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Seniors disappointed after another loss

Defeat at hands of UConn only part of four lackluster years

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

As spectators filed out of Notre Dame Stadium following the Fighting Irish's double-overtime 33-30 loss to the Connecticut Huskies, Notre Dame's senior class stayed in their seats, waiting for the chance to step onto the football field and exit through the tunnel.

Most seniors, like Michelle Maloney, had conflicting emotions about this opportunity to say goodbye to their time in the student section.

"Going onto the field was a really cool experience but definitely bittersweet as well," Michelle Maloney said. "It just reminded

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TOM LA/The Observer

Fans look on dejectedly as the UConn Huskies overtake the Irish in the second overtime period. The loss was the second in a row to a Big East team on Senior Day and was a sour ending for the Class of 2010.

Students travel to SOA protest

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Several Notre Dame students traveled to Fort Benning, Ga., this weekend to participate in watchdog group School of the Americas Watch's "Mass Mobilization to Shut Down the School of the Americas" protest.

The School of the Americas (SAO) was a United States Army training facility that was founded in 1946 for Spanish-speaking cadets and officers from Latin American nations.

Many graduates of the school were suspected of human rights violations, which ultimately lead to the renaming of the school to its current name, the Western

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Ivy Quad offers new housing opportunity

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

The new off-campus residence complex known as Ivy Quad doesn't just offer its residents a warm community and control over their home design. It gives them the chance to live in one of the region's first truly "green" multi-family homes.

"No other residential projects around the campus are seeking to obtain this level of sustainability," Shawn O'Brien, one of the project's architects, said.

O'Brien and his firm, Phase 2 Architects, designed the 10 buildings that will eventually stand on Ivy Quad. Only one building is completed and occupied but others are under construction.

Ivy Quad is also in the process of becoming "LEED certified." LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, confirms that a building uses resources efficiently and sustainably.

"These units are 40 percent more efficient than the standard

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Army ROTC hosts Warrior Night

By JIM FERLMANN
News Writer

The Notre Dame Army ROTC battalion hosted Warrior Night — an event that pitted the four platoons that comprise the battalion against each other in contests such as sumo wrestling and tug-of-war — Friday at the Moreau Seminary gym.

Each platoon sported distinctive war paint such as cat-whiskers or mustaches.

"I'm not really sure when Warrior Night began, but we've been doing it long enough that it's a valued battalion tradition," Cadet-Captain Kailyn Van Beckum said. "Warrior Night is a

social tradition for the battalion to bond internally, build spirit-de-corps, and learn about the history of the battalion. My favorite part of Warrior Night is the mixing of the Grog, and how each ingredient means something to the history of the battalion."

"The Grog" is a large drink that is mixed from different things each year. Each ingredient of the Grog has some kind of symbolism to the history of the battalion. This year's Grog included, among many other things, blue Gatorade representing the blue uniforms of the mid-19th century ROTC division,

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Photo courtesy of Marina Rodriguez

Army ROTC members compete in the sumo portion of Warrior Night Friday at the Moreau Seminary gym.

SMC senior works to support pro-life cause

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Senior Grace Lape, co-president of the Saint Mary's Right to Life Club, is an advocate for demonstrating support for pregnant women — a cause she witnessed firsthand this summer as an intern with the Expectant Mother Care Frontline Pregnancy Centers in New York City.

Lape said the pro-life cause has been something she was interested in, and when she reached Saint Mary's, she joined Right to Life. Halfway through her first year, Lape became vice-president.

Though the club brings awareness to life issues, she said the summer internship was an opportunity to "really do something."

The pregnancy centers where Lape interned are pro-life and pro-abstinence. They offer support for women who are pregnant by providing emotional and medical services.

As an intern, Lape's time during her six-day workweek was divided between counseling at the crisis training centers and sidewalk counseling.

To her surprise, the sidewalk counseling was the part of the

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Photo courtesy of Laura Notes

Saint Mary's senior Grace Lape holds baby Joel, the son of one of the women she worked with during her internship in New York.

INSIDE COLUMN

Thank you,
Mr. Bueller

John Hughes was an 80s movies genius, and through his films he has taught me so many life lessons.

The first time I watched “The Breakfast Club,” I realized that everyone has a different life story, so I should never judge anyone by a first impression. Thanks to “Sixteen Candles,” I learned that every girl has the potential to get her ideal Jake Ryan, and after watching “Pretty in Pink” I appreciate that love can form between people no matter what their social status is.

Caitlin Housley

News Writer

However, the movie that has always been most appealing to me as a student is none other than “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” ... anyone? Anyone?

I always picture the stress load I have and the sheer amount of work I have left to do and I long to just say, “Hey, I’m calling in sick today,” and then escape to Chicago where I can spend the day driving one fabulous car, eating in restaurants way too expensive for my budget, and singing Danke Schoen on a parade float.

In reality, however, I’m as timid as Ferris’ best friend Cameron — the worrier who always thinks about the consequences instead of living in the moment. It’s so easy for me to give up on spending a night with friends in order to study endlessly for something that could just have easily been done in one or two hours.

So, each time I watch “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off,” I try to learn a little more each time. Thanks to him, I know the perfect way to fake clammy hands, I know how to take miles off a car and create the perfect prank call. Most importantly, I have learned that, as Ferris says, life moves pretty fast, if I don’t stop and look around once and a while, I could miss it.

This is a lesson from which we all can learn. Our lives as students are stressful, but we need to remember to take some time for ourselves every once and a while. OK, so maybe we can’t just blow off school all together (especially with finals quickly approaching), but we can take a break from our busy schedule to spend a few hours visiting with friends, watching movies, playing board games or even “Sporcle”-ing.

School shouldn’t just be about studying and stress. It should be a time for us to grow, to form lasting friendships and experience new things.

The question shouldn’t be what are we going to do in life; it should be what aren’t we going to do in life. We need to take time to experience as much of college life as we can. Gradually, thanks to Ferris, I’m learning to call in sick for at least an hour or two daily. Ferris Bueller, you truly are my hero.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE STRANGEST THING YOU’VE EVER GOTTEN IN TROUBLE FOR?



Maddy Peterek

sophomore
Le Mans

“When I was little I used to pick flowers from my neighbor’s yard and I would have to apologize for it.”



Corey Kownacki

junior
Dillon

“When Trevor Dorn and I tried to steal the Fisher F with an elaborate system of pullies.”



Jessica Puccini

sophomore
Le Mans

“For taking my shoe back from a kid and throwing it at him.”



Jorge Ortiz

junior
Zahm

“Playing beer pong right above our rector’s room.”



Scott Matthews

junior
Zahm

“For throwing a sticky marshmallow into a girl’s hair.”

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



SARAH O’CONNOR/The Observer

The trumpet section of the Notre Dame Marching Band plays the last Trumpets in the Dome of the 2009 football season on Saturday.

IN BRIEF

Registration begins today for “Family Skate Night” on December 11th via RecRegister at 7:30 a.m. The event is open to faculty, staff and their families.

A lecture, “European Pathways from September 11th: What Trajectory and Role for Public Opinion?”, will be held Tuesday at the Hesburgh Center, room C-103, starting at 12:30 p.m. Tony Messina, associate professor of Political Science at Notre Dame, will lecture.

A lecture, “An Integrative Biology Approach to Reverse Engineering Living Systems,” will be held Tuesday at 101 Jordan Hall of Science starting at 4 p.m. Eric E. Schadt, Chief Scientific Officer at Pacific Biosciences, will lecture.

A blood drive will be held Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Stadium, Gate D. It is sponsored by the South Bend Medical Foundation and donors will receive specially designed “Domer Donor” t-shirts. No appointment is necessary.

An exhibit, “Darkness and Light: Death and Beauty in Photography,” continues at the Snite Museum of Art. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free, donations accepted. The exhibit features images from the museum’s permanent collection and examines aspects of death and beauty, ranging from 1844 to the present.

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

OFFBEAT

Man straps lizards to chest to beat customs, arrested

LOS ANGELES — Federal officials say they arrested a man who strapped 15 live lizards to his chest to get through customs at Los Angeles International Airport.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Friday that 40-year-old Michael Plank of Lomita, Calif., was returning from Australia when U.S. Customs agents found two geckos, two monitor lizards and 11 skinks — another type of lizard — fastened to his body Tuesday.

Plank has been released on \$10,000 bond and will be

arraigned in federal court on Dec. 21.

Authorities say the lizards’ value totals more than \$8,500. All Australian reptiles are strictly regulated and Plank did not have a permit for them.

Police: Ohio robbery suspect may have eaten evidence

STREETSBORO, Ohio — Police say a bank robbery suspect in Ohio may have eaten evidence when he gobbled a piece of paper while handcuffed and lying across the hood of a police cruiser.

A police video camera captured the 35-year-old John

Ford of Cleveland grabbing the paper with his mouth as police emptied his pockets.

Ford was arrested following a report of a bank robbery in Streetsboro just south of Cleveland on Thursday.

Police say a man walked into the bank and handed a teller a note that demanded money.

Police say they found money in a bag in Ford’s car, which fit the description of the bank robber’s vehicle, along with a bank die pack that had exploded.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 55 LOW 39	HIGH 42 LOW 39	HIGH 55 LOW 43	HIGH 45 LOW 37	HIGH 40 LOW 35	HIGH 41 LOW 33
Atlanta 55 / 45 Boston 51 / 45 Chicago 55 / 43 Denver 40 / 26 Houston 76 / 58 Los Angeles 73 / 49 Minneapolis 51 / 43 New York 50 / 49 Philadelphia 50 / 48 Phoenix 75 / 48 Seattle 49 / 44 St. Louis 63 / 45 Tampa 78 / 62 Washington 52 / 48						

Hunger banquet brings issues home

ND-8 sponsors dinner to emphasize global income disparity

By JILLIAN STINCHCOMB
News Writer

To help students conceptualize the hardships that come with being born in one of the world's poorest countries, ND-8, GreeND and Students for Environmental Action (SEA) will be hosting the third annual Hunger Banquet in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge at 6:30 p.m.

Senior Christina Hannon, who is member of ND-8, said the banquet is "an experience that gets people to interact with world hunger."

"With ND-8 we're committed to these issues of international poverty, hunger, sustainability and global partnership. The banquet is a great event to get people to think about these issues of hunger," she said.

Hannon said students, as they arrive, are given a chance to spin a wheel, which will assign them to a group which represents an income level of the world population.

The spin of a wheel will determine what and how the students will be eating — 50 percent will be given a meal of

rice while sitting on the ground, 35 percent will be given a meal of rice and beans while sitting on chairs and 15 percent will be given a full meal of meat and vegetables while sitting at tables with silverware.

"There are parallels between the experience at this event and what goes on in the world," Hannon said. "The biggest difference is that in the past, students from the upper 15 percent have shared their food with the lower income level groups, but that simply isn't possible on the global scale."

Hannon said the emphasis is on the format, with each student assigned to their meal by chance. The three tiers represent the lower, middle and upper levels of income.

To deepen the personal aspect of the banquet, Hannon said, each student will be given an "identity card" appropriate to their income level group. Each identity card has the name, age, family, living situation, income level and job of the fictionalized person.

"We want it to be fun, interesting and interactive," she

said. "Students bring diverse experiences with service and the hunger banquet is a great opportunity to learn from one another. It's not just a workshop; it's personal."

GreeND and SEA are co-hosting the event this year because there is an emphasis on climate change and sustainability, Hannon said.

"Global warming and a lack of sustainability are interfering and perpetuating global hunger," she said. "Global hunger, climate change and sustainability are interrelated issues."

Students can pre-register for the banquet online in order to help ND-8 have a more accurate assessment of who is coming to the event, but it is not necessary to register.

"Students who just show up to the event are also welcome," Hannon said.

To enhance the experience of the banquet, ND-8 suggests fasting for up to 24 hours before the event. The group also requests that students use one or two Grab-N-Go meals and bring them to the banquet to donate to a local food pantry.

"At Notre Dame we truly do have all these opportunities at our fingertips, and it's important to just become aware," Hannon said.

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Dance Marathon sponsors spinoff

By MEGAN LONEY
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Saint Mary's Dance Marathon hosted a conference with representatives from Marian High School and Robyn Wood, Saint Mary's Riley Hospital adviser, Sunday afternoon as a learning experience for Saint Mary's associated "mini-marathon."

A mini-marathon is a dance marathon hosted by a high school that is supported by a college. Currently, Saint Mary's Dance Marathon has one mini-marathon connection with Mishawaka Marian H.S., although the club is looking to establish mini-marathons with other local high schools that are interested, Dance Marathon president Kelly Deranek said.

At the conference, Saint Mary's Dance Marathon committee members presented ideas and resources for funding and recruiting for their mini-marathon counterparts. Some of the ideas that were suggested included selling coupon booklets, having class competitions at the high school and selling apparel at the school.

Dance Marathon members also suggested ways to recruit students and promote the event, including creating Facebook groups, having morning announcements and having a presentation at an all-school assembly at the high school.

Saint Mary's Dance Marathon used their experiences with past Dance Marathons as a foundation

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Kelly Deranek
president
Dance Marathon

for ideas for events the night of the mini-marathon.

Members of Saint Mary's Dance Marathon suggested popular events from the past for Marian H.S. to incorporate in their Dance Marathon, including games like "Singled Out" and "Fear Factor," as well as corn hole, refreshments and a D.J.

"We were able to come up with a lot of great ideas for the upcoming year and build a good relationship with the girls in charge of the event from Marian High School," Deranek said. "I think with the work we did today that they are on the right track to having a very fun and successful Marathon this coming spring."

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ND alumna speaks about Rock Band



JESSICA CAPRON/The Observer

VP of Marketing Partnerships for MTV networks and Notre Dame alumna Christina Glorioso listens to a student ask a question at her lecture Friday.

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

The role of smart marketing decisions in the rise of the Rock Band video game phenomena was emphasized by Notre Dame alumna Christina Glorioso during her lecture at the Mendoza College of Business Friday.

Glorioso, now VP of Marketing Partnerships for MTV Networks, has worked with Clear Channel and SFX sports before moving to Viacom and ultimately ending up at MTV Networks Music and Logo Group.

Glorioso spoke primarily about her day-to-day work in the promotion and marketing of the Rock Band franchise, one of MTV's most recent and successful branding ventures, largely overseen by Glorioso.

MTV's part in the Guitar Hero franchise was initially limited to a promotional role, as the game was produced by a small developer, Harmonix Music and published by Red Octane. But Glorioso said once Guitar Hero was sold to Activision, a major games developer, MTV saw an opportunity to take a more active role in the budding music-based video game industry.

Glorioso said MTV Games' strategy was to expand upon the Guitar Hero concept by creating a full band platform, which emphasized staying true to the music.

"We created Rock Band to be more authentic, even if you're playing on plastic instruments," she said. "We're re-engaging people with music."

Within 15 months, the Rock Band franchise had made \$1 billion in revenue.

"It took MTV 18 years to become a billion-dollar company. Rock Band did it in 15 months. That is astounding," she said.

A large part of MTV's marketing strategy is to utilize its existing TV presence to publicize Rock Band.

"We use our networks in the United States to promote our game," she said.

Glorioso said one of the major television promotions, an animated commercial based on the album cover of the Beatles' "Abbey Road," proved a great

success in promoting "The Beatles: Rock Band," which sold over 600,000 copies in its first month.

In addition to commercials, MTV marketed the game by scheduling frequent Beatles-related programming on its various stations, which include MTV and its affiliates, VH1, BET, CMT, Logo and Nickelodeon.

The Beatles: Rock Band's huge sales make up only a fraction of the franchise's total sales, which have surpassed 30 million units in North America alone.

Despite Rock Band's massive sales figures, Glorioso and MTV Games have even greater aspirations for the franchise. According to Glorioso, various new markets have been explored through the various Rock Band add-ons meant to appeal to niche groups such as country and heavy metal fans (with genre-based "Track Packs", bar crowds (with "Rock Band: Bar Night") and families with children (with "Lego Rock Band").

In staying true to its emphasis on the music, the Rock Band marketing strategy is now becoming more and more centered on the sale of additional music titles to players to be used in the game.

"The new experience in our game is the music," Glorioso said. "We make a lot of money in song sales."

Glorioso said MTV Games' latest Rock Band venture, Rock Band Network, is set to revolutionize the music-based video game industry in the first quarter of 2010. The Network will allow artists, signed or unsigned, to code, submit and sell their own original music online to be used within the Rock Band games.

Glorioso, who co-founded iNdustry Alliance, the University's networking group for alumni in the entertainment industry, emphasized the importance of networking and making connections in the entertainment world, and offering assistance to those looking to do so, specifying one condition.

"I only ask that once you graduate and get a job that you come back and do the same," she said.

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SOA

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Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC).

According to the SOA Watch's Web site, the organization was founded in 1990 after soldiers trained at the School of the Americas killed six Jesuit priests along with two other people in El Salvador.

Notre Dame senior Alicia Quiros, who attended the protest, said she disagreed with the mission of WHINSEC.

"In general we go because we don't agree with the fact that our country and our tax dollars are going to ... the training of torture tactics and wars," she said.

With the recent military coup in Honduras over the summer, Quiros said their attendance at the protests is even more important.

"We're going down (to Georgia) and making our statement and position clear in this matter," she said. "The military coup that happened in Honduras was played out by military people from the school."

According to the WHINSEC Web site, they are "In support of the mandate from Congress, we have formulated and implemented a democracy, ethics, and human rights training program that is the most thorough offered by any military educational institution in this hemisphere."

Quiros said she doesn't believe those claims.

"Even though (WHINSEC) claim they're teaching human rights, we know their not really doing that," she said.

Quiros said she became involved in the protests as a freshman after coming to the school with an interest in social justice.

"I became interested in the politics of Latin America and I

met a group of people who talked a lot about this school training students to go back to their countries," she said.

While she only became involved as a Notre Dame student, she said many of the people she's met at Notre Dame who are involved in the protests have been involved with the project for a long time.

"Most people would go with their high schools, the people who came to Notre Dame shared with those of us who had never heard that side of it," Quiros said.

