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High demand prompts ticket change

Parents granted access to only one game next season

By JOE PIARULLI
Assistant News Editor

Football at Notre Dame will undergo some changes next season, but not all of them will take place on the field.

As a result of record-high ticket demand in the 2006 season, the University has made some ticketing changes, according to a Sunday press release.

Parents are now guaranteed tickets for only one game, but may apply for tickets to two football games: Nov. 3 against Navy or Nov. 10 against Air Force.

According to the press release, "parents

who apply for tickets to only one of those two games may designate the game of their choice — and they will be guaranteed two tickets to that game."

Parents who apply to both games "will be guaranteed tickets to at least one of the two games, but will not be able to specify the game for which tickets will be guaranteed."

Parents would be entered into the general alumni lottery for the second game.

The parents' game for incoming students will be announced in June.

"We're making changes based on the record-setting demand from last year to make sure that we can preserve access for all of our constituency groups," said Josh Berlo, director of Ticket Operations.

The Michigan State game Sept. 22 next

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2007 SPECIAL DESIGNATION HOME GAMES

SEPT. 22
Michigan State
Senior Alumni Game
*Notre Dame contributing alumni
who graduated 35 or more years ago*

NOV. 3 OR NOV. 10
Navy or Air Force
Parents Game

NOV. 17
Duke
Alumni Family

Moreau named for beatification

*Holy Cross founder
will be honored by Pope*

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

Earlier this year Pope Benedict XVI green lighted the beatification of the Venerable Father Basil Anthony-Marie Moreau in Le Mans, France for next year, but the healing miracle the Vatican has attributed to him was hardly the only marvel he left the Catholic community.

Father Moreau was also busy during the late 1830s and early 1840s founding the congregations of priests, brothers and sisters of Holy Cross, in the likeness of the Holy Family as well as the Marianites.

He died in 1873, but the paperwork for his beatification was not filed until 1955, after the recovery of a bedridden Canadian mother suffering from complications from a premature birth was attributed to his divine intercession.

"It was an illness following childbirth that was healed so quickly it could not be explained medically," said Sister Jeanette Fetting, the representative of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in the Vatican's beatification committee.

"Once the promulgation of the miracle was approved by His Holiness Pope John Paul II we could start thinking about proposing Father Moreau's beatification."

Beatification signals the Catholic Church's recognition of the person's ascension to the Kingdom of

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USC game draws fans, band to coast



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer
Members of the marching band play during the USC game Saturday. Seventy-five members were able to make the trip.

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

After watching Notre Dame's fifth consecutive loss to USC on Saturday, students returned to campus from Thanksgiving break disappointed by the football team's final regular season performance and fans' lack of energy.

Junior Ge Wang and sophomore Thomas Mader were among the several hundred students and 75 band members who traveled to Southern California over the break.

"The trip was a lot of fun, besides the game," Wang said.

Mader said he noticed a lack of enthusiasm in the Notre Dame student section.

"There was a lot of energy at the start, but the combination of being on the road and being

down by so much so quickly took the energy away after the first quarter," Mader said. "Everyone sat down."

Irish coach Charlie Weis personally requested the University marching band play at the USC game because of the impact the band had at Michigan State earlier in the season. Weis' handwritten request has been hung in the band room.

Band president John Cogill said that the band was used to playing in enemy territory. "But we expected a big USC game like last year where we could make more of a difference," Cogill said.

Students said they went to the Coliseum expecting a closer score than the 44-24 Trojan victory.

"We were outmatched," Wang

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Volunteerism increases over holiday season

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Shopping is not the only area that experiences a boost during the holiday season. Feelings of "glad tidings" and service have already penetrated the campuses of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

This year, over 300 student volunteers are expected to do service over winter break, said representatives at the Center for Social Concerns.

Experiential Learning and Developmental Research at Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns director Jay Brandenberger recognized the increase.

"Students have a rather long

break, compared to high school years, so they have more time to serve," he said. "And the Advent season calls us to action for a more just world."

Carrie Call, director of civic and social engagement at Saint Mary's, echoed Brandenberger's sentiments.

"Christmas lends itself to a general feeling of 'good will toward all' and people seem to be more cognizant of those who have greater needs during the holidays," Call said.

Sheena Plamootil, student senate social concerns committee chair, attributed an increase in volunteerism to the holidays, as well as the principles of each school.

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Teach for America draws seniors

1-in-10 students expected to participate in service programs

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

As spring semester draws near, seniors are exploring their post-undergraduate options, and for many Notre Dame students, this search leads them to teaching service programs like Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) and Teach for America.

One in 10 Notre Dame graduates will enter into one or two yearlong service programs after graduation— including graduates who enter into teaching programs, according to the Center for Social Concerns.

Notre Dame founded the Alliance for Catholic Education

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JUAN PABLO GARCIA/The Observer

The Alliance for Catholic Education office, attached to Badin Hall, attracts many Notre Dame seniors after graduation.

INSIDE COLUMN

Strikethrough Saturday

The Christmas season is now officially upon us, which means one thing — lists. Presents, party guests, Steve Spurrier's ballot — whatever. Ultimately, they're all rash and petty. That's why you should set your sights on more important things, whose allotted duration of execution is infinitely more forgiving. Like forever.

Tim Dougherty

Sports Writer

Everyone needs a list of 100 things to do before you die. Besides making you feel more ambitious, it also teaches you to procrastinate on a whole new scale. Most importantly, on that rare occasion where you do accomplish one of your life's goals, no matter how insignificant others think it is, it just feels so good to take out that sharpie, make an opaque black mark, look around the room as if people actually care, and say in your best Ricky Bobby, "That just happened."

Saturday was a big one for my list. All in all, I went 3-1, as an unprecedented four items were affected on what I will now refer to as Strikethrough Saturday. Most heinously, "Be present to watch my beloved Irish win a National Championship" was delayed, again. A big hit, as this one lies somewhere in the top five between being the Pope and having children of whom the first-born will be named D'Artagnon.

Unfortunately, this one remained unscathed on the list as a direct result of my third cross-off of the day, watching an ND-USC game at the Coliseum. Yeah, everything I said for the next two hours would have made a post-double-secret-overturned-call Pete Carroll blush, but then I put it all in perspective when I realized, dude, I have a Mohawk.

Yeah, I got it at a tailgate from some recent alumni with "Fear the Hawk" (pre-Tommy Z buzz) shirts and clippers (much more potent than the local variety). I didn't know them, but judging by how they departed during "Escape," I assume they were Zahmbies. While half-nakedness is common place in Southern California (Saddle House Chop House, for instance), more naïve Notre Dame onlookers might call them philanderers. Hey, all I know is they helped me realize one of my long-oppressed childhood dreams. (Eat that Mom and Dad!) More like philanthropists.

The highlight of Saturday, however, occurred before the break of day, when just past midnight I risked the break of limb, as I climbed atop the final frontier of the American west — the mechanical bull. Oh, I'd yearned for this for upwards of a month. How fulfilling it'd be to conquer steel, to prove the industrial revolution was just a fad. Like John Henry, except small, white and with an injury liability form for a hammer.

So there I was in Saddle Ranch, just me and metal covered with a cowhide rug. Star Jones, I named her, and she made Traveler look like a song girl. Well I rode Star long and hard. Finally, she bucked me off, but that's the point really. Hey, if Tyler Palko was there, he'd have been so buckin' proud.

And as I flew to the ground disoriented, I realized that my life does in fact have direction. 97 of them, actually. Only now my scalp points the way.

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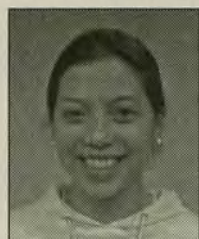
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THANKSGIVING DISH?



Julie McElroy

*senior
Breen-Phillips*

"I don't have taste buds."



Meghan Paladino

*junior
Pangborn*

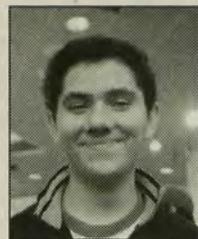
"Ramen noodles. Thanks, Mr. Pilgrim, thank you!"



Regina Gesicki

*junior
Lyons*

"Baba Ganoush. It's a vacation in my mouth."



Santiago Garces

*freshman
Stanford*

"Korean food because it is the only one I know."



Shawn Finlen

*junior
Sorin*

"Green Bean Hot Dish."



Tim Rohman

*junior
Stanford*

"Tofu. Because it is the way I like it, uh huh, uh huh."



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"As You Wish Imports," a collection of jewelry and other items, is set up in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. The items will be available for purchase from Nov. 27 until Dec. 2. All proceeds from sales benefit Guatemalan families.

OFFBEAT

Jail web cam jeopardizes security

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An East Tennessee county that has beamed live 24-hour video from its jail on the Internet for nearly six years may nix the practice following complaints of harassment and security concerns.

Some viewers have been using the cameras to harass female jailers by calling them on the telephone and taunting them as they work, according to Anderson County sheriff's officials.

In other cases, viewers are tracking inmate move-

ments and using the information to coordinate deliveries of contraband to prisoners on work details outside the jail.

"It shows the public what we are doing. I like that idea," said Anderson County sheriff Paul White.

Turkeys try for fast train out of New Jersey

RAMSEY, N.J. — Some wild turkeys, it appears, were trying to get out of New Jersey before Thanksgiving Day. A spokesman for the NJ Transit said train officials reported a dozen or so wild turkeys waiting on a station

platform in Ramsey, about 20 miles northwest of New York City, on Wednesday afternoon. The line travels to Suffern, N.Y.

"For a moment, it looked like the turkeys were waiting for the next outbound train," said Dan Stessel, a spokesman for NJ Transit. "Clearly, they're trying to catch a train and escape their fate."

Transit workers followed the bird's movements on surveillance cameras. "I have no idea how they got there," Stessel said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Gender Relations Center is sponsoring an event called "We Can Do It! Women & Leadership at ND" on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall. The program features the only three female student body presidents in the history of the University.

Pasquerilla East Hall is holding their annual Silent Auction Wednesday at 7 p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom.

Indiana State Senator John Broden, a 1987 Notre Dame graduate, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Hammes Student Lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center about his service on the Indiana Assessment Team of the American Bar Association's Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project.

A Thai and Cambodian fundraising dinner buffet will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room on the second floor of LaFortune. Heather Connell, producer of the film "Small Voices," will discuss her work with Cambodian orphans and show clips from her upcoming film beginning at 7 p.m. A \$5 donation is suggested for the dinner.

Mike Henry, actor, writer and supervising producer for the show "Family Guy," will be speaking Thursday at 8 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group offers \$750 in co-sponsorship grants

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members awarded a total of \$750 to two different co-sponsorships at their meeting Monday night.

The Saint Mary's Modern Language clubs were awarded \$200 to assist with the costs of the Three Soprano Voices recital they held Monday in the Moreau Little Theater. The recital included Spanish, French, Italian and German students at the College.

The senior seminar in the sociology department also received a \$550 co-sponsorship to help with the cost of its annual trip to the North Central Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Society joint meeting in the spring of 2007. The sociology department will send six students to the conference in Chicago titled "Social Policy, Social Ideology and Social Change."

Members also discussed upcoming events that will take place over the next two weeks, including the "12 Days of Christmas" event sponsored by the Senior Board, which raises money to help local families buy Christmas presents and decorations during the holidays.

The five Christmas trees that the BOG pledged to donate to the event were bought and will be decorated in the five residence halls this week. At the end of the week, the trees will

also be donated to the local families.

Student Services commissioner Kelly Maus announced that "to-go" mugs will be sold Tuesday and Thursday this week outside the dining hall. Mugs will be sold for eight dollars and proceeds will benefit the Senior Board's "12 Days of Christmas" event.

"[After buying the mug] you get free refills from the dining hall for the rest of the year," student body president Susan McIllduff said.

In other BOG News:

♦The sophomore board is hosting a dance with Fisher Hall this Friday. Sophomore class president Francesca Johnson announced. Tickets are on sale at dinner outside the dining hall until Thursday and at lunch on Friday. They cost \$10 per person.

♦The Second Annual Saint Mary's Battle of the Bands will take place this Saturday. Proceeds from the competition will support the second annual Saint Mary's Dance Marathon, which benefits Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

♦The Dance Marathon committee is also hosting a semi-formal benefit reception on Saturday, Dec. 9. Members of the community, alumni and anyone else interested are invited to attend. The event costs \$50 per person.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Shappell pushes for results

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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At the Campus Life Council's (CLC) last meeting before winter break Monday, student body president Lizzi Shappell told members she expected the four task forces to present resolutions to the Council in the spring as evidence of their planning this semester.

"I would like all the task forces to try to meet, if not Monday, then before the end of the year to draft a plan for next semester," Shappell said. "I hope that second semester is when we have a lot of resolutions coming out of brainstorming in the fall."

Task force chairs briefly outlined their group's current undertakings at the short meeting.

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson said her ad hoc committee has made progress correcting problems in a resolution passed to provide resources to the Native American student population at Notre Dame.

The resolution — passed unanimously by the Student Senate Nov. 2 — failed to pass through the CLC to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman. Carson raised the concern at the last CLC

meeting that points in the resolution — calling for changes in academic areas and proposing the creation of an advisory position — fell outside the purview of the CLC.

The Council voted to defer the resolution to a committee for further discussion. Carson said this committee hopes to meet again before winter break to work on the wording of the resolution. The committee aims to present a reworked version as the first order of new business at the CLC's meeting Jan. 22, Carson said.

The ad hoc student safety task force has not met since the last CLC meeting, said chief executive assistant Liz Brown, but she and the other task force chairs presented reports of their committees' ongoing work.

Brown, student voice and input chair, said her task force has made good progress with their initiatives since the start of the semester. After speaking with Ryan Willerton, the assistant director for facilities in the Student Activities Office, Brown decided to set up a new Notre Dame e-mail account where committee applications can be sent.

"It's going to be a relatively simple process, but it should do a lot to streamline the application

process," Brown said.

Her committee should have a working draft of the tentatively titled "duLac for Dummies" — a student-friendly guide to duLac regulations — before winter break starts, Brown said.

Alumni Hall senator Danny Smith said the student concerns task force's resolution regarding Domer Dollars is in its finishing stages. The resolution will be presented after break so it is not rushed and so it can first go through "all the proper channels," Smith said.

Student body vice president Bill Andrichik continued to look at dorm disorientations with the conduct awareness task force. He sent a survey out to a compiled e-mail list of every dorms' resident assistants to find out what alcohol and behavior education information is given to freshmen in each resident hall.

"I have a good amount of responses from that, some better than others as far as disclosure of more information," Andrichik said.

His committee will make a final assessment of the responses and will work toward making recommendations next semester, Andrichik said.

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Tickets

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year will be the senior alumni game and the Nov. 17 game against Duke will be the alumni family game.

The press release stated: "Notre Dame contributing alumni who graduated 35 or more years ago receive priority status on their alumni ticket application for the designated senior alumni game."

If the demand from senior alumni exceeds supply and it is not possible to provide guaranteed ticket access for that game, "tickets will be allotted in descending order to most senior alumni." In other words, older alumni will be given higher priority for tickets than younger alumni.

For the alumni family game against Duke, contributing alumni will be able to apply for up to four tickets on their lottery application.

Berlo cited several reasons for growing ticket demand, and despite the graduation of many of the team's stars, he does not foresee a drop.

"Certainly it's a combination of our growing alumni population, their loyal support and the success of our wonderful program," he said. "I think that interest, demand and support for Notre Dame football will remain high."

According to Associate Athletic Director John Heisler, there are worse problems than figuring out which 80,000 bodies to put in the stands.

"The last thing you'd want to have to be worried about is how to move tickets," he said. "What we're trying to do is get in a position where we're going to satisfy

as many people as possible, and that's never going to be easy, but those are the kinds of problems that you like to have."

Heisler said the high demand made it clear that some changes would have to be made to the previous system.

"Part of it is just trying to make as many people happy as you possibly can, in terms of having some access," he said. "In some of these cases, as with the general lottery, some access may not mean four or six tickets, it may only mean two, but that may give us, in general, the ability to satisfy more people than we have before."

More than ever, the ticketing system is based on demand, and, like Berlo, Heisler said he expects demand to remain high even after players like Irish quarterback Brady Quinn and receiver Jeff Samardzija have graduated.

"The success of our team and the excitement that has surrounded the whole program ... have been a big part of that demand," he said. "Certainly this was a very attractive season and a very attractive home schedule ... but as we continue to have success and move forward, you're anticipating that that's going to stay consistent, if not improve."

Berlo said parents and alumni should continue to stay aware of ticket information.

"They should be on the lookout for the application this spring ... read the enclosed materials and give the ticket office a call if they have any questions," he said.

The Notre Dame ticket office can be reached at 574-631-7356 or online at www.und.com/tickets.

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ACE

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(ACE) in 1993 to support under-funded Catholic schools nationwide. Participants receive a master's degree in education from Notre Dame, earn a teacher's salary and teach in a Catholic school for two years after graduation.

Teach for America graduates teach in rural and urban public schools across the nation for two years and also earn a teacher's salary.

Both programs are popular for Notre Dame graduates who want to enter into a post-graduate service program, said Andrea Shappell, associate professional specialist at the Center for Social Concerns, who said that teaching program participants make up one-third of all post-graduate service participants.

ACE Assistant Director Chris Kowalski said the program is meant to support a system that has provided an education for many graduates.

"You're serving a great need," Kowalski said. "It gives recent college graduates a great opportunity to give back."

Teach for America Communications Director Sara Blasing stated that students apply to the program because "they believe educational inequity is our nation's most pressing issue — and that it is solvable."

Both programs accept students from any institution as long as they have earned a bachelor's degree and meet other specified criteria.

ACE accepts students from all majors and programs, Kowalski said.

"We have applicants from all majors ... from fine arts to even the most specific engineering degrees," he said.

But ACE especially encourages students with science, math and foreign language majors to apply, because the greatest need for teachers is in these areas, Kowalski said.

The program usually has room to accept 90 applicants each year to serve in 31 cities, Kowalski said, and in recent years the program has accepted one in four applicants.

Notre Dame graduates continue to make up a large portion of ACE participants, Kowalski said, but said "off-campus applications have increased over the years."

Blasing said that applicant pools vary from year to year, with a roughly even distribution of majors and programs represented. The number of students accepted, she said, "varies from year to year as the number of qualified students varies."

"For instance, last year nearly 19,000 students applied, with more than 2,400 actually starting to teach this past fall," Blasing said.

In 2005, 12% of Notre Dame's senior class applied to Teach for America and 37 Notre Dame graduates joined the program, she said.

Two years in a teaching service program gives students not only time to further discern a career path, but the chance to gain and develop valuable skills, Kowalski said.

"The skills you'll gain —

dealing with children, parents, colleagues — will help in any field," he said.

