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Game-day arrests decrease this season

Ad hoc committee established last year examined problems in stadium, on campus

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

The number of arrests on home football Saturdays has gone from 129 last year to approximately 30 this year after six home games.

Director of Game Day Operations Mike Seamon said Game Day initiatives have not changed the policy of Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP), but instead have led to a collaborative approach by the various groups working game days and made fans aware of the University's expectations for them. These two factors have helped lower the number of arrests, he said.

Fan furor over alleged abuses

by police officers have led to changes in the University's approach to game days, but Seamon said complaints of unruly fan conduct on campus have decreased.

"A lot of folks thought there was more disruptive behavior on campus than there should have been. A family came and the people around them in the parking lot or Stadium were being overly disruptive," he said. "Someone else's behavior was really offensive or was creating problems for the family."

To solve the problems encountered last year, University President Fr. John Jenkins estab-

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JACLYN ESPINOZA | Observer Graphic

Andy Steves talks travel

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

After many years of travel experience in Europe, senior Andy Steves is using his knowledge to help other college students navigate their way around Europe while studying abroad.

As a part of International Education Week, a nation-wide initiative, Steves provided students with international travel tips Thursday night in Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune Student Center.

Inspired by his travel guru father, Rick Steves, and his own experiences abroad as a student, Steves saw the need for student-friendly travel sites and guides to help college students form ideal itineraries in order to make the most out of their sightseeing abroad.

"When I was abroad, I realized there's really nothing out there for the college student abroad," Steves said.

After returning from Notre Dame's Rome program in the spring of 2008, Steves decided to create andysteves.com, a "for students, by students" collaborative resource for week-end student adventures, which includes blog entries, sample itineraries, travel tips and photos to help the college traveler.

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Last pep rally set for Irish Green

Event was tentatively scheduled in Purcell Pavilion; students disappointed with change



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Students cheer at Irish Green for the USC pep rally on Oct. 16. Tonight's pep rally was moved to Irish Green.

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

Although the last pep rally of the 2009 football season was tentatively scheduled to be held in the new Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center, it will be held today at Irish Green, Director of Gameday Operations Mike Seamon said.

This decision has caused frustration and disappointment this week within student government and among members of the student body, student body president Grant Schmidt said.

"A lot of us are very frustrated that it's not at Purcell Pavilion like we were told," Schmidt said.

"Some people might say that it's just a pep rally, but I honestly believe that at Notre Dame it is a lot more"

Seamon said the decision to hold the pep rally at Irish Green came after the football team decided to honor the senior players and their parents in the Stadium before kickoff on Saturday rather than during Friday's pep rally.

"We tentatively aimed for the Joyce Center and the reason for this was ... we were going to do the announcement of the senior players and their parents," he said. "And if we were going to do that we were going to do it

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Notre Dame alum to discuss MTV job

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1995, Christina Glorioso did what many recent college graduates hope to do. She took a well-paying job in Chicago.

But a few years later, Glorioso realized she wanted to take the plunge and seek a career she loved — a career in the entertainment industry.

"I wanted to live in Chicago and I wanted to make a lot of money," she said.

But three years later, Glorioso

changed her mind.

"The position didn't matter ... the pay didn't matter," she said.

Now vice president of Marketing Partnerships for MTV Networks, Glorioso will speak Friday about business in the entertainment industry.

The lecture is sponsored by the Notre Dame MBA Entertainment Club and will be at 10:30 a.m. in room 162 of the Mendoza College of Business.

Glorioso, class of '95 and MBA '99, has worked with MTV Networks since 2003. She has recently been working to pro-

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Equestrian team isn't horsing around

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

The members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's combined equestrian team have been successful in recent competitions and have bonded with each other on long bus rides — even when the bus smells like a barn.

"There's not much vanity in a group of girls who enjoy smelling like horses and have manure on their boots," co-captain Mia Genereux, a freshman, said. "Horse shows take up tons of time because they are always on weekends, but we love traveling together and bonding on the bus as a

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Photo courtesy of Mia Genereux

Mia Genereux, co-captain of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's equestrian team, rides at a competition in Minnesota in August.

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"We always do a dinner with all my cousins, where we play salt roulette."

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









EILEEN VEIHMEYER/The Observer

Farley Hall prepares for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday by displaying an inflatable turkey decoration over the front entrance to the dorm.

*Information compiled from
the Associated Press.*

The film **“Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut”** will play **Sunday at 5:30 p.m.** in the **Browning Cinema** of the **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center**. It is a documentary film about the **Notre Dame Bengal Bouts boxing team** and their partnership with the **Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh**. A **question and answer session** with director **William Donaruma** will follow the screening. The event is **free**, but **ticketed**. To reserve a ticket, call **574-631-2800**.

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Students look for last home win despite recent losses

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Though storms brew around the future of the football program and signs of winter weather hit campus this week, students say they will be ready to prove they are not fair-weather fans when Notre Dame takes on Connecticut Saturday.

"I think the team is going to want to reestablish themselves for the last home game," sophomore Katie Carter said.

Carter predicted Saturday's game will be close but said she thinks the Irish will pull out a win.

"It's going to be close, like every other game this season," she said. "But with all the debate and controversy, I think they are going to be pumped up about it, and try to restore the faith in the team."

Carter said she expects cold weather for the game, but that the weather will not dampen her enthusiasm.

"I'm dreading the cold, but I'm excited for everything that goes along with home football games — all the people and the festivities," she said.

Sophomore Maya Thode also said the cold weather will not deter her from attending the game, but she hopes she will not have to watch Notre Dame lose in the cold.

"I don't want to wait in vain in the cold. I don't want a repeat of the Syracuse game,"

Thode said. "I think we can win. We just have to get it together, not just as a team but as a fan base."

Junior Patrick Toole said he is especially rooting for an Irish win because he has friends who go to school at Connecticut.

"I'm from Connecticut so if we lose I'll get lots of crap," he said.

Though Toole said he was concerned about Jimmy Clausen's ability to play in a cold weather game, he thinks the Irish will end the home season on a high note.

"I think we can win. It's going to be a good game," he said.

Junior Tim Castellini said he anticipates a win because the seniors will be excited for their last home game.

"I'm expecting a big win because Connecticut isn't that good and it's the seniors' last home game so there is a lot of hype going into it for them," he said.

Castellini said the team's two recent losses and the controversy over Charlie Weis' position as head coach will not have a negative affect on the game.

"I think they still look at it as just another week to take care of business," he said.

Toole also said he does not think Saturday's game will affect the fate of the team or the coaching staff.

"They've probably already decided [about Weis' job,] he



Notre Dame seniors throw marshmallows and snowballs and cheer on the Irish during the last home game of the 2008 football season against Syracuse.

DAN JACOBS/The Observer

said. "If they lose, Charlie's gone. But I think he's already gone and Jimmy's foot is already out the door."

"If they lose, it could be a nail in the coffin," he said.

Thode said the atmosphere on campus has been quiet this

week.

"I haven't really felt anything yet. I haven't felt as much anticipation as I feel there should be," she said.

Sophomore Kathryn Austin agreed.

"I think campus is sort of dis-

appointed," she said. "But I don't think Notre Dame fans are really known for being fair weather fans so I think the student section will show up."

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Assistant professor publishes new book

Special to The Observer

How do you reconcile former enemies in a society shattered by war, genocide or violence?

In a new book, "Unchopping a Tree: Reconciliation in the Aftermath of Political Violence," published by Temple University Press, Ernesto Verdeja answers this question by examining reconciliation efforts in post-conflict regions from Chile to South Africa to Bosnia and Herzegovina. He proposes a new theory of reconciliation — one focused on a process of public truth-telling, accountability for perpetrators, recognition of victims, commitment to the rule of law and, most importantly, cultivation of moral respect and dignity.

"After war or genocide, former enemies must reach some form of morally acceptable coexistence, even though they have great political differences and disagreements," says Verdeja, assistant professor of political science and peace studies at the University of Notre Dame. "The key to reconciliation is not forgiveness or social harmony, but respect for each other's moral worth."

The book analyzes reconciliation at four levels: among political leaders, through legal and institutional actors (trials and truth commissions), within

civil society and among individuals. As the title suggests, the process is often disjointed and may occur differently among political elites and regular people, Verdeja says.

"True reconciliation is achieved in a society only when the conflict-era identities — black/white, left/right, Hutu/Tutsi, Muslim/Christian — are no longer the primary cleavages in politics, and people acquire new identities that cut across those earlier fault lines."

"Unchopping a Tree" . . . offers a sustained and clarifying analysis of respect and thus moves beyond forgiveness as the key to personal and political reconstruction after mass atrocities," writes Martha Minow of Harvard University. "The integration of personal narratives into the conceptual analysis makes this an especially valuable treatment of the daunting and demanding challenges for societies recovering from violence."

Verdeja "does an excellent job of presenting what he finds to be the strengths and weaknesses of the competing major approaches to this topic on the way to constructing and defending his alternative," writes Ron Eyerman of Yale University. "His style is both pedagogic and clear-sighted. I think this will be an important work that makes a clear contribution to the literature."

Once a Saint Mary's woman, always a Saint Mary's woman

Sr. Mariam Eckenrode discusses life when she was a student at Saint Mary's, reflects on experiences as a Sister of the Holy Cross

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Behind Holy Cross Hall, at the end of the Avenue, is the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Sr. Miriam Eckenrode is one of the retired sisters living at Saint Mary's, where her own college days were spent.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross are the founders of Saint Mary's College and operate the order out of their headquarters on campus. Sr. Miriam lives on a floor of the convent that resembles a hospital or a nursing home, which houses the older retired sisters. She is in a wheelchair, and very frail but still has a vivacious spirit.

Sr. Miriam was born on January 30, 1913 in Lancaster, Pa. and is one of six children. As a little girl in Pennsylvania, she attended a local parochial school and then an Academy run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"In the third grade my mom saw lice in my hair, and said no to going

back to that school," Sr. Miriam said. "So I went to Sacred Heart Academy run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross."

After her graduation from high school she was considering becoming a sister. She was looking into the Sisters of Mercy when her father asked their priest advice on whether or not to send his daughter to college. The priest advised him to send his daughter to college.

When it came time for Sr. Miriam to choose a school, she had no doubt in her mind that she wanted to attend Saint Mary's College.

"The Sisters always came [to Saint Mary's] for the summer and always spoke so highly of it," Sr. Miriam said. "I never heard anything but good things about Saint Mary's."

In 1930 when Sr. Miriam entered Saint Mary's as a first year the College had only one lay teacher.

"I went to 'old Saint Mary's,'" Sr. Miriam laughed.

She lived on the fifth floor of Le Mans and walked to Notre Dame for football games with her friends. She

studied speech and drama and graduated in 1934. After graduation her plans of becoming a nun were on the back burner but not entirely out of her mind.

"When I was in school we never had any contact with the young sisters. It would have been a wonderful opportunity," Sr. Miriam said.

After college, Sr. Miriam was offered a teaching position at a private school in Washington D.C. She went to the Academy of the Holy Cross to teach English, French and coach basketball. It was during her time at the Academy of the Holy Cross that her interest in becoming a nun was rekindled.

"That year as a lay teacher I noticed how contented [the sisters] were and I thought that the life of a sister looked very good," Sr. Miriam said. "1936, that very summer I came to the novitiate."

Novitiate brought her back to Saint Mary's.

Before she even took her vow she was sent out into the community to teach fifth grade, which, she admits,

was not her strongest suit.

"I never was a good disciplinarian," she said. "They never really taught how to teach, and I was only postulate."

She came back to Saint Mary's for a couple months to prepare for and take her first vow. She then went back to Washington D.C. a "real sister" to teach high school, which was her passion.

Sr. Miriam taught at three Holy Cross schools in Washington D.C. She worked at Saint Cecilia's School during the time of racial integration in the late 1960's and was the principal of the Academy of the Holy Cross during their relocation, which she describes as one of her favorite experiences. With a young, excited staff they taught the new freshman class and started a school paper.

"We were pretty stylish," she said.

Sr. Miriam also taught and acted as principle in the Boston area for five years and spent time in Austin, Texas and Norfolk, Va.

In 1973, she requested to go back

to her hometown of Lancaster to take care of her parents. There she found an ad for volunteers in the paper, which led to her favorite service opportunity.

Sr. Miriam offered her services reading on a radio station for the blind, teaching older people how to read and running activities at the county home.

"My work at the county home was one of the greatest experiences I ever had. I loved the people and was able to entertain them," she said.

Sr. Miriam is now retired and resides yet again at Saint Mary's, a place that played an important role throughout her life. She spends her time reading and writing. She writes letters to her siblings and nephews and nieces whose pictures adorn the walls of her small room.

Once a Saint Mary's woman, always a Saint Mary's woman, she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexico City improves transit

MEXICO CITY — Cash-strapped Mexico City is pressing ahead with new bus lines and bike lanes in 2010, buoyed by prestigious recognition for a world-class transit system that has reduced pollution in one of the globe's largest cities.

"We hope that Mexico City will inspire other cities around the world to embrace environmentally sustainable programs," said Mayor Marcelo Ebrard, who visited Harvard University this week to accept the Roy Family Award for Environmental Partnerships for the city's 4-year-old Metrobus system.

Muslims seek U.N. blasphemy ban

GENEVA — Four years after cartoons of the prophet Muhammad set off violent protests across the Muslim world, Islamic nations are mounting a campaign for an international treaty to protect religious symbols and beliefs from mockery — essentially a ban on blasphemy that would put them on a collision course with free speech laws in the West.

Documents obtained by The Associated Press show that Algeria and Pakistan have taken the lead in lobbying to eventually bring the proposal to a vote in the U.N. General Assembly.

If ratified in countries that enshrine freedom of expression as a fundamental right, such a treaty would require them to limit free speech if it risks seriously offending religious believers. The process, though, will take years and no showdown is imminent.

NATIONAL NEWS

Astronauts complete spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A pair of spacewalking astronauts, one of them a surgeon, hustled through antenna and cable work outside the International Space Station on Thursday and even whipped off an extra chore.

Atlantis crewmen Michael Foreman and Dr. Robert Satcher Jr. had a spare antenna installed in just two hours after venturing out on the first spacewalk of their mission. They also hooked up cables and a handrail, and greased some mechanisms, zooming two hours ahead at one point.

"You guys are rocking the house," astronaut Randolph Bresnik called from inside the linked shuttle-station complex.

Minn. man charged with terrorism

MINNEAPOLIS — Another man has been indicted on terrorism charges in a federal investigation into the recruitment of Minnesota Somalis to fight in Somalia.

Omer Abdi Mohamed of Minneapolis is the seventh person to face charges in the case. He made a first court appearance Thursday on charges of conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, providing material support to terrorists and conspiracy to kill, kidnap, maim or injure.

As many as 20 young Somali men left the Twin Cities over the last two years for Somalia and are believed to have joined a terror group.

Mohamed's attorney says Mohamed didn't travel to Somalia. Peter Wold says his client had been under investigation for several months for alleged activity in 2007.

LOCAL NEWS

Corrections employees arrested

NEW CASTLE, Ind. — Two New Castle police officers have been charged with official misconduct and ghost employment after evidence indicated they were golfing, gambling and engaging in other personal activities while being paid to work for the Henry County Corrections Center, state police said.

Police Lt. Jim Heffernan, 39, and Patrolman Matthew Patterson, 38, were suspended without pay after their arrests Wednesday.

Henry County Community Corrections Director Doug Sheets, 57, of Centerville was also charged.

BELGIUM

Belgian-British duo to lead EU

Members select little-known Van Rompuy, Aston from candidates for top jobs

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — After years of effort the European Union named its first full-time president and powerful foreign policy chief on Thursday — but handed the jobs to two little-known compromise figures instead of global heavy hitters.

The choice by national leaders behind closed doors broke a stalemate in choppy, often pained negotiations intended to give Europe a voice on the world stage commensurate with its economic heft. That hope was apparently dashed by a desire for consensus instead of a potentially divisive figure who could have overshadowed leaders of nations such as France and Germany.

Belgian Premier Herman Van Rompuy (vahn rohm-POY) — a soft-spoken technocrat who shuns the public eye and has written haikus about European unity — will be the EU's new president. EU Trade Commissioner Catherine Ashton of Britain, recognized by few in her home country and never elected to public office, was named foreign policy chief.

Van Rompuy and Ashton are meant to give the EU a bigger role on issues such as climate change, terrorism and trade amid the rise of China, Brazil and India. They were chosen from about 10 candidates, some, such as former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, boasting more eye-catching backgrounds.

Britain's Labour government pushed for Blair but France and Germany scotched him and smaller EU nations loathed the idea largely because of his strong support for the Iraq war, a position that angered many Europeans.

The compromise choice of two low-profile figures is "too much" and "sends a bad signal" to Europe's trade partners, said Marco Incerti, an analyst at the European Policy Studies, a Brussels-based think tank.



AP

Belgium's Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy arrives at a European Council building last week. EU leaders chose Von Rompuy as its first full-time president on Thursday.

"Most people in Europe have never even heard of Herman Van Rompuy or Catherine Ashton, yet here they are to represent us in the global arena. Surely Europe can do better than this," said Lorraine Mullally, director of Open Europe, a British group skeptical of European integration.

Van Rompuy spent most of his career in the background of Belgian politics, becoming prime minister in 2008 after his predecessor got mired in a linguistic dispute between Dutch- and French-speaking politicians.

He created his biggest stir on the EU stage to date by reading one of his haikus at a press conference last month.

"Three waves. Roll into port together. The trio is

home," read the poem, whose subject matter was policy cooperation among Belgium, Spain and Hungary in 2010.

Van Rompuy pledged to be "discreet" in his new job, which will entail organizing the EU's four or five annual summits and liaise between the EU leaders. He said climate change and Europe's high unemployment will be key concerns in the years ahead.

Ashton, 53, has barely caused a ripple during her year as EU trade chief and has little foreign experience. She signed a trade pact with South Korea, worked to revive the stalled global negotiations at the World Trade Organization and defrost trade relations with the U.S. after President

George W. Bush left office.

She defended her limited international experience and said she was proud that the powerful new post had gone to a woman. The job combines two existing ones, giving her more powers than current foreign policy chief Javier Solana. She must still be approved by the European Parliament and will take office next year.

"Am I an ego on legs? No I'm not," she said. "Judge me on what I do and I think you'll be pleased and you'll be proud of me."

The EU president and foreign minister posts were created by an EU reform treaty that takes effect Dec. 1. It is vague on what the EU president is supposed to do, other than encourage more European integration.

UCLA student fees increased despite protests

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The governing board of the University of California approved a \$2,500 student fee increase Thursday after two days of tense campus protests across the state.

The 32 percent increase will push the cost of an undergraduate education at California's premier public schools to over \$10,000 a year by next fall, about triple the cost of a decade ago. The fees, the equivalent of tuition, do not include the cost of housing, board and books.

The vote by the Board of Regents in a windowless University of California, Los Angeles, meeting room took place as

the drone of protesters could be heard from a plaza outside.

For a second day the room was closed to visitors, after the meeting was repeatedly disrupted by demonstrators' outbursts.

Hundreds of students and union members gathered at the arched doorways of the building, waving signs, pounding drums and chanting "We're fired up, can't take it no more" and "Shame on you."

Armed police in riot gear lined up behind steel barricades, watching over scores of protests. Some police carried beanbag-firing shotguns. Authorities said there was one arrest.

Board members pointed out that stu-

dents from households with incomes below \$70,000 would be shielded from the fee increase, and financial aid would help others defray the higher cost. But that did little to ease the mood on campus, where some students wondered if they could afford the jump or qualify for more borrowing.

Ayanna Moody, a second-year prelaw student, said she feared she might have to attend a community college next year.

"I worked so hard to be at one of the most prestigious universities. To have to go back, it's very depressing," she said. Administrators "already cut out a lot of our majors and programs. I'd rather they cut some of their salaries."

SAB plans 'Ugly Truth' movie night

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Need a study break? Ever wanted to see "The Ugly Truth?"

The Student Activities Board (SAB) at Saint Mary's College hopes to remedy these problems by hosting a movie night Sunday.

"SAB likes to provide students with activities and events that gives them a time out from homework and studying. Also, movies are one of our most attended events," said senior Michelle Peterson, SAB president.

The movie will be shown in Carroll Auditorium in Madeleva Hall at the College.