The group had multiple meetings before they left campus on Friday morning to drive to Georgia for the protest.

"We all got together in a couple of different meetings and group discussions where we would talk about what the history is, presence in our country and Latin America, and what they are doing today," she said.

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ROTC

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instant coffee powder symbolizing gunpowder, Red Hot candy symbolizing the anti-military sentiment of the 1960s and sweat wrung from T-shirts symbolizing all the hard work of the battalion over the years.

"This wasn't bad Grog by our standards," junior Anthony Conklin said. "Drinking from the Grog is meant as a punishment for platoons on Warrior Night. Last year we had fish oil in the

Grog. You could sure taste that."

Another important aspect of Warrior Night is the humorous skits put on by the different classes making fun of themselves and the other military branches. Normally the skits are put on by members of each platoon done in ascending order of seniority. This year, the sophomore ROTC class filmed a series of skits beforehand. The skits were so good the junior and senior divisions admitted that they couldn't match the sophomore skits, and gladly accepted drinking the Grog for being outdone.

Warrior Night is the culmination of Warrior Week, in which the battalion participated in various military exercises including a physical training tests, a 6-mile run with full rucksacks, obstacle courses and grenade training.

At the end of Warrior Night each platoon that scored the highest in a particular activity that week was awarded with a pennant for their platoon flag. This year, Platoon A-2 was the overall winner of Warrior Week.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Egyptian media stokes soccer anger

CAIRO — Angry soccer fans rampaged through a posh diplomatic neighborhood in Cairo over the weekend, smashing shop windows and shouting obscenities in a frenzy fed by venomous headlines that portrayed Algerians as barbaric terrorists with a history of violence.

Egyptians were infuriated by media reports alleging their fans were brutalized by their Algerian rivals after Algeria won a playoff match Wednesday in Khartoum, Sudan, to qualify for the 2010 World Cup.

Egypt's government — often bemoaned by its people as repressive and indifferent to their suffering under searing poverty — appears to have seized on the furor to demonstrate some unity with its citizens. Instead of the usual crackdown on demonstrations, authorities allowed crowds to surge into the streets near the Algerian Embassy and vent their anger in riots overnight between Thursday and Friday.

Iraq PM attacks Baathists before vote

BAGHDAD — A stepped-up campaign by Iraq's prime minister against Saddam Hussein loyalists is alienating Sunni Muslims and stoking tensions between them and the majority Shiites ahead of key national elections.

In its latest anti-Baathist attack, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Shiite-dominated government put three men on state television Sunday to confess their alleged role in planning suicide attacks in Baghdad last month. The three, all in detention and dressed in orange prison jumpsuits, said the bombings were ordered by Saddam's Baath Party.

NATIONAL NEWS

NY Transit stabbing victim identified

NEW YORK — A subway passenger stabbed to death in front of horrified straphangers has been identified as 36-year-old Dwight Johnson of Brooklyn.

Authorities say some 30 passengers watched as Gerardo Sanchez of the Bronx stabbed Johnson at around 2 a.m. Saturday in an argument over a seat.

Police say the passengers were trapped with the knife-wielding attacker and his victim until the train arrived at the station at Seventh Avenue and 53rd Street.

Police say Sanchez was standing over the bloodied victim when the train doors opened. Johnson was pronounced dead when the train arrived at the station.

Sanchez, who's 37, was arrested on charges of murder and weapons possession. He had not been arraigned on the charges as of Sunday afternoon.

UC Santa Cruz protest ends calmly

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Officials at the University of California, Santa Cruz say dozens of protesters who were occupying the university's main administrative building have ended their protest.

Campus spokesman Jim Burns says the nearly 70 or so protesters who had occupied the university's Kerr Hall since Thursday in a demonstration over fee hikes walked out of the building around 8 a.m. Sunday.

No arrests were made, but Burns says the students who took part in the protest are facing criminal charges or student judicial sanctions.

During the demonstration, protesters knocked over furniture, scattered refuse about and damaged some electronic conferencing equipment.

LOCAL NEWS

Indy woman hits boyfriend with SUV

INDIANAPOLIS — Police are looking for an Indianapolis woman who witnesses say ran over her boyfriend twice with his own sport utility vehicle during an argument.

Police spokesman Sgt. Paul Thompson says the 24-year-old woman was behind the wheel of the SUV arguing with her boyfriend and another woman Sunday when the woman in the SUV hit the gas and pinned the man between it and another vehicle.

Police say the woman returned moments later and struck 25-year-old Michael Powell a second time before fleeing again.

Sen. Democrats disagree over bill

Moderate and liberal Party members dispute controversial health care legisla-

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Moderate Senate Democrats threatened Sunday to scuttle health-care legislation if their demands aren't met, while more liberal members warned their party leaders not to bend.

The dispute among Democrats foretells of a rowdy floor debate next month on legislation that would extend health care coverage to roughly 31 million Americans. Republicans have already made clear they aren't supporting the bill.

Final passage is in jeopardy, even after the chamber's historic 60-39 vote Saturday night to begin debate.

"I don't want a big-government, Washington-run operation that would undermine the ... private insurance that 200 million Americans now have," said Sen. Ben Nelson, a conservative Nebraska Democrat.

Nelson and three other moderates — Democratic Sens. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas and Connecticut independent Joe Lieberman — agreed to open debate despite expressing reservations on the measure. Each of them has warned that they might not support the final bill.

One major sticking point is a provision that would allow Americans to buy a federal-run insurance plan if their state allows it. Moderates say they worry the so-called public option will become a huge and costly entitlement program and that other requirements in the bill could cripple businesses.

"I don't want to fix the problems in our health care system in a way that creates more of an economic crisis," said Lieberman.

The sway held by such a small group of senators has annoyed their more liberal colleagues, who could vote against a final bill if it



Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., and Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., left, debate the Senate health care bill disputed by Democrats on 'Meet the Press' Sunday.

becomes too watered down.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, said he didn't think rank-and-file Democrats would feel compelled to go that far. At the same time, Brown warned Democratic leaders not to make too many concessions.

"I don't want four Democratic senators dictating to the other 56 of us and to the rest of the country — when the public option has this much support — that (a public option is) not going to be in it," said Brown.

The Senate bill would require most Americans to carry insurance and provide subsidies to those who couldn't afford it. Large companies could incur costs if they did not provide coverage to their work

force. The insurance industry would come under significant new regulation under the bill, which would first ease and then ban the practice of denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions.

Congressional budget analysts put the legislation's cost at \$979 billion over a decade and say it would reduce deficits over the same period while extending coverage to 94 percent of the eligible population.

The House approved its version of the bill earlier this month on a near party-line vote of 220-215.

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, said the health care bill must be passed by the end of the

year so that President Barack Obama and lawmakers can shift their attention to the economy and improving employment rates.

Such a timeline also would enable Obama to claim victory on a major domestic priority when he delivers his State of the Union speech in January.

But with one-third of Senate seats up for election in 2010, politics will factor heavily into the outcome of the debate on health care.

Sen. Michael Bennet, a junior Democrat who will be seeking his first full term next year in Colorado, where many districts lean conservative, said he would support the health care overhaul even if doing so means losing his seat.

INDIA

One year later, Mumbai still vulnerable

Associated Press

MUMBAI — The walls that the rockets blew out have not been repaired, and the plaster is a dense scattershot of bullet holes. Dozens of holes, blasted by grenades, pockmark the linoleum floors.

One year after the terror attack that left 166 people dead, the Chabad House — a once-popular site with Jewish travelers where six foreigners were killed — remains scarred, still, and quiet.

In part, that silence is a symptom of how much remains unchanged since 10 militants with assault rifles fanned out across Mumbai last Nov. 26,

attacking hotels, a train station and other targets, paralyzing India's financial capital and shocking the country.

While Mumbai's large hotels and important business centers have paid richly to improve their own security, many worry that the city as a whole remains vulnerable to another assault from Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Pakistan-based group blamed for the attack, or other assailants. While India is trying the lone surviving gunman, Ajmal Kasab, Lashkar-e-Taiba's leaders remain free in Pakistan.

"Nothing has changed to alter the vulnerabilities of Mumbai," said Ajai Sahni, executive director of the Institute for Conflict Management in

New Delhi. "The only institutions that can protect against terrorism are state institutions. They are failing to do so. As a result private institutions are being forced to spend large amounts of money on largely ineffective security."

He blames the failure to beef up national security on weak-willed politicians, some of whom are corrupt and benefit from lax policing. Despite crucial steps the national government has taken to coordinate intelligence gathering, deterrence on the ground has not increased, he said. Since last year's attacks, authorities have neutralized 13 Islamist terror cells in India, right in line with the average since 1998, he said.

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internship she loved the most, Lape said.

“I talked to women and their husbands or boyfriends outside of the local abortion clinic. I would give post-abortive resources to the women or their significant others, so that they could seek out people who could understand what had happened to them. Sometimes, my job was making sure the women had a ride home after they left the clinic. My job really depended on the women and what they needed,” Lape said.

Lape said her sidewalk counseling experiences were “life changing.” Being in close proximity to the abortion clinic, and being able to influence women who were planning to have abortions change their minds, made an impact on her, she said.

“Often times, you feel distant from the cause you support because you are unable to experience it first hand, but I was able to have such a direct contact with the situation,” Lape said. “That made the cause become that much more meaningful to me, and much more real.”

Lape said she often did not know the final decisions of many of the women she counseled.

“Sometimes you don’t know if you’ve saved a life or not,” she said. “You can’t keep track.”

However, Lape said sometimes the women would stay in touch.

“There was one 16-year-old girl that I stopped. I literally caught her between the sidewalk and the gate [to the abortion clinic], and I got her to step away,” she said. “She reminded me of my little sister; I knew the abortion would have destroyed her.”

Some of the girls she has counseled continue to send her texts with updates. There is one text that Lape will never forget, she said.

“I always remember her as being really tragic,” she said. “She told me that she was set on her decision, and she was going to get the abortion. After two months of not talking to her, I received a text

from her telling me that she changed her mind, that talking to me helped change her mind.”

The idea she had made a difference in a woman’s life through her counseling is humbling, Lape said.

“It’s humbling to be able to affect someone by doing such a small thing,” she said. “It’s the women themselves who actually do all the work.”

Her summer internship made Lape realize and appreciate the effects of letting pregnant women know they do have someone to talk to and somewhere to turn for support.

“You hear it all the time,” Lape said. “I saw that women don’t want abortions. Women are forced to get abortions due to situations. If you support these women, you can save the life of the child, but also of the mother.”

This is the message that has translated into the current Right to Life campaign that is represented by cutouts of pregnant women on Saint Mary’s campus with signs that state “Pregnant? We support you.”

“In terms of supporting pregnant women, being a supportive friend and classmate to a pregnant peer can make a difference in their lives. There are so many things you can do.

Abortion is everywhere; our ability to do something about it is just as present,” Lape said.

Lape acknowledges her idea of pro-life may differ from the norm.

“For me, my concept has become maybe more different than other peoples,” Lape said. “When I think about the pro-life movement, I think about the well-being of the mother and the well-being of the child as two sides of the same coin.”

Lape is glad for all of the attention — positive and negative — people have been paying to the current Right to Life campaign.

“I think it is great people are talking about it,” Lape said. “A lot of people approach pro-life from the same angle. One of the best things we can do is to challenge what the pro-life movement is really about and how we can live out these pro-life values.”

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Seniors

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me of how we’re going to be doing a lot of things for the last time from now on.”

To other seniors, getting to stand on the field was meaningless without a win to celebrate.

“After a loss on Senior Day and the terrible season we had I really just wanted to leave,” senior Tom Caruso said. “It was a nice gesture but it really lacked meaning without the win.”

The Class of 2010 has had a tough four years football-wise, beginning with a 9-3 season freshman year that culminated in a 41-14 loss to LSU in the Allstate Sugar Bowl, giving Notre Dame a record 9 consecutive bowl losses.

The Irish followed that loss up with a dismal 3-9 season in 2007. Last year, Notre Dame finished 6-6 and snapped their bowl-losing streak with a 49-21 rout of the Hawaii Rainbow Warriors in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl.

The Hawaii Bowl victory led many students to believe this season would go a great deal better than it actually has.

Senior Keith Ruehlmann said that his expectations for this season were much higher than what he has witnessed so far.

“I came into this season expecting a 10-2 season. Instead we’re probably going to finish 6-6,” Ruehlmann said. “To say I’m disappointed is an understatement.”

Ruehlmann said the reason Notre Dame lost is because of the problems that have plagued the team all season — poor defensive play.

“Our defense is porous at best and we cannot tackle,” he said. “I’m scared to think what [Stanford running back] Toby Gerhart is going to do to us next week.”

Maloney said she thought the Irish should have won the game because of the talent they have on



TOM LA/The Observer

Notre Dame students, including on in a penguin outfit, jeer head football coach Charlie Weis following of Saturday’s loss to UConn.

their roster. She added the loss does not reflect well on head coach Charlie Weis’s job security.

“Considering the level of talent we have on our team, I absolutely think we should have won the game,” Maloney said. “It seems pretty clear that Weis needs to go.”

Even though this season has mostly been disappointing, seniors have found positive aspects despite the mounting losses. For senior Jessica McCarthy, it was Saturday’s halftime marshmallow fight.

“The best part was definitely the marshmallow fight,” McCarthy said “Although I do wish that someone had warned us about the way they would stick to the concrete afterwards.”

Maloney’s favorite memory is of the 2006 comeback win at Michigan State, where the Irish overcame a 16-point fourth-quarter deficit to stun the Spartans and win 40-37.

“One of my favorite football memories was the comeback at Michigan State freshman year,” Maloney said. “I wasn’t at the game, but after we won, everyone here on campus sprinted to Stonehenge and jumped in.”

Although their four years of football have been rocky, Notre Dame’s seniors are still finding things to miss about it. For Caruso, it is a connection with the football team that he said only comes with being a student.

“I’ll miss having that tie with the team that you don’t have as an alumnus,” he said. “Being this emotionally tied to the team is something I wish wasn’t coming to an end.”

Ruehlmann will miss the atmosphere on Friday afternoons when visitors are arriving on campus.

“I love walking around campus on Fridays of football weekends,” he said. “I’m going to miss that. To see so many alumni and fans already walking around campus always reminds me just how amazing this place is.”

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home,” O’Brien said. “That leads to a sizable cost savings and peace of mind knowing you’re living in a healthier environment.”

The location of Ivy Quad, which is across the street from the Notre Dame campus and within walking distance to local restaurants and Martin’s Supermarket, makes it easier for residents to reduce their carbon footprints.

Since Ivy Quad is still being built, residents have a unique opportunity to direct the planning and building of their future homes.

“We aren’t locked in to our design. We work with owners to determine best for them,” Julie Schwartz, a partner in the project’s development, said.

She said builders combined two units in the first building after one owner requested it.

Ivy Quad is open to undergraduates, graduate students, alumni and professors.

“Ivy Quad is open to anyone that would choose to purchase a unit and live there,” O’Brien said.

That openness is part of the community that is developing in Ivy Quad, Schwartz said.

“A real mission of ours was to build a little community,” Schwartz said. “Already our residents all know each other and

that’s exactly what we want to see happen.”

Ivy Quad is appropriately named. It is built around an actual quadrangle of grass and is located where Ivy Rd. used to run before Twyckenham Dr. was expanded.

“The quad-based living environment will attract alums wanting to re-live their college days,” O’Brien said. “The building style is collegiate gothic, so it imitates buildings on campus.”

Although the architecture resembles campus, Ivy Quad homes are certainly not dorms.

“These are definitely homes with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and hardwood floors,” O’Brien said. “They’re very amenable to alumni visiting, with kitchens meant for entertaining.”

Schwartz, a Notre Dame alumnus, said Ivy Quad reminds her of her experiences as a student.

“You’re not disconnected from campus,” she said. “It’s just across the street.”

The closeness to campus and the environmentally conscious construction may be Ivy Quad’s biggest assets as it expands and seeks more residents.

“My overwhelming thought when I’m there is, ‘This is just right,’” Schwartz said. “It’s still a home but you’re right in the middle of all the action.”

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AMEX	1,782.07	-23.29
NASDAQ	2,146.04	-10.78
NYSE	7,084.47	-33.17
S&P 500	1,091.38	-3.52
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	9,497.69	-51.79
FTSE 100 (London)	5,251.41	-16.29

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-0.36	-0.39	109.43
BK OF AMERICA CP (BAC)	+0.06	+0.01	16.09
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-1.41	-0.06	4.20
Dell Inc. (DELL)	-9.96	-1.58	14.29

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.21	+0.0070	3.36
13-WEEK BILL	+100.00	+0.00	0.01
30-YEAR BOND	+0.16	-0.0070	4.30
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.42	+0.01	2.17

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.56	76.90
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+6.60	1,148.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.05	87.13

Exchange Rates	
YEN	88.9350
EURO	1.4908
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.0668
BRITISH POUND	1.6513

IN BRIEF

AAA: Holiday travel slightly up
WASHINGTON — The number of Americans traveling away from home for Thanksgiving will be up only slightly this year from 2008, according to a report from the AAA auto club.

The group, which surveyed 1,350 households, said there will be about 33.2 million people traveling by car this year — a 2.1 percent increase from last year.

But there will be a 6.7 percent decrease in the number of air travelers, totaling 2.3 million this year, continuing a decade-long decline of Thanksgiving air travel.

In the report released Wednesday, AAA officials said the expected increase reflects improved consumer confidence from a year ago, when Thanksgiving travel dropped 25 percent following the country's housing and economic problems. Americans may feel more financially secure and be more willing to travel, the report says.

"The economy is still very clearly weighing heavily on the minds of Thanksgiving travelers this year, and that's evidenced by the very small increase that we expect to see in total travel," said Geoff Sundstrom, a spokesman for AAA's national office in Heathrow, Fla.

However, the slight increase suggests the economy has slightly stabilized, he said.

NY saves money, cuts energy use

ALBANY, N.Y. — Turning off lights, turning down the heat and buying with an eye toward energy efficiency is saving New York more than \$3.1 million so far this fiscal year.