While graduates of the ACE program enter into all career fields, he said, 70 percent of ACE graduates typically continue to work in education.

"Teach For America graduates enter careers across all sectors including education, social policy, medicine, law, business and other areas which ultimately will address the social inequity that ultimately yields educational inequity," Blasing said.

Both Blasing and Kowalski agreed participants are better off after participating in teaching programs.

"[Teaching service programs] lead students down an outstanding path no matter what field you may ultimately find yourself," Blasing said. "Alumni have a greater social impact regardless of the professional sector they choose to enter."

A Teach for America representative will address students who are interested in the program during an information session Wednesday and will also show a CNN documentary about Teach for America Thursday. Both sessions begin at 7 p.m. in 129 DeBartolo Hall.

Seniors and all students interested in learning more about Teach for America should attend, Blasing said.

Both Teach for America and ACE are currently accepting applications for graduating seniors, with deadlines this January.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Britain tracks radioactive sights

LONDON — The British government began tracking radioactive hotspots in London on Monday to trace the poison that killed a former KGB agent, and three people who reported possible symptoms of contamination underwent testing.

Britain announced a formal inquest into the death of Alexander Litvinenko, but Home Secretary John Reid warned against rushing to conclusions over who might be responsible for the killing of the ex-spy turned Kremlin critic.

Litvinenko died Thursday after falling ill from what doctors said was poisoning by polonium-210, a radioactive isotope usually manufactured in specialized nuclear facilities. High doses of polonium, which is deadly if ingested or inhaled, were found in Litvinenko's body.

"The nature of this radiation is such that it does not travel over long distances, a few centimeters at most, and therefore there is no need for public alarm," Reid said in a special address to the House of Commons.

Candidate pushes radical reform

QUITO, Ecuador — Rafael Correa, the left-ist nationalist headed to victory in Ecuador's presidential race, is already planning radical reforms when he takes office in January.

That is putting him on a fast track to a dangerous confrontation with the country's opposition-controlled Congress — a body he has called a "sewer" but which he needs to carry out his reforms.

"We receive this triumph with deep serenity and humility," the 43-year-old Correa, who calls himself a "personal friend" of Venezuela's anti-U.S. President Hugo Chavez, said at a news conference Sunday night.

NATIONAL NEWS

Court turns down school vouchers case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court decided Monday not to plunge into the issue of school choice, passing up a dispute over a Maine law that bars the use of public funds to send students to private religious schools.

A conservative group, the Institute for Justice, had asked the justices to take the case. The group is representing eight Maine families who would receive public tuition funds but for the fact that their children attend religious schools.

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and President Bush's homestate of Texas had weighed in, saying in filings to the Supreme Court that Maine is unconstitutionally discriminating against religion.

NBC names Iraq conflict a civil war

NEW YORK — NBC News on Monday began referring to the Iraq conflict as a civil war, adopting a phrase that President Bush and many other news organizations have avoided.

Matt Lauer said on the "Today" show that "after careful consideration, NBC News has decided that a change in terminology is warranted, that the situation is Iraq with armed militarized factions fighting for their own political agendas can now be characterized as civil war."

The network's cable news outlet, MSNBC, drummed the point home repeatedly by using the phrase "Iraq: The Civil War" on the screen.

LOCAL NEWS

Man pleads guilty in fatal car crash

INDIANAPOLIS — A man pleaded guilty Monday to several charges stemming from a fatal crash that authorities said happened after he sped through red lights on downtown streets at speeds estimated at 100 mph.

Anthony T. Sibley, 38, faces 12 years in prison and three years of probation under terms of an agreement with prosecutors. His sentencing was scheduled for Dec. 8 in Marion Superior Court.

Witnesses estimated Sibley's sport utility vehicle was traveling faster than 100 mph on May 17 when it struck 25-year-old Ronald J. Golden's car. Police said the impact pushed Golden's car about 100 feet and killed him.

ENGLAND

AIDS to join top causes of death

Virus to follow heart disease and stroke as third-highest killer within 25 years

Associated Press

LONDON — Within the next 25 years, AIDS is set to join heart disease and stroke as the top three causes of death worldwide, according to a study published online Monday.

When global mortality projections were last calculated a decade ago, researchers had assumed the number of AIDS cases would be declining. Instead, it's on the rise.

Currently ranked fourth behind heart disease, stroke, and respiratory infections, AIDS is set to become No. 3, say researchers in a new report in the Public Library of Science's Medicine journal. It accounts for about 2.8 million deaths every year, but could near 120 million by 2030.

Overall, the researchers predict that in three decades, the causes of global mortality will be strikingly similar worldwide — apart from the prevalence of AIDS in poorer countries. Most people will be dying at older ages of noninfectious diseases like cardiovascular disease, stroke and cancer.

The paper by Dr. Colin Mathers and Dejan Loncar of the World Health Organization estimates that at least 117 million people will die from AIDS by 2030. In an optimistic future projection, if new HIV infections are curbed and access to life-prolonging antiretrovirals is increased, 89 million people will die from the disease.

Mathers and Loncar analyzed data from more than 100 countries. The authors looked at the links between mortality trends and income per capita, as well as factors including education levels and tobacco use. Their research also used U.N. estimates for projected AIDS infection rates and the World Bank's numbers for future income per capita.

"This is an important contribution that will help us determine the priorities in public health," said Dr. Majid



Joanna Patchin reads Monday in front of a panel from AIDS Memorial Quilt at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan. The panel was on loan in honor of World AIDS Week.

Ezzati, an associate professor of international health at Harvard University, who was not connected to the paper.

As populations age, he explains, they are naturally more susceptible to illnesses like cancer and heart disease than from infectious diseases — even in the developing world. Life expectancy is expected to increase worldwide, with the highest projected life expectancy in 2030 to be in Japanese women, at 88.5 years.

Mathers and Loncar speculate that by 2030, cancer deaths will jump from 7.1 million in 2002 to 11.5 million. The number of deaths

from cardiovascular disease is expected to rise from 16.7 million in 2002 to 23.3 million in 2030. Overall, they expect non-communicable diseases to account for 70 percent of all deaths globally, up from 59 percent in 2002.

Though economic development may bring better health care, it also has an unfortunate side effect: more road accidents. Based on rates of increasing car ownership, the World Bank estimates that traffic fatalities will increase globally by 66 percent by 2020. This might be avoided, Mathers says, if developing countries learn from the experience of developed countries, where

laws and improved safety practices have sharply cut the numbers of road-related deaths.

Knowing the likely causes of future mortality allows policy-makers to attempt to improve the expected outcome. While Mathers and Loncar are unable to account for unforeseen events such as the emergence of new deadly diseases or major outbreaks like a flu pandemic, their projections may help to set the agenda of global health.

"I hope this paper inspires change," said Mathers. "And I hope our pessimistic projections turn out to be wrong."

Small protests develop at papal visit

Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is to meet Pope Benedict XVI on Tuesday, a change of plans that appears to signal openness to a visit that has angered many Turks.

Small protests broke out in the cities of Ankara and Istanbul on Monday, but authorities said security measures for the pope — who angered Muslims worldwide with comments in September on Islam and violence — will be tighter than they were for President Bush's visit in 2004.

Benedict, on his first papal visit to a predominantly Muslim country, was to arrive at the Ankara airport

Tuesday around noon, where he will meet briefly with Erdogan, who waited until the day before the pope's arrival to announce that he would make time to see the pope.

News reports say some 3,000 police officers have been assigned to guard the pope upon his arrival in the dusty, sprawling capital of Ankara. Snipers will watch from hillsides and tall buildings, and armored vehicles and riot police will be stationed near the areas he is scheduled to visit.

Police also were staking out spots in Istanbul, where Benedict will spend most of his four days in Turkey.

On Monday, a group of around 100 demonstrators displayed what

they said were a million signatures for a petition demanding that the Hagia Sophia be declared a mosque and opened to worship for Muslims.

In a speech Sunday, Benedict said he was coming to Turkey as a friend of the Turks and asked his followers to pray for him. That same day, more than 25,000 Turks protested in Istanbul, asking the pope to stay home.

The visit to Turkey will be a test of whether the pope can soften some of the Christian-Muslim tensions that boiled over after he quoted a Byzantine emperor who characterized some of the teachings of Islam's Prophet Muhammad as "evil and inhuman."

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AMEX	2,020.33					-16.79	
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NYSE	8,820.59					-112.84	
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)		+11.70		647.10			
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)		-1.18		90.40			
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IN BRIEF

Stocks slide amid Wal-Mart concerns

NEW YORK — Wall Street had its worst day in more than four months Monday as the dollar weakened and concerns about the strength of the retail industry arose following a rare sales decline at Wal-Mart Stores Inc. The Dow Jones industrials fell 158 points.

Investors were uneasy after the dollar fell for the fifth straight day and after Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, reported a 0.1 percent drop in same-store sales, those from stores open at least a year. Same-store sales are the industry standard for assessing a retailer's strength, and while overall retail sales appeared strong last weekend, Wal-Mart's first deficit in a decade raised concerns about the strength of consumer spending during the holiday season.

"There is now significant concern that the holiday retail season is going to underperform," said Gregory Miller, chief economist at SunTrust Banks. "Traffic doesn't necessarily translate into profits," he said, referring to reports of crowded stores over the weekend.

As the dollar's slide continued, it hit a 20-month low against the euro though it did for a time move higher against the Japanese yen.

B. of A. becomes NASCAR's bank

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Banking on NASCAR fans' sponsor loyalty to drive more retail business to their ATMs and branches, Bank of America has signed a five-year deal as the official bank of the popular stock-car series.

The bank shared details of the agreement with The Associated Press before Monday's public announcement.

The multiyear deal greatly expands Charlotte-based Bank of America Corp.'s sponsorship of stock car racing, while also marking a change in how NASCAR lines up sponsors. NASCAR has begun to reduce its sponsor base by consolidating deals and seeking opportunities to cover entire industries in one deal.

Bank of America already has an "official bank" deal in place with baseball, long known as the national pastime. Now, the nation's No. 2 bank adds a similar deal with a sport widely viewed as the nation's fastest-growing.

CDC establishes model facility

Nation's top public health agency attempts to get employees to walk their talk

Associated Press

ATLANTA — For decades, the nation's top public health agency has promoted exercise and healthy eating — and offered its own employees high-fat cafeteria food and a lackluster fitness center. But no more.

In the last three years — seeking to become a health model for other government agencies — the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has revamped cafeteria menus, wheeled out produce carts and renovated its office plazas to encourage walking.

But the centerpiece of those efforts is located in Building 20, a \$21 million, five-story edifice on the eastern edge of the CDC's main campus. On the main floor is a new state-of-the-art fitness center, open since June.

"We want this to become a model for companies and others to copy," said Tom Skinner, a CDC spokesman.

With 15,000 employees and contract workers and an \$8 billion budget, the CDC is perhaps best known for investigating outbreaks of infectious diseases. But the public health agency also studies chronic diseases and funds a variety of measures that promote exercise and good nutrition.

An upgrade of the CDC's gym was long overdue, said some longtime employees, who can recall the days of nothing more than a basketball court and one Universal machine.

That gym was gradually upgraded. But even in recent years, it was hardly ideal.

"They had just three treadmills, and one would always say 'Out of Order,'" said Kelley Hise, 30, who works with CDC's food-borne disease tracking system.

The new center is certainly an improvement. The 16,000-square-foot building features a large light-filled training room and about \$200,000 in equipment. That includes more than 70



Tim Granade, with the Centers for Disease Control HIV laboratory branch, works out Wednesday on a game cycle at the CDC's new gym in Atlanta.

strength-training and cardiovascular-priming machines, including eight treadmills, parked under television sets. And it's all free to employees.

There's more: A 12-bike indoor cycling room flashes images of the Tour de France and other race courses. An aerobics room has seven Gravity Training System machines, tilted, sled-like devices that work the entire body.

Two "quiet rooms, reminiscent of 'Star Trek,' allow employees to sit in zero-gravity chairs in a dark room listening to music and viewing a panel of changing pastel lights.

The architecture firm, Atlanta-based TVS, used bamboo and river stones to

add extra, welcoming touches.

The gym also serves as a testing ground for new exercise equipment. Earlier this fall, a GameCycle — a cross between a Nintendo video game and a hand crank — was set up on the gym's main floor.

"It's a lot harder than it looks," said Tim Granade, a 54-year-old CDC microbiologist, after finishing a session on the machine in September.

So far, the GameCycle is the only piece of equipment that's been tested. But as CDC officials become aware of unique pieces of equipment, they will contact the manufacturers to see if they will loan devices to the CDC for evaluation, said Christie

Zerbe, an occupational health and safety specialist who oversees the contractor, Computer Sciences Corp., which operates the gym.

The fitness center is clearly drawing customers. The number of employees getting exercise there has more than doubled, from around 250 a month in July-October 2005 to more than 600 a month for the same period this year, since the new gym opened.

Despite the improvements, the new fitness center isn't, at first glance, clearly superior to some top-level corporate centers or private gyms.

"They don't have a lot of free weights (here)," observed employee Michael Adams, a 40-year-old who was working out.

Wal-Mart looks to expand in Mexico

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Wal-Mart, already Mexico's largest retailer, is hoping to tap into the country's booming consumer-loan market when it opens its own bank in the second half of next year, executives said on Monday.

While its efforts to enter the banking business in the United States met opposition, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has benefited from Mexico's efforts to open the financial services industry to low-income clients, a segment of the population largely ignored by Mexico's large retail banks.

Last week the Finance Secretary approved five new banks, including one by Wal-Mart de Mexico, or

Walmex, bringing to 13 the number of new banking licenses granted this year by financial authorities.

"A large percentage of our clients do not have access to banking services," Eduardo Solorzano, Walmex's president, said in a conference call with reporters on Monday.

Walmex said its bank, Banco Wal-Mart de Mexico Adelante SA, will start operations in the second half of 2007, offering savings accounts, debit cards, and credit lines to its individual and small-business customers.

Solorzano said the bank will operate in the company's stores, but not its restaurants. Walmex has about 558 retail stores — including Wal-Mart Supercenters and Sam's Clubs — and

311 restaurants.

"This is a business meant to support the current retail operation and to complement the services we offer at our stores," said Solorzano, adding the bank should boost traffic and sales at Walmex's retail stores.

However, he said the company doesn't expect its new banking unit to start showing profits before 2011.

Mexican banks are enjoying a boom in consumer lending thanks to low interest rates, a growing economy and pent-up demand for credit. Banks had 338.4 billion pesos (\$30.65 billion) in performing loans on their books at the end of September, a 44.4 percent increase in real terms from a year ago.

Volunteer

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"Through the very nature of the season, people are more compelled to volunteer, especially at a service-oriented school like our own," she said.

"More than just volunteering, however, people during the holiday season also seem more compelled to help in other capacities," Plamoottil said. "A great example of that came just a couple weeks ago with our committee's Darfur petition signing initiative."

The Social Concerns committee recently encouraged students to sign a large flag that read "Save Darfur" to raise awareness about the ongoing genocide. The flag — with more than 1,000 signatures — was mailed to Foreign Relations committee chairman Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind).

"We saw many people that were genuinely concerned with the progress of the global goal including those that had personally worked on something related and those that simply saw a need for action," she said.

Plamoottil directly saw an increase in service through her own efforts in previous years.

"Having done work in the past with soup kitchens, food pantries and even blood banks, I have seen firsthand the huge influx of food and service coming into these establishments during the holiday season," she said.

"Unfortunately, people that work at these establishments also remark on a huge decline after Christmas," Plamoottil said. "While it is important to make the holidays bright, the rest of the year must not be forgotten either."

Since the 1970s, over 7,000 Notre Dame students have participated in the Urban Plunge through the Center for Social Concerns. This program involves a two-day immersion in a poverty-stricken city across the United States. This year, 290 students plan to participate.

While the Urban Plunge proj-

ect attracts the most people, the Center for Social Concerns offers other projects during the holiday season such as the Border Issues Seminar, the Organizing, Power and Hope Seminar and the Holy Cross Mission in Education Seminar.

The Border Issues Seminar focuses on immigration and other issues between the United States and Mexico. Students work with parish organizations and refugees and discuss related issues.

The Organizing, Power and Hope Seminar is a 6-day program in Chicago in which students intend to experience the Gospel through service.

The Holy Cross Mission in Education Seminar works in conjunction with the ministry of the Holy Cross in Phoenix to further the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are invited to participate in the programs offered by the Center for Social Concerns at Notre Dame. All of these seminars have waiting lists.

At Saint Mary's, the main service event during the holidays is the "12 Days of Christmas" project, which is sponsored by the Office of Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) and the Senior Board.

From Nov. 27 to Dec. 8, gifts will be collected and money will be raised to provide gifts and food for several families in the local community. Last year, the event provided gifts for 12 families and 11 individuals. Typical items include clothing, toys, household items and grocery gift cards.

There will be 3-foot-tall "giving trees" displayed at various points on campus with gift tags containing gift ideas for the less fortunate families.

The goal of the Senior Board this year, according to Call, is to raise \$5,000, which would exceed last year's amount. This program is in its second year.

Money for the initiative is raised through campus events which require a five-dollar "12 Days" pass to participate.

Different committees and clubs will sponsor events for the remainder of the semester like

candy grams, free food and pictures with Santa.

Senior class president Kathleen Kindt is organizing the event.

"My goal was to have this be a Saint Mary's community event," she said. "We have so much and can give so much more."

The Senior Board will be responsible for selling the passes, publicity and buying and distributing the gifts.

Individual dorms are also gearing up for the holidays, said Carla DeMarzo-Sanchez, vice president of McGlinn Hall.

"So many people have been e-mailing and asking how they can help out with local organizations," she said.

McGlinn is baking for the women of the local women's care center where they volunteer twice a month.

O'Neill Hall president Steve Tortorello is using his own call to service to motivate other students.

"I personally always feel a call to be volunteering in some way each week, so I think that call just carries over more into the holidays," he said.

Siegfried Hall plans on contributing to the Christmas spirit as well.

Siegfried residents are volunteering to help wrap donated Christmas presents for South Bend families and are adopting two families and raising money to give them Christmas presents.

"Siegfried Hall is always about giving back to the community and we show this through various volunteering activities," said Siegfried president Tom Martin. "But during the holiday season, it is especially noticeable because there are so many more opportunities." With so many organizations willing to help during the holidays, students will have no problem contributing to their communities.

"The holidays seem to reawaken a sense of connectedness in us," Plamoottil said.

"We somehow are reminded that we're in this world together."

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Game

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said. "I thought it would've been a closer game. It was frustrating. This was supposed to be the biggest game of the year."

"The excitement was ruined from the start," said Mader, who said that he "expected it to be a difficult game, but the team and student section should've been more motivated by the challenge."

Three hundred students were

offered the chance to buy tickets to the game at face value. Some weren't so lucky, including Wang, who paid \$320 for his ticket on eBay.

