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Dorm asked to change holiday sign

Pangborn rector told to reconstruct 'Xmas' decoration to spell out Christmas

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

This holiday season, Pangborn Hall put the Christ back in Christmas.

But the 19-foot-wide white and purple sign on the front of the dorm proclaiming "Have a Phoxy Christmas" didn't always read as such. Until last week, when a University administrator asked Pangborn rector Kuukua Yomekpe to change it, the sign bore a more economical spelling: "Have a Phoxy Xmas."

The events leading to this change began two weeks ago, when Yomekpe submitted a work order form to have work-

ers from the Maintenance Department hang the sign on the front of Pangborn. Construction of the sign had concluded just a day earlier after months of work by hall president Allie Carrick and a friend from Dillon.

With Thanksgiving just days away, no progress on hanging the sign was made until Nov. 28, when Yomekpe was able to speak with a staff member from Maintenance, she said. They agreed the sign would be hung in front of the dorm.

Hours later, Yomekpe said, she received a call from Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk.



Photo Courtesy of Jackie Dineen

Pangborn Hall's Christmas decoration reads "Have a Phoxy Christmas." The sign was changed early last week from Xmas to Christmas.

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Club raises money for East Africa

Baraka Bouts hope to send \$10,000 to schools

By JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writer

This year, the Women's Boxing Club of Notre Dame hopes its Baraka Bouts event will bring in at least \$10,000 for Holy Cross schools in East Africa, more than double last year's fundraising total.

The club, which raised \$4,000 last year, believes that it is currently on track to meet its goal through donations from both students and alumni.

"Hopefully, through our ticket sales, our merchandise sales and donations from alums who have boxed, we will make \$10,000," said club co-president and senior Whitney Endsley. Endsley, who joined the club in her sophomore year, has seen Baraka Bouts transform into one of Notre Dame's premier fundraising events.

This year, the club set a record when 120 girls signed up. On Thursday, 44 women boxed in the exhibition, which lasted from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The women participating are part of one of the fastest growing clubs at Notre Dame.

"When I first joined the club it was still forming and getting its roots set somewhere,"

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Bookstore to add retail, seating space

Construction to change book, café areas; completion date scheduled for April 2008



ANNIE HARTON/The Observer

Sophomore Natalie Rojas studies in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Renovations began this week to expand the bookstore.

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore began renovations earlier this week to add nearly 2,500 square feet of additional retail and seating space to the building.

The most noticeable changes will be made to the general books and café areas, said Keith Kirkpatrick, director of retail management at the Bookstore.

"The University wants to

have the best bookstore possible," Kirkpatrick said. "We saw that the areas that could use the most improvement from a quantity and presentation side were the general books and café areas."

The construction for the project should be completed by April 2008. The cosmetic details, like new carpeting and painting, are expected to be finished by fall 2008.

The new plans include several major changes to the store's floor plan, the

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Papers give alternative news sources

Rover, Common Sense take different approach to journalism

By BRIAN McKENZIE
News Writer

Common Sense and The Irish Rover provide students articles on different topics and with different styles than The Observer, said staffers at the two publications.

"Common Sense is a place where you can publish research-based articles that are either too long to print in something like The Observer or too liberal for a publication like The Rover," said senior Jacqueline Collins, a member of Common Sense's editorial board.

The founder of Common Sense, political science professor Peter Walsh, said The Observer reports on a wide range of current issues.

"But Common Sense has always been more focused on methods of justice, social justice and the common good," he said. "We have a narrower focus, but one that's very important for the campus."

Senior Molly Hayes, Common Sense's editor-in-chief, said the publication has a circulation of 3,000 copies and published around once a month. Common Sense's objective, she said, was to "provide a more humanitarian perspective on the news."

"At ND, sometimes we forget that Catholicism and conservatism aren't synonymous," she said.

Common Sense's articles draw on each of the seven elements of Catholic social teaching, she said, but submissions are not exclusively religious.

She said Common Sense is Notre Dame's "only publication to include work from faculty, alumni, graduate and undergraduate students."

The theme of the November issue of Common Sense was immigration.

"Given the immigration forum, we felt that it would be appropriate to have an immigration-themed issue," she said.

In addition to papers, Common Sense includes art, reflections and poetry, she said.

Junior Michael Angulo, a contributor to Common Sense, said it "provides a forum for progressive, liberal students engaged in global issues, whether their papers are rather formal and academic or more editorially

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SMC seniors collect funds for class gift

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Senior Gift Campaign provides an opportunity for students to leave a legacy at Saint Mary's, honor their experience at the College and give back to a community that has given much to them, said Heather Frey, assistant director of Saint Mary's Annual Fund.

"Giving back to Saint Mary's is embraced from the beginning of a student's time on campus," Frey said. "The Senior Gift Campaign is just a culmination of their four years of fundraising."

Saint Mary's Annual Fund,

which provides scholarships and financial aid for current students, runs the Senior Gift Campaign. The gift, which may be a physical present or a donation to a student scholarship fund, is presented to the College during the annual Alumnae Luncheon in May.