The energy efficiency program for state offices was aimed at promoting the idea publicly. But the payoff halfway through the fiscal year is also a boost for the cash-strapped state.

State General Services Commissioner John Egan says the savings include a new natural gas contract and retrofitting more state buildings to be more energy efficient.

Halfway through the fiscal year, Egan says the state's energy bill is down 5.15 percent compared to the first half of last year and down more than 13 percent from 2007.

The strategies used in more than 50 state buildings include:

- Setting building temperatures to 70 degrees during the winter and 76 degrees in the summer.

- Reducing the light levels in offices.

Rising taxes could hinder hiring

Employers unable to afford increasing unemployment fees, health care costs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As if small businesses needed another reason not to hire, consider their latest financial burden: The cost of rising unemployment itself.

Employers already are squeezed by tight credit, rising health care costs, wary consumers and a higher minimum wage. Now, the surging jobless rate is imposing another cost. It's forcing higher state taxes on companies to pay for unemployment insurance claims.

Some employers say the extra costs make them less likely to hire. That could be a worrisome sign for the economic recovery, because small businesses create about 60 percent of new jobs. Other employers say they'll cut or freeze pay.

Chuck Ferrar, who owns a liquor store in Annapolis, Md., expects to pay \$9,000 in unemployment taxes next year, up from \$3,000 this year. Health care costs for his employees will rise by \$8,000, or 17.5 percent. "When you start adding this up, it turns into real money," he said. "If I lose an employee through attrition, I will not replace him. You can't afford to do it."

Sam Schlosser, owner of Plymouth Foundry Inc. in Plymouth, Ind., said his unemployment tax bill could double next year. Revenue at the family-owned company, which makes iron castings for machine parts, has fallen about 50 percent, he said. In case of higher taxes, his company may have to consider layoffs, he said.

Marjorie Feldman-Wood, president of Al's Beverages in East Windsor, Conn., which makes soda fountain syrup, said higher taxes would make pay raises less likely. Connecticut is borrowing from the federal government, and employers fear the state will have to raise taxes soon to repay the loan. "There's only so much money at the end of the day," she said.

Bruce Meyer, a University



Chuck Ferrar, in his liquor store in Annapolis, Md. on Nov. 19, expects to pay \$9,000 in unemployment taxes next year, up from \$3,000 this year.

of Chicago economics professor, said his studies show that higher unemployment taxes usually lead to lower pay for employees.

Behind the trend are widespread layoffs. The number of people claiming jobless aid has tripled since the recession began. The demand has drained the funds that many states use to pay jobless claims. Nearly half the states are borrowing from the federal government.

Now the bills are coming due. States reset their unemployment insurance taxes at the end of each year, and 33 states will raise them next year, according to the National Association of State Workforce Agencies. The states' tax revenue in

the last fiscal year fell \$42 billion short of what's needed for unemployment aid.

Most of the tax increases are being triggered by laws requiring higher taxes to make up for a decline in state funds to pay for benefits. In some cases, cuts in jobless aid are required, too.

Florida's minimum unemployment tax, for instance, will skyrocket next year to \$100.30 per employee from \$8.40. The maximum will rise to \$459 per worker from \$378. Like most states, Florida taxes companies more if they've recently laid off workers who draw benefits.

Hawaii will raise its average unemployment tax 10-fold next year, from about

\$90 per employee to more than \$1,000. And Maryland's minimum tax will more than triple from \$51 per employee to \$187. Its maximum will jump from \$765 to nearly \$1,150.

Federal law requires states to build up unemployment insurance trust funds in good times so they can pay benefits during downturns. The idea is to avoid having to raise taxes or cut benefits in a recession.

But the severity of this recession has bankrupted many states' trust funds and forced them to borrow from the federal government. States eventually must pay back the loans. Otherwise, the federal government can raise taxes on their businesses.

'New Moon' takes bite out of box office

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The vampire romance "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" sucked up \$140.7 million in its first three days and pulled in a total of \$258.8 million worldwide, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The No. 1 domestic debut for Summit Entertainment's "New Moon" was more than twice the \$69.6 million haul over the same weekend last year for "Twilight," the first in the franchise based on Stephenie Meyer's novels.

"Obviously, with the success of 'Twilight' itself, sequels being what they are will generate X-number of dollars more, particularly if it's a satisfying sequel," said Richie Fay, head

of distribution for Summit.

"New Moon" placed third on the all-time domestic chart behind last year's \$158.4 million opening weekend for the Batman blockbuster "The Dark Knight" and 2007's \$151.1 million haul for "Spider-Man 3."

Among the top-10 all-time openings, "New Moon" is the only one that came outside of Hollywood's busiest time, the summer season. The movie adaptation of Meyer's next "Twilight" chapter, "Eclipse," arrives in the heart of summer, next June 30.

On Friday, "New Moon" set an all-time domestic high for opening day with \$72.7 million, topping the previous record of \$67.2 million by last year's "The Dark Knight."

Overall, Hollywood had its second-biggest non-holiday weekend ever,

with final numbers expected to come in slightly behind the \$260 million the industry rang up over the weekend of July 18, 2008, when "The Dark Knight" opened.

Compared to the same weekend last year, business was up 59 percent.

Overseas, "New Moon" debuted in 25 countries and took in \$118.1 million.

"New Moon" continues the story of teen romance between a school girl and a vampire (Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson), with the sequel adding a love triangle with a werewolf (Taylor Lautner).

Meyer's books have been a phenomenon among women and girls. Females made up 80 percent of the audience for "New Moon."

ROMANIA

Pres. election goes to runoff



AP
Presidential candidate for the Social Democracy Party Mircea Geoana flashes victory signs in Bucharest on Sunday. The election will continue in a runoff.

Associated Press

BUCHAREST — A presidential election aimed at helping Romania emerge from a political and economic crisis failed to produce a winner on Sunday, and the top two candidates will compete in a runoff next month, according to two exit polls.

If the exit polls are confirmed by official results on Monday, centrist President Traian Basescu, 58, will face socialist former Foreign Minister Mircea Geoana, 51, in the runoff on Dec. 6.

One exit poll said Basescu won 34.1 percent of the votes, compared to 30.9 percent for Geoana. The other said Basescu won 32.8 percent, compared to 31.7 percent for Geoana. Conservative opposition leader Crin Antonescu polled about 21 percent, finishing third in an election featuring a dozen candidates

Romania’s government collapsed last month amid squabbling between the two-party coalition, and the International Monetary Fund has delayed

access to a euro1.5 billion (\$2 billion) IMF bailout loan while the country struggles to set up a new government.

A president is key to reviving the government because he nominates a prime minister, whom Parliament must then approve and who would be responsible for forming a new coalition.

Reports of possible fraud in Sunday’s election emerged as far more people than normal cast ballots at 3,500 special voting centers that were set up for Romanians who need to vote outside their area of residence because they are traveling.

The Electoral Committee said more than 430,000 people voted at such locations, and witnesses claimed some were being bused there after already having cast ballots elsewhere. For instance, Economy Minister Adreian Videanu called for a halt to “electoral tourism” in Moara Vlasie, near Bucharest, saying election authorities there were overwhelmed.

Basescu and Geoana called the election one of the most important votes in Romania

since 1989 and the fall of communism.

Basescu, who is running for a second five-year term as president, said the exit polls appeared to indicate that conservatives were growing in power in Romania.

Geoana, who heads the left-leaning Social Democrats and is the leader of the Senate, said: “We worked hard to get here. We will work even harder in the next two weeks, and on Dec. 6 we will win together.”

More than 18 million Romanians were eligible to vote Sunday, and about 50 percent of registered voters cast ballots, according to the Electoral Committee.

Basescu, who no longer belongs to a political party because of constitutional requirements, has lost some public support because of his stormy relationship with Parliament and the country’s deep economic crisis. Geoana favors a broad coalition government, while Basescu wants to form a government from the Democratic Liberal party he used to lead.

DENMARK

Climate summit to host 65 leaders

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN — Sixty-five world leaders have said they will attend the Copenhagen climate summit in December, and several more have responded positively to invitations, Danish officials said Sunday.

But the world’s top three carbon polluters — the United States, China and India — have not indicated whether their leaders will attend the meeting, and that could have a big impact on its chances of reaching a deal.

The nations that plan to send their leaders to Copenhagen include Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Spain and the United Kingdom, a Danish official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he is not an official spokesman.

At a party convention in Odense, Denmark, Danish Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen said Sunday he was encouraged by the fact that “more than 60” leaders had confirmed their participation.

“This shows that heads of state and government are ready to fly in, realizing that the political

momentum is pointing towards Copenhagen as the place ... to address the outstanding issues so we can conclude an ambitious deal,” he said. “To cut through the outstanding issues and make an ambitious deal, then the active involvement of heads of state and government is crucial.”

Loekke Rasmussen — the host and chairman of the climate talks — last week sent out formal invitations to world leaders in 191 countries to attend the Dec. 7-18 U.N. climate summit in Copenhagen.

The conference had originally been intended to produce a new global climate-change treaty on limiting emissions of greenhouse gases that would replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. However, hopes for a legally binding agreement have dimmed lately, with leaders saying the summit is more likely to produce a template for future action to cut emissions blamed for global warming.

President Barack Obama, China’s Hu Jintao, and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India have not publicly said if they will attend the summit, although U.S. climate delegate

Jane Lubchenco has said Obama is “actively considering” that.

However, Obama’s advisers say he is working in private to push toward a solution that would yield a binding agreement at a meeting in Mexico next year. Obama raised such issues during a meeting with Rasmussen on the sidelines of the recent Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Singapore.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who is among those heading to Copenhagen, said Sunday in a letter to Rasmussen that the meeting needs national leaders “to make the final decisions necessary to achieve agreement.”

“I am extremely encouraged that so many heads of state and government have now publicly confirmed their intention to go. This is an important signal and I shall continue to encourage others to do so,” Brown wrote.

Britain has pushed other nations hard in recent months to commit to a legally binding treaty at the summit, although Brown has acknowledged that a pact may not be sealed until 2010.

Iraqi refugees head to Mich. despite economy

Associated Press

DETROIT — The U.S. government resettled Mazen Alsaqa in Massachusetts in February. Within a month, the Iraqi refugee moved to Michigan.

It wasn’t that Alsaqa disliked Massachusetts. But he never thought twice about staying. Even though the U.S. government tried to keep him away from the Detroit area and its soaring unemployment, that was the only place Alsaqa wanted to live.

Tens of thousands have fled Michigan’s troubled economy in recent years, yet Iraqi refugees continue to move there despite a U.S. government policy trying to limit refugee resettlement in the Detroit area. Family ties and cultural support from the region’s large Middle Eastern community appear no match for the U.S. effort, which tries to place refugees in cities where they stand a better chance of financial success.

“What the government gives you as a support is not a great deal. ... If you’d like to live decently, you should have a live connection — that’s your family here in Michigan,” said Alsaqa, 34, who lives in suburban Birmingham with family.

Southeastern Michigan has one of the country’s largest Middle Eastern populations — about 300,000 can trace their roots back to the region — and has long been a top destination for Arab immigrants to the U.S.

Kabobs are easier to come by than Big Macs in some areas of the Detroit suburb of Dearborn that more closely resemble a Middle Eastern city than a Midwestern one. Arabic signs are common on storefronts, headscarves are worn by many women and at some fast food joints in the city, the meat is halal — meaning it is prepared according to Islamic law.

But as Michigan’s auto industry crumbled and thousands were laid off, the State Department decided in June 2008 to limit the number of Iraqi refugees it sent to the area to only those with a close family member such as a parent or sibling.

The policy came as the U.S. government began increasing the overall number of Iraqis it granted refugee status. Between July 2008 to September, the U.S. resettled only 3,400 Iraqis in the Detroit area — about 13 percent of the total number of Iraqi refugees that came to the U.S.

But that hasn’t stopped Iraqis from coming to Michigan.

At least 460 Iraqi refugees have come on their own to Michigan since July 2008 after first being told to resettle somewhere else, according to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, one of the state’s primary refugee agencies and the only one that collects such data in Michigan on what is known as secondary migration.

“Whether the economy is good or bad you’re still going to have secondary migration to Detroit because of historical and cultural significance,” said Elizabeth Campbell, senior advocate of the Washington-based advocacy group Refugees International.

That was the case with Alsaqa. It was a relative in the Detroit area who helped him land jobs teaching nursing stu-

dents and tutoring.

“Without these connections, I couldn’t figure out how I could do it,” said Alsaqa, who is studying to get his medical doctor rectification.

The same was true for Rawaa Bahoo and Sinan Shamsulddin. Both Iraqi refugees never intended to stay where the U.S. government relocated them in July 2008. Bahoo, 29, said she stayed just a few days in Atlanta before heading to Michigan, where relatives could help her overcome her language barrier. An uncle and other relatives in Michigan helped Shamsulddin, 21, get a job assisting cooks in a Detroit-area restaurant — the main reason why he left Vermont after about a week.

“There’s a lot of (people from my) community here,” Shamsulddin said in Arabic through an interpreter.

When Iraqis are granted refugee status to the U.S., they are “strongly advised” against secondary migration, said Jamal Al-Fakhouri, a cultural orientation coordinator in Jordan for the International Organization for Migration, which works with the State Department on resettling refugees.

“They are told about national unemployment numbers and rates and about the regional ones, and the fact that finding jobs these days is highly competitive especially in areas such as Detroit as a result of layoffs in the auto industry,” he said in an e-mail.

The State Department says its policy has relieved pressure on community and social services groups in Michigan. But Al Horn, Michigan’s director of refugee services, said while it initially cut back on the number of Iraqis coming to the state, many eventually made their way to the Detroit area, putting a strain on some local agencies.

The State Department gives resettlement agencies \$900 for each arriving refugee, with much of the money going to immediate needs such as rent and food. But the money doesn’t follow refugees if they pack up and leave the city the government resettled them in.

“Just getting a job may not be the end-all — they may need a period of time to be with friends and familiar settings in their adjustment to the United States,” Horn said.

But even with relatives nearby, life in the Detroit region hasn’t been easy.

The U.S. government picked Tucson, Ariz., as the home for Ahmad Mahmoud and his brother. But they left within two weeks of arriving for the Detroit area earlier this year because Tucson lacked any resemblance to the streets of Iraq.

Once in Michigan, Mahmoud, 22, started looking for work and taking classes toward his goal of earning a Ph.D. in engineering. His brother, though, felt there were no good job opportunities and returned to Iraq.

“When he left, I felt homesick,” said Mahmoud, who shares a rented condo in the Detroit suburb of Bloomfield Hills with a friend from his mosque.

Now, Mahmoud struggles to pay his bills with his \$7-an-hour job at a supermarket. Still, he doesn’t plan to follow his brother.

Sen. Schumer to review frequent flier complaints

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer is calling for a federal review of complaints by consumers that they are losing millions of frequent flier miles without notice in confusing agreements.

He wants to establish industry rules for frequent flier programs that are billed as a free benefit to help attract and retain customers. There are few restrictions now on how airlines can manage and redeem the miles.

Schumer says he suspects consumers are actually paying for frequent flier programs through air fare and fees. If so, he said rules are needed to protect consumers. He's asking the Department of Transportation to review the complaints.

"As the holiday travel season approaches, we cannot let airlines and credit card companies continue to fly off with hard-earned frequent flier miles," Schumer said in an announcement scheduled for Sunday. "When a consumer accumulates valuable frequent flier miles, they should not have to constantly worry that they are going to expire with little or no notification from the airline."

InsideFlyer magazine finds the lack of consumer protections on frequent flier miles a

common concern. Complaints include miles expiring without clear notice and a frequent change in the value of the miles, according to magazine spokeswoman Michelle O'Neill.

Other complaints include confusion over how many miles can be accumulated for certain trips, O'Neill said.

Ten trillion unused frequent-flier miles worth \$165 billion are in circulation now, Schumer said. But 20 percent of them may never be redeemed, he said.

Frequent flier model programs began 20 years ago, most with no expiration dates for the benefits. In the last decade, airlines have created three-year windows for consumers to use the miles, Schumer said.

The Air Transport Association, a trade group for airlines, said each air carrier tailors its frequent flier miles programs as they see fit, often based on consumer interest. The group has seen reports of consumer complaints but doesn't track them. The system hasn't been targeted by regulators, they point out. The group says frequent flyer programs remain popular with consumers and airlines try to make their programs as lucrative and consumer friendly as possible to attract and retain customers.

Chicago loses Oprah, money

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Step outside Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Studios and into the near west side neighborhood that's been home to her television talk show for two decades, and it's easy to get a sense of what she's meant to Chicago.

"I used to live across the street from Harpo and when I moved there it was me and cross-dressing crack addicts and Harpo. And now it's strollers and little white dogs all over," said Paul O'Connor, whose job has been to sell the city to businesses looking to relocate and those wondering why they should stay.

Along with the upscale condominiums and pricey restaurants that replaced the run-down apartments, abandoned warehouses and vacant storefronts, it's a sentiment that helps explain just how nervous people in Chicago are about Winfrey's announcement that next season, the 25th, will be the last for "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

"Chicago's going to find out that she's a real engine to hotel rooms, flowers, limo drivers, you name it," said Joel Nickson, who owns Wishbone restaurant just down the street. "Even when she's not doing the show, we see people all the time taking cabs out here, taking pictures in front of the place."

Media analysts will discuss the millions of viewers worldwide who have eagerly watched

Winfrey's show, tuned in others she told them to watch and read books she told them to read. The story in Chicago will be what she's meant to Chicago.

It's a story that starts in the neighborhood that people visited just to see her show — then they'd go off to explore the rest of the city. It's from the neighborhood that Winfrey bragged about Chicago, reminding all those who knew she could take her show just about anywhere that she wanted to be right here.

"Isn't this the most fabulous city in the world?" Winfrey yelled to more than 20,000 fans who crowded Chicago's Magnificent Mile in September for the taping of this season's premiere.

Without Winfrey, some wonder.