The band members who traveled to USC performed at a small pep rally before kickoff and were on the sidelines during the game.

The entire 380-member University marching band is expected to perform when Notre Dame goes to a bowl game.

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Moreau

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Heaven and his capacity to intercede on behalf of those who pray in his name.

The person must be proven to be responsible for one miracle to receive the title of "Blessed," and another miracle after that to be declared a saint, or canonized, Fetting said.

"Right now, we have all the papers approved but the date for the beatification ceremony will not be announced until next year," she said.

In the meantime, the Holy Cross congregations will prepare the delegations that will travel to Le Mans, as well as the festivities to celebrate the beatification on the home front.

"This is a great moment for the Congregation of Holy Cross and for all the places where they minister, like Notre Dame," said Father Peter Jarret, Superior of the Holy Cross religious at Notre Dame.

"Every five years, there is a gathering of all the Holy Cross religious in the Indiana province.

"Approximately 300 of us will be meeting in June, and the focus of the assembly will definitely be Father Moreau's beatification and the organization of a large celebration on campus."

When the date of the anticipated ceremony arrives, the sisters, brothers and priests in Indiana, Canada and Bangladesh — among other locations — will join forces to celebrate Moreau's life and legacy across the globe as the beatification unfolds over the course of three days in France, Fetting said.

She began overseeing the liturgi-

cal committee that will prepare the prayer service the night before the official ceremony.

The next day the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of the Saints will turn Father Moreau into Blessed Father Moreau, and later a Mass of thanksgiving will put a finishing touch on the event.

In previous years, the Pope used to preside over beatification ceremonies, and these would take place strictly in Rome — but in the last year he and the Vatican shifted their attention to canonizations, and allowed representatives to officiate beatification ceremonies in the hometowns of those awaiting the rite, Fetting said.

One of the last times the Holy Cross family celebrated the beatification of one of their own was in 1982, when Brother André Bessette was blessed after being credited with numerous miraculous healings.

Mother Marie Leonie Paradis, a Canadian Holy Cross sister, was beatified in 1984.

Saint Mother Théodore Guérin, founder of Saint Mary of the Woods College in Terre Haute, Ind. was canonized last October.

"All Holy Cross friends and students are invited to join us in a year of gratitude for the life and legacy of our founder, Basil Mary Moreau, to understand who he was and who we are today" Fetting said.

"You can see today the fruits of the seed Father Moreau planted," she said.

"Education was always one of his greatest priorities and here we are, living out those ideals," Fetting said.

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Driver retried in smuggling case

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A jury began deliberating Monday to determine the fate of a truck driver whom a prosecutor called "vile and heartless" for his role in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt.

Tyrone Williams is being retried in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants who prosecutors say were among more than 70 illegal immigrants stuffed into his sweltering trailer. They said he ignored their pleas for help.

"These people did not have to die. There is only one reason they're dead, and he sits right over there," Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Rodriguez said in closing arguments. He pointed at Williams.

Defense attorney Craig Washington said that Williams is guilty only of transporting illegal immigrants and that he had no idea people were dying in the trailer and never meant them any harm.

"The deaths of the 19 people in Victoria was a great, great tragedy. Whether it was a crime of the magnitude that

they want it to be, is up to you," he said.

After both sides gave their closing arguments, the jury deliberated for about two hours Monday afternoon before stopping for the day. Deliberations were to resume Tuesday morning.

Williams is charged with 58 counts of conspiracy, and of harboring and transporting illegal immigrants. He faces a possible death sentence if convicted.

Authorities say Williams was part of a smuggling ring that tried to transport the illegal immigrants from Mexico, Central America and the Dominican Republic in his airtight tractor-trailer from South Texas to Houston in May 2003.

Williams abandoned the trailer at a truck stop near Victoria, about 100 miles southwest of Houston. During the journey, the immigrants' body temperatures rose as high as 113 degrees.

Nineteen of them died from dehydration, overheating and suffocation.

Prosecutors argued Williams failed to turn on his trailer's air

conditioning unit, which they said might have prevented the deaths. Several survivors called by Williams' attorneys testified the air conditioning unit was turned on during the trip.

Survivors testified they couldn't understand how Williams didn't hear or feel as the immigrants desperately banged on the trailer's walls, shouting that they were dying and needed to be released.

A jury convicted Williams last year of 38 transporting counts, but he avoided a death sentence because jurors couldn't agree on his role in the smuggling attempt. However, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the decision, saying the verdict didn't count because jurors failed to specify his role in the crime.

Williams, 35, a Jamaican citizen who lived in Schenectady, N.Y., is the only one of 14 people charged in the case who is facing the death penalty.

So far, seven people have been sentenced to prison in the case. Sentencing for three others is pending. Charges against two were dismissed, and one man remains a fugitive.

Prize will accept more online works

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Pulitzer Prize will allow newspapers to submit video and interactive graphics as part of their entries for the top award in American print journalism, prize officials announced Monday.

Allowing more online material "was the next logical step," said Sig Gissler, administrator of the Pulitzers. "It emphasizes blended journalism and that's where newspapers are today."

The Pulitzer Prize Board also replaced the Beat Reporting category, created in 1991, with a Local Reporting category.

For the awards handed out earlier this year, online material was allowed as part of all entries for the first time but limited to written stories or still images in 13 of the 14 categories. The exception was the Public Service cate-

gory, which has allowed material such as streaming video and databases since 1999.

Entries for the 2007 Pulitzers may contain online material such as video, blogs, databases and interactive graphics for all print categories.

The photography categories remain restricted to still images. In the categories of breaking news reporting and breaking news photography, the board will continue to allow entries consisting solely of work published online. Other categories must include some material from the newspaper's print edition.

Beat reporters are still eligible to submit their work in other categories.

The new rules apply to work done during 2006 for prizes awarded in 2007. The deadline for entries is Feb. 1 and prizes will be announced April 16.

10 killed in group home fire in southwest Mo.

24 others treated in early morning fire Monday; worst fire recorded in the area at a healthcare facility since 2003

Associated Press

ANDERSON, Mo. — An early morning fire broke out in a group home for the elderly and mentally ill Monday, killing 10 people and injuring two dozen others in a blaze that the governor said was being treated as a crime.

The blaze reduced the privately run Anderson Guest House to a skeleton of cinder blocks and stunned this rural community of about 1,800 people tucked in the Ozark hills of southwest Missouri.

Gov. Matt Blunt said investigators were treating the fire as suspicious.

"We're not saying it is definitely a crime scene, but we are treating it as if it is and trying to determine if the fire was set by somebody who had a nefarious motive," Blunt said.

The home had 32 residents and two employees inside when the

fire was reported around 1 a.m. The dead ranged in age from early 20s to elderly. Another 18 people were taken to hospitals, and six were treated at the scene, authorities said.

One of the dead was a worker in the home, and the other nine were residents, Blunt said. Authorities did not plan to release names until Tuesday because relatives of two victims haven't yet been notified.

Asked whether two staff members were enough to look after 32 residents, Blunt said that was up to state health officials.

"Again, it was late at night," the governor said. "That would impact to some degree the amount of care that is necessary."

Neighbor Steven Spears, 47, saw the blaze erupt through security cameras posted outside his home.

"I saw the front door blow open with fire," Spears said. "I know most of them (the residents). I've

talked to all of them at one time or another. It still hasn't hit me."

The home is operated by Joplin River of Life Ministries Inc. Owner Robert Dupont issued a statement expressing sadness and saying all displaced residents were being cared for with the help of local agencies.

"This is a very tragic situation that has saddened all of us at Joplin River of Life Ministries," he said.

One person was in serious condition at Joplin Hospital. All the other survivors who went to area hospitals were either in good or fair condition, or had been treated and released.

Authorities were trying to determine whether the blaze was linked to a smaller fire at the facility Saturday morning, said Assistant Fire Marshal Greg Carrell. No one was injured in the first fire, which was still under investigation when the second

blaze began.

The home is a residential care center licensed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The facility also has a license from the state Department of Mental Health that allowed mentally ill residents to live at the home and receive treatment elsewhere.

The facility was cited in March for grease buildup in the kitchen, uncovered fluorescent light fixtures, allowing meat to thaw on the kitchen counter instead of in a refrigerator, allowing a resident to take more than the prescribed dose of an inhaler and not requesting criminal background checks for new employees as quickly as required by law. All the deficiencies were corrected within three weeks, according to the health department.

In October 2003, another group home operated by the same company was cited for fire-code viola-

tions, including intentionally disabling fire equipment, records show. That facility closed on July 15, 2004, said Nanci Gonder, a spokeswoman for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Monday's blaze was one of the worst fires at a health care facility since 2003, when a patient suffering from dementia and multiple sclerosis, set fire to her bed and burned down a care center in Hartford, Conn., killing 16 residents. Six months later, in September 2003, a fire killed 15 patients in Nashville, Tenn.

Recently, the federal agency that oversees the safety of nursing homes asked for comments about a proposal to require all nursing homes to have comprehensive sprinkler systems. The rule would not address group homes like the one in Anderson because such facilities are not subject to the same federal oversight.

Shooting concerns officials

Mayor Bloomberg says excessive force was used outside NYC strip club

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg weighed in on the uproar over a deadly police shooting Monday, saying bluntly that officers appeared to use excessive force when they fired 50 shots at an unarmed man in a confrontation outside a strip club hours before his wedding.

"I can tell you that it is to me unacceptable or inexplicable how you can have 50-odd shots fired, but that's up to the investigation to find out what really happened," Bloomberg said at a news conference after meeting with elected officials and community leaders including the Rev. Al Sharpton and Rep. Charles Rangel.

The groom, Sean Bell, 23, was killed and two of his friends wounded early Saturday after a bachelor party at the strip club. Suspecting that one of the men had a gun, police fired 50 rounds into the vehicle. The men were unarmed.

In her first public comments on the shooting, Bell's fiancée, Nicole Paultre, told a radio station Monday that the people who shot her husband shouldn't be called officers.

"They were murderers, murderers," she told hip-hop station Power 105.1. "They were not officers. No one gives anyone the right to kill somebody."

Sharpton called the conference of leaders a "very candid" meeting. He said the message to Bloomberg was: "This city must show moral outrage that 50 shots were fired on three unarmed men." Some have also questioned whether the shooting was racially motivated because the victims were all black men. The five officers who fired their guns included two blacks, two whites and one Hispanic.

Of the victims, Bloomberg said Monday: "There is no evidence that they were doing anything wrong," referring to everything leading up to the moment they struck the officer with their car.

For a mayor to question the actions of the officers and

defend the shooting victims — while reaching out immediately to the grieving community — sets a decidedly different tone than in the past. Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani was hounded for what some viewed as a slow response to the killing of Amadou Diallo, an unarmed West African immigrant who was shot 19 times in the Bronx by four white officers. They were later acquitted of criminal charges.

The gunfire in the current case stemmed from an undercover operation inside the Kalua Cabaret, where seven officers in plain clothes were investigating alleged prostitution and drug use.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly has said the groom was involved in an argument outside the club after 4 a.m., and one of his friends made a reference to a gun. An undercover officer walked closely behind Bell and his friends as they headed for their car. As he walked toward the front of the vehicle, they drove forward — striking him and an undercover police vehicle, Kelly said.

The officer who had followed the group on foot was apparently the first to open fire, Kelly said. One 12-year veteran fired his weapon 31 times, emptying two full magazines, Kelly said.

Bloomberg also said police appeared to have violated the policy stating that officers cannot shoot at a vehicle being used as a weapon if no other deadly force is involved.

But Bloomberg was steadfast in his support for Kelly, who has been denounced by some activists since the shooting.

The five officers were placed on paid administrative leave and were stripped of their guns during the investigation.

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said Monday that the results of his office's investigation would be presented to a grand jury. He said he had spoken with the mayor and police commissioner and had met with Sharpton, Bell's parents and Paultre.

"I will be guided only by the law and the facts," Brown said in a statement. "I will reach no conclusions until the investigation is complete. There will be no rush to judgment."

Michael Palladino, president of the Detectives' Endowment Association, defended the officers' actions and said police were responding to the threat of the car.

"The amount of shots fired does not spell out excessive to me," Palladino said.

Giuliani's response to the 1999 Diallo killing sparked protests nearly every day for weeks around City Hall, where demonstrators accused his administration of trampling the civil rights of blacks and Latinos.

Bloomberg's allies these days include some who were once at odds with Giuliani. Sharpton acknowledged that the tone has changed, but said courtesy only goes so far.

"This man has better manners than his predecessor. Let's see if we have better policy ... because we're not just interested in being treated politely," Sharpton said. "We're interested in being treated fairly and rightly."

Bloomberg told reporters he did not believe the shooting was racially motivated but said "it's clear that people in this city do feel that they are sometimes stopped, frisked, whatever, based on their ethnicity," and he said his administration would work to prevent that.

The mayor planned to meet with the victim's family as soon as it was appropriate, and said he would also visit the community in Queens.

Paultre made a quiet visit to the shooting site before dawn Monday, lighting candles clustered around a photo of the smiling couple with one of their daughters.

The survivors were Joseph Guzman, 31, who was shot at least 11 times, and Trent Benefield, 23, who was hit three times. Guzman was in critical condition and Benefield in stable condition Monday.

Police stage shootout with elderly woman

Event prompts FBI probe; woman dead

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The FBI will lead the investigation into the shootout between plainclothes police officers and an 88-year-old woman who was killed in her home, which was suspected to contain drugs, the city police chief said Monday.

Three officers were wounded when they entered Kathryn Johnston's home looking for cocaine based on tips from an informant, according to the search warrant released Monday by the Fulton County State Court.

Police said the informant told officers he had purchased drugs in the home earlier, prompting investigators to get a warrant. But Atlanta Police Chief Richard Pennington said it was unclear whether there had been a drug deal or whether the suspected drug dealer actually exists.

"That's what we're going to have to investigate and determine," Pennington said. "The officers are saying one thing, the confidential informant is saying something else."

Monday evening, WAGA-TV aired an interview with a man who said that he was the informant, and that he had never purchased drugs at Kathryn Johnston's home. The man, whose identity was obscured by the TV station, also said that police had asked him to lie about providing the information, but that that was before he knew the elderly woman had been killed in a shootout there.

Seven narcotics investigators and a police sergeant were placed on paid leave until the

inquiry is complete, Pennington said. Pennington said the informant is in protective custody and would be a key part of the investigation.

"There are many unanswered questions," Pennington said. "I promise each and every citizen that the truth will eventually be known, but we must have patience."

After the shooting, officers said they found marijuana inside the northwest Atlanta home, but "not a large quantity," according to Pennington.

Police had a "no-knock" warrant, which are frequently used to get inside a home before suspects have a chance to get rid of drugs, said Pennington, adding that his department would review its policy on such warrants and its use of confidential informants.

The U.S. attorney's office, Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Fulton County district attorney's office also will take part in the review of the circumstances surrounding the shootout.

Sarah Dozier, Johnston's niece, has said her aunt lived alone.

Johnston was described by neighbors and family as a woman living in fear in Vine City — a northwest Atlanta neighborhood in the shadow of the Georgia Dome. There were burglar bars on her one-story brick home, and she rarely let friends and neighbors inside.

The medical examiner's office also reported Sunday that records show Johnston was 88, despite her family saying she was 92.

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Christmas and civil disobedience

As we move into the Christmas season, maybe you think it has nothing to do with the political season we just survived. If so, think again.

The Magi were latecomers to the Christmas narrative. But they tell us a lot about Christmas as a political event.

According to tradition their names were Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar. They got some good press from Benedict XVI last year at World Youth Day in Cologne. In 1164 the relics of the Magi were formally transferred from Milan, across the Alps to Cologne where, in the words of Benedict, the people "produced the most exquisite reliquary of the whole Christian world and raised above it an even greater reliquary: Cologne Cathedral."

So what do the Magi have to do with politics? In their day there was no recognized moral limit to the power of the state. The Magi proclaimed one by defying Herod's command that they tell him where the Child was so "that I too may go and worship him, (Matthew 2:8)." He was, of course, a lying politician, which some may regard as a redundancy. When the Magi had departed for home, Joseph was warned by an angel to take the Child into Egypt because Herod wanted to kill him. Joseph obeyed and he and Mary joined the Magi as the first practitioners of civil disobedience in the

Christian era.

What got into the Magi to make them challenge the King? At World Youth Day, Benedict explained that the Magi had come seeking the prophesied "King who would be intimately united with God, a King who would restore order to the world, acting for God and in his Name." That King turned out to be "quite unlike what they were expecting." Still, "they knelt down before this child and recognized him as the promised King. But they still had to ... change their ideas about power, about God and about man, and in so doing, they also had to change themselves. Now they were able to see that God's power is ... the power of love ... which constitutes the new divine intervention that opposes injustice and ushers in the Kingdom of God."

Christmas made visible the Incarnation in which the second person of the Trinity became man. When that Child became an adult, he spelled it out for Pilate, that the power of the state is given by God and is subject to his law: "Thou wouldst have no power at all over me were it not given to you from above," (John 19:11)." This juridical impact of the Incarnation had become reality at Christmas in the civil disobedience of the Magi and then of Joseph and Mary.

Benedict asked the youth at Cologne, "what does all this mean for us?" He answered his own question by giving them a short course on the nature of true revolution. "The saints," he said, "are the true reformers ... In the last century we experienced revolutions with a common programme — expecting nothing more

from God, they assumed total responsibility for the cause of the world in order to change it. [This] meant that a human and partial point of view was always taken as an absolute guiding principle. Absolutizing what is ... relative is ... totalitarianism. It does not liberate man, but takes away his dignity and enslaves him.

"It is not ideologies that save the world, but only a return to the living God, our Creator, the guarantor of our freedom, the guarantor of what is really good and true. True revolution consists in simply turning to God who is the measure of what is right and who at the same time is everlasting love."

The Magi sent a news flash to the world that there is a law higher than the state. That higher law, however, like any law, makes ultimate sense only if we can identify its lawgiver and discern his intent. That Lawgiver is the Child whom the Magi adored. As Benedict, the Vicar of that Child, told the youth at Cologne, "Here in the Sacred Host he is present before us and in our midst ... as he was then in Bethlehem."

So Christmas tells us a lot about how to keep politics in perspective. That is so because that Child himself is still a current event.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In defense of diversity

I would like to submit a rebuttal to the Letter to the Editor by Lindsay Gilbertson that appeared on Nov. 20, entitled "Catholic Identity Valued." The author's essay was, in fact, a response to a previous article submitted five days prior on the subject of attracting more religious diversity to Notre Dame, authored by a Muslim student. The response's myopic interpretation of diversity represents a very unsettling view that this university, in pursuit of academic credibility and intellectual development of its students, cannot afford to leave unadvised.

