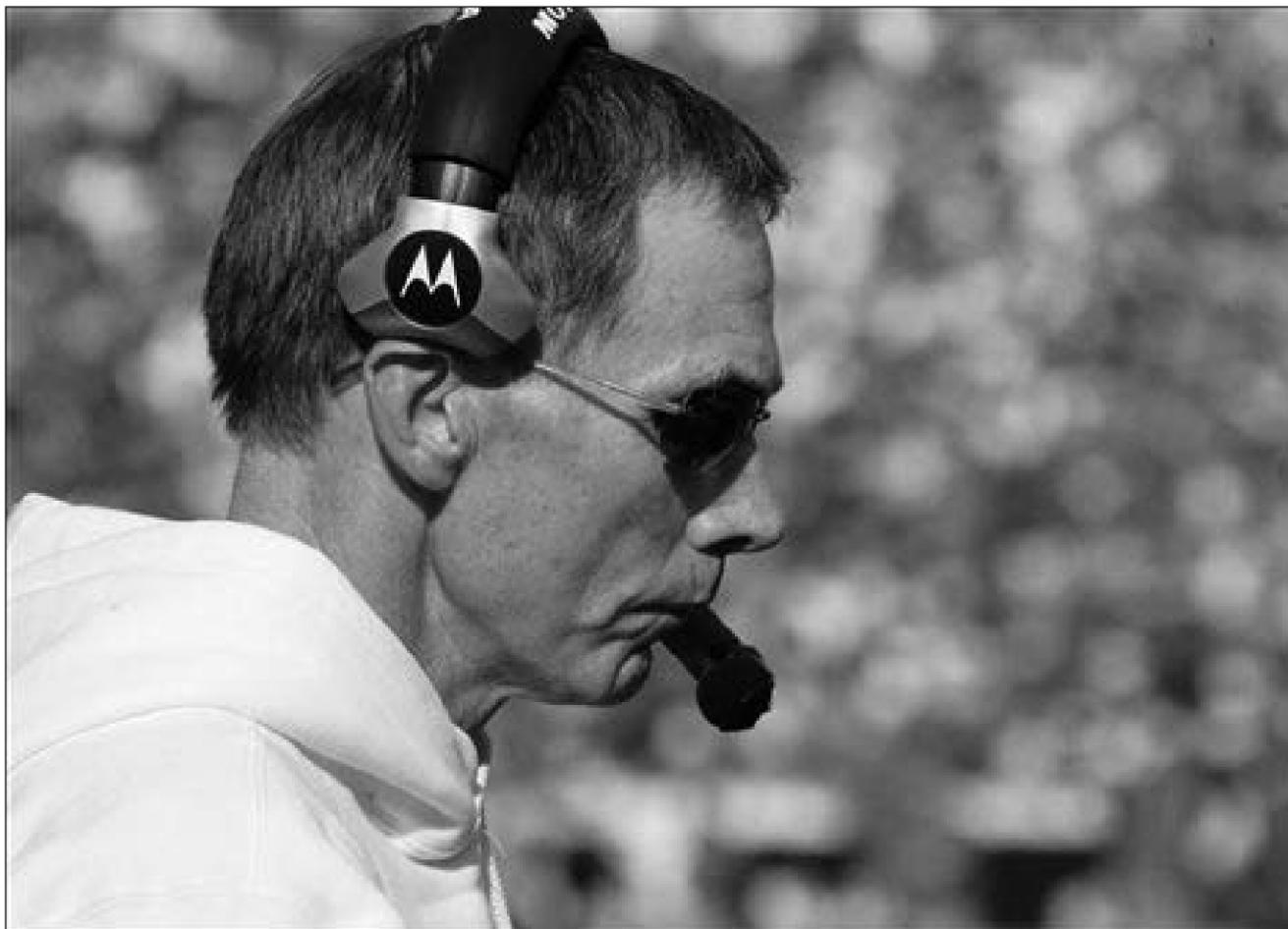
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NFL



Buffalo Bills coach Dick Jauron looks on as his team plays the Tampa Bay Buccaneers during the first half of an NFL game in Orchard Park, N.Y. on Sept. 20. The Bills fired Jauron on Tuesday. A replacement coach has yet to be announced.

Bills fire head coach Dick Jauron

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Dick Jauron was fired by the Buffalo Bills on Tuesday, when the coach ran out of time to build a contender or come up with a way to fix an offense that sputtered even with the addition of Terrell Owens.

Bills owner Ralph Wilson announced Jauron's dismissal, saying he made the decision "for the best interest of his team." The move came two days after the Bills (3-6) fell further out of contention following a 41-17 loss at Tennessee.

A replacement coach has yet to be hired as the

Bills prepare to play at Jacksonville on Sunday. Jauron's successor is expected to come from the current staff and be hired on an interim basis only. Candidates include assistant head coach Bobby April and defensive coordinator Perry Fewell.

The Bills are averaging just over 15 points from an offense that acquired Owens this offseason but remains unsettled at quarterback. The defense is riddled with injuries, and has allowed an NFL-worst 173 yards rushing a game.

Jauron leaves with a 24-33 record over three-plus seasons, and went 5-14 in his past 19.

"I really don't have any-

thing to say," was all Jauron would say when reached on his cell phone by The Associated Press.

Buffalo, which has not made the playoffs since 1999, has now gone through four coaches since the end of the 2000 season, when Wade Phillips was dismissed. Gregg Williams was not rehired after his three-year contract expired, while Mike Mularkey abruptly resigned after a front-office shakeup following the 2005 season.

Jauron was hired by former general manager Marv Levy, who took over the post following Tom Donahoe's dismissal. Jauron has been on the

hot seat ever since last season, after he led the Bills to their third consecutive 7-9 finish.

Expressing a need for continuity, Wilson elected to retain Jauron. The Hall of Fame owner, however, noted that he was aware of Bills fans' dissatisfaction with the team, and warned that he wasn't going to be "complacent" in seeking improvements, particularly on offense.

Those improvements haven't come even after the team made a big splash in free agency by signing Owens to a one-year \$6.5 million contract in March, days after the receiver was released by Dallas.