"This is our first time showing a movie here," Peterson said. "Since we have had issues in the past with an overflow of people seeing the movie, we figured a large space could work better."

Peterson said she's excited for the event.

"It's always great to see the students of Saint Mary's taking a break from their studies and just enjoying themselves," she said. "We all put in a lot of time and effort into our studies, and definitely deserve a fun break once in a while."

Movie night is not all that SAB has to offer. Throughout the course of the year, SAB plans several large and small events to offer students a chance to have some

fun and take a break.

In December, SAB plans to show another movie, but they haven't decided which one they will show. Another event the board has planned for December is gingerbread house decorating. Students will join up in teams to adorn a gingerbread house for a prize.

"This year, we are hoping to have the Alumnae Association of South Bend join us for this event," Peterson said.

In the spring, SAB plans on hosting four to five additional movie nights, with one outdoors, weather permitting. Another event that is in the works is a small charity concert benefiting Belles for Africa.

Peterson said the main focus of the spring is the Annual SMC Tostal, an event that consists of a concert and a variety of other "fun activities during the day."

"SAB has been given a budget that allows us to provide almost all of our events to the students for free. We want to utilize our resources and plan as many events as possible so that students have things to do on campus," Peterson said.

The event is free and open to students from Saint Mary's, Holy Cross College and Notre Dame. Show times are 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. The event is not ticketed.

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Sociology professor presents discussion paper on minority home ownership

Special to The Observer

On Nov. 20, 1962, President Kennedy signed an executive order prohibiting federally-funded housing agencies from denying mortgages on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin.

According to University of Notre Dame sociologist Richard Williams, the dramatic improvement of American family housing security thus begun is now jeopardized both by the current economic crisis and misconceptions of what caused it.

Williams marked the 47th anniversary of President Kennedy's Executive Order 11063 by presenting a discussion paper titled "One Stroke of the Pen" to the Council on Contemporary Families, a national association of family scholars, mental health and social work practitioners, and clinicians.

In 2005, Williams observed, 56.2 percent of Hispanics and 49.4 percent of blacks owned their own homes. While well below the 76.1 percent home ownership rates for non-Hispanic whites, these rates indicated impressive progress for those historically disadvantaged groups. Williams attributed much of that progress "to heightened use of the Community Reinvestment Act

(CRA), which encouraged depository institutions to meet the needs of borrowers in all segments of their communities consistent with safe and sound banking practices."

Acknowledging critics who blame the collapse of the housing market on CRA and other government efforts to promote minority home ownership, Williams argues that "it was not government regulation that paved the way for the current crisis in housing, but government deregulation, which increased the range of products and services that banks and other financial institutions could offer, eliminated interest rate ceilings, and greatly expanded the geographical areas in which individual companies could operate. As a result, the banking industry became far more competitive, attracting new investors, speculators, and financial institutions. There were some positive results of such competition, of course, but there were also some very negative ones. The proportion of loans that were subject to the requirements of the CRA and other regulatory safeguards decreased."

Assessing the severity of current threats to family housing security, Williams concludes that "it would be tragic if the economic problems caused by irresponsible lending practices

caused us to abandon efforts to end discrimination against minorities and to increase residential security for all Americans. New home ownership can still be encouraged by fair interest rates and by programs designed to help people manage their finances. For those who cannot or should not become homeowners, the provision of quality affordable rental housing should be a top priority. Children, families, and communities all fare better when neighborhoods have a stable core of residents who take pride in their homes and have hope for their future."

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S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-1.30	-1.45	109.82
BK OF AMERICA CP (BAC)	-1.65	-0.27	16.08
E*TRADE FIN CORP (ETFC)	-3.55	-0.06	1.63

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.51	-0.017	3.349
13-WEEK BILL	-83.33	-0.025	0.005
30-YEAR BOND	-0.26	-0.011	4.288
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.59	-0.035	2.161

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-2.12		77.46
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+1.00		1,142.2
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.58		87.08

Exchange Rates			
YEN			89.005
EURO			1.4893
CANADIAN DOLLAR			1.0651
BRITISH POUND			1.6633

IN BRIEF

Casino to turn keys over to lenders

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — America’s first casino to open outside Nevada got permission Thursday to hand itself over to its lenders because it can’t pay the mortgage.

Resorts Atlantic City hammered out a deal with its lenders to let them own the casino in return for canceling nearly \$381 million in debt. The lenders, including Wells Fargo, have formed a new corporation called RAC Atlantic City Holdings LLC, which was approved by the state Casino Control Commission as the casino’s new owner with a one-year license.

The deal, the first of its kind in Atlantic City’s 31-year history of casino gambling, would close in 10 days.

On Wednesday, Resorts, whose gross operating profit fell nearly 80 percent in the third quarter of this year, revealed it owes nearly \$337 million more than it has.

Under the deal approved Thursday, former owner Colony Capital LLC gave up its interest in the casino to co-owner Nicholas Ribis, who will manage the casino and continue to own the gambling equipment inside it.

GM predicts solid November sales

DETROIT — U.S. auto sales could top an annual rate of 10.8 million in November, General Motors Co.’s top sales analyst said Thursday. That would mark the first month this year that sales jumped to such levels without the aid of Cash for Clunkers rebates, which boosted sales in July and August. Executive Director of Market Analysis Mike DiGiovanni says the industry is having a solid sales month through the first 19 days of November, another sign that the economy is beginning a slow recovery from recession. He also said GM could see its fourth straight month of market share gains in November.

Others are a bit less bullish. The Edmunds.com automotive Web site forecasts an annual light vehicle sales rate of 10.3 million and J.D. Power and Associates predicts 10.2 million.

The annual rate for November, typically a slow sales month, is adjusted for seasonal variances. Edmunds predicts light vehicle sales will drop 4.5 percent this month when compared with year-ago results. J.D. Power estimates a 7.6 percent decline.

J.C. Penney hopeful in recession

Department store CEO sees opportunity for growth in overall economic downturn

Associated Press

NEW YORK — This holiday season, J.C. Penney CEO and Chairman Myron E. Ullman III is armed with a lineup of exclusive fashion brands he helped bring to the department store chain, and he’s ready to battle key rivals like Macy’s.

During more than two decades in retailing, Ullman has seen a slew of competitors go out of business and — as Macy’s CEO in the early 1990s — even succumbed to a hostile takeover bid, from Federated Department Stores.

But he says nothing presented the kinds of challenges that Penney’s and other stores face now. He believes this recession has permanently made consumers more frugal.

Always an optimist, he says this plays to Penney’s strength, however, because the moderate-price chain offers a stylish alternative to higher-price rivals. Under his stewardship since December 2004, Penney has moved from offering mainly store brands to filling its floors with trendy Sephora cosmetics shops and affordable lines from designers like Nicole Miller.

This fall saw the arrival of “Cindy Crawford Style,” a home furnishing and accessories collection exclusive to Penney, and JOE Joseph Abboud, an exclusive collection of men’s sportswear and tailored clothing. And the company announced it will be the sole U.S. store selling all the Liz Claiborne lines, except for the Isaac Mizrahi-designed Liz Claiborne New York brand, which goes to QVC next fall.

As many other retailers have closed stores or laid off workers in response to the downturn, Penney has kept investing, most notably opening its first Manhattan store in July.

Ullman, the eldest of seven children, says his



AP

Mike Ullman, Chairman and CEO of J.C. Penney, rides a Segway through a New York store in October. Ullman predicts good news for the company despite recession.

father, Myron E. Ullman II — an industrial engineer who invented a modern version of the dishwasher in the late 1950s — taught him to innovate. They even built the family house together in northern Ohio.

A neuromuscular condition that requires Ullman, 62, to get around by scooter hasn’t slowed him. He says he’s devoted to his wife, Cathy, their four sons and the two daughters, now 24 and 15, they adopted in 1988 and 1997 from Hong Kong, and he’s done charity work for years.

He helped found an orphanage in Hong Kong more than 20 years ago and, for eight years, has led the board of Mercy Ships International, a global medical and service charity. He

says he sent his sons to volunteer on the ship, which “kept them grounded” and helped them appreciate all they have.

Here are some excerpts from an interview with Ullman at the new store in Manhattan’s Herald Square.

Q. What has it been like to navigate the biggest consumer spending downturn in decades?

A. It is an especially important time to be clear in our communications, in how we are going to focus our efforts. We made a conscious decision to moderate some of our behavior: expenses, capital, inventories. We wanted to maintain our focus on some of our key principles like our key brands. And we actual-

ly wanted to accelerate our investments in some categories, like Sephora and customer service, rather just saying it’s going to be a tough economy and everything is going to change.

Q. How have your consumers’ habits changed?

A. We are dealing with a middle-income consumer (who) has been the one with the most changes in terms of discretionary behavior. The bottom quartile is very focused on the daily needs. The top quartile has resources and is not concerned about the day-to-day things.

There is this new normal. People are going to be very pragmatic. That plays to our strengths and it just encourages us to be sharper on prices.

Gold edges up as commodities drop

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gold and silver recovered from early losses Thursday, but other commodities fell as the dollar strengthened.

Investors sought safety in the U.S. currency, Treasurys and gold while selling other commodities like copper and oil following a barrage of weak economic data.

Among the day’s disappointing news was a report from the Mortgage Bankers Association showing a surge in home foreclosures during the third quarter. The latest report from the Labor Department indicated that the economy is still losing jobs.

The ICE Futures US dollar index, a widely used measure of the dollar

against other currencies, rose 0.3 percent in afternoon trading. The dollar has been on a generally downward trajectory since March as U.S. interest rates remain at record lows.

December copper futures shed 2.95 cents to \$3.106 a pound as the dollar rose, while oil prices tumbled nearly 3 percent, losing \$2.12 to \$77.46 a barrel. A stronger dollar makes commodities more expensive to foreign buyers.

Gold and silver managed to hold on to most of their recent gains, a bullish sign for the metals, which have been on a nearly unbreakable climb over the past few months. Gold is seen as an alternative investment to the U.S. currency and a hedge against inflation.

Gold futures edged up 70 cents to

settle at \$1,141.90 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Earlier, the December contract fell as low as \$1,130 an ounce.

December silver also rebounded, rising 4 cents to \$18.455 an ounce, after dropping as much as 26.5 cents earlier in the session.

Investors have been buying up commodities for much of this year on the belief that the economic recovery was under way and that demand for basic goods and materials would pick up. As investors’ risk appetite grew, the dollar weakened.

However, some investors have begun to question just how much more the commodity rally has to go, considering that evidence continues to suggest the economy’s recovery will be slow.

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer
Senior Andy Steves shares travel experiences, advice with students in LaFortune Student Center Thursday. Steves' father, Rick Steves, is the author of several European travel guidebooks.

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“Our mission is to provide a well-rounded picture of a particular destination,” Steves said on his travel Web site. “Your time is valuable and I think you should know if you’ll like a place before you book your tickets and commit to it.” In addition to his experiences while studying abroad, Steves has traveled with his family each of the 22 years of his life, meeting his dad on location during the summer months and more recently working as a tour guide throughout Europe. “Traveling with my dad was always an interesting experience,” Steves said. “Everything was always theatrical for him and he would push the boundaries as far as

he could.” While drawing on his own travel experiences, Steves also incorporates fellow students’ insights about European destinations to help create collaborative itineraries that highlight the best of each featured city. “I haven’t been to all the places I have itineraries for, but lots of friends have helped contribute,” Steves said. “The response has been great and I have compiled different opinions.” Because money is often one of the main concerns for college students studying abroad, Steves’ itineraries give suggestions for efficient and affordable ways to travel Europe on a small budget. “One of the great things about traveling on a lower budget is that you have incredible freedom,” Steves

said. “Some of the best traveling experiences out there are the ones you can’t plan.” While the itineraries provided on his Web site offer suggestions for successful, inexpensive weekends or weeklong trips, Steves encouraged students to be open to new cultural experiences, leaving behind American preconceptions about new places. “Cultural interchange is so priceless, you have to give it a shot,” Steves said. “Once you show them the respect of trying to learn something about them, you have an instant friend.” Steves also emphasized the importance of exploring places outside the guidebooks in order to better understand the city and its residents. “Go down a side alley and try to find the unique, local spots — the mom and pop shops,” Steves said. “You’ll have a better experience.” More travel tips can be found on Steves’ Web site at www.andysteves.com

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lished an ad hoc committee last October to review football week-end safety and security protocol. One of the outcomes of the committee was to appoint Seamon to his current position to oversee the implementation of the recommended changes. This year's revamped approach, which Seamon said has received positive feedback, has focused on improving coordination among the different groups — police officers, ushers, parking attendants and hospitality ambassadors — employed to run game days. Seamon described the “team building exercise” of bringing these groups together over the summer. “Right after Commencement, it was just a series of meetings with all these different groups on campus to discuss what [Jenkins] outlined,” he said. Asked whether NDSP has changed its policy, Seamon said, “same number of police, same structure.” “I think it’s just working on a more unified front that allows us to be more strategic about how we’re doing,” he said. He said fans have improved their behavior in response to the University publicizing expectations for them. “I would say one thing that has been a pleasant surprise for us is fans ... when we stated what we expected of people, they responded,” Seamon said. “The Notre Dame faithful, the Notre Dame fan base has responded in a very

positive manner. When we stated our expectations, guidelines on fan behavior and handle any complaints on fan behavior accordingly, people understand that.” Seamon also said the results of other Game Day initiatives have been positive, pointing out enthusiastic fan reactions to the public parking option on the nine-hole Notre Dame Golf Course, the opening the Stadium tunnel to the public on Friday afternoons and the pep rally festivities at the hospitality village Irish Green. Seamon said feedback about the new Game Day initiatives has complimented the welcoming atmosphere on campus. “How we treat everyone, regardless of whether they are the opponent, if we can impress even our opponents, if they can even feel welcome on campus, I think that’s a good testament that we’re making some good progress.” The new text messaging system for safety concerns has been particularly successful, Seamon said. “Text message started last year in the NFL. We talked to the company that did it. We’ve had people text us who’ve had medical problems,” he said. “Now other schools are starting to come to us and ask us how we do this. They’re asking us about our model.” Seamon said Gameday Operations is looking to the future. “I want to continue to improve the communication between the administration and our fan base,” he said.

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mote MTV’s Rock Band game and the new, critically acclaimed The Beatles: Rock Band. Glorioso was not always headed towards the entertainment industry. As a Notre Dame undergraduate she was a student manager of the football team and then head student manager of the men’s lacrosse team. “I knew I had an interest in sports marketing but that’s not what I did when I left [Notre Dame as an] undergrad,” Glorioso said. Glorioso joined Viacom/MTV Networks in 2003 and was promoted to her current position in 2008. She said students should follow their passions because “in the end, it all kind of works out. “If you can sacrifice when you’re young and work hard, ultimately you’ll be rewarded,” she said. Glorioso’s job as vice president of Marketing Partnerships for MTV Networks includes meeting with the developers of different games and discussing how to market them, meeting with media outlets and working with a community team to build grassroots marketing. She also works with major retailers like Walmart, Target and Best Buy to develop large promotions. Recently, Glorioso has worked on a number of promotions for Rock Band that have included partnerships with Pepsi, Harrah’s and Energizer. “We encouraged Rock Band bands to produce a music video ... 650 videos were submitted and we nominated five ... the one that won was from a group of college students ... they came to the awards show and we ran a 30 second vignette showing

the band and their music video,” Glorioso said. The main objective of the Rock Band promotions is to give people who cannot play a musical instrument the chance to truly experience music. “We do these promotions and work with partners ... to give benefits [to the fans] and create opportunities for the fans to experience the feeling of playing live music,” she said. “We see that [with Rock Band] people experience music in a new way.” Even with her busy schedule, Glorioso keeps in touch with the Notre Dame community and is a co-founder of Notre Dame’s iNdustry Alliance. She formed iNdustry Alliance in 2007 along with another Notre Dame alumna to build networking among Notre Dame alumni in the entertainment industry. “Obviously, Notre Dame has a lot of different [alumni] clubs based on your interests ... but there hadn’t been, at the time, a lot of groups based on career track or industry ... I thought wow it would be great to network in the entertainment industry with [other Notre Dame] alumni,” she said. Glorioso said the network’s focus is “to bring together alumni with a shared career path.” “The entertainment industry is very much about networking.” Glorioso said she not only enjoys her job, but feels that it truly makes a difference. Fans have even sent personal letters explaining how Rock Band has renewed their relationships with family members. “Making a difference of course is helping people in third world countries, but being in entertainment business can make a difference as well. Rock Band brings joy to people’s lives,” Glorioso said.

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Oprah to end talk show and begin her own cable channel

Associated Press

CHICAGO — “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” an iconic broadcast that grew from a local Chicago talk show into the foundation of a multibillion dollar media empire, will end its run in 2011 after 25 seasons on the air, Winfrey’s production company said Thursday night.

Winfrey, who became one of the most powerful women in entertainment from a seat on the couch of her set in Chicago’s West Loop neighborhood, plans to announce the final date for her show during a live broadcast on Friday, Harpo Productions Inc. said.

A Harpo spokeswoman declined to comment Thursday on Winfrey’s future plans except to say that “The Oprah Winfrey Show” will not be transferred to cable television.

Winfrey is widely expected to start up a new talk show on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network, a much-delayed joint venture with Discovery Communications Inc. that is expected to debut in 2011. OWN is to replace the Discovery Health Channel and will debut in some 70 million homes.

CBS Television Distribution, which distributes “The Oprah Winfrey Show” to more than 200 markets blanketing the United States, held out hope that it could continue doing

business with Winfrey, perhaps producing a new show out of its studios in Los Angeles.

“We have the greatest respect for Oprah and wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors,” the unit of CBS Corp. said in a statement. “We know that anything she turns her hand to will be a great success. We look forward to working with her for the next several years, and hopefully afterwards as well.”

Winfrey’s 24th season opened earlier this year with a bang, as she drew more than 20,000 fans to the city’s Magnificent Mile on Michigan Avenue for a Chicago block party with the Black Eyed Peas.

She followed up with a series of blockbuster interviews — Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield, exclusives with singer Whitney Houston and ESPN’s Erin Andrews, and just this week, former Alaska governor, GOP vice presidential candidate and best-selling author Sarah Palin. She found time between shows to lobby the International Olympic Committee in Denmark for Chicago’s failed bid to host the 2016 Olympics.

The loss of “The Oprah Winfrey Show” would be a blow to CBS Corp. because it earns a percentage of hefty licensing fees from TV stations that use it.

On a conference call with analysts two weeks ago, CBS Chief Executive Leslie Moonves said the contract with the show ran through most of 2011 and “if there’s a negative impact, it wouldn’t hit us until ‘12.”

CBS continues to sell several top shows into syndication, however, including “Wheel of Fortune” and “Jeopardy.” But many TV stations are struggling with falling advertising revenue and were unlikely to pay the same fees as in the past for Winfrey’s show, which has seen ratings slip 7 percent from a year ago and saw its average viewership slip below 7 million last season.

Winfrey started her broadcasting career as a teenager in Nashville, Tenn., reading the news at WVOL. Two years later, Winfrey started co-anchoring news broadcasts on WTVF-TV in Nashville. In 1976 she moved to Baltimore to anchor newscasts at WJZ-TV before becoming host of the local talk show “People Are Talking.”

In 1984, she relocated to Chicago to host WLS-TV’s morning talk show “A.M. Chicago” — the show was became “The Oprah Winfrey Show” one year later. She set up Harpo the following year and her talk show went into syndication, rising to become one of the most successful in the history of broadcasting.

USPS cancels letters to Santa Claus program

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — A group of volunteer Santa Claus “elves” in Alaska’s frigid interior is determined to save a popular holiday letter service featuring the North Pole’s most beloved icon.

The group is looking to counter a decision by the U.S. Postal Service to discontinue a program begun in 1954 in the small town of North Pole, where volunteers open and respond to thousands of letters addressed to “Santa Claus, North Pole” each year.

Gabby Gaborik, chief elf among several dozen volunteers, said he met with Postal Service officials this week to come up with an alternative.

He’s now working with local government officials to get “101 Santa Claus Lane” as an address for his group, Santa’s Mailbag. That way children will have a specific destination for

their letters, allowing volunteers to run their own program and bypass stringent new rules implemented by the Postal Service after security issues arose in a similar program in Maryland last year.