A very confusing and inaccurate contention that the author makes on the nature of Catholic values is that they are inherently not secular. I beg to differ. I, personally, come from a Catholic family, but an overwhelming majority of my friends do not. Catholic values regarding peace, responsible sexuality and, of course, the high respect for the figure of the patriarch, among others, are not exclusive to Catholicism nor to Christianity as a whole.

These values, aside from being endeared by people devoid of religious faith, have immense secular implications. Regardless of religious and spiritual context, responsible sexuality has great secular impact on society as can be extrapolated from legislation encouraging healthy construction of family units. I fear for the non-Catholic readers of the letter I write about, that they might receive the impression that our

beliefs do not line up with theirs in a practical and secular manner — the secular arena being the most common place of interaction between interests from varying religious and spiritual backgrounds. While Ammar Tahir's Nov. 15 Letter to the Editor, "Attracting Diverse Students to Notre Dame," might have implied "universal" values, he certainly was not mistaken by use of "secular."

Furthermore, the primary concern I have for Gilbertson's argument is her claim that Notre Dame has no need for more diversity of religion on campus. While I agree, as most will, that Notre Dame has a duty to uphold its Catholic tradition, that certainly does not preclude the further inclusion of people of other faiths into our student body. I would assert, above Notre Dame's Catholic identity, Notre Dame has a greater attraction to prospective students as a more generally spiritual identity. If one came to Notre Dame, surrounded by nothing but other people of the same faith in Catholicism, he or she would not be receiving the best quality of diversity possible and would be at a severe disadvantage upon graduation.

The real world will not consist of people like you, sharing your beliefs and religious practices. The real world is a world of varying nuanced faith, hybrid identities and, more significantly, of misunderstandings perpetuated by those who simply do not see the need to interact intimately with ideas other than their own. For anyone to claim that Notre Dame does not need reli-

gious diversity on this campus speaks volumes about the troubles facing our world today.

I have enjoyed the experience of interacting with such groups as the Muslim Student Association on a spiritual level, comparing our overlapping beliefs and taking an open-minded look at where our cultural divides stand. Though these people do not share dogma specifically held by Catholics, they still pray to one God and treasure the value of life, liberty and religious self-expression. To Gilbertson, I challenge you to interact with people such as those who share beliefs starkly different from your own Catholic background and I hope you come to see how much you share in common. The Qu'ran and its believers are a beautiful example of religiosity and faith when you examine them with an unprejudiced mind, but they are only one example.

I pray that Gilbertson comes to realize the implications of diversity, both religious and not, on this campus, and rethinks the claims in her article. She will begin to realize what people of other religions can teach that cannot be learned in a class here at Notre Dame, but the full extent of these lessons cannot be had without at least some increase in their presence on our campus. God bless.

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"I don't own a cell phone or a pager. I just hang around everyone I know, all the time. If someone wants to get ahold of me, they just say 'Mitch,' and I say 'what?' and turn my head slightly."

Mitch Hedberg
comedian

Is race elective?

Superficially, Anatole Broyard (1920-1990) possessed all of the classic attributes of a New York intellectual and socialite: wealth, a powerful mind, prestige earned through decades as a high-profile New York Times book reviewer, a gift for words, and an insatiable appetite for self-gratification. From the very beginning Broyard was naturally suited to the lifestyle that he had made his own, save for one snag. In the middle of the 20th century, in a profoundly discriminatory era, and in an absolutely elitist profession, Anatole Broyard was black.



Lance Gallop

Tidewater Blues

Broyard fought his entire life, more or less successfully, to conceal his birth race (He was aided in this by an uncommonly fair complexion). And while few should disagree that Broyard's reasons for his lifelong deception — primarily to protect his career — were petty, his modus operandi flawed, and his lifelong disguise ultimately harmful to himself (this tension is very clear in his writings), at the kernel of his deception lies a fascinating idea. For Anatole Broyard, his race was his choice.

Although Broyard's life demonstrates

beyond doubt that his idea has potential for abuse, there is nonetheless a compelling quality to the notion that race is ultimately elective. Part of this, I feel, stems from our subconscious realization that concepts of racial supremacy are dominated by the doctrine of absolute rigidity. For the supremacist, race is ordained by God or by nature, and its boundaries must never, under any circumstances, be crossed. What could be more antithetical to this viewpoint than the idea of an elective race, where not only are those boundaries crossable, but they are altogether mutable?

Of course in practice, few would dispute that the adoption of an elective notion of race could never reach this pure ideal. Were the idea to be grafted directly onto our society, I believe that three common responses would emerge. One portion of society would look upon the idea as a grave insult to its identity, a second would adopt Broyard's brand of hollow racial escapism, and a third would agree with the idea yet change nothing about the way it views the world. At best the entire situation might devolve into an almost surreal game of "race tourism" with little depth or understanding. In no regard would it live up to what the pure ideal of elective race aims to be.

But the failure of the idea itself is telling. The very reason that a Broyard-style sys-

tem of elective race fails is because the idea of race that underlies is not equivalent to what most of society understands race to be (For Broyard race was skin color, nothing more.) But our reactions to the failure also show that our essential views of race itself are fundamentally fragmented.

On the one hand there are those for whom, like Broyard, race is nothing more than a collection of visible characteristics (possibly with underlying genetics) the most common of these being skin color. Some of these people may be uncomfortable with the idea of race in general and therefore they tend to favor a landscape in which, for all intents and purposes, race does not exist. These are the kind of people who voted to ban affirmative action in Michigan a few weeks ago. Their ultimate goal is to achieve complete and total "color blindness."

However, for others, race is a state of being. It is not attached so much to the color of a person's skin, although that is undeniably part of it, as it is to his or her universal experience while wearing that skin. Race is both a kind of righteous anger and a kind of solidarity, such as was witnessed after Hurricane Katrina demolished New Orleans. Through this lens, it matters not so much what you are as what you know and what experiences you have been through. Sometimes the ulti-

mate goal of this group is overcoming what faces it, sometimes it is to transcend it.

But the very fact that both of these views can be held by the same culture simultaneously is partially a vindication of Broyard's ideal. In reality, it is not that I elect what race I shall call myself, but rather that I elect how I shall view race altogether and this limits all of my subsequent choices. It is this election that really makes a black woman black and a white woman white, more than the color of either's skin.

Perhaps, in realizing that the concept of race is already elective, we can go a step further to making the actuality of race elective as well. At the very least, our understanding of the choice we make in viewing what race will mean to us should inform our relations with others in this diverse culture.

And maybe, just maybe, Broyard will have the last laugh after all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re-examining faith and education

Is religion the best answer?

In the Letter to the Editor "Combine Religion and Science in Education, Nov. 21" Krista Larsen brought to light the issue of a declining American education system and offered as a possible remedy a return to religious devotion. While, if it worked, such a solution may indeed aid the process of increasing the quality of American education, the fact stands that such a solution is most impractical and unnecessary.

The simultaneous drop in religious attendance and math and science scores does not signify a direct correlation between the two. Likewise it does not lead to the conclusion that a spur in religious attendance will counteract the current downward trend. Instead of jumping to the conclusion that the cure lies in a religious movement of sorts, we would be wiser to consider the problem more carefully. Krista noted that Japan leads the academic race in the areas of math and science. Yet Japan's school system is, like America's, secular, and the Japanese as a whole are not considerably more devout in their faith than Americans. Therefore it is not a lack of religion which differentiates our school system from other, more successful school systems.

Rather I would argue the difference lies in other important characteristics which Larsen admitted have some influence on education. Namely, values such as obedience and perseverance are of fundamental worth in education. When concerned about how best to improve

the quality of our education system we should focus on how best to instill these values in students.

Here I will agree with Larsen that the religions of the world seek to instill these very values in believers, and so the argument for a correlation between religious attendance and education may hold some water. However, it is not necessary to believe in God to understand the inherent value of education and to be motivated to become educated.

A secular community can certainly foster a strong commitment to education. This is evident in secular schools and universities throughout the nation. So when considering how to improve the schools of our nation, I do not see the argument for promoting religious devotion as highly relevant. Not only does common sense readily point out that such an argument would have little credit or effect in America, but promoting the values necessary for a good school system need not involve religion. The characteristics of a good education system and solutions for allowing our schools to adapt them more effectively can be determined through political debate. Likewise, while our faith may guide us in education, the intrinsic value of education can be determined without divine revelation.

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Keep religion and science separate

I would respectfully disagree with Kristen Larsen's Letter to the Editor ("Combine religion and science in education," Nov. 21). Now, more than ever, we need to encourage just the opposite. At present, religious leaders continue to project religion onto science, education, politics and the rights of private individuals. We must encourage a clear separation between science and religion because the two are inherently at odds, both in general and on many specific issues.

Science attempts to make claims about the way the world is through continuous research and tireless experimentation. We do not accept scientific beliefs without good reason. We are under no pressure to accept someone's scientific claims without a sufficient display of evidence. Yet the rules seem to change when we turn the subject to religion. Christianity reports to be certain of things, of which, no one can ever be certain. It makes claims about the state of the world in conflict with a mountain of evidence and continues to draw its worldview out of books written thousands of years ago.

According to an October 2005 CBS News Poll, 51 percent of Americans claimed not to believe in evolution but rather that God created humans in their present form. Evolution is an accepted scientific fact. Scientists are currently trying to understand the mechanisms by which evolution occurred, but there is no doubt among any respected scientist that evolution occurred. That such a stun-

ningly low percentage of Americans are aware of this is a problem for science to which closer ties to religion is not a solution.

When you have Christian ministers preaching the sinfulness of certain scientific research (take embryonic stem-cell research or new advances in the prevention of cervical cancer for example), based on nothing more than beliefs pulled from books that claim the world was created around the time that the Sumerians were brewing beer, there really is a conflict.

Science needs to be free from religious dogma. Religion may have its place in our society today (and according to an April 2006 CBS News Poll, 82 percent of Americans think it does), but its place is not in science. Science needs to advance without the constraints that blind faith in religious dogma would undoubtedly place upon it. Finally, I would just like to point out that in Japan, which, as Larsen informed us, is ranked first in math and science, 65 percent of the population reports not to believe in a higher power, according to The Cambridge Companion to Atheism. If we hope to continue on a path toward scientific advancement we need to be encouraging a separation of science and religion in our education, not a combination.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Aronofsky's 'Fountain' thrills, confuses viewers

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When a Christian angel in the guise of a Mayan warrior bows down before a time-traveling man who bears a striking resemblance to a Buddha, there is something heavy going on. In Darren Aronofsky's latest release, "The Fountain," the director plays around with religion, what it means to die and, more importantly, with what it means to live.

Starring Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz, "The Fountain" tells a tale of two lovers through three time periods. The film opens with Tomas, a conquistador attempting to scale a Mayan pyramid.

He makes it to the top, encountering a man with a burning sword standing guard at a tree. The film then fast-forwards to the present day, where Tommy is trying to save his wife Isabel [Izzi] from cancer.

"The Fountain" then goes on to tell the story of Thomas, a man who is traveling through space haunted and/or visited by specters of his past. Jackman plays all three of the male leads in each time period and Weisz does the same for Isabel/Izzi.

The story lines are all connected rather tenuously. The primary concern of Aronofsky is not so much to tell a story that is easy to follow. His concern is to tell a story that deals with issues and meanings bigger than ourselves. Life, death, the possibility of rebirth

and the possibility of eternal life and love are the themes that Aronofsky explores in this film through stunning visuals and wonderful performances from both Jackman and Weisz.

The visuals are the strongest aspect of the film, from the jungles of South and Central America to the cosmos of the third chapter of the story. "The Fountain" travels from the court of the Spanish Inquisition, through jungles, to the frustration of modern relationships and even the stars, and weaves them all into a stunning array of light and sound. The narrative is not sup-

posed to be understood coherently. What little there is in the way of a story consists of the love two people have for each other and the strength it takes to stay and say goodbye.

The film is a departure for Aronofsky, whose previous films included 1998's "Pi" and his entrance to mass respectability, 2000's "Requiem For a Dream." Always one to play around with imagery, he was one of the main users of the hip-hop montage effect, and he has a maintained distinctive visual style. However, his narratives have always been realistically fantastical.

"The Fountain" is not realistic, and is almost purely a sensory experience. Understanding is not an issue, as the film is simply

This is a film meant to be enjoyed and savored, rather than simply understood. "The Fountain" is why we go to theaters, sit in the dark and watch movies.



Tommy (Hugh Jackman), left, relaxes with his dying wife, Izzi (Rachel Weisz) in "The Fountain." Director Darren Aronofsky's latest is a study in visual splendor.

something to be experienced.

Perhaps the most stunning sequence of the film is the climax, which attempts to tie the three narrative threads together. It is an explosion of light, sound and emotion. Alongside this spectacle, however, is the fact that the story is rather sporadic and the three threads never really quite fit together in a completely coherent way.

If suspension of disbelief is an easy task, then this is a film to see — its visuals more than make up for the incoherent narrative.

One should also consider that

Aronofsky never meant for "The Fountain" to be coherent. This is a film meant to be enjoyed and savored, rather than simply understood.

"The Fountain" is why we go to theaters, sit in the dark and watch movies. If every film were able to match this in terms of sensory pleasure, it could hardly be considered a bad thing.

When you walk into the theater, don't worry about the boy getting the girl or the hero vanquishing his foe at the end. All audiences need worry about is whether or not they can see the screen clearly. All the rest is periphery.

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Movies, much like books, would do well to have coherent plots that an audience is able to follow. While it is possible for a film to seem abstract on the surface, it is still necessary for an underlying story line to adequately tie all of the pieces together. Unfortunately, director Darren Aronofsky seems to have missed this day at film school, and "The Fountain" is the frustrating result.

On the technical level, "The Fountain" is truly an impressive and gorgeous film. As a moving image, it is beautiful to watch. Moving past the experience of watching and into the actual story development is where problems begin to arise. Although the movie is only 96 minutes in length, its pace is plodding.

The three interwoven plots of "The Fountain" take place in three different eras — the 16th century, the 21st century and the 26th century. The majority of the film occurs in the contemporary setting where Thomas Creo (Hugh Jackman), an animal surgeon and researcher, seeks a cure for the brain tumor that is causing his wife Izzi (Rachel Weisz) to slowly die.

Even though Izzi is dying, Creo would rather spend his nights working in the lab to find a cure for her, rather than actually spending time with her. During

her numerous hours spent alone, Izzi is writing a book, naturally entitled "The Fountain," about a quest for the Fountain of Youth in the 1500s.

The narrative of her book is the 16th century plot line, which follows Tomas (Jackman), a conquistador, who is working to save Spain's Queen Isabella (Weisz) from the Catholic Inquisitor. Working off rumor and a piece of an old map, Tomas travels to Guatemala and the Mayans, where there is supposed to be a tree of life.

Lastly, there are flash-forwards to the 26th century where a man (Jackman) is floating in space and caring for a dying tree. While there, he is often visited by apparitions of his wife (Weisz).

The acting leaves hardly anything to complain about, although the actors are given precious little to work with.

Weisz is hardly given an actual role, instead serving as more of a vehicle for a feminine ideal.

Jackman's characters are only slightly more well-developed than Weisz's, giving him a little more room to display his talents.

It was an ambitious task that director Aronofsky decided to take on in making "The Fountain," it also seems like the project was more than he was able to handle. Although he tries to tie the three story lines together, not one of the

The premise of "The Fountain" certainly had promise, but its potential goes unrealized because of poor plot development.



Tomas (Hugh Jackman) walks toward the Tree of Life in "The Fountain." Despite its impressive visual effects, the film's multiple plot lines do not form a cohesive whole.

three is well developed, leaving a very undeveloped mess.

The basic premise of three separate story lines working together to convey more abstract ideas has been done before, and with much more success.

Most notably is Hsiao-hsien Hou's 2005 masterpiece "Three Times," which used the same technique of profiling three separate story lines following two characters in each, played by the same two actors throughout. "Three Times" was successful because

both its characters and story lines were fully developed, and it did not rely on its visual beauty to maintain audience interest.

The underlying premise of "The Fountain" certainly had promise, but its potential goes unrealized because of poor plot development throughout the film. In the end, "The Fountain" amounts to little more than eye candy, which is hardly worth the time or effort it takes to see it.

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Devoured in the Coliseum

Missed opportunities doom overmatched Irish in fifth straight loss to USC



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Irish wide receiver Rhema McKnight gets swarmed under by three USC defenders in Notre Dame's 44-24 loss to the Trojans Saturday. McKnight caught six balls for 109 yards and a touchdown but also dropped several key passes as the Irish continually bogged down in the Trojan end of the field.

By ERIC RETTER
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LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Dwayne Jarrett scored three touchdowns and No. 3 USC beat No. 6 Notre Dame for the fifth straight time Saturday night in Los Angeles.

Behind Jarrett's seven receptions for 132 yards, the Trojans rolled over the Irish 44-24 and kept their BCS title hopes alive.

"They were better than us," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "They did a good job on offense and defense and special teams, [and] there's no excuses."

Touchdown receptions of nine and five yards, respectively, by Jarrett from quarterback John David Booty ended the Trojans' first two drives, and the wideout was one of the principle figures in helping Southern California jump to a 21-3 lead.

"He's a good receiver," Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said. "We didn't make the plays that we needed to, so give credit to their receivers."

Notre Dame looked like it would threaten early, as quarterback Brady Quinn completed a 38-yard pass to receiver Rhema McKnight on the first

play from scrimmage. The drive stalled, however, on the Southern California 29 after Quinn failed to find McKnight on fourth-and-9.

"The reason I why went for it around the 30 is that the range we had [for field goal kicker Carl Gioia] was getting to the 25," Weis said. "If I thought we would have been making a field goal from 48 yards, I would have been kicking a field goal."

After Booty's two touchdown passes to Jarrett put the Trojans up 14-0, Gioia kicked a 27-yard field goal to put the Irish on the board with 36 seconds left in the opening period.

USC extended its lead on the ensuing possession, as a one-yard sneak by Booty capped a nine-play, 59-yard drive and gave the Trojans a 21-3 lead.

Notre Dame struggled offensively in the first quarter, and Quinn was just 4-13 for 78 yards in the period.

In the second quarter, Notre Dame looked poised to finally enter the endzone after Quinn turned a broken play into a 60-yard rush — the longest run by a Notre Dame player this season — but running back Darius Walker fumbled on a first-and-goal from the 3-yard-line and

defensive tackle Fili Moala recovered to end the Notre Dame threat.

"We didn't put the ball in the end zone early in the game when we were moving it," Weis said.

On the ensuing USC possession, however, Irish linebacker Steve Quinn blocked a punt and set up Notre Dame's first trip into the end zone. Irish receiver Chase Anastasio recovered the loose ball on the 7, and Brady Quinn found tight end Marcus Freeman in the endzone on the next play to cut the Trojan lead to 21-10 with 7:47 left in the half.

"When you're playing in a game like this, you can't panic when things go badly or it'll be over early," Weis said.