IN BRIEF

Pitt's Dixon wins USA Coach of the Year

PITTSBURGH — Jamie Dixon of Pitt has been chosen as USA Basketball's national coach of the year for guiding the United States' first FIBA under-19 world championship team since 1991.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski won or shared the award the previous three years, with Anne Donovan in 2007 and 2008.

Dixon's team went 9-0 during the July 2-12 tournament in Auckland, New Zealand. The United States averaged 88.2 points and had an average winning margin of 22.2 points, yet no player averaged more than 10.8 points.

Dixon's Pitt team went 31-5, earned the school's first No. 1 ranking in the AP poll and advanced to the NCAA round of eight. He was chosen as the Naismith national coach of the year for that season.

Edwards pleads not guilty to misdemeanor charges

CLEVELAND — Former Cleveland Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards has pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor assault charge after he was accused of punching a man outside a downtown nightclub last month.

Edwards was arraigned in Cleveland Municipal Court on Tuesday. The 26-year-old was traded to the New York Jets two days after he was accused of punching a friend of NBA star LeBron James on Oct. 5.

James called Edwards' actions "childish."

Edwards waived his right to a speedy trial and was scheduled for a Dec. 12 court hearing. His attorney hasn't returned a request for comment.

While with Cleveland, Edwards dropped passes, criticized the team's play-calling, argued with teammates and famously took a helicopter to a college football game in 2006 despite being told not to go.

Magic's Nelson to have arthroscopic knee surgery

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando Magic point guard Jameer Nelson needs surgery again.

The All-Star will have arthroscopic surgery Wednesday on torn cartilage in his left knee, the team said. He is expected to miss four to six weeks.

Nelson was injured in the fourth quarter of Monday night's win against Charlotte. But he finished the game on the court and showed no signs of injury.

"I feel pretty good," Nelson said after the game. "My energy level just physically wasn't there, but mentally ... I think that's one of the parts of my game that adds toughness to this team."

This is the second straight season he has been sidelined.

Nelson injured his right shoulder in February and had surgery. In a surprise move, he returned for the NBA finals, struggling to regain his form as Orlando lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in five games.

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NFL

Westbrook's return uncertain after concussions

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Brian Westbrook has always come back from a long list of injuries throughout his career.

Now another concussion could stop him cold.

Westbrook's status is uncertain after the former All-Pro running back sustained his second concussion in three weeks in Philadelphia's 31-23 loss at San Diego on Sunday.

Westbrook was playing his first game after sitting out two because of a concussion suffered Oct. 26. He was injured in the third quarter on a screen play in which he was caught between a block by Eagles receiver Jason Avant and Chargers safety Eric Weddle.

Eagles coach Andy Reid said the team will take precautions with Westbrook and it's too early to tell when Westbrook will return, if at all.

"Football right now for Brian Westbrook is not the important thing," Reid said Monday. "It's making sure that we get him analyzed, tested and taken care of and then we'll go from there. Not that we didn't do that before."

"We took every precautionary measure that we could before and it happened again. Obviously we're going to check with experts and make sure that we listen to them like we did before. The No. 1

thing is Brian's health. You can put football aside and make sure that he's taken care of here."

Westbrook wasn't available to reporters on Monday. His agent, Todd France, didn't immediately return a phone message.

The 30-year-old Westbrook sustained his first career concussion when he hit his head on a defender's knee during a Monday night win at Washington last month. Westbrook briefly lost consciousness but walked off the field under his own power.

He sat out Philadelphia's victory against the New York Giants on Nov. 1 and was cleared to play against Dallas last week, but was held out for precautionary reasons after experiencing headaches. Westbrook had no problems leading up to the game against the Chargers.

"We left it up to the doctors," Reid said. "There's a chance he could have played the week before and we held him out of that one according to tests and symptoms. He was symptom-free and tests came back normal and so on, so I did what the experts said. They felt comfortable with it

and we went with it."

Reid wasn't sure if a second concussion is more serious. Westbrook didn't lose consciousness on this one.

"I've heard a couple different things on that," he said. "Obviously it's not a good thing for a second one to happen. I don't know the medical terms of it. I've heard them determine it by if it was a mild hit as compared to a severe hit. It wasn't a mild hit I would say."

The eight-year veteran has been limited this season by ankle and knee injuries and the concussions.

Westbrook has carried the ball 47 times for 225 yards, an average of 4.8 yards per carry, and has scored one touchdown. He has also caught 19 passes for 156 yards and a TD.

Westbrook has never played a full season, having missed 16 games for a variety of injuries to his knees, ankles, ribs and triceps.

Before last season, Westbrook signed a three-year contract worth \$21 million, including \$13 million guaranteed the first two years. The Eagles have the option of not renewing his contract for 2010.

"Football right now for Brian Westbrook is not the important thing."

**Andy Reid
Eagles coach**



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NHL

Ovechkin shines in return, tops Rangers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Matt Bradley bounced back from having his face bloodied in a first-period fight to net the winning goal with 4:51 left, and Alex Ovechkin also scored in his return from injury to lift the Washington Capitals to a 4-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Tuesday night.

Bradley went to the dressing room with 9:21 left in the opening period after taking several hard blows to the face from New York's Aaron Voros. Those injuries didn't bother him a bit when he knocked the puck away from Wade Redden and raced up ice on a break. Matt Gilroy couldn't catch him from behind, and Bradley beat goalie Henrik Lundqvist with a rising shot to the glove side for his fourth of the season.

Ovechkin missed six games because of an upper body injury, believed to be a strained left shoulder, but came back with a flourish. He netted his NHL-leading 15th goal, in only 15 games, while New York's Sean Avery sat in the penalty box. That erased the Rangers' 1-0 advantage in the first period.

Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau earned his 100th

NHL victory.

Marian Gaborik scored both goals for the Rangers and moved into a tie with Ovechkin with his 15th. Gaborik gave New York a 1-0 lead just 1:16 in and then made it 2-2 at 8:23 of the third with a power-play goal against Washington backup goalie Semyon Varlamov.

Brooks Laich pushed the Capitals in front 2-1 when he got to a rebound of defenseman Mike Green's shot in the crease and knocked it past Lundqvist and into the net with 4:16 remaining in the second. Green also earned the primary assist on Ovechkin's goal.