Past gifts have included clocks, trees and benches. Many of the statues found around campus came from seniors who were students in the 1950s and 60s.

"The Class of 2007 gave money to support student scholarships and dedicated a room in Spes Unica [the new academic

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INSIDE COLUMN

Getting into the spirit

Ah, the holiday season. With the fresh layer of snow on the ground and the knowledge that break is just around the corner, my festive mood keeps rising and is on the verge of going off the charts.

Nikki Taylor

News Wire Editor

For some unexplainable reason, I have more Christmas spirit this year than I have had in a long time. I was pondering this thought over some classic Christmas music the other day when my roommate pointed out to me that all the Christmas carols seem to be much more poignant to her this year now that she is away from home.

It was a light bulb moment. I realized that she is entirely right. As a freshman, this is my first year away from my family during the holiday season. I never before felt a deep connection with Perry Como as he was singing, "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays" but now I realize how right he is.

And hearing Frank Sinatra's version of "Jingle Bells" takes me right to my grandma's living room on Christmas morning.

I know it seems bizarre, but I think that being away from my family during the beginning of the holiday season is making me more festive. Maybe it is an unconscious effort on my part to compensate for what I am missing at home. My roommates and I have decorated our dorm room and we have been playing Christmas music since before Thanksgiving (an act that I am usually staunchly against).

The Christmas tree in the lobby of Holy Cross Hall fills me with a warm and fuzzy feeling every time I walk in the front door.

Maybe it has something to do with the traditions of Christmas, and knowing that no matter where you are, they won't change. Every family has its own holiday traditions. Some play football in the snow, or watch the TBS "A Christmas Story" marathon, or have a white elephant gift exchange.

I'm two hours from home, but I know that when I return, everything will be decorated just as it has been in years before. I know that Christmas Eve means our family's wassail party, and Christmas morning will be spent at my grandma's with a buffet brunch.

I feel like a little kid again with all the Christmas anticipation. It's only the beginning of December, and I get more anxious every day. Only Christmas changes as you get older. It is no longer all about getting presents from Santa. It now is filled with an air of family and togetherness. The Christmas season at school makes your roommates and friends your family as you decorate together, and it makes you appreciate your real family and the time spent with them on the holiday more.

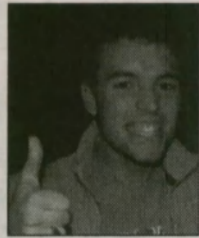
Christmas truly is a magical time, and I wish all the joys and simple pleasure on the Christmas season to all in the Notre Dame community. Let your Christmas spirit carry you through finals!

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Nikki Taylor at ntaylor01@saintmarys.edu.

CLARIFICATION

Erin Brady, the subject of front-page article "SMC senior holds personal protest" in the Dec. 6 edition of The Observer, said Thursday while she supports the Freedom of Choice act, she held her protest primarily "for women's reproductive freedom." Her focus, she said, was not to advocate a reversal of the ban on partial birth abortions, as stated in the article's subhead.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FAST FOOD RESTAURANT?



Robbie Bernardin

junior
Siegfried

"Dog 'n Mug — their root beer is creamy goodness."



Katie Smith

senior
Lyons

"Panera because Nicholas and I go on a date there."



Amanda Dosch

junior
Pangborn

"Dairy Queen, because I am the Dairy Queen."



Jackie Dineen

junior
Pangborn

"Chipotle, because they put the burrito in gourmet."



Brittany Pangborn

senior
McCandless

"Wendy's, because you can buy stuff for \$1."



ANNIE HARTON/The Observer

Members of the nondenominational worship and praise group Iron Sharpens Iron sing Christmas songs and light candles Thursday at a Christmas celebration in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

OFFBEAT

The First Noel, the police did arrest

ANDERSON, Ind. — A Salvation Army bell ringer sang "The First Noel" while shoplifting Christmas ornaments on his break, police said. Sean M. Sayers, 33, Anderson, was arrested Wednesday on a misdemeanor charge of conversion.

Sayers was being held in Madison County Jail without bond for allegedly violating terms of probation on a previous case.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed by police, Sayers was on his break as a bell ringer at a Wal-Mart in the city north-east of Indianapolis when

he went inside the store and slipped about \$20 worth of Christmas ornaments inside his jacket and a fast food bag. Police said he was singing the Christmas carol as he shoplifted the goods about 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Store ad: Hams 'delicious for Chanukah'

NEW YORK — This was REALLY not kosher. A grocery store in Manhattan made a food faux pas, advertising hams as "Delicious for Chanukah."

Chanukah, an alternate spelling for Hanukkah, is the eight-day Jewish holiday that began Tuesday evening, and hams as well as pork and

other products from pigs can't be eaten under Jewish dietary laws.

A woman who saw the mistake over the weekend at the Balducci's store on 14th Street took pictures of the signs and posted them on her blog.

Jennifer Barton, director of marketing, told The Associated Press on Thursday that the signs were changed as soon as the error was noted.