"What's this town going to come to?" asked Ann Coddington, 41, of Richmond, Ind., who was at Harpo Studios to see the show Friday morning. "You think of Chicago, you think of Oprah."

Winfrey hasn't said she's leaving Chicago, but there are indications it's possible. She is widely expected to start up a new talk show on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network, which is set to debut in January 2011. OWN hired "Oprah" co-executive producer Lisa Erspamer this month as its chief creative officer. She is expected to move from Chicago to Los Angeles in January.

Nobody suggests Harpo Studios' neighborhood will revert to the pre-Winfrey years, when it was all but impossible to catch a cab and there was no place to order a latte much less a nice meal. But the studio stands as a reminder of what has been, and what could be lost.

It was here that celebrities came from all over the world when they had something to say — from Tom Cruise's declaration of love for Katie Holmes, memorably accompanied by a jump on her couch, to Sarah Palin's appearance on the show to kick off her book tour.

"It's our little piece of Hollywood, our big piece of it," said Bob O'Neill, the president of the Grant Park Conservancy.

Winfrey did more than set up shop in Chicago: She gave other companies reason to do so.

"She is part of the cultural infrastructure which provides a rich intellectual and cultural life to the city and that is absolutely critical for corporate decision making," said O'Connor, who now works for the Chicago Metropolis 2020 civic group after leaving World Business Chicago, a not-for-profit economic development corporation that worked to attract and keep businesses in Chicago.

Once the businesses are here, Winfrey has even been part of the effort to persuade employees who might be reluctant to pack up and move their families.

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Giving thanks and time

Every Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all the good that has happened in our lives. At times when the economy turns down and there may seem to be less to be thankful for, we have a wonderful opportunity to search for the positives in apparently negative situations. Perhaps we can even use this opportunity to shift our habits this holiday season toward sharing a piece of our personal worth with our friends and families instead of part of our consumer worth.



**Jackie
Mirandola
Mullen**

*Freckled
Thoughts*

In fact, rather than continue along this vein in vague writer-speak, I'm going to make this column direct: Don't go shopping the day after Thanksgiving.

According to numbers from the 2000 U.S. Census, the top three jobs with the largest projected growth from 1999 to 2008 were systems analysts, retail salespersons and cashiers. Cashiers. We buy so much that the third largest growing (and also largest employing) job is one for someone who gets paid to take your money, which simultaneously just raised the price of whatever you just bought to pay that employee.

So why do we continue to support the growth of a sector whose purpose is to clothe us in a way that leaves us "needing" new clothes every season, every year, often by delivering poor-quality clothes manufactured in bulk by small children or grossly underpaid adults in nations where the residents feel they

have no other option than to work for oppressive foreign companies?

We have to dig to the root of the issue. It lies, unfortunately, primarily in our insatiable appetite for more. More money, more items, more clothing, more food, more everything. From the 1980s to about 2008, we were unaccountable for many of our actions, content that ever-growing economies and consumer cultures could sustain us for as far as we could see into the future. Actually, maybe that was true and we just weren't looking far enough.

Now that we have experienced a sobering reality check as to our monetary infallibility, it's time we realign our values to reflect the fragility of our economic selves. Can we shift the focus away from money? Or at least away from monetary appeals to our loved ones?

Making money is important, undoubtedly. Money makes the world go round, as the often-used, guilt-ridding cliché reminds us. But if you make less money, you have less money to spend on things that you don't really need. Lower salaries are never good, but perhaps not having a job that makes one part of the "labor force" and instead focusing on pursuing practical crafts — gardening as a supplementary form of food supplies, keeping up a home or contributing to the atmosphere of a local community — could help attribute to one's sense of accomplishment while valuing a skill over money.

I'm not advocating moving to communes and abandoning the use of the U.S. dollar. Rather, I'm trying to reach the more subtle point that we can value things within our lives, and yes,

within our economy, without placing a monetary value on them. Bringing homemade food and wine, rather than something bought in the retail sector, to family over the holidays means you spent less, and spent the time you would have otherwise been shopping in the store cooking at home with family.

Instead of chiding for cheapness, encourage your loved ones not to buy a present. In lieu of a present, make a card, write a song, paint a picture or bake a cake for (or better yet, with) them. Take the stressful time you would spend in the stores and spend it at home, knowing that even that gift of time is one of the most valuable presents you could ever offer your loved ones.

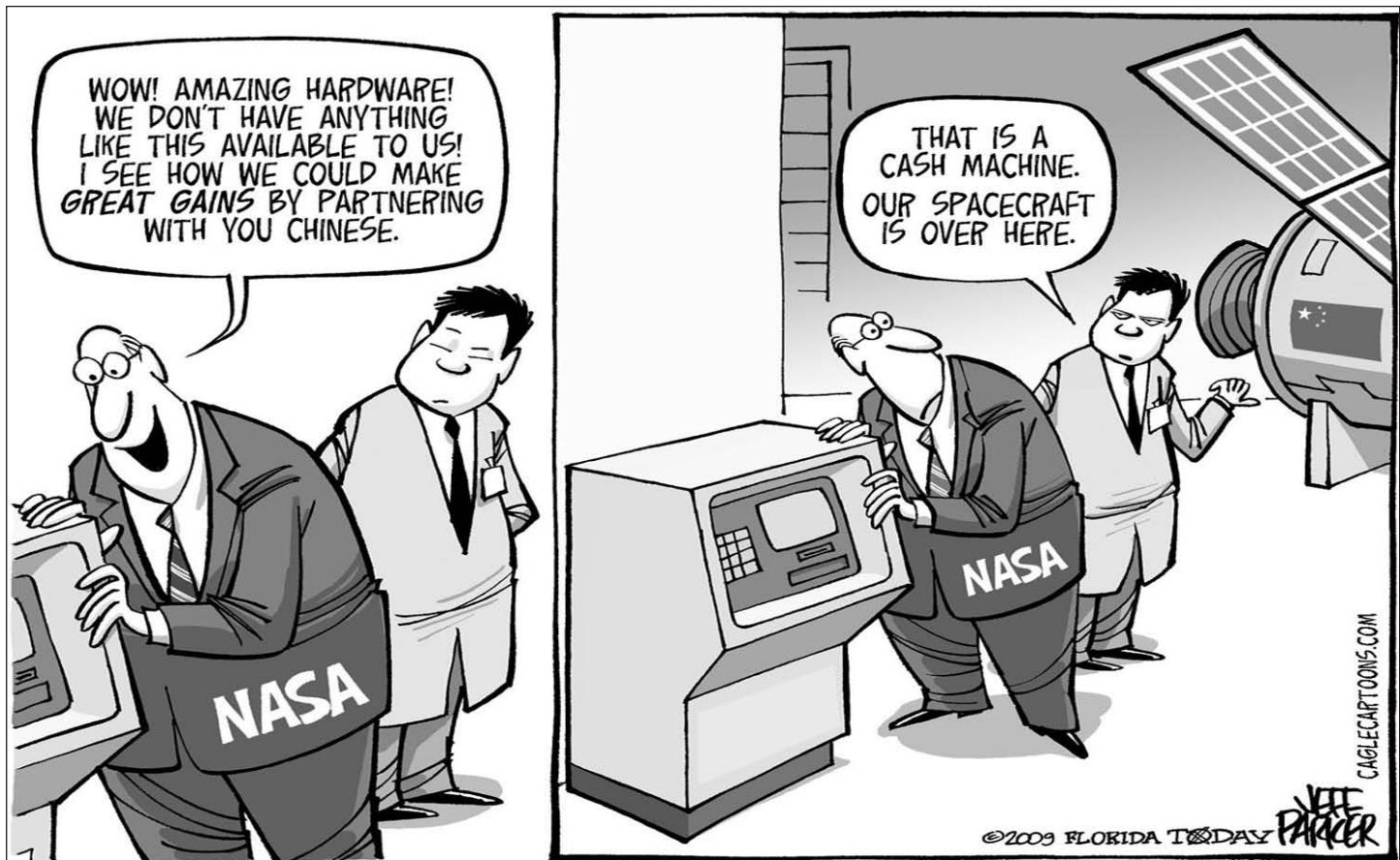
Don't go shopping the day after Thanksgiving. Find better ways to reach out to your loved ones by sharing yourself instead of waiting in long lines at the store. Shifting the retail business to another sector might not be that bad of a change for our society; if we always argue against societal change on the account of jobs, how are we ever going to progress and solve problems as a nation, as a culture, as a global and material-driven world?

Although tough economic times might seem like occasions for less giving of thanks than usual, perhaps they are occasions for even greater celebration of what is important to us. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. Enjoy it.

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"Organization can never be a substitute for initiative and for judgment."

**Louis D. Brandeis
U.S. Supreme Court Justice**

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The test of a vocation is the love of the drudgery it involves."

**Logan Pearsall Smith
U.S. author**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Non-Americans deserve real justice, too

Dear Mark Easley,
American Civil Liberties may be reserved for Americans, yet the values of human rights and common human decency have no limitations.

I could not agree with you more in your assertions that these terrorists are not Americans and that any terrorist's action is abhorrent and should be punished to the fullest extent ("Terrorists are not Americans," Nov. 19). However, I am rather alarmed at the retaliatory action you advocate. What you fail to

comprehend is that acting to punish them without a trial is akin to what they have done in that there exists no basis or justification for the action. If you do not condone baseless and hateful attacks on America, then you cannot in the same breath support punishing these individuals without some kind of trial or basis on which to punish them. Not only does swiftly carrying out your version of "justice" violate numerous international laws, that very same action is exactly the kind of reaction the terrorists are seek-

ing. By refusing to treat them with the decency that a normal citizen would be granted, you create sympathy for their cause and add to the proliferation of militant extremism throughout the world. In fact giving these "evil men" a fair trial through our judicial system is the best course of action. Not only does it bring legitimacy to our claims against them, it shows that even amidst the terrible pain and destruction that they brought upon our country, we are steadfast and refuse to abandon the values upon which this

great nation was founded — those same values that are taught to us here at Notre Dame.

In closing, Gandhi once said, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind." Should we take your course of action, a blind world may be the best outcome possible.

Ian Montijo
freshman
Stanford Hall
Nov. 20

Travesty against tradition

"Divided We Stand." This was the title of Scholastic Magazine's Sept. 17 cover story. This article has (as have some of the Viewpoint articles over the last year) characterized our alumni as outdated and out of touch with the University. They propose that as current undergrads, now is our time and our opinions should matter more than theirs. We are here now, so we know better than they, the alumni.

However, this seems inconsistent with a university that prides itself on tradition.

Perhaps we forget who started our traditions. Who wrote our fight song? Who invented our cheers? Who started the hundreds of clubs and organizations we participate in? Who built our athletic program? Our band program? Our academics?

It is pure arrogance to think that just because we are here now only our opinions matter.

Who paid for the dorms we live in? Our hall of science? Our performing arts center?

Alumni have built the foundations of this university, but many here would like to say that these foundations should not affect how we further build in the future. Divided we stand. However, "if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand" (Mark 3:25). If we divorce our University from its foundations, and the cornerstone in particular, how can it stand?

Perhaps our alumni are the true voice of the University, reminding us of who we are and where we came from. Perhaps the alumni are not out of touch with the University. Perhaps we are out of touch with the University's foundations. And if so, what a travesty against tradition.

Sincerely,

Christopher Damian
freshman
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Nov. 18

Can't teach heart

With respect to our football team, although they are incredible athletes, you guys have no heart. I expect that every student on this campus — most of whom know next to nothing about football — will be reaming head coach Charlie Weis for the loss of the football team to the University of Connecticut.

The thing that none of you students realize is that Coach Weis showed no shortcomings in leading our team. Although our defense lacked preparation, that is not why we lost. We lost because our Fighting Irish lack heart. Heart is not something you can teach, it is something that can be instilled not by words, and rarely by actions; it is something that grows among the team.

Students and fans, our team does not lose because of Coach Weis, it loses because of a lack of heart.

Oliver Chmell
sophomore
Morrissey Manor
Nov. 21

LSU

Escapism raises concerns

We are a nation of escapists.

Escapism is the avoidance of reality by absorption of and the obsession with media (like entertainment) or possibly substances.

My question is: What is so wrong with the lives of so many people that there is a need to "escape" the reality in which they live?

Matthew
Lousteau

*The Daily
Reveille*

J.K. Rowling is worth about \$1 billion. How did she acquire such fortune?

She wrote books about a teen wizard destined to save the world.

How did Paris Hilton acquire a net worth of about \$7 million (excluding daddy's gratuitous wealth)? I don't actually know, but I think it's just a result of her "popularity" and appearances on "reality" TV.

Online games like World of Warcraft (WoW) and Habbo Hotel have upward of 7 million subscribers.

So what? Well, it's high time we as a society examined the success of some of these industries.

In WoW, players run around as various races of characters like gnomes or night elves fighting other mythical creatures. The game has become "real" for a large number of users. I've heard of users with strong characters and lots of virtual money selling their accounts for thousands of dollars. I want to emphasize the fact that, without access to a computer, the account is as useful as Paris Hilton's intellect.

Millions of people are spending billions of dollars to "escape" reality in other ways. The financial success pornography enjoys is very hazy, but it's estimated between \$2 billion and \$4 billion. That's a lot of money spent to watch other people have sexual experiences.

The total revenue of NFL, NBA and MLB is approximately \$15.4 billion. Once again, a ridiculous amount of money spent to watch other people do things.

From what does this willingness to pay for entertainment spring? Is it centered on an aspiration but inability to participate in sex, spell-casting, gnome killing or slam dunking?

I played football in sixth grade and my team was undefeated. I quit the next year because I didn't feel like exercising so much. I like football, but I invest little of anything in it.

I enjoy watching sports matches as much as and maybe more than the average sports fan, but I've attended one professional sporting event in my entire life. I spent my first two years at LSU in our terrific band, so I didn't have to pay for student tickets. This year I don't have tickets, and on Saturdays I enjoy a trip to campus to see friends then relax in my apartment for kickoff.

That said, I can sincerely say my observation of sports or participation in media like video games or movies is strictly for entertainment. My life is currently centered on my occupations as a student.

A trip down Bob Petit Boulevard on a Friday morning reveals wise choices of some Tiger Land participants. There are quite a number of abandoned cars parked in the parking lots of the various bars, and it shows people made semi-conscious decisions not to drive drunk. Good job, but why be so drunk?

Yes, I've had alcohol before. Yes, I've been inebriated enough to vomit before. Why? Without thought my initial answer is: "It's fun." But after thinking, I can't think of a viable reason to be that intoxicated. A beer or two to lighten the mood is pleasant and tasty, but why do "beverages" that violate the palette like Natty Light or Everclear even exist? Just to get drunk.

School is hard, but it's not like a terminal illness. Existing in this reality is not that bad, I promise. Play football yourself or soberly shoot the bull with friends.

You probably won't kill brain cells or get so emotionally caught up in a game that you punch somebody in the real world.

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‘Twilight Saga: New Moon’ *makes fans howl but leaves average viewer perplexed*

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Editor

Thursday at midnight, “Twilight” fans of all ages flocked to theaters to be the first to see their favorite vampires and werewolves, and the mortal high school girl they fight for, back on the big screen.

“New Moon,” the second chapter of the “Twilight Saga,” takes on the love triangle of Bella (Kristen Stewart), a high school senior stuck in the middle of dangerous, emotionally deep, and perpetually shirtless, immortal monsters with hot bodies.

Left by her alleged soul mate, Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), resident small town vampire, Bella fights off depression and tries to pick up the pieces of her life. Conveniently, her friend Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner) is more than happy to help, hoping to get a shot at Bella’s romantic affections. Less conveniently, Jacob turns out to be a werewolf, who’s a sworn enemy of Bella’s absent ex and all vampires for that matter. Let the drama of high school love found and lost ensue; but perhaps less predictably, the supernatural takes the classic teenage love story to strange extremes and fantastical ends.

For most viewers who went to go see “New Moon” on opening weekend, the plot of the film was all too familiar. Undoubtedly, those who were first in line to see “New Moon” were most likely part of the many millions of Stephanie Meyer’s book fan base. Whether they lined up in “Team Edward” or “Team Jacob” tees or they carried copies of “New Moon” to the theatre with them for comparison reasons, audiences clearly were not going to be taken by surprised by any of “New Moon’s” plot points. Instead, most were looking to see the story of the werewolf or vampire of their dreams brought to life on the big screen.

The fans could look for several improvements on the film saga, which is now under the direction of Chris Weitz. Leaving behind the obnoxious shifting camera work of

Catherine Hardwicke’s “Twilight,” “New Moon” drops the hazy, blue tint that characterized the touch of the series’ previous director. But clear and vivid frames are not Weitz’s only improvement. It seems that other aspects of the series have also lost their cheesy, overly dramatic undertones. Opting for minimalism, Weitz’s special effects of superhuman vampire strength and speed and werewolf shape shifting are less detailed by lacking computer effects and instead are gladly left up to the imagination. Additionally, drastic improvements were made to wardrobe, over the top makeup, and Pattinson’s inability to fake an American accent in the first film.

While Stewart’s Bella spends most of the film in a depressed walking emotional coma, this seems to suit Stewart’s minimal acting capabilities. Fortunately, since “Twilight,” Stewart has cut down on excessive lip biting and instead sticks to an appropriately blank, dejected expression, oddly akin to her resting face. Despite Bella’s emotional trauma, the film is thankfully littered with humorous one-liners that are undeniably lame but somehow manage to keep the film from becoming a painstaking emotional drain.

The film is also kept afloat by three other factors—a hip indie soundtrack, a relatively likeable cast of minor characters and shirtless male hotties. It seems that Weitz predicted that anytime the plot slows or gets particularly pathetic, the foolproof complement is for an attractive male lead to lose his shirt. Based off the sighs and screams emitted from theatres this weekend, Weitz guessed right. And when the abs of Pattinson or Lautner were absent, glimpses into the personalities of minor characters like Alice or Jessica, who were mostly neglected in the first film, provided a happy distraction.