Brian Pothier scored an empty-netter with 16.7 seconds left to make it 4-2.

The Rangers were fortunate to be trailing by only a goal heading into the third period as they were outshot 21-11 through 40 minutes. New York finished with 20 shots, tying its season low.

New York netted the equalizer when Gaborik scored from the goal line to Varlamov's right, snapping in a shot from a difficult angle after the puck bounced to him. The Rangers converted on the second of back-to-back penalties.

NBA

Knicks considering Iverson

Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — The New York Knicks passed on a chance to sign Allen Iverson last summer. A few months and only one victory later, they have to decide if he's worth reconsidering.

Iverson is on the market again after the Memphis Grizzlies waived him Tuesday night. And while the Knicks weren't interested in the offseason, they won't rule the former scoring champion out yet.

"We had our little group from last year we wanted to keep together and that was the decision in the summertime, not to disrupt what we had," coach Mike D'Antoni said Tuesday. "Now, basketball's fluid and things change every second."

D'Antoni and team president Donnie Walsh both praised Iverson's abilities, but said the organization still had to discuss whether it's worth bringing him to a 1-9 team that is off to the worst 10-game start in franchise history.

Walsh wouldn't say much more, because Iverson hadn't even been waived yet by the time the Knicks finished practice. That happened Tuesday night, making Iverson eligible to be signed 48 hours after that.

"I've always had a lot of admiration for him because I had to play against him every year



The same day Iverson was released from the Grizzlies, the New York Knicks expressed interest in the veteran guard.

when I was in Indiana and I have a lot of respect for his career," Walsh said. "He's a small man who did everything he could to win games and took a lot of hard knocks and always got up."

But the Iverson of today would give any team pause. He's been hurt and unhappy over the last two seasons, with

the Grizzlies the only team to make him an offer last summer after his turbulent stay in Detroit.

Things were even worse in Memphis. Iverson played only three games, voicing his displeasure about coming off the bench, just as he'd done in Detroit, before leaving the team to attend to personal matters.



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NFL

RB Johnson agrees to deal with Bengals

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Larry Johnson might have his career up-and-running sooner than expected.

The running back who was banished from Kansas City for bad behavior signed on for a backup role with the Cincinnati Bengals on Tuesday, giving the AFC North leaders depth for the rest of this season. He might not be watching for long.

A day after coach Marvin Lewis referred to Johnson as an insurance policy in case of injury, he said it's possible the running back could play in some form Sunday in Oakland if starter Cedric Benson is still limited by a strained hip.

"I'm not saying that it can't happen, I'm not saying that it will happen, but stay tuned," Lewis said, with Johnson sitting by his side. "He'd like to play, I know that. And we'll see what happens as we go through the week, as I said earlier, regarding Cedric with his injury."

Johnson has his own goal for getting on the field: Dec. 27, when the Bengals play the Chiefs at Paul Brown Stadium. That could set up the second get-even game for a Bengals running back this season. Benson was carrying a grudge when he ran for a career-high 189 yards against his former Bears team on Oct. 25.

Johnson is toting one, too. "I'd be lying if I said I ain't looking at that game as a game I want to definitely play in, but we take it a game at a time, one situation at a time," Johnson said. "I'm just trying to get on the field as of right now. If that happens, it'd be the best Christmas gift I can get."

The Bengals waived defensive tackle Orien Harris to open a roster spot for Johnson, who knew he'd be listed fourth on the depth chart to start.

"I have to work my way back up," Johnson said. "You have to earn your stripes, literally, in the situation I'm in."

The signing came eight days after the Chiefs let him go as he was set to return from his second suspension in the past 12 months. The Bengals are taking little financial risk by bringing Johnson in for the rest of the season — he could be released if he becomes a problem.

"He knows what's at stake and at risk," Lewis said. "He gets an opportunity to start anew, just like anyone would. He has paid a price for what's gone on, things he's said and done, and it came to a finality in Kansas City. And now it's a new start."

He got a second chance in

Cincinnati, which has a history of providing them for troubled players. Owner Mike Brown brought Chris Henry back to the team before the 2008 season — over Lewis' disagreement — and the receiver has stayed out of trouble since then. Henry is out for the rest of the season with a broken left arm.

When injuries decimated their group of running backs last season, the Bengals signed Benson to a one-year deal despite his two alcohol-related arrests in Texas. The cases were dropped when grand juries declined to indict, and the Bengals offered a deal.

Benson has revitalized his career in Cincinnati — he ranks sixth in the league in rushing with 859 yards and leads the NFL with 205 carries, only nine shy of his career high with roughly half a season to go. His backup, Bernard Scott, is a rookie chosen in the sixth round from Abilene Christian.

Benson couldn't finish an 18-12 win at Pittsburgh on Sunday because of his hip injury, which gave the Bengals pause. The win left Cincinnati (7-2) in first place in the AFC North by a game, in position to make its second playoff appearance in the last 19 years.

Lewis has assured Benson he will remain the top running back. During an interview Tuesday with Sirius XM Radio, Benson sounded open to it.

"Yeah, I mean, well, you know, it's good for him," Benson said. "I was once in that position, and he's getting his opportunity again. In all aspects we definitely plan on it to be a contribution to the team. If he can help the team in a positive way, then I'm all for that."

Johnson turns 30 on Thursday, and his production has declined in recent years. The Chiefs let him go following several controversies.

He was benched for three games in 2008 by former Chiefs coach Herm Edwards for violating team rules, and the NFL added a game. He later was sentenced to two years' probation after pleading guilty to disturbing the peace at a Kansas City night spot.

Three weeks ago, he posted a gay slur on his Twitter account and questioned the competence of coach Todd Haley, drawing a two-week suspension. The Chiefs decided to cut ties with him rather than let him return.

"It was just a relationship that was souring," Johnson said. "And in Kansas City being in kind of a small market, and knowing every little thing I was going to say was going to be blown up to mythical proportions."

"You have to earn your stripes, literally, in the situation I'm in."