She issued an apology on the company Web site, saying the company would be reviewing its employee training.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Rosary will be said at at the Grotto at 6:45 p.m. today. The Rosary is said daily.

To celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Campus Ministry is hosting prayer services to obtain special graces in St. Edward's Hall Chapel at 9 p.m. each night through Sunday. The celebration is co-sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies, La Alianza and OLA.

The annual football banquet will be held tonight at 5:45 p.m. in the Joyce Center Monogram Room. The featured speaker will be 1993 graduate Aaron Taylor, a two-year All-American Offensive Tackle and Lombardi Award winner. Tickets can be purchased through the Notre Dame Ticket Office at 574-631-7356.

The Glee Club will hold its annual Christmas Concert Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The concert will benefit the Center for the Homeless in South Bend.

"HA-nukkah III: Pirates!," an improvisational and sketch comedy show will be presented by The Humor Artists on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Admission is \$2.

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

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ND seniors debate possible gifts

Legacy gift could be study abroad scholarship, environmental fund

By JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writer

The Notre Dame Senior Class Gift committee is currently deciding how money raised by the Class of 2008 will help the University in the future.

Each year, the committee, which consists of 10 seniors and one junior, raises money by asking for donations from the graduating class and its parents to help benefit causes such as financial aid and study abroad programs.

"The Senior Class Gift is a fundraising opportunity for the senior class to leave a legacy," said Moira Madden, the assistant director of Notre Dame's Annual Fund, which coordinates the committee.

This year, the committee is considering several causes to benefit with the money it raises.

"The committee gets together and talks about what their class is interested in," Madden said. "We talk about a number of things — a lot of times classes talk about financial aid

and how important that is to students and how they want other people to have the same experiences they've had."

Among the causes being considered is the Environmental and Conservation Operations Fund, which would be used to help Notre Dame improve its environmental record. The fund would be overseen and utilized by the Energy and Environmental Issues committee,

the Students for Environmental Action and the Energy Center Student Advisory Board.

"A number of years ago, Notre Dame received a Diminus score for environmental issues on campus,"

Madden said. "[Our environmental grade has] changed since then, but this fund would go to help all their initiatives and help with different projects. It is a fund that would be endowed so it's something that would be around forever, and they would be able to use the interest from it to continue on in its mission."

The committee is also considering using the money it raises to provide financial aid

to future students, possibly to those hoping to study abroad.

"[Money raised might be] going to be financial aid, we just haven't figured out any restrictions," Madden said. "It's possible that it would be for the abroad program, but right now it's mostly a financial aid package."

The committee has also spoken to the Career Center about the possibility of creating an internship fund. However, the project is still in such a nascent stage that the specifics have yet to really be discussed, Madden said.

The committee hopes this year's Senior Class Gift is as successful as last year's, when 30 percent of the graduating class participated and approximately \$90,000 was raised.

Madden said participating by donating to the committee — even if the donation is small — is important to the University and its mission.

"We want students to get involved," she said. "It's important to be involved and to support any way that they can. It's about participation, not a dollar amount."

The committee hopes to have decided upon a cause before winter break. It will send out letters around March inviting seniors to donate to the fund.

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English professor wins book award

Special to The Observer

Kathryn Kerby-Fulton, Notre Dame English professor, recently was awarded the John Ben Snow Prize from the North American Conference on British Studies for "Books Under Suspicion: Censorship and Tolerance of Revelatory Writing in Late Medieval England."

Published last year by Notre Dame Press, "Books Under Suspicion" offers a sharply revisionist account of intellectual freedom in the 14th and 15th centuries and examines the censorship issues that propelled the major writers of the period toward their massive use of visionary genres.

The award citation states: "Through its superb scholarship, 'Books Under Suspicion' recasts our understanding of religious heterodoxy in late medieval England. Kathryn Kerby-Fulton challenges traditional historiography that privileges the radicalism of John Wycliffe and his followers. Instead, through close examination of visionary genres and texts, she establishes a significant, alternative intellectual history, one that shows a surprising degree of pluralism and tolerance for unorthodox thought...Kerby-Fulton's scholarship is remarkable, her methodology often ingenious, particularly her use of reception history and codicology. This

book rests on rich sources, both literary and theological, vernacular and Latin. It integrates Europe and England in new ways and shows a pluralist culture under constant negotiation and evolution."

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2005, Kerby-Fulton was awarded a 2007-08 fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, for which she is working on a project titled "Medieval Reading Circles and the Rise of English Literature in England and Anglo-Ireland."

Specializing in Middle English literature and related areas of medieval studies, Kerby-Fulton also is the author of "Reformist Apocalypticism and Piers Plowman" (which won the John Nicholas Brown Prize from the Medieval Academy of America in 1994), co-author of "Iconography and the Professional Reader," and co-editor of three collections.

Kerby-Fulton has served as a visiting scholar at Princeton, Yale and Harvard Universities. Her research awards include 13 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) research grants, one SSHRC leave, and fellowships at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University and the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society at the University of Victoria, where she previously served as a faculty member.