Though much of “New Moon” seems to deal in dream-scape, and Bella’s nightmares and hallucinations, the film’s take on the subconscious is nothing remarkable. Floating apparitions of Edward that Bella sees in her ex-boyfriend’s absence intermittently appear throughout the film, but are less than impressive if not readily available to criticism.

Still, on the whole, while the supernatural and the subconscious may be nothing special in the filming of the “Twilight Saga,” the film does an average handling of a fantastic subject material that is admittedly difficult to bring to the screen.

On the whole, “New Moon” provides a satisfactory fix for Twilight fans, who drool over Edward and Jacob and can’t wait to see Bella’s story brought to the accessibility of the big screen. Objectively, outside of its remarkably enthusiastic fan base, the “Twilight Saga” has little new to offer dramatically, theatrically or mythologically. For the average viewer, who had never heard of Bella Swan, Jacob Black and Edward Cullen, “New Moon” would seem an absurd, B-list Lifetime movie take on a romance novel. But seeing as Bella Swan, Jacob Black and Edward Cullen are unarguably sitting at the metaphorical “cool kids table” of literature along with the likes of Harry Potter, it’s unlikely that anyone with a pulse can go without hearing the names of these characters at one point or another. Under that condition of unfathomable popularity, “New Moon” provides a welcome, highly anticipated film complement to a much obsessed-over book.

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“The Twilight Saga: New Moon”

Director: Chris Weitz
Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner



“The Twilight Saga: New Moon” for everyone else



‘New Moon’ soundtrack sparkles with new indie rock tunes

By ALEXANDRA KILPATRICK
Assistant Scene Editor

It’s the cinematic phenomenon that’s had teenagers across the nation talking for months. Stephenie Meyer’s creation of a secret world of mythical beings hidden amidst present-day society has spawned a pop-cultural revolution, with vampire-themed movies, music and TV series popping up everywhere. And the books and movies are not the only aspects of the series in high demand right now. The movie soundtrack is a vital part of the franchise as well. The “New Moon” soundtrack was scheduled for release Oct. 20, but the release date was moved up to Oct. 16, due to fans’ “overwhelming and unprecedented demand,” according to Summit Entertainment.

Meyer’s personal music tastes certainly play into the movie soundtrack itself. The famed author of the “Twilight” series mentioned her own diverse music interests in a recent MTV interview, listing albums such as Animag Collective’s “Merriweather Post Pavilion,” Silversun Pickups’ “Swoon” and White Rabbits’ “It’s Frightening.”

The stellar soundtrack is certainly tied to the movie’s plot and character development, but after just one listen, it’s clear that it could stand on its own as an eclectic indie rock album. It’s an excellent mix of original songs exclusively recorded for the soundtrack from popular alternative rock bands like the Killers, Muse and OK Go and such lesser-known indie rock artists as Band of Skulls and Hurricane Bells.

The album begins with a lead single from the endearingly emotional Washington State-based indie rock band Death Cab for Cutie, entitled “Meet Me on the Equinox.”

According to MTV, where the single debuted during the 2009 Video Music Awards, bassist Nick Harmer claims that the band the song “to reflect the celestial themes and motifs that run throughout the ‘Twilight’ series and we wanted to capture that desperate feeling of endings and beginnings that so strongly affect the main characters.”

Next is an upbeat track from lesser-known British alt rock band Band of Skulls, entitled “Friends,” that captures the value of adolescent main character Bella’s friendship with the Cullen family as a consequence of her relationship with Edward, with the chorus’ lyrics, “I need love / Cause only true is true / I need every wakin’ hour with you / And my friends cause they’re so beautiful ...” The minimalist electronic sound of Radiohead lead singer Thom Yorke’s “Hearing Damage” also provides insightful lyrics that truly portrays Bella’s view of Edward, “And you can do no wrong / In my eyes, in my eyes.”

The Killers’ “White Demon Love Song” begins with a graceful piano riff and quickly leads into Brandon Flower’s distinctive low-pitched falsetto vocals. The breathy rasp of Anya Marina’s “Satellite Heart” gives a sense of security yet is an obvious attack at Edward’s character, with the lyrics, “So pretty, so smart / Such a waste of a young heart / What a pity, what a sham / What’s the matter with you, man?”

“I Belong to You (New Moon Remix)” by Muse, reportedly one of Meyer’s favorite bands, provides the typically angsty, yet orchestral sound for which the English alt rock band is known, with its falsetto and vibrato lead vocals. Bon Iver & St. Vincent’s “Roslyn” contains singer-songwriter Justin Vernon’s distinctive high-pitched lead vocals and provides insight with the lyrics, “Up with your turret / Aren’t we just terrified? / Shale, screen your worry / From what you won’t

ever find.”

The Editors’ “No Sound But The Wind” has the same orchestral piano sound and deep, low lead vocals as The National and contains the level of emotion necessary to portray Bella’s adolescent heartache, seen throughout the sequel. The soft musings of soundtrack producer Alexandre Desplat on piano with “New Moon (The Meadow)” gives a sense of finality to the album and to the movie itself. It’s a very classical-sounding orchestral arrangement but in spite of the lack of lyrics, the shifts in dynamics throughout appropriately parallel a change in emotion.

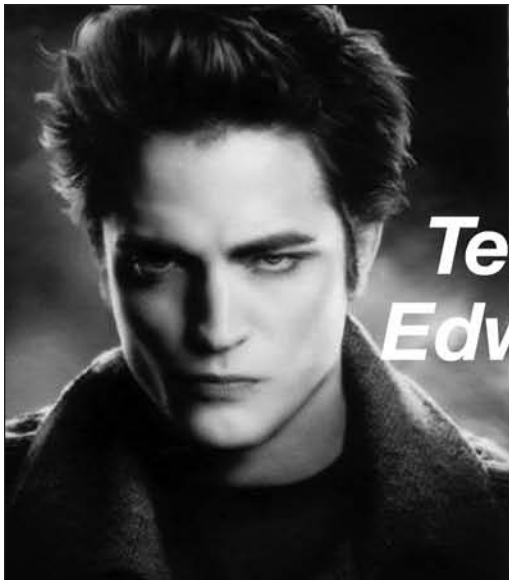
Overall, the soundtrack is a well-produced eclectic mix of indie and alt rock songs that not only sound fantastic but also help to portray the movie’s themes and further the character and plot development.

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“New Moon” soundtrack

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“I Belong to You (New Moon Remix),”

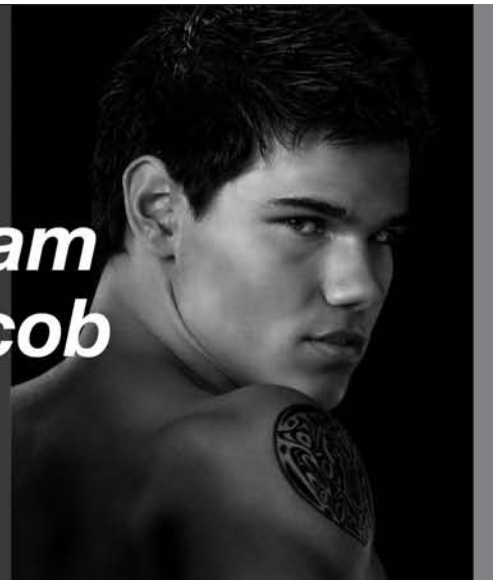




*Team
Edward*

VS

*Team
Jacob*



By COURTNEY ECKERLE, ALEX KILPATRICK, MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL, ADRIANA PRATT, and JESS SHAFFER
Scene Writers

Edward PROS:

- ◆ He can read minds. This comes in handy when he needs to save Bella from whatever predicament she clumsily gets herself into.
- ◆ Will never acquire wrinkles.
- ◆ He has excellent taste in music and has the charming ability to play the piano like a virtuoso. He has an enormous and eclectic music collection, and prefers indie rock to mainstream, but equally appreciates rock and classical music.
- ◆ Loyal boyfriend with great hair. All the time.
- ◆ Like all vampires, he's impossibly beautiful. His facial features are perfect and angular, with high cheekbones, a strong jaw line, a straight nose and full lips. He's 6-foot-2, with a slender yet muscular body.
- ◆ You'll never have to diet or exercise to rival your vampire boyfriend's hot beach body, because he can't go out in the sunlight publicly anyway.
- ◆ No matter how hot it gets, his marbled, chilled body can always provide a cool relief. And what if it's cold out? We'll that's what coats and blankets are for.
- ◆ He never sleeps, so there is always someone you can call, no matter the hour, to be emotionally and physically available.
- ◆ Immortal soul mate, what really is there to argue about?

Jacob CONS:

- ◆ Irrational and temperamental, and he's a werewolf (a little dangerous, maybe).
- ◆ He and Bella just are not meant to be (Edward imprinted on her, so it is just fate).
- ◆ Can get creepily forceful when he wants something. What's appealing about a guy who just doesn't understand the meaning of "no"?
- ◆ The haircuts provide a style whiplash. Not knowing if your boyfriend's going to have a shaved head or locks longer than yours is too much unpredictability to handle.
- ◆ Controlling "pack" of friends that just cannot butt out of your relationship or your boyfriend's inner thoughts. Creepy. Let's have some privacy please.
- ◆ Something about a 16-year-old with that much muscle is plain alarming. Can anyone say "juicing"?

Jacob PROS:

- ◆ He can fix up that old motorcycle of yours so that you can indulge your inner adrenaline junkie.
- ◆ He does not sparkle (thank goodness).
- ◆ Lots of man muscle.
- ◆ He's a bro.
- ◆ He is a werewolf, but at least he's not the living dead.
- ◆ Can make jorts work.
- ◆ Quick to defend the people he loves.
- ◆ Jacob's fun, and protects Bella without controlling her. Or lurking outside her window at night. Creepy.
- ◆ He's got the "wounded puppy" look down, as opposed to Edward's "sorrowful brooding" glare.
- ◆ Jacob and Bella won't have demon children.
- ◆ He is just way, way hotter, and isn't a century older than Bella.
- ◆ He literally never wears a shirt.

Edward CONS:

- ◆ He's a vampire. No matter how much he loves you, he still wants, on some level, to suck your blood.
- ◆ He leaves. No matter his good intentions, he still left when you needed him.
- ◆ Despite taking off like that, he's still needy and clingy.
- ◆ Constantly plays "woe is me" card. What's the appeal in someone who's so serious and brooding all the time? It's boring and exhausting to watch.
- ◆ When he gets jealous of your werewolf best friend, he doesn't just get mopey. He takes the engine of your car so you can't go visit your werewolf best friend.
- ◆ He uses more hair product than his girlfriend.
- ◆ His family dinners consist of drinking blood.
- ◆ His body's too cold for snuggling.
- ◆ He let Bella name their daughter "Renesmee." Renesmee?
- ◆ Father knows best — even Charlie doesn't like him.
- ◆ He sparkles. Who wants a man that sparkles?
- ◆ The "daz-ling." It's kind of sickening to watch.

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NFL

Chiefs pull out victory over Steelers 27-24 in OT

22-yard field goal by Succop with 8:28 left in OT seals victory; QB Roethlisberger leaves with concussion

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — When the last player drafted in 2009 trotted onto the field, the best team of 2008 was doomed.

A few minutes after Ben Roethlisberger wobbled off the field Sunday with a possible concussion, Ryan Succop kicked a 22-yard field goal with 8:28 left in overtime and the Kansas City Chiefs snapped a team-record 10-game home losing streak with a victory over the stunned Pittsburgh Steelers.

Chris Chambers' 61-yard catch-and-run set up Succop, and "Mr. Irrelevant" booted through the game-winner for the Chiefs (3-7), whose stadium was crammed with tens of thousands of towel-waving fans of the Steelers (6-4).

Roethlisberger had thrown for 398 yards and three touchdowns when he apparently took a knee to the helmet while being sacked by Derrick Johnson and gave way to Charlie Batch. Coach Mike Tomlin said he was not certain how severe the injury might be.

"He took a blow, needless to say, it was a concussion-oriented thing so I doubt he was going to come back into the football game," Tomlin said. "I don't have a lot of information in terms of where he is or his level of availability. We will have more information as we proceed."

Just before Chambers' big play, Steelers cornerback Ike

Taylor dropped a possible interception.

"This job is not for the faint of heart," said a beaming Todd Haley, the Chiefs' rookie coach.

Matt Cassel had a horrendous first half, passing for only 35 yards on four completions. But he came through in the final two quarters and overtime, finishing with 248 yards and two touchdowns.

"I've got to hand it to [Cassel], the kid's a fighter," said Haley, who grew up accompanying his father to Steelers training camp, where the elder Haley worked as a personnel executive. Haley lost to Pittsburgh in last year's Super Bowl when he

was Arizona's offensive coordinator.

"It's nice to get a little reward against a team like that. I thought the guys really showed heart and guts," he said.

The Chiefs

faced third down when Cassel connected with Chambers, who was signed three weeks ago off waivers from San Diego. He went 61 yards before he was pushed out of bounds at the 4.

Succop, the final player drafted in April, came in and clinched the Chiefs' first home victory in more than a year. Succop also had a 27-yarder that tied it 17-all in the final seconds of the third quarter.

It was the second loss in a row for the Steelers, who have fallen twice to division rival Cincinnati and were without



Kansas City Chiefs kicker Ryan Succop celebrates after kicking the game-winning field goal during overtime, upsetting the Steelers. The Chiefs currently sit in last place in the AFC West.

injured Pro Bowl safety Troy Polamalu. Defensive end Chris Kemoeatu also went out with a knee injury.

In regulation, the Steelers (6-4) had the ball for almost 19 minutes longer than the Chiefs (3-7) and outgained them 463-206. The Chiefs stayed in it with Jamaal Charles' 97-yard return of the opening kickoff and Andy Studebaker's 94-yard return of an interception.

"I think we lost the momen-

tum in the third quarter with all the turnovers and stuff like that," said Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward, who had 10 catches for 128 yards, including an 8-yard touchdown. "When you let a team hang around like that, you give them a chance. When you give them hope, they thrive off the crowd noise. They took it into overtime and did what they had to do."

Studebaker, making his first

NFL start, picked off Roethlisberger's pass 2 yards deep in the end zone in the third quarter and motored to the Steelers 8 before running back Rashard Mendenhall dragged him down.

"Once I picked it off, 100 yards looked like a long way," he said. "It was a fun play."

But Cassel was sacked twice in the next three plays, and the Chiefs had to settle for Succop's 27-yarder.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Forcier commits five turnovers, Ohio State rolls by Michigan

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Tate Forcier threw four interceptions and fumbled in his end zone, and No. 9 Ohio State took advantage to beat Michigan 21-10 Saturday for its sixth straight win in the series.

The Buckeyes (10-2, 7-1) clinched an outright Big Ten championship and will play in the Rose Bowl with a five-game winning streak.

The Wolverines started the season 4-0 and ended it 5-7. The flop came after a school-

record nine-loss season in Rich Rodriguez's debut year with college football's winningest program.

Michigan has endured consecutive losing years for the first time since the 1962-63 seasons.

Forcier's first turnover came on his first drive, a fumble that Cameron Heyward recovered to give Ohio State a 7-0 lead. The freshman threw three interceptions in the fourth quarter, ruining Michigan's chances to come back in a game it trailed 14-10 in the third.

Terrelle Pryor wasn't spectacular, but didn't make many mistakes and made a key throw after Michigan pulled within four points. He perfectly lofted a screen pass to Dan Heron, whose 12-yard touchdown gave the Buckeyes a 21-10 lead.

That proved to be enough to beat Michigan, which played perhaps one of its best games of the season but still had nothing to show for it.

Rodriguez said earlier in the week the Wolverines would not be "doomed" if they were shut out of the bowl picture. But he

desperately needed the feel-good victory to take some heat off him — especially with an NCAA investigation looming over his program.

Jim Tressel, meanwhile, extended Ohio State's longest winning streak in the suddenly lopsided series and matched the best run in the rivalry since Michigan won six in a row in the 1920s.

Pryor finished 9 of 17 for 67 yards with a TD and an interception, off a deflection. He also ran for 74 yards, while Herron had 96 yards rushing

and that TD catch.

Forcier was 23 of 38 for 226 yards and a touchdown to Vincent Smith that made it 14-10 with 10:05 left in the third quarter. He had not thrown more than one interception in a game this season until throwing four against the Buckeyes.

Michigan's Roy Roundtree caught nine passes for 116 yards.

Ohio State's Kurt Coleman made two interceptions, the second coming after a video review at the Buckeyes 6 early in the fourth quarter.

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Rob: How many times does it take the chicken to cross the road? Mike: What kind of question is that? It's not about how many times the chicken crosses the road, it's a question of why. Rob: Ah, so you're from the school of Aristotelian thought. You are more concerned with the why than the facts. See, I'm from the Pythagorean school of thought. I look at the facts first, then I determine the reasoning behind them. Mike: Never talk to me again.

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NASCAR



Jimmie Johnson celebrates his fourth straight NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship after finishing fifth last night in the last race of the season. Johnson is the first driver in history to accomplish this feat.

Johnson wins fourth straight championship

Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — All Jimmie Johnson ever wanted was a chance to race with the best in NASCAR. Maybe even win a race or two.

Never did he expect to be a champion.

Especially four times over. Johnson bulldozed his way into the record books by becoming the first driver in NASCAR history to win four consecutive championships, finishing fifth in Sunday's season-finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. He joins Richard Petty (7), Dale Earnhardt (7) and teammate Jeff Gordon (4) as the only drivers to win more than three titles.

"To do something that's never been done in the sport, and love the sport like I do and respect it like I do and the greats — Petty, Earnhardt, Gordon — to do something they have never done is so awesome," Johnson said. "And to win four championships in eight years, what this team has done — this is unbelievable."

Yes, it is.

Johnson now stands atop NASCAR as a one-man dynasty, much like Tiger Woods, Roger Federer and Lance Armstrong in their sports.

Only Johnson hasn't been feted under a blizzard of confetti by himself. His mighty Hendrick Motor-

sports team rules NASCAR the way UCLA once dominated the hardwood or Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls reigned supreme.