The Irish had an opportunity to reduce USC lead even more after Booty was intercepted by cornerback Mike Richardson and defensive tackle Trevor Laws on back-to-back drives. Notre Dame, however, failed to convert on fourth down in each drive and stalled twice in Trojan territory. Overall, the Irish were just 2-for-6 on fourth down.

"Especially on offense, we didn't execute well," said Irish tackle Ryan Harris, who was

whistled for four penalties in the game. "We made some uncharacteristic mistakes."

Notre Dame and Southern California traded touchdowns in the third quarter, as Trojan running back Chauncey Washington's 2-yard run with 10:03 left in the quarter gave the Trojans a 28-10 lead before Quinn connected with McKnight from the 2 to cut the lead back to 11. The touchdown gave McKnight — who finished with six catches for 109 yards — his 15th score of the season, tying him for first all-time at Notre Dame with the mark teammate Jeff Samardzija set last season.

While Notre Dame stayed within striking distance for much of the game, Jarrett's final touchdown effectively sealed the game for Southern California. Booty, who passed for 265 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions, connected with Jarrett for a 43-yard strike, the longest Trojan play of the night.

"They call an aggressive game, give credit to them," Weis said. "When Jarrett had those three scores, it made that aggressive game plan look that much better."

By the time Quinn connected with Samardzija for his third

touchdown pass of the game with 3:39 to play, it was too little, too late for Notre Dame. While he threw for 274 yards and three touchdowns, Quinn completed only 22-of-45 passes. Quinn also led the Irish in rushing, with 11 carries for 74 yards.

"I thought [Quinn] had a gutty performance to tell you the truth," Weis said. "He was far from perfect, but you know what, join the club."

USC linebacker Brian Cushing returned the ensuing onside kick for a touchdown to provide the final margin.

Though Saturday marked the second time the Irish have lost by 20 or more to a top-5 team — Michigan beat them 47-21 on Sept. 16 — Weis in confident Notre Dame will still receive an invitation to a BCS bowl.

"You take away Cushing's kickoff return for a touchdown there at the end [that made it 44-24] ... and we lose by 13 and everyone's happy," he said. "I think we got beat pretty good and I think that we'll be very happy to go to any BCS game that'll pick us."

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player of the game

Dwayne Jarrett

The Trojan receiver torched the Irish secondary for 132 yards and three touchdowns.

stat of the game

2-of-6

Notre Dame's fourth down conversion rate. The Irish were stopped on downs four times in USC territory.

play of the game

Desmond Reed's first quarter punt return

The Trojans return man gave USC a short field which allowed his team to take an early 14-0 lead.

quote of the game

"They were better than us. They did a good job on offense, defense and special teams. There's no excuses."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

report card

B+

quarterbacks: Quinn's numbers weren't up to his usual standards, but his toughness was one of the few bright spots for the Irish. He was Notre Dame's leading rusher as well as passer.

B

running backs: Walker ran well against a stout defense despite only getting 14 carries, but his second quarter fumble was one of a long list of Irish missed opportunities.

D-

receivers: Rhema McKnight dropped several key passes and Jeff Samardzija disappeared for long stretches. Marcus Freeman played hard but couldn't fill John Carlson's shoes.

C

offensive line: The line faced one of their toughest challenges of the year and they couldn't keep the pass rush off Quinn. False start penalties killed drives.

C+

defensive line: Like the rest of the defense, they had their moments, but for most of the game Booty had all day to throw and the Trojan line opened up big holes for the running game.

C+

linebackers: This unit stepped up in the second quarter, but was ineffective for most of the game, especially in passing situations. The rarely got pressure when blitzing and were burned in coverage.

D+

defensive backs: They frequently looked lost, especially after Chinedum Ndukwe was injured in the third quarter. Dwayne Jarrett ran free through the secondary for most of the evening.

D

special teams: Kickoffs were awful, punt coverage gave up a key long return early, and Geoff Price wasn't his usual self. Steve Quinn's blocked punt was the lone bright spot.

D+

coaching: Weis out-thought himself game-planning for the Trojans. Instead of letting his offensive players play, he tried to showcase his brilliance. Meanwhile, the defense and special teams looked lost.

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overall: The Irish were out-classed at most positions on the field, but still had their chances to make the game competitive. They just didn't take advantage.

adding up the numbers

Rushing yards by quarterback Brady Quinn to lead the Irish. Quinn had a 60-yard run in the second quarter.

74

2

Interceptions by the Notre Dame defense in the second quarter.

0

Number of points the Irish scored off these interceptions. Notre Dame was stopped on fourth down following both turnovers.

4

Number of times Notre Dame failed to convert on fourth down in USC territory, including three times in the first half.

Yards receiving by Trojan wideout Dwayne Jarrett, who has had over 100 yards receiving in all three of his games against Notre Dame.

132

7:49

Game time it took for USC to take a 14-0 lead and force the Irish to play catch up for the rest of the game.

Total yards for both the Irish and Trojans. Notre Dame ran 76 offensive plays to USC's 60.

404

42

Distance of Trojan linebacker Brian Cushing's onside kick return for a touchdown to ice the game for USC.



Irish quarterback Brady Quinn tries to jump over Trojan linebacker Dallas Sartz in Saturday's 44-24 USC victory over Notre Dame. Quinn added 74 rushing yards to his 274 passing yards.

Irish fall flat in year's biggest game

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — You could almost see this coming. The thousand or so Southern California faithful that lined a campus walkway to cheer the Trojans as they entered the Los Angeles Coliseum Saturday afternoon sure could. As it snaked through the crowd on its way to the stadium, Trojan fans saw a USC squad prepared for Notre Dame. The Trojans bounced around, slapped hands and smiled, obviously eager for a matchup a year in the making.



Mike Gilloon

Sports Writer

The Irish could have used some of that energy.

In its biggest game of the season — for most players, of their career — Notre Dame dropped passes, whiffed tackles and ultimately missed its opportunity to solidify the best season in over a decade in South Bend.

USC was the more-talented football team. The Trojans defense was faster than Michigan's and Dwayne Jarrett could start for any team in the NFL right now.

But the Irish knew that going in. They knew that only a focused, fiery effort would be enough to beat the Trojans in the Coliseum for the first time since Saturday night's color commentator roamed the Irish sidelines.

So what happened?

The Irish began the game with little of the fire, not much of the intensity and none of the clutch plays that kept Notre Dame in the contest against an even-more-talented Trojan bunch last season. And placing blame isn't easy.

It's ridiculous to question the players' effort — especially the senior class, which is the biggest reason Notre Dame is competitive today.

It's also ridiculous to blame everything on Notre Dame's athleticism. The Irish had more than enough talent to hang with the Trojans last season. There was no reason why they couldn't stay in the game with USC this time.

The only reasonable blame has to fall on the head coach.

Charlie Weis had all season to get Notre Dame up for this game. He had last season's aching loss and the chance to spoil an archrival's national title hopes as motivation. What happened? The Irish laid an egg.

Notre Dame started the first quarter like it had never seen a football before. Sure-handed

Rhema McKnight dropped it, Darius Walker fumbled it and the secondary couldn't find it.

Despite the mistakes, a little bit of hope shone down from the LA lights

in the second quarter Saturday night. Steve Quinn blocked a punt. Mike Richardson and Trevor Laws came up with big interceptions. It looked like the Notre Dame we thought we knew.

But the Notre Dame we thought we knew would have punched in 21 quick points and went into halftime with the lead. One touchdown later, Southern California had weathered Notre Dame's only defensive storm of the evening.

It was unexpected. This was the game the Irish had been gunning for since last October. The game Brady Quinn wanted to complete his already legendary resume. The game the whole country was waiting for.

USC coach Pete Carroll can be criticized for showing too much spirit at times. But no one can say Carroll doesn't know how to coach in big games. The Trojans were fully prepared — mentally and physically.

Weis showed Saturday night that he hasn't reached Carroll's level yet. He had to find a way to get the Irish ready for their biggest game of the year. He had a whole season to build them up, to get the Irish to peak at the right time.

It took just one quarter to show that Notre Dame is much further from the top than anyone ever thought.

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Jarrett torches Irish secondary

Trojan wide receiver records over 100 yards against ND for third straight year

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Dwayne Jarrett had just seven catches Saturday night.

But three went for touchdowns as the junior accumulated 132 yards against Notre Dame in a 44-24 USC win.

"They've never been conservative and I didn't expect them to do so," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "They called an aggressive game and give credit to them and aggressive game plans really come to a positive light when they make plays. Jarrett has those three scores, that makes that aggressive game plan look that much better, when he's running for those touchdowns."

Jarrett scored a nine-yard touchdown on the Trojans' opening drive and added another five-yard score within minutes.

Although Jarrett didn't score USC's third touchdown himself, he did have a 25-yard grab to keep the drive going.

"He's a great player," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. "Every time [USC's receivers] get a ball in their hands they're going to do good things. That's why Jarrett's broken all the records and done what he's done there."

So far in 2006, Jarrett has 55 catches for 742 yards and 10 touchdowns.

As a sophomore in 2005, he had 91 catches for 1,274 yards and 16 scores. Perhaps his most famous was a fourth-and-nine catch that went for 61 yards in the final drive of the Notre Dame-USC game on Oct. 15, 2005. He was a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation's top receiver, and received All-America honors.

The Irish said they were prepared for the speed and talent of Jarrett and fellow Trojans receiver Steve Smith, but still gave up 265 yards through the air.

"They're a very talented group of receivers coming in and they really showed that today," Irish cornerback Mike Richardson said.

Defensive lineman Chris Frome agreed. He also stressed the impact that first-year Trojans starting quarterback John David Booty had on USC's aerial attack.

"Their receivers were making catches, their quarterback was putting the



USC wide receiver runs free in the Notre Dame secondary Saturday. Jarrett caught seven passes for 132 yards and three touchdowns.

ball where the receivers could make the plays," he said. "It's just disappointing for us now to go back home — it's a long flight."

Booty was 17-of-28 with two interceptions and three touchdowns, all to Jarrett. Smith had three catches for 35 yards and Fred Davis had three for 33 yards.

"We knew coming into this game that they were probably going to be some of the best receivers that we've seen so

far and they proved to be very fast," Frome said. "We knew what to expect, we couldn't really perform, execute our plays and our game plan and they could."

The Irish concluded their regular season Saturday. Next week, Jarrett and the Trojans face crosstown rival UCLA, whom the Irish defeated 20-17 on Oct. 21.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	3	7	7	7	24
USC	14	7	7	16	44

First quarter

USC 7, Notre Dame 0
Dwayne Jarrett 9-yard reception from John David Booty with 8:38 remaining. (Mario Danelo kick)
Drive: 8 plays, 71 yards, 3:32 elapsed
USC 14, Notre Dame 0
Jarrett 5-yard reception from Booty with 5:16 remaining. (Danelo kick)
Drive: 3 plays, 26 yards, 1:55 elapsed
USC 14, Notre Dame 3
Cark Gioia 27-yard field goal with 6:20 remaining.
Drive: 14 plays, 71 yards, 4:40 elapsed

Second quarter

USC 21, Notre Dame 3
Booty 1-yard run with 11:37 remaining. (Danelo kick)
Drive: 9 plays, 59 yards, 3:59 elapsed.
USC 21, Notre Dame 10
Marcus Freeman 7-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 7:20 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 1 play, 8 yards, 0:27 elapsed.

Third quarter

USC 28, Notre Dame 10
Chauncey Washington 2-yard run with 10:03 remaining. (Danelo kick)
Drive: 10 plays, 65 yards, 4:57 elapsed
USC 28, Notre Dame 17
Rhema McKnight 2-yard pass from Quinn with 1:57 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 10 plays, 52 yards, 3:28 elapsed

Fourth quarter

USC 31, Notre Dame 17
Danelo 34-yard field goal with 11:43 remaining.
Drive: 13 plays, 65 yards, 5:14 elapsed
USC 37, Notre Dame 17
Jarrett 43-yard pass from Booty with 8:21 remaining. (Danelo kick failed)
Drive: 2 plays, 57 yards, 1:00 elapsed
USC 37, Notre Dame 24
Jeff Samardzija 2-yard pass from Quinn with 3:39 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 14 plays, 78 yards, 4:42 elapsed
USC 44, Notre Dame 24
Brian Cushing 42-yard kickoff return with 3:31 remaining. (Danelo kick)

statistics

total yards

ND	404
USC	404

rushing yards

ND	130
USC	139

passing yards

ND	274
USC	265

return yards

ND	143
USC	118

time of possession

ND	30:53
USC	29:07



31-130	rushes-yards	32-139
22-45-0	comp-att-int	17-28-2
3-117	punts-yards	3-67
1-1	fumbles-lost	0-0
6-60	penalties-yards	5-50
18	first downs	21



passing			
Quinn	22-45-0	Booty	17-28-2

rushing			
Quinn	11-74	Gable	20-115
Walker	14-56	Washington	6-24

receiving			
McKnight	6-109	Jarrett	7-132
Samardzija	6-79	Smith	3-35
Freeman	5-38	Davis	3-33
Grimes	2-34	McFoy	2-24
West	2-14	Gable	1-21

tackles			
Richardson	9	Sartz	8
Crum	9	Mays	7
Brockington	6	Lua	65

ND still eligible for a BCS paycheck

Zbikowski returns kicks for first time; Weis inserts extra linemen in short yardage

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — After a 44-24 loss to USC Saturday, the most recent Bowl Championship Series (BCS) polls have the Irish at No. 10.

The team is No. 10 in the Harris Interactive Poll, No. 12 in the USA Today/Coaches Poll and No. 8 in the computer rankings. The BCS rankings average these three components, with equal weight.

The BCS now consists of the National Title game and the traditional Rose, Orange, Fiesta and Sugar Bowls. The Irish automatically go to a BCS bowl if they finish in the top eight teams, and are eligible for selection if they are within the top 14.

After losing to USC, Irish coach Charlie Weis said the team would be happy to be selected for a BCS berth.

"I think that we got beat

pretty good and we'll be very happy to go to any BCS game that picks us," Weis said. A reporter asked if the rumors were true that the Sugar Bowl officials had said they would take the Irish if they were available regardless of other team's availability.

Weis' response to that was simple.

"If New Orleans ends up picking us, sign me up," he said. "Let's go."

The four bowls have several conference tie-ins, meaning that the conference champions will automatically go to those bowls unless selected for the national title game. The Rose Bowl is played between the Big Ten and the Pac-10 champions, the Fiesta Bowl is tied to the Big 12, the Orange Bowl is tied to the ACC and the Sugar Bowl is tied to the SEC.

The bowl that loses its ties to the national championship game will pick before the other bowls. The Rose

Bowl has already lost the Big 10 champion, Ohio State, to the national title game. Because the Buckeyes are No. 1, they will automatically receive the first pick of remaining teams. It could also lose the Pac-10 champion if the Trojans end up No. 2 in the BCS rankings, in which case it could pick any two teams not hosting bowls.

After the replacement bids, the Sugar Bowl receives the first pick, followed by the Orange Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl.

Zbikowski makes kickoff-return debut

Safety Tom Zbikowski, who also returns punts for the Irish, participated in his first kickoff return Saturday.

Weis said that Zbikowski has been preparing to specialize in kickoffs for several weeks.

"He's worked for the last few weeks in prep that he'd be doing that," Weis said.

"He wasn't the only guy we had on special teams, we used every guy we had on special teams today."

Weis said it was important for him to put the best athletes on the field.

"You lose a game, you lose a game, but you're going to lose a game with your best guys doing it," he said.

Different lineup on the offensive line

To compensate for the loss of tight end John Carlson, Weis sometimes had extra linemen on the offensive line, which confused some onlookers.

"They weren't unbalanced lines," he said. "Those linemen were just taking the place of tight ends."

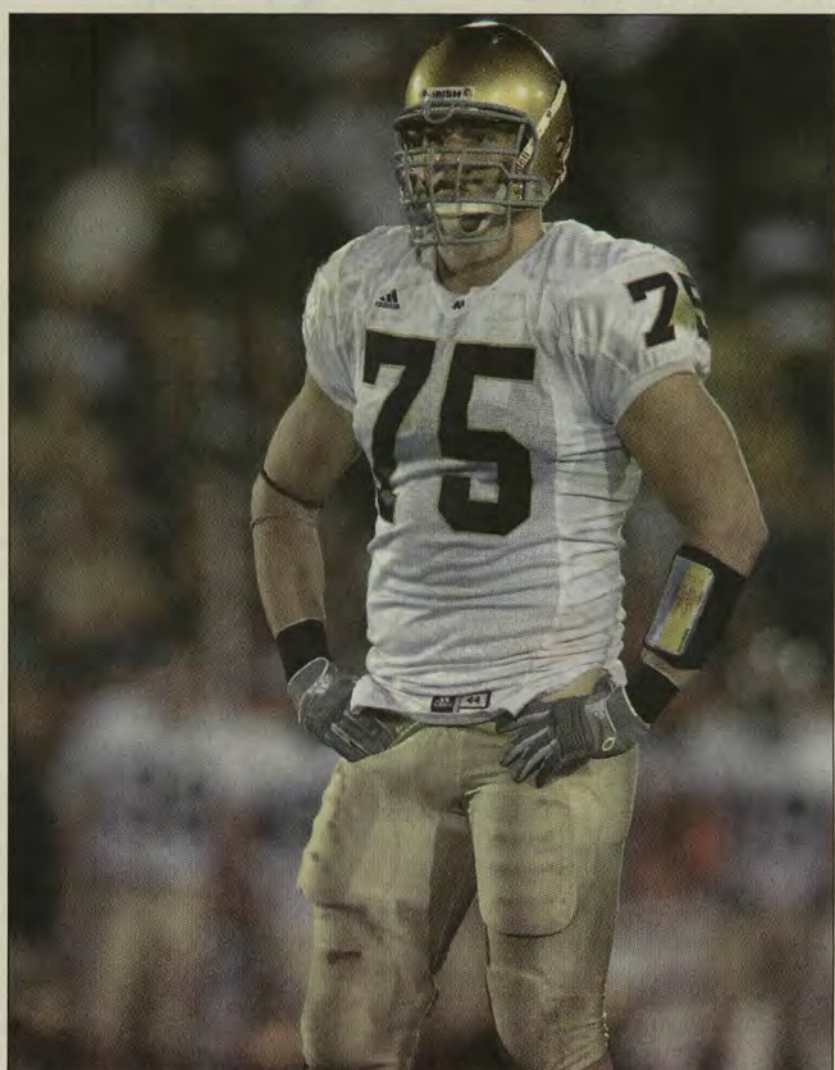
Carlson's replacement, Marcus Freeman, did catch a seven-yard touchdown pass from Quinn in the second quarter to put the Irish within 11.