Gaborik believes his town’s name gives the local effort more cachet than other destinations.

“The city was founded on the Christmas theme,” he said Thursday. “This is our identity. This is North Pole, Alaska.”

The North Pole program was stymied by a tighter process put in place nationwide by the Postal Service after a postal worker in Maryland recognized a volunteer with the agency’s Operation Santa program as a registered sex offender. The worker intervened before the individual could answer a child’s letter, but the agency viewed the scare as a reason to tighten security.



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4:00 p.m.	Live entertainment by Half Pint Jones
4:00 p.m.	Kids Activities: Face Painting & Balloon Twisting (until 6:00 p.m.)
6:00 p.m.	Pep Rally (Irish Green. All senior players will attend. Guest Speaker: Mike Golic. Player Speakers: Eric Olsen, Kyle McCarthy and Scott Smith.)
7:30 p.m.	Irish Green Closes

Saturday, November 21

8:00 a.m.	Varsity Shop on the Irish Green opens
10:30 a.m.	Irish Green opens with DJ music
11:00 a.m.	Kids Activities: Face Painting & Balloon Twisting (until 1:00 p.m.)
Noon	Visit from the ND Cheerleaders
12:30 p.m.	ND Glee Club
1:30 p.m.	Irish Green Closes

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SAUDI ARABIA

Web spreads al-Qaida's message in English

Associated Press

RIYADH — Increasing numbers of English-language Web sites are spreading al-Qaida's message to Muslims in the West.

They translate writings and sermons once largely out of reach of English readers and often feature charismatic clerics like Anwar al-Awlaki, who exchanged dozens of e-mails with the Army psychiatrist accused of the Fort Hood shootings.

The U.S.-born al-Awlaki has been an inspiration to several militants arrested in the United States and Canada in recent years, with his Web-based sermons often turning up on their computers.

"The point is you don't have to be an official part of al-Qaida to

spread hatred and sectarian views," said Evan Kohlmann, a senior investigator for the New York-based NEFA Foundation, which researches Islamic militants.

"If you look at the most influential documents in terms of homegrown terrorism cases, it's not training manuals on building bombs," Kohlmann said. "The most influential documents are the ones that are written by theological advisers, some of whom are not even official al-Qaida members."

Most of the radical Islamic sites are not run or directed by al-Qaida, but they provide a powerful tool for recruiting sympathizers to its cause of jihad, or holy war, against the United States, experts who track the activity said.

VATICAN

Restoration of 6th-century reliquary cross unveiled

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — One of the gems of the Vatican's priceless religious art collection — a 6th century reliquary containing what is revered as fragments of the cross on which Jesus was crucified — has been restored to its Byzantine-era glory.

The Vatican on Thursday unveiled the restored Crux Vaticana, a foot-high (40-centimeter-high) jewel-encrusted golden cross containing what tradition holds are shards of Jesus' cross inside.

The Associated Press was given an early look at the piece, and Byzantine art experts said the restoration rendered the cross much closer to what it would have looked like at the time the Byzantine Emperor Justin II gave it to the people of Rome.

Most significantly, the restoration corrected a botched 19th century restoration that threatened to corrode the piece. And it replaced the brightly colored gems that were added in previous centuries with the large, imperfect pearls that are emblematic of Byzantine-era imperial masterpieces, said restorer Sante Guido.

A circle of 12 pearls now surrounds the relic, and pearls around the cross' edge now alternate with emeralds and sapphires — the two other gems most often associated with Byzantine emperors, he said.

While there are purported fragments of Christ's cross in churches around the world — including at

Paris' Notre Dame and even across town at Rome's Holy Cross basilica — the Crux Vaticana is considered the oldest reliquary of the cross. It is the crown in the Vatican's Treasury of St. Peter's collection of religious and historic artifacts.

In addition to the relic inside, the cross itself is an important piece of early Christian art. Measuring 40 centimeters by 31 centimeters (15.75 inches by 11.81 inches) it's a rare example of an imperial gift and an expression of the emperor's Christian faith. Across the piece is written in Latin: "With the wood with which Christ conquered man's enemy, Justin gives his help to Rome and his wife offers the ornamentation."

"It's the most important reliquary of the 'true cross' that we have," Guido told the AP. "It's particularly important because it's the only reliquary that came from an emperor, so there are various levels of religious and historic significance."

For centuries, the cross was used in the Vatican's most solemn ceremonies at Christmas and Easter. But 1,500 years of candle wax and smoke had dulled the gems and the cross' warm golden hue — grime that has been removed following a two-year restoration.

The work was paid for by an anonymous donor who didn't want the pricetag to be made public, officials said.

Ioli Kalavrezou, a Byzantine art history professor at Harvard University who has taught classes

on the cross, said the restoration clearly rendered the cross closer to what it would have looked like when it was presented to Romans sometime between 565-578.

"I can't say it's exactly as it would've been, but it comes much closer to what an object like that would've looked like," she said in a phone interview.

The exact circumstances of why Justin gave Rome the relic are unclear. Guido noted that even though the eastern Byzantine Empire gained prominence in Constantinople after the 476 fall of the Roman Empire, Rome remained a religious capital because it was the "city of martyrs" — where Saints Peter and Paul were buried.

Emperor Justin clearly wanted to give the pope and people of Rome "a recognition of Rome as a city of Christianity," Guido said. At the time, most parts of Christ's cross were in the hands of the Byzantine emperor in Constantinople after being moved from Jerusalem in the 4th century, Kalavrezou noted.

"This is one of the earliest examples of this imperial gift, where he (Justin) shows the power he has in his hands — to control the most important relic in Christianity and to have the luxury to make a gift of that," she said from Washington, where she is a visiting scholar at the Dumbarton Oaks Byzantine research library.

The cross will be on public display inside St. Peter's Basilica through April 12.

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UNITED NATIONS

UNICEF issues report on deprived children

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — UNICEF urged the world to help the 1 billion children still deprived of food, shelter, clean water or health care — and the hundreds of millions more threatened by violence — two decades after the U.N. adopted a treaty guaranteeing children's rights.

On the eve of the anniversary, the U.N. children's agency issued a report Thursday on the challenges ahead and the accomplishments since the U.N. General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

UNICEF Executive Director Ann Veneman called a sharp decline in child deaths a "remarkable achievement," and lauded the increasing number of children attending primary school.

More than 70 countries have used the treaty to incorporate children's rights in their national laws, she said, noting a new focus on safeguarding youngsters "from violence, abuse, discrimination and exploitation."

Only two nations, the United

States and Somalia, have not ratified it.

Still, much remains to be done. Veneman said it was unacceptable that more than 24,000 children under the age of 5 die every day from preventable causes like pneumonia, malaria, measles and malnutrition. Nearly 200 million youngsters are chronically malnourished, more than 140 million are forced to work, and millions of girls and boys of all ages are subjected to sexual violence.

"As the first decade of the 21st century comes to a close, the convention stands at a pivotal moment," Veneman told a news conference launching the report.

"Its relevance remains timeless. The challenge for the next 20 years is to build on the progress achieved, working together to reach those children who are still being denied their rights to survival, development, protection and participation."

The convention has the widest support of any human rights treaty — 193 countries — though Veneman said not all are implementing its requirements.

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Activism present but subdued

This week, the 40th anniversary of the 'Notre Dame 10' — the now-famous group of students suspended for their demonstration against Dow-CIA recruiting on campus — brings to mind several questions about the present state of student activism at Notre Dame.

Specifically: Where is it?

Though conditions on college campuses today are incomparable to those of the Vietnam War era — most notably there is no draft for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — there are still issues that students are passionate about, ones they could and should work for to effect change.

The apparent lack of activism today might also be explained in part by the current career-oriented college culture, which positions students on a one-track mindset: take the right classes and land a great job that reflects the value of a Notre Dame degree. Students of the 1960s student revolution were of a different breed, going to college to get an education for education's sake, not just for the increased earning power of a degree. For many, an education included social change and protest.

In remembering the 1969 protests, it's important to note the atmosphere at Notre Dame was not like that of, say, Berkeley in the 1960s. The demonstration by the 'Notre Dame 10' is perhaps the most-well known protest action to take place on this campus for social and political change — and it's a far cry from massive riots resulting in arrests and deaths on some college campuses in that era.

Today, the activist spirit at Notre Dame is even weaker

than it was in 1969.

The lack of visible student activism is lamentable, as is the complacency and apathy of the majority of the student body. Certainly there are numbers of groups and organizations — like the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) and the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) — working for change every day. There are also groups that stand up for what they believe to be right, like ND Response, which formed around last spring's Commencement controversy.

Notre Dame's Catholic culture instills the value of community service, both at home and abroad, in its students. Service is a form of activism, and it effects a necessary change. But service is only one part of the picture.

Campaigning for greater social change — the work of groups like PSA, Right to Life and CLAP — is another part of the picture, and it shouldn't be ignored.

These students' efforts may not as visible as the actions of their predecessors. Destructive and violent protests and riots of the past are not called for on today's campus. But their actions, whether through petitions, marches, rallies, masses or debates, are vital. They are the active few on this campus working for the issues they believe in.

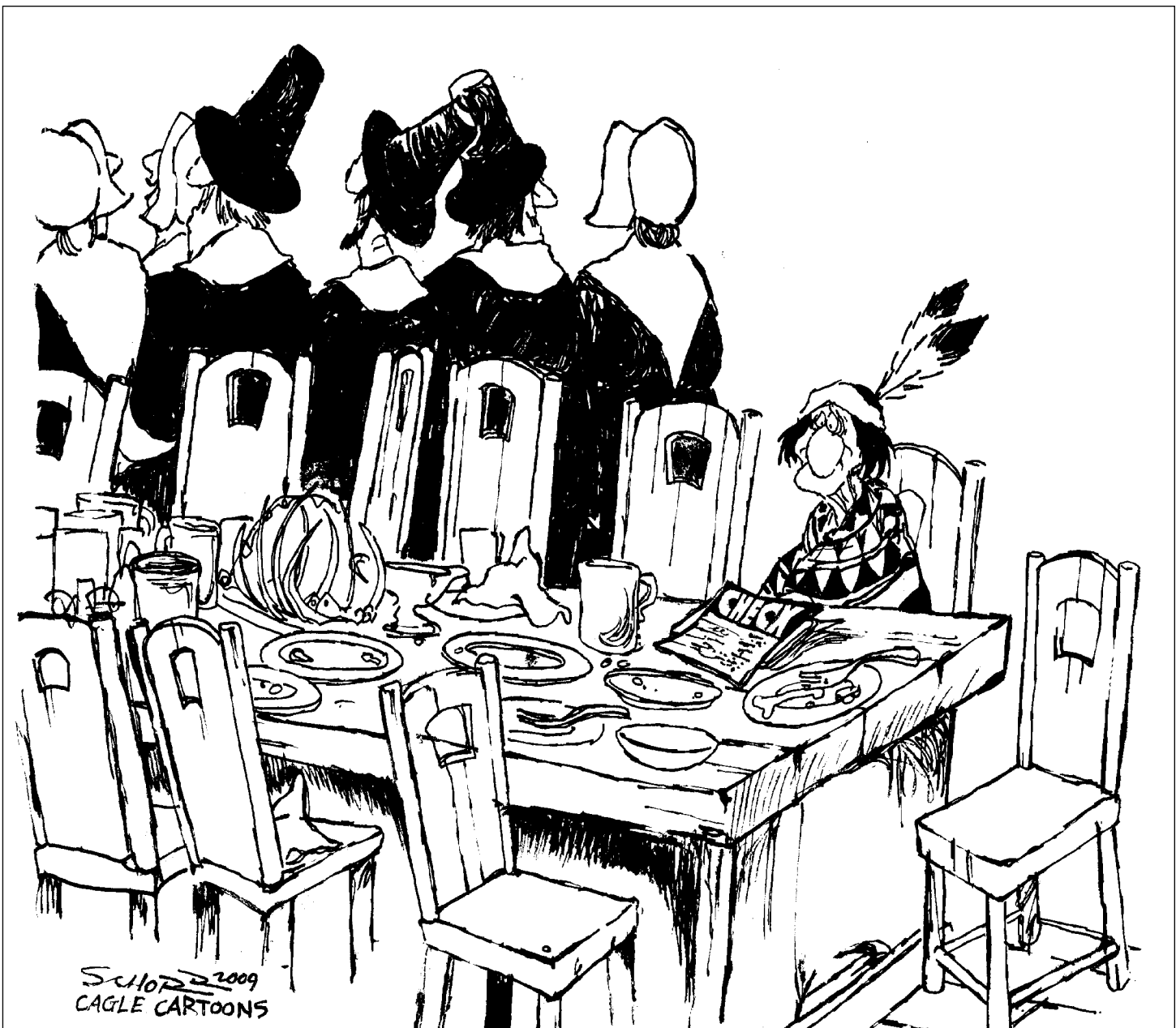
The lack of visible student activism is not their fault. They are doing their part and attempting to raise awareness. But the student body as a whole needs to open its eyes beyond the campus, classes and the job search and appreciate the work of these groups by joining them and supporting the causes that call them to act.

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

Thanksgiving

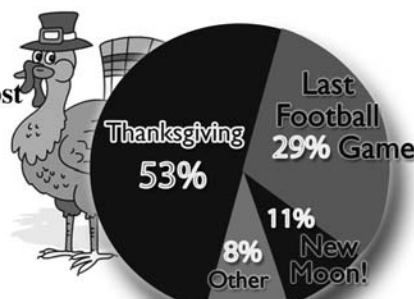
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Observer Poll

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

	Votes	Percentage
Thanksgiving	269	53%
Last home football game	151	29%
New Moon!	57	11%
Other	44	8%



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another."

George Elliot
English novelist

Dealing with cancer on Thanksgiving Day

I had planned to write a whimsical yet demonstrative Thanksgiving column full of ironically fun topics for which others should give thanks — like last week's opposing football teams of Coaches Charlie Weis and Bill Belichick who coincidentally employed similar yet equally unsuccessful "Fourth and Dumb" tactics in losing efforts on the gridiron. I further intended to announce the awarding of what I call my laundry scholarship, an earmarked contribution I make every decade to a new freshman who holds the equivalent of my 90217 laundry number issued 40 years ago at the start of my freshman year. Again coincidentally, this year's winner also resides in my dormitory, Lyons Hall. I had even anticipated urging disgruntled Irish fans to follow my lead by ignoring our inept football coaching staff and donating anyway to the University, but in an innovative, restricted way like my laundry earmark.

My writing this week was to include other impetuous muses, finally punctuated with my thanks for returning to the world of federal employment



Gary Caruso

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where I have actually become a Dilbert on my jobsite. But on Monday, a longtime friend and 1980s Notre Dame graduate who currently works at the University finally returned several of my voicemails and text messages — such an unusual delay that I wondered if something was wrong. Early during our conversation my friend eased into the reason for such tardiness with a harsh sentence, "I have cancer."

Our next few exchanges are still a blur to me. Only once before had anyone told me directly about battling cancer — my elementary school music teacher, Margaret Stanley, who always was so happy and cheerful in or outside of school. So while my mind drifted back to Miss Stanley, I barely heard what type of cancer we discussed, but remember that my friend did say that several doctors are more confident than my friend at this point in time. We continued our conversation outlining a six-year plan for survival followed by successive five-year incremental survival plans. We concluded with my promise to light a candle at St. Matthew's Cathedral here in D.C. when next I serve as a lector, and a pledge to stop by the Grotto together when I next step on campus.

My friend is a rather typical Catholic Notre Dame graduate, returning to campus to a rather prestigious position, with a child currently attending

the University and a spouse from the ND-SMC community. In true Fighting Irish fashion, my friend is determined to retard the cancer's progress and do whatever it takes to prolong life — even through the use of stem cells. Such a task is not quite the memory of my friend I ever thought would burn into my soul, never to fade and become part of my being. But such a turn of events is an important lesson of life.

Thus far, my friend's life — as are all of our lives — has been like a boat floating on a sea of adventure. Together we head towards the sunset on an uncharted route despite whether we row, use wind in our sails or motorboat along. Perhaps the lesson of life is not how fast one glides along the water, but on how willing one is to accept the length of the cruise. That may be my personal focus next Thursday.

I cannot imagine how my friend's family will express their reasons for giving thanks next week. Might it be with an eye on the past and memories of good times? Maybe it will focus on making the most of each upcoming minute in a true "live for the moment" fashion where they can slow time and suck the essence out of each waking second. Regardless, it will be a time of introspection and hope.

Spiritually, it may be easier than expected for them to face their mortal-

ity now that they are given a personal timeline. Obviously, the longer the timeline, the more we can do to tie up loose ends, say our goodbyes and complete tasks we put off into the future. It occurs to me that put in the same position, my personal priorities would certainly shift. However, my approach would probably differ. I believe that we come from an unknown realm of many levels of life onto this world while moving through forms of reincarnation without the strict polar opposites of heaven or hell. I also believe that we are on this earth for only as long as we need be here, to learn or teach our lessons before we depart back into the unknown.

So given what I have gleaned thus far as my life lesson, I stand ready to assist my friend. My message this Thanksgiving is that you can count on me until God turns your sail into a shroud and throws you back into the sea.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reaction to Fort Hood

On Nov. 5, Army Major Malik Hasan reportedly killed 13 American soldiers and wounded 31 others at Fort Hood in Texas.

The Notre Dame Muslim Student Association (MSA) condemns the criminal act of Malik Hasan. MSA stands by the statement of the Council of American Islamic Relations (CAIR) released Nov. 5.

No religious or political ideology could ever justify or excuse such wanton and indiscriminate violence. The attack was particularly heinous in that it targeted the all-volunteer army that protects our nation. American Muslims stand with our fellow citizens in offering both prayers for the victims and sincere condolences to the families of those killed or injured.

It is unfortunate to see that this tragedy is being used by some to bring loyalty of American Muslims under suspicion. Islam does not tolerate such acts of violence. We reject any attempts to associate this appalling act with Muslims or Islam.

We embrace Notre Dame community in peace, unity and prayer.

Mairaj Uddin

Notre Dame Muslim Student Association
Nov. 20

Don't sweat the small stuff

In response to Mr. Petrocelli, ("The Actual Facts," Nov. 18) I would like to humbly suggest that the search for truth in morality is not only "not that simple" but completely pointless. I mean, "no one knows the truth," so why bother even looking for it?

You're right, the search for truth in morality "should not be treated as a civil war," so let's work together to reduce the number of moral philosophers in this country, who are constantly dreaming up and debating such personal issues like abortion, about which we can know almost nothing. Is it a person, isn't it a person, who really knows?

We shouldn't be divided about substantial moral issues to the point of conflict, for now that the slavery issue has been settled, there are decidedly no more objective moral injustices to be resolved. With only gray moral differences remaining, we should should respect all stances merely because the individual has chosen them.

If some people want to kill babies and others want to save them, how can we know which side is on the side of Truth? Why can't both sides be right? If we

just compromise to a position of loose platitudes, even if held for different and incompatible reasons, we will never have to actually resolve these issues, or even think about them, and that sounds like something everyone can get behind.

Just as you say, there will never be a consensus in these complex moral issues, so what we need to do is stop asking questions like, "Does human life have inherent value?" or "What constitutes a good life?" and realize that because these questions are unknowable, trying to answer them is an utter waste of time and our society's intellectual resources. Instead, let us celebrate the magnificent panoply of human choice through respect, no matter who those those choices affect, and not sweat the small stuff. Thank you, Mr. Petrocelli, for giving us the actual facts.

Patrick Graff

junior
Dillon Hall
Nov. 20

Hold on to ideals

I am writing in response to Mark Easley's piece entitled "Terrorists are not American" (Nov. 19) which concerns the trying and detaining of suspected terrorists. He states, "Terrorists demote themselves to second class citizens ... and we should treat them accordingly."

I must respectfully disagree. We have every right to be angry. We have every right to want justice. But the justice that Americans hold dear is not mere retribution, rather it is a fairness afforded each person, not because of his or her individual merits, but because of the Creator who endows each man with inalienable rights.

Terrorists seek not only to destroy American lives; they seek to destroy American ideals as well. They seek to instill hatred, fear and corruption. If we let our hatred and fear blur our vision of justice, if we forsake mercy for retribution, and if we forget that it is God who instills all men with rights, then the terrorists have already won.