Johnson's title gave a record 12th overall championship to team owner Rick Hendrick, who was in North Carolina with a niece who's awaiting an emergency liver transplant. In his absence, the team took the top three spots in the final standings. Mark Martin wound up with his fifth runner-up finish in the standings, while Gordon was third.

"I feel really, really blessed to have had a chance," Martin said.

There's seemingly plenty of chances left for Johnson's tag-team with crew chief

Chad Knaus to keep the No. 48 in the title hunt for another decade.

The 34-year-old Californian on Friday signed a five-year contract extension to drive for Hendrick through 2015, and Knaus has insisted the No. 48 team can keep this pace for the next several years.

"He's not done yet," teammate Martin said.

No, he is not.

Johnson never let up in pursuit of the championship, even though he needed only to finish 25th or better to get it Sunday. But he pushed for all 400 miles and even threatened to try to run down the leaders to better his eventual fifth-place finish.

IN BRIEF

Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, lead Hall of Fame class

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Larry Bird and Magic Johnson have been linked since their epic 1979 NCAA title game. Now they're going into college basketball's hall of fame together.

Bird and Johnson were inducted into the National Collegiate Hall of Fame on Sunday in Kansas City. The honor comes 30 years after Johnson's Michigan State team beat Bird and Indiana State in a game that reshaped college basketball.

Johnson will be joined by his coach, Jud Heathcote, and late Oklahoma star Wayman Tisdale will be represented by his wife.

Travis Grant, college basketball's career scoring leader, longtime coach Gene Bartow, former NCAA executive director Walter Byers and USA Basketball executive director Bill Wall also will be inducted.

Holmgren interested in helping struggling Browns

CLEVELAND — Former Seattle and Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren is interested in working for the struggling Cleveland Browns.

Holmgren said on his weekly radio show on Seattle's KJR that he has not yet spoken to Browns owner Randy Lerner, who is looking for a "serious, credible leader" football authority to run his struggling team. However, Holmgren did indicate he would welcome the chance to take on a rebuilding project like the 1-8 Browns.

"It takes a tremendous amount of energy, but there is a certain appeal there," the 61-year-old Holmgren. "There's something in my personality, too, that taking on those types of projects, that kind of gets me going. But there's a lot of work to do."

Ku Klux Klan members protest at Ole Miss game

OXFORD, Miss. — About a dozen hooded Ku Klux Klan members rallied briefly at the University of Mississippi before Saturday's football game with No. 10 LSU.

The members of the Mississippi White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan spent about 10 minutes waving flags, displaying Nazi-style salutes and occasionally gesturing at a group of about 250 hecklers that included young children. They were protesting the school's decision to drop a pep song that included "Dixie."

Some fans had been ending the song by chanting, "The South will rise again." Chancellor Dan Jones asked the band to stop playing the song after fans ignored a request to drop the chant.

The Klan said it was protesting over lost Southern symbolism at Ole Miss, which has been rocked by racial strife before.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Oregon tops Arizona, Rose Bowl now in sight

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Oregon quarterback Jeremiah Masoli watched as red-clad Arizona students ringed the sidelines as time ticked down, ready to rush the field.

"I saw it and I actually smirked," Masoli said. "It was kind of funny. I wasn't really worried about it."

The Ducks' gifted quarterback ruined the celebration in Arizona Stadium and started another one in Eugene.

Masoli tied it with a touchdown pass to Ed Dickson with six seconds left, then won it with a 1-yard run in the second overtime as No. 11 Oregon defeated Arizona 44-41 on Saturday night and took a big step toward the Pac-10 title.

The Ducks (9-2, 7-1 Pac-10) will earn a Pac-10 title and Rose Bowl berth with a victory over No. 20 Oregon State in a winner-take-all Civil War on Dec. 3 in Eugene.

Masoli threw for three scores and ran for three more as the Ducks rallied from a 24-14 deficit early in the fourth quarter.

"Our guys didn't flinch," Oregon coach Chip Kelly said.

Nick Foles threw four TD passes for Arizona (6-4, 4-3), which was eliminated from

Rose Bowl contention.

"That was a real tough loss, especially for the kids," said Arizona coach Mike Stoops, whose team lost for the first time at home. "We did really well tonight with getting Oregon out of their comfort zone. They've got a very good quarterback, and that is definitely what makes the difference."

Facing relentless pressure from the Wildcats, Masoli struggled at times, fumbling twice and throwing an interception that led to Arizona's first score.

But Masoli was there when the Ducks needed him most. He was unstoppable late in the game, then took over in overtime.

After Masoli hit Jeff Maehl for a 4-yard score on Oregon's first overtime possession, Foles hit Juron Criner with a 3-yard strike to tie it at 38-38.

In the second OT, Oregon forced Arizona to settle for a 41-yard field goal by Alex Zendejas.

A touchdown would win it for Oregon, and Masoli quickly produced it.

He hit Dickson for 22 yards, and three plays later Masoli bulldozed over from a yard out.

"I was just resolved," Masoli said. "I'm just really happy with the result and really proud of our guys."

NBA

Knicks fall to Celtics in OT

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kevin Garnett made a jumper to beat the overtime buzzer, giving the Boston Celtics a 107-105 victory over the New York Knicks on Sunday.

Paul Pierce scored a season-high 33 points, and had all of Boston's points in overtime until the final shot. Two Knicks followed Pierce on the final play, leaving Garnett wide open from the top of the key for his 19-footer.

Garnett and Ray Allen had miserable shooting nights, but Rajon Rondo finished with 14 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds as Boston won for the second time in five games.

Reserve Al Harrington scored 30 points and David Lee had 22 points and 15 rebounds for the Knicks, who had won their previous two games.

The Celtics opened a big lead and blew all of it in a see-saw third quarter, then rallied to force overtime and improve to 17-4 against the Knicks since the 2004-05 season.

Pierce opened overtime with a 3-pointer and his jumper later made it a four-point game, but Lee's dunk tied it again with 9.3 seconds left, setting up Garnett's winning shot.

The Celtics, whom coach Doc Rivers said had been playing "awful" recently,

needed a big afternoon from Pierce while his remaining Big Three teammates struggled. Garnett was 4 of 15 for 10 points, while Allen was 3 of 13 for his 13 points.

Both made big shots late in regulation, though, and Kendrick Perkins chipped in with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Nate Robinson rebounded from a poor decision Saturday with a strong game Sunday, scoring 19 points off the bench. The Knicks fell to 3-10 in the opener of consecutive games against the last two NBA champions. They start a three-game trip Tuesday against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Perkins had two baskets and Pierce made a 3-pointer, forcing the Knicks to call timeout early in the third quarter. Rondo then stole the inbound pass when they returned, setting up Pierce's free throws that capped a 11-0 run out of halftime and made it 67-53.

The Knicks had more passes into the seats (2) than baskets (1) in the first four minutes of the period, then suddenly turned it around as quickly as they'd fallen apart.

Harrington made three 3-pointers in a 20-6 surge that tied it at 75, Robinson made a 3 to snap a 77-all tie, and Harrington's follow shot made it 82-77 heading to the fourth.

New York led for nearly the

entire period before Allen's 3-pointer gave Boston a 96-94 advantage with 2:47 left. Lee tied it again with 1:19 to play, but Garnett knocked down a jumper 12 seconds later.

The Knicks got the ball back following a couple of questionable calls and no-calls and tied it on Harrington's free throws with 4.7 seconds remaining. Rondo missed a 3-pointer as time expired.

Eddy Curry had six points in his first home game since March 2008. He received a decent ovation when he checked in with 3:32 left in the first quarter, then departed the game after shoving Rondo down and getting whistled for a flagrant foul with 5:21 remaining in the fourth.

Pierce scored 14 points in the first quarter, making all three 3-point attempts, as the Celtics built a 30-22 lead. Boston led 56-53 at halftime following a lengthy second period in which 15 fouls were called.

Robinson had only 11 points in three games since his return from sprained right ankle, going scoreless Saturday while playing just six minutes. His shot into the wrong basket just after the first-quarter buzzer, frequently replayed Saturday night, angered Mike D'Antoni, but the Knicks coach insisted Robinson hadn't been benched and that they were past it.

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NHL

Maple Leafs top Caps in shootout

Associated Press

TORONTO — Phil Kessel, Niklas Hagman and a couple of good bounces helped pull the Toronto Maple Leafs out of another extended winless slide.

The Toronto forwards scored shootout goals in a 2-1 victory over the Washington Capitals on Saturday night, giving the Maple Leafs their first victory in six games.

It's the first time Toronto has won a game in extra time all season.

Hagman also scored in regulation for the Maple Leafs (4-11-6).

Alex Ovechkin replied for Washington (13-5-5) with his 16th of the season.

The Maple Leafs were fortunate to be facing a team that was not only playing for the second straight night, but also missing seven players due to injury.

Toronto also got some badly needed bounces.

Capitals forward Eric Fehr had his stick break during his shootout attempt, Washington hit a couple posts late in the third period, and Hagman's goal beat Semyon Varlamov after a couple quick redirec-

tions.

No stat better highlights the gap between teams at the top and bottom of the conference than one that came to light after Ovechkin opened the scoring at 17:11 of the first period. The goal gave the Caps the lead — something they've held at some point in all 23 games this season — and marked the 18th time in 21 games the Leafs have surrendered the first goal.

Ovechkin's goal was classic No. 8. He took a nifty pass from streaking defenseman Mike Green and beat Vesa Toskala with the kind of quick, hard shot that only a handful of players in the world would be capable of unleashing.

The Maple Leafs were actually unfortunate to find themselves trailing after carrying much of the play, highlighted by a pair of solid penalty kills.

Toronto fought back to tie it with the kind of goal a team hard on its luck needs. Hagman was skating hard to the goal when Jason Blake's shot banked off a Caps defender and hit Hagman before getting past Varlamov at 16:49 of the second period.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Alabama rolls, stays unbeaten

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — No. 2 Alabama was still celebrating Mark Ingram's second long touchdown run when coach Nick Saban told his star tailback to take the rest of the day off.

Ingram ran for 102 yards and TDs of 25 and 40 yards in the first 20 minutes, then happily yielded the stage while the Crimson Tide breezed to a 45-0 win over Chattanooga on Saturday.

"Just get in, get a good day's work, execute and have some success. Then let the other people get the playing time they deserve," Ingram said.

Yes, the Tide (11-0) did make it seem just that easy.

Alabama raced to a 35-0 halftime lead and showed no signs of a letdown ahead of games with rival Auburn and No. 1 Florida. That enabled the starters to take a break in the second half against the Mocs (6-5), although Ingram and the Tide still managed a few highlight-reel plays.

Javier Arenas set the SEC career record with his seventh punt return for a touchdown, sprinting 66 yards down the right sideline in the second quarter. He also had an interception.

Julio Jones caught a 44-yard pass and scored on a 19-yarder from Greg McElroy.

The stats were perhaps even more lopsided than the final score. The Tide had a 422-84 advantage in total yards, gained 313 on the ground and had five players with at least 60 yards rushing. They also had 26 first downs while holding Chattanooga to five.

It only seemed like a pressure-free game. Saban warned his team of the repercussions of a huge upset, even beyond their national title



Alabama running back Mark Ingram ran for 120 yards as the Crimson Tide moved to 11-0 after crushing Chattanooga 45-0.

hopes.

"I told the players if we had lost this game today, there would be nothing else that would tarnish what you've accomplished more than that. You would someday be an NFL player in a Mercedes-Benz and roll your window down to talk to a pretty girl and she'd say, 'You lost to Chattanooga when you played at Alabama,'" Saban said. "Nobody would ever forget that one."

Instead, it'll be forgotten quickly with the Iron Bowl awaiting six days later.

This was the sixth time the Tide's defense had held an opponent to seven points or less this season, but the first shutout since last year's 36-0 win over Auburn.

"We played a good football team and I don't know if there was much we could have done to be better than this," said first-year Mocs coach Russ Huesman, who led a turnaround after a 1-11 season.

Ingram managed his sixth 100-yard effort of the last seven games despite carrying only 11 times. The Heisman Trophy candidate broke three tackles and had two defenders draped across his back at the end of the 25-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

Then, Ingram zigzagged 40 yards for another score 5 minutes into the second quarter on his final carry. Then he headed to the sidelines and Saban told him he "was pretty much done."

"I'm sure we could have left him in today and he could have had a huge day," Saban said. "He gained 100 yards. That's a good day's work when you come out with 10 minutes to go in the second quarter."

McElroy was 6-of-11 passing for 80 yards, including that 19-yard touchdown pass to Jones, before giving way to backup Star Jackson in the

second half. Jones caught three passes for 65 yards, all in the first half.

After that, Alabama attempted only five passes, content to control the ball against the Southern Conference team and let the clock wind toward bigger games. It was the finale at Bryant-Denny Stadium for 27 Alabama seniors.

"Just about every senior on our team got to play in the game," Saban said. "It was good that the players came out and played Alabama football so those guys got a chance to play."

Arenas wasn't the only Bama special teamer in record territory. Leigh Tiffin kicked a 41-yard field goal, tying the school records for kicks made in a season (25) and career (78).

Arenas sat out the second half and only got halfway to his ideal final home performance of scoring "a couple of touchdowns" that he stated early in the week.

"I'll settle for one," Arenas said.

He is 37 yards shy of the Lee Nalley of Vanderbilt's SEC career punt return record of 1,695 yards, and 103 yards from the NCAA mark set by Texas Tech's Wes Welker.

Trent Richardson and Roy Upchurch also rushed for touchdowns.

Chattanooga twice drove into Alabama territory in the first half, both times failing to convert on fourth-and-long. The first ended with four straight incompletions from the 38, and the second on an interception from the 22.

"I didn't feel like bragging about kicking a field goal and having three points on the board," Huesman said. "You kick field goals to put yourself in position to win games. You don't kick field goals just because you're at Alabama trying to put three points on the board."

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By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The women of the Notre Dame cross country team and senior Jake Walker from the men's team have one final chance to race this season against the nation's fastest collegiate runners at the NCAA national meet Monday at Indiana State University.

"It's an honor to be here competing against some of the best individuals and teams," sophomore Rachel Velarde said. "We've put in all the miles, workouts, and strength training we can and just have to show all of our hard work tomorrow."

After receiving an at-large bid

to nationals in 2008, the women finished in 29th place and are hoping to improve that placement in this season's final meet against the nation's top 31 teams.

"Last year, we were just really excited to be here, but this year we mean business," senior Beth Tacl said. "We aren't here just to participate, but want to re-establish Notre Dame as one of the better teams in the country."

A first-place finish for the No. 24 Irish women is unlikely, but the team's goals this weekend are simply focused on overall improvement for each of the seven women competing.

"We need to focus more on ourselves, rather than any

other team," women's coach Tim Connelly said. "We're not a team that's going to have a chance to win the whole thing, so the thing we have to do is focus on ourselves more than saying we need to beat certain teams."

Since their first place finish at the Great Lakes Regional last weekend, the Irish have been making sure they are physically prepared for Monday's event.

"Our big focus in practice was to make sure that we had recovered from the race last week where we raced on a really tough course," Connelly said. "We took a couple of days to do some easy runs and more stretching. At this point, they're not going to get any more fit,

but I wanted to make sure they were feeling sharp."

The runners have been at Indiana State since Friday and ran the course to get a feel for how Monday will go.

"The kids need to just be confident that they're ready to run well," Connelly said. "When they get in that point in the race when things begin to hurt, they need to feel like they're capable of doing it."

Though the Notre Dame men did not qualify for Monday's meet, senior Jake Walker earned the ability to participate as an individual competitor based on his ninth place finish at the Great Lakes Regional meet last weekend.

"Walker has had steady

improvement since the Notre Dame Invitational, and he will represent us well," men's coach Joe Piane said.

Walker placed 76th at last year's national championship meet and is hoping to improve on that place in order to be awarded All-American status in his final year as a collegiate runner.

"[Walker] has had two of the best weeks of training in the weeks prior to the regional meet and this week," Piane said. "He's as ready as he's ever going to be."

The men's race begins at 12:08 p.m. and the women's begins at 12:58 p.m. at Indiana State's home course in Terre Haute, Ind.

ND FENCING

Juniors lead Irish to victory at Penn State

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Individual-based fencing tournaments generally do not produce the same excitement seen in regular season intercollegiate invitation. But following an impressive performance at this year's Penn State Open, Notre Dame is generating momentum that can only serve the team well in the future.

Several of the Irish returned from State College, Penn., with hardware, as the team accumulated two gold medals, one silver medal and one bronze medal.

"It's one of the better performances in tournament play in, let's say, 10 years," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said.

The Irish entered the tournament lacking two of the most highly touted fencers in the country in sophomores Courtney Hurley and Gerek Meinhardt. Hurley traveled overseas to compete for an international cup, while Meinhardt fell victim to the flu just before Saturday's action.

The sabre proved to be the strongest weapon for the short-handed Irish this weekend, as two of the squad's more experienced fencers carried home the gold. Junior Avery Zuck beat out Aleksander Ochocki and Daniel Bak of Penn State in the men's sabre, while junior

Sarah Borrmann edged Caroline Vloka of Harvard in the women's.

Borrmann, the 2008 NCAA champion in women's sabre, entered the tournament seeded fourth but managed to overcome the odds to improve upon her fifth-place finish last year.

Junior Eileen Hassett also finished in the top eight, falling to Vloka in the quarterfinals.

"We are competing individually in the fall semester to build up our position," Bednarski said. "It was important to show that we still have ambitions to fence against other colleges."

The foil also proved to be a source of strength for the Irish and is a weapon in which Bednarski believes his squad features the most depth. Junior Hayley Reese fell to Doris Willette of Penn State in a rematch of last year's championship, securing the silver medal in the women's foil. In the men's, sophomore Enzo Castellani secured the bronze, defeating Nathaniel Botwinick of Yale.

"Making it to the final 16 is very difficult," Bednarski said. "It's a very good performance in one of the toughest individual tournaments in the country."

Medaling without two of their top fencers, the Irish at full strength look to be a leading contender for the national title when intercollegiate fencing commences in the spring.