Larry Johnson
Bengals RB

NHL

40-year-old Shanahan retiring

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brendan Shanahan is retiring from the NHL after 21 seasons and an almost certain Hall of Fame career.

The 40-year-old forward announced Tuesday that he wouldn't play again. After going through training camp with the New Jersey Devils, the team he spent his final season with, he and the club mutually parted unexpectedly shortly before opening night of the season.

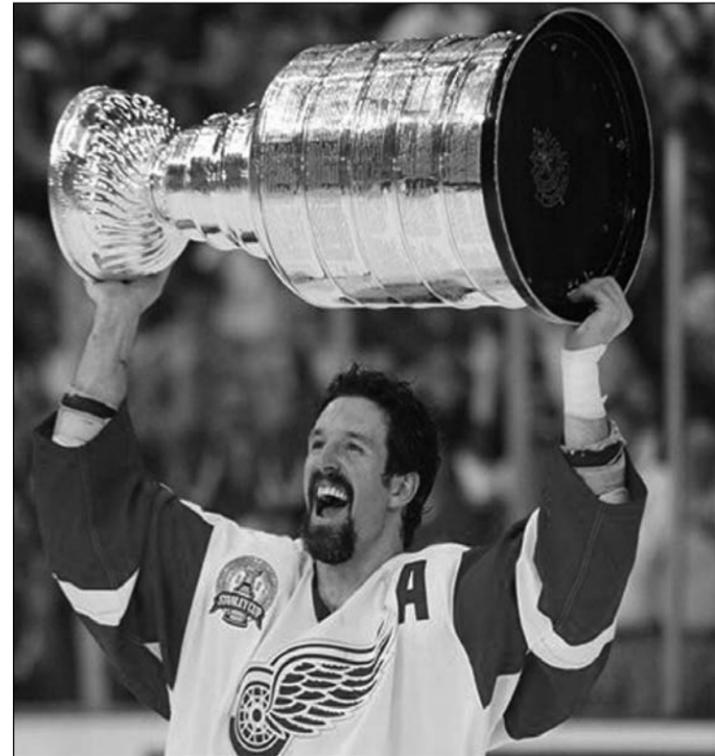
"I would like to thank my family and all of the friends who have helped me achieve and maintain my childhood dream of playing in the National Hockey League," Shanahan said in a statement released by the NHL. "While I always dreamed of playing in the NHL, I can't honestly say that I would have ever imagined that I'd be this fortunate and blessed. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped me fulfill this dream."

Shanahan, who scored 656 career goals, decided to leave the Devils in October one day after he was told there was no spot for him on New Jersey's top three lines.

He has not played this season.

Shanahan ranks 11th on the league's career goals list and is the only player with 600 goals and 2,000 penalty minutes. The eight-time All-Star also played for St. Louis, Hartford, Detroit and the New York Rangers. He won three Stanley Cup titles with Detroit.

"He's the best," said Rangers



Veteran Brendan Shanahan is calling it quits after 21 seasons. Shanahan ranks 11th on the NHL's career goals list.

forward Sean Avery, a teammate of Shanahan's with New York and Detroit.

Now that his playing days are done, Shanahan could be a fit for the NHL Players' Association, which is in a state of flux following the firing of executive director Paul Kelly and the resignations of several union officials.

Kelly was dismissed during a meeting in August, and his interim replacement Ian Penny is also gone along with the eight-member advisory board. Interim ombudsman Buzz Hargrove stepped down last

week, citing the inability to perform his duties as the reason. Donald Fehr, the outgoing executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association, has been appointed to assist the NHLPA in its search for an executive director.

Shanahan conducted a summit during the NHL's 2004-05 lockout, and that gathering of people from all aspects of hockey produced several suggestions that led to rules changes after a new collective bargaining agreement was reached.

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Who: Emily Giffin, author of bestselling novels Something Borrowed and Something Blue
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Reception with refreshments to follow directly.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Michigan State outlasts Gonzaga in final seconds

Kansas holds on against Memphis thanks to Aldrich's double-double; Georgetown beats Temple in old-fashioned match-up

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State's winning streak at home against nonconference teams was in jeopardy.

The second-ranked Spartans — and their fans — refused to let it end against Gonzaga.

Durrell Summers hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with a few minutes left, made two at the line in the final seconds and finished with 21 points and a career-high 11 rebounds to help No. 2 Michigan State rally for a 75-71 win over the Bulldogs on Tuesday night.

"It was the kind of game we needed, especially this early in the year," Summers said.

The Spartans (2-0) won their 41st straight game at home against a nonconference team, extending a streak that started after a loss to Duke on Dec. 3, 2003.

"There's no question the crowd won that game for us," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "If you were down there, you could hear it."

Robert Sacre matched a career high with 17 points for the Bulldogs (1-1) despite playing just 19 minutes.

"He was really making a difference in there, then his minutes got limited because of the fouls," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "That hurt us."

Gonzaga freshman Elias Harris scored 17, Matt Bouldin had 15 points and Steven Gray added 13.

Kalin Lucas made a layup with 39 seconds left to give Michigan State a three-point lead and finished with 19 points.

Raymar Morgan scored 16 off the bench despite playing on a sprained left ankle and injuring his right ankle in the first half.

"I am really proud of Ray," Izzo said.

Michigan State scored first, then trailed Gonzaga for much of the game.

The Bulldogs led by 13 midway through the first half and were ahead 35-30 at halftime.

They built another double-digit lead early in the second half, but were hurt by the 7-foot Sacre getting called for a third foul and 7-5 reserve Will Foster getting a fourth foul shortly after halftime.

Michigan State freshman Derrick Nix made a putback with 11:52 left in the game to put the home team ahead for the first time since the opening minute.

The Bulldogs, though, refused to wilt in the raucous Breslin Center despite having one of their youngest teams since becoming one of the nation's stronger programs.

"It's a terrific college basketball atmosphere," Few said. "Before Thanksgiving, it felt like a game that would clinch a championship game in a league with the energy."

"We played here (in 1997) when I was an assistant with Dan (Monson) and this place has really grown." Sacre made a shot midway through the second half to put Gonzaga ahead by seven and a fadeaway with 4:42 to go for a 65-61 lead.