Therefore, let us remember, in the case of those awaiting trial, that our ideals declare a man innocent until proven guilty. And for those found guilty, that punishment and detention are different from vengeance. By seeking revenge we usurp the role of God, and make ourselves devils in the process.

Todd Velianski

freshman
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Nov. 20

Senior day

When I realized that we were not going to fulfill my admittedly optimistic prediction of a national championship this season, I became more and more preoccupied with one game: UConn.

One of my best friends is a senior walk-on wide receiver who has busted his ass and sacrificed his body (knee surgery, shoulder surgery and broken hand) for this team over the last four years. It is customary that on the last home game of the season, senior walk-ons get a chance to live the dream and play football in Notre Dame Stadium. But, if the game is close or we are losing the walk-ons don't get to play.

We are a much more talented team than UConn and should easily beat them. But, on the outside chance that we play a close game (or lose) to an inferior team on senior day (see Syracuse 2008), this is a plea for the walk-ons to be put in at the beginning of the game so they will get to play no matter what the outcome.

Come on, Charlie, do the right thing. These guys have earned it.

Austin Dwyer

senior
off campus
Nov. 20

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Eclectic Reverie,
Capturing Emotion



By Kaitlyn Conway

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<i>I’ve been doing a lot of thinking lately. For some reason, this means that I have been listening to far too many show tunes. And yes, I count “Glee” and “Once” as show tunes, thank you very much. There’s something about songs written to tell a story that capture emotion in a very different way than other music. Of course, that’s also why the playlist is not entirely show tunes: because sometimes not even the catchiest of songs can encompass everything you want to hear. Add more songs with well-written lyrics to the mix, and you’ll find yourself with an enjoyable list of songs to jam to.</i>	

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By MATT BROWN
Scene Writer

As most students know, last week a little movie known as “Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day” arrived on campus. Many were surprised at the appearance of a wide release movie coming to campus and being shown for free in the Browning Cinema, one of the nicest theatres in the state of Indiana. But hey, it’s a movie about Irish Catholics. This is an Irish Catholic university, why shouldn’t they be here?

But the “Boondock Saints” premier was actually part of a series that the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) and the Student Union Board (SUB) have decided to play throughout the year. It will give students something to do as the weather turns cold and the campus looks to be north of the Arctic Circle where even the penguins don’t live.

DPAC and SUB are working with big name studios and even some smaller independent film companies in an effort to bring premieres of all types to campus. Ideally, there will be a film every Tuesday with student ticket pick-up on the same day, similar to the Boondock set up. Realistically though, it will be closer to every other week as the program gets rolling.

The event was first set in motion with a screening of “The Fourth Kind” on Nov. 3. Many have seen the sidewalk chalk on the pavement leading to the greatest dining hall on campus, South Dining Hall. The film was well attended, encouraging the head honchos to try for something a little

newer and possibly more popular.

What resulted was the mishegas that was the arrival of Troy Duffy, Sean Patrick Flannery and “Boondock Saints II.” The campus was abuzz with talk of the premier, the Facebook faithful were aroused with the creation of a group and the line for tickets was longer than the 200-seat capacity by 10:45 a.m. for tickets that weren’t slated to be distributed until noon. Needless to say DPAC and SUB had a hit on their hands.

The enthusiastic response of the campus was a great encouragement and something tangible that could be shown to studios possibly interested in also taking advantage of the unique opportunity to show sneak previews at the University of Notre Dame. So cross your fingers and buckle up for what DPAC has in store as we close this semester and begin another, colder one. There is no word yet as to what the next cinematic sensation will be, but I’m going to go out on a limb and say probably the next James Cameron or Martin Scorsese film. One can hope.

The movies shown at DPAC can be expected to be from smaller studios as the movie series continues to build momentum, but with continued support and enthusiasm from the student body, expect to see larger studios and bigger name titles arrive on campus. Come on, how hard is it to get excited about a free movie that you get to see before any of your friends back home can even think about buying tickets? Get excited, keep your ear to the grindstone and wait to see who DPAC can hook us up with next.

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While most on campus have yet to realize Scene’s abysmal coverage — or lack thereof — of the Country Music Awards, I’m taking it upon myself to attempt to rectify the situation (over a week late, apparently Scene took awhile to pencil me in).

I love country music. Apparently, it’s a surprising quality I possess, but country music is the one aspect of my otherwise well-concealed Southern roots that I’ll publicly announce.

Those people who claim they like any music but country music are either a) lying, b) wrong or c) stupid. At least now Taylor Swift has arrived to show everyone the error of their ways.

Last Wednesday, Swift made country music history, winning all four awards for which she was nominated, including a major victory in usurping Kenny Chesney from the Entertainer of the Year throne that he has held for five of the past six years.

Any casual country music fan fails to realize the magnitude of this upset. The Country Music Association, which votes on the CMAs, is a notoriously conservative body, and tend to be unnecessarily harsh on crossover artist that aren’t “country enough.” After the nominations were announced, George Jones lambasted Swift and other recent artists, saying “They’re definitely not traditional country music,” and accusing them of “stealing [classic country singers’] identities.” Immediately after receiving Entertainer of the Year, Wynonna Judd, the younger and overly-orange half of country duo The Judds, said Swift shouldn’t have won, due in part to her young age.

The last solo female artist to win Entertainer of the Year was Shania Twain. In 1999. Before that, it was Reba, in 1986. Faith Hill, Swift’s idol, never won. Neither did Martina McBride or Carrie Underwood or Tammy Wynette. So Swift capturing the top honor was quite possibly the biggest upset in the country music world in

awhile.

But just because it was surprising does not mean it wasn’t deserved. Swift has been under contract since she was 15 (doesn’t that make you feel so unaccomplished?). She’s been writing much longer. She has shattered records in album sales for country, worked with some of the best country musicians and is headlining her own tour. She is a global phenomenon and has earned the recognition that she is receiving.

While I have been a Swift fan since I first heard “Tim McGraw” the summer before freshman year, I have to disagree with her being awarded Female Vocalist. She is an entertainer. Her song-writing and performance skills are unbelievable. But she is known for her combination of raw talent and energy rather than for a booming, powerful voice. Up against some of the strongest voices in music, including McBride, McEntire and Underwood, she pales in comparison. But, perhaps showing their own adaptation to the change sweeping the country, the Association continued piling the platitudes on Swift.

Swift’s other two awards, for Music Video and Album, were no-brainers, and provided an excellent set-up for multiple Kanye jabs. Her upset win in Entertainer of the Year, though, wasn’t the only shocker of the night. Sugarland beat out soon-to-be-defunct Brooks & Dunn for Best Duo. Lady Antebellum ended Rascal Flatts six-year reign in the Vocal Group category and Darius Rucker became the first black country singer since Charley Pride to win a major solo award win he nabbed the Best New Artist Award.

Overall, it was a great night (that should have been covered in a far-more-timely fashion. I’ll work on that for next year). The performances were quality, and, as I watched with my country-hating roommates, I actually felt knowledgeable about the music world for once. Now the real challenge for Swift is to see if she can continue on her upswing and repeat it all next year.

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THE UNDERDOGS GET THEIR DAY

Bottom seeds St. Edward's and Siegfried meet in the
Interhall Football Championship this Sunday

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Bottom seeds meet as underdogs for title



St. Edward's junior quarterback Matt Abeling throws a pass during the Gentlemen's 14-0 victory over Morrissey in the semifinals on Nov. 15.

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By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

St. Edward's (4-2) and Siegfried (4-1-1) square off Sunday for the 2009 Men's Interhall championship. Though St. Edward's is the eighth seed and Siegfried the seventh, the teams were both able to pull off upsets in the playoff rounds to reach the final contest of the season.

"We're very excited to play in the Stadium," Siegfried senior lineman Adam Mathews said. "It's been our goal all season." Siegfried has not necessarily been perfect this year Mathews said, but they've done enough when necessary to win games.

"We've had a few hiccups along the way," he said. "But when it's mattered, we've stepped up and played Siegfried football."

The Ramblers will look to their seniors in their last game, especially the offensive line and senior running back, linebacker, and captain Dex Cure; the Ramblers hope that strong leadership will help

them prevail over the Gentlemen, who are "playing inspired football right now," Mathews said.

The Siegfried defense is preparing to battle the offensive combination of St. Edward's offensive of a large line and multiple speedy play-

makers. The Gentlemen, however, will look to pull off one more upset victory in what has been so far a storybook playoff run.

"Prior to the 2007 season, we hadn't scored a touchdown in four years."

St. Edward's nevertheless is not satisfied with simply a championship appearance and will hope to use a team effort and reliance on fundamentals to solve the Rambler defense. In addition, Reed said he hopes that the Gentlemen will not be flustered after a bad break and will continue to stick to their game plan.

On the defensive side of the football, the Gentlemen will have to learn to face the option attack, which they have not seen yet this year, as

well as stopping the traditional running game from both the running backs and quarterback.

Junior safety Cole Patterson will be the last line of defense but will also look to make plays.

Both teams are excited to play in Notre Dame Stadium. Siegfried, as defending champions, is familiar with the experience but is going to savor this just as much as the last time.

"Even though we were there last year, it's a new team and new experience," Mathews said.

The Gentlemen are also looking forward to playing in the famed venue, and as a sign of their excitement, some players are shaving their hair into mohawks.

"It'll be a really cool experience," Patterson said. "It's not exactly something you expect to do when you come here."

The game, however, is first and foremost in the players' minds.

"It's going to be a tough game," Reed said. "We're excited. The mohawk is going to be out in full force."

St. Edward's and Siegfried battle for interhall supremacy at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in Notre Dame Stadium.

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Sean Reed
St. Edward's junior

"The season's already a success. Prior to 2007, we hadn't scored a touchdown in four years."

Rookie Ramblers look for Siegfried to repeat in Stadium

By JOHN HELMS
Sports Writer

When a team is able to repeat as champions in back to back years, the two rosters are almost always close to identical. Rarely, if ever, has a defending champion lost more than two-thirds of its players but still find itself in the same position the following year. Yet that is exactly what Siegfried has done.

The Rambler's championship last year was with a team ripe with seniors. But only seven players from that team remain on this year's. In fact, there are 17 new faces.

"The team is completely different. Some of the plays may be the same, but the team

has a completely different dynamic to it," sophomore Colin Moore said.

The Ramblers graduated a total of 12 players last year. The players who are returning knew from the onset that they were in for a different season.

"This is a totally different team than last year with its own identity," sophomore captain John Aversa said. "Last year we were a senior-laden group. This year we have a younger team."

Younger is right. With eight new freshmen, they actually

outnumber the total amount of players returning from last year.

"Our freshman class is tremendous and has contributed all over the field this year," Aversa said. "We're glad to have a young group of guys who have stepped in and played so well this season."

But the real surprise for the Ramblers this year has been the contributions of several sophomores who are playing Interhall football for the first time, a few who have never even played organized football in their lives.

"I think these guys were just excited about the opportunity to play football," Aversa said. "They thought they could contribute to the team. They have been critical to our success."

In last Sunday's semifinal win over Knott, it was two of these new sophomores making the biggest plays of the game. Michael Isaacs picked a ball off to steal the momentum away from the Juggernauts, who had dominated the game up to that point.

Then, in the second half, 6-foot-6 Will Gesicki made an acrobatic 25-yard catch to set up Siegfried's first score of the game.

"These players have brought their speed, athleticism, and toughness to the field and have filled holes left by graduation, stepping in and making plays," Aversa said.

With all these new players,

"This is a totally different team than last year with its own identity."

John Aversa
Siegfried sophomore



Siegfried sophomore Michael Isaacs carries the ball during the Ramblers' 9-7 defeat to Morrissey on Oct. 11.

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Siegfried sophomore Michael Isaacs gains a few extra yards against Morrissey on Oct. 11.

leadership has become more and more important for those players returning from last year's team. Senior captain Dex Cure has provided the crucial leadership that Siegfried has needed to gel as a team.

"Dex has really been huge for our team," Moore said. "He's been a great leader for us."

It wasn't always smooth sailing for the Ramblers, though. With a loss and a tie during the regular season, the team had some growing to do before they were ready

for their playoff run.

"The team has really jelled with the progression of the season," Aversa said. "With so many new guys on the team this year it took some time to really find our identity and become a better team."

Now with just one game to go, these Ramblers have made one thing clear; they aren't living in the shadow of last year's team. They are doing things their own way.

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Clash of unbeatens to determine champion

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Either Pasquerilla West or Howard will lose its first game Sunday. The other will walk out of Notre Dame Stadium with a gold trophy.

From the first play of the first practice, every player who participates in Interhall has one goal in mind: playing in Notre Dame Stadium for the championship. Now two have arrived in the championship without a loss between them.

Howard entered the season with little Interhall success in dorm history, having never won a playoff game. However, a determined group of girls led by junior captain and quarterback Kayla Bishop got to work and formed what would evolve into interhall's most unstoppable offense. Having run the table in the regular season and winning two games to get to the Stadium, the season is already the best in dorm history, but Bishop and her teammates aren't satisfied.

"We want to win," Bishop said. "It would be disappointing to come this far and not win the championship, so we're going in with the mindset of coming out victorious."

Bishop and her supporting cast, including a talented receiving corps led by junior Kaitlin Robinson and freshman Laura Coletti, are focused on sticking to what helped them win their first eight games.

"Playing our game is very important," Bishop said. "We don't want to be pressured by the stage. We just need to play Howard defense and capitalize in the red zone on offense."

Bishop said she believes that it is important for her team not to be overwhelmed by the setting in what will likely be a dorm-wide event as Howard seeks its first Interhall championship.

"It's just a field," Bishop said. "It's just grass. We're prepping the same way we always do."

While the Ducks are new to the Stadium, the Purple Weasels are getting used to playing there, as the girls from Pasquerilla West have won multiple championships this decade. It should come as no surprise, then, that they are not satisfied with just making the championship.

"The goal is to win the championship," senior captain Cynthia Curley said. "We're not satisfied with just playing, and I think the whole team is on the same page about that."

Though the Weasels' offensive attack, led by junior quarterback Simone Bigi, is going to be under pressure to get on the scoreboard, Curley believes her team's defense could be the key to a victory.

"Their quarterback is a good scrambler," Curley said. "She can keep plays going so we need to stay focused on defense and keep playing until the whistle in pass coverage."

Though the Howard offense is going to be the biggest challenge of the season for the defense,

Curley and her fellow captains will prepare the team with the same approach that they have all season.

"We're preparing for Howard specifically," Curley said. "In the playoffs we have actually been really flexible with tweaking our routes and formations based on the team we've been playing."

Curley is also confident in her team's ability to handle the environment of Notre Dame Stadium.

"We're doing some special things this week to prepare to play in the Stadium," Curley said. "One of our coaches has a connection so we are actually going to go out on the field beforehand and get used to the surroundings."

Both teams are expecting tons of support, as former Pasquerilla West rectress Sister Sue Bruno will be in attendance with her famous cowbell, while the Howard team has created an event on Facebook encouraging the whole dorm, as well as past residents, to come out and cheer the team on in this unprecedented stage.

"It means a lot to [Howard]," Bishop said. "We're hoping that everybody comes out and sees how far we've come this year, especially because we've never had the chance to be a part of something like this before."

The two teams will meet on the hallowed grounds of Notre Dame Stadium at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer
Howard junior quarterback Kayla Bishop throws the ball during the Ducks' 12-7 victory over Walsh on Nov. 15.

Three seniors look to end careers in the same way they started



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer
Pasquerilla West seniors Cynthia Curley and Alyssa Moya, and junior Simone Bigi, from right, pose for a picture Nov. 18.

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

For some college girls, freshman year includes sorority initiation and learning the tricks of the trade from older girls. Three years ago, three Pasquerilla West freshmen found themselves in a similar scenario, but instead of nights of frat houses, dresses and heels, their experience included freezing cold practices, flags around their waists and gym shoes.

In 2006, Cynthia Curley, Alyssa Moya and Caitlin O'Connell were three of only five freshmen on their championship-winning football team. Now as seniors they are facing their last chance to return to the top.

"Every single game for the past three years has been dedicated to this very moment: returning to the Stadium my senior year," Moya said.

But before that game comes, the girls took a walk down a very satisfying memory lane and reflected on their past together. Their story as a whole begins with one common memory: That first practice so long ago when they felt intimidated by the older girls and feared being able to fit in with them.

"I felt as if I had stumbled into some sort of secret society," Curley said. "The girls were all friends, and they had all these cryptic inside jokes."

After that first practice, their nerves vanished. They quickly became part of the Purple Weasels team, joining in on team dinners, parties and what Curley referred to as "endless G-mail chains."

"[Pasquerilla West] football brings girls together in a unique way I have never seen before," Moya said. "Everybody is so

incredibly close, no matter what year you are or what section you live in."

In addition to remembering their close camaraderie as a team, the three current seniors also remember the seniors who started them on the right path.

"We owe so much to those seniors," Curley said. "They are the ones who really built this program and taught us to take pride in it."

"Our captain Maureen 'Mo' Spring was my idol. I hoped someday I could be half as good as she was," Moya said.

Remembering that amazing season and final game only makes them want to repeat the win even more.

"Running out of the tunnel in the Stadium remains one of my most cherished memories of college," O'Connell said. "I spent much of that game on the sidelines, but I was never disheartened; I loved cheering on my teammates and when the last second ticked away, I loved being a champion."

As much as O'Connell remembers running out of the tunnel, Moya remembers celebrating later that night.

"The post-championship game celebration was the best night of that year," Moya said. "Several bottles of apple juice were sprayed on the balcony while the leftovers were drunk through spiral straws from the trophy cup."

Circumstances have definitely changed for Purple Weasels football and for these girls since 2006. They have grown from the underdogs with mismatched jerseys into a smooth-looking powerhouse. Even with a new team, these girls know deep down some things never change.

"We still have that same fire and swagger that won us that championship in '06," Curley said.

Now these girls have grown to become the ones they admired so many seasons ago. After two less successful years, they knew coming into this final one, they had to step it up. It certainly doesn't hurt that these seniors are not only teammates, but friends.

"Prior to every single game in our four years, Cynthia and I have done a 'pulse' routine that motivates us beyond belief in order to get the job done," Moya said.

They used this energy and channeled it to the rest of the team. Since the beginning of the season, Curley, Moya and O'Connell have built a group that could cooperate on the field, but also that could be friends outside the game. It has been the small things like pasta dinners and eating Lucky Charms for good luck that have helped these women lead their team back to the Stadium.

"We are the veterans of the team, and the Stadium is familiar territory to us," Moya said. "We are going to use the past experience to our advantage, and as seniors, hopefully finish Sunday's battle the way we started freshman year, as champions."

Regardless of the score, this will mark the end of a long string of happy memories for these three Weasels.

"This has been the perfect season in so many ways," O'Connell said. "When I remember the euphoric feeling of holding that championship trophy, all I want to do is win. This is our year."

"[Pasquerilla West] football is one of the greatest things I've been a part of in my four years here, and win or lose I will cry on Sunday after playing my last game for the [Weasels]," Curley said.

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INTERHALL — THE OBSERVER

UNSTOPPED, UNDEFEATED

Pasquerilla West and Howard seek one more
win in the Interhall Championship Sunday



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SCENE SAYS

By MATT BROWN
Scene Writer

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, Children of all ages get pumped! You may not know it yet but your entire lives have been nothing but a precursor to this one moment. The most awesome of awesome things in your lives pale in awesomeness when compared to the next sentence you will read. The Scene section will now be offering advice to any and all who desire a wise word, intelligent interjection, adept advice or sage syllogisms on any aspect of Notre Dame life. You can't let that guy friend know that you like him? Got it covered. Tired of getting friend-zoned by girls left and right? We feel you and we got the remedy, it is the experience, the dangerous liaison. Even if all you want to know is the best place to get a delicious sandwich, we handle the toughest questions. (P.S. — the answer is a Dagwood sandwich from Martin's side door deli). Simply e-mail your questions to jshaffe1@nd.edu and we will take care of the rest. For your viewing pleasure here's how a sample question might go :

Dear Scene,

Long time reader, first time writer, but anyway this kid down the hall from me is a real prankster. Every day I leave my room expecting to see the hallway covered with cups of water, a wall of duct tape, or just to be trapped in my room. I want to join in, it seems like so much fun, but I can't come up with any good ideas ... can you help me Scene?