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California nightmare

Southern California jumped out to a 21-3 lead and never looked back against an overmatched Irish squad. Notre Dame had its chances — including two second quarter interceptions — but squandered them, getting stopped on fourth down four times in Trojan territory and fumbling within five yards of the goal line. The win vaulted USC into a probable national title game matchup with Ohio State while Notre Dame became a virtual lock for a lesser BCS game.



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Top left, Irish coach Charlie Weis exits the stadium amid taunts from Trojan fans. Top right, Notre Dame running back Darius Walker breaks through one of the few holes he saw all night. Center, Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija tries to fight past USC linebacker Dallas Sartz. Bottom left, Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn breaks free during his 60-yard run in the second quarter. Bottom right, Irish defensive end Chris Frome watches the final seconds tick away in frustration.

DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Guest takes satiric film into 'Consideration'

Director's humorous, documentary-style movies thrive on spontaneity

GUEST AND THE MOCKUMENTARY

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Scene Writer

Movies are often used to escape real life, but writer, director and actor Christopher Guest has turned making fun of life into its own genre. The mockumentary, exemplified by Guest's films, has turned what many audiences consider to be the most tedious film structure into the one of the most uproarious.

A mockumentary is a film that is presented as a documentary, but is actually a parody or satire of the events or theme it portrays. Mockumentaries are generally filmed very quickly and are mostly improvised to maintain the realistic structure of the film. The first famous false documentary is probably Orson Well's radio production of "The War of the Worlds," but the word "mockumentary" was coined by director Rob Reiner in reference to his 1984 film, "This is Spinal Tap."

In a somewhat similar vein, drama documentaries, like the recently released "Death of a President," are false documentaries that take on a serious tone.

Fellow screenwriters Michael McKean, Harry Shearer and Rob Reiner helped to lay the foundations for the modern mockumentary with the cult classic "This is Spinal Tap," but Christopher Guest brought the mockumentary into the mainstream. Since the rock and roll themed "Spinal Tap," Guest has satirized folk music in "A Mighty Wind," small town theatre productions in "Waiting for

Guffman" and, most famously, championship dog shows in "Best in Show." Guest's films specialize in taking mundane but offbeat worlds and hyperbolizing their characteristics just enough to make them into some of the most hilarious facets of life the audience has seen.

Guest stays true to the mockumentary formula. His actors are generally only given a brief outline to know what should happen in the scene and then allowed to improvise the rest without rehearsal and a few takes. Shooting is very fast, but the large amounts of improvisation mean that editing takes much longer, making the time spent on each the inverse of most movies. "For Your Consideration" had 27 days of shooting but almost a year of editing.

Guest's films include multiple other elements that make them more "real." In "A Mighty Wind," television cameras were actually used to film the sections that were supposedly broadcast on TV. Also, most of the "Mighty Wind" actors played their own instruments, as they did in "This is Spinal Tap."

Guest uses many of the same actors in his films and has formed a comedy troupe of sorts in doing so. Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara, Parker Posey, Michael McKean, Jennifer Coolidge and others continue to be seen in Guest mockumentaries and their chemistry has not dulled as the movies have been produced.

Christopher Guest's latest film, "For Your Consideration," is not actually in the mockumentary style. Many of the scenes are heavily scripted and it is done as a narrative and not a documentary.



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Eugene Levy, left, and Catherine O'Hara star in Christopher Guest's "A Mighty Wind." Guest has built his directing career on left-of-center, mockumentary films.

Despite this, since it still leaves room for improvisation and the cast is still populated with familiar faces, it remains true to Guest's style.

Christopher Guest has continued to dominate the mockumentary genre, even as works of a similar nature, such as "The Daily Show" or "The Office," gain popularity. "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America For Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" may hold the highest lifetime gross in theatres for mockumentaries, but Guest's five films (including "For Your Consideration")

hold five of the other top 10 slots, and "This is Spinal Tap," "Best in Show," and "Waiting for Guffman" all hold places on television channel Bravo's 100 Funniest Movies list.

The appeal of the mockumentary comes from its semblance of realism. By framing the most outlandish characters in a familiar style and setting, Guest reminds us that we are all a little off-beat.

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MOVIE REVIEW

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Christopher Guest may be the king of mockumentaries, but his latest project, "For Your Consideration," is styled as a narrative — a trait that displays hilarity but hinders the overall potential of the film. Guest successfully creates a stinging satire of the effects of Oscar buzz on Hollywood, but the narrative structure leads to underdeveloped characters and the absence of sight gags that are central to his films.

"For Your Consideration" follows three actors in the fictional movie "Home for Purim" as they learn from Internet rumors and television shows that they will undoubtedly receive an Academy Award nomination. Egos inflate and art is abandoned for mainstream acceptance. The title of the movie is changed to "Home for Thanksgiving" to appeal to a wider audience, and the potentially nominated actors abandon their independent roots and give in to the plastic surgery, fake tanning and hair dying temptations of Hollywood.

As usual with Guest's projects, the film is largely improvised. The director's regular cast of comedians is back to fulfill new over-the-top roles. Standout performers include the perpetual scene-stealer Fred Willard ("Everybody Loves Raymond") as Chuck Porter, an entertainment television

host, and the tall and mighty Jane Lynch ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin") as his co-host Cindy Martin, a not-so-subtle imitation of Nancy O'Dell. Willard asks irrelevant personal questions while Lynch parodies O'Dell's stance and walk in a hilarious fusion of a beauty queen and a robot.

However, Willard and Lynch are not the only performers to receive laughs. Jennifer Coolidge ("Legally Blonde") portrays producer Whitney Taylor Brown with her now signature "dumb blonde" characteristics. Guest's co-writer Eugene Levy delights as clueless agent Morley Orfkin, and Guest himself produces enough laughs with his character's frizzy haircut. Ricky Gervais (BBC's "The Office"), already a comedic genius, is a natural addition to the Guest

troupe as studio suit

Martin Gibb.

The star of the fictional movie, as well as "Consideration," is Catherine O'Hara ("Home Alone") as Marilyn Hack — a still-struggling independent actress who loses herself amongst the Oscar buzz. Similar to her performance in Guest's "A Mighty

Wind," O'Hara brings comedy tinged with sadness, but this time adds a pathetic quality to the fading actress. It takes talent to portray a mix of hope and desperation behind a face lift, but O'Hara does this with ease, perhaps prompting her own Oscar buzz.

While "Consideration" is an interesting creative turn for Guest, his strength lies in the mockumentary, and one leaves the the-



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

From left, Christopher Moynihan, Harry Shearer, Catherine O'Hara and Parker Posey star in "For Your Consideration." The film's sense of satire fails to impress.

ater wondering what could have been if this latest film had taken that route. In his other films, such as 1996's "Waiting for Guffman," characters often develop through fake, documentary-style interviews. While some filmmakers might view this direct approach as an easy crutch, Guest uses them perfectly, aided by his talented friends and actors. "Consideration" abandons this technique, but could perhaps benefit from it. The film may also have benefited from the addition of Guest's characteristic sight gags that produce memorable comedic moments.

Just like "Home for Purim," the appeal of "Consideration" is limited. Guest's previous films focused on more obscure topics such

as small-town musical productions, competitive dog shows, and a folk music tribute. Hollywood is a rather easy target that has been hit multiple times, and only those who closely follow the industry will understand all of the satire employed. "Consideration" may not be as strong a comedy as its predecessors but it still offers an amusing inside look into Hollywood and the effects of award-season buzz. Guest and company shine as they interact with ease and enjoyment, but the auteur must choose his next project carefully. While he should be lauded for this latest risk, the mockumentary is his best option.

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For Your Consideration



Director: Christopher Guest
Writers: Christopher Guest and Eugene Levy

Starring: Eugene Levy, Fred Willard, Jane Lynch and Jennifer Coolidge

NFL

Ravens destroy Pittsburgh's slim playoff hopes

Titans, Redskins, Patriots get narrow victories Sunday

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Any chance the Pittsburgh Steelers had of returning to the Super Bowl was seemingly laid to rest by the Baltimore Ravens.

The Ravens sacked Ben Roethlisberger nine times Sunday and coasted to their fifth straight victory, a 27-0 blowout that left the Steelers with only a mathematical chance of reaching the playoffs.

Baltimore (9-2) limited the defending NFL champions to 36 yards in the decisive first half. The nine sacks, which totaled 73 yards and matched a Ravens franchise record, included a vicious hit by Bart Scott that forced Roethlisberger out of the game in the second quarter.

Roethlisberger missed only one play, but for the rest of the afternoon he was harassed by a relentless rush. It was the second time this year that the Steelers were shut out; the last time Pittsburgh was blanked at least twice in a season was in 1989.

The Steelers (4-7) had won two straight following a 2-6 start, but their resurgence was emphatically squelched by the hated Ravens, who lead Pittsburgh in the AFC North by five games with five to play.

Roethlisberger went 21-for-41 for 214 yards and two interceptions. Willie Parker got only 15 yards rushing in the first half and finished with 20.

Colts 45, Eagles 21

Joseph Addai tied a franchise record with four touchdowns.

Addai opened the game by sandwiching a 10-yard score around two 15-yard runs to give Indy a 21-0 lead and added a late 4-yard run. The rookie running back finished with 171 yards.

Lenny Moore, Lydell Mitchell and Eric Dickerson are the only other Colts players with four TDs in one game.

The Colts (10-1) can clinch their fourth straight AFC South title with a win at Tennessee next week.

Philadelphia (5-6) played its first game without Donovan McNabb, who will miss the rest of the season with a torn knee ligament.

Brian Westbrook ran 20 times for 124 yards and one touchdown, becoming the first Eagles player since Wilbert

Montgomery in 1981 to produce three straight 100-yard games.

Patriots 17, Bears 13

After New England turned the ball over three times inside the Chicago 20-yard line, tight end Benjamin Watson hung onto it when Tom Brady's 2-yard pass found him in the end zone. Patriots cornerback Asante Samuel put an abrupt end to the Bears' comeback hopes with his third interception with 1:46 to play.

Playing on their new artificial turf, the Patriots (8-3) persevered against the Bears (9-2), who had allowed the fewest points in the league, 120. But New England was the second stingiest at 131.

The Bears capitalized on the fourth of their five takeaways — and Charles Tillman's second interception — to tie the game 10-10 just 7 seconds into the fourth quarter on Cedric Benson's 2-yard run.

The Patriots then moved 73 yards after the kickoff and went ahead with 8:22 left. Brady provided the dramatics with a scrambling 40-yard completion to Watson and an 11-yard run for a first down that ended with him jumping up and making an emphatic first-down signal.

That put the ball at the Chicago 14 and Watson scored five plays later.

Titans 24, Giants 21

Vince Young and Adam "Pacman" Jones never gave up, leading a stunning Tennessee fourth-quarter comeback.

The Titans cornerback intercepted two passes and had a 23-yard punt return that revived his teammates in the fourth quarter. Then rookie quarterback Young finished off an improbable rally from a 21-point deficit.

Young ran for a touchdown and threw for two more in the final 9:35 and finished with a career-high 249 yards passing. Rob Bironas kicked a 49-yard field goal with 6 seconds left to win it.

The Giants (6-5) lost their third straight and fell a game behind the Dallas Cowboys (7-4) in the NFC East going into next week's game in the Meadowlands.

New York led 21-0 with in the second quarter. But the Giants didn't score again, and Jones got the Titans (4-7) into the game when he intercepted an Eli Manning pass with 12:55 left.

Chargers 21, Raiders 14

With LaDainian Tomlinson

and the Chargers looking all too human against Oakland, the star running back keyed yet another second-half rally to give the AFC West-leading Chargers (9-2) their fifth straight win.

Tomlinson, in the midst of an MVP-type season, rushed for two touchdowns and threw for another. He has 24 touchdowns this season, needing five in the last five games to break the NFL record of 28 set by Shaun Alexander during his MVP season of 2005.

Tomlinson threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to tight end Antonio Gates to tie the game at 14. Tomlinson threw his second TD pass of the season and the sixth of his career.

After the Raiders (2-9) punted, Tomlinson broke a 44-yard run on first down, then capped the drive with a 10-yard scoring run. It was his 21st touchdown in seven games.

Redskins 17, Panthers 13

Chris Cooley's 66-yard touchdown reception was the difference in Washington's win over Carolina.

The victory broke a two-game losing streak for the Redskins (4-7) and gave quarterback Jason Campbell his first win in his second NFL start. The team returned to running the ball and stopping the run, but it took the big play to Cooley with 4:26 remaining to beat the Panthers (6-5).

Campbell had only 52 yards passing when he hit Cooley on a third-and-8 at the Washington 34. Campbell finished 11-for-23 for 118 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. Ladell Betts, the Redskins featured running back now that Clinton Portis is out for the year, ran for 104 yards on 24 carries.

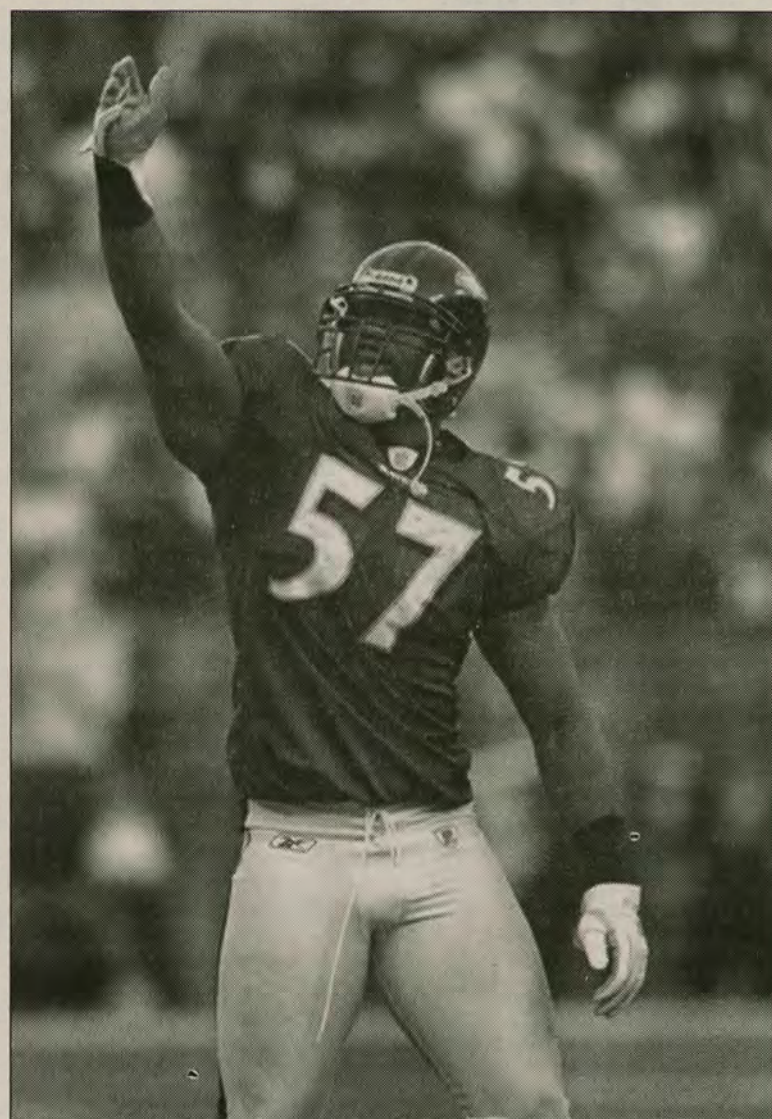
The Redskins defense had its first good game, holding the Panthers to 264 total yards. The much maligned secondary limited Smith to 34 yards on five catches.

Safety Sean Taylor made a tackle on fourth down to stop Carolina's next-to-last drive, and he intercepted Jake Delhomme in the end zone on the Panthers' last possession.

Smith gave the Panthers a 13-10 lead with 7:55 to play with an 8-yard touchdown catch.

Saints 31, Falcons 13

Drew Brees threw a 76-yard touchdown to Devery Henderson on the third play of the game, then lofted a 48-yarder to Terrance Copper on the final play of the first half, leading New Orleans past bum-



Ravens linebacker Bart Scott reacts after recovering a fumble during Baltimore's 27-0 victory over Pittsburgh Sunday.

bling Atlanta.

New Orleans bounced back from losing three of four, boosted its playoff hopes and delivered a crushing blow to an NFC South rival. The Saints (7-4) won without rookie star Marques Colston, who didn't play because of a sprained ankle.

The Falcons (5-6) lost their fourth straight.

Even though quarterback Michael Vick ran for 166 yards, Atlanta couldn't overcome five dropped passes and a shocking defensive breakdown just before halftime.

Brees had no such problems with his receivers, completing 21-of-30 for 349 yards — the fifth straight 300-yard game for the Saints' first-year quarterback. He burned the Falcons right away, going deep to Henderson — Colston's replacement — on third-and-7 from the New Orleans 24.

Vick challenged his NFL record for yards rushing by a quarterback, coming up 7 short of his 173-yard performance in an overtime victory at

Minnesota in 2002.

Bengals 30, Browns 0

Cincinnati picked off Cleveland quarterback Charlie Frye four times in its first shutout win since 1989 and Carson Palmer threw three touchdown passes for the Bengals.

Palmer finished 25-of-32 for 275 yards and connected with Chris Henry for two TD passes as the Bengals (6-5) stayed firmly in the AFC playoff race by beating Cleveland for the fifth straight time.

Before piling up yardage during extended garbage time in the fourth quarter, the Browns (3-8) had only 167 yards after three quarters. By then, they were down 30-0 and on their way to dropping to 1-5 at home.

The shutout was the Bengals' first since Dec. 3, 1989, a span of 269 games. That one also came against the Browns.

Following an interception, Browns receiver Braylon Edwards and Frye angrily exchanged words and had to be separated.

