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Political groups continue activism

Non-election year offers on-campus organizations chance to shift emphasis, broaden goals

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Last fall, they knew Ohio roads like the back of their hands. They waged successful protests. They drafted their constitutions.

Campus political organizations set off a flurry of activity during the 2004 election fervor. A year later, they haven't fallen off the map. In fact, they look forward to the rejuvenation an off-election year provides and have taken last year's lessons to heart.

Here's a glimpse of who they are and what they're up to, as well as an introduction to some

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The Notre Dame College Republicans gather at an executive committee meeting Nov. 3. Political groups on campus have remained active despite the election off-season. TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Bracelets aid boy's family

ND juniors' project becomes fundraiser

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

In late September, the Notre Dame community was touched by the story of Montana Mazurkiewicz.

The 10-year-old boy died from cancer a few days before the Notre Dame-Washington football game, and Irish football head coach Charlie Weis kept his promise by running the first play at the child's request.

In the weeks following, three Notre Dame juniors found a way to honor Mazurkiewicz and assist his family through an assignment for their entrepreneurship class.

Scott Coyle, Brian Veith and Pat Argentieri are selling navy blue rubber bracelets inscribed with "Pass Right" to raise money for the Mazurkiewicz family, who receive all proceeds from the sales through a fund overseen by the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union.

"We've talked to them, and mostly it's to help pay for medical and funeral expenses," Coyle said.

The group thought of selling bracelets before deciding to fundraise for the

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Web site helps students with housing search



GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

Campus1Housing.com lists houses available for rent in the South Bend area, including homes like this one on Saint Peter's St.

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

Off-campus housing now has a home, and it's online.

With Campus1Housing.com, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students can view local properties for rent and contact the property manager through the Web site.

Two Miami University (Ohio) graduates launched Campus1Housing.com in September 2005. Beginning in 2006, it will serve 40 schools. Notre Dame was one of the original schools involved.

Though the site has been around for almost a year, it won't be the same for much longer, as 2006 will bring a major overhaul.

"[The year] 2005 was kind of a test launch for us. We wanted to get the concept out there, get the Web site out there and get feedback from the property managers and, more importantly, the students," Campus1Housing.com founder and CEO Jake Burns said.

The Web site, based out of Minneapolis, Minn., consists of a five-man team, including a

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Hesburgh admitted to hospital, then released

By KATIE PERRY
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University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh suffered a fall last Thursday that left him hospitalized for three days before being released Saturday, University spokesman Matt Storin said Monday.

Hesburgh, 88, fell down in his Holy Cross Hall residence Thursday night and was admitted to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend, Storin said.

Storin declined to comment on Hesburgh's condition while the president emeritus was in the hospital, but said he was released Saturday morning.

Storin and Hesburgh's assistant Melanie Chapleau both declined comment on the specific nature of the injury Hesburgh sustained. But Chapleau said the

injury was "minor."

Storin and Chalpeau said the president emeritus returned to work Monday.

"He's doing fine, is back at work today, and this accident will not affect his schedule going forward," Storin said.

Hesburgh served as the 15th president of Notre Dame from 1952 to 1987. He has held 16 U.S. presidential appointments and has earned 150 honorary degrees from colleges across the country, the most ever awarded to one person. Since stepping down as president, Hesburgh has remained at Notre Dame, working in his office on the 13th floor of the Hesburgh library named in his honor.

The Observer was unable to reach Hesburgh for comment Monday.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Opposition stalls faith resolution

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Firm resistance stalled a resolution meant to increase awareness of faith resources for non-Catholic students at Monday's Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting.

The two-fold resolution called for a rectors' workshop in the spring of 2006 and an additional training session for Resident Assistants during their All Hall Staff summer training workshops — both meant to increase awareness of non-Catholic resources.

But the resolution was sent back to the Social Concerns task force after several rectors said the spring requirement was



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Welsh Family Hall rector Candace Carson, left, and Hall Presidents Council Co-chair Dan Zenker discuss non-Catholic issues Monday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Classes that should exist

The leaves are gone and football season is drawing to a close. Old Man Winter is having one last drink before he gets started ruining our social lives and registration is upon us.

Sam Pandolfo
Advertising Executive

Some of us have already chosen our fate for the next four months, and others are just getting into the page-turning glory of "The Hours." I know we've all chosen really captivating courses, but if I could make my dream schedule it would look a little something like this:

Life Skills 10100: Spelling
This class may seem like a joke elective. In all honesty, nothing could be more important in life than a strong spelling ability. This class would be an extensive study of no fewer than 20 words a week. Lecture would cover phonics, and tutorials would consist of a group quiz. Words of particular emphasis would be animals, colors, cities, and in the later parts of the course, foods.

Home Economics 20901: Laundry and Ironing
Personally, I would relish in having a keen understanding of the mysteries of hot and cold water washing. I would think that this class should also cover the uses and differences between powder and liquid detergent, fabric softeners and heat settings for the dryer. In the second half of this course, we would learn about the intricacies of starch and how to iron delicate items such as ties and polyester. Naturally, this course would be a pre-requisite for Home Economics 30901: Advanced Stain Removal.

Physical Education 36100: Massage
Even though there would be a lab fee of \$35 for this class, it's well worth it. Students would learn the basic techniques of sport massage, oriental massage, deep tissue massage and hot oil massage. There would be a mandatory three-to-one girl-to-guy ratio. The final is a two-hour massage.

Social Studies 40820: Friendship and Dating (Taught at Saint Mary's College)
This would be considered an experiential learning class. Students would have a different partner to take out every week. The school would pay for dates, of course. The goal here would be to develop an enriched understanding of the opposite sex in real world situations.
Naturally, some of the pairings would result in friendship.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THANKSGIVING?

					
Dave Leach freshman O'Neill	Jake Hughes sophomore Fisher	Thomas Rosenberger sophomore O'Neill	June Lee sophomore Lyons	Alec Hirschauer sophomore O'Neill	Susan Clark senior Howard

"Eating weights with Lon Record."	"Eating turkey."	"Going home to the Southern girls."	"Playing golf in the sun with my family."	"I am going to visit relatives in Indianapolis."	"Like any good senior, I'm going to be sleeping and eating turkey."
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Workers hoisted on cranes decorate a Christmas tree on top of Howard Hall Monday.

OFFBEAT

Bush drinks mare's milk, avoids camels

ULAN BATOR, Mongolia — The scene was straight out of a Genghis Khan movie. There were Mongol warriors clad in armor and helmets, armed with swords and mounted on the short, stout horses unique to Mongolia. The warriors hoisted colorful battle flags on spears. Dancers in colorful costumes and elaborate masks that resembled the heads of animals performed traditional routines. Others banged on gongs or played horns. Cows, camels and grunting yaks roamed nearby.

President Bush, his wife, Laura, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice waded into the scene Monday, a settlement of tentlike "gers" set up for the occasion in chilly weather just outside the capital city. Bush entered the first of the wood-and-felt homes, made warm by one of the wood-burning stoves that are a staple of Mongolian living. He drank fermented mare's milk — sometimes likened to a mix of warm beer and buttermilk — sipped tea and nibbled cheese curd, a White House official said. Reporters were

kept outside and could not watch. Inside a second ger, Bush listened as three women in exquisite red and blue-gray gowns performed the traditional Central Asian art of throat singing, a technique that allows the singer to create more than one pitch at the same time. Walking back to the motorcade for the ride to Air Force One, Bush checked out the camels but stopped short as he approached, saying he did not want to be spit on. Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Laura H. Greene, professor of physics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, will give a lecture titled "Power Lunch: A Demonstration of Superconductivity" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in 284 Nieuwland Science Hall. Pizza will be served. The event is sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa.

Fabio Ribeiro, associate professor of chemical engineering at Purdue University, will give a lecture titled "A Discussion of Recent Methodologies to Study Heterogeneous Catalysis" at 3:30 p.m. today in 140 DeBartolo Hall.



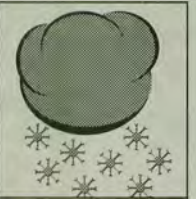
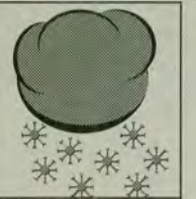
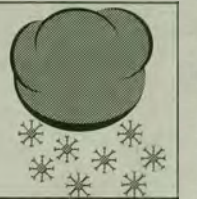
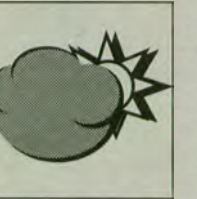
Alexander Hahn, professor of mathematics at Notre Dame, will give a lecture titled "Galileo and His Science in Images" from 5 p.m. to 6 today in 214 DeBartolo Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will take on Hofstra at 7:30 p.m. today in the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame hockey team will play Ohio State at 7:35 p.m. Friday and 7:05 p.m. Saturday. Both games will be in the Joyce Center.

The Vienna Choir Boys, touted as one of the most celebrated children's choirs in the world, will kick off the holiday season in a 3 p.m. performance on Sunday at the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

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Weapons expert discusses future



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer
Dr. David Kay, former director of the Iraq Survey Group, spoke at McKenna Hall Monday.

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Dr. David Kay informed President Bush in 2004 that Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein possessed no weapons of mass destruction.

On Monday night in McKenna Hall, the former director of the Iraq Survey Group gave a lecture titled "What is the Future of Non-Proliferation?" and expert advice on an international issue.

Kay discussed the strategy of non-proliferation that the United States and the Soviet Union adopted during the Cold War. The two countries discovered several of their respective allies were exploring nuclear weapons programs. The United States found the beginning of a program in Taiwan and persuaded the Taiwanese to halt the program by threatening to end U.S. protection of the country from China.

Argentina also began to explore a nuclear weapons program in the late 1960s.

"Who were the Argentineans planning to use weapons

against?" Kay asked. "You lose a soccer game, so you nuke the Brazilians?"

Kay said the strategy included signing the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and using aggressive intelligence against states believed to possess nuclear weapons programs.

Kay said the United States and the Soviet Union told their allies, "We will extend our umbrella of nuclear power for the price of you not proceeding with nuclear weapons."

The initial U.S. security strategy was to keep people out of the Western Hemisphere, Kay said.

This started to change when the U.S. entered World War I. By the end of World War II, the United States had a different mindset, largely due to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. American policymakers realized that events in other parts of the world could impact the security of the United States.

The United States changed its new policy to build up "over-matching military power," Kay said. "We want to be sure that no one can rationally conclude that

they should attack us."

Kay said the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks reinforced fear of a nuclear attack on American soil, a change since the Cold War.

"We have today groups of individuals that can actually contemplate their use," he said.

During the 2004 presidential race, Kay said both President George Bush and former Democratic candidate John Kerry agreed the most important and dangerous national security problem facing the United States was nuclear proliferation.

Kay said the failure of the nation-state system complicates the threat of nuclear weapons today. He foresees more problems in the Middle East as the failed states of Yemen and Sudan continue to grow.

Kay categorizes at least 70 to 85 nation-states in the world today as failed. He predicts Mexico will soon become a failed state, as he sees corruption at every level and believes the United States does not devote sufficient resources to reverse the current course of Mexico towards failure.

"We are going to pay the price for that if we're not careful," Kay said.

Kay discussed the need for the establishment of norms to govern scientific conduct, improvement to national intelligence and the development in language capabilities of clandestine officers. He said it was unlikely that the world would go another 60 years without use of a nuclear weapon, and the United States must conduct a dialogue on how to confront this use.

Kay called universities "the incubators of ideas and social change" and said they were an ideal place to start this dialogue.

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Big name acts meet requests, SUB says

By KATIE PERRY
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Student Union Board (SUB) organizers said the Dec. 2 Better Than Ezra concert, much like October's Vince Vaughn comedy show, is a direct delivery on student requests for big-name acts on campus this year.

SUB Manager Jimmy Flaherty said the Board spent "quite a bit of time" surveying students about possible bands, as well as pricing.

"[Better Than Ezra] showed up as the top band and we were able to make it happen at a great price for students," he said.

Chris Lund, the SUB programmer in charge of the upcoming concert, said the survey included approximately ten bands and gauged which acts students most wanted to see. Better Than Ezra had "very positive results," he said.

Lund said "everyone from [Flaherty] through the programmers to the dorm reps" has worked to provide the type of entertainment students want to see.

"We work on behalf of [the students], and at the end of last year we heard what they would really like is for big-name entertainers to come to Notre Dame," Lund said.

This year, SUB has made a conscious effort to continue the success of its smaller events while still maintaining a consistent presence of large scale programming, Flaherty said.

"If big-name shows continue to be successful, we will have even more leverage in attempting to get popular acts in the future," Lund said.

Flaherty said SUB is working with local police and fire departments to maximize capacity of Stepan Center, the concert's scheduled venue.

"As we saw with the Vince Vaughn show, Stepan can actually be a nice location for a large event like this," Lund said.

Both Flaherty and Lund said SUB expects a sold out show.

"For only \$10, this is a great concert, especially since the band sells out venues normally at \$15 to \$25," Flaherty said. "We encourage students to buy tickets as soon as possible to make sure they get a seat, as tickets are limited."

Tickets are on sale at the LaFortune Box Office.

"We know there are some SYRs on that night, but we have scheduled the show to start at 8 p.m. so it can be over by 10 p.m. so that all students will be able to attend their dances," Lund said.

Flaherty and Lund said due to legal reasons, SUB cannot comment on booking costs for the event.

"We are not allowed to disclose [the cost]. However if the show is successful and there is a large crowd, we would hope to bring another big band to campus in the spring," Lund said.

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Students flock home for Thanksgiving Day

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Whether they travel by car, plane or even foot, many students will take the opportunity to spend time with their families and enjoy a good Thanksgiving dinner over this week's break.

Freshman James Wilson will be heading home on Wednesday to Grand Rapids, Mich., to share a Thanksgiving Day meal with his family.

But Wilson said he will also spend some time with friends from high school. On Friday, he plans to reunite with his old friends and take a trip to watch his former high school football team play for the state championship in Detroit.

Sophomore Ben Gunty, on the other hand, will spend the break with his family in South Bend. His trip won't require flight delays or holiday traffic jams.

"I'll probably walk home since I live about a mile from campus," Gunty said.

Sophomore Cici Zhang is going home to Chicago, where she plans to spend Thanksgiving with her family and see the play "Rent."

While the trip home might be a long haul for most stu-

dents, some, like Gunty, do not have to travel very far for their Thanksgiving break.

Junior Caitlin Mahan will be going a bit further — visiting family in southern New Jersey. She had the same plan last year, but Mother Nature intervened.

"Last year it snowed, and I couldn't go home," Mahan said. "Hopefully, that does not happen again."

Other students, like senior Davin Costa, will be spending their Thanksgiving away from home. Costa plans to stay in Knott during the break.

"I have a lot of work to do," he said.

But work isn't the only reason Costa plans to stay in South Bend. His home in Kauai, Hawaii is too far away to return to over the break.

"I would not have any time there if I went home," Costa said. "As much as I would like to go home, I will miss Thanksgiving with my family for the fourth year in a row."

But no one needs to worry about Costa not getting a good meal on Thanksgiving.

"I plan on eating Thanksgiving dinner with my friends at Castle Point," he said.

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newcomers onto the political club scene.

Recruiting and expanding

Everyone's been through Frosh-O.

But College Republican Frosh-O?

During the second week of classes, over 40 freshmen braved the truly unknown and, upon entering North Dining Hall, were met by College Republican officers who thrust them, again, into Frosh-O games — this time with a political twist.

The games, which included an envelope-stuffing contest and debates on why Barney the Dinosaur should be president rather than John Kerry, contributed to the group's goal this year of better networking and leadership, said president Jonathan Klinger.

It's working. Last year, the College Republicans had three leadership positions.

This year they have 36.

The group keeps its extensive hierarchy and 700-member e-mail list organized with bi-weekly meetings and six committees.

This semester, the College Republicans have co-sponsored a conference on terrorism, planned a social security debate and started a Thanksgiving clothing drive. They are now working towards a dorm-wide voter registration.

"I believe personally that you can't have small government without a lot of activity and responsibility on the part of people for their fellow man," Klinger said.

An additional goal, Klinger said, is to keep ties with the national party. Two weekends ago before the football game against Navy, they had a club tailgate to which they invited prominent Republicans, including Chairman of the Republican National Committee Ken Mehlman and several members of Congress.

Klinger hopes to both reaffirm and expand the perception of what it means to be Republican.

"During an election year, our goal is clearly to support the candidate,"

Klinger said.