Dear Reader,

Aha! You have come across one of the great joys of col-

lege life, the prank war. Kept light and fun, shenanigan-ish if you will, these can be the golden years of your time here at Notre Dame. Don't be intimidated by the veteran status of your jolly adversary. Look at it as an opportunity for personal growth, something to add to graduate school applications. The most important thing to remember is to make sure no lasting damage will be done. Once pranks become mean-spirited, they're not really shenanigans at all.

For your opening salvo we recommend something that says you're here to play, have a sense of humor but leaves room for growth as the game evolves. There is no need to make him concede defeat right out of the gate. Here are a few options:

Post-it noting: Post-it note his desk ... all of it. For a personal touch, add a message on each note and if you are feeling ambitious, use the small ones.

Ye Olde Alarm clock change: Not the greatest but a decent warm-up. Best used in conjunction with other small pranks such as remove the desk light, taking the left shoe of every pair but flip flops — it's cold out there.

Newspapering into the room: tape many layers of newspaper across the doorway until a tough barrier is formed.

As you advance in complexities you may be able to implement some of our favorites — saran wrap to the bed, duct tape futon and chairs to the ceiling, move everything out of the room and pretend like you have never seen him before, find a squirrel, bucket of ice water over the shower curtain ... the possibilities are limitless. Good luck friend and happy pranking!

We will strive to provide sound advice in the most entertaining way possible and we can't wait to help you, our readers, so send in your questions today! Because at Scene, we care.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Villanova avoids defeat with buzzer beater

Dayton beats Georgia Tech in match-up of top 25 teams in O’Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—The first basket of Isaiah Armwood’s college basketball career was a big one.

The freshman hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 13.3 seconds left, rallying Villanova over George Mason 69-68 Thursday in the O’Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off.

“He was the last one I wanted to take the shot. I’ll be honest,” Villanova coach Jay Wright admitted.

The Wildcats (3-0) trailed by 13 points in the first half and were behind 68-66 with time ticking down.

Armwood hit his only shot, connecting from the top of the arc. He played just four minutes, coming off the bench after Antonio Pena and Taylor King both fouled out.

“It felt good when it left my hand. It felt even better after the game,” Armwood said.

Wright, by the way, said Armwood now “definitely” has a green light to shoot away.

The Wildcats never led until late in the second half.

They were down 67-63 in the final minute, then freshman Maalik Wayns hit a 3.

After Sherrod Wright made one of two free throws for George Mason, Armwood made his 3. The Patriots (2-1) did not get off another shot.

Scottie Reynolds scored 18 points despite relentless pressure from George Mason’s guards, who contributed to his eight turnovers. He said he was eager to improve in the second round of the tournament Friday.

“I’m going to have to watch the film and I’ll come back better tomorrow,” he said.

Wright said he was surprised his team did not handle George Mason’s intensity better.

“They had a great game plan, and they did a great job on our guards,” he said. “We’re going to take this one and learn from it.”

Reynolds’ jumper with seven minutes left gave Villanova its first lead. Ryan Pearson responded with a basket for the Patriots.

Pearson led the Patriots with 14 points and star guard



Villanova guard Corey Stokes goes up for a rebound with George Mason’s Johnny Williams during the second half of the Wildcats’ 69-68 win over the Patriots. Villanova won on a late 3-pointer.

Cam Long added 13 before leaving the game because of cramps. Andre Cornelius had 13.

Patriots coach Jim Larranaga, whose team led 37-28 at halftime, said he was happy with his team’s effort.

“With such a young team, the one thing I can’t do is be impatient with them,” he said.

Corey Fisher went 14 for 18 from the foul line and finished with 17 points for Villanova. Pena had 10 points and 12 rebounds and King had eight points.

Dayton 63. Georgia Tech 59
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico -- Paul Williams’ summer of work paid off for No. 18 Dayton.

The sophomore guard hit the go-ahead 3-pointer and went 4 for 4 from the free throw line in the last minute to seal the Flyers’ comeback win over No. 21 Georgia Tech in the opening game of the O’Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off on Thursday.

“All summer we were work-

ing out, shooting free throws, a thousand after a thousand, and that shows you I can hit it,” Williams said.

Dayton coach Brian Gregory was not surprised by his reserve guard’s performance.

“He’s going to be an impact guy for us, which is what we thought from the beginning,” Gregory said.

Williams finished with 13 points for Dayton (2-0), which got 47 points from its backups, including 19 from Chris Johnson.

“I just come in and play my role,” said Johnson, who shot 4 for 8 from behind the 3-point line as the Flyers’ outside shooting countered the Yellow Jackets’ inside game. “I try to bring energy to the team.”

The Yellow Jackets (1-1) trailed the Flyers 31-22 at the half, but rallied with a string of dunks and layups by Derrick Favors and Gani Lawal.

A 3-pointer by Brian Oliver gave Georgia Tech its first lead of the second half at 49-47 and a layup by Zachery

Peacock on an offensive rebound with 4:37 to play gave them a 57-50 lead.

Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said Dayton’s energy was the key to its comeback.

“We had a little flow going and then we got a little frantic, gave them some life,” Hewitt said. “The turnovers really hurt us, but you have to give credit to Dayton’s energy.”

The Flyers had 22 turnovers, but scored 27 points off 26 Georgia Tech turnovers.

“At times we were ugly out there, but we played hard,” Gregory said.

Maurice Miller and Favors led Georgia Tech with 10 points apiece, and Lawal had eight rebounds in helping the Yellow Jackets outrebound Dayton 34-26.

In the first half, Dayton took control with an 8-0 run capped by Chris Wright’s breakaway dunk that gave the Flyers a 30-20 lead three minutes before the break. Luke Fabrizius also scored two 3-pointers during the run and finished with 12 points.



Dayton’s London Warren celebrates with a teammate after the Flyers’ 63-59 win over Georgia Tech Thursday in Puerto Rico.

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So, I'm on the first tee with him. I give him the driver. He hauls off and whacks one - big hitter, the Lama - long, into a ten-thousand foot crevasse, right at the base of this glacier. Do you know what the Lama says? Gunga galunga... gunga, gunga-lagunga. So we finish the eighteenth and he's gonna stiff me. And I say, "Hey, Lama, hey, how about a little something, you know, for the effort, you know." And he says, "Oh, uh, there won't be any money, but when you die, on your deathbed, you will receive total consciousness." So I got that goin' for me, which is nice.

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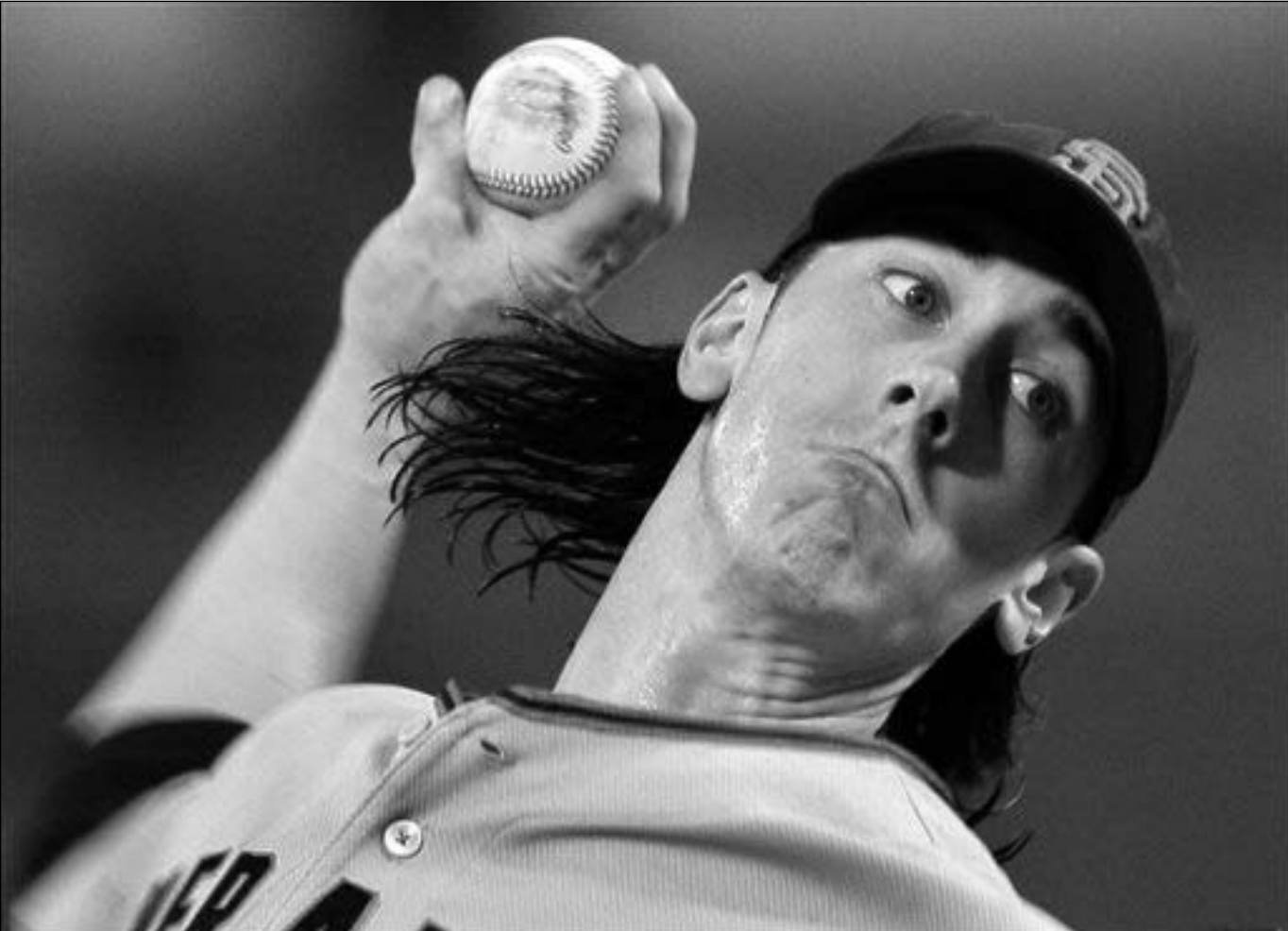
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MLB



San Fransisco Giants pitcher Tim Lincecum winds up to pitch on July 17 in a loss against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Lincecum was named the 2009 Cy Young winner for the second season in a row Thursday.

Lincecum wins second consecutive Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Talk about a freak — Tim Lincecum needed just 15 wins to bag another NL Cy Young Award. Yup, throw out those old baseball cards. Wins and losses don't mean much anymore when it comes time for voters to pick baseball's best pitchers. It's all about WHIP, FIP, BABIP and other lines of alphabet soup.

"It's turned into a game of complete numbers and statistics and what people do with that," Lincecum said.

Lincecum won the Cy Young Award on Thursday for the second straight year, emerging from one of the tightest votes in the history of the honor to become the first repeat winner since Randy Johnson.

Only 10 points separated the top three vote-getters. Chris Carpenter was second and St. Louis teammate Adam Wainwright finished third despite getting the most first-place votes.

Lincecum, nicknamed "The Freak" for his giant stride, led the NL with 261 strikeouts and tied for the league lead with four complete games and two shutouts.

The wiry right-hander attracts plenty of attention on the mound with his shoulder-length brown hair and twisting delivery. But it was his 15 victories — the fewest for a Cy Young starter over a non-shortened season — that were really noticeable for the award winner.

The 2009 honors for Lincecum and Kansas City Royals ace Zack Greinke reflect a recent shift in how pitchers are evaluated. The focus has changed to more developed statistics, including some that even take into account team defense.

Greinke equaled the previous low of 16 wins for a non-shortened season when he won the AL award on Tuesday. Afterward, he talked all about FIP, a mathematician's dream that stands for Fielding Independent Pitching.

Lincecum has his own favorite indicator.

"To say which one I look to the most, I would just say WHIP," he said, referring to

walks plus hits allowed per inning, "just because you just limit the amount of baserunners that can hurt you."

Lincecum is facing misdemeanor marijuana charges stemming from a traffic stop in his home state of Washington on Oct. 30. No questions were allowed about the incident in his conference call, but he acknowledged making a mistake and apologized in a prepared statement.

"I know that as a professional athlete I have a responsibility to conduct myself appropriately both on and off the field," he said. "I certainly have learned a valuable lesson through all of this and I promise to do better in the future."

IN BRIEF

Cubs give up Heilman to D-backs for minor leaguers

PHOENIX — Reliever Aaron Heilman was acquired Thursday by the Arizona Diamondbacks from the Chicago Cubs for two minor league prospects.

The 31-year-old right-hander was 4-4 with a 4.11 ERA in 70 appearances last season, striking out 65 and walking 34. He spent six seasons with the New York Mets before he was traded to Seattle last December, then was dealt to the Cubs the next month.

Chicago gets 24-year-old left-hander Scott Maine and 23-year-old infielder Ryne White. Maine, a sixth-round draft pick in 2007, was a combined 4-5 with seven saves and a 2.90 ERA with Double-A Mobile and Triple-A Reno last season. White, a fourth-round draft pick in 2008, hit .266 with 58 RBIs for Class A Visalia.

The move is intended to bolster an Arizona bullpen that was just one of many problems for the Diamondbacks last season.

Wie calls it quits at LPGA Tour from bad ankle injury

RICHMOND, Texas — Michelle Wie withdrew from the LPGA Tour Championship on Thursday after hobbling through her first round on a sprained left ankle.

The 20-year-old Wie, fresh off her first tour victory last week, shot an even-par 72 on Thursday. She first injured her ankle at the Solheim Cup in August.

Wie went for treatment after her round and withdrew about an hour later.

"I wanted to do everything I could to fight through the injury," Wie said in a statement after dropping out of the tournament. "It bothered me last week in Mexico, but I was able to play through the pain. I realized today that I wouldn't be able to continue to play through it."

Wie was 3 under through 12 holes. Her ankle gave way on the 13th tee, and she stumbled backward, sliced her shot into the rough and took her first bogey. She bent over in apparent pain on No. 14, then slipped again hitting her tee shot on No. 17.

Tony Dungy leads advisory forum for all NFL players

NEW YORK — Tony Dungy is taking a lead role in improving communication between the NFL and its players.

Dungy will lead a new NFL player advisory forum that will meet with players about league policies, programs and issues that affect their lives on and off the field. Those subjects will include player health and safety, personal conduct, game rules and procedures, career transition and player development.

Dungy, who retired as coach of the Indianapolis Colts after last season, is a special adviser to commissioner Roger Goodell.

"When I worked on the competition committee we always had meetings with players at the NFL combine to talk about issues important to them," Dungy said, "and then the committee reported back to the commissioner and the league office. I thought that communication always was important and commissioner Goodell wanted to broaden that."

NFL

Kampman takes cautious approach with concussion

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Kampman says the Green Bay training staff won't need to keep a sharp eye on him when he returns to the field for Sunday's game against the San Francisco 49ers.

If he learned anything after playing through a concussion, it's that a cautious approach is the best one to head injuries.

"The great thing about the medical staff here is they're always going to err on the side of making sure the player is taken care of," Kampman said. "You hear horror stories of guys being thrust out there, and that's not the case here."

Kampman is back at practice this week after sustaining a concussion on the fourth play of the game in a Nov. 8 loss at Tampa Bay. The outside linebacker played into the fourth quarter before realizing he had a significant injury and telling his coaches, who took him out.

The Packers held Kampman out of practice all last week and through Sunday's victory over Dallas, the first time he has missed a game for health reasons since 2003. While Kampman says it was tough to stay on the sidelines instead of playing in the Packers' biggest victory of the season, he appreciates the team's cautious approach.

And while Kampman has been open with reporters about his injury and recovery — a sign, perhaps, of increased awareness about the dangers of head injuries in football — he hopes he never has to stand in front of his locker and talk about concussions again.

"Hopefully, this is the last time we have to talk about this," Kampman said.

But it won't be the last time the Packers deal with the aftermath of a head injury — not even this week.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy said Thursday that center Scott Wells missed practice after reporting concussion-like symptoms Wednesday.

"He had some symptoms in regards to a concussion that was reported to the medical staff yesterday," McCarthy said. "So we're obviously being smart with him."

And Kampman's backup, Brad Jones, was limited in practice Wednesday because of a concussion. He was listed as a full participant in

Thursday's practice.

Head injuries are becoming a major issue around the league, fueled in part by a recent study conducted for the NFL that found retired professional football players may have a higher rate than normal of Alzheimer's disease or other memory problems.

The concern has filtered down to today's players.

According to a survey of 160 NFL players conducted by The Associated Press from Nov. 2-15, 30 replied that they have hidden or played down the effects of a concussion. Half said they've had at least one concussion playing football; 61 said they missed playing time because of the injury.

Kampman said the team's medical staff doesn't need to worry about him hiding a concussion.

"I don't take that approach," Kampman said. "I wouldn't have tried to say I was ready to go if I (wasn't)."

Amid increasing scrutiny of the NFL's policies on concussions, Kampman has gone out of his way to absolve the Packers' coaches and medical staff of any responsibility for him playing with a concussion at Tampa.

Kampman said it's a player's responsibility to tell coaches when he's hurt, but acknowledged that can be difficult for the player to figure out when he isn't thinking clearly.

McCarthy and defensive coordinator Dom Capers said last week that they didn't know anything was wrong with Kampman until he told someone.

"We all understand the priority of player safety, and once again, that is at the forefront of all these medical decisions," McCarthy said last week. "But it's also the game of football. When you're dealing with head injuries, it's hard to decipher sometimes — did you get dinged or do you have a concussion? There's lines in everything in life, and no different with levels of injuries."

McCarthy said Kampman was taken out of the game immediately after it became clear that something was wrong.

Kampman was given medical clearance Monday and was able to resume lifting weights, then returned to practice Wednesday. And while Kampman said it felt strange to sit out Sunday's game, a few fans didn't seem to notice he was missing.

NFL

Clark closes in on record

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — When Dallas Clark looks at the evolution of tight ends, he thinks of John Mackey.

The Hall of Famer made it chic for the big guys to catch passes and run down field when it was more popular for them to be blockers or outlet receivers.

Now, four decades later, Clark is carving out his own niche in a very different NFL.

Tight ends are now expected to catch more passes than throw blocks, and like Mackey, Kellen Winslow, Shannon Sharpe and Tony Gonzalez before him, Clark has figured out a way to use his unique skills to create defensive mismatches.

"I think Gonzalez, and Mackey back in his heyday, really changed the position," Clark said. "I think they really gave guys like (Antonio) Gates and others a chance to excel."

Clark certainly fits in, too.

At 6-foot-3, 252 pounds, he's better known for his speed, his ability to run after the catch and his aptitude to stretch the field.

Since the start of 2008, no NFL tight end has been more productive than Clark. His 141 catches and 1,616 yards over the last 25 games rank No. 1 among all tight ends even though he has not yet gone to a Pro Bowl.

That could change this year. With Gonzalez out of the AFC, and Clark tied for second in the NFL with Wes Welker with 64 receptions, Clark seems like a shoo-in.

In addition to the sterling numbers, records are falling at a breakneck pace, too.

In 2007, Clark broke Mackey's four-decade-old franchise records for receptions and touchdowns by a tight end in one season. Last year, Clark smashed his own record for receptions in a season (77) and broke Mackey's 42-year-old mark for yards in a season (848). This year, he's on pace to shatter those numbers again.

But Sunday may be the most awkward record-setting moment yet.

Clark needs one catch to break Mackey's Colts' record for career receptions by a tight end (320), and it's likely to happen in Mackey's old stomping grounds in Baltimore — the city that hasn't forgotten the team's midnight move to Indianapolis.

So Clark's pal, three-time

MVP Peyton Manning, has added the title of diplomat this week.

"I think he (Clark) has a great appreciation for who John Mackey was before he got drafted by the Colts. I know he has more now," Manning said. "Whether they played in Baltimore or we play in Indianapolis, you still have a great appreciation for great football players. That would be a tremendous accomplishment and a great credit to Dallas. I think it would be special for him because he knows what a great player Mackey was."

Perhaps nobody under-

stands the situation better than Manning.