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BCS Standings

	team	BCS rating	prev.
1	Ohio State	1.000	1
2	USC	.9460	3
3	Michigan	.9216	2
4	Florida	.8897	4
5	LSU	.8106	10
6	Louisville	.7618	9
7	Wisconsin	.7096	8
8	Boise State	.6744	11
9	Arkansas	.6616	6
10	NOTRE DAME	.6262	5
11	Auburn	.6183	12
12	Oklahoma	.5509	15
13	Rutgers	.5500	14
14	Virginia Tech	.4426	17
15	West Virginia	.4014	7
16	Tennessee	.3705	20
17	Wake Forest	.3471	21
18	California	.3192	19
19	Texas	.2967	13
20	Nebraska	.2268	22

NCAA Football Coaches Poll

	team	record	points	prev.
1	Ohio State	12-0	1575	1
2	USC	10-1	1491	2
3	Michigan	11-1	1445	3
4	Florida	11-1	1405	4
5	LSU	10-2	1255	8
6	Wisconsin	11-1	1221	9
7	Louisville	10-1	1169	11
8	Arkansas	10-2	1042	5
9	Boise State	12-0	1018	12
10	Oklahoma	10-2	994	14
11	Auburn	10-2	985	13
12	NOTRE DAME	10-1	928	6
13	Rutgers	10-2	777	16
14	Virginia Tech	9-2	744	17
15	West Virginia	10-2	668	7
16	Wake Forest	9-3	607	20
17	Texas	9-3	596	10
18	Nebraska	9-3	523	19
19	Tennessee	9-3	434	21
20	California	8-3	343	22
21	Brigham Young	10-2	339	23
22	Georgia Tech	9-3	259	15
23	Hawaii	10-2	203	25
24	Texas A&M	9-3	202	NR
25	Boston College	9-3	138	18

NCAA Football Harris Poll

	team	record	points	prev.
1	Ohio State	12-0	2850	1
2	USC	10-1	2711	2
3	Michigan	11-1	2528	3
4	Florida	11-1	2528	4
5	LSU	10-2	2294	8
6	Wisconsin	11-1	2176	9
7	Louisville	10-1	2175	10
8	Arkansas	10-2	1890	6
9	Boise State	12-0	1872	12
10	NOTRE DAME	10-2	1765	5
11	Oklahoma	10-2	1743	14
12	Auburn	10-2	1680	13
13	Rutgers	10-1	1558	15
14	Virginia Tech	10-2	1298	17
15	West Virginia	9-2	1226	7
16	Wake Forest	10-2	1071	20
17	Texas	9-3	945	11
18	Tennessee	9-3	872	19
19	Brigham Young	10-2	798	21
20	Nebraska	9-3	793	22
21	California	8-3	598	23
22	Georgia Tech	9-3	439	16
23	Hawaii	10-2	970	25
24	Texas A&M	9-3	349	NR
25	Boston College	9-3	229	18

NCAA FOOTBALL



Alabama coach Mike Shula reacts to a failed third down attempt in a game against Auburn Nov. 19, 2005. Shula was dismissed Monday after the Crimson Tide finished 6-6.

Tide rolls Shula out as coach at Alabama

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Long famed for titles, bowls and Bear Bryant, Alabama is gaining a reputation for something far less complimentary: coaching turnover and turmoil.

"It's what Alabama is known for right now," defensive end Wallace Gilberry said. "One day we're going to find the right fit who's going to come in here and turn the program around."

The Crimson Tide is once again in the market for a head coach, its fourth in six years, after athletic director Mal

Moore announced Mike Shula's firing on Monday. Moore said he would look for a "proven winner" and that defensive coordinator Joe Kines would serve as interim coach for the bowl-eligible Tide.

Alabama thought for a time it had the right fit with Shula. While he had no previous head coaching experience, he was a former Crimson Tide quarterback and heir to a famous pro football name. And the Tide rewarded Shula with a lucrative new contract following last year's 10-2 season, clearly believing things were looking up heading into his fourth

year.

But a 6-6 season, ending in three straight losses — to SEC weakling Mississippi State along with LSU and Auburn, two Western Division rivals Shula never could beat — signaled the end. Shula was a combined 0-for-8 against LSU and Auburn and is the only Tide coach to lose four straight to Auburn.

Moore and university president Robert Witt decided late Sunday afternoon to fire Shula and start over again.

Moore praised Shula on Monday for providing "stability for our program through four years of

NCAA probation" that ends Feb. 1, 2007.

"However, we did not make progress on the field this season and have not been able to maintain the positive momentum necessary to return Alabama football to a place among college football's elite programs," Moore said.

Moore didn't name any potential candidates but said he was beginning a national search. The most high-profile names on Tide fans' wish list — South Carolina's Steve Spurrier and the Miami Dolphins' Nick Saban — both said Monday they were staying put.

IN BRIEF

Blackhawks make change at head coach

BENSENVILLE, Ill. — After losing 12 of 15 games, the Chicago Blackhawks went on the offensive Monday, switching coaches and styles.

The Blackhawks fired defense-oriented coach Trent Yawney, replacing him with assistant Denis Savard — a Hall of Fame player whose No. 18 hangs from the United Center rafters. With the new coach comes a faster pace.

"We want to be a pressure team," said Savard, who joined the Blackhawks in 1997 as an assistant coach and will be behind the bench Wednesday against Dallas. "We've got to score more than one or two goals to be able to win. ... We have to be responsible defensively, but offensively, we have to be a little more creative."

Yawney, in his second season coaching the Blackhawks, had 33-55-15 record and one season left on his contract.

Fox to stay with Delhomme as Panthers quarterback

CHARLOTTE — Jake Delhomme is getting too much of the blame for Carolina's offensive woes and will remain the starter, coach John Fox said Monday.

"When you drop back to pass the ball it's a team effort," Fox said a day after the Panthers mustered only 264 yards in a 17-13 loss to Washington, which has the 30th-ranked defense. "Whenever you don't play well enough to win I'm not sure it's one guy. It's definitely not just Jake."

Delhomme was 23-of-38 for 168 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions against the Redskins. His second pass was costly. On first down from the Washington 41, Delhomme was pressured and his badly overthrown pass for Steve Smith into double coverage was caught by Washington safety Sean Taylor with 2:09 left.

AP survey has McGwire on outside of Hall

NEW YORK — For one glorious summer, Mark McGwire was bigger than baseball itself. America stopped to watch each time he came to the plate, and cheered every time he sent a ball into orbit.

He could do no wrong, it seemed. Surely he would be a shoo-in for the Hall of Fame someday.

And then came that day on Capitol Hill. Over and over, the big slugger was asked about possible steroid use, and his reputation took hit after hit as he refused to answer, saying he wouldn't talk about his past.

Now, with Hall ballots in the mail, McGwire's path to baseball immortality may have hit a huge roadblock.

The Associated Press surveyed about 20 percent of eligible voters, and only one in four who gave an opinion plan to vote for McGwire this year. That's far short of the 75 percent necessary to gain induction.

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NFL

Dallas cuts Vanderjagt from team

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — This is how serious Bill Parcells is taking the Dallas Cowboys' stretch drive: He cut inconsistent kicker Mike Vanderjagt on Monday.

Hailed as the answer to the Cowboys' kicking woes when signed in March, Vanderjagt wasn't living up to his statistical claim to fame as the most accurate kicker in league history. He was only 13-of-18 on field goals, a 72.2 percent success rate that was the lowest of his nine-year career.

Vanderjagt also didn't like having to kick off, one of many aspects of his quirky personality that didn't always go over well with Parcells.

Dallas gave Vanderjagt a \$2.5 million signing bonus as part of a three-year, \$5.4 million deal, so this is a costly move. The message could be worth it for Parcells as he tries to guide the Cowboys into the playoffs for the first time since 2003 and to their first division title since 1998.

Dallas (7-4) has a one-game lead over the New York Giants in the NFC East going into their meeting Sunday at the Meadowlands. Parcells often talks of the swirling winds at the stadium where he spent the first eight years of his career, and he apparently wasn't ready to play a big game there with a kicker he didn't trust.

But can he trust Martin Gramatica, who was signed Monday to replace Vanderjagt?

Once so accurate that he was nicknamed "Automatic," Gramatica was out of the NFL last season and was cut by New England in the preseason. He played three games this season for Indianapolis while Adam Vinatieri was injured, making his only attempt, a 20-yarder.

Cowboys players and coaches did not talk to the media Monday. The locker room will be open Tuesday, and Parcells will speak to reporters for the first time since Dallas beat Tampa Bay 38-10 Thursday.

Vanderjagt made his only field goal attempt against the Buccaneers, but the 22-yarder seems to have been too close for comfort for Parcells. The previous week, facing his former team, Indianapolis, Vanderjagt missed two first-half field goals.

"I'm just hoping things take a turn for the better," Parcells said last week. "I think right now, we just have to give him the benefit of the doubt and think things will. Now if they don't, then that could be a different deal."

He added that he wasn't losing patience, but said "it needs to get better," and if it didn't, "you would definitely have to" make a change.

Vanderjagt's five misses are near his career high. He was 28-of-34 in 2001 and 23-of-31 the following season, then went 37-of-37 in 2003. He's missed a total of seven kicks the last two years.

For his career, he's made 230-of-266. His accuracy rate — 86.5 percent — is still tops in league history.

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NFL

Braylon Edwards apologizes

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Braylon Edwards walked into Cleveland's locker room nattily dressed in a dark, pinstriped sports coat instead of the usual sweats and sneakers he would normally wear the day after a game.

He looked and acted cool Monday.

On Sunday, he was anything but.

An embarrassed Edwards blamed "my passion for the game" for his showy sideline tantrum during the third quarter of Cleveland's 30-0 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals, a Terrell Owens-like display for the cocky second-year wide receiver.

Following an interception by Browns quarterback Charlie Frye, an enraged Edwards lost his composure after leaving the field. He exchanged words with Frye and even grabbed the QB's jersey as other teammates tried to settle him down as he angrily stormed around.

Edwards, who didn't speak to the media following the game, never directly apologized for his actions but he clearly regretted what happened.

"I don't feel like I embarrassed my teammates," he said. "I embarrassed myself to some extent. That's not my character. That's not me. Nobody knows me as that type of guy. I've always been the clean cut, quiet, well-spoken

guy, so that wasn't me. I embarrassed myself a little bit and I feel I embarrassed this organization to some extent.

"I wish I could do it back, but I can't."

Browns coach Romeo Crennel said any discipline against Edwards would be handled internally. His options would be to suspend, fine or bench the former first-round pick.

Or, Crennel may choose to do nothing.

"We are going to talk to Braylon and we are going to determine how we'll deal with it," Crennel said. "We are going to keep it in-house."

"It's family business and I'm not going to put it in the press."

Rookie Cutler to start for Broncos Sunday



AP
Broncos quarterback Jay Cutler looks for a receiver during Denver's 29-23 preseason victory over Arizona Aug. 31.

Eleventh pick out of Vanderbilt will finally get a chance

Associated Press

DENVER — Jay Cutler's been the Denver Broncos' starting quarterback all of one practice and he's already a rattled rookie.

Cutler, a former Indiana high school All-Star, was playing it cool in his first interview at the podium when fellow rookies Brandon Marshall and Tony Scheffler began heckling him from the side. Cutler tried to keep from laughing and couldn't.

"I'm excited," Cutler said. "And a little nervous."

The Cutler Era has officially started. Coach Mike Shanahan ended the speculation Monday by elevating the rookie to starting quarterback for the rest of the year, sending Jake Plummer to the bench.

"He's our future, he's our present," Shanahan said.

Cutler led his southern

Indiana high school, Heritage Hills, to an unbeaten season and the Class 3A championship in 2000, when he was named first-team All-State by the AP.

Cutler, the 11th pick out of Vanderbilt in the draft last April, hasn't taken a snap since the preseason. But Shanahan is hoping a quarterback change can ignite the Broncos' struggling offense. The team is 7-4, but ranks 26th in the league with 171 yards passing per game.

"There's a lot of pressure on a first-year quarterback, no question about it," Shanahan said. "I think this kid can handle it. I think he gives us the best chance to win."

His teammates figure it's worth the chance.

"With the losing streak we're on, it doesn't hurt to try," receiver Javon Walker said. "If he does (well), we'll ride it all the way out. If not, obviously he's our quarterback of the future."

A quarterback switch worked in Dallas when Tony Romo took over for Drew Bledsoe. The Cowboys have gone 4-1 with Romo as the starter.

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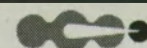
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NFL

Vick apologizes for making obscene gesture

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Michael Vick apologized for making an obscene gesture toward Atlanta fans as he walked off the field after the Falcons' fourth straight loss Sunday.

Vick used both hands to deliver the gesture and flashed an angry look toward the handful of fans remaining in the Georgia Dome. Those who hung around booed the home team loudly after its dismal 31-13 loss to the New Orleans Saints.

"First and foremost, I would like to apologize for my inappropriate actions with fans today," the quarterback said in a statement released by the Falcons. "I was frustrated and upset at how the game was going for my team, and that frustration came out the wrong way."

Vick was the Falcons' main offensive threat with 166 yards rushing, just 7 off his NFL record for a quarterback. He had another rough day passing, completing nine of 24 for 84 yards, but that wasn't entirely his fault.

The Atlanta receivers dropped at least five passes,

and the offensive line didn't provide much protection. Vick was sacked three times and hit a dozen more behind the line of scrimmage after throwing passes.

Leaving the field, he let his frustration get the best of him.

"That's not what I'm about. That's not what the Atlanta Falcons are about," Vick said in his statement.

"I simply lost my cool in the heat of the moment. I apologize and look forward to putting this incident behind me."

Vick did not address his actions at a postgame news conference. Reporters were not aware that he made the obscene gesture until afterward, when replays of him leaving the field began airing on television.

"I can't explain how I'm feeling right now," Vick said during the news conference. "Losing the game says it all."


"It is not a good feeling when you lose four games in a row, and when you lose a game that you had a shot at winning."

Vick said he did his best to keep the Falcons (5-6) from losing again. This is the first time since 2003 that Atlanta has been below .500.

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Irish struggle to keep up with the rest of 9-team field

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame concluded its fall season with a disappointing eighth place finish in the Aloha Purdue College Invitational at the Kiahuna Golf Club in Poipu, Hawaii Thursday. No. 23 Texas won the event with a three-round tally of 847 — 27 strokes better than Notre Dame.

The top two Irish players, sophomore Josh Sandman and senior co-captain Cole Isban each finished in the top 20 with scores of 215 and 216, respectively.

Sandman's first-round 66 was a personal low, while Isban's opening-round 69 was his third score in the 60s this season.

Neither Sandman nor Isban recorded an under-par total for the event.

Isban, who finished at 6-over par, cited that inconsistency as one of the reasons for the team's lackluster performance.

"Every week before this either Josh or myself has been under par," he said. "I think that had a big impact on the whole team."

Senior co-captain Adam Gifford tied for 23rd place in the tournament with a career-best 9-over-par 219. Junior Eddie Peckels and freshman Carl Santos-Ocampo rounded out the lineup for the Irish, who finished three shots behind top-ranked Alabama. Peckels carded a 14-over-par 224 and ended up in 36th place, while Santos-Ocampo wrapped up his first event for the Irish with a 26-over-par 236.

After rising to No. 45 in the Golfweek rankings and defeating three teams that were ranked ahead of them at The Prestige Oct. 16-17 in La Quinta, Calif., the Irish finished 11th in the CordeValle Collegiate Nov. 6-7.

The team's hopes to finish on a high note were dashed Thursday.

"We played pretty bad golf," said Isban, who placed 20th or better in all five of his tournaments this year. "The season wasn't great by any means. We weren't happy with our finish here or at the CordeValle."

The Irish will begin practice for the spring season in January.

"We're going to take a little break," Isban said. "When we come back, we're going to go at it hard."

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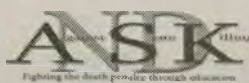
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish earn bid to 15th straight NCAA Tourney

Team set to take on No. 11 Wisconsin in Madison this weekend

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame celebrated its selection to its 15th consecutive NCAA Tournament on Sunday. But not after a near anxiety attack.

The seeds for the 64-team Tournament were announced on ESPNNews in brackets of 16, and Notre Dame's name was not called until the very last grouping, which caused a lot of tension according to Irish coach Debbie Brown. But when Notre Dame showed up on the screen, the relief was soon followed with celebration.

"Everyone let out a huge shout, was yelling — we were jumping up and down," said Brown of the Irish reaction when their name was called. "[We were] just really excited that our season gets to continue."

The Irish (18-13) were chosen as an at-large bid to face No. 11 Wisconsin in Madison this weekend — two days after the team dropped its final regular season match to No. 18 Ohio in the Louisville Invitational.

"[The selection] was a surprise," Brown said. "We came in knowing we were a bubble team and obviously hoping we had a chance to get in, but certainly not assuming by any means."

The Irish will take on the Badgers in the NCAA Tournament Friday for the second consecutive year. Then-No. 6 Notre Dame lost 3-2 to then-No. 11 Wisconsin in the third round last season in College Station, Texas. The four-team Madison draw will see Iowa State play Wisconsin-Milwaukee on the other side of the bracket, with the winners of the two matches to meet in Madison for the second round. The winner of the grouping advances to the NCAA Regionals in Austin, Texas.

Notre Dame won't be looking to avenge last year's loss, Brown said.

"We still feel we have something to prove, but [revenge] won't be the major motivation coming in," she said. "As much as anything, we want to prove to ourselves and to other people that we are a team that has improved a lot."

A weekend after a stunning run from first-round underdog to the Big East tournament championship, where they dropped a five-game match to Louisville, the Irish concluded their regular season with a loss to the ranked Bobcats.

Ohio (28-3) defeated the Irish 30-28, 27-30, 30-26, 30-23 Friday for its 21st consecutive win, before losing to Louisville in the Invitational championship. The Bobcats earned a first-round match against Kentucky after a Mid-American Conference regular season and tournament title.

The Irish were led on the

attack by freshman Christina Kaelin (19 kills, .250 hitting percentage). Junior captain Adrianna Stasiuk's double-double (17 kills, 16 digs), sophomore Mallorie Croal (13 kills, 12 digs) and freshman Serinity Phillips (15 kills, five digs) added contributions for the Irish, but Notre Dame couldn't overcome the streaking Bobcats.

Ohio took the first game, but the Irish rallied in the second stanza, out-hitting the Bobcats .275 to .143 for the tying point.

"I think had we had been able to win that first game and go into the break up two-zero, it would have been a much different situation," Brown said. "Ohio is a team that plays with a lot of confidence. We needed to get them a little more out of their comfort zone."

The Bobcats, however, reversed their anemic hitting

percentage in the third and fourth games, out-hitting the Irish .327 to .237 and .333 to .204 to take the match and end Notre Dame's regular season.

"We needed to have them be out of system a little bit more," Brown said. "We made some adjustments, but they were probably a little too late."

Notes:

♦ Stasiuk's double-double against Ohio — her 18th of the year — tied her for the fourth-most double-doubles in a single season in Irish history.

♦ Senior captain Danielle Herndon recorded 18 digs against the Bobcats, giving her 565 digs on the season — the second-most in one season by an Irish player.

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Notre Dame outside hitter Megan Fesi spikes the ball during a 3-0 Irish victory over West Virginia Nov. 12.

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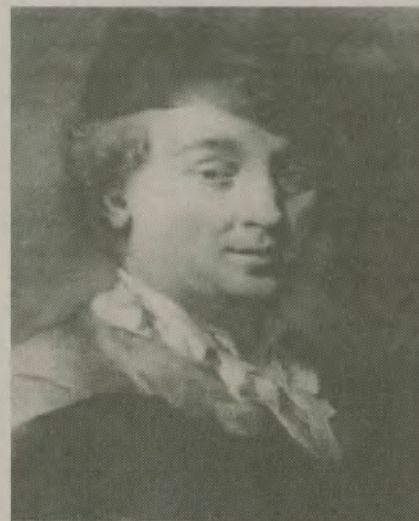
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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to rebound against Flying Dutch

Henley hopes eight-day rest rejuvenates team

By BILL BRINK and DAN COOPER
Sports Writers

Following a week of rest, Saint Mary's tips off MIAA conference play tonight as it travels to defending champion Hope.