"During an off-

year, our big

goal is to pro-

vide venues for

our members to

express their

political views

on campus, as

well as to

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views. Our

responsibility is

to show our

conservative

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something, but

that we have a

responsibility to

use our beliefs

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"Progressive conservatism, if

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The College Democrats, who also have bi-weekly meetings and a 700-name e-mail list, have goals in three areas: electoral, campus and long-term.

An overriding goal, the co-presidents said, is to bolster the Catholic Democrat argument. This includes a focus on social justice through economic policies, such as supporting the minimum wage project for campus employees. Next semester, they hope to bring a prominent Catholic Democrat to campus.

"At a place like Notre Dame, we have a unique opportunity to counter the perception that Republicans have a monopoly on morality and faith," Taylor said.

"It's a two-way street. The Democrats are equally entitled to make arguments based on morality."

Unceasing in their efforts for the local Democratic party, they have already begun to support Democratic Congressional candidate Joe Donnelly's congressional run in 2006 and will help with a major local Democratic fundraiser this week.

"One of our goals is to bridge the divide between Notre Dame students and the local community," Kralovec said. "The party significantly admires and is grateful for work of Notre Dame students in the same way that Notre Dame students exercising their democratic will would have not the opportunity if not for the local party."

An off-election year, Kralovec said, also enables the group to focus on internal diversity in a group where there may be many "different shades of the same color."

"Our goal is to reach out to a larger tent of ideas and to encourage people to voice their disagreements about certain issues," Kralovec said. "I think it's making for a more productive and more helpful group."

Hitting the ground running

Internet campaigns, which were all the political rage last year, did not bypass Notre Dame.

Scott Wagner, now the president of the Libertarians, had always hoped someone would start such a club but thought it unlikely that Libertarians could find each other.

"So, embarrassingly enough, the facebook shows up," he said, laughing.

Wagner invited like-minded students to join his political facebook group, "Libertarians." Through this, he met club officers — now vice president Catherine Kent and speaker Dave Mangold — and thus the group began.

So what is a Libertarian?

"Libertarianism is basically the conception that the government's responsibilities extend to defense and contract resolution and really nothing else," Wagner said. "We basically support rolling back laws, rolling back government interference in people's lives."

The group holds bi-weekly meetings and has an e-mail list of about 150 names. They also

co-sponsor the terrorism lecture series and are planning a free speech movie night and meetings with state party members this semester. The state of Indiana happens to have a particularly strong Libertarian party, Wagner said.

Last week, the group invited passersby in LaFortune to take a 10-question survey — "The World's Smallest Political Quiz" — in an effort dubbed "Operation Politically Homeless." The participants' answers placed them on a two-axis political spectrum, a

broad scale than the typical left-right positions. Many were surprised at their own leanings.

"One girl ended up well into the liberal left and said, 'But I love George Bush!'" Mangold said.

Participants were sent away with an invitation to the next Libertarian meeting.

Wagner said through promotions such as this, he hopes to get the word "Libertarian" on people's tongues.

"A lot of people who aren't really familiar with Libertarians, once they start looking into it, feel that it really resonates with them," Wagner said. "It just makes a lot of sense to a lot of people."

A network of support

Be forewarned — all Democrats, Republicans and Libertarians will be asked to win over the hearts and minds of women this semester.

These three college political organizations will debate women's issues later in the semester due to the efforts of a new organization on campus, Women in Politics.

It's an exciting step for a group that was denied club status last year on the grounds of having a too-specific appeal, president Meghan O'Connell said.

"We stuck together, kept working, reapplied. It was a pretty complicated process," O'Connell said. "Pretty much our mission for the entire year was the challenge of having to fix mistakes we'd made [the] first time. We made sure our language was more inclusive for both major and gender."

Their mission now: to provide a network of academic support both in Notre Dame and beyond, while remaining committed to topics concerning women and political science.

The group, which has 15 core members, has sponsored both this debate and the terrorism conference. An essential part of the club is its bi-monthly lunch discussions with professors.

The fruits of their labor have been quite satisfying, O'Connell said.

"Our first meeting, people wanted to do everything, we had to reign ourselves in!" she said. "To eventually agree on things and actually [be] doing them has just been incredible."

And it's not just about women, O'Connell said.

"We want all points of view — men, women, any person from any major," she said. "If you are at all interested in politics, we want to help you out and give you a forum to help you develop and grow as a political person."

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Bracelets

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Mazurkiewicz family, but decided the boy's inspiring story would make for a successful project.

"It's a tangible way for people to remember what happened," Veith said.

Coyle said the project was both a good way to honor Mazurkiewicz and to fulfill their assignment to start a company or fundraising effort.

"At the time, it had just happened, so it was a big story on campus," he said. "We thought it would be a good opportunity and that there was a need to be fulfilled. It's also a great story that people should look at and admire."

"We felt that going the charity route would allow us to expand our horizons and do something great in addition to learning valuable things in class," he said.

The bracelets, which cost \$3, are sold online at www.pass-right.org or from one of the group members. They have also been sold at football concession stands for Sorin, Badin and Farley Halls, Veith said. Coyle estimated that each concession

stand sold about 100 bracelets.

Argentieri said about 750 of the 1,000 bracelets originally ordered have been sold.

Rather than setting a specific monetary goal for the project, the group aims to cater to campus interest.

"We're figuring most of the interest will die out by the end of semester," Coyle said. "We want to go through semester but are not capping it at that."

The bracelets have been popular among those who knew Montana, Argentieri said.

"A local school teacher who had Montana in class heard about our project and loved the idea," he said. "The family keeps wanting more bracelets."

Veith said the Notre Dame community is in a special position to help the Mazurkiewicz family with expenses.

"I think we all have experienced a loss like the Mazurkiewicz family did," he said. "When you see Charlie Weis say [Montana] wanted to stay alive just to see the football team play one more time, it really brings home that everyone at Notre Dame is in a position to help people that I don't think we realize."

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ND professor named engineering fellow

Special to The Observer

Samuel Paolucci, professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, has been named a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

Fellow is the highest elected grade of membership in ASME and is conferred upon a member with at least 10 years of active engineering practice who has made significant contributions to the field.

A faculty member since 1989, Paolucci specializes in the study of fluid mechanics,

focusing on laminar and turbulent natural convection in enclosures, stability of flows, nonlinear dynamical systems and chaos, two-phase flows and analytical and computational solutions of partial differential equations. He earned his doctorate from Cornell University. He also is a member of the American Physical Society, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics and Sigma Xi, the scientific research society.

Paolucci is the 10th member of Notre Dame's aerospace and mechanical engineering faculty to be named a fellow.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

AIDS preventive programs pay off

LONDON — HIV infection rates are starting to decrease consistently in some countries for the first time, indicating that prevention programs set up over the last five years are finally yielding results, the United Nations said.

However, the AIDS virus continues to expand its reach, with the estimated number of people living with the virus now passing 40 million, according to this year's AIDS epidemic update report, published Monday by the United Nations. That's an increase of some 900,000 cases over the estimate for the previous year.

AIDS has killed more than 25 million people since it was first recognized in 1981, making it one of the most destructive epidemics in history. An estimated 3.1 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses last year, and 4.9 million more people became infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Kenyans vote for new constitution

NAIROBI — Kenyans voted Monday whether to approve a new constitution in a referendum officials said went relatively smoothly, despite minor clashes in Nairobi's largest slum and allegations of vote buying.

The draft charter had bitterly divided the nation and caused pre-election violence that killed seven people, leading election officials to deploy riot police to various parts of the country for the vote, including Nairobi's sprawling Kibera slum.

Kibera residents angry over the presence of the police chased officers out of the slum and attacked a truck driver they thought was ferrying stuffed ballot boxes. The man suffered minor wounds, but there were no immediate reports of other clashes in the country.

NATIONAL NEWS

Slain parents' teen was not kidnapped

LANCASTER — A 14-year-old girl whose 18-year-old boyfriend allegedly killed her parents left with him willingly after the slayings and was not kidnapped, prosecutors said in court papers filed Monday.

David Ludwig told detectives Kara Borden ran from her home and into his car after he shot her parents Nov. 13, and Borden said she went with him of her own free will, according to documents filed by Lancaster County prosecutors.

Ludwig confessed to the killings, saying he shot the parents after the father told him to stop seeing his daughter.

Cheney slams misleading war critics

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney said Monday it's OK for Congress to debate whether invading Iraq was the right decision, calling such open exchanges "more than just a sign of a healthy political system — it's also something I enjoy."

But minutes later, Cheney changed his tone. One of the most outspoken architects of the war, Cheney accused critics of "corrupt and shameless" revisionism in trying to suggest that he and President Bush manipulated intelligence and misled the nation in a rush to war. He called such tactics "dishonest and reprehensible."

Cheney's words came a day after Bush appeared to be easing off on his own attacks on war critics.

LOCAL NEWS

Police officer shot in face, loses eye

INDIANAPOLIS — A police officer shot in the face during a fight following a traffic stop had his right eye removed Monday during surgery, police said.

Officer Mike Antonelli, 25, was in intensive care Monday afternoon at Wishard Memorial Hospital after more than eight hours of surgery, police Lt. Lloyd Crowe said.

Antonelli was expected to survive the wound, Crowe said. The shooting suspect, Kenya K. Wright, 26, remained at large after fleeing on foot from the shooting scene.

FRANCE

School guard dies as unrest simmers

Prime minister pledges more jobs for underprivileged youths; rioting continues

Associated Press

SAINT-DENIS — France's prime minister pledged Monday to find more jobs for youths from poor suburbs, where unrest continued to simmer and a high school guard suffered a fatal heart attack trying to extinguish blazing cars.

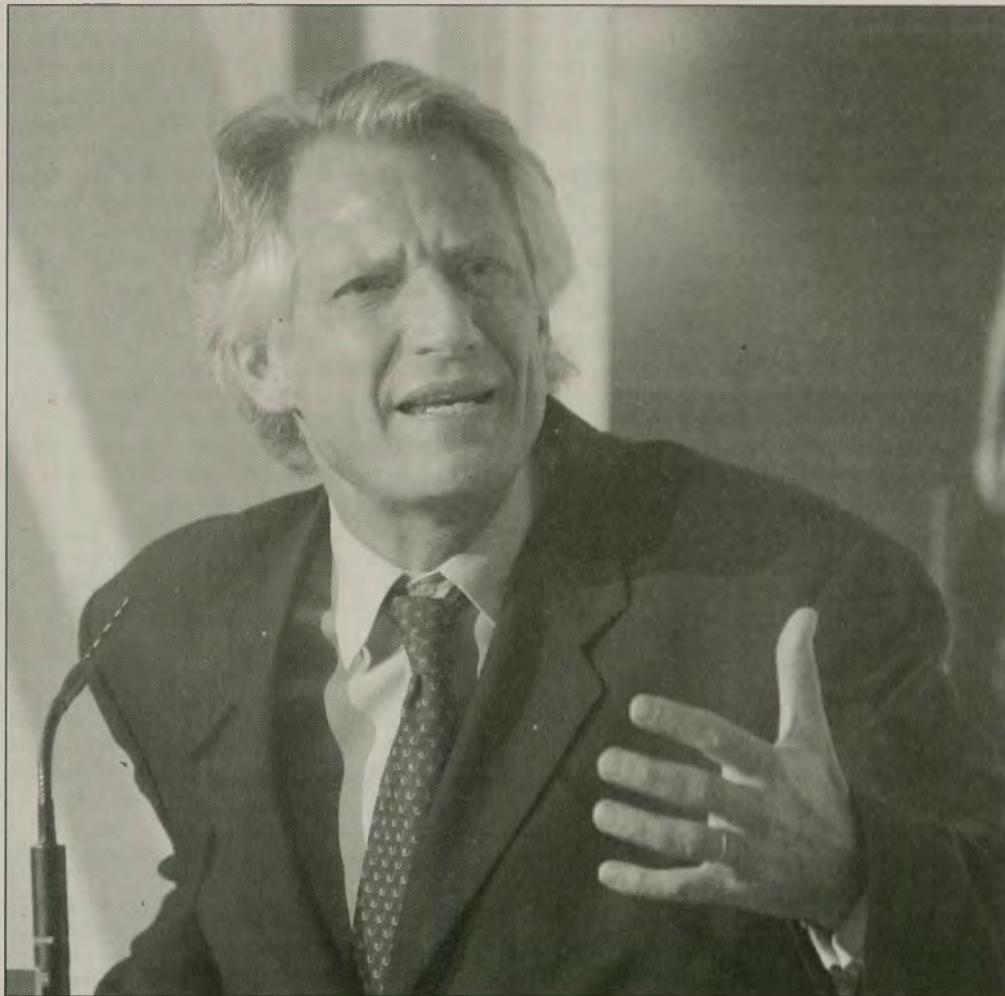
The guard collapsed and died southwest of Paris in Trappes, one of about 300 cities and towns hit this month by three weeks of rioting, arson attacks and other violence.

The violence has abated but sporadic arson attacks continue. Police say dozens of cars are torched on a typical night in France's depressed suburbs, where frustrations over unemployment and discrimination run high among many youths from immigrant families.

On Sunday, youths in a public housing project in the eastern city of Colmar threw stones at firefighters called to extinguish burning scooters, smashing the windshield of the rescuers' vehicle, regional spokesman Jean-Christophe Schneider said.

At a national meeting of job counselors to discuss government strategies for helping minority youths, Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin called it "unacceptable" that minorities faced job discrimination. But he said that France's economic outlook was improving and the jobless rate decreasing.

"I am not asking you to see things through rose-tinted glasses, you are too close to the realities, you know too well the difficulties of everyday life, but all these indications are cause for optimism," he told the audience in the northern Parisian suburb of Saint-



French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin speaks to France's national employment agencies, Monday, to mark the launch of an employment program for suburban districts.

Denis.

Villepin's tone was in stark contrast to the dour assessment of Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy, who said Saturday the French social model was "collapsing" — a sign that the unity the two rivals displayed during the crisis was starting to unravel.

The rioting erupted Oct. 27 and peaked early this month, with vandals torching more than 1,400 cars in one night. The government responded by declaring an ongoing state of emergency that remains in place that allows authorities to impose curfews and more easily

search homes, among other measures.

Meanwhile, several mosques have been attacked or vandalized in what Muslim leaders fear is an anti-immigrant backlash from the rioting.

On Sunday, authorities discovered racist and extremist slogans — including one that said "Defend yourself, France" — spray-painted on a mosque being built in Saint-Etienne.

In a separate incident Sunday, attackers armed with two Molotov cocktails damaged a mosque in a low-income area in the eastern town of Fougères.

Police are investigating the mosque attacks and the death of the high school guard. Police spokesman Alain Rahmouni said there were no arrests so far in the man's death.

As part of renewed government efforts to combat the inequalities laid bare by France's worst riots in four decades, President Jacques Chirac is to meet Tuesday with business and labor leaders and national television executives to discuss hiring young people from poor neighborhoods and airing more programs that reflect France's racial diversity.

MEXICO

Vatican beatifies 13 revolutionaries in stadium

Associated Press

GUADALAJARA — The Vatican on Sunday beatified 13 Mexicans who died during a Roman Catholic uprising in the late 1920s that was crushed by the Mexican government.

The faithful nearly filled Guadalajara's 60,000-seat soccer stadium, where Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins arrived from Rome to oversee the ceremony.

Those without tickets ringed the stadium and listened from the outside, while thousands of others tuned in to radio and television broadcasts in nearby restaurants and shops.

The Portuguese-born Saraiva

Martins, who heads the Vatican office overseeing the process for sainthood, called the martyrs "faithful witnesses" to the power of the church.

Sketches of each martyr adorned the field, arranged around a towering cross. Pope Benedict XVI appeared on video screens, reading a message in Spanish from the Vatican.

"They are a permanent example for us," the pope said of the martyrs, "an encouragement to give concrete testimony of our own faith in today's society."

The 1917 constitution that grew out of the Mexican revolution tightened restrictions on the church, banning public masses and religious

garb. It capped a century of setbacks for the church, which had enjoyed a government-imposed monopoly on faith for most of the 300 years following Spain's conquest of Mexico in 1521.

The restrictions sparked the Cristero War of 1926-29, in which tens of thousands died fighting the government. Restrictions on the church have gradually eased, though Mexico did not re-establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican until 1992.

Sunday's ceremony marked the first Mexican beatifications since 2004, when Pope John Paul II beatified Guadalupe Garcia, a Guadalajara native who founded hospitals and a religious order.

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unnecessary and excessive.

"These needs are already addressed [by Campus Ministry]," said Welsh Family Hall rector Candace Carson. "If a rector feels they are unaware of the non-Catholic resources, then they just need to contact Campus Ministry. To sit and hear something I'm already aware of and with the amount of things we are required to do for graduation, it just wouldn't serve us well."