In college, Manning won the Unitas Award, then was taken No. 1 overall in the 1998 NFL draft with the clear objective of breaking Unitas' records.

Clark won the Mackey Award while playing at Iowa, then was taken by the Colts in the first round of the 2003 draft. The goal, of course, was to become the best tight end in Colts history, which meant supplanting Mackey, a star of the 1971 Super Bowl who caught a tipped 75-yard touchdown pass in the Baltimore Colts' 13-10 win over Dallas. Now in his late 60s, he suffers from dementia.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

UNCW upsests Penn State

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Chad Tomko scored 21 points and North Carolina-Wilmington made 10 of 16 3-point shots to knock off Penn State 80-69 on Thursday.

The Seahawks (2-1) held the Nittany Lions to 32.3 percent from the field (21-for-65) in the first round of

the Charleston Classic.

Penn State (2-1) got 29 points from Talor Battle, who made 11 of 12 free throws. The Nittany Lions were 22-for-27 from the foul line for the game.

The Seahawks led 40-31 at halftime after shooting 61.5 percent from the field, including 7-for-11 from 3-point range.

Six players had at least

one 3-pointer for UNC-Wilmington and eight scored in the first half.

Penn State, meanwhile, struggled against the Seahawks' defense, shooting 35.5 percent from the field in the first half, including 2-for-10 from 3-point range.

Will Ohuaregbe was the only other UNC-Wilmington player in double figures with 12 points.

MLB

Alomar hopeful he'll make Hall

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Roberto Alomar has career numbers that compare favorably with many of baseball's greatest second basemen. The question is how will one memorable lapse impact his bid to make the Hall of Fame.

On the ballot for the first time, the 12-time All-Star's resume is impressive. He was a two-time World Series champion with Toronto, and hit .300 with 210 homers, 1,134 RBIs and 474 stolen bases in 17 seasons.

But his stats have often been overshadowed by an incident in late 1996 when, after being called out on strikes, he spit in the face of umpire John Hirschbeck.

Alomar and Hirschbeck grew close after that episode.

"We became real good friends," Alomar said Thursday. "He forgave me and I hope all the other people forgive me. Sometimes, we as human beings, we do stupid things. I regret doing that."

Alomar, relaxed and looking fit, visited with former big league players and other participants at the New York Yankees' fantasy camp. He was with his wife, and they are building a home in the Tampa area.

"I'm married, raising a child, just happy and enjoying life," Alomar said.

One of Alomar's biggest Hall of Fame supporters is Hirschbeck.

"It's real special because I got to know not only him, I got to know his family," Alomar said. "I got to spend more time with him."

Away from the spotlight, Alomar has been teaching at youth baseball camps and helped raise funds for adrenoleukodystrophy, a disease that impacted two of Hirschbeck's sons.

Alomar was involved in an explosive lawsuit earlier this year in which his ex-girlfriend alleged he made her have unprotected sex even though he had AIDS.

The lawsuit was settled in May, and allegations against Alomar were never corroborated. Alomar's attorney, Charles Bach, said the suit was withdrawn voluntarily, but wouldn't say if his client paid any money.

Coming from a baseball family — his father, Sandy Sr.

played 15 years in the majors, and brother Sandy Jr. was a six-time All-Star during a 20-year career — makes the Hall of Fame consideration extra special.

"A goal for ballplayers, it's real tough to accomplish, is to get to the Hall of Fame," Alomar said. "It would mean a lot. We, as ballplayers, when they mention your name, that you can be talked about being in the Hall of Fame, if I get there it will be the end of the book. The greatest feeling of my life."

"I consider this a team effort if I make it because I didn't do it by myself," he added. "I do it with the support of my family, my Little League managers, everyone. All of the dreams from Day One when you start playing the game of baseball."

After a five-year break, Alomar would like to get back into the game.

"I would love to be involved," Alomar said. "When I left the game it was tough. At the same time, I'm not the kind of player to go out there and just play the game of baseball just to play the game of baseball. I have too much respect for this game. When I saw I was incapable of playing the way I could play, then I decided to retire."

NFL

Bills owner promises changes are coming

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Firing coach Dick Jauron was merely the start of a major overhaul Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson is prepared to conduct this offseason in order to make his team a contender again.

Outlining his plans in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Wilson said he's open to going after a high-profile coach, is willing to hire a general manager with a football background, and warned that no position on his team is safe.

"I tell you, we have a lot of work to do," Wilson said from his home in suburban Detroit. "We've got to revamp and take a look at the whole operation and that's what we're going to do."

A thorough evaluation of the entire organization will begin at the end of the season, he said.

"We're going to sit down and see where we stand and, I hate to use the term, but then we're going to go forward," Wilson said in his first extensive interview since Jauron was fired Tuesday and replaced by defensive coordinator Perry Fewell, who will finish the season as interim coach.

The Bills (3-6), who play at Jacksonville on Sunday, have been going backward for much of this decade and are in jeopardy of missing the playoffs for a 10th straight year.

That's not how Wilson was expecting to celebrate the franchise's 50th season, and in a year in which he and former star defensive end Bruce Smith were inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Wilson's decision last December to retain Jauron for a fourth year — and after three consecutive 7-9 finishes — backfired when the Bills got off to a 1-4 start. After rebounding with two wins, the Bills unraveled in losing their past two games by a combined 72-27, the last straw a 41-17 loss at Tennessee last weekend.

"Dick's a great guy, a class

guy," Wilson said. "But I thought it was time to make a change, and we did."

Though Fewell is a candidate for next season, Wilson said he's open to making a lucrative offer to land a high-profile coach.

"It's not about money, it's about winning," Wilson said. "If it was about money, we wouldn't have brought in and paid for somebody we know was a great player."

Wilson was referring to the signing of receiver Terrell Owens to a one-year, \$6.5 million contract in March after he was cut by Dallas.

"Anybody that says I'm cheap is looking down the wrong side of the street," he said.

Though the Bills have been competitive in going after high-profile free agents and re-signing their own star players, Wilson has been criticized for refusing to spend money to hire an established head coach.

Jauron, who was making about \$3 million a season, was believed to be the highest-paid coach in team history. But some NFL coaches are making more than double that amount.

Wilson discounted reports the team is interested in interviewing Mike Shanahan, the former Denver Broncos coach.

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

Later in the day, the Bills issued a statement downplaying speculation regarding their coaching search, saying the team is focused on the final seven games of the season and "the efforts of coach Fewell, the coaching staff and our players."

Wilson's intention to revamp his front office could lead to the team's first major restructuring since 2006, when he fired team president Tom Donahoe. Wilson then reclaimed the president's title, appointed Russ Brandon, the team's marketing chief, as chief operating officer, and brought in Hall of Fame coach Marv Levy to serve as general manager.

Levy stepped down after two years, and Brandon was awarded the GM title.

Brandon's job as COO is considered safe because Wilson said he'll play a role in the end-of-season evaluation. However, Brandon might have to relinquish his duties as general manager, because Wilson said he's open to hiring a GM with a football background.

"We're going to revamp and look at every position we've got," Wilson said.

That's a considerable switch for an owner who a year ago said he had difficulty trusting outsiders because he felt betrayed by Donahoe. Unlike Levy, with whom Wilson was very familiar, Donahoe was hired in 2001 after building his reputation with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Though Wilson wasn't specific, among Bills executives considered to be on the hot seat are chief scout Tom Modrak, pro personnel director John Guy and even potentially Jim Overdorf, the team's senior vice president of football administration. Overdorf, who maintains a behind-the-scenes role, has been responsible for overseeing the salary cap, handling contract negotiations, and also been involved in personnel decisions.

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NBA

Iverson, Knicks not meant for each other

Associated Press

It's painfully clear to everyone but the management of the New York Knicks that there's only one question to which Allen Iverson remains "The Answer."

That is: "What could be worse than spending 40 years in the NBA wilderness with Isiah Thomas, Larry Brown and Stephon Marbury?"

So let's be clear: Iverson and the Knicks deserve better than what they're going to get by tying their fates together.

No matter what you think about Iverson, few guys are actually more worthy of a championship. There's no way to appreciate the depth of his effort unless you've seen him play in person. For a dozen seasons, every night was David vs. Goliath for him, and it was nothing short of miraculous that for most of those, Iverson could make you believe a good little man was every bit the equal of a bigger one. But that was then.

Iverson's behavior on and off the court has always been a riddle, hence his nickname, "The Answer." If you read between the lines of what every coach he's played for said about him — no one cared more about the games, or less about practice — you'd understand why each of them waited so long before throwing up his hands and letting somebody else try to solve the problem.

Small wonder, then, that Iverson remains unwilling or unable to see what everyone else does: At age 34, his ego hasn't

crested the hill, but his talents almost certainly have.

The Knicks don't have that excuse. Their fans have show admirable patience, especially since the team's latest plan to rebuild involves throwing big money at next summer's free-agent class — led by LeBron James. In today's NBA market, that's a risky bet at best.

But acquiring Iverson would be like doubling down. He won't be building a bridge to the future so much as burning it. The Nuggets, Pistons and Grizzlies all tried that route. No one in New York wants to see a return of the three-ring circus that played out at Madison Square Garden when Thomas, Brown and Marbury tried their hands at calling the shots. But those could seem like harmonious days once Iverson shows up.

He's not about to lessen his demands for playing time, shots and most of the oxygen in the locker room the moment he shows up, no matter what he says beforehand. When George Karl gave up trying to fit Iverson into an up-tempo Nuggets team in Denver, he showed up in Detroit promising "to sacrifice what I have to sacrifice to get it done. I got to look in the mirror at myself and think of things that I can do to help us win a championship."

But nothing changed and after a while, the Pistons were so grateful for any excuse to keep him off the bench — the official reason was a back injury — they effectively paid him to stay away. Then the experiment in Memphis —

Iverson actually said God had chosen the place for him to play — lasted all of three games.

He asked out by requesting an indefinite leave of absence to handle some personal matters. No sooner was he gone than the Grizzlies decided to make it permanent.

The real shame in all this is that Iverson's skills wore down before his pride did. Look at what he's accomplished during his career — sixth-best scoring average in NBA history; fourth-most minutes played; 10 All-Star games; four scoring titles; and an MVP award — and the only thing missing is a ring.

Iverson might have one of those, too, if only he had been willing to contribute something instead of always demanding more than his share. There's a reason all those contending clubs and every bottom-dweller but Memphis passed on him last summer. What makes New York an even worse choice is that there's already too few minutes, shots and wins to go around.

The Knicks haven't won a play-off game since 2001 and made only one appearance in the post-season since. But anybody who thinks irrelevant is as low as the franchise can sink either has a short memory or isn't asking the right question.

That's why when Charles Barkley was asked Thursday on ESPN what he thought about Iverson going to the Knicks, he didn't hesitate to answer:

"I hate to see things end like this."

NFL

City extends Vikings' lease at Metrodome

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — One day after being told by the Minnesota Vikings that extending the lease at the Metrodome was not an option, the team's landlord made the offer anyway and infuriated the only major tenant left in the stadium.

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission passed a plan Thursday to offer a two-year extension on the lease, which is set to expire in 2011. It calls for the Vikings to get revenue from any postseason games at the Metrodome, but it also threatens to reinstate a \$4 million annual rent if the team does not sign the extension.

The Vikings sent a scathing letter to the commission on Wednesday denouncing the plan, which the team calls a "sneak attack" that "sends the wrong message to those aimed at keeping the team in the state of Minnesota."

"They knew it was completely unacceptable, but they advanced it anyway," said Lester Bagley, the Vikings vice president of public affairs/stadium development.

The Vikings, including owners Zygi and Mark Wilf, have been working with the commission to develop a plan for a new stadium on the Metrodome site. With Brett Favre at quarterback and

the team off to an 8-1 start in 2009, the team thinks it has more momentum than ever before to try to get a stadium deal done with private and public money and get out of the outdated Metrodome.

MSFC chairman Roy Terwilliger said the top priority is to plan a new stadium that satisfies the Vikings and Thursday's decision "is just another step in a very long process of figuring out the best way of accomplishing that goal."

The Vikings aren't willing to wait. Bagley said the commission's offer "sends a very bad message to the owners, the state and the league about the ability to solve the problem in Minnesota."

The Twins and the University of Minnesota football team have both moved out of the outdated building to shiny new facilities of their own. The Vikings say it is their turn. The team is at the bottom of the league in revenue thanks in large part to their stadium deal and say they need a new building to remain competitive.

Since 2002, the Vikings have been playing in the Metrodome rent-free, a gesture made to acknowledge the building's difficulty in producing revenue. The threat of reinstating the annual rent payments has strained the discussion.



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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

NCAA to protect secrecy of appeal

Associated Press

The NCAA is defending the secrecy of its response to the University of Memphis’ appeal, saying member schools require confidentiality before a ruling. Memphis has refused to release the NCAA’s response to its appeal of a ruling vacating the 2007-08 men’s basketball season under an open records request. Memphis cites NCAA rules that prohibit printing the document for media

off the association’s Web site. A NCAA spokeswoman told The Associated Press on Thursday the association is required to keep infractions case information confidential until a decision is publicly announced. “In order to do this, and maintain the integrity of the enforcement process, there is no ability for a member school to print, save or download the information contained on the secure web site,” Stacey Osburn, the NCAA’s

associate director for public and media relations, said in an e-mail. This isn’t the final stage in Memphis’ appeal. But that NCAA argument didn’t work in Florida last month. The NCAA tried to keep its response to Florida State’s appeal of an academic cheating penalty secret on the same read-only, secure Web site, but a judge ruled that document had to be released. The Florida Supreme Court rejected an emergency motion Oct. 27 by the NCAA to delay that court order to release records. Attorneys for the NCAA provided the records to a law firm to prepare for a release, though Florida State released copies earlier in October from “screen shots” of the documents from the secure, read-only Web site.

Memphis is arguing that the NCAA Committee on Infractions imposed unprecedented penalties and used improper reasoning to wipe out the Tigers’ 38 wins in a season that ended with an overtime loss to Kansas in the national championship. The school’s 45-page brief targets the so-called “strict liability” standard imposed after the NCAA ruled a player believed to be Derrick Rose was retroactively ineligible because of an SAT score that was invalidated by the Educational Testing Service in May 2008. Memphis filed a brief supporting its appeal Oct. 8, and the NCAA’s Infractions Appeals Committee had 30 days to respond. Now both Memphis and the NCAA’s enforcement staff have a chance to comment. Memphis will get the last chance to respond before the appeal hearing before the committee.

ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Irish head to IU for invitational meet

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish will test their early season training this weekend at the Hoosierland Invitational in Bloomington, Ind. “I think this meet will provide a good benchmark for us right now,” junior freestyler and breaststroker Amywren Miller said. “It’s time we got up to race and I think everyone is excited to have the opportunity this weekend.” The biggest competition that the Irish will see this weekend will come from host Indiana, a team coming off a big win last week against Big Ten swimming powerhouse, the Michigan Wolverines. “Indiana will be a big challenge for us this weekend,” senior captain freestyler Megan Farrell said. “Indiana is currently a top 10 team so they will provide us with some great competition at their home pool. Aside from the No. 9 Hoosiers, the Irish (0-2) will also be up against the Cincinnati Bearcats at this weekend’s three-day event. At their last meet, the Irish fell to the Purdue Boilermakers, a loss the girls spent this week trying to make up for in practice to ensure a victory against Indiana and Cincinnati. “We have focused in on a variety of race details, starts, turns, paces and finishes,” Irish coach Brian Barnes

said. “I believe we are going to come out of this meet with several lifetime best swims.” In terms of preparing themselves physically for the meet, some have decided to push themselves harder and others are resting with hopes of being completely revitalized for their respective races. “Some of the girls have been resting up for the meet and others have been training through,” Miller said. “Despite the difference I think all of us are ready for the meet and ready to post some good times this season.” A major difference between this event in particular and the rest of the meets the girls have participated in this season provides a potential benefit for the Irish. “Because this is a championship-style meet featuring both preliminary and final rounds, most girls will have the opportunity to race each of their events two times this weekend,” Farrell said. “This allows the coaches to critique our preliminary swims so that we can make corrections and changes to our race plans for our finals swims, which is of great benefit to each individual on the team.” The meet will begin with preliminary events at 9 a.m. Friday at Indiana University’s Cousilman-Billingsly Aquatic Center and will last until Saturday evening. Contact Molly Sammon at msammon@nd.edu

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NFL

Childress signs contract extension with Vikings

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The man who brought Brett Favre to the Minnesota Vikings will be sticking around for a while. The Vikings signed Brad Childress to a contract extension on Thursday, nine games into what is shaping up as a promising season for the men in purple. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. ESPN.com cited anonymous sources in reporting that the extension will carry through the 2013 season. “Brad has done a tremendous job leading this football team and we value the positive environment he has created for the Minnesota Vikings on and off the field,” Vikings owner Zygi Wilf said in a statement issued by the team. “He has continued to positively impact this team and create a strong foundation for future success.” Childress, in the fourth year of his original five-year, \$10 million deal, was hired in 2006 to take over a team in turmoil. The Vikings had become a national punchline for a string of incidents under the loose regime of Mike Tice, including the infamous “Love Boat” scandal and

Tice’s admission to scalping Super Bowl tickets that prompted Wilf to institute a code of conduct for the organization. Childress has restored order and dignity to the franchise, and has done plenty of winning of late, as well. The Vikings have improved each year under his watch. They went 6-10 in 2006, 8-8 in 2007 and 10-6 with an NFC North title last season. This season, he convinced Favre to come out of retirement one more time to join the Vikings, even going so far as to pick up the quarterback at the airport on the day of his arrival in August. Favre leads the NFL in quarterback rating, has thrown 17 touchdowns and just three interceptions, and has helped put the Vikings (8-1) in position to compete for the top seed in the NFC. “I am grateful for the opportunity I was given,” Childress said. “I’ve got a good group of guys in the locker room, which I’ve said over and over. I’ve got a great ownership group. Not only am I grateful for them, they’ve been good owners from a standpoint of empowering us with players. They listen. There’s a good dialogue.”

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles ready to travel to Ohio tournament

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles will travel to Bluffton, Ohio this weekend to play two non-conference games in the Bluffton University Tournament.

The tournament features four teams with the winners of the first round games going on to play for the championship on Saturday at 3 p.m., and the losers facing off in the consolation game on the same day at 1 p.m.

The Belles' first-round matchup will be Wheaton College, a team that went 16-10 last year and is off to an 0-1 start this year after losing to the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse 57-65.

"Wheaton is a very well-coached team," Belles' coach Jenn Henley said. "They are very disciplined all the way around."

The Belles beat the Thunder last year 81-78 in a game where Wheaton rallied from 13 points down at halftime to tie the game at 76 before the Belles pulled away in the last minute.

Junior Kathleen Fidelia's three-point attempt to tie the game at the buzzer was off the mark, leaving her team salivating for a rematch this year.

"[Wheaton] graduated a lot last season, much like us," said Henley. "I think we match up very well with them — I am expecting it to be a very competitive game."

The other side of the tournament bracket has two Ohio teams, Oberlin College and

Bluffton University.

The Yeowomen have yet to play a game this season and the Beavers took their season opener 79-67 over Hiram.

The Belles are coming off a decisive 72-33 win against Anderson. The 39-point margin of victory was the largest since 2007 for the Belles. Furthermore, the 33 points given up was the lowest total since 2003.

"I thought we played very well on Tuesday defensively, but we certainly understand that we can't look past anyone regardless of how we played the previous game," said Henley. "We take one game at a time."

The games this weekend don't carry the same significance as the MIAA matches that will begin in December, but they still go on the team's official record and have ramifications down the line.

"Early wins in the season can definitely help set the tone as we enter into conference play — and tournaments like this give us a great opportunity to prove what we are capable of doing," said Henley.

No matter the outcome on Friday, the loser will get a rematch later this season as the two teams square off again on Feb. 11 at Wheaton.

The first game of the tournament is scheduled for 6 p.m. Following the tournament, the Belles will have a week off before they take on North Central on Nov. 28.

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FENCING

Irish set to take on defending champs

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Regardless of where the Irish compete, fencing on the intercollegiate stage always brings out the best in the talented players.

But when the Irish travel to State College, Pa. for the Penn State Open, a growing rivalry between the two programs should fuel the desire to win even further.