The Spartans made enough shots and stops in the final minutes in a game that will get them ready to play Florida, North Carolina and Texas before the Big Ten season.

"It's a big win for us because we didn't play real well," Izzo said. "Gonzaga took it to us for at least 30 minutes. I have a lot of respect for Mark and their program."

"They punched us in the mouth, picked us off the ground and punched us again early — and I thought we were ready to play," Izzo added.

Gonzaga, hoping to reload instead of rebuild, also faces a

tough schedule with games against Wake Forest, Arizona or Wisconsin, Duke, Oklahoma and Illinois before starting West Coast Conference play.

Few said he had mixed emotions about Tuesday's game because the Bulldogs had a shot at pulling off an upset — which would've perhaps been one of the school's biggest wins in the regular season — but he went home proud.

"There's a lot of positives we can take out of this, certainly how we competed," Few said.

Kansas 57, Memphis 55

Cole Aldrich had 18 points, 11 rebounds and blocked five shots, helping top-ranked Kansas overcome a sloppy night to hold off Memphis in a rematch of the 2008 national championship game Tuesday.

Kansas (2-0) led most of the night despite 21 turnovers, but could never shake the scrappy and supposedly overmatched Tigers.

Memphis (1-1) closed within three on Doneal Mack's 3-pointer with a minute left, then cut the lead to 56-55 on Elliot Williams' long 3 with 16.7 seconds left.

Sherron Collins hit 1 of 2 free throws at the other end to give Memphis a final chance, but Williams' contested 3-pointer clanged off the back iron.

Collins scored 12 points while struggling with leg cramps and former Memphis recruit Xavier Henry added 11.

Memphis wasn't supposed to have much of a chance against the depth and talent of Kansas, and had a miserable night from 3-point range, hitting 6 of 25. The Tigers hung around with scrappy defense, keeping the score low and the Jayhawks within reach far longer than anyone expected against the nation's top-ranked team.

Williams had 21 points to lead Memphis, 0-9 all-time against

No. 1 teams.

The last time these teams played, it turned into one of the greatest games in Final Four history.

That was 18 months ago. These aren't the same teams. Not even close.

Collins is the only major contributor left. Aldrich, despite outplaying North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough in the semifinals, logged four minutes in the final. The rest of the Jayhawks were either buried on the bench or watched it on TV.

Memphis' Pierre Henderson-Niles, Willie Kemp and Mack played a combined seven minutes in the title game. None of the other Tigers were even on the roster.

Different teams, certainly a different feel.

The Tigers came out jittery, shooting airballs and wild 3-pointers that caromed high off the glass, getting their pockets picked from behind.

Kansas played out of control out of the gate, forcing up shots, turning it over on poor post entry passes and weak dribbles into the lane.

At the 15:55 mark, Kansas led 4-2.

Fed up with the foolishness, Kansas coach Bill Self yelled out to Collins: "1 game, get the ball to the big fella." The Jayhawks did and Aldrich hit a layup, then a rebound slam before sitting out the final 1:34 after picking up his second foul.

Kansas went right back to the big fella in the second half.

Tyshawn Taylor found Aldrich on an alley-oop to open the half and Collins set up another dunk on an over-the-top pass to the post. That seemed to jump start the Jayhawks, who finally pushed their lead to double digits, 38-28 on Henry's fastbreak layup.

Aldrich added a dunk on a dish from Collins to put Kansas up 52-45 with just under 3 minutes left. He finished 7 for 10 from the field after taking just five shots against Hofstra on Friday.

Georgetown 46, Temple 45

Whether the games were ugly or pretty, Georgetown found all sorts of ways to lose the close ones last season — enough to sink the Hoyas down to the NIT.

This year's home opener on Tuesday afternoon was as unwatchable as could be. Georgetown had more fouls (18) and turnovers (16) than made baskets (15), yet the No. 19 Hoyas escaped with a win over Temple when Greg Monroe scored the winning basket with 6.5 seconds to play.

"The growth of this team, I think we're definitely not going to lose these games this year," said Monroe, who drove around Lavoy Allen for the decisive layup. "I think everybody's really focused, and everybody understands what they need to do personally and what we need to do as a team to win games like this."

Chris Wright scored 15 points, and Monroe had 11 points and nine rebounds for the Hoyas (2-0), who blew a 12-point second-half lead, shot 36 percent from the field and 3 for 18 from 3-point range.

Allen had 12 points and 14 rebounds for the Owls (1-1), who recovered from an abysmal first half and almost pulled off the upset. Temple was left to rue a 6-

for-13 performance from the free throw line, and Ramone Moore's miss on the front end of a 1-and-1 with a one-point lead and 23 seconds to play gave Monroe and the Hoyas the chance to win it.

"We had a great opportunity to win the game; we just didn't close it out," Temple coach Fran Dunphy said. "We shot poorly down the stretch at the foul line, and we weren't able to get a shot off on that last possession."

After Monroe scored, the Owls had their own final chance to regain the lead, but Luis Guzman was tied up for a jump ball while driving to the basket with 1.3 seconds remaining.

The momentum was all with them," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said. "And for us to be able to maintain our poise, our composure, and whether it was ugly or not, to make the plays, get the rebounds at both ends of the floor to win the game, that was good. It was ugly — don't get me wrong. They do a good job of making the game ugly."

The loss ended Temple's streak of 68 straight wins when holding opponents to under 50 points, but for a while it seemed neither team would score as much as 30. This was the 4 p.m. game in ESPN's 24-hour Tip-Off Marathon, but it was more suited for the 6 a.m., should've-stayed-in-bed snoozer.

The halftime score was 19-13, with Georgetown leading by default.

Here are more ugly facts from one of the worst halves of basketball ever seen at the Verizon Center:

◆ There were more combined fouls (14) and turnovers (13) than made baskets (12).

◆ Both teams shot 1 for 10 from 3-point range.

◆ Ryan Brooks, who scored 23 points in Temple's season-opening win over Delaware, was 0 for 6 with two turnovers. He finished the game 2 for 14. Monroe, the Big East rookie of the year last season, was 1 for 5 with three turnovers in the half.