But Badin Hall rector and Social Concerns task force member Ann Napoli said she doubted rectors would actively seek out the information on non-Catholic resources if they weren't already provided for them in a workshop.

"We have to work harder because this is such a Catholic place and we need to reach students who aren't Catholic," Napoli said. "I don't know if we're doing that right now."

Napoli said she felt the campus had seen "something of a reduction" in activities geared to non-Catholic students.

"ISI [Iron Sharpens Iron] seem to be the only group that meets regularly for non-Catholic students," she said. "These are the types of things that started the conversation [to create the resolution] and a desire to address the issue sooner than next August."

Pasquerilla West Hall senator Christina Lee supported both aspects of the resolution, insisting that rectors as well as RAs need a deeper understanding of how non-Catholic students can find faith outlets

outside Notre Dame.

"Being non-Catholic and trying to find opportunities that were available was difficult. While my rectress was informative, she was limited in terms of specifics," Lee said. "If this is a burden on the rectors, then we can work on it, but we wanted to get it started as soon as possible instead of waiting until the next academic year begins."

Student Union Board manager Jimmy Flaherty motioned to have the resolution amended by deleting the clause requiring a spring workshop for rectors, but the motion was not approved.

The resolution was sent back to the Social Concerns task force for revision.

In other CLC news:

♦ Student body president Dave Baron presented two letters to the Council from Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

The first letter updated the Council on the progress of the student activities fee increase resolution. The resolution has faced both the University Budgetary Working Group and the University Officers Budgetary Group and both times has been met with positive feedback. It will be considered by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees and later by the full Board of Trustees in February.

In his second letter, Poorman praised a resolution passed by the CLC last week that recommended revisions to the dorm dance commissioner's manual.

"Father Poorman responded favorably and came up to me personally to say that some rectors had come up to him

saying they were pleased that students and faculty were taking up this issue on their own," Baron said.

The resolution is meant to stress the importance of having appropriate themes, dress codes and advertising for dorm dances. The resolution was also sent to Assistant Director of Student Activities Peggy Hnatisko, who is currently in talks with members of the Social Concerns task force — the committee that crafted the proposal.

♦ Hall Presidents Council co-chair Dan Zenker said he will be meeting with Joyce Center officials in January to discuss the procedures for next fall's football pep rallies.

"We plan to meet after Christmas break to see if the ticket system will be in place again next fall and try to make sure things are more consistent next year in terms of times [when students can arrive], gates [for entering] and ticket implementation," Zenker said.

♦ In another effort to ease the burden for non-Catholic students, Social Concerns task force chair Jacques Nguyen said his group is currently examining the objectives of University required theology courses.

"Deans of the theology department are going to visit our task force meeting to clarify the expectations the University has of its 101 theology courses and the goals and concerns with the religious curricula," Nguyen said.

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Housing

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real estate broker and a Web master.

"If [students] are looking for off-campus housing, Campus1Housing is going to be their answer," said Joe Condit, vice president and director of sales for Campus1Housing.

Burns and Condit said they hope to launch again at Notre Dame early next year with a much more comprehensive list of properties. The service is absolutely free for students, and there are no listing fees.

"Our goal is to provide the students with a one-stop shop for off-campus housing where they see all the property managers, they see all the properties, their parents can easily look at pictures and get the information they need," Burns said.

Burns said Notre Dame is unlike most schools in that fewer students live off-campus.

"Mostly the people that will be hitting our Web site looking for housing will be juniors, maybe some sophomores — people that want to get off campus and enjoy a little more freedom," he said.

Student feedback has played a big role in shaping and reshaping the Web site, Burns said. Initially, Campus1Housing had a contract with only one property manager in the South Bend area, but about a month ago, the Web site underwent a process of "reinventing the wheel."

"What the students really want is this comprehensive list of off-campus housing," Burns said. "We have opened up our doors for business for all the property managers around Notre Dame."

Originally, Campus1Housing was launched as an auction Web site in which students could bid on properties. Again, student feedback changed that, and the Web site shifted focus. Campus1Housing now concentrates on listing properties and connecting potential tenants with property managers in the most efficient way possible.

Burns and Condit said they've gotten a fairly even distribution of positive and negative feedback. They found out students liked the idea of being able to see all the properties and being able to contact the managers and set up meetings from the comfort of their dorm, but they did not like the auction format.

Burns and Condit listened. They scrapped the auctioning that was once the key idea for their business. The Web site will be reconstructed accordingly in early 2006.

"We've adjusted our business model," Burns said. "We're moving from a transaction-based Web site into a non-transaction-based Web site. We found out that you cannot take the personal relationship out of finding houses because you're not buying an MP3 player, you're living in a place."

"You need to meet that manager, understand their

expectations, see that property ... and the deal ultimately gets done in that property manager's office. We found out that it's got to be that way. You cannot change that. We're adjusting to make the process that's already in place faster and more efficient and much easier than it's ever been before," Burns said.

Mark Kramer, owner of Kramer Properties and landlord to many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, agrees with this principle.

"I never want to get away from the personal level," Kramer said. "In fact, one of my complaints initially [with Campus1Housing] was, you know, I want to make sure students have an opportunity to see the properties firsthand, and I like to show them firsthand and have that interaction with them. I think that's very, very important."

Kramer, who advertises properties through the Web site, likes the continuing changes in Campus1Housing.

"I'm always looking for different ways to market my properties. I like the idea that

it's not necessarily a bidding war because I don't want tenants to get into a bidding war on properties," he said. "Under the new program that they've got set up, I like it a lot better."

Kramer said Campus1Housing is not his main resource for renting out properties, but that he sees it as a good supplement to his usual business. Under the old system, students didn't seem to be responding well, he said.

"I haven't really had a lot of responses yet, but I think partially the reason for that is because [students] aren't aware of it," Kramer said. "I think as time goes on and they become more and more aware of it, they may take advantage of it, but the majority of my leases currently are coming from word of mouth, and also I've got my own Web site."

Burns and Condit hope that they can kill two birds with one stone by further involving the students while advertising the site.

"We want to put the power into the students' hands and say, 'Listen, we'll give you the tools, we'll show you what we've learned ... you figure out how to get the word out to the Notre Dame students,'" Condit said.

Condit said Campus1Housing cannot emphasize enough the importance of involving students not only in molding the Web site but also in being a part of it.

"We have onsite marketing teams at every university we launch at. We have a person on campus who is basically our project manager, and he builds up a team. It's almost like an internship, and it actually will be an internship next year," he said.

Burns likened Campus1Housing to a software provider.

"We don't go into a property management company and say, 'Let us list your property,'" he said. "Really all we do is provide a platform where property managers can list their own properties."

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Hippie, churchgoer helpers unite

Relief workers hail from different backgrounds but display solidarity

Associated Press

WAVELAND, Miss. — Today, a relief worker with abundant tattoos has decided to wear a flowery orange dress, the sleeveless cut showing off his meaty arms.

As he walks by, a middle-aged Methodist from Kentucky continues handing out teddy bears to hurricane victims without missing a beat. A retired Episcopal priest looks up from the crates of donated food and grins at the man's frock.

"Oh," the priest says. "That's just wonderful."

At the New Waveland Cafe, a combination soup kitchen, donation depot and medical clinic for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, volunteer groups of God-fearing churchgoers and free-spirit hippies have formed a bond — a result, they say, of working together toward the greater good.

"It's an unlikely alliance," says a 28-year-old volunteer from Santa Cruz, Calif., known simply as "Moonflower."

The relief center, formed shortly after Katrina flattened this small, coastal city, is run by volunteers from several churches and several people associated with the Rainbow Family, a "disorganization" of self-described hippies who gather annually in a national forest to pray for world peace.

Community members have embraced the eclectic volunteers and come to depend on them not just for food, but much-needed comic relief.

"I had someone ask me, you

know, 'Hancock County, Mississippi, it's really conservative ... How did you guys break in?' I said, 'It's conservative? I hadn't noticed,'" says Clovis Siemon, 25, of Viroqua, Wis., one of the first hippies to arrive in Waveland. "Everyone has a common mission and goal, so all the barriers ... go away."

How the operation came to be is a complex tale, says Pete Jones, a church volunteer. Shortly after Katrina demolished Waveland, some evacuees began arriving in Bastrop, Tex. Concerned local church members hopped in their pickup trucks and headed east with food, water and charcoal grills.

They landed in Waveland and set up a tent in a parking lot across the street from the gutted police station.

Locals heard the volunteers and began emerging from the surrounding woods, many naked after the hurricane literally ripped their clothes off.

The food supply quickly dwindled. Volunteers prayed for and received a welcome truckload of hot dogs.

Meanwhile, a few Rainbows had rolled into town, laden with organic goodies. The two groups bumped into each other and a joint operation was formed.

Tents for dining, cooking and daycare went up. A traditional medical tent, which offers standard health exams and vaccinations, sits next to an alternative medicine tent, which provides massages, herbal remedies and a plentiful supply of condoms in a

Maxwell House coffee tin.

Each week, the volunteers receive organic vegetables, eggs and dairy products from Siemon's employer, Organic Valley. The rest of the (non-organic) food is donated by churches, individuals and international aid organizations.

At one point, the kitchen was serving 2,500 meals a day, Siemon says. Now, it serves around 1,000.

Entertaining the hurricane victims is as important as feeding them, the volunteers say. Music blares constantly and bands often play during mealtime. And then there's that unique hippie brand of humor.

"It's time to bleach the mag-gots!" one bearded man in a pink skirt bellows cheerfully as he sprays chemicals into a reeking garbage bin.



The hippies are not actually cross-dressers, but on "Freaky Friday" volunteers adorn themselves with the more bizarre items found amongst the donated clothing.

"We're trying to give these people, after they gut their house for 12 hours, something else to think about," Siemon says. "And no one throws a party like a hippie."

The volunteers have been a lifesaver for 55-year-old Bay St. Louis resident Varnum "Skipper" Sheldon, who barely survived Katrina.

"You can wake up in the morning and have a smile coming over here and it's so wonderful," he says. "How important is it to our survival? I would say it's one of the most important things."

MARKET RECAP

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NASDAQ	2,241.67	+14.60		
NYSE	7,676.64	+42.06		
S&P 500	1,254.85	+7.58		
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	14,650.06	-30.37		
FTSE 100(London)	5,497.90	-1.00		
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SANDISK CP (SNDK)	-16.65	-9.36	46.84	
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+0.24	+0.04	17.06	
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-1.43	-0.18	12.44	
Treasuries				
30-YEAR BOND	-0.72	-0.34	46.58	
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.91	-0.41	44.61	
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.95	-0.42	43.89	
3-MONTH BILL	-0.43	-0.17	38.95	
Commodities				
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)		+0.51	58.39	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)		+3.30	490.20	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)		-1.15	86.55	
Exchange Rates				
YEN			119.0750	
EURO			0.8523	
POUND			0.5826	
CANADIAN \$			1.1830	

IN BRIEF

Nation's GDP still predicted to grow

WASHINGTON — Despite turbulence from hurricanes and high energy prices, the economy is expected to log respectable growth this year and next, business economists say.

The economy, as measured by gross domestic product, is projected to grow 3.6 percent in 2005 and 3.3 percent in 2006, said the National Association for Business Economics.

"The hurricane season failed to blow the economy off course," said Carl Tannenbaum, the association's vice president and chief economist at LaSalle Bank.

Against this backdrop of the economy's resiliency, the Federal Reserve is likely to continue boosting short-term interest rates well into next year to keep a lid on inflation, Tannenbaum said.

The new estimate for GDP growth in 2005 is slightly higher than a NABE projection released in September, while the fresh estimate for 2006 is slightly lower. GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States.

Europe opens arms market

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union defense ministers adopted a plan Monday to open up their \$35 billion arms industry to increased cross-border competition within the 25-nation bloc — a landmark move designed to cut costs for tight military budgets.

The new "code of conduct" is voluntary and nonbinding, but it marks a breakthrough after decades efforts to persuade nations to relax the protection of their tightly guarded national defense markets and allow Europe's defense companies to compete on a continentwide level.

"It will mean a better deal for European taxpayers, and for their armed forces. And it is a vital step for ensuring that our defense industries remain globally competitive," said Javier Solana, the EU's foreign and security policy representative who chaired the meeting.

Governments have been able to protect their national defense industry champions because military contracts have been largely excluded from EU legislation that has ripped down barriers to trade within Europe in other sectors. The new rules will not apply to companies from outside the EU.

GM will close plants, cut 30,000 jobs

Automaker will cut 17 percent of its work force, close nine plants to reduce costs

Associated Press

DETROIT — In the last few weeks, General Motors Corp. has been facing a near constant drumbeat of negative news and bankruptcy whispers, putting Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner under considerable pressure to speed up his turnaround plan.

Wagoner sent employees a memo last week, assuring them that bankruptcy isn't on the radar at the world's largest automaker. He took further action Monday, saying the company plans to cut 30,000 hourly jobs and close 12 facilities by 2008. The announcement had been planned for next month, but the timetable was accelerated as GM shares plunged to their lowest level in 18 years.

Still, investors weren't too satisfied. GM shares fell 47 cents, or nearly 2 percent, to close at \$23.58 Monday on the New York Stock Exchange. They have traded in a 52-week range of \$20.60 to \$40.82.

Wagoner was resolute, saying he continues to have board members' confidence and hasn't considered stepping down.

"I have given no thought to anything but turning the business around," Wagoner said. "I wasn't brought up to run and hide when things get tough."

But the reaction of some analysts suggested that the drumbeat will continue. Merrill Lynch analyst John Casesa said GM's plan leaves many questions unanswered, including what the company will do about its growing retiree burden. The automaker now has 2.5 retirees for every active worker.

"At some point this becomes an untenable situation and is the key reason that GM cannot shrink to a competitive size; that is



A security guard at a GM plant opens the gate to let plant workers leave after they found out about the upcoming company layoffs on Monday in Oshawa, Canada.

unless the current labor agreement is drastically revised," Casesa wrote in a note to investors.

It's unclear how much help GM can count on from its unions. The United Auto Workers called GM's plan "devastating" and warned it will make negotiations more difficult.

"Workers have no control over GM's capital investment, product development, design, marketing and advertising decisions. But, unfortunately, it is workers, their families and our communities that are being

forced to suffer because of the failures of others," UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said in a statement.

To get production in line with demand, GM will cut 30,000 jobs, which represent 17 percent of GM's North American hourly and salaried work force of 173,000, and close nine assembly, stamping and powertrain plants and three parts facilities. GM's U.S. market share fell to 26.2 percent in the first 10 months of this year compared with 33 percent a decade ago, the result of

increasing competition from Asian rivals. GM lost almost \$4 billion in the first nine months of this year.

"The decisions we are announcing today were very difficult to reach because of their impact on our employees and the communities where we live and work," Wagoner said. "But these actions are necessary for GM to get its costs in line with our major global competitors."

GM said the plant closings are part of a plan to shave \$7 billion off its \$42 billion annual bill for operations.

Sony BMG faces anti-piracy software lawsuit

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Sony BMG Music Entertainment's troubles over anti-piracy technology on music CDs deepened Monday as Texas' attorney general and a California-based digital rights group said they were suing the music company under new state anti-spyware laws.

The Texas lawsuit said the so-called XCP technology that Sony BMG had quietly included on more than 50 CD titles leaves computers vulnerable to hackers. Sony BMG had added the technology to restrict to three the number of times a single disc could be copied, but agreed to recall the discs last week after a storm of criticism.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation said Sony BMG needs to further publicize the recall and compensate consumers for costs associated with removing the software, an onerous

process. It was filing a lawsuit in California Superior Court in Los Angeles.

When XCP-enabled discs are loaded into a computer — a necessary step for transferring music to Apple Computer Inc.'s iPods and other portable music players — the CD automatically installs a program that restricts copying and makes it extremely inconvenient to transfer songs into the format used by iPods.

Security researchers say XCP is spyware because it secretly transmits details about what music the PC is playing. Manual attempts to remove the software, which works only on Windows PCs, can disable the PC's optical drive.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott accused Sony BMG of surreptitiously installing spyware because XCP masks files that it installs. This "cloaking" component can leave computers vulnerable to viruses and

other security problems, Abbott said, echoing the findings of computer security researchers.

"People buy these CDs to listen to the music," Abbott said. "What they do not bargain for is the consumer invasion that is unleashed by Sony BMG."

Sony executives have rejected the description of their technology as spyware. Officials for the New York-based label would not comment Monday, saying the company does not discuss pending litigation.

The Texas spyware law allows the state to recover damages of up to \$100,000 in damages for each violation. Abbott said there were thousands of violations, and that any money would go to the state.