Notre Dame and Penn State have combined to win five of the last eight NCAA Fencing Championships. The Nittany Lions have won 11 titles since the tournament began in 1990, their most recent coming last year over the second-place Irish.

"It's usually one of the strongest tournaments in the country, probably the strongest one," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It's a team who fenced for first place last year, and we lost, and they remember that we will be trying still to play with them here. So we are going to the lion's cave, and we will see how we will fence."

Anchored by sophomores Courtney Hurley and Gerek Meinhardt, the Irish hope to

have a strong showing among a field of some of the nation's elite. Bednarski says he will be taking a mixture of both veterans and first-year fencers as he tries to gauge their level of readiness for

team competition, which begins in January.

"We are taking a lot of kids with us to get them experience from a big competition," Bednarski said.

"These young kids need such experience to know how to travel during the day with emotions, with stress, because we are going to territory that will not be very friendly for us. So we have a lot of things to observe."

Bednarski and the coaching staff will be paying particular

attention to one the squad's rising stars, freshman Lian Osler, who recently earned a gold medal in the sabre at the USFA North American Cup. Osler and others will have their work cut out for them as they aim to raise their individual junior rankings.

"In Penn State it will be harder for her because she will meet top Penn State competition, who is pretty strong too," Bednarski said. "The kids are very, very emotionally taken by this trip because they know that they are going to the best team in the nation. With so many good fencers, they want to show their strengths also."

Facing their first true test of the preseason, the Irish look to send a message against the reigning national champions when they hit the strip this Saturday and Sunday.

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NFL

Obama to appear in PSA with NFL players

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dallas Cowboys linebacker DeMarcus Ware has played in dozens of important games and hung out with some of the biggest stars in sports.

Still, he was nervous when he met President Barack Obama.

"It's something like no other," Ware said Thursday. "Being able to meet the most important guy in the United States, the guy with the most power, it was unbelievable."

Ware and fellow NFL players Drew Brees and Troy Polamalu filmed a public service announcement with Obama that will air during the league's Thanksgiving games.

The 90-second spot shows Obama and the NFL stars playing touch football with local children on the White House lawn. The PSA promotes the league's Play 60 campaign, which encourages physical activity to combat childhood obesity, and the president's community service initiative United We Serve.

"Thanksgiving is a time when families come together, and it is also a perfect time to focus on the importance of keeping kids healthy and active," New Orleans quarterback Brees said in a state-

ment released by the league. "I was honored to spend time with the president on an issue that is clearly important to him. I was also impressed by his wide receiver skills."

Obama wears a Chicago Bears jacket as he plays football with Brees, Pittsburgh Steelers safety Polamalu and Ware. A shorter version of the spot will air throughout the season.

"I was like 'Ohhhh my God,'" when Obama came out in a Bears pullover, Ware said in a telephone interview. "It was me, Polamalu and Drew Brees there, so you know how we feel about the Chicago Bears. But he's a big Chicago Bears fan. He greeted each one of us, and he knew everything about our teams."

Ware is Dallas' representative for the Play 60 program, which began in 2007. The NFL estimates it has committed \$200 million worth of programming, grants, and time for PSAs to the initiative.

"I think it's really important," Ware said. "If the players are getting involved in it, Obama, a lot of important people getting involved in it, sometimes it encourages kids to get out and do those type of activities and show them just how important it is."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

North Carolina beats OSU in 2K Sports Classic

Associated Press

NEW YORK — There was so much to talk about after No. 6 North Carolina held on for 77-73 victory over No. 15 Ohio State in the 2K Sports Classic semifinals Thursday night.

There was the Tar Heels' big early lead that dwindled to two points in the final minute, something that can happen even to a sixth-ranked team early in the

season. There was the exceptional defensive job by Marcus Ginyard on Ohio State's Evan Turner, something that has become common for a player considered one of the top stoppers in the country. There was coach Roy Williams' halftime rant directed at Ginyard, something that never happens.

"I chewed his rear end out probably the hardest I've ever got on him," Williams said of

the fifth-year senior. "If I'm going to chew him out, it scares the dickens out of the rest of the team. He's one of my pets."

The one-way halftime discussion worked as North Carolina was in control until the final minute.

"That was the worst I can remember," Ginyard said of Williams' yelling session. "But he was right. If I'm going to be a leader of this team I have to play better, and I did in the second half."

Ginyard finished with 13 points and was 3 of 5 from 3-point range. But it was his defense on Turner that made the difference in the win that sent the Tar Heels (4-0) into Friday night's championship game against Syracuse, which beat No. 13 California 95-73 in the tournament the benefits Coaches vs. Cancer.

"No question, I take challenges like tonight very personally, and I get really excited about facing players like him," Ginyard said of Turner, who had a triple-double in Ohio State's opening win over Alcorn State with 14 points, 17 rebounds and 10 assists. He matched that feat

against the Tar Heels, but it was a lot different as he finished with 23 points, 11 rebounds and 10 turnovers.

The 6-foot-7 junior swingman, who had 17 rebounds in each of the first two games, couldn't go anywhere on the court without Ginyard, who missed most of last season with a stress fracture in his left foot.

Turner's time was limited as well by foul trouble, and his second personal was an offensive drawn by Ginyard.

"It was a rough night, obviously," Turner said. I'm bumped and bruised and I'll be back tomorrow.

"It was a rough first half, rough first 30 minutes of the game. They did a great job, and we just got to bounce back."

Deon Thompson had 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Tar Heels, who led by 19 points with 10:23 to play.

The Buckeyes (2-1) finally started hitting from the outside at the same time the Tar Heels starting missing free throws, and Ohio State was within 75-73 on a 3 by Jon Diebler with 11 seconds left.

Larry Drew II, who missed four of his previous six free throws in the final minute, then made two from the line with 11 seconds left for the final margin.

"I wanted the ball in my hands, especially for the last two free throws," Drew said. "You have to go through bad times to enjoy the highs, and I enjoyed making those last two free throws."

Ohio State chipped away at the lead and was finally within single digits when David Lighty

scored on a drive that made it 68-60 with 2:09 to go. Ginyard hit a 3 with the shot clock winding down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit 3s as Drew struggled at the line.

Will Graves had 14 points for North Carolina, the defending national champions who have only one starter back from the team that beat Michigan State in April, and Drew finished with 11 points and eight assists and was 6 of 10 from the line.

Diebler had 17 points for Ohio State, which finished 6 of 21 from 3-point range after going 1 of 10 in the first half.

"We feel very fortunate," Williams said. "We have a chance to be a very good basketball team, but I want it a lot sooner than it's coming."

The Tar Heels had the lead to 10 points within the first 6 minutes, and it reached 16 points three times, the first at 29-13 on a 3-pointer by Ginyard with 5:40 left in the half.

Ohio State missed its first nine 3-point attempts, and the Buckeyes finished 1 of 10 from beyond the arc and shot just 29 percent (9 for 31) overall in falling behind 38-24 at the half.

"We obviously made a great comeback," Ohio State coach Thad Matta said. "I thought the first half we couldn't get the ball in the basket. We had some decent looks, the shots weren't falling for us. We had a stretch where I think we lost our composure, and they were able to get it to a double-digit lead. ... Hopefully we learned a lesson there getting ourselves ready to go right from the start."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Minnesota pulls away to down Utah Valley

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Freshman Rodney Williams had 17 points, six rebounds and four steals in his first career start, helping 24th-ranked Minnesota pull away from Utah Valley in the second half of a 76-51 victory on Thursday.

Missing senior leader and top scorer Lawrence Westbrook to a stomach virus, the Gophers (3-0) finished 5 for 19 from 3-point range and were outrebounded 34-29 by a team in its first year as a full-fledged Division I program.

Damian Johnson had 15 points, six rebounds, three blocks and two steals, though, to lead another strong defensive effort. Minnesota had 30 points off 26 Utah Valley turnovers, and five Gophers turnovers only gave the Wolverines (1-2) two points.

Jordan Swarbrick led Utah Valley with 11 points and Tyray Petty had eight points and nine rebounds, giving Minnesota plenty to work on before playing 11th-ranked Butler next week.

The Wolverines, who followed a win over North Dakota State in their opener with a loss to Cal State Bakersfield on Tuesday, fell behind 41-26 early in the second half when the Gophers appeared

poised to run away with the game. Utah Valley didn't wilt, though, with peppy point guard Eric Dearden rushing to the rim for layups and Petty and Swarbrick muscling for position underneath.

Al Nolen's steal and wrap-around pass to Williams for a fast-break dunk over the pursuing defender got the crowd going a little. Five minutes later, Williams was fouled trying use the baseline for a slam and fell hard on his side, taking a few seconds to get up. He made both free throws, though, and on his next two drives he chose layups instead as the Gophers began to exert themselves.

Williams had one more dunk in him, of course, at the end of another fastbreak fueled by this active defense coach Tubby Smith pushes his teams to play. That pushed Minnesota's lead to 73-51 with 2½ minutes left.

Utah Valley's bold jump from junior college to Division I was finalized this summer after six years playing under the NCAA's provisional status, which made the Wolverines ineligible for post-season play. After previous iterations as a technical and a community college, the school officially gained university status last year.

NFL

Williams steps in and leads Dolphins to victory

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ricky Williams is 32 and far from done. And even without Ronnie Brown, the once written-off Miami Dolphins are back in the playoff picture.

Williams rushed for 119 yards and scored three touchdowns, and the Dolphins beat the Carolina Panthers 24-17 on Thursday night for their fourth win in six games.

A day after learning Brown is lost for the season, the Dolphins (5-5) continued their surge after an 0-3 start behind Williams. The 2002 NFL rushing champion had a receiving and rushing touchdown in the same game for the first time in his career that includes a couple of lost seasons.

“Coach always talks about finishing,” Williams said. “Sometimes in this league, in a physical game, it’s difficult to finish. I think in the past we’ve prided ourselves on finishing games and we did a good job tonight.”

It was enough to beat the Panthers (4-6) when Jake Delhomme’s desperation pass into the end zone was knocked down as time expired.

DeAngelo Williams rushed for 122 yards, but Delhomme had his streak of three games without an interception snapped, then couldn’t lead a late comeback bid.

Dolphins coach Tony Sparano hinted his team might abandon the wildcat without Brown, who

was placed on injured reserve Wednesday because of a foot injury. And Miami didn’t use the formation until the second quarter. It coincided with the Dolphins’ first touchdown drive — Chad Henne’s 14-yard touchdown pass to Williams, who wrestled away from linebacker Na’il Diggs.

Miami took a 14-3 halftime lead when Williams took the direct snap at the 1 and got to the end zone ahead of speedy linebacker Jon Beason.

“Our offense really clicked,” Dolphins left tackle Jake Long said. “Ricky ran great.”

The Panthers got within 17-14 on Steve Smith’s leaping 27-yard touchdown catch and DeAngelo Williams’ 2-point conversion run with 5:18 left. But Ricky Williams bounced to the outside and shook off Sherrod Martin at the Carolina 5 on a 46-yard touchdown run on the ensuing possession.

Williams also caught two passes for 19 yards and a touchdown. Chad Henne overcame losing his center and his backup and committed no turnovers.

Still, the Dolphins had to hold off the Panthers. After Williams’ long run, the Panthers kicked a field goal. They then forced a punt, and Delhomme found Gary Barnidge on passes of 29 and 17 yards. But from the Miami 26, Delhomme’s lob into the end zone was knocked down by Tyrone Culver as time ran out.

“We battled. It just wasn’t good enough,” Delhomme said.

Early on, Carolina’s offense stalled under the weight of its makeshift offensive line — and the return of Dolphins linebacker Joey Porter from exile.

Benched from Sunday’s win over Tampa Bay, Porter served as a captain for the coin toss, then sacked Delhomme on third down on Carolina’s opening drive, leading to John Kasay’s 29-yard field goal.

The Panthers mixed in some of the no-huddle offense on the drive after its effective debut Sunday against Atlanta. But they used it sparingly after that, and the offense got bogged down without Pro Bowl left tackle Jordan Gross.

Porter had two of Delhomme’s three first-half sacks, beating Gross’ replacement Travelle Wharton.

The Dolphins had their own offensive line troubles. Center Jake Grove left in the third quarter with an ankle injury and was replaced by Joe Berger. Nate Garner moved to center when Berger went down early in the fourth. Henne bobbled Garner’s second snap, but he recovered.

Berger returned on the next series and was injured again, but Henne made it look seamless. He completed 17 of 29 passes for 172 yards.

DeAngelo Williams’ 50-yard run early in the third quarter seemed to give Carolina life, but the drive ended when Nathan Jones picked off Delhomme’s pass intended for



Dolphins running back Ricky Williams catches a touchdown pass during the first half of Miami’s 24-17 win.

Smith at the 4.

Smith caught seven passes for 87 yards despite getting into a minor car accident on the way to the game.


Delhomme, who had thrown 13 interceptions in his first six games, had gone turnover-free this month. He was just 19 of 42 for 247 yards, and Carolina fell to 0-4 against the Dolphins. It was a crushing loss for the Panthers, who also began eyeing the playoffs after starting 0-3.

“I think there’s a lot of fight and they’ll continue to work,” Panthers coach John Fox said.

“There’s still a lot of football left and we’re still no way in any stretch out of it.”

But the loss to Fox’s old offensive coordinator leaves them in tough shape. Dan Henning, fired by Carolina after the 2006 season, found a way to score just enough without Brown.

Williams, the 1998 Heisman Trophy winner, continued his resurgence after a career that included a brief retirement and a drug-related suspension. The time off might be helping him now when many running backs decline after they turn 30.



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He hasn't forced things, he's anchored us defensively, and he's really a great voice in the huddles out there when I can't be in them. We have to keep that going, and that's really important for us, but I sure like the rhythm he's in."

Long Beach State struggled to shoot the ball consistently throughout the game, shooting 41 percent from field goal range on the night. The 49ers' two leading scorers, sophomores Larry Anderson and T.J. Robinson, paced the team with 20 and 16 points, respectively, but the rest of the team shot just 26 percent for the game, which kept them at a distance from Notre Dame in the second half.

"The difference in the game was them coming out in the second half and turning up the pressure, and us not being able to handle it," 49ers' coach Dan Monson said. "I'm disappointed in how we responded at half-time. In the locker room, I said, 'You're going to have to stand up to them because they're going to come at you,' and to let them score the first six times to start the second half and just take control of the game that easily was the most disappoint-

ing thing."

Junior Tim Abromaitis also stepped up for the Irish, scoring 11 points off the bench in 22 minutes of play. He has scored double-digits in each of Notre Dame's first three games this season.

"[Abromaitis] continues to be big for us," Brey said. "He had some big, in-traffic rebounds, and he continues to make big shots and we need him to do that. His teammates, especially the seniors, started the process this summer. They knew how much we needed him and they stayed on him hard."

Notre Dame will look to keep up their momentum with two home games against Liberty and Kennesaw State before travelling to the UIC Pavillion in Chicago, Ill. for the Chicago Invitational Challenge on Nov. 27 and 28.

"This has been good to have the uniforms on every other day, and really evaluate who we are, and who guys are and trying to develop some identity," Brey said. "We're trying to get better each game, just trying not to get ahead of ourselves, and we have two more games to try and improve on some things before we head over to Chicago for the [Chicago Invitational Challenge]."

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did a great job to go after the ball on the miss and was able to make the free throw in a high-pressure situation."

The Spartans (1-2) had a chance to grab the lead with 12 seconds to go, but Michigan State center Allyssa DeHaan's layup attempt rolled off the rim and Irish guard Lindsey Schrader grabbed the rebound before being fouled.

Schrader went to the line but missed the front end of a one-and-one as the game remained tied at 67. As luck would have it, the rebound fell through the hands of DeHaan and right to into the arms of Barlow, who was immediately fouled on her put-back attempt.

After another missed Irish free throw, Barlow stepped up and converted her second opportunity and put Notre Dame ahead for good. The Spartans drove down the court but could not convert on a desperation attempt with four seconds to go.

Barlow led the Irish (2-0) with 18 points and seven rebounds behind 3-of-5 shooting from behind the

arc. Freshman guard Skylar Diggins added nine for the Irish, who shot 22-of-65, or 34 percent from the floor as a team.

After holding a slim advantage for much of the first half, the Irish pulled away to take a 41-33 lead into half-time. Notre Dame pushed that lead to 45-35 early in the second half before Michigan State responded with a 15-2 run to go ahead with 11:52 remaining.

"We just stopped guarding them," McGraw said. "We had a few defensive breakdowns and they had a few easy open shots. We panicked a little bit, but we were able to regroup when we needed to."

The Spartans held their largest lead of the game at 56-51 before the Irish surged back in front with an 8-0 run with just under nine minutes to play.

Despite giving up a big size advantage to the Spartan front court, led by the 6-foot-9 DeHaan, the Irish held their own on the boards and were outrebounded by a slim margin, 45-44. Schrader was a big reason for that, pulling down a game-high 14 rebounds to go along with 12 points.

"Schrader and Barlow did a nice job rebounding for

us," McGraw said. "But I wasn't happy with the rest of the team. We missed a lot of box-outs tonight and we should have done better."

Notre Dame had a much better night in the turnover department, improving upon its performance in the first game of the season. The Irish turned the ball over just 17 times after committing 27 against Arkansas Pine-Bluff, while forcing 21 Spartan turnovers.

"[We cut down on the turnovers] a little bit, but we still had some really bad ones," McGraw said.

DeHaan, despite facing a number of Irish double teams throughout the night, led the Spartans with 20 points, eight rebounds and four blocks. Lykendra Johnson added 14 points and 12 rebounds for Michigan State in the loss.

"I was a little disappointed [in our defense against DeHaan] in that she had a season high and she really hadn't played well in their first two games," McGraw said.

Notre Dame returns home to face Iona Sunday at the Purcell Pavilion. Tipoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Third-string QB leads Oklahoma State rally to beat Colorado

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Third-string quarterback Brandon Weeden threw for 168 yards and two touchdowns in the second half, leading No. 12 Oklahoma State back from an 11-point deficit for a 31-28 win against Colorado on Thursday night.

With starter Zac Robinson injured and backup Alex Cate ineffective, Weeden took over in the second half and got the offense going for the Cowboys (9-2, 6-1 Big 12).

His 28-yard touchdown pass to Justin Blackmon with 8:11 remaining proved to be the winner, keeping pressure on No. 3 Texas in the Big 12 championship race. The Longhorns would have clinched the Big 12 South with an OSU loss.

Colorado got out to a 21-10 lead against the one-dimen-

sional Cowboys before Weeden — a second-round draft pick by the New York Yankees in 2002 — finally provided a viable passing threat. He went 10 for 15 and threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to Keith Toston.

The Buffaloes (3-8, 2-5) had one final chance to go for the win after stuffing OSU on fourth-and-short for the third time in the game with 3:14 remaining but decided to punt after Tyler Hansen threw three straight incomplete passes. The Cowboys, the Big 12's top rushing team, ran the final 2:45 off the clock.

Oklahoma State wore black uniforms for the first time since 1994 — a miserable 3-7-1 season — and they didn't seem to be a good luck charm in the team's first Thursday night home game since 1995.

Cate, who had attempted only five passes in his career,

started in Robinson's place but went 0-for-9 with an interception in the first half — and it could have been worse. Colorado players had chances for at least two more picks, but let the ball slip through their hands.

Weeden, a 26-year-old who was a starting pitcher in his baseball days, came on in relief and connected on his first pass before throwing three straight incompletions for a three-and-out. When he completed back-to-back passes on OSU's third drive of the third quarter, the crowd of 50,080 let out Bronx cheers.

Two plays later, Toston finished that drive with a 45-yard touchdown run through a huge hole on the right side of the line to cut the deficit to 21-17.

Colorado had a chance to stretch its lead, but Aric Goodman's 50-yard field goal try caromed off the right

upright and coach Dan Hawkins then opted to go for it on fourth-and-3 from the 29-yard line instead of sending Goodman out to try a 46-yard kick.

Oklahoma State came right back on its next possession to take the lead on Toston's 47-yard touchdown catch. Toston released out of the backfield, ran between two blitzing defenders and caught a short pass from Weeden before racing into the end zone for the go-ahead score.