◆ Temple shot 19 percent (5 for 26), Georgetown a relatively robust 30 percent (7 for 23). During one painful stretch, the teams combined to miss 11 straight shots.

The Hoyas appeared to get their act together at the start of the second half, opening with an 8-2 run, but Allen and Moore started playing as if they were ready to lead the Owls to a third straight Atlantic 10 title. A 24-6 run gave Temple a six-point lead, but Monroe converted a pair of three-point plays in a 9-0 spurt that put Georgetown back in front.

Craig Williams' 3-pointer tied the score at 42 with 4:53 to play. The Hoyas didn't lead again until Monroe's game-winner.

The final score brought back memories of low-scoring Ivy League games when Thompson was at Princeton and Dunphy was at Pennsylvania, a point made to Thompson by one of the assistant coaches after the game ended.

But Thompson's Princeton teams made 46-point games look much more elegant.

"It's like Princeton because I was sitting on one bench, and Fran was sitting on the other bench," Thompson said. "Every other way, it's not like Penn and Princeton."

"There's no question the crowd won that game for us."

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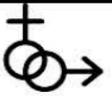
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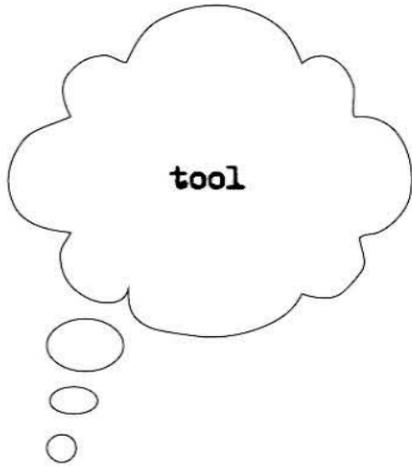
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working to get open looks tonight. We were able to get out and score off our defense.”

The Belles’ defense was a force to be reckoned with as well with 26 steals, almost three times as many as their opponents managed. This total is also well above last season’s average of 11.6 steals per game.

“I think we had a very solid defensive effort tonight which resulted in the 26 steals,” Henley said. “We need to do a better job of converting those steals into points.”

With a total of 26 points coming from the free throw line, the Belles dominated the free throw battle as well. Their 30 attempts more than tripled the Ravens’, who went 5-9 on the game. The one category where the Ravens ended on top was in offensive rebounds, where they pulled down 15 boards, resulting in eight second-chance points. These second-chance points concerned Henley.

“We need to work on boxing out better and not giving up the offensive boards,” she said.

The Belles lost four seniors last year, but the returning players filled in nicely. With the two top scorers from last year, Nicole Beier and Erin Newsom, gone, the Belles will need to find new players for production on offense.

Sophomore Patsy Mahoney, who had significant playing time last year, stepped up in the season opener with 18 points and five rebounds. Katie Sullivan followed that effort with 12 points of her own over a total of 23 minutes played, which is an increase from last year. The Belles showed their depth as well against the Ravens, posting 27 bench points. Sophomore forward Jessica Centa led the way off the bench with 12 points.

The Belles will play next at the Bluffton University Tournament this weekend. Their first game is Friday against Wheaton at 5 p.m.

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NFL

Polamalu only out one game

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers apparently won’t be without injured safety Troy Polamalu for more than one game.

The sigh of relief began in coach Mike Tomlin’s office and no doubt spread throughout the Steelers’ practice building.

Polamalu hasn’t been ruled out of Sunday’s game at Kansas City despite injuring his left knee for the second time this season. However, it seems more likely he will miss one game and attempt to return for an AFC North game at Baltimore on Nov. 29.

Polamalu is “questionable at best” for the Chiefs (2-7), according to Tomlin.

Questionable is a lot better than out, which is what the Steelers (6-3) feared their defensive star would be after he strained a posterior cruciate ligament tackling running back

Cedric Benson early in Cincinnati’s 18-12 victory on Sunday.

“He is in a great frame of mind. He feels really good, but we’re going to follow the expert advice that we get from our medical staff in terms of how we proceed,” Tomlin said Tuesday. “In the short term, we’re going to take it day to day. But (it’s) really encouraging, more encouraging, I think, than was initially anticipated.”

Polamalu, a five-time Pro Bowl player, missed the Steelers’ second through fifth games with a medial collateral ligament sprain, and he played less than a half in their opener against Tennessee. The Steelers (6-3) lost two of the four he missed, and all three of their losses occurred when Polamalu was out or played only a single series.

The latest injury is not as bad as initially feared, Tomlin said, because it did not affect the

previously injured ligament.

“It happens to be the same knee,” Tomlin said. “There is no setback in regards to his MCL. This is a PCL strain. We’ll let it run its course and see how he feels. ... Everyone’s initial response was it was a re-injury and that appears not to be the case. It’s the same knee, but it’s not a re-injury. It doesn’t appear to be as significant as the MCL.”

The ligaments that Polamalu injured are two of the four that connect the bones of the knee joint.

The medial collateral ligament is located on the inner side of the knee and stabilizes the knee’s motion from side to side. The posterior cruciate ligament is inside the knee joint and teams with the anterior cruciate ligament to secure the knee. Those two cross in the middle of the knee and control the joint’s forward and backward motion.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Kansas investigates controversy around football team

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The University of Kansas said Tuesday it is investigating what it calls a personnel matter concerning football coach Mark Mangino, whose team is mired in a five-game losing streak that threatens to ruin the season.

Athletic director Lew Perkins met with the entire football team Monday night and

Mangino, the national coach of the year in 2007, was not present.

Mangino said he met with Perkins for “10 or 15 minutes” on Tuesday after Perkins issued a brief statement confirming the internal review was under way.

Mangino insisted he has not lost the support of his players but suggested that may not be true of others on campus.

“I haven’t lost the team, not one bit. I may have lost some people around here but it’s not players,” he said at his weekly news conference.

Mangino inherited a program in shambles in 2002 and coached the Jayhawks to their greatest season ever in 2007, a 12-1 record and Orange Bowl victory over Virginia Tech. They won their first five games this year and were ranked as high

as No. 16 before senior quarterback Todd Reesing and the rest of the team went into a tailspin.