The California law under which the EFF was filing its lawsuit bans collecting personally identifiable information through deceptive means and lets consumers sue for damages.

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Censorship is a hate crime

After the infamous moment in which Janet Jackson's breast was accidentally bared during halftime of the 2004 Super Bowl, the Federal Communications Commission received thousands of complaints. What you may not know, however, is that 98 percent of these complaints came from one organization: the Parents' Television Council. Effectively, one relatively small group of people decided what was offensive for everyone else.



Scott Wagner

Live and Let Live or Die

In the United States, the FCC has the authority to levy fines against companies that broadcast material that is below "contemporary community standards," whatever that means, and the motto of the Parents' Television Council: "Because our children are watching," is archetypal of the arguments in favor of large-scale expurgation.

In fact, it is practically impossible to find any valid contention in favor of censorship that does not mention "the children." As noted by Marjorie Heins — director of the Free Expression Policy Project of the National Coalition Against Censorship — this fallacious argument can be traced back to Plato, when tales of the erotic exploits of the gods might "engender laxity of morals among the young."

What I never understood, however, was how the FCC has any authority to abridge the First Amendment rights of adults whatsoever.

Generally, it is argued that the frequencies of the EM spectrum are a "public good." This sentiment is shared by most paternalistic politicians and interest groups: we all own the airwaves, so we all have a controlling stake in what is broadcast. Right? Actually, in the dictionary of the con-

temporary politicians, "public good" does not mean something that it is owned by all people. It means something that is owned — and controlled — by the government.

The truth of the matter is, censorship is another way for power-hungry people to grab their share of the authority pie. Interest groups like the Parents' Television Council lobby the un-elected FCC to levy fines and regulate the speech of free individuals. "Changing the station" or "not buying a television" is somehow not a viable option, but begging the authorities for more control is. America is in a crisis of personal responsibility and, as always, the government is happy to oblige.

Censorship, however, is not merely an abstraction of Washington. Believe it or not, Notre Dame — the abattoir of free speech that it is — is not immune from speech suppression. Let me be clear: this University is a private institution and can oppress whomever it wants. But, as you may have discovered, some people actually believe that censorship is a Catholic virtue.

Next semester, right on cue, the right-wing organizations on this campus will begin their annual crusade against the play "The Vagina Monologues." It always seemed odd that a few people here felt the need to command me to not act in or see this play, especially considering that the show is voluntarily performed and attended by adults. However, until it is outlawed, the attacks will continue.

As another example, the campus chapter of the NAACP recently had some student comedians banned from Legends because of jokes that were too "offensive." They did not meet with or consult the comedians, nor did Student Activities or Minority Student Services. The only difference between the NAACP and the campus anti-Monologue organizations is that the NAACP has succeeded. The comedians are banned until next year.

Too many people seem to believe

that somewhere, a right to not be offended exists. Fortunately there is no such right, but to look at the gnashing of teeth by religious and racial groups one would never know it. Political correctness and the "think of the children" argument are merely mechanisms for whitewashing the speech of other individuals. Do not be fooled into thinking that censorship must be instigated by a government, however; as Notre Dame has already proven, silencing the voices of others can come in many insidious forms.

If you are offended by a white person using the word "nigga" in a bar full of adults, and you are consequently willing to attack the fundamental rights of that person, you must reconsider the authority you have assigned yourself. The fact of the matter is: you have none, no matter how offended you are.

So even if a woman's breast could possibly damage children, no one — not even "the children" — has a right to watch television. Besides, if a nipple piercing is all it takes to destroy the minds of America's youth, perhaps they should not be watching television in the first place.

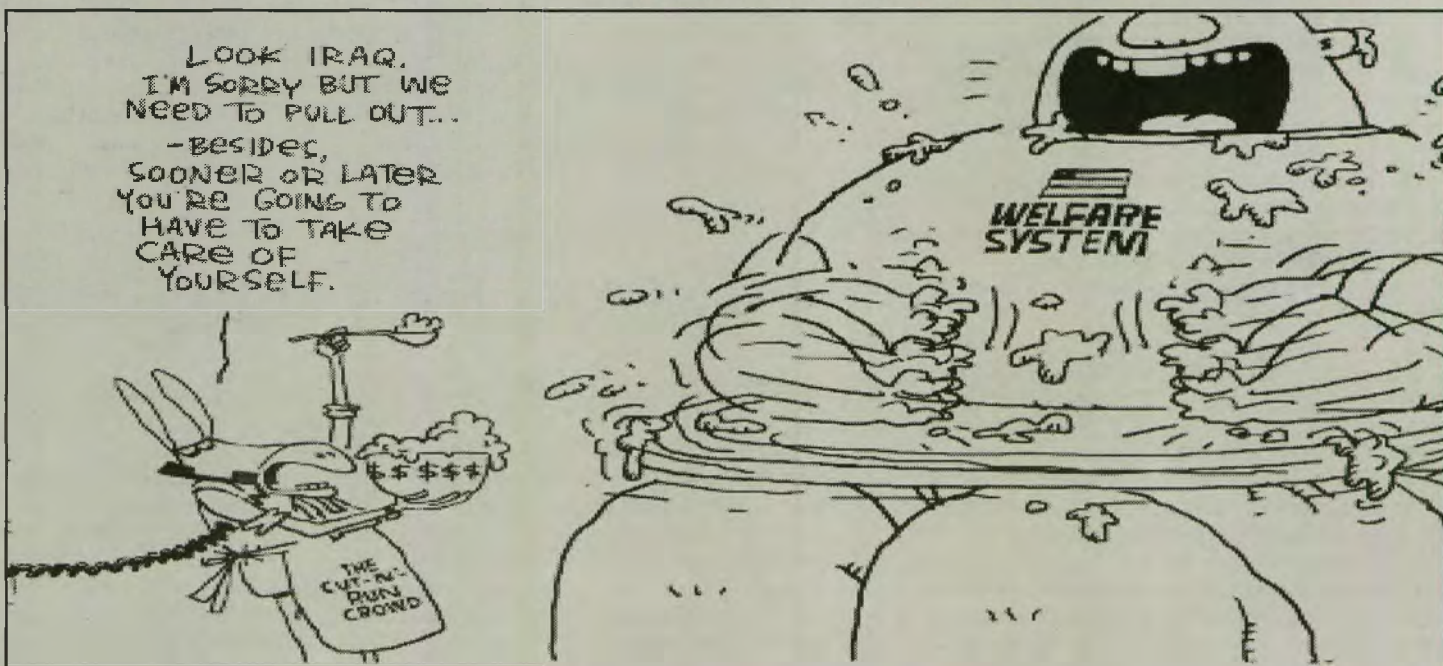
Finally, I may not agree with what someone says, but I will always defend his or her right to say it. A central tenet of libertarianism is respecting the sovereignty of other people and tolerating their right to speak out. As Samuel Gompers, the first president of the American Federation of Labor, said in 1925, freedom of speech is "the right to say the things which displease ... the right to say things, even though they do a wrong."

Has anyone offended you today?

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you must play, decide upon three things at the start: the rules of the game, the stakes and the quitting time."

Chinese proverb

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The only thing bad about a holiday is it is followed by a non-holiday."

anonymous

U-WIRE

Students should spend more time enjoying 'turkey day'

Let's face it, Thanksgiving is an underappreciated holiday.

Every year, stores tear down Halloween decorations and replace them with garland, snow and plastic Santas. Blinking turkey string lights and oversized singing pilgrims are nowhere to be seen. The commercialized-world skips this thankful holiday and heads straight to the gaudy holiday displays and overplayed Christmas soundtracks. Let me count the ways in which the tradition of Thanksgiving needs more loving.

First off, it's non-denominational. At Christmas, manger scenes, pageants and dozens of songs mull over the birth of Christ. Even Hanukkah celebrates a miracle that happened in a Jerusalem Temple. The Christmas tree in the lobby of my public high school created controversy, but I've never heard anyone make a fit over turkey decorations hanging in the windows.

The decision over white or dark meat seems to be everyone's biggest concern on Thanksgiving Day. Although the original holiday was celebrated in honor of religious freedom and thanking God, now that idea has almost been completely eliminated from the Thanksgiving agenda. The lack of religious uneasiness alone is something to be thankful for. Thanksgiving offers an official time to reflect on family, friends and kindness that you have experienced over the past year, without isolating specific religions.

Religion aside, there's also the absence of commercialization.

The extent of Thanksgiving decorations consists of kindergarten turkey hands and the sparse cornucopia display. It's hard to find a company that spends an excessive amount of money on

Thanksgiving advertising, and I've yet to see a man dressed up as a giant turkey while screaming at children to get their pictures taken with him.

The lack of commercialization also means there are no items for companies to try to sell us. It is a rare American holiday, no gift-giving or unnecessary material objects.

Thanksgiving marks the last day of peace before the mall insanity and wallet emptying begins. During Thanksgiving, it's nice to see your family because you want to enjoy their company, instead of focusing on what's hiding behind that reindeer-wrapped package.

The break is also a time to reflect on what we are most thankful for: no classes or professors for five days.

As you head home for some quality time with your family, it's nice to pretend you're completely done with the semester and able to forget about the finals that patiently await your return. Friends you haven't seen since you've lounged on the beach months earlier are all home and eager to hear about your

crazy nights at Sigma Chi.

It's a daylong eating fest complete with a smorgasbord of food. Dieting is just not acceptable at

Thanksgiving. It doesn't matter whether you're on a low-carb diet or Jenny Craig.

Thanksgiving is a day to splurge.

Turkey, stuffing, a plethora of pies, gravy boats and 13 different casseroles all contribute to this day of overeating.

When the food is all gone, and after the long day of football and Macy's

Thanksgiving Day parade-watching, intense fighting over the wishbone, the tryptophan from the turkey starts settling in, another Thanksgiving has come to an end.

And as soon as grandma puts away the leftovers, it is off to the mall to prepare for the next holiday.

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Break a great opportunity to catch up

This week we face a great challenge: a short week.

While some may argue that we should not be forced to attend class the week of Thanksgiving as some students have miles and time zones to traverse before they sit with their families in front of a turkey and other sorts of yummy goodies, we are expected to attend nonetheless.

So what to make of these three, and in some cases, two days of class?

As much as possible. With only nine days of class time before finals role around, now is the time to

take advantage of every lecture in order to better prepare for the tests that await us. Now is certainly an easy time to slack off and procrastinate, but such actions will only lead to dire stress in the future when time really is short.

No one wants to work on homework and catch up on everything that has been put off, but this time away from school is a great opportunity to do just that.

Ignoring all the work that needs to be done could leave you frantic during the last week of classes.

So make the most of these few days and see how much it pays off in a few weeks. Of course you should enjoy the beautiful fall weather and delicious food

the season has to offer, but you may want to consider catching up on your reading before you fall asleep.

You may want to get a jump-start on your term paper and begin reading over your notes.

Surely a little time spent now will pay off in the near future.

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Surprised by vegetarianism on Thanksgiving

Ah, the tempting tastes of Thanksgiving. Fluffy mashed potatoes. Tangy cranberries. Spicy pumpkin pie. Savory stuffing. A plump, juicy Tofurky. Tofurky? You bet.

In the Thanksgiving production at my house, the role of the bird is played by a spunky understudy made of wheat and soy, whose clever moniker has become a standard holiday one-liner on late-night talk shows. No birds will be harmed in the making of my meal.

It wasn't always this way. Just like millions of other families, we had a turkey on our table 13 years ago, but suddenly, unexpectedly, we were struck by the irony of giving thanks for a bird who really didn't have much to be thankful for. I was caught off guard by the overwhelming urge to get rid of the turkey and never do this again.

My daughter and I had already been flirting with vegetarianism for some time. It started when we got a mailing from an animal protection group that told the story of a cow who arrived at the slaughterhouse unable to walk. When poking and prodding failed to move her, the cow was dragged off the truck by tying one end of a rope to her leg, the other to a post in the ground, and driving the truck

out from under her. Her pelvis broke when she hit the ground. She was left there for hours in the blazing sun. At one point, she was attacked by a pack of stray dogs.

A witness snapped a photo of her lying there, hind legs splayed out awkwardly to either side, blood running down her face. The witness asked the stockyard staff to put the animal out of her misery, but it wasn't until well into the evening — more than eight hours after the cow's ordeal began — that a butcher finally arrived to administer a fatal bullet.

Apparently, it is common for animals to arrive at slaughterhouses too weak, sick or injured to move. So common that they have a nickname for them: "downers." This poor animal's fate was certainly a downer for me. Hamburgers suddenly lost their appeal. I must have felt guilty enough to send the group a donation, because the mailings started coming regularly after that. Every time I read about the plight of one animal or another, for weeks after I couldn't bear the thought of eating them.

Weeks stretched into months. Our family meals started to center on vegetables instead of meat. We ate spaghetti with marinara sauce, hold the meatballs. We ate bean burritos, corn chowder, curried chickpeas and veggie stew. We tossed zucchini, squash, eggplant and corn-on-the-cob onto the

grill. I started experimenting with exotic cuisines and "faux" foods like soy milk and cheese, tofu, veggie burgers and "Notdogs." My husband, always thrilled to get a home-cooked meal, gamely gave all of my efforts an enthusiastic thumbs up, even the ones that were a little too experimental.

Before I knew it, a year had gone by. Thanksgiving rolled around. Out of habit, I prepared the same meal I had since the kids were little. All of their favorites — including turkey. It wasn't until I set the bird on the table that it hit me. I hadn't eaten meat since last Thanksgiving. If I could go a year without meat, why eat it at all?

Now we count our blessings around an all-vegetarian Thanksgiving dinner. Here's what we've learned in the last 13 years: Tofurky is good for the heart. Physically, yes, but that's not what we think about on Thanksgiving. We think about how it helps our hearts spiritually. And we give thanks for the privilege of feeling good, on No-Turkey Day and always.

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SCENE & HEARD

The ultimate college movie

A lot of us first learned about college not through campus visits but through the magic of cinema. From our first (or in some Notre Dame cases, only) frat party to the winning football game that changed the life of everyone it touched, our vision of university life has been inspired by the movies.

While there is no perfect college movie — there are just too many pieces of the college puzzle for any film to do justice to — there are a lot of good ones. In terms of representing life on campus, each movie usually only manages to get one thing right. But if you combined the best parts of every movie, you just might end up with the perfect (but maybe not accurate) look at undergraduate life.

Sports
Clearly for any Notre Dame student, the movie "Rudy" is a hugely influential piece of collegiate cinema. It shows the beauty of the campus, the spiritual nature of the school and the intense love of football that the place inspires. Rudy's "never say die" attitude about getting into Notre Dame may also become more relevant as it continues to get harder and harder to get accepted. The underdog story at the heart of "Rudy" makes it a favorite among sports fans and Irish aficionados alike, and it provides a fairly accurate look at the "sports" facet of the college experience.

The College Work Load

The tagline of "Old School" is "All of the fun of college, none of the education," and if you've ever pulled an all-nighter in the library, you've probably wished it were true. While not in any way a realistic representation of the college academic load, it is an ideal one — no work and all play. It does accurately show just how much time and effort some students will devote in order to throw great parties.

Campus Life

It can be argued that there is no greater college movie than "Animal House." It can also be argued that few films are a less-accurate depiction of university life. Does anyone care? No. We all want to save our fraternity (even girls), party hard and still manage to graduate unscathed and with nothing on our permanent records. Like "Old School," work is a distant thought in the background of the film, which, along with singing "Shout" at a toga party, is something we all really wouldn't mind during dreaded finals week.

"Revenge of the Nerds" is another important film in the college oeuvre. For every student who's spent Friday night in the library, every engineer or pre-med who's questioned their major and anyone who was ever a "mathlete" or debate team member, the movie is as inspiring as any sports film. It shows us that, like "Rudy," the underdog can win. And they can win with brains instead of

brawn, a calculator instead of calisthenics.

Lectures

Sometimes — okay, most of the time — lectures are boring. It's not so much that professors are boring but more that there's always somewhere we would rather be than in class. Some movies present the same things we learn in class but in a more palatable, glossy form.

The strange and creepy blend of 1980s music, science fiction and giant evil rabbits present in "Donnie Darko" may not seem academic, but pop it in and watch philosophical debate emerge. Major subjects of philosophical debate, such as fate? Check. Arguments about the nature of free will? Double check. Science-related subjects like wormholes? You've got it. Wouldn't philosophy class be a little more interesting with Jake Gyllenhaal and a man in a rabbit suit thrown in? The movie also gets bonus literary points for a discussion of Graham Greene's short story, "The Destructors" and a debate about the lyrical beauty of the phrase "cellar door."

Another movie alternative to learning through lecture is "Shakespeare in Love," which takes Shakespeare, adds Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes and removes the physical act of reading. While it's not exactly like watching Shakespeare in performance, it does have enough "in" jokes about Shakespeare to make every person who has studied Renaissance literature feel superior for "getting" it.

The Post-Graduation Blues

We all know that it's coming. We can deny it, postpone it with promises of graduate school and pray to win the lottery, but the real world beyond college is fast approaching.

Few films deal with life after college, but "The Graduate" shows us that life after college can get, well, complicated. The questions about life after graduating and not wanting to be the same as the preceding generation are always pertinent, and it reveals that it can be hard to find your place in the world after leaving the insular world of academics. Benjamin Braddock's affair at least assures us, in a strange way, that life after college will always be, at the very least, interesting.

So, to summarize, the recipe for the perfect college movie experience is as follows: one part inspirational athlete from "Rudy," the minimal work load of "Old School," a liberal amount of the campus life seen in "Animal House" and "Revenge of the Nerds," free-spirited lectures inspired by "Donnie Darko" and "Shakespeare in Love" and a pinch of the postgraduate life from "The Graduate."

There may not be a way to make your undergraduate years last forever, but you can piece together your own version of it thanks to the magic of cinema.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Eden's 'Touchdown'

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Scene Critic

Wake up the echoes. Shake down the thunder. Win over all.

These legendary lines conjure various images of greatness for any Notre Dame football fan. Notre Dame fans, however, are different from any other college football fans because to root for Notre Dame means cheering for much more than just a football team.

"Touchdown Jesus: Faith and Fandom at Notre Dame" (\$25, Simon and Schuster, 2005) by 1997 alumnus Scott Eden is a book that explores exactly what it means to be a Notre Dame fan from the perspectives of students, alumni and the sometimes neither Irish nor Catholic "subway alumni."

"Touchdown Jesus" accomplishes this while telling the story of the turbulent 2004 football season and controversial firing of former Irish head football coach Tyrone Willingham three years after his hiring. Eden narrates through the season by introducing readers to various groups of Notre Dame fans from all walks of life who make weekly pilgrimages to South Bend every fall. Readers witness the passion of these fans

that organize cross country trips and set up massive tailgate parties before games. One amazing story tells of a parish celebrating a Mass with their pastor from the back of an SUV amidst hundreds of other fanatic, beer-drinking tailgaters.

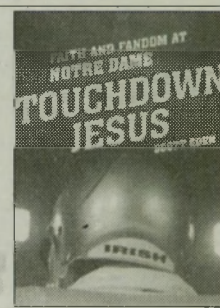
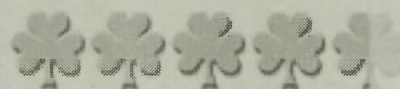
Eden devotes much of the book to fandom on the Internet, mostly on the NDNation.com fan website. NDNation, considered the number-one place on the Internet for Notre Dame news and talk, is a place where Notre Dame fans increasingly congregated during the 2004 season to armchair quarterback, coach and administrate. While Eden uses NDNation as the starting point for his examination of the 2004 season, he also tells of the storied history of Notre Dame football and its particular struggles in the past decade.

It is at this point where Eden relates how football is one of the key components to the University. His description tells of the political machinations at Notre Dame in recent years. He takes a no-holds-barred approach in telling the intertwined stories involving the end of careers for both Willingham and former University President Father Edward Malloy. The stories give much more flavor to the messy situation than the media reports of the last year. Eden covers sensitive issues including the commercialization of Notre Dame, Willingham's alleged unwritten performance clause in his contract and Malloy's infamous "embarrassment" by the University at the firing of Willingham.

These stories and others are certainly captivating since Eden does not sugarcoat them, but the real focus is on the response from the Notre Dame fan base to the trying times of the past decade. Most of the fans in

Touchdown Jesus

Faith and Fandom at
Notre Dame



'SSX On Tour' provide

By JOSH TALLEY

Scene Critic

As winter rolls around, people find themselves spending less and less time outside and more inside getting cabin fever. But this year, to help get into that winter spirit without actually having to go outside (and to keep us from losing our minds), EA Sports BIG has released another in its line of successful SSX games. But this year's is even slicker, tighter and more aesthetically pleasing.

SSX: On Tour is the fourth game in the highly-acclaimed winter extreme sports series. In the past, gamers have been content with snowboarding to their hearts' contents, but not this year. The addition of skis to the mix creates a new visual spectrum, as the game play is nearly the same but has new animations for tricks. Even though they are similar, there are slight differences in the way you can control the character. Skiing in the game is slightly more complicated and takes a tiny bit more skill to pull off. It adds a fair amount of replay and the desire to want to create more custom characters.

But, even before the player gets to choose between skis or boards, he is bombarded

with a completely revamped visual style.

While past games in the series have gone for comical or icy, this time around tosses you straight into the doodle-covered notebook of a heavy-metal-loving high schooler. This can be seen everywhere in the game from loading screens featuring a unicorn playing a double-guitar to dancing donkeys to U.F.O.'s in the background. If nothing else, the game should be praised for its incredible use of style.

The rock 'n roll theme doesn't stop there though. It is infused even into the game's soundtrack. This time around, the game has a licensed soundtrack full of great new artists. The only problem with this is that they severely underused their soundtrack by constantly playing the same songs over and over — instead of all the songs — and also by having only a few that are capable of being played during the menus.

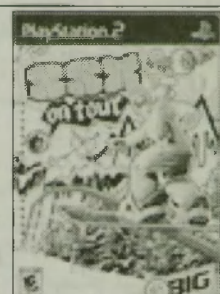
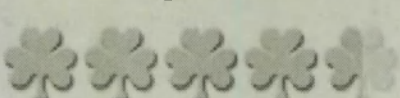
Also new to the series is the creation of customizable characters in order to put a little of your personality into the game. While there are not too many options when it comes to what the characters look like, with a little imagination and the help of the humongous wardrobe/accessories menus in the game, the gamer can create a unique look to rock 'n roll down the mountain. Also, the craziness of some of the outfits makes the game fun. Forget buying new boards or skis, buy the panda costume instead. And the player can unlock all the racers (and some secret ones) by completing single player and finishing missions.

Unlike SSX 3, the open mountain has been removed and replaced with The Tour. This single-player experience takes

SSX

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Jesus' good for all



Photo courtesy of cccm.ca

"Touchdown Jesus" is a nationally recognized symbol of the Notre Dame campus. Scan Sweany writes about the Notre Dame community in his new book.

"Touchdown Jesus" never lose faith in the university, even though they may question. Lou Holtz to Bob Davie, Kevin White, Roy, George O'Leary and Willingham to Archie Weis and University President Father Jenkins, Eden notes that Notre Dame is never waver in their loyalty to Notre Dame simply because Notre Dame is greater than any of these men. The central message of this book is that Notre Dame is not just about football or academics or Catholicism, but that it is all three of these things form the pillars of the University. Eden believes that Notre Dame fans by nature do not support just one of these, but rather believe in all three.

Although this is Eden's first writing effort, the book has a distinct flourish that makes it

very easy to read. The tone is very conversational, almost as if Eden is telling the riveting stories in person. Eden's best writing trait, though, is that he understands Notre Dame. He "gets it," as people like to say about various Notre Dame personalities. He is able to capture the spirit of the combination of secular football and the Catholic religion in his book just as the Touchdown Jesus mural does on the face of the Hesburgh Library. This book shows the character of Notre Dame fans and what it means to be a member of the "Notre Dame Family." In this new chapter of Notre Dame history, "Touchdown Jesus" is one book every family member should read.

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is rocking experience



Photo courtesy of ign.com

"SX On Tour" marks the introduction of skis to the classic snowboarding game. The time down the slope is the most stylish experience to date.

entirely on one giant mountain featuring 13 new runs, 135 challenges to be accomplished and 49 medals to be earned. In every challenge you accomplish more than one. The differences in the missions themselves are also a lot of fun. While there are still the basic race to the finish, trick-offs and collection missions, there are also new ones such as grind for specific distances, or off the snow for a certain amount of time, or gather a specified amount of air time to escape from the ski-patrol.

The controls of the game are simple enough. Most of the buttons contain pre-set grabs, tricks or tweaks. There is also a boost button, which takes away from the speed meter, and a jump button to help get a little bit of extra height of the jumps.

One can also link together tricks in combos to increase your boost meter faster. When the boost is filled all the way, the gamer can pull off a Monster trick with a flick of the right thumbstick while doing any other trick. Not only can you do them while in the air, you can do Monster grinds off of rails, logs or anything else you think you can grind off of (try grinding the helicopter).

This game adds some great stylized elements to the series, and the introduction of skis is also a great. It has great game play length, upwards of 30 hours. While the game play and graphics are both aging nicely, it does feel a little old. This is a game worth your time.

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DPAC SPOTLIGHT

'Ibrahim' fails to impress

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Critic

A French film with English subtitles, "Monsieur Ibrahim" is set in a poor Parisian neighborhood during the 1960s.

Pierre Boulanger plays the part of Moses — a young boy abandoned by his mother at an age too early to remember and therefore forced to live alone with his miserably-unstable and critical father (Gilbert Melki) in a red-light district of Paris.

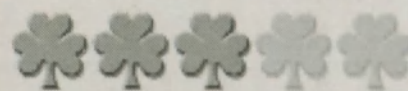
A large portion of the movie depicts the growing frustrations of Moses' father as he returns home every evening, increasingly more angry and depressed. But having just turned 14, Moses is more eager than ever to experience the things which, until this time, have remained distant and only observed through his bedroom window. In an attempt to portray his readiness for manhood, the movie emphasizes his overwhelming excitement to break the piggy bank of his youth in exchange for brief sexual exchanges with some local street walkers who stroll regularly through his neighborhood.

However, it is Moses' daily trips across the street to the local food supply stores that initiate his development and heighten his sense of maturity. Monsieur Ibrahim (Omar Sharif), the store owner and a Sufi Muslim, takes a keen interest in the young Jewish boy at a very critical time in both of their lives. Each day, the boy comes into the store for his daily meal preparations, and each time he is presented with sometimes humorous and sometimes insightful comments on life as experienced by the store owner.

Comically at first, Ibrahim begins by offering "Momo" suggestions for feeding his grumpy and insolent father by encouraging him to disguise cat food as pate. Later, however, he moves on to express some abbreviated philosophical perspective on life. But through his kind words of wisdom and fatherly advice, Momo finds the parental figure that has been generally remiss throughout his life.

As a Persian from the Golden Crescent, Ibrahim is regularly stigma-

Monsieur Ibrahim



Director: Francois Dupeyron
Writer: Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt
Starring: Omar Shariff, Pierre Boulanger, Gilbert Melki

tized by the surrounding community as an Arab. However, as a Sufi Muslim who is both cheerful and humble, the advice he passes on to young Momo comes not only from the study of his Koran, but from his heart. One of the first suggestions Ibrahim makes to Momo is for him to smile more, as it will make him increasingly happier.

The climax is when Momo's father loses his job and deserts him to later commit suicide. It comes as no surprise that Ibrahim is there to console his sorrows. At Momo's own request, however, steps are taken to make Ibrahim his adopted father. Immediately the old man accepts Momo as his own son and takes him on a spiritual cross-country journey back to his homeland. This trip is meant to mark a most significant period in both their lives, as they are apparently able to open their hearts to God and one another while experiencing the beauty of the world that surrounds them.

However, as the movie nears end, the direction of its conclusion becomes noticeably limited and therefore is forcibly left with an undeniably lackluster close. Had the viewer initially been enchanted by the movie's fairy tale-like qualities, the story's mediocre conclusion would likely prove disappointing. While it is easy to uncover the overall positivity and mediocre life themes, the plot never fully delves into any underlying issues such as racism and class distinction.

While "Monsieur Ibrahim" is obviously a movie dedicated to straightforward spirituality and kindhearted pleasures, it still lacks enough motivational qualities to hold any long lasting impression.

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Monsieur Ibrahim, right, played by Omar Shariff, mentors Momo (Pierre Boulanger) as they walk through a Paris city street.

ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish take confidence out of close win over Minnesota

Notre Dame had six top-5 finishes Sunday against the Gophers

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Notre Dame completed an emotional comeback Sunday night, edging out host Minnesota to finish first in the 10-team Minnesota Invitational.

Entering Sunday, the third day of competition, the Irish had compiled only 476 points, and they trailed Wisconsin by

80 points.

But six top-5 finishes on Sunday boosted the Irish past the Badgers and allowed them to hold off the surging Golden Gophers by a score of 722-707.

Irish coach Carrie Nixon was pleased with her team's refusal to quit.

"We started out slowly on the first day, which is typically our weakest day," she said. "But the girls kept their focus on the goal, which was winning the meet."

Sunday's comeback started two top-5 finishes in the 200-meter backstroke, as Ann Barton finished third with a time of 2:02.06 and Caroline

Johnson finished fifth with a time of 2:02.93. Johnson's mark of 2:02.93 was nearly four seconds better than her preliminary time.

Julia Quinn continued the Irish comeback with a second-place finish in the 200 breaststroke with a time 2:16.12. Next came the third place finish for the 400 freestyle relay team of Johnson, Christa Riggins, Rebecca Grove, and Katie Carroll.

Finally, Notre Dame sealed the victory with second- and third-place finishes in the 200-meter butterfly by Carroll and Casey Wagner.

Overall, the Irish finished

with 15 top-3 finishes.

"It was a total team effort," Nixon said. "We really appeared to be together on the same page, and that is very exciting."

The other major highlight of the weekend was Carroll's performance in the 400 individual medley (IM). Carroll, with a time of 4:15.34, achieved an NCAA "A" cut time, which guarantees her a spot in the NCAA championships not only for the 400 IM but also for the five events in which she has achieved a "B" cut time. Carroll is the first Irish swimmer this season to qualify for the NCAA championships.

This past weekend's win signifies the continued improvement of the team this season. After starting the season with close losses to Cal and Purdue, the Irish have improved steadily, winning two dual meets building up to their victory this past weekend.

"Sunday night's win was a huge confidence booster for us," Nixon said. "We swam well against Cal and Purdue, but we lost. To go in and swim with some of the best teams in the country and win was great for us."

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Texas wins thriller over West Virginia, 76-75

Demon Deacons down Bulldogs in 2K Sports College Hoops Classic

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — LaMarcus Aldridge made a put-back with 3.6 seconds left and blocked a last-second shot to lift No. 2 Texas to a 76-75 victory over No. 13 West Virginia on Monday night in the semifinals of the Guardians Classic.

Daniel Gibson hit six 3-pointers and scored 20 points to lead Texas (3-0), which will meet either No. 7 Kentucky or No. 18 Iowa in Tuesday night's championship game. P.J. Tucker added 19 points for the Longhorns and Aldridge finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Texas, which trailed by 10 points early in the second half, went up 72-71 on Kenton Paulino's 3-pointer with just over 2 minutes left. But Frank Young answered with a basket 25 seconds later and Gansey hit a layup with a minute to go, giving West Virginia a 75-72 lead.

After the Mountaineers' Johannes Herber and Kevin Pittsnogle missed the front ends of 1-and-1 opportunities, Tucker's follow shot got Texas within 75-74 with 15.4 seconds remaining. Pittsnogle missed another 1-and-1 with 14.7 seconds to go, and Aldridge converted after misses by Paulino and Brad Buckman.

Aldridge then blocked a last-second layup attempt by Mike Gansey, who led the Mountaineers (2-1) with 28

points.

**Wake Forest 79
UNC-Asheville 63**

Justin Gray paced a balanced offense with 16 points, Trent Strickland scored 14 and No. 24 Wake Forest finally got a breather with a victory over pesky UNC-Asheville on Monday night.

The Demon Deacons (4-1) finished third in the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic, and their run of four games included two that went to overtime. The loss came to Florida in the semifinals of the event, another one that went down to the wire.

It also dropped Wake Forest five spots in The Associated Press poll.

For the first time this season, Gray started at his more famil-

iar off-guard spot, with freshman Harvey Hale playing point. The change was designed not only to give Gray more scoring opportunities, but to cut down on his turnovers.

He had 27 in the previous three games, including 10 in a double-overtime victory over Texas Tech in the consolation game of the tournament. It worked for the most part — Gray still produced on offense, and his only turnover came on a double-dribble in the waning seconds of the first half.

And Hale finally made a shot, driving for a layup with about 3 1/2 minutes left to improve to 1-for-21 in the past three games. Michael Drum, a walk-on who initially took Chris Paul's spot in the lineup, came off the bench for the first time and provided a

spark in the second half.

The transfer from Division II Presbyterian scored eight of his 10 points in a 2-minute span of the second half to help the Deacons pull away. Drum swished a 3-pointer to make it 62-47, then added a layup off a nifty feed by Gray. After Omar Collington had a shot blocked by Eric Williams, Drum fed Gray for a 3 and later drove inside for a three-point play.

That made it 70-48, and the Bulldogs (0-2) never recovered. Joe Barber scored 17 points for Asheville, and teammate Oliver Holmes had 11.

Yet Wake Forest had some trouble finding offensive continuity without Paul, their All-American guard who left for the NBA after his sophomore season.

NBA

Portland disciplines Patterson for cursing at McMillan

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Trail Blazers have placed forward Ruben Patterson on the inactive list after he cursed at coach Nate McMillan during Sunday's loss to the New York Knicks over his lack of playing time.

Patterson will remain in Portland while the rest of the team is on a six-game road trip.

"We will not tolerate this type of behavior from any player,"

Blazers GM John Nash said in a statement released Monday. "We will continue to demand a higher level of professionalism and personal responsibility from all of our players or we will continue to take appropriate action."

The Blazers lost to the Knicks 103-92, committing 23 turnovers, allowing 18 points off offensive rebounds and virtually not bothering to show up on defense against a New York

team that was without several key players.

Patterson's tirade over playing time came during the team's huddle between the third and fourth quarters.

"It is clear to me that the Blazers have made a decision to develop younger players, which is their prerogative," said Dan Fegan, Patterson's Los Angeles-based agent. "Unfortunately, Ruben Patterson is at the prime of his

career, and his play merits more time than he is getting with the Blazers. As a result, I have had conversations with John Nash about how to best handle the situation."

Fegan would not say whether Patterson has requested a trade to another team.

McMillan, who came to Portland this season after five years as coach of the Seattle SuperSonics, inherited a young, troubled team that has dealt

with player misbehavior, personnel changes from the front office down, fan disenchantment and two years without a postseason.

The new coach has vowed to get his team under control, but in addition to Patterson, he has already clashed with star forward Zach Randolph, ejecting him from practice after Randolph said something that displeased McMillan during a drill.

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2	Texas	2	.9791
3	Penn State	4	.8900
4	LSU	5	.8372
5	Virginia Tech	6	.8294
6	Ohio State	7	.7841
7	Oregon	10	.7340
8	NOTRE DAME	9	.6908
9	Miami	3	.6718
10	Auburn	13	.6333
11	West Virginia	12	.5813
12	UCLA	11	.5787
13	TCU	14	.4547
14	Alabama	8	.4115
15	Georgia	16	.4081
16	Texas Tech	19	.3786
17	Wisconsin	20	.2587
18	Boston College	24	.2573
19	Fresno State	17	.2508
20	Louisville	18	.2423
21	Georgia Tech	NR	.2207
22	Michigan	15	.2132
23	Florida	22	.1602
24	Florida State	NR	.1345
25	Northwestern	NR	.0831

NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
Philadelphia	7-5	.583	W1	0.0
New Jersey	5-4	.556	W2	0.5
Boston	4-5	.444	W1	1.5
New York	3-7	.300	W1	3.0
Toronto	1-9	.100	W1	5.0

Eastern Conference, Central

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
Detroit	8-1	.889	L1	0.0
Cleveland	8-2	.800	W7	0.5
Indiana	6-3	.667	W2	2.0
Milwaukee	5-3	.625	L1	2.5
Chicago	4-5	.444	W1	4.0

Eastern Conference, Southeast

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
Miami	6-4	.600	L1	0.0
Washington	5-4	.556	L3	0.5
Orlando	3-6	.333	L2	2.5
Charlotte	3-8	.273	L2	3.5
Atlanta	0-9	.000	L9	5.5

Western Conference, Northwest

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
Minnesota	5-4	.556	W2	0.0
Denver	6-5	.545	W3	0.0
Seattle	5-5	.500	W3	0.5
Portland	3-5	.375	L2	1.5
Utah	4-7	.364	L5	2.0

Western Conference, Pacific

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
L.A. Clippers	8-2	.800	W3	0.0
Golden State	6-5	.545	L1	2.5
Phoenix	4-5	.444	L1	3.5
L.A. Lakers	4-6	.400	L2	4.0
Sacramento	4-6	.400	L1	4.0

Western Conference, Southwest

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
San Antonio	8-2	.800	W3	0.0
Dallas	7-2	.778	W5	0.5
Memphis	7-4	.636	L1	1.5
New Orleans	4-6	.400	L1	4.0
Houston	3-7	.300	L3	5.0

NHL



Red Wings coach Mike Babcock looks to the visitors bench to inform them to clear the ice as medical personnel work on Jiri Fischer, who collapsed on the bench after having a seizure during the first period.

Red Wings' Jiri Fischer suffers seizure

Associated Press

DETROIT — Red Wings defenseman Jiri Fischer had a seizure on the Detroit bench late in the first period of Monday night's game against the Nashville Predators and was listed in stable condition at a hospital.

Fischer was given CPR at the bench by team physician Dr. Tony Colucci before the 25-year-old native of the Czech Republic was removed on a stretcher. The game was called off with no makeup date announced immediately.

"His heart was stopped," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "They hooked up the auto defib-

rillator and shocked him."

Team spokesman John Hahn said Fischer was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital and was stable, breathing on his own and responsive.

"It's our understanding, the reports from the hospital, that he is fine and he will be fine," Babcock said.

Play was stopped with 7:30 left in the period after the Red Wings alerted officials to a problem. Medical personnel worked on the 25-year-old Fischer at the door to the bench for several minutes before he was wheeled back toward the Red Wings dressing room.

"First of all, everybody is definitely caught by surprise," Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman said. "We

turn and see Jiri laying between the boards and the bench and we're not sure why.

"You fear for the guy's life at that moment. I can't remember anything like that."

The decision was made to resurface the ice then, and the remaining time was to be added to the second period. But the game was postponed instead.

"It was obvious to everybody involved that it was the right decision," Predators coach Barry Trotz said. "It was very disturbing to both sides and I think the NHL recognized it, the players recognized it. To be quite honest, the game became very secondary. When a friend

or a teammate was in danger like Jiri was in, then the decision was made for everybody to reschedule it."

It was not immediately clear whether the game would be played in its entirety or resume from the point of the stoppage.

"Our primary objective is that Jiri is taken care of," Trotz said.

Red Wings forward Brendan Shanahan helped escort Fischer's fiancée, Avery, across the ice to the bench area.

"Obviously, she was very worried and concerned. She just wanted to be next to Jiri," Shanahan said.

Fischer was diagnosed with a heart abnormality in September 2002.

IN BRIEF

Cablevision rejects offer from investors to buy Knicks and Rangers

NEW YORK — Cablevision Systems Corp. rejected a \$700 million offer from an investment group last month to buy the New York Knicks and the New York Rangers professional sports teams, a Cablevision spokesman said Monday.

Cablevision, the country's sixth-largest cable operator, confirmed the details of the offer made in a letter dated Oct. 18 by a group led by financier Russell D. Glass, a former executive at Icahn Associates, billionaire Carl Icahn's investment firm. News of the group's offer was reported online Monday night by The Wall Street Journal.

The investment group also offered to discuss an additional bid to buy the teams' venue of Madison Square Garden from Cablevision but did not specify a price, according to Bethpage, N.Y.-based Cablevision. Icahn was not involved in the bid.

Duke women keep top spot over Tennessee in AP poll

Two convincing victories made the Duke women an even stronger choice at No. 1.

Duke increased its lead over Tennessee in The Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday, and New Mexico appeared in the Top 25 for just the third time after handing Texas a rare loss at home.

New Mexico (3-1) moved in at No. 25. North Carolina State, which had been 23rd, dropped out.

Duke opened the season with a 93-67 victory at Penn State, then routed Old Dominion 93-56, also on the road. Coach Gail Goestenkors' team shot a combined 55 against the two tradition-rich teams and held them to 32.5 percent shooting.

The Blue Devils received 23 of 45 first-place votes from a national media panel and had 1,101 points. Tennessee, which beat Stetson 83-33 in its only game, had 18 first-place

votes and 1,082 points.

In the preseason poll, Tennessee had a 23-17 edge in first place votes and trailed Duke by only five points.

Tennessee remains perfect with rout of Chattanooga

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Chattanooga coach Wes Moore got a sneak peek at the Tennessee Lady Vols this summer. Nothing surprised him on Monday.

Shanna Zolman scored 20 points and Candace Parker added 14 points and nine rebounds in second-ranked Tennessee's 92-50 victory over Chattanooga.

"It's one of Pat's best teams ever," Moore said. "You take a Final Four team and add Candace Parker."

The win was Tennessee's 14th straight over the Lady Mocs (1-2).

The Lady Vols, who beat Stetson 83-33 in their opener Sunday night, were playing in back-to-back games to prepare for the three-day Paradise Jam in St. Thomas later this week.

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EA Sports Maui Invitational, 7 p.m., ESPN
Cleveland State at North Carolina, 9 p.m., ESPNU

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Toledo at Bowling Green, 7 p.m., ESPN2

NCAA FOOTBALL

Nittany Lions jump to third in latest BCS standings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Paterno and Penn State are in the clubhouse, hoping for Southern California or Texas to fumble away their chances to play for the national championship. The Nittany Lions moved up

one spot into third place in the Bowl Championship Series standings on Monday behind the unbeaten Trojans and Longhorns.

Penn State became the first team to lock up a spot in the BCS by winning the Big Ten's automatic bid on Saturday

with a 31-22 victory over Michigan State. The Nittany Lions finished the regular season 10-1.

The top two teams in the final BCS standings, which come out Dec. 4, will play in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 4 for the national championship.

With two weeks and numerous big games still to be played, the Nittany Lions can only watch, wait and root for an upset that might get them a trip to Pasadena, Calif.

The Trojans are first in the BCS standings, as they have been for four out of the previ-

ous five weeks, but their lead on Texas is tiny. USC has a BCS average of .9807 and Texas is at .9791, not that it matters.

The important thing for USC and Texas is they're way ahead of Penn State and only need to remain undefeated to reach the Rose Bowl.

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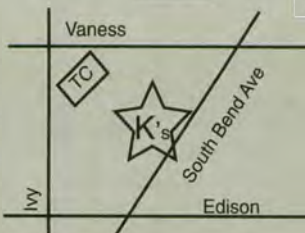
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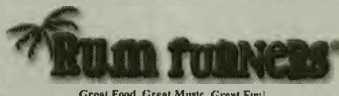
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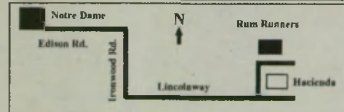
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Brewster keeps her cool under the spotlight

Senior middle blocker led Notre Dame to Big East title over Louisville in distracting Kentucky atmosphere

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

In the middle of all the week-end commotion of the Big East tournament, senior Irish middle blocker Lauren Brewster stayed focused.

Jim Carey, Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Robin Williams, Billy Crystal, Hootie and the Blowfish and a host of other celebrities swamped the Louisville Downtown Marriott, also the hotel at which all the Big East teams stayed, just blocks away from the Kentucky International Convention Center, the site of the Big East volleyball tournament. An up-and-coming R&B/hip-hop group, Eclipse, jammed in the hotel lobby. Security guards manned every corner of the hotel.

Saturday night was the opening of the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville — a museum tribute to the native Ali and the reason for all the hubbub.

But on Friday night, just after defeating Villanova in the quarterfinals, Brewster sat in the hotel lobby writing a history paper. She'd just helped lead her team to a round-one comeback victory and had a semifinal match the next day. But when she wasn't doing volleyball activities — film, scouting or playing — she was writing her paper or hanging out with the team.

Throughout the weekend, in between volleyball matches, several other players talked about the homework on which they were working.

Some typed papers. Others cut out paper chromosomes for

genetics projects.

With players like Brewster and fellow seniors Meg Henican, Lauren Kelbley, Carolyn Cooper and Kelly Burrell leading the way, it's easy, they say, to focus — even with stretch limousines and paparazzi lined up outside of their hotel. The Irish say their great concentration is due to their outstanding team chemistry.

"We just pulled together really well," Henican said, referring to when her team came back from multiple deficits against Louisville to win the Big East Championship.

"We definitely look to each other a lot. Our team chemistry is great. They [the Cardinals] kept the pressure on us, and we didn't break. We were stronger."

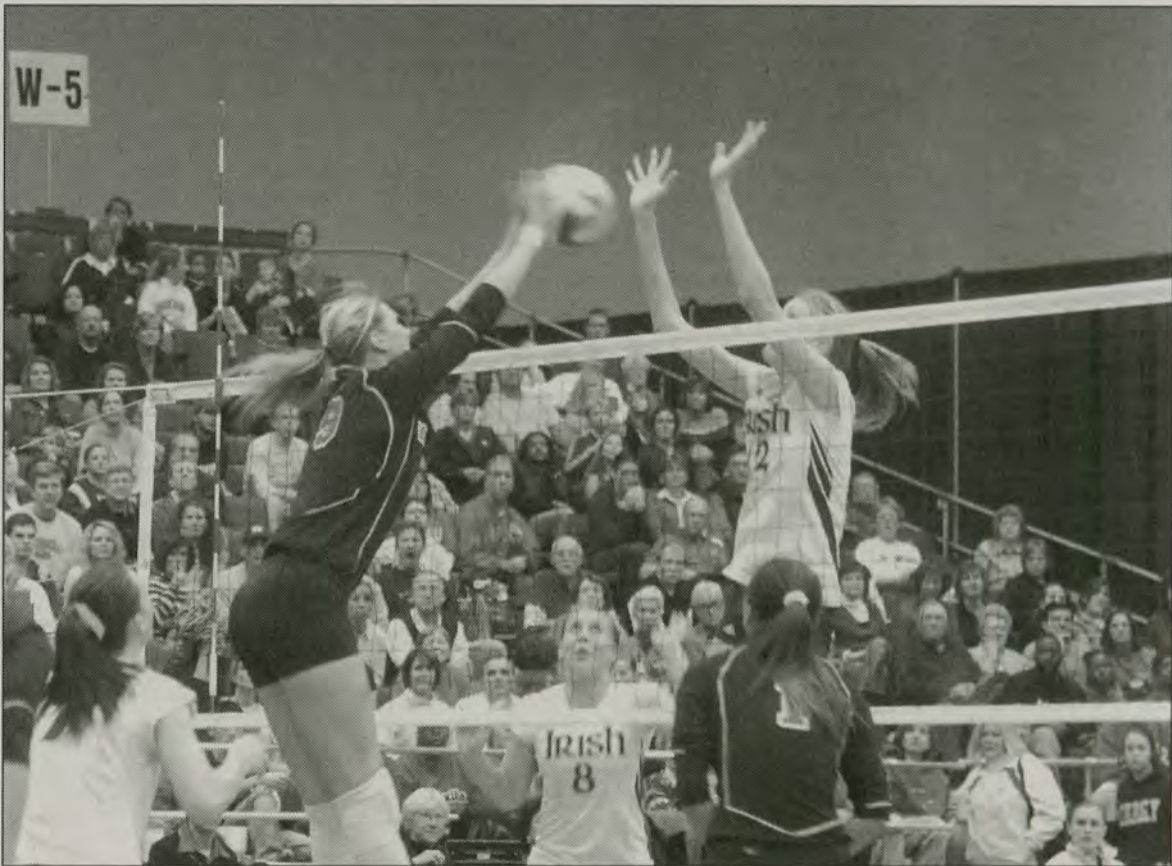
One other reason that contributed to their unbreakable concentration was something unexpected.

Besides the usual family and friends who attend most of their matches, the Irish had some fellow students, three freshmen from Morrissey, who made the trek to Louisville — even on a home football weekend — just to cheer on their classmates.

"It was awesome to have those guys there," Kelbley said. "I can't believe that they came ... and their story of how they got here, it was just so cool."

The trio took a train from South Bend to Chicago Friday evening and then took another train from Chicago to Cincinnati through the night. They bussed the rest of the way and arrived around 6 a.m. Saturday.

Irish head coach Debbie



HY PHAM/The Observer

Senior Lauren Brewster, right, jumps to block Svetlana Dukule's spike attempt Sunday during Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Louisville in the Big East title game.

Brown was equally impressed — and thankful.

"I think it was great," she said. "For them to take 14 hours just to get down here and cheer us on, obviously we have a lot of friends and family of the team here, but just to have some fellow students here to cheer us on and say, 'We don't care about the football team or anything else, we're going to go down there and cheer them on.' That was awesome."

Kelbley enjoyed having the students around, even after the

matches.

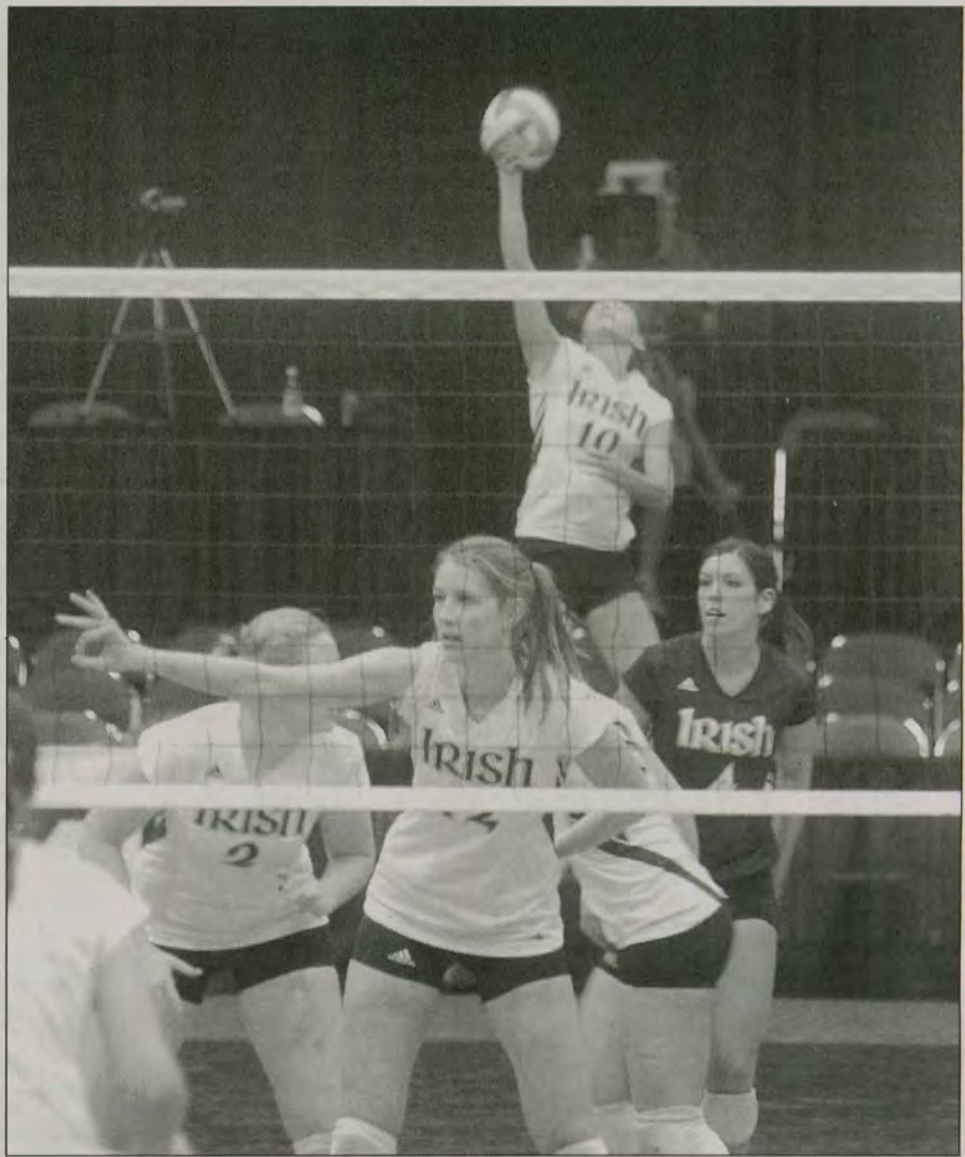
"Having them around the hotel the whole time ... every time we came downstairs, there they were," she said. "It felt like a constant cheering section with us. It was great to look out there [at the matches] and know that we had people who were willing to go that far and make that kind of effort to cheer us on. It was great."

Henican appreciated their efforts throughout the entire season — they attended nearly every home match because

Morrissey, as a dorm, sponsors the volleyball team — and especially their work in getting the parents and family friends riled up.

"They're always such good fans," she said. "They always bring big crowds to all of our games, and it meant a lot to us to have them here. And they did a really good job of getting our little cheering section started and going."

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HY PHAM/The Observer

At left, Lauren Brewster (12) and Lauren Kelbley elevate to block a hit by Louisville's Anastasia Yartsteva during Notre Dame's victory over the Cardinals in the Big East Championship Sunday. At right, Brewster directs the Irish attack as Adrianna Stasiuk, back, prepares to serve the ball.



Left, Irish running back Darius Walker cuts past wide receiver Jeff Samardzija's block in Notre Dame's 34-10 win over Syracuse Saturday. Right, Irish wide receiver Maurice Stovall evades an Orange defender. Notre Dame officially released its football schedules for 2006 and 2007 Monday.

Schedule

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Georgia Tech, Michigan State, Air Force and USC. The Irish also play Navy at Baltimore, Md.. Notre Dame played the Midshipmen at a neutral site in 2004 as well, winning 27-9 at the Meadowlands.

Next year's schedule only includes one bye week, before the UCLA game. This happens because of the new NCAA rule that allows teams

to play a 12th game, resulting in Notre Dame playing seven home games next season. The bye week comes six games into the 2006 season, after the Irish will have faced Stanford at Notre Dame Stadium.

But Irish head coach Charlie Weis said earlier this season that he was not concerned about having just one bye week in the future.

"If [the bye week] is early in the year, you have to use it to push your system," Weis told The Observer for a Nov.

4 article. "If it's in the middle of the year, you've got to use it to rest your guys. You just have to make sure whenever those bye weeks occur, you use them to the greatest benefit."

And Notre Dame continues to play a difficult schedule. Of the 12 Irish opponents next season, five are ranked this season, including No. 1 USC and No. 4 Penn State.

The Irish open 2006 with No. 20 Georgia Tech and conclude on the road against No. 1 USC. Notre Dame faces all

three service academies next year in a four-week span. Navy is Oct. 28, with a break for North Carolina, and then Notre Dame faces Air Force and Army in consecutive weeks.

In 2007, Notre Dame is set to play the same teams but will substitute a home game with Boston College for a game with North Carolina and a home matchup with Duke for Army. The games against the other opponents will be played in the opposite team's stadium in 2007.

The bye week in 2007 comes eight games into the season, as it is the week after the USC game and before the Navy game.

Once again, the Irish will open with Georgia Tech, but this time at Notre Dame Stadium.

The 2007 season concludes with a trip to Stanford, and the Irish play No. 1 USC on Oct. 20 at Notre Dame Stadium.

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NCAAs

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Madia said.

The meet was the last of their collegiate careers for four seniors on each team.

"It hasn't sunk in yet. I've been focusing on the race during the day," Madia said of her emotions at the end of her career. "That said, [the emotion] plays a part when you're running. You want to leave it all out there."

"I can't believe how quickly the time's gone. It's been a blessing to be at Notre Dame."

Madia said she is leaving the

program in good hands.

"I feel very confident leaving the team in the hands of the underclassmen, knowing that they're going to get a lot better," she said. "There's a lot of potential with the underclassmen."

Men's head coach Joe Piane said his team, which finished above their national ranking coming into the meet, followed his race plan perfectly.

"It was a wonderful day. The men competed exceptionally well," Piane said. "They did exactly what we wanted them to do, which is go out conservatively and then make a charge late. We said the first half of the race was for jockeying for position,

and then the race really began."

The third-place finish was the best for the Irish men since 1989.

Piane said the team used its disappointing 11th-place finish in 2004 as motivation for this year.

"This was our highest finish in years," he said. "The guys have been working pretty hard. They made a commitment after this meet last year to get back here and do well."

Benninger and seniors Tim Moore and Kaleb Van Ort earned All-American honors. Moore finished No. 31 with a time of 30:15 and Van Ort finished No. 41 with a time of 30:22.

Fifth-year senior Sean O'Donnell was the fourth runner for the Irish men, placing No. 57, only 13 seconds behind Van Ort.

Freshman Patrick Smyth was the fifth runner for the Irish, finishing strong with a time of 30:58.

"Smyth did a terrific job, especially for a freshmen," Piane said. "He must have passed 20 people in the last two [kilometers]."

Junior Todd Ptacek and senior Vinny Ambrico rounded out Notre Dame's seven competitors.

For the Irish women, the seventh-place finish came as a slight disappointment after the team came into the meet ranked fourth in the nation.

"If everyone had their best day, I'm sure we would have placed higher, but it's just hard to have everyone run their absolute best all at the same time," Madia said.

Madia's fellow All-Americans, senior Molly Huddle and freshman Sunni Olding, earned the distinction for the second straight year. Huddle finished No. 15 overall in 20:13, and Olding took No. 24 with a time of



Notre Dame freshman Patrick Smyth runs in the National Catholic Championships Sept. 16.

20:30.

Freshman Ramsey Kavan was fourth for the Irish and No. 59 overall at 20:57.

Senior Elizabeth Webster took the fifth spot for the Irish, running a personal best 21:58 and finishing No. 191. Senior Jean Marinangeli and junior Katie DeRusso were right on Webster's tail, finishing Nos. 202 and 206, respectively.

Several Irish runners from both teams who did not compete made the trip down to cheer on their teammates.

"I totally appreciate my teammates coming down because it's a Monday and they missed class

and made sure they got their work done so they could come down and cheer us on," Madia said. "We heard 'Let's go Irish' chants the entire race."

Wisconsin won the men's meet, scoring an exceptionally low 37 points and beating second-place Arkansas by 68. Notre Dame was 73 points behind Arkansas at 178.

On the women's side, Stanford took the meet title with 146 points, besting second place Colorado by 35. The Irish finished with a team total of 252.

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Notre Dame senior Sean O'Donnell passes a Florida State runner in the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 30.

Manning

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Now a senior, Manning said it was the support of her coach and teammates that convinced her to stay on the team.

"Coach was so supportive, and he gave me so many chances and never really gave up on me," Manning said. "But pretty much it was the team, the reason I stayed. The girls mean so much to me. I can't imagine being at Notre Dame and not a part of the team."

Like her statistics, Manning's emotions could not be further from where they were a little

more than a year ago.

She is excited for Notre Dame's impending clash with Portland, especially because she will be returning home for a soccer match for the first time in her collegiate career.

Before Notre Dame's victory over Yale Friday, Manning said she was hoping for a showdown in her home state.

"I've never played in Oregon," she said. "I've been wanting to the past four years. It would just



Manning

be great if we could do this in my last few games, and it would be Thanksgiving weekend, so [I could be home]."

The winner of Friday's game advances to the College Cup in College Station, Texas at the campus of Texas A&M and likely becomes the odds-on favorite to take home the 2005 national championship.

Waldrum said Notre Dame's success this year has been in large part thanks to the team's depth, and Manning is an integral part of the Irish attack.

"She's done a great job for us off the bench," Waldrum said. "You don't skip a beat [when she comes in]. To get into the NCAAs and win, you need players like [Manning] that are going to help you through it."

For Manning, that is the ultimate compliment. She said her goal in games is to maintain the high level of play of the starting Irish forwards.

"I just don't want the game to let down when I get onto the field, and I just make it my personal goal to keep up that level of play [of the starters]," Manning said.

She attributes her solid play all year to rededication and focus on the field and in practice. Manning has scored all nine of her goals off the bench — one of the highest totals in Division I for a second-line player. She has netted her 25 points in just 690 minutes of playing time this season, averaging 31 minutes of action a game.

"I know my playing time is limited, and I just want to make an impact at any level," Manning said. "Whether it's winning a random ball or scoring a goal, whatever I can do."

For all her hard work, Manning



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Notre Dame forward Maggie Manning takes a shot against Connecticut in the Big East Tournament Nov. 6.

has developed a devoted cheering section in the stands at Alumni Field. When the forward enters the game, her devotees make sure the rest of the crowd knows that No. 13 is in the game.

"Those are my very loyal friends," she said. "They just love to support me. They're my No. 1 fans and keep me going."

Her fans' enthusiasm correlates with her own, increasing dramatically this season from last. Even though the Irish captured the College Cup title last season in Cary, N.C., Manning wasn't happy. In 2005, the story is different.

"Compared to last year, this is so much different," Manning said. "I'm having so much more fun."

As a senior, soon to play in her final game, Manning said she thinks her difficult season last year provides a deep perspective from which to look at her career.

"I think because I've had the highest of the highs and the lowest of the lows, I can really appreciate everything," she said.

Notre Dame takes on the Pilots Friday at 7 p.m. PST at Merlo Field in Portland, Ore.

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Notre Dame forward Kerri Hanks passes the ball ahead against Yale Nov. 18 in the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

Indiana

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The Irish know they have a tough task in dethroning the Hoosiers.

"It's a tall order," Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark said. "But it's definitely possible."

Notre Dame is coming off of a 2-0, first-round victory over Western Illinois Friday at Alumni Field. Indiana, who received a bye in the first round, has not played since losing 1-0 to Penn State in the Big Ten Championship on Nov. 13.

The teams met once this year during the regular season, as

Indiana defeated the Irish 3-0 at Alumni Field on Oct. 26.

"There's not a lot of secrets," Clark said. "The one thing we do know is they're a very good team. They're the best team we played all year."

Clark said his team must not enter the game worrying about the regular season loss or Indiana's past tournament successes.

"If we're going to be intimidated, we aren't going to win," Clark said. "We can't be intimidated by them, [and] I don't think we will be. I think our guys are looking forward to this game."

Clark said he is excited about the game because of the challenge it presents to his team.

"It's a great opportunity for our program to really catapult itself into the realms of being a possible NCAA winner. At this time, most people have pegged Indiana as one of the likely teams to win it. We've got to go down there, and we've got to get a result and obviously take over their mantle."

The head coach believes the Irish have the talent to pull off the upset.

"If we play well and we perform well, we'll have a very good chance of coming out with something," Clark said. "It could be a great night for the Irish."

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Observer File Photo

Notre Dame midfielder Ian Etherington moves upfield against Syracuse Nov. 2. The Irish will play Indiana Tuesday.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles prepare for Manchester and Carthage after split

First-year coach Steve Bender says Saint Mary's is ready for its first home game of season Saturday against Lady Reds

BY TIM KAISER

Sports Writer

Saint Mary's comes into this week at 1-1 after splitting its first two games at the Hanover Tip-Off Classic last weekend. The Belles fell Friday night against Hanover but were able to overcome the setback and upset Franklin on Saturday.

Saint Mary's head coach Steve Bender felt his team made a great deal of improvement this weekend and gained great experience in its first tournament that should help throughout the season.

"I thought we grew up a lot," he said. "We learned a lot from Friday's loss, and it paid off in

Saturday's win. We learned that we have got to let the game come to us, not try to create the game, and we learned the importance of teamwork."

This weekend's disappointment and redemption will help them set the tone for the rest of this week, in which they have two games.

"It was a great mental boost," Bender said. "It gave us a lot of confidence. We know that if we play hard, we can play with everyone. We have a new mindset, that's the greatest thing."

The Belles will play

"We learned that we have got to let the game come to us ... and we learned the importance of teamwork."

**Steve Bender
Belles coach**

Manchester on the road tonight, and then Carthage on Saturday at 2 p.m. in their first home matchup of the season. The team is focusing all its energy in practice this week on beating Manchester, another 1-1 team that has out-rebounded both of its opponents, an area the Belles have not been strong in this season.

"They are 1-1, very athletic, and they have a lot of new players," Bender said of Manchester. "They are a great, great threat, but they're so young, you never

know what you'll get. We're working on getting back on defense and rebounding."

When asked what other improvements his team needs to make, Bender sounded optimistic about his team's prospects for this week's games and for the rest of the season.

"The biggest [improvement] is getting used to each other," he said.

"We have a new coach and 11 new players, and we've got to move forward in the right direction. We're good at just about everything, but we have to keep getting better. We've also got great chemistry. [Coming in as the new coach,] I didn't know what to expect, but it's a very tight-knit group."

After the Belles play Manchester, they have their first home game of the season to look forward to.

Bender said his girls are eager for their home opener and acknowledges that playing its first game on the road was tough for the team.

"On Friday, five hours on a bus was difficult, but it forced us to grow up and deal with the road," he said. "The girls learned so much, and they played well on Saturday."

After tonight's game, the Belles will have time off for Thanksgiving and will not practice again until Saturday night.

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Hofstra

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since Jan. 15, 1995, a 63-52 Notre Dame victory, when Hofstra belonged to the America East Conference.

Since, fifth-year coach Tom Pecora has coached the Pride through as many seasons in the CAA, amassing a 21-9 overall record last season before losing in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

Pecora was an assistant coach for seven years under current Villanova and former Hofstra head coach Jay Wright before taking the reigns.

"Tom did a very good job there and has taken the program from Jay," said Brey, whose former Delaware squad is also in the CAA. "They weren't quite running at a high level for a couple years, but he's kind of restocked. And of course, they are in a different conference now."

Hofstra has had some recent success against Big East teams and common opponents of Notre Dame. The Pride "jumped all over" St. John's 78-68 last season, as Brey described. The Irish needed a last-second Chris Thomas 3-pointer to beat the Red Storm.

And Hofstra lost at Syracuse by only five points. Notre Dame lost two games to the Orange — a nine-point loss on Jan. 10 and a three-point defeat on Feb. 5.

"We've got a very tough opponent in Hofstra coming in, a team that many might not think is that good," Irish point guard Chris Quinn said.

"But they are very good and very talented."

Notre Dame is coming off a win in its first game, as well, in which the team shot 48.2 percent from the field, 42.9 percent from the 3-

point line and 72.4 percent (21-for-29) from the foul line. But the Irish also scored only one field goal in the game's final nine minutes.

As of Sunday, all Irish players including Rick Cornett (ankle) and Kyle McAlarney (back spasms) were able to play. Neither Cornett nor McAlarney were 100 percent against Lafayette.

"We've got to be ready to go against a very good team, a confident team," Brey said.

Hofstra sophomore Antoine Agudio is the former conference rookie of the year and

scored a team-high 17 points against Florida International Saturday. The Pride went to the foul line 48 times in the game.

"You can tell where their frame of mind's at," Brey said. "And if we're fortunate enough to get it, it will go in the good win category. Not everybody understands that right now, and our fans wouldn't understand that, that would be like a league win."

Notes

◆ Notre Dame sophomore forward Rob Kurz was selected to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll following a career-high, 18-point performance in Notre Dame's regular season opener. It was also Kurz's first start of his college career.

◆ Georgetown's Roy Hibbert earned the conference's player-of-the-week award. Connecticut's Josh Boone, Cincinnati's Eric Hicks, Rutgers' Quincy Douby and South Florida's Solomon Jones were named to the Weekly Honor Roll along with Kurz.

◆ Hofstra senior guard Gibran Washington

has left its basketball program due to a "chronic injury," the team announced Tuesday.

Washington played in 83 career games for the Pride,

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Irish point guard

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Irish head coach



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Notre Dame forward Rick Cornett takes a shot against Lafayette Sunday. The Irish play Hofstra at home tonight.

including 28 starts. He scored 333 points, 165 assists and 107 steals in three seasons. And he holds the single-game assist record at Hofstra for a

12-assist performance against St. John's in 2003-04.

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NFL

Vikings keep playoff hopes alive with win

Edinger kicks field goal as time expires to give Minnesota 20-17 over Green Bay on Monday Night Football

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Minnesota's offense isn't dead. With the steady hand of Brad Johnson, neither is the Vikings' season.

For the second time this year, Paul Edinger kicked a winning field goal against Green Bay as time expired, this time a 27-yarder to give the Vikings a 20-17 victory Monday night and keep their playoff hopes alive.

After struggling mightily on offense since quarterback Daunte Culpepper was lost for the season with a knee injury, the Vikings put together a solid showing behind Johnson's 196 yards passing and running back Mewelde Moore, who had 122 yards on 22 carries.

The 37-year-old Johnson set up Edinger's kick with a nine-play, 58-yard drive in the final 3 minutes and three seconds after Green Bay tied it at 17.

Minnesota coach Mike Tice shuffled his offensive line this week hoping to inject some life into the offense that totaled 137 yards last week against the Giants. He started 380-plus-pound Tionu Fonoti at left guard and Cory Withrow at center. It worked, for the most part.

"We had two fresh offensive linemen in there and we just decided to come out and make plays and sustain," Moore said, "and hats off to the offensive line."

Johnson was sacked five times, fumbling twice, and

Minnesota couldn't muster much offense in the first half. But just like last week — when the Vikings returned a punt, kickoff and interception for touchdowns — they found other ways to score.

With Green Bay driving, Dovonte Edwards intercepted Brett Favre's pass and returned it 51 yards for a touchdown with a little more than a minute left in the first half.

"It was exciting," Edwards said. "I had a dream actually last night that I would do something big today and it came true. Mike Tice said you need to dream, dream about making plays and that's what I did last night and it happened for me tonight."

The play was reviewed after Edwards and intended receiver Andrae Thurman crashed to the ground at the same time. But officials ruled Edwards was not down by contact before he got up and scored.

Favre atoned for the mistake seconds later, hitting Donald Driver for a 53-yard touchdown pass after the receiver beat defensive back Antoine Winfield and outran former Packers safety Darren Sharper. Green Bay led 14-7 at the half.

The Packers couldn't capitalize on Johnson's fumble early in the third quarter and were forced to punt, pinning the Vikings at their own 12. Minnesota then put together its best drive of the game, aided by two defensive penalties inside the Green Bay 10-yard

line.

The second, a pass interference call in the end zone, put the ball at the 1-yard line. Ciatrick Fason plunged into the end zone on his second attempt — Minnesota's first offensive touchdown in nine quarters.

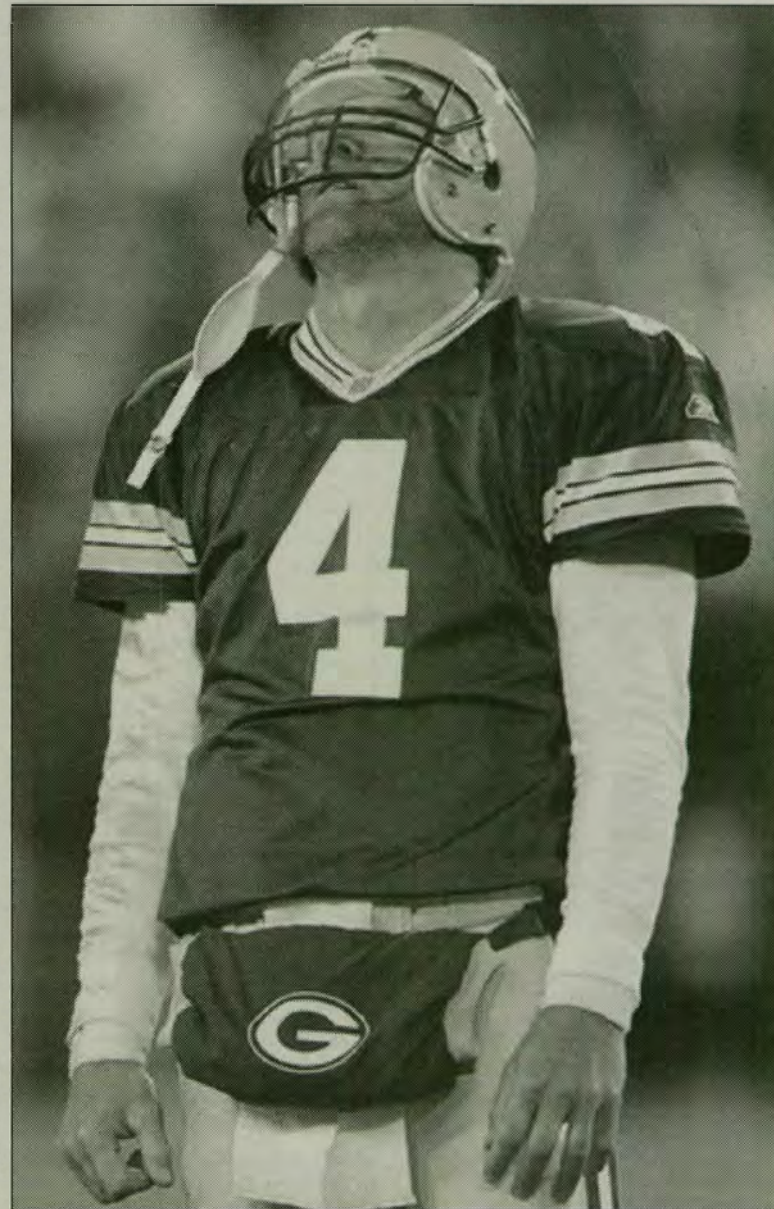
"You can't get frustrated," said Johnson, who was 18-of-30. "Tonight we made the drives when we had to, especially in the second half. ... You just have to be patient and do what you've done in practice."

Favre finished the game 20-for-33 for 227 yards and two touchdowns.

The win keeps the Vikings (5-5) afloat in its hunt for the postseason, two games behind NFC North leader Chicago (7-3). Meanwhile, the loss puts the Packers (2-8) on the verge of ending an impressive streak — they haven't had a losing season since Favre took over as the starter in 1992, a run of 13 years that's best in the league. They have to win out to avoid snapping that run, an unlikely task with Chicago (twice) and Seattle (8-2) left on the schedule.

Favre has worked without a running game much of the season, and Monday night was no different.

Samkon Gado was last week's feel good story of the NFL after the Nigerian immigrant rushed for 103 yards and scored three touchdowns in the Packers' win over Atlanta. But the rookie looked like a one-game wonder Monday.



AP

Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre shows frustration during the Packers 20-17 loss to the Minnesota Vikings Monday.

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Happy Birthday: As much as you try to fit in to a certain format, you will find it difficult to abide by any set rules. So why fight it? Get moving in whatever direction you see fit and take things as they come. You will learn positive lessons through the experiences you have. Your numbers are 5, 6, 29, 31, 33, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19):Somewhere in the back of your mind, a little voice is telling you to step into the limelight. It's time to show what you are made of, to challenge whoever gets in your way and to take what's rightfully yours. You will make progress today. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):You may be in the mood for an adventure, but before you start out, consider the consequences. You are a tad accident-prone and may want to give a little more thought to your capabilities. Better to put your heart into love and romance. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):Talks will lead to solutions. You can iron out any business or personal problems. Invest in something you believe in and you'll be able to build a secure future. Ask questions so you don't risk the chance of loss. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22):Your mind may be on love and romance, but you had better start thinking about money and making more of it. An interesting proposal will lead to a contract you won't want to turn down. Get everything signed, sealed and delivered. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):You'll be a big spender today. Don't be sucked into thinking that everyone is going to buy you a gift or do something special for you just because you are being overly generous. Put things in perspective. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):You can accomplish a lot if you do things from home. Invite peers or friends over to brainstorm and you will come up with some solutions. Question the motives of the people you work with, but don't start an argument. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):Your choices will be noticed and should enable you to make some very important changes. You will outsmart someone who is trying to take advantage of you. Friends and relatives will help you. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):Your emotions may get the better of you today. Stay calm and do what you can, but don't fight change or let your temper take over. The less time spent on things you can't change, the better. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):Do something nice for someone and you'll get a surprise. A new way of doing things will attract your attention. Traveling will be a learning experience but could result in an unexpected problem. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):Take care of legal, financial or health matters. Invest in something you are familiar with. A past partner may be just the right person to hook up with again. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):You may not be able to trust your own judgment today. Ask questions if you are feeling the least bit confused. Problems with authority figures will escalate if you don't back down. Focus on what you can do to help others. ***

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Finishing strong

Both Notre Dame teams place in top ten at NCAA meet

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

In the biggest race of the year, the top runners on both Notre Dame cross country teams came up with some of their best performances.

The No. 5 Irish men finished third, and the No. 4 women finished seventh at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

Senior All-American Stephanie Madia finished third in the women's race with a six-kilometer time of 19:49, while Kurt Benninger led the men's team with an eighth place finish and

an eight-kilometer time of 29:51.

"It was just basically that the race played out really well for someone who runs like me," Madia said. "The pack definitely strung out after we got through 3-K, [and] there were about five or six of us out in front. Individuals were passing each other all the way through the shoot."

Madia was in fifth place with 400 meters remaining in the race but passed two runners in the race's final stretch to earn a place on the podium.

"The girl who won the race, [Johanna] Nillson from Northern Arizona, went out strong at the 4-K mark, trying to make her move, but I was able to hang in there, and then I felt good enough to kick it in at the end,"

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Notre Dame runners Stephanie Madia, center, and Molly Huddle, right, compete in the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 30.

MEN'S SOCCER

ND to face Indiana in 2nd round

Irish will try to end Hoosiers' run at a third straight title

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Indiana has not lost an NCAA Tournament game since falling 1-0 to UConn in the third round of the 2002 tournament. Notre Dame will try to end that streak today.

The Irish will travel to Bloomington this afternoon to take on the two-time defending national champions in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at 7 p.m.

Indiana (13-2-6) enters the game as the tournament's third seed and one of the most talented teams in the country. The Hoosiers had three players — junior forward Jacob Petersen, senior midfielder Brian Plotkin and junior defender Jed Zayner — named to the list of 15 semifinalists for the Hermann Trophy, an award given each year to the top player in collegiate soccer.

Petersen and Plotkin are tied for the Big Ten Conference lead for points with 26 apiece. Zayner anchors a Hoosier defense that ranks No. 11 nationally with a 0.62 goals against average.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Rejuvenated Manning sets new standards

By KEN FOWLER
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Maggie Manning was ready to quit.

Even as the Irish were en route to their second national championship in 10 years, Manning was unhappy, unenthused and underperforming.

A cycle of limited playing time, low point totals and a lack of enjoyment of the game made

Manning contemplate leaving the team.

"To be honest, I was really unhappy last year," she said. "It carried over into my play very obviously."

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum saw that and sat down with the forward from Lake Oswego, Ore., to convince her to stay with the team.

"She's a great example of a student athlete," Waldrum said. "She was very good for us her

first two years, and we saw a ton of potential in her. And then her junior year, she got to the point last year where the game wasn't really fun for her. She really struggled getting through the season."

A year after nearly giving up on soccer, Manning is setting a new standard for Irish reserves and preparing to travel home Thanksgiving weekend for a clash with No. 2 Portland in the national quarterfinals.

In 22 games this season, she has more than doubled her career goal, assist and point totals. She has scored nine goals and added seven assists while starting only two games for the Irish. In 2004, she totaled just two goals and one assist in 13 games. Her career stats heading into the 2005 campaign were seven goals and five assists for 19 points.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hofstra will give team Big East style contest

By PAT LEONARD
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Notre Dame wasn't planning on playing a Big East team until January.

Though the Irish do not compete in-conference until Jan. 4 against Pittsburgh, Hofstra — from the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) — will give them the look and feel of a Big East opponent tonight at 7:30 in the Joyce Center.

"I told our guys — we didn't talk much about Lafayette —

this is a Big East game," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said after Sunday's 84-66 win over the Leopards. "Hofstra could be the Bucknell [or] Vermont ... this year. They won 21 games [last season], they've got old guys on the perimeter who are confident, and they called us for the game."

Hofstra (1-0) beat Florida International 64-51 on Saturday in its home- and season-opener. The Irish (1-0) and Pride have not played

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FOOTBALL

Future schedules released

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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Notre Dame finalized its football schedules for the next two years, the University announced Monday in a press release outlining the football schedule for the 2006 and 2007 seasons.

Next year the Irish will face Penn State, Michigan, Purdue, Stanford, UCLA, North Carolina and Army at home. They play at

NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

2006		2007	
Sept. 2	at Georgia Tech	Sept. 1	GEORGIA TECH
Sept. 9	PENN STATE	Sept. 8	at Penn State
Sept. 16	MICHIGAN	Sept. 15	at Michigan
Sept. 23	at Michigan State	Sept. 22	MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 30	PURDUE	Sept. 29	at Purdue
Oct. 7	STANFORD	Oct. 6	at UCLA
Oct. 14	Bye	Oct. 13	BOSTON COLLEGE
Oct. 21	UCLA	Oct. 20	USC
Oct. 28	at Navy	Oct. 27	Bye
Nov. 4	NORTH CAROLINA	Nov. 3	NAVY
Nov. 11	at Air Force	Nov. 10	AIR FORCE
Nov. 18	ARMY	Nov. 17	DUKE
Nov. 25	at USC	Nov. 24	at Stanford

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC BASKETBALL

The Belles prepare to face Manchester and Carthage this week after going 1-1 in the Hanover Tipoff Classic.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Middle breaker Lauren Brewster stayed focused and led the Irish to a Big East title Sunday in Kentucky.

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NHL

Red Wings defenseman Jiri Fischer suffered a seizure in the first period of Detroit's game against Nashville.

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NCAA W BASKETBALL

Super shooter Shara Zolman led the Lady Vols past Chattanooga Monday with 20 points.

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ND W SWIMMING

Notre Dame's emotional comeback against Minnesota Sunday gave the Irish added confidence.

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NCAA M BASKETBALL

Texas 76 West Virginia 75

The Longhorns won a thriller behind LaMarcus Aldridge's last-second shot.

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