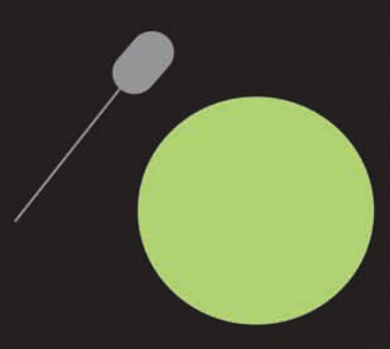
Brian Lockridge answered with a 98-yard return for a touchdown on the ensuing kickoff to put the Buffaloes back ahead with 11:11 remaining, but Weeden responded with two big completions on third-and-long before finding Blackmon in the end zone as he scrambled to the right.

It was only the second win for OSU against Colorado in

the teams' last eight meetings in Stillwater. Both teams ended up playing switcheroo at quarterback, with Cate getting a 7-0 head start when Perrish Cox brought back Matt DiLallo's first punt 67 yards for a score.

OSU's defense then sacked Hansen on back-to-back plays to force a three-and-out, but Toston took a handoff from Cate on the Cowboys' first offensive snap and fumbled for the first time in 287 carries — a span of more than two years since he'd been benched for fumble problems in September 2007.


Hansen capitalized with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Scotty McKnight before leaving briefly with a thumb injury. Cody Hawkins, the former Buffaloes starter and the coach's son, replaced him and threw a 5-yard score to Riar Geer to put Colorado up 14-10 at halftime.



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Sweet 16

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by sophomore midfielder Melinda Ingalls.

Although Oregon State enters its matchup with Notre Dame with Cinderella aspirations, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he doesn't think that his team has to prepare any differently than they normally would at this stage of the NCAA Tournament.

"I don't think you prepare for them any different anyone," Waldrum said. "Whoever you play in this round has won two straight games. I don't view it as you have to treat them differently because at this point in time, everyone is good."

The Beavers are led on offense by freshman forward Chelsea Buckland, who leads the team with seven goals. On defense, sophomore Colleen Boyd and senior Ashley Wood have split time in goal, but Boyd has played well in Oregon State's last three wins, including the two NCAA Tournament wins.

Despite injury concerns entering the tournament, the Irish turned in dominant performances against IUPUI and Central Michigan in the first and second rounds, outscoring their opponents by a combined scored of 11-1 for the weekend. Waldrum

said his team is trying to build on the positives from both games to stay hot on both ends of the field.

"I think what we do is we try to pick out the positives from both games, and just because we scored 11 goals last weekend doesn't mean we'll score that much this weekend," Waldrum said. "We just try to do what we did well last weekend in practice, just like we do on the other side of the ball. I just look at last weekend like we did what we needed to do, and if we do things like we did to prepare last weekend we'll be fine."

On the injury front, Waldrum expects that many of his injured players, including seniors Haley Ford and Michelle Weissenhofer and junior Rose Augustin, should be able to play.

"I think we came out last weekend in good shape," Waldrum said. "Ford and Weissenhofer both played a lot last weekend, and I think they're both doing well. Augustin sat out last weekend more as a precaution, and she played Sunday and did well with it, so we should be in good shape this weekend."

The Irish and Beavers are set to kickoff at Alumni Stadium tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Regular-season champs try for tournament win

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

No. 23 Notre Dame is already the Big East regular season champion, but this weekend it will look to be crowned at the conference tournament as well.

"Definitely one of our big goals at the beginning of the season was to win the Big East tournament," senior captain and outside hitter Christina Kaelin said.

The top-seeded Irish (20-4, 14-0 Big East) begin the Big East tournament this afternoon against No. 8-seed Seton Hall (12-18, 6-8), which they defeated 3-1 during the regular season.

The Irish bring a 14-game win streak into the tournament after going undefeated in conference play. Their regular-season success, as well as the Big East title, gives them protection for the NCAA tournament — even if they were to stumble in the conference tournament, the Irish are almost assured a spot in the national race.

"Even if we were to drop the games, which we're not going to," senior captain and outside hitter Jamel Nicholas said, "going as the regular season Big East champs, if something were to happen in the tournament it wouldn't matter."

The Pirates qualified for the tournament in their last game of the season with an upset win over West Virginia. It is

their first postseason appearance since 1994.

Seton Hall is a young team, composed almost completely of freshmen and sophomores. This contrasts with Notre Dame, which is stacked with veterans. However, the Pirates were one of only seven Big East teams that won a set against the Irish when they played earlier in the season.

The top eight teams in the conference were invited to the tournament and all will play today. The semifinals will be played tomorrow and the finals will be on Sunday.

If Notre Dame wins today, it will face the winner of the quarterfinal between No. 4-seed Louisville and No. 5-seed Syracuse.

Notre Dame has won nine conference tournament titles since joining the Big East in 1995. However, its last tournament win came in 2005, before any current players were on the squad.

The match against Seton Hall begins today at 3:30 p.m. If the Irish continue onward, the semifinal game will be Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and the championship will be Sunday at 3 p.m. The games will all be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville.

Nicholas had one explanation of Notre Dame's strategy. "Keep winning. Keep going," she said.

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wracking."

The Irish controlled the game for most of the first half, moving the ball up with short passes that pressed the whole midfield into the Phoenix half of the field. After Dike's goal, however, the game took on a much faster pace.

The Phoenix, faced with elimination, removed a midfielder in the second half in favor of an extra forward.

"It was an exciting game," Clark said. "I mean, this is the great thing about NCAA, if you lose you go home. ... There's no safety net of weak play that you'll have a game next week. It's all or nothing."

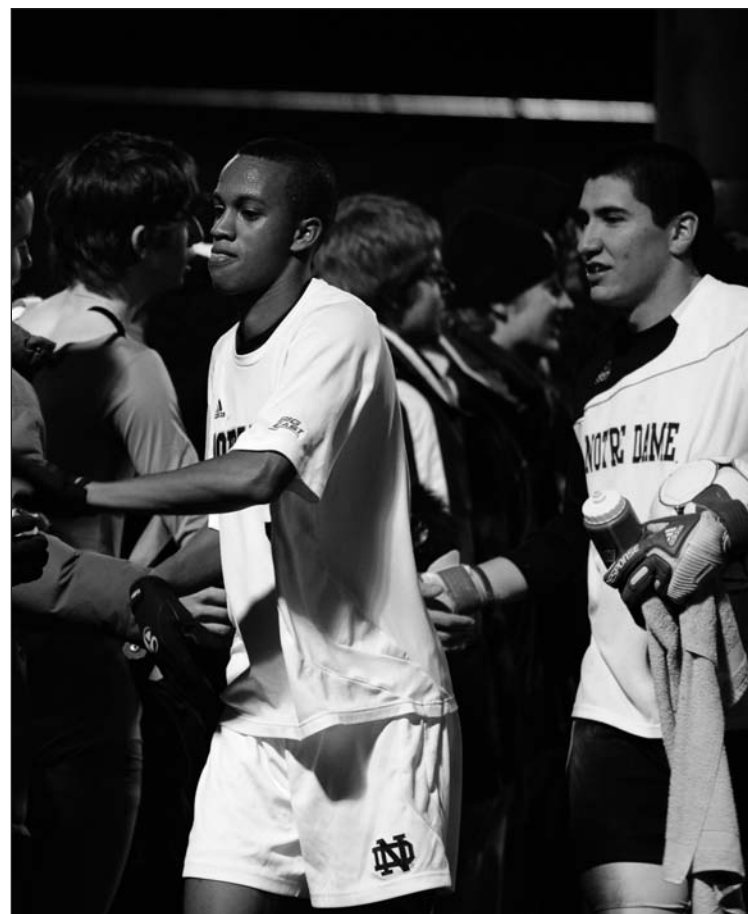
Green Bay's strategy led to increased chances for both teams, and the Irish took advantage of it first with a goal by senior forward Jeb Brovsky in the 66th minute. Brovsky's shot, off an assist from senior midfielder Justin Morrow, came from three feet outside of the box, but Phoenix goalie Ryan Wehking guessed wrong and was unable to track it down.

Notre Dame did not have time to celebrate its 2-0 advantage, however, as Green Bay forward Tony Walls struck just 90 seconds later with a goal by tipping a pass from midfielder JC Banks into the back of the net to make it 2-1.

"That's a kick in the stomach, that one, for sure," Clark said. "We got the goal, you relax, say now if we can hold that for a couple minutes and settle down, we can go home and put our feet up. But it wasn't that way. We gave up a goal right away, and they came out revitalized."

From that point, the Phoenix controlled the ball and put consistent pressure on the Irish defense. They took 14 shots in the second half compared to just four in the first.

Senior goalkeeper Andrew



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Junior midfielder Bilal Duckett and senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn celebrate with fans after beating Green Bay 2-1 Thursday night.

Quinn made five saves on the night, including one in the 90th minute that ended the game.

In the last minute of play, Green Bay had the ball in the Irish penalty box twice only to have it cleared out by defenders. The second clearing, by sophomore defender Aaron Maund, gave the Phoenix a corner kick with just 10 seconds remaining.

The kick was headed straight into the goal, but Quinn saved it to give the Irish the victory.

"Quinn played well today," Clark said, though he declined to comment on which goalkeeper, Quinn or senior Andrew Tuttle, will play in Sunday's game. The two have split time evenly this season.

Sunday's game will be a rematch of the 2008 NCAA second round, when

Northwestern defeated Notre Dame 2-1 at Alumni Field. The Irish defeated the Wildcats 1-0 in an exhibition game on Aug. 24.

Clark said last season's result would not have an effect on Sunday's game.

"You can't rewrite history," he said. "You can make history this year. I think we'll try to make our own history with this team. That was last year's team. What we did in the past will never affect what we do in the future. What we do on Sunday is what will be the key feature."

The second round of the NCAA Tournament will begin Sunday at 2 p.m. in Evanston, Ill. The winner will go on to play the winner of St. Louis and No. 8-seed Tulsa on Nov. 29.

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5 Stunned

10 Floppy headgear

14 Writer of the history "Ab Urbe Condita"

15 "Beloved" heroine

16 Chick chaser?

17 London broil, often

19 Cleave

20 Part of Christmas

21 Longtime name in photography

23 "Where people go to dance the night away," in song

25 Bucolic call

26 Limnological study

27 Coastal island colonists
- 28 Up to

30 Lusatian ____ (German/Polish border river)

32 1930s bomber

33 Brush

34 Some displays, briefly

38 What you probably have a head for

40 Summer Olympics event

41 Like some checkups

44 1980s Argentine president ____

46 It has four bases

47 Châteaubriand accompaniment, often

50 Kids in funny shorts

51 Recipients of dollars for quarters?
- 53 Reader's digest founder of 1984

54 Cut off

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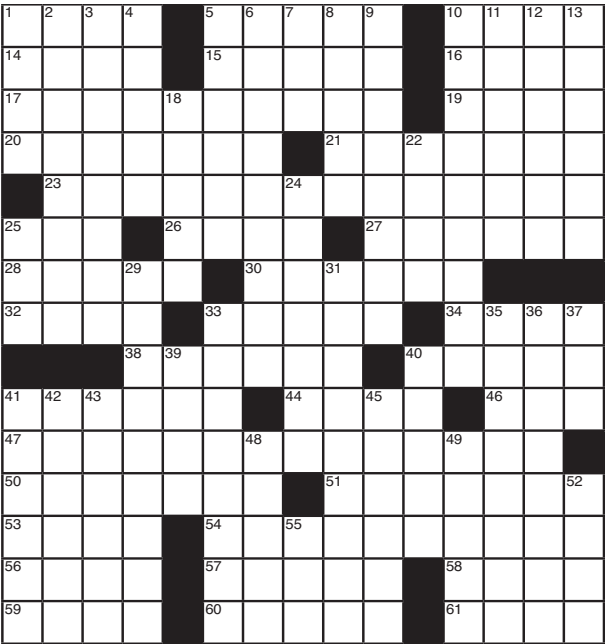
57 Modern way to request participation

58 Male protagonist in William Inge's "Good Luck, Miss Wyckoff"

59 "Nuts!"

60 Start over, in a way

61 Multitude



- Puzzle by Karen M. Tracey
- 25 Sonny

29 Young Turk, e.g.

31 Old covenant keeper

33 Draining aid

35 Its skeleton may be used to make jewelry

36 Largest of the Canary Islands

37 Platform place: Abbr.

39 Easternmost town on Maui, on one end of 52 miles of twisty highway

40 Fractional bit?

41 Be everywhere, so to speak

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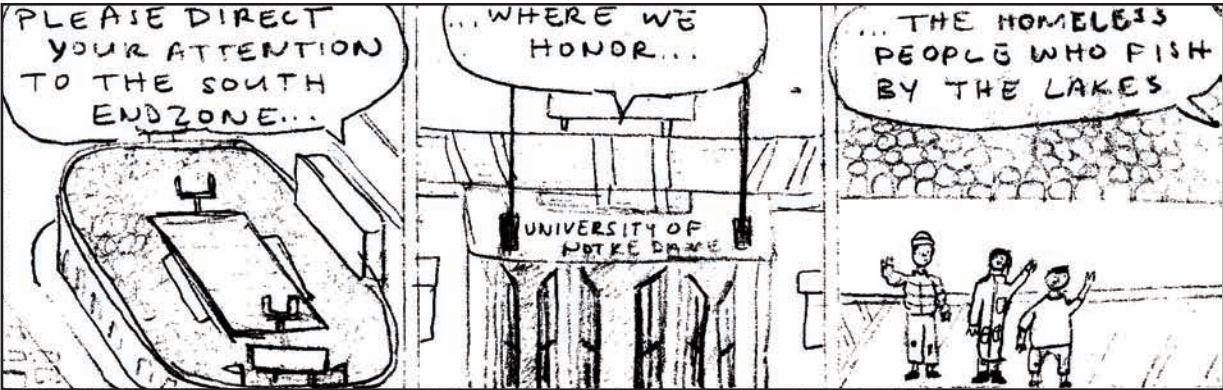
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THE MOBILE PARTY

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The Observer apologizes for the absence of the Mobile Party

They were attacked by a pack of gingers last night and haven't been heard from since. The ginger epidemic is real.

HOROSCOPE

FRIDAYS WITH FRAN 2.0

Aries- Going home? You know what that means... Verdict: booty booty booty booty rockin' everywhere!

Taurus- This weekend, you will throw up on your Recker's pizza. Again. Yeah, Fran saw it.

Gemini- The reasons you will have a terrible weekend are threefold: one, balls; two, it will be lame as balls; and three, balls.

Cancer- That kid across the hall from you? Stay off his futon.

Leo- Happy No Shave November. Go for Beardy. Trust Fran.

Virgo- Tittle yourself, Tim Schumer.

Libra- Candy grams this week! And none for Gretchen Weiners.

Scorpio- Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights in 1789. 220 years later, Fran still hates Jersey.

Sagittarius- Repeat steps 1 through 3. Five, I'll make ya fall in love with me.

Capricorn- Wanna go to dinner?

Aquarius- yes!

Pisces- Any joke about Connecticut would be inap-props. So, just enjoy the one you have secretly in your head.

JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK
MIKE ARGIRION

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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CHABER

ILDUIQ

Answer here: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SOOTY VIXEN BENIGN PARDON
Answer: This can be a good piece of advice — DON'T GIVE ANY

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Sorry, Joe. We're cutting back

WHAT A PINK SLIP WILL GIVE YOU.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Second-half surge propels squad to win over Long Beach St.

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

After a close first half that saw 12 lead changes and the Irish clinging to a two-point lead, Notre Dame came out hot in the second half and was able to overcome an athletic Long Beach State 82-62.

"It was kind of like a Big East game in the first half," senior forward Luke Harangody said. "They were hitting shots and getting in the lane. In the second half we came out, and we were aware that we were the

better team, and when we needed to put them away, we did."

Harangody led the Irish with 29 points and 12 rebounds over a team-high 37 minutes, but it was senior Ben Hansbrough that sparked the Irish out of the break, scoring seven points and adding two assists during Notre Dame's 17-6 to start the second half, a lead which they held throughout the rest of the game.

"I told [Hansbrough] at half-time," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I said, 'We're going to run the first thing for you. I want

you to curl it and get to the basket right away.' We just wanted to see if we could get him going. Luckily he gets in there and gets a bucket and now he's starting to feel part of it. His drives are really important for us; that's an important thing in our offense now."

Hansbrough finished the game with 11 points and a team-high seven assists, and was one of five Irish players to record double-digit points. He went down twice during the game, first after a hard fall while going up for a rebound, and then later after rolling his

ankle, but was able to recover, playing 34 minutes for the Irish.

"Hansbrough is like one of the hybrid Cadillac trucks — he brings it all," senior point guard Tory Jackson said. "He can drive, but also he's a guy that can spread the floor, so when I drive, I can kick it out to him and get my assists. He's a great shooter, so having him to be in that attack mode early like he was today, and kind of get me into a rhythm to take shots, it keeps my confidence going. He set the bar today, driving to the hole, getting fouled, getting rebounds. He set the bar high,

and having him as that other guide is very good for me."

Jackson scored 13 for the Irish and added three steals, but it is his role as orchestrator of the offense that will make him so crucial for Notre Dame as the season progresses.

"I talked to [Jackson] about just keeping it really simple," Brey said. "He doesn't have to make high degree of difficulty plays, just orchestrate the team. When he's playing like that, he's really a key for us, and I've tried to reinforce that for him."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Sent packing

Irish edge Green Bay in first round of NCAAs

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Seven hundred thirty minutes and 57 seconds.

That's how long the Irish had played without a lead before senior forward Bright Dike scored a goal Thursday in the 28th minute of the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The goal, off an assist from freshman midfielder Dillon Powers, put Notre Dame (11-7-4) up 1-0 over Green Bay (14-3-3), as the Irish went on to defeat the Phoenix 2-1 at Alumni Stadium. They now advance to the second round and will play No. 9-seed Northwestern (10-4-4) Sunday.

"It's nice to have a lead," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "But it's also every bit as nerve



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame men's soccer fight for the ball against Wisconsin-Green Bay players Thursday night. The Irish went on to beat the Phoenix 2-1 in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team faces Beavers in Sweet 16

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

After advancing to the round of 16 in the College Cup for the sixth year in a row and 14th time in program history, No. 5 Notre Dame is hoping that their title hopes aren't dammed up by the Oregon State Beavers.

The Beavers (14-7-1, 4-5-0) enter their third-round game against the Irish after pulling off consecutive upsets in the first round against host Ohio State and third-seeded Florida in the second round.

The Beavers 3-1 win over the Buckeyes last Friday was the program's first victory in NCAA Tournament history. Their 1-0 win against the Gators came on a golden goal in the 99th minute

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ND beats Michigan State

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

With the game tied and just seconds to play, the Irish had three chances to take the lead and the third time proved to be the charm.

Senior guard Ashley Barlow's free throw with just 10 seconds remaining put No. 5 Notre Dame in front, and the Irish held on for a narrow 68-67 victory over No. 21 Michigan State Thursday night in East Lansing, Mich.

"It was just a huge, smart play and [Barlow] came up big for us there," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Freshman guard Kaila Turner drives the lane during Notre Dame's 97-53 win over Indianapolis on Nov. 3.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame downs Spartans in shootout

Observer Staff Report

The Irish fought red-hot Michigan State to a 1-1 tie Thursday night, and Notre Dame picked up an extra CCHA point by winning the shootout 2-1.

Freshman winger Kyle Palmieri scored the only goal for Notre Dame when he found the back of the net 13:36 into the second period. Trailing junior defenseman Ian Cole in the Spartan zone, Palmieri redirected Cole's centering feed past Michigan State goalie Drew Palmisano for the Irish lead.

Late in the middle stanza, Notre Dame senior winger Ryan Thang was whistled for hitting from behind, giving Michigan State a five-minute power play that carried

over to the third period.

The Irish killed the penalty, but gave up the equalizer less than two minutes later, 6:26 into the period. After a brief scramble in front of the net, Spartan freshman Derek Grant pushed a rebound past Notre Dame freshman goalie Mike Johnson, who saved 23 shots on the night.

After a scoreless overtime period, the teams moved to a shootout. Both teams scored once in the first three shooters, pushing the shootout to sudden death. Irish senior left wing Dan Kissel beat Palmisano, and Johnson stopped Spartan Nick Sucharski to give the Irish the extra point.

The teams meet again in Fort Wayne, Ind., Sunday at 4:05 p.m.