Going into their game at No. 3 Texas on Saturday, they are just 5-5 overall and 1-5 in the Big 12 and in danger of not becoming bowl eligible.

Neither Mangino nor Perkins nor any of the Kansas players would disclose the specifics of the investigation. Mangino said it had to do with the disappointing season.

“You lose a few games in a row, those type of things surface. It’s not uncommon,” he said. “I don’t take it lightly, but I’m focused on Texas and I’m very comfortable the way we manage and run the football program here. This is what comes when things aren’t going well. You’re going to find disgruntled people.”

Asked if Mangino had lost the support of his team, or at least parts of it, Reesing said emphatically, “No. Not at all.”

Reesing said the situation

bore no relation to the team’s record.

“I don’t think this has anything to do with the recent performance and the number of games we’ve won,” he said.

Perkins issued a statement and was not available to the media.

“I can confirm an internal review is under way,” he said. “It involves a personnel matter, and as a result, is confidential. It would be inappropriate for me to provide further information right now.”

In eight seasons at Kansas, where football has historically struggled, Mangino is 50-46 overall and 23-39 in the Big 12. He needs only two more victories to tie A.R. Kennedy’s school record of 52 victories from 1904-10.

Reesing, the Jayhawks’ career passing leader and acknowledged team leader, said Perkins told the team he would appoint an unbiased person to look into the matter.

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Kansas football coach Mark Mangino is under scrutiny amid accusations of confrontations with some of his players.

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have three very good players this year.”

The three players are forward Natalie Achonwa of Guelph, Ontario, forward Ariel Braker of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. and guard Kayla McBride of Erie, Penn.

McBride is a two-time all-state selection and has also been selected twice by The Sporting News as an honorable mention preseason All-American. She is ranked 20th by ESPN Hoopgurlz and fourth among shooting guards.

“[McBride] is really strong, reminds me of [senior guard Lindsay] Schrader,” McGraw said. “She can shoot 3s. She’s got a competitive edge.”

Achonwa will be Notre Dame’s first international player. The Irish began recruiting her after seeing her play for Canada in the 2009 Under-19 World Championships.

The United States played Canada in the semifinal round of the tournament, which was held in Argentina. Irish coaches were there to watch current freshman Skylar Diggins, who played for the U.S. team.

“A lot of people were down there to see Skylar and came back recruiting Natalie,” McGraw said. “We were really fortunate to be able to get her.”

Achonwa is now part of Canada’s senior national team and helped lead her team to a berth in the 2010 World Championship in the Czech Republic.

“She did some great things for [Canada],” McGraw said. “We’re hoping she does some great things for us.”

Braker is a three-year let-

ter winner for her high school team, which has won a state championship and two regional titles during her time. She holds eight school records in categories that include steals, rebounds and free throws.

“[Braker] is going to help us in the press,” McGraw said. “She can rebound. She can run.”

The class adds a size element lacking from this year’s squad; Achonwa is 6-foot-3 and Braker is 6-foot-1.

Currently, Notre Dame has six players of six feet or more on its roster; however, injuries have diminished the size advantage. The Irish have started a roster of one forward and four guards in each of their first two games.

“You’re going to see us have a much bigger team; we’re going to be able to press and trap a little bit more. We’re going to be a much faster team,” McGraw said. “It’s going to be a whole new look from this year with a very guard-oriented team.”

Although the size is different, the team will keep its basics intact.

“We like to run; we like to press,” McGraw said. “We’re trying to recruit people who can really defend, get out there and defend the 3-point line.”

McGraw said the offense would also benefit from the versatility of the new players.

“We can score in a lot of different ways,” she said. “Everybody can play in the perimeter and the post.”

The current season has shaped up well for the Irish, and McGraw said 2010 looks like it should as well.

“We’re really pleased with where we’re heading,” she said.

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“We were really fortunate to be able to get [Natalie Achonwa].”

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

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Weis said he met with the captains — fifth-year senior safety Kyle McCarthy, senior center Eric Olsen, senior linebacker Scott Smith and junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen — and then his leadership committee Monday.

“I said, ‘Fellas, this is going to be your week, it’s not going to be my week,’” Weis said. “I said, ‘I’ll coach football.’ I said, ‘When it comes to talking to the team I want the leaders of the team, the senior leaders of the team to be the ones that are expressing their voices this week.’”

Weis did express his voice on another subject, however. As he does — and most head coaches do, for that matter —

every week, Weis sent in several questionably called plays to the Big East for review. Atop the list this week was Notre Dame’s final offensive play, when an apparent Clausen incompleteness was overturned by the replay official and ruled a fumble, securing the victory for Pittsburgh.

“I watched it a whole bunch of times and I really think that if they would have called the play a fumble on the field, I could

see them not having enough information to overrule it,” Weis said. “But the fact that they called the play an incomplete pass on the field, I believe the same thing. I believe that there was no evidence to change the call that’s on the field.”

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“If I had the answer, we would have answered it a long time ago.”

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

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took us a while to establish that. Once we got that settled, it really cleared up our goalkeeping situation. The key for us was to get our back line and goalkeeper in sync.”

Weiss has been spectacular in net for the Irish since taking over as the regular starter. She has made 14 starts this season, posting a 12-1-1 record with a 0.55 goals against average. Weiss has recorded sevens shutouts this season, including her first career solo shutout against Pittsburgh in a 0-0 tie on Oct. 4.

“[Weiss] has a very strong physical presence and good height which is a bonus in a goalkeeper,” Waldrum said. “She has always been capable [of being a very good player], but in the past some mental lapses got in her way. She worked really hard in the preseason and now she is playing with much more consistency.”

Weiss said practicing alongside the veteran Lysander has been a real asset in her development as a player.

“Kelsey is a great goalkeeper, person and leader,” Weiss said. “She just comes out every day and makes us better and she really pushes us to our fullest potential.”

Lysander started every game last season for the Irish en route to a 26-1 record.

Waldrum acknowledged that the decision to play one goalie over the other has been very tough.

“It hasn’t been easy deciding between these goalkeepers,” he said. “They each have had periods where one has been better than the other. Right now, they both are looking really good but we have to stick with the hot goalkeeper which has been Nikki.”