The Belles (1-3) have had a rough start to their season, playing their first four games in five consecutive days. Their last two losses were each by three points, one coming in overtime.

Belles' head coach Jennifer Henley said the losses were in part a result of having so many games in so short a time.

"If we had legs, that would have been a totally different game," Henley said of the Belles' loss to Manchester on Nov. 21. "We play the schedule handed down to us. It's tough for any team to pull off."

Henley also believes that for the team to be successful, it must perform well in the paint.

"Our post play needs to step up," she said. "They need to take pressure off the perimeter. Our team is dominated by [guard Allison] Kessler and [guard Bridget] Lipke. We have four six-footers that need to have more of an impact."

Kessler and Lipke average 19.3 and 12 points per game respectively. They run the offense and are constantly on the court, averaging 39 and 38 minutes per game.

Saint Mary's will face a tough

opponent in Hope junior guard Jordan Boyles.

Boyles averages 16.5 points per game, while shooting 50 percent from the field including 55 percent from behind the arc. Henley acknowledges that stopping her will be a challenge.

"She's a pretty legit player," she said. "If I knew how to stop her I'd be in pretty good shape. But good players will get their points. We want to contain her and mix it up with some different defensive looks."

The Flying Dutch are 2-0 and average 81.5 points per game, good for second in the conference and well above the Belles' 60 points per game.

In order to compete with the Flying Dutch, Saint Mary's will have to cut down on its turnovers. The Belles average 20.3 per game, giving them a minus 0.5 turnover margin with a 0.6 assists-to-turnovers ratio.

Shooting efficiency will play an important role in tonight's game. Saint Mary's has connected on 41 percent of all its field goals, but play from behind the arc has hampered it so far this season. The Belles are shooting only 26 percent from 3-point range.

Henley said the team will approach tonight's game the same way it would any other.

"It doesn't really affect them," said Henley of the team's first conference game. "A game's a game, and it's important. But they're all important."

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Trojans

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42-31 lead.

The Trojan offense executed a balanced attack that saw four of its five starters score in double figures. Guard Eshaya Murphy led all players with 15 points and 17 rebounds, and guards Jamie Hagiya and Hailey Dunham and center Chloe Kerr each finished with 12 points.

"They're a very talented team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We did a poor job of guarding them. Every team has players that we're going to try and key on, and if we can handle them it'll make our job a little easier."

Guard Charel Allen led the Irish with 13 points and eight rebounds, and freshman center Erica Williamson finished with 12 points and nine boards.

Overall, however, the Irish were outrebounded 54-38.

"We really made it hard on ourselves by giving them so many second chance opportunities," McGraw said. "Rebounding is a problem. It's been a problem all year and it's going to continue to be a problem because we lack the discipline or desire to block out."

Notre Dame also struggled at the free throw line. The Irish shot just 7-of-17, while the Trojans were 16-of-25 from the line, and they made 11 of their last 14. McGraw, however, does not anticipate that free throw shooting will be an issue as the season progresses.

"I think free throws is a strength of ours," she said. "Everyone except Erica [Williamson, who is shooting just .286 from the line] is shooting a really high per-



Irish guard Ashley Barlow shoots a 3-pointer in Notre Dame's 87-67 win over Western Michigan Nov. 19 at the Joyce Center.

centage, so I think we'll do well from the line."

The Irish will be back in action Tuesday against Richmond. The Spiders are 2-4 beating Bucknell 57-40 to snap a four-game losing streak.

They will be led by guard Christina Campion, who is averaging 12 points and 5.5 rebounds a game.

Notre Dame has three players averaging double figures in scoring including Allen

(14.6) and guards Tulyah Gaines (11.2) and Ashley Barlow (10.4).

Coming off the loss, McGraw hopes to see more offensive patience and consistency.

"We're going to play the same way that we've been playing," she said. "We just have to come out and play our game. We're really looking for improvement."

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Irish forward Rob Kurz drives to the lane in Notre Dame's 93-87 win over Lehigh Monday at the Joyce Center.

Hoops

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lot as young guys and by the time they're juniors and seniors — they're Big East guards, they're not Patriot League guards anymore."

Trailing by two at the half after Olivero nailed a 3-pointer as time expired before the break, Notre Dame found its groove with a balanced inside-outside attack.

Falls scored the first four points of the half after nailing a 17-foot jumper and following it with 2-of-3 from the line after he was fouled on a 3-point attempt with 18:46 remaining.

Hillesland, who replaced forward Luke Zeller to open the second half, was there for the tip after Falls' miss, though, giving the Irish a two-point lead from which they would build momentum as the half progressed.

Hillesland also finished with seven rebounds, three assists and two steals in addition to his double-digit point total.

The two teams traded baskets for the next five minutes

until Harangody missed a layup and Kurz was fouled on the putback. Kurz hit two free throws with 14:50 remaining, which ignited a 12-4 Irish run and put Notre Dame ahead 70-61.

"I didn't know he had 25 ... I still think he turned down some shots," Brey said. "Great night offensively, but he's such a stabilizing force defensively in there too rotating and getting his hands on stuff."

Kurz was 12-of-13 from the free-throw line in the victory and added eight rebounds.

Notre Dame would maintain its lead, again going back and forth with Lehigh, until the Mountain Hawks began fouling down 92-83 with 26 seconds remaining.

During that stretch, Carter was productive defending Olivero — who until that point was scoring at will for Lehigh. The senior guard attempted only two field goals inside five minutes remaining.

"He was hitting everything. If he got a little bit of space he was pulling," Carter said. "His green light is like UV rate. If he's touching it, he's pulling it and he has such a quick

release."

Lehigh came out of the gates firing on all cylinders in the first half. The Mountain Hawks opened a 12-5 lead four minutes into the game before guard Kyle McAlarney hit a mid-range jumper to cut the lead to five before the media timeout.

"I don't want to take away anything from Lehigh, they're really good," Brey said. "We had a hard time with them and a lot of it was their execution."

But Lehigh's 9-of-11 3-point shooting in the first half allowed the team to maintain control — the Mountain Hawks led by 13 points with 8:29 remaining before the break — despite Notre Dame's own 51-percent first half shooting.

"On a night like tonight, thank God you're a good offensive team," Brey said. "You were gonna have to score some points tonight because they were in a rhythm."

Notre Dame will return to action Wednesday against Winston-Salem State at 7:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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Irish defensemen Tom Sawatske, left, and Wes O'Neill skate in Notre Dame's 4-0 home win over Michigan St. Nov. 11.

Hockey

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Sawatske were called for obstruction holding within a minute of each other.

"It is the first time all year long that we have beaten ourselves," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Obviously I'm disappointed with that and it will be addressed in practice."

Despite the outcome Jackson was still pleased overall with his teams play on Saturday night. Notre Dame controlled the puck for most of the game with plenty of opportunities to pull away late in the game, but the Irish could not sneak one past freshman goaltender Jeremie Dupont. Dupont finished the night with 25 saves.

Notre Dame's two goals in the game came courtesy of the special teams unit. Senior defenseman Noah Babin got the scoring started with a shorthanded goal at 11:11 in the first stanza.

The Mavericks answered just over a minute later with two goals of their own from Bryan Marshall and Mark Bernier on the first shift of the third period.

Several minutes later, freshman Kevin Deeth got open along the crease and buried a Ryan Thang pass to tie the game on the power play. Sophomore Erik Condra also picked up an assist on the play to add to his team-leading 16 points.

"Kevin has played consistently well for us," Jackson said. "The most important thing for a guy his size is that he competes and always gets himself in position to score goals."

Deeth, who was named CCHA Rookie of the Week Monday, also had a goal and an assist in Friday's 4-2 Irish win.

He picked up his assist when the line of Condra, Thang and Deeth capitalized on an odd-man rush just over a minute into the game. Thang hit his fellow freshman breaking toward the net and Deeth shoveled the puck over to a wide-open Condra who redirected it past Maverick goaltender Eric Aarnio to give Notre Dame an early lead.

"We want to go out and establish the tempo of the game," Jackson said. "It is proven in hockey that the team that scores first usually wins about 70-75 percent of the time."

Senior Josh Sciba and freshman Dan Kissel kept things rolling as they both tallied their fourth goals on the season to give the Irish a 3-0 lead heading into the last period.

Nebraska-Omaha was able to cut the margin to one in the third period with two quick goals.

Junior Brandon Scerco put the Mavs on the scoreboard when he dumped the puck on net from outside the blue line. The shot trickled past goalie Dave Brown and over the crease.

Senior defenseman Phil Angell quickly followed with his first goal of the year as sophomore Dan Charleston spotted him streaking in from the point and got him the puck in the high slot.

The Irish once again called on their lifeline to provide an insurance goal with just over six minutes remaining. Thang recovered a loose puck on the forecheck, which he fed in front of the net to Deeth, who secured a Notre Dame victory with his sixth score of the year.

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RUNNING FOR COVER



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Irish quarterback Brady Quinn runs out of bounds in Notre Dame's 44-24 loss to USC Saturday in Los Angeles.

Irish

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coach Randy Waldrum's eight years at the helm that the Irish have gone to the Final Four.

The Irish and Lions played a scoreless first half Friday, with Notre Dame getting the majority of the chances and outshooting Penn State 13-3 before the break.

"We did everything but score," sophomore forward Kerri Hanks said of the first half. "We just couldn't buy one."

The Irish finally found the back of the net eight minutes into the second half. Senior midfielder Jen Buczkowski sent a free kick into the box where Hanks flicked it to Weissenhofer for the score.

Barely two minutes later, the freshman scored again, this time on a rebound. Hanks sent a cross into the box which sophomore forward Brittany Bock settled. Bock then rocketed a shot toward Lions goalkeeper Kate Milstead. Milstead got a hand on the ball but Weissenhofer charged in to knock it past her into the goal.

"After we scored the second goal, you could see [Penn State] bow their heads," Waldrum said. "You could see they knew they were in some trouble."

The freshman knocked in another rebound to complete the hat trick. Hanks lofted a free kick toward the net and Milstead came out to play it and seemingly batted it away, but Weissenhofer one-timed it back past her for a 3-0 lead.

Weissenhofer let someone else score the final Irish goal — a

diving header from senior midfielder Amanda Cinalli on a corner kick from Hanks.

The two goals off set piece plays by Hanks were the result of a recent change by Waldrum. The sophomore had taken corner kicks all year, but only recently started taking most long-distance free kicks.

"It's hard to find players that can hit spots on the field consistently," Waldrum said. "Kerri does that very well."

Hanks credited the success of the move to her teammates being able to get to the ball once she sends it in.

"We've been working a lot on getting a head on it or getting a body on it," she said.

The Irish played defense in the second half as well, not allowing a shot to the Lions after the break and finishing with a 27-3 advantage in shots and an 11-2 advantage in shots on goal.

Hanks' three assists gave her a team-high 20 for the season to go along with 22 goals. Weissenhofer's hat trick increased her scoring total to 18 goals and 17 assists.

Notes:

♦ Hanks was named one of three finalists for the Hermann Award, given annually to college soccer's best player.

"I didn't really expect it because I'm so young," the sophomore said. "There are a lot of other players out there that deserve an award like this."

"If I win it, I would gladly give it back in exchange for a national championship."

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and carried the ball untouched to the end-line where crossed to onrushing Adam Cristman, who smashed the shot home to push the Cavaliers' lead to 3-1. Though the Irish scored late, Virginia held on 3-2 to eliminate Notre Dame from the NCAA tournament one game short of the program's first-ever Final Four.

Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said Cristman's goal took the wind out of Notre Dame's sails.

"It was a tough goal because we started out the second half very strongly, and we had the momentum once we scored," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said. "It's well known that after you score is a critical time to keep your focus, and we didn't do that."

Notre Dame pulled within one goal in the 84th minute when Martin converted a penalty kick to record his first career multi-goal game for Notre Dame. The Irish pressured late, but were unable to find the tying goal.

"Our guys showed a lot of character," Clark said. "A lot of guys would have caved in, but our guys kept fighting and managed to get a goal back."

While Notre Dame put together a comeback effort in the second half, it was the first

half that pinned the Irish in a tight spot.

The opening minutes saw pressure from both sides with Cristman having the golden chance before Irish keeper Chris Cahill stoned him in a one-on-one opportunity. Cristman would get his revenge in the 25th minute, however, when he opened the scoring with his first goal of the evening.

Colaluca was again the provider as he sent a through ball to Cristman, putting him one-on-one again with Cahill. The senior forward made no mistake with his second opportunity slipping the ball past Cahill to give Virginia a 1-0 lead.

Ten minutes later, the Cavaliers would double their advantage. Virginia, who was dangerous on set pieces all game, sent a free kick into the box that Notre Dame was unable to clear, and sophomore forward Yannick Reyerling made the Irish pay, depositing the loose ball into the back of the Notre Dame net.

In the first half, the Irish were forced to do without starting sophomore defender Jack Traynor who left last weekend's Maryland game in the second half with an ankle injury. Traynor, who was a

game-time decision to make Notre Dame's 18-man roster, came on at halftime to play the final 45 minutes.

"We knew we could get one half out of [Traynor], but the question was whether to play him in the first or the second half," Clark said. "You can second guess yourself until you're blue in the face, but it would have been nice to have the whole team fit for the game."

After the loss, the Irish finish the season 15-6-2 with a résumé that includes a victory over the defending national champion for the second straight season, an eight-game unbeaten streak and the program's first-ever trip to the NCAA quarterfinals.

"You can't be anything else but proud of the team," Clark said. "You come off after the last game, and you know the team's given everything they have."

Notes:

♦ Lapira was named as one of the three finalists for the Hermann Trophy annually given out to the nation's best player. He leads the nation in goals (22) and points (49), despite playing injured throughout the year.

After Friday's loss, Clark revealed that Lapira tore cartilage in his meniscus during the first game of the season against UAB. Lapira and the coaching staff considered surgery before deciding to play through the injury. For about the last month, Lapira has not trained at all between games.

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"You can't be anything else but proud of the team."

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Split results

Freshman's hat trick vaults Irish to Final Four next weekend

By CHRIS KHOREY
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Freshman forward Michele Weissenhofer scored three goals as No. 1 Notre Dame beat No. 8 Penn State 4-0 Friday to propel the Irish into the national semi-finals.

The Irish (24-0-1) will face Florida State, who came back to beat Clemson 2-1 in its quarter-final, Friday in Cary, N.C. The winner of that game will take on the winner of UCLA and North Carolina in Sunday's final.

It will be the fourth time in

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Irish forward Susan Pinnick (17) congratulates midfielder Amanda Cinalli after Cinalli's goal Friday at Alumni Field. Notre Dame beat Penn State 4-0 in the NCAA Quarterfinals.

Notre Dame falls to No. 4 seed Virginia in Elite 8 showdown

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

In just 20 seconds, Notre Dame went from a team on the comeback trail to packing its bags.

With 20 minutes remaining in Notre Dame's NCAA quarterfinal match against Virginia Friday, left forward Joseph Lapira found forward Kurt Martin near the net on a free kick to cut the Cavaliers' lead to 2-1.

On the ensuing kick-off, Virginia junior midfielder Nico Colaluca got open on the wing

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kurz's 25, Falls' 21 highlight comeback win

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame overcame Lehigh's 82-percent shooting from 3-point range in the first half and Rob Kurz led the comeback with a career-high 25 points on 6-of-9 shooting — 15 points in the second half — to give the Irish a 93-87 victory

at the Joyce Center Monday. Guard Colin Falls scored 21 points on 6-of-11 shooting to assist Kurz, after the Irish trailed Lehigh (2-6) 46-44 at the half.

The Irish (4-1), after struggling in close games last season and earlier this year in a 71-69 loss to Butler, proved they are capable of pulling away down the stretch

Monday after shooting 56 percent in the second half and nailing 15-of-16 from the free-throw line.

"We fought back. They were throwing everything in and we still found a way to win," Falls said. "For this team, I don't want to dwell on it, but we haven't won many games like this."

Notre Dame had five players

in double figures including Falls and Kurz. Guard Russell Carter had 14 points on 6-of-14 shooting, forward Zach Hillesland had 11 points on 4-of-5 shooting and forward Luke Harangody had 10 points on 4-of-7 shooting.

Lehigh senior Jose Olivero led all scores with 32 points on 11-of-16 shooting. Irish coach Mike Brey credited his per-

formance after the game, as Notre Dame struggled finding ways to defend his erratic, yet efficient shots throughout the game.

"[Olivero's] a senior guard whose played in a lot of games," Brey said. "I told him, I said, 'you're a heck of a player.' Kids like that they play a

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Trojans take early lead in home win

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame attacked first, but played catch up the rest of the way, as Southern California handed the Irish their second loss of the year 69-58 Friday night in Los Angeles, Calif.

After the Irish jumped ahead 2-0, the Trojans went on a 10-2 run and Notre Dame never recovered. The Irish (3-2) often struggled to put points on the board despite forcing 27 turnovers and surrendering 19.

In the first half, Notre Dame twice cut the lead to one, the second time coming when senior forward Crystal Erwin hit the second 3-pointer of her career with 7:19 left in the half to make the score 19-18. The Irish could never get over the hump, however, and went into the half trailing 30-24.

Early in the second half, the Irish cut the Trojan lead to 34-31, but Southern California again responded to the Notre Dame threat, going on an 8-0 run that gave it a comfortable

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HOCKEY

Mavericks, Irish trade victories

Uotila's late goal nets series draw for UNO

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Nebraska-Omaha defenseman Juha Uotila scored a power-play goal with 2:16 remaining in the third period to give the Mavericks a 3-2 win and a weekend split with No. 5 Notre Dame in Omaha.

Uotila's goal was a result of two Notre Dame penalties that gave Nebraska-Omaha a 5-on-3 advantage late in the game. Seniors Jason Paige and Tom



Irish center Kevin Deeth, right, controls the puck in Notre Dame's 4-0 win over Michigan State Nov. 11 at the JACC.

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AT A GLANCE

SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's at Hope

Today, 7:30 p.m.

The Belles travel to Holland, Mich. to face 2005-06 MIAA champs.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

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The Irish drop their season finale to the Bobcats, but make their 15th straight NCAA Tournament.

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ND MEN'S GOLF

The Irish finish eighth out of nine teams in the Aloha Purdue College Invitational.

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NFL

Denver quarterback Jay Cutler will make his first pro start Sunday for the Broncos.

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Irish Insider

Missed opportunities doom Irish against talented Trojans