MLB

McNabb, Eagles edge Bears

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Donovan McNabb and the Philadelphia Eagles found a way to pull out a close win. They also hurt the Chicago Bears in the process.

McNabb threw for 244 yards against his hometown team, LeSean McCoy scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 10-yard run following Antonio Dixon's block of a field goal attempt, and Philadelphia came away with a 24-20 victory over struggling Chicago on Sunday night after back-to-back close losses.

The Bears were leading 20-17 when Dixon blocked a 48-yard field goal by Robbie Gould with 11 minutes left. McNabb then led the Eagles (6-4) on a 62-yard touchdown drive that McCoy capped with a neat 10-yard run, sending Chicago to its fifth loss in six games and delivering another big hit to its playoff hopes.

Barring a big run, the Bears (4-6) will miss the postseason for the third straight season — certainly not what they expected when they made that big offseason trade with Denver for Jay Cutler.

The Bears had high hopes after that deal, but after a 3-1 start, all the optimism is gone.

Cutler, who came into the game with a league-leading 17 interceptions, did not get picked off until the final minute. Tracy White tipped a pass, Sean Jones came away with the ball near midfield, and that sealed the win.

It also allowed the Eagles to exhale after they fell 31-23 to



LeSean McCoy scores the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter as the Eagles took down the Bears 24-20.

San Diego and 20-16 to Dallas the previous two weeks, putting them in what McNabb said was a must-win situation.

The veteran quarterback was 23 of 32, and DeSean Jackson caught eight of those passes for 107 yards to lead Philadelphia to the win even though star running back Brian Westbrook missed the game with a concussion.

McNabb's effort included a 48-yard touchdown pass to Jackson over the middle to give Philadelphia a 17-12 lead with just under six minutes left in the third.

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Individuals shine at unscored meet

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish swam well and gained confidence over the week-end in the Hoosierland Invite, an unscored meet that gives an opportunity for teams to look at their individual performances. Notre Dame won 11 out of the meet’s 21 events and posting two NCAA B-cut times.

“Top to bottom, I’m just pleased with the program,” Irish coach Brian Barnes said. “We came out here with the intention to really have fun, and that’s what happened. We came out of this meet with some NCAA ‘B’ times, so it’s just a confident moment. Our team is gaining confidence and we’re improving and it’s a lot of fun.”

Junior Katie Casey and freshman Kim Holden each posted times on the final day of the meet. Casey posted her time in the 200-yard butterfly, a race in which she finished second with a time of 1:59.46, and Holden was victorious in 200-yard backstroke, posting her B-cut time of 1:57.98.

The Irish entered the meet with the goal of improving individually, and did just that, as most of the swimmers improved or stayed consistent with their times so far this season.

“We went in there with good energy and great attitude and great teamwork,” Barnes said. “Really it’s about individual performance and individual improvement and monitoring our own improvement within our own team. As a result, we kind of gained some momentum and had a pretty good weekend.”

The Irish got off to a good start on the first day of the three-day meet, winning four of the six events on day one. Junior Amywren Miller and senior Ashlee Edgell posted individual

victories in the 50-yard freestyle and the 200-yard individual medley, respectively, while both the Irish 200-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard medley relay teams also achieved the top spots.

Notre Dame went on to win three out of the seven events on the second day of the meet, earning two individual victories and one from the 200-yard medley relay team, which won its event by a full second. Junior Samantha Maxwell won the 100-yard breaststroke while Holden, Casey and junior Kellyn Kuhlke finished in the top three spots in 100-yard butterfly.

Maxwell was victorious again on the third day, winning the 200-yard breaststroke by two seconds, while Miller, along with junior Delia Cronin and senior Megan Farrell, led a one-two-three finish in the 100-yard freestyle. It was Casey and Holden who stole the show on the final day, however, by posting their NCAA B-cut performances.

“I just think the girls are realizing that this is November, and we peak in February and March,” Barnes said. “If they’re seeing this kind of improvement now, I really believe they’re hungry for more. I think they have a glimpse of the potential of this team.”

The Irish next head to Hawaii after Christmas for a winter training trip before competing again on Jan. 9 in a dual meet against Northwestern, which will take place in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

“I was really happy with our senior class and their leadership,” Barnes said. “If this team stays motivated and stays confident and comes into it and works hard, I should get out of their way and allow them to be successful.”

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish extinguish Flames with ease



EILEEN VEIHMEYER/The Observer

Senior forward Luke Harangody fights with two Liberty defenders for a rebound in the Irish’s 91-72 victory over the Flames Sunday night at Purcell Pavilion.

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

Senior Luke Harangody had a season-high 32 points including all ten free throws he attempted to lead Notre Dame over Liberty 91-72 Sunday night at Purcell Pavilion.

The Flames kept the game close early, and trailed by only nine points at halftime. The Irish offense ran through Harangody, who had 20 in the first period and was able to draw contact and fouls underneath.

Harangody was 10-for-14 from the field in the game.

“The thing about Tory [Jackson] and Luke is they’re great role models for the young guys in our program,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “They play every game the same way, and every practice the same way, and some of our less experienced guys can learn a lot from that.”

Notre Dame made only six three-pointers in the game, using their size advantage in the post to get to the line and score. Tyrone Nash also had his best

offensive performance of the young season, scoring 12 points.

Brey said that he was pleased with Nash’s scoring effort, but wanted to see more.

Senior guard Tory Jackson scored nine and junior forward Tim Abromaitis scored 12 off the bench for the Irish, who also out-rebounded the Flames 36-21.

“I’m really happy with Tim where he’s at,” Brey said. “I told him the other day its like we have six starters, he’s really confident and he should be.”

The Irish put together a 9-0 run to begin pulling away early in the second half, led by three straight buckets by Harangody. Liberty then trailed 56-40 and the Notre Dame lead was never seriously threatened.

The Notre Dame lead then rose as high as 28, as two Tory Jackson free throws made the score 77-49.

Senior guard Jonathan Peoples had eight points and three assists, and junior Ben Hansbrough had a relatively quiet day with six points while dealing with a lingering ankle

injury.

Liberty had five players score in double figures but none tallying any higher than 13 points. Forward Patrick Konan had 10 points for the Flames and did not miss a shot from the floor, but fouled out guarding Harangody.

The Irish had just ten turnovers despite a deep rotation and aggressive defense.

“When you play a lot of different guys, and a lot of guys are touching it like that, its good [to have just ten turnovers],” Brey said. “A lot of different guys had the ball in their hands tonight and we only had ten.”

Brey said ultimately his team’s success will depend on their performance on the defensive end.

“We’re going to score the ball and we’re good with the ball; can we get back and defend it and keep the penetration out of our paint?” Brey said. “When we slow that down a bit, we’ve got a chance every night.”

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NBA

Kobe, Lakers rout Thunder

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — More than two decades ago, after Larry Bird made a shot from behind the backboard that didn’t count in a preseason game, the NBA changed the rule on plays like that. Kobe Bryant was glad they did.

Bryant duplicated Bird’s memorable shot and finished with 26 points, leading the Los Angeles Lakers to a 101-85 rout of the Oklahoma City Thunder on Sunday night and adding yet another clip to his a 14-year NBA highlight reel.

“You see him do things just fooling around with all kinds of shots in practice that you won’t normally see,” teammate Lamar Odom said. “But you expect the impossible, because he’s not scared to take any shot from anywhere on the court. So that’s why that’s the result. It’s never a bad shot to him. That’s his mentality. He’s not afraid to shoot it. He understands touch, getting the ball up and

staying focused. His concentration is incredible.”

Bryant thrilled the sellout crowd late in the first quarter when he drove the baseline against rookie guard James Harden, ran out of room and made a desperation fadeaway jumper over the top of the backboard while hanging in the air as his momentum carried him out of bounds near the Lakers’ bench.

“I was aware that the rule was changed and that you could do that,” said the 11-time All-Star and 2008 MVP, acknowledging that even he was amazed when it went in. “It was just lucky. We had a rabbit’s foot on. I thought I was going to get a three-point play. It seemed like an obvious call to me — when the guy just hip-checks you to try to push you out of bounds. I just tried to get enough height on it so that it cleared the board. It was like a putt.”

The defending NBA champions, who squeaked out a 101-98 overtime win at Oklahoma City on Nov. 3, had this one in control

throughout with help from Andrew Bynum’s 25 points and nine rebounds. Bryant also had seven assists and six rebounds. The Lakers forced 19 turnovers and converted them into 25 points.

“We played against the best team in basketball,” Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. “We didn’t handle their physical toughness. They got into us, we set the offense too far out and turned the ball over. They capitalized on every mistake, and that’s what they do. Anytime you play the Lakers, it’s a humbling position to be in.”

Pau Gasol, playing his second game since coming back from a right hamstring strain, had 15 points, seven rebounds and six assists after getting 24 points and 13 boards in Thursday’s 108-93 win against Chicago. The Lakers have won 11 straight against the Thunder-Seattle SuperSonics franchise, and are 9-0 this season when scoring 100 or more points.

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not quite at full strength, McGraw said.
“We have not recovered yet,”

she said. “We practiced OK on Friday and we practiced OK on Saturday but not quite to the level that we’d been working. I didn’t feel like there was great intensity and I think that showed tonight.”
The Irish will have some time

to rest before they take action again. They will travel to the U.S. Virgin Islands for the Paradise Jam beginning Thursday.

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where we lost and we won,” Clark said. “It was as well as we have played all year. In the second half, their goalkeeper had to make 10 saves. I am very proud of the way the players played.”
This dominant statistical performance was a result of the Irish keeping the ball in the Northwestern half of the field for most of the second half. The trouble was that when the Wildcats broke out of their defensive half, they made the most of their chances.

Eight minutes into the second half, the Wildcats began to add cushion to their lead. They countered an Irish attack and got the ball into a good position to cross. The goal again came off the boot of Hillgard, with sophomore midfielder Peter O’Neill and junior forward Matt Eliason assisting. That goal put Northwestern up 2-0.

The Irish still kept up the pressure, but a second counterattack led to another Northwestern goal in the 67th minute. The ball was again fed across in front of the goal, catching Quinn out of position, and Wildcat junior midfielder Piero Bellizzi was able to tap the ball into the open net, putting Northwestern up 3-0.

Although the game was no longer in doubt, the Irish were

able to finally break through in the 83rd minute when a loose ball sent into the front of the goal was finished by senior defenseman John Schaefer to crystallize the final tally at 3-1.

The Irish were disappointed at losing for the second year in a row, but Clark is said he is proud of the way his team played and believes they got a good shot at winning.

“You get your shot at it, and you have to take it,” Clark said. “In the end, the thing that really counts is the final score.”

Northwestern has become somewhat of a postseason nemesis for the Irish, as they have lost in the NCAA tournament to them for two consecutive years.

“We always beat them in the preseason friendlies, but that doesn’t count,” Clark said. “It was one of those games we have lost all year where we thought we could win but weren’t able to do it.”

According to Clark, the Irish are eager to get another crack at Northwestern next year, as they have tentatively scheduled a regular season matchup against them.

Clark said he believes that the team had a successful season and the players played up to their potential.

“I really like this team,” Clark said. “They are a good group. You never really reach your goal unless you win it all, but we

played to our potential. My way of evaluating the year is, if you make it to the playoffs it is a good year, if you make it to the final four it is a really good year, and if you make it to the championship it is a great year. We had a pretty good season.”

Despite the fact that the team will lose many of its 11 seniors, including Big East Player of the Year Bright Dike, Clark believes the team will be ready to compete again next year.

“The great thing about coaching college sports is that you graduate players and have to find replacements,” Clark said. “We have a strong nucleus of returning players, but it is no use making decisions right now.”

Clark believes that the Notre Dame players did not disappoint anybody and that they should be proud of the way they played.

“They certainly did not let me down, and they did not let themselves down,” Clark said. “There is always disappointment when you lose, but I am very proud of the way these players played.”

Clark also wanted to thank the fans for what he said was the best year of fan support in his tenure at Notre Dame.

“It was the best student support I have ever seen all year,” Clark said. “It was a really fun year.”

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SMC BASKETBALL

Irish fall to Cardinals in Big East Tourney

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s moved its record to 2-1 this weekend as it traveled to the Bluffton University Tip-Off Tournament, losing Friday to Wheaton College and defeating Oberlin in the consolation final Saturday.

“We struggled our first game because we could not hold our lead during crucial possessions,” sophomore forward Kelley Murphy said. “However, we improved as a team the next game by our aggressive defense, and smart offensive conversions by attacking them with our inside game.”

Friday saw the Belles fight the Thunder up until the last minute, when Wheaton went on a 5-0 scoring run to win the game 78-73. The two teams traded the lead 13 times and were tied on 12 occasions.

Four different Belles players scored in double digits. Sophomore forward Jessica Centa led Saint Mary’s with 14 points. Sophomore guards Maggie Ronan and Patsy Mahoney each put in 12 points, while Murphy added 11. Senior forward Anna Kammrath led the Belles for rebounds with nine, followed by Murphy with eight. Junior guard Liz Wade led in assists with six.

Saint Mary’s and Wheaton were tied at 42 at halftime, but the Belles were able to hold onto the lead for most of the second half

before the Thunder tied it again with 2:57 left with a three-pointer. Kammrath took back the lead at 2:30 with a layup, but it wasn’t enough to hold onto for a win. The Thunder outscored the Belles by seven points in the final 1:37 of the game.

“We hope to continue improving our defense and communication in every game and every practice,” Murphy said.

Saturday afternoon saw a change in pace for the Belles as they defeated Oberlin 74-37. Taking control early in the game with a 10-0 run, Saint Mary’s never looked back. The Yeowomen gained on the Belles within five points, but fell behind as the Belles pushed their lead to 37-16 at the half. Saint Mary’s outscored Oberlin 54-8 in the paint and 37-9 off turnovers as they shot over 40 percent from the floor.

Murphy led the Belles with a career-high 19 points and 10 rebounds for her first double-double. She was also named to the All-Tournament Team for her performance throughout the weekend. Kammrath had eight points and a game-high 13 rebounds to add to the Belles win.

Every member of the Belles team scored in the win.

Up next for Saint Mary’s is North Central College in Naperville, Ill. The Belles will take on the Cardinals at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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chances,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said of the goal. “I thought Henderson did that at the right time for us tonight.”

The Beavers dominated play in the first half, keeping up constant pressure on the Irish end, but failing to breakthrough with a go-ahead goal.

“I think in the first half they were clearly the better team,” Waldrum said. “They dominated play because we really struggled to match up in the middle.”

The Irish came out in the

second half determined to bounce back.

“We knew we had to pick up our strength and determination,” Augustin said. “If we didn’t come out better in the second half, we weren’t going to win.”

After a few personnel changes, Notre Dame flipped the momentum by forcing the issue on offense. Henderson had a field day down the right side, creating a number of chances, including a set up of the game-winner.

“Henderson was a handful for them on both sides,” Waldrum said. “Her pace was just too much for them to handle. She was the player of the match for us tonight.”

Irish goalkeeper Nikki Weiss was solid again in net, turning away four shots including one from close range with just minutes remaining to conserve her first career solo shutout in the NCAA tournament.

“I thought we did a better job controlling the game after the goal,” Waldrum said. “They threw everything at us trying to get a goal and we dodged some bullets at the end.”

The final opportunity of the game for Oregon State came off a free-kick from near midfield that ricocheted around the penalty area before finding its way to an open Beaver player. With the defense closing in, the shot

was hurried and didn’t have enough power to sneak by Weiss, who tracked it the whole way.

With the win, the Irish advance to face top-seeded Florida State in the regional final Nov. 27 in Tallahassee, Fla. The Seminoles knocked off a feisty Texas A&M squad 2-1 in double overtime Friday night.

Next weekend’s matchup with the Seminoles will mark the fourth consecutive year the two teams have met in the NCAA tournament. The Irish are 2-1 in those matches, including last year’s 2-0 victory in the quarterfinals.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish fall to Cardinals at tourney

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Top-seeded Notre Dame fell for the fifth time in as many years this weekend to fourth-seeded Louisville in the semifinals of the Big East Tournament after sweeping Seton Hall Friday. The Irish’s loss snapped their 15-game winning streak and ended their undefeated conference season.

In the quarterfinals, Notre Dame defeated Seton Hall 3-0 (25-15, 25-15, 25-19) for their 11th sweep of the season. Senior outside hitters Christina Kaelin and Serinity Phillips each recorded 12 kills in the win, while seven other Irish players recorded kills as well.

Kaelin recorded three digs and two blocks, while Phillips put in five digs and five blocks. Junior Kelly Sciacca and sophomore Kristen Dealy each recorded seven kills. Sciacca also had three solo blocks. Dealy played the first match of her career without an error as she added in a team-high 11 digs and two aces. Senior setter Jamel Nicholas had a match-high 40 assists.

The Irish hit at a .333 average, holding the Pirates to an average of .094 and ending their first championship appearance since 1994.

Saturday saw the Irish fall 3-2 (24-26, 25-16, 18-25, 25-16, 15-13) in the semifinals, the first match of the tournament that went into five sets.

Dealy led the team with 23 kills, and Louisville native Kaelin added 17. Sophomore libero Frenchy Silva had 17 kills as well. Phillips put in 10 kills and six digs, while Sciacca had nine kills and Nicholas had 54 kills and 14 digs.

Big East Freshman of the Year Lola Arslanbekova posted 21 kill and 16 digs for Louisville.

Louisville led early in the first set, but an ace from junior outside hitter Stephanie Slatt, an Irish scoring rally, and an error from the Cardinals at set point gave Notre Dame the first set.

The Cardinals dominated the second set from start to finish, building off a 5-1 one and never looking back. They took advantage at 17-8, and continued their hitting success to take the second set 25-16. The Irish hit at an only .031 percentage in the set.

The third set saw the Irish take back the court, started off by a pair of digs from Silva at 6-5 to give them another point. The Irish hit .342 in the third.

Arslanbekova gave Louisville the lead at 10-5 in the fourth set with three quick kills, later adding four more. Sciacca had a kill at 15-13 and was as close as Notre Dame got to a win. Louisville closed the frame with a 10-3 scoring run.