The amount of one-goal games the Irish have been involved in this season has really made the goalkeeper position that much more important.

“We had a stretch where we were winning a lot of close games,” Waldrum said “We needed someone to step in and show the team that

they could handle the pressure of a close game and that they weren’t going to give up goals in those situations. And that’s exactly what Nikki did. She has shown us that she is more than capable of being that person.”

After two dominating wins in the opening rounds of the NCAA Tournament, Weiss and the rest of the Irish find themselves just three wins away from the team’s eighth

appearance in the College Cup finals. Despite the youth of the team, Weiss said she believes the amount of experience among them will prove vital as they continue to advance deeper into the tournament.

“Experience is definitely a very important factor at this time of the year,” Weiss said. “Our seniors really do a good job conveying that message and this is the time of year where we have to take our stand as the Notre Dame women’s soccer team.”

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“We have to stick with the hot goalkeeper which has been Nikki.”

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

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with the top teams in the country. His focus and concern have shifted instead to the depth of the bench.

“Our attention will be turned not to the top fencers who already feel that they are pretty strong by winning medals in world cups or in national competitions,” Bednarski said. “But we will look for those who will be challengers in the future, who will be trying to get the top position on the team and at this moment are freshmen and sophomores.”

An encouraging sign thus

far may be the outstanding showing of two freshmen on the national stage. Competing in the women’s sabre, Abigail Nichols and Lian Osler have already claimed gold medals in individual tournaments.

However, raw talent can only take a young squad like the Irish so far. Senior Kelley Hurley adds a dynamic factor to the team, bringing much-needed depth and experience to the women’s epee.

“We hope that Kelley Hurley will fence strong,” Bednarski

said. “Usually it’s hard for her to mobilize all [her] power at the beginning of the season because she likes to prepare longer. But I believe the women’s foilists and men’s foilists should show pretty strong performances.”

If the Irish continue their current trend of winning gold medals in national events, their national ranking should be very favorable once collegiate play begins in January.

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FOOTBALL

Weis will look to seniors to spark Irish for Connecticut

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's 27-22 loss at Pittsburgh Saturday represented the second straight game, and fourth overall this season, in which a furious fourth-quarter Irish rally fell short. And while Irish coach Charlie Weis said at his Tuesday press conference he continues to be proud of the

fight his team has displayed throughout a tumultuous 6-4 season, he acknowledged the crippling effects of too many slow starts this season.

"We've just put ourselves in that position too many times this year, where it's coming down to that last drive one way or another," Weis said, noting that the Irish are 4-4 in those close, coin-flip type games. "And the odds would tell you [that's how] it would

end up playing out if that's where you are in each game."

Asked what the reason behind his team's consistently sluggish starts, Weis said it was a fair question — but one he couldn't answer.

"If I had that answer, we would have answered it a long time ago," Weis said. "But I can tell you that the same question you are posing to me was the same question I posed to them in the locker room

after the game. And we've tried about every mode. We've tried no huddle. We've tried blitzing on every down. We've tried not blitzing. We tried change of personnel. I mean, you keep on fighting to try to find the answer, and we'll try to do that again this week."

Weis said his strategy for getting the team back on track for Saturday's Senior Day game against Connecticut would be to let his veteran

players do most of the talking during and after practice this week.

After what Weis called a "very quiet" plane ride home from Pittsburgh Saturday night, he said he talked to the entire team and then his 33 fourth- and fifth-year players on Sunday before game planning into the night with his coaching staff.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Wise Weiss

Junior keeper steps up in 3 postseason games

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Just one year removed from a campaign in which she did not make a single start, junior goalkeeper Nikki Weiss now finds herself anchoring a strong Irish defense and just two wins away from leading Notre Dame to its fourth consecutive NCAA College Cup appearance.

The Redding, Conn. native passed senior Kelsey Lysander for the starting position earlier in the season after the Irish stumbled out of the gates, losing three of their first six matches despite boasting a No. 2 preseason ranking.

"When we were struggling to find the right lineup early in the season, injuries really compounded our problems," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Early on we just didn't have a solid back line and it

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Junior goaltender Nikki Weiss makes a save against Central Michigan in Notre Dame's 6-1 victory in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Nov. 15.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles open with big victory

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's legitimized its spot at third in the pre-season MIAA poll with a convincing 72-33 win over non-conference foe Anderson University Tuesday.

The margin of victory was the largest for the Belles since 2007 and the total points allowed was the least since Dec. 3, 2003, when they gave up 26 against Andrews University. The Belles controlled this game on both offense and defense and led the Ravens in all statistical categories. In particular, the Belles shot an impressive 21-53 from the field including 4-for-9 from behind the arc. Overall, fourth-year Belles coach Jenn Henley said she was pleased with the Belles' performance.

"I thought we played well for our first game," Henley said. "We really did a nice job of

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Three recruits sign with ND

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish have a bright 2009-10 season ahead of them, and coach Muffet McGraw is making sure that continues in future seasons.

McGraw announced at a press conference Friday that three top recruits signed National Letters of Intent to play basketball at Notre Dame.

The women make up the No. 10 recruiting class in the country.

"I'm very excited about the class we're signing this year," McGraw said. "I think we addressed our needs. We

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Freshman Skylar Diggins drives to the hoop against Indianapolis in an exhibition game on Nov. 3. The Irish won 97-53.

FENCING

Youngsters show true individual promise

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Divided by individual and intercollegiate competitions, the demanding fencing season can take its toll on a young team. But as the Irish wrap up the season of individual bouts, a growing list of accomplishments from a number of players provides some encouragement.

"We have a couple of kids who are making great progress," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "We had a strong showing of our top fencers last week. We hope that our secondary fencers,

those who are not number one, will also fence strongly."

The Irish feature two of the nation's most promising fencers in the junior category in sophomores Courtney Hurley and Gerek Meinhardt. Competing in the epee and foil divisions respectively, Hurley and Meinhardt each finished the USFA North American Cup with a pair of gold medals, raising their individual international rankings even further.

Bednarski said that he is confident in his whole starting cast, which he believes has the talent to match up

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