In the final set, the two teams traded points seven times, but the Irish weren’t able to come out on top as Louisville took the win.

Notre Dame will next face Florida Saturday, Nov. 28, in Florida before the NCAA championships.

Note:

♦ Irish coach Debbie Brown was named Big East Coach of the Year at the Big East awards banquet held Friday.

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wide receiver Laura Coletti jumped above the crowd and pulled in Bishop's pass for an early 7-0 lead.

"I come from a basketball background, which is all about having good hands," Coletti said. "That's what I needed on that play. I just wanted to contribute in whatever situation [coach Kyle Carter] put me in. On that play I just did what I was told."

The Howard defense built upon the team's momentum as it stuffed Pasquerilla West (8-1) junior quarterback Simone Bigi on an attempted fourth down run, giving the ball back to Bishop and the Ducks' offense.

Bishop wasted no time adding to her team's early lead, hitting sophomore wide receiver Jenny Gassner on a deep corner route to put Howard in front 13-0 after a missed conversion.

"Getting the big lead early changed everything," Bishop said. "It was important because we didn't score in the second half so it became more about maintaining our lead with our defense."

As the first half winded down, the Purple Weasels showed some fight, executing a two-minute drill that went the length of the field as Bigi hit junior wide receiver Mary Forr for a touchdown with 12 seconds left in the half to make the

score 13-7.

The second half was a defensive effort, as Pasquerilla West tirelessly attempted to get the second touchdown it desperately needed against the stout Howard defense. Bigi and her receiving corps had a hard time getting past the Howard secondary, led by two-way stars Bishop and Robinson. The Purple Weasels' offensive line also gave up a number of sacks in addition to committing a false start penalty on a key drive.

When four last Hail Mary passes dropped to the ground, the Ducks completed the biggest victory in hall history and the "team of destiny" celebrated at midfield of Notre Dame Stadium.

"It's inexplicable, how amazing this is," Carter said. "I woke up four years ago one day, and Howard needed a football coach for a game. They were literally the worst team in the league. Since then it's been about getting a new set of freshmen, and teaching them how we play offense and how we play defense. We're building a program and this year we finally had all the pieces in place. It's amazing."

After hoisting the trophy, Howard's leader, a junior, offered her plans for next year.

"Win again, of course," Bishop said. "We're going to try and come out and have another unbeaten season."

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open on a wild touchdown in the Ramblers favor. Meinert threw a quick pass to his left that was twice deflected by St. Edward's defenders before a Siegfried receiver tracked it down and scampered away from the defense for a long touchdown, giving the Ramblers a 20-0 lead. The unexpected pass's success only epitomized Siegfried's running strength.

"The running game has been our identity all season," Siegfried senior captain Dex Cure said. "We wanted to dance with the girl we came with."

Before the first half ended, the Gentlemen managed a score, only to have Meinert respond on the next play with a long touchdown run of his own for a 29-6 halftime lead.

The second half was more of the same, with St. Edward's continuing to struggle to move the ball through the air and Siegfried pounding the ball with the run and gashing the Gentleman defense for long runs.

"We figured that what we've been best at all season is the no-huddle pass," St. Edward's junior wide receiver Sean Reed said. "We didn't want to deviate from that too much."

Though St. Edward's continued to fight, most of their drives ended in punts or inter-

ceptions. The Gentlemen did not help themselves with multiple dropped passes. They held nothing back, running multiple trick plays, including a double pass.

The Ramblers, however, continued to pile on points with multiple runners, including Meinert, sophomore Mike Isaacs and Cure. When the game finally ended, the scoreboard read 41-12 in favor of the defending champions. The Rambler cheering section rushed the field, celebrating their second interhall football championship in as many years.

"I'm just very proud of this team," Cure said. "I'm proud of the way we played throughout the season."

The Ramblers also look poised to compete for a "threepeat" next season, losing only five seniors from this year's team.

St. Edward's can only ponder what could have been, especially if star freshman inside linebacker Rob Dillard had not been hurt and had been able to help stop the run. The Gentlemen only lose four players to graduation and look forward to competing for a title next year.

This year, however, the championship belongs to Siegfried, who will savor the moment.

"This is a dream come true," Cure said.

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HOCKEY

Irish take two wins from Spartans

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

No. 14 Notre Dame improved on a 1-1 shoot out victory at Michigan State Thursday night with a 4-1 rout of the No. 6 Spartans Sunday.

The Irish (6-5-3, 3-2-3-2 CCHA) gained five points in the conference standings over the weekend, the most in a weekend this year.

"It's the first time we've gotten five points in a weekend," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "So that is a positive step for us."

Thursday's shoot out was Notre Dame's third on the season, and second in a row. Ohio State topped the Irish in a shoot out on Halloween, earning an extra point in the CCHA standings, and the Irish gained a point in the same manner by beating Northern Michigan in a shoot out Nov. 15.

"The shoot out points are certainly beneficial in the conference," Jackson said. "That is what we are playing for right now, getting as many points in the conference as we can."

Freshman goalie Mike Johnson kept the game tied at one despite facing 12 shots in the final 25 minutes of play as Notre Dame committed two major penalties in the third period, earning five minutes of penalty box apiece.

"Our penalty killers and Mike played extremely well for us to preserve the tie going into overtime," Jackson said. "The tough thing is that we have been trying to encourage our team to play more physical. ... We can't make those penalties but we do have to stay aggressive."

Freshman Kyle Palmieri scored the Irish goal during the second period off of an assist from junior Ian Cole. Johnson made 23 saves on 24 Spartan shots.

On Sunday Notre Dame did not risk a shoot out. The four-goal offensive outburst set a new



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Senior center Kevin Deeth takes a faceoff against Northern Michigan in the Irish's 3-2 loss Nov. 14.

season high for goals in one game.

"I think we played with more urgency in these last two games," Jackson said of the offensive surge. "We played extremely well in Munn Arena [in East Lansing, Mich.] Thursday night for the first two periods, and then [Sunday] was probably our best 60-minute performance of the season."

Three of the Irish goals were in even-strength play, a scenario where Notre Dame has struggled to score in all season. Junior Calle Ridderwall and Palmieri both got the Irish on the board in the first period, and freshman Riley Sheahan added another goal in the second. Senior Kevin Deeth sealed the win with a goal on an empty net in the final minute.

Junior netminder Brad Phillips started for Notre Dame Sunday, and held the Spartans (9-2-3, 6-1-2-0) to one goal on 28 shots.

"[Phillips] played well last week against Northern Michigan

which allowed us to get that shoot out victory," Jackson said. "Because of that he deserved to come back out."

In splitting starts between Johnson and Phillips this weekend, Jackson continued a trend of not clearly picking one as his go-to guy this season.

"As long as they are both playing well [I'll keep using two different goalies]," Jackson said. "If somebody emerges as the go-to guy you'll know it when it happens."

The game was played in Fort Wayne, Ind., as the Irish wanted to get some playing time in at the site of this year's NCAA Regional, Jackson said.

"It was a good opportunity for us to play in the venue that is hosting the NCAA Regional this year," he said. "As the host institution, I'm hoping we're there. We have a lot of work to do before we get there."

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16 "Backwoods locale

18 Parts of parkas

19 Averages

20 Colorful shawls south of the border

22 ___ Rica

24 Nintendo competitor

25 Spike who directed "Crooklyn"

26 Fireplace residue

27 *Particle with no electric charge

30 Commercials
- 31 Obstruction, as in a pipe

33 1950s prez

35 Boozers

36 Outbuildings

38 Sleeping, most likely

42 Golf peg

44 Place to buy a dog or dog food

46 Badminton court divider

49 *Stew made with paprika

51 L.A. campus

52 Ending on a campus e-mail address

53 Anglo-Saxon writing symbol

54 Monteverdi opera hero who descends into Hades

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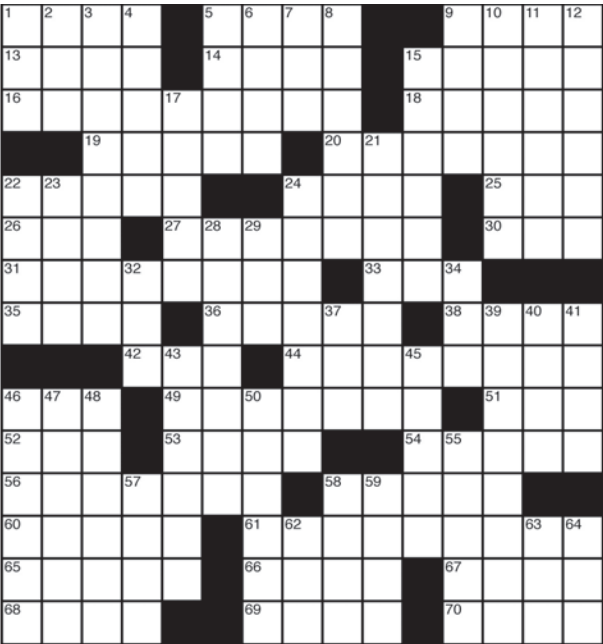
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67 To the ___ of the earth

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69 "Fiddlesticks!"

70 Immediately, to a surgeon



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37 U.S. anti-trafficking grp.

39 *Teased hairdo

40 Gaelic

41 Art ___ (1920s-'30s style)

43 Long-feathered wading birds

45 Lacking its wool coat, as a sheep
- 46 Katmandu native

47 The "Ed" of Con Ed

48 *Home of the University of Arizona

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55 Roller coaster and bumper cars
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63 Tooth decay-fighting org.

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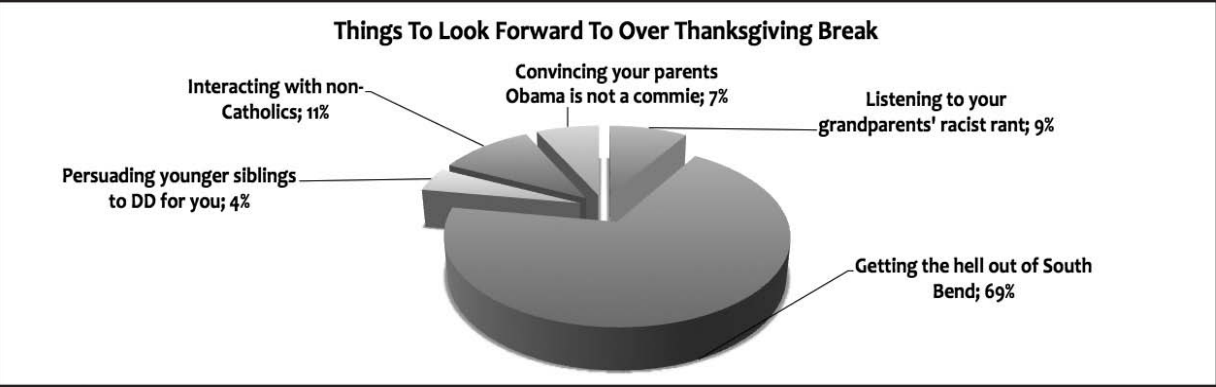
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Happy Birthday: You are able to take action and make headway with pending problems and situations, setting the stage for what's to come this year. Following through will be half the battle. Determination and ingenuity will be your best course of action. Refuse to succumb to ultimatums. Your numbers are 4, 10, 19, 23, 37, 40, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Cash is heading your way, allowing you greater freedom to do some of the things you enjoy with the people you love most. Fire up your enthusiasm for a welcome challenge requiring intelligence, stamina and will power. ★★ ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): CTrouble lies ahead if you hoard or try to keep things under lock and key. Sharing will be the only way you can ensure that, when you need help, it will be there. Times may be tough but it only takes a little ingenuity to share. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You cannot go wrong if you stick your neck out and offer to take on more responsibility. It will put you in good standing with someone who has much more to offer you. You can make crucial changes to a plan, system or network that isn't running efficiently. ★★ ★★ ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put your time, effort and cash into your home. A relationship you think is running along smoothly may not be as stable as you imagine. Protect your heart and your wallet. ★★ ★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You need an outlet for your stress and time spent physically challenging yourself will do you good. An emotional issue with someone you are close to will get blown out of proportion. Be quick to make amends. ★★ ★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't say anything that might upset a domestic situation you face. There will be no turning back once you share your unfiltered assessment of the existing problems. Outside help might put everyone at ease and lead to a resolution. ★★ ★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Getting involved in a hobby, activity or group you enjoy will help you expand your awareness and your circle of friends. An idea you have can change your life if you can market what you have to offer. Ask for help and advice. ★★ ★★ ★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotional issues will create a dilemma for you. Balancing your responsibilities will be difficult. Call upon someone you love and trust to help and you will build a close bond. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stabilize your life by taking control and making the changes necessary, regardless of what others say or do. Once you have made up your mind and you are aware of what will work for you, it will be time to make your move. ★★ ★★ ★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The message you send by sharing recreational time with colleagues or peers will be advantageous in the future. Build your support system based on versatility, adaptability and expertise. An idea or suggestion will be noteworthy. ★★ ★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't hold back -- if you have something to share, let it out. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain by letting others know what you want and need. You may be a little ahead of your time but your ideas will catch on. ★★ ★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There is a lot at risk. Make sure you have everything in order before you divulge your plans. Someone will be eager to criticize you if you aren't well prepared. Be fully aware of all ulterior motives. ★★ ★

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Champs crowned

Ramblers capture second straight title

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Siegfried successfully defended its interhall championship from last season with a 41-12 rout of St. Edward's Sunday.

On its first possession, Siegfried (5-1-1) used its power running game to drive down the field, capping the drive with a 17-yard touchdown run by junior quarterback Matt Meinert.

The Ramblers' defense quickly intercepted St. Edward's quarterback, and only a few minutes into the game Siegfried led 14-0 after another rushing touchdown.

The Gentlemen (4-3) lost nearly all semblance of hope when the game broke wide

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Siegfried players run out of the tunnel before their 41-12 victory over St. Ed's Sunday.



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Howard players celebrate with the championship trophy after beating Pasquerilla West 13-7 Sunday.

Former bottom-feeder Ducks now champions

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Howard completed its run from worst to first with a 13-7 victory over Pasquerilla West in Notre Dame Stadium Sunday.

With almost the entire population of Howard Hall (9-0) lining the sidelines, the Ducks opened the game quickly. Junior quarterback Kayla Bishop led the team down the field on the game's first drive, hitting junior wide receiver Kaitlin Robinson on a series of key conversions.

Facing a third down near the goal line, Bishop was flushed out of the pocket to her left and heaved the ball across her body into traffic. Freshman

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Defense shines as Notre Dame dismantles Iona 80-45

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Irish coach Muffet McGraw has preached defense to her team all season.

On Sunday, it showed.

No. 5/6 Notre Dame (3-0) had 21 steals and forced 33 total turnovers Sunday as it cruised to an 80-45 win over Iona (2-2).

"I was pretty pleased with a lot of what we did defensively," McGraw said. "I thought we did

what we wanted to do."

Senior forward Becca Bruszewski set the pace early as the Irish got off to an 11-2 lead to start the game. She finished with 14 points and three rebounds.

"I thought Becca got us off to a great start in the beginning of the game," McGraw said. "She came out ready. ... I thought Becca was the key defender in that game."

Bruszewski's point total was second on the team behind that

of freshman guard Skylar Diggins, who scored 17 points off the bench. She also grabbed four rebounds.

The Irish never relinquished their early lead and did not let the Gaels within six for the rest of the game while continuing to widen their lead.

However, this was due more to Notre Dame's defensive pressure on Iona than on actual offensive success. The Irish made just 42.4 percent of their shots, but held the Gaels to 35.7

percent shooting.

"I thought we were a little complacent," McGraw said. "We weren't as sharp as we needed to be. I thought we were a little lackadaisical."

Senior guard Ashley Barlow and sophomore guard Natalie Novosel each had five steals on the afternoon as the Irish placed continued pressure on the Gaels. Notre Dame scored 34 points off of turnovers, in comparison to Iona's 10.

For the Gaels, guard Thazina

Cook led with 12 points while forward Anna McClean followed with 10. McGraw said she was especially pleased with Notre Dame's containment of McClean, who averaged a double-double in her first three games.

"[McClean] is a great player," McGraw said.

After a physically punishing 68-67 win Thursday against Michigan State, the Irish were

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Augustin helps Irish advance

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame offense couldn't get much going Friday night against a tough Oregon State defense, but junior Rose Augustin's blast in the 62nd minute was all they would need.

Sophomore Melissa Henderson slid a pass into the penalty box that found a wide-open Augustin who calmly one-touched a shot past the Beavers keeper, giving the No. 5/6 Irish (20-3-1) a 1-0 victory over the Beavers (14-8-1) at Alumni Stadium.

"In games like these, you either play afraid of losing or someone has to step up to the plate and take all the

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Junior midfielder Rose Augustin clears the ball against Oregon State during the Irish's 1-0 victory Friday in the NCAA tournament.

MEN'S SOCCER

Northwestern foils playoff hopes again

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Despite a dominating statistical second half and a myriad of scoring opportunities, Notre Dame lost to Northwestern 3-1 Sunday in a repeat of last year's NCAA tournament loss to the Wildcats. The loss marks the end of the Irish's season and the beginning of preparations for next year.

"It was just [The Wildcats'] day," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "They certainly made the most of their chances."

Notre Dame (11-8-4) fell behind Northwestern (11-4-4) early and was never able to dig itself out of that hole.

The Irish outshot the Wildcats 21-8 and held a 10-2 advantage in corner kicks.

In the 18th minute, a corner was sent into the box that got caught up in the mass of players in the box. Wildcat midfielder Jack Hillgard emerged with the ball and sent it into the back of the net past senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn. The score remained 1-0 throughout the first half.

"It was 1-0 at the end of the half, and I felt good," Clark said. "We were playing well at that point and we started the second half off well too."

And that second half was a dominant performance by the Irish as they outshot their opponents 17 to five and took 10 corner kicks to the Wildcats' zero.

"It was one of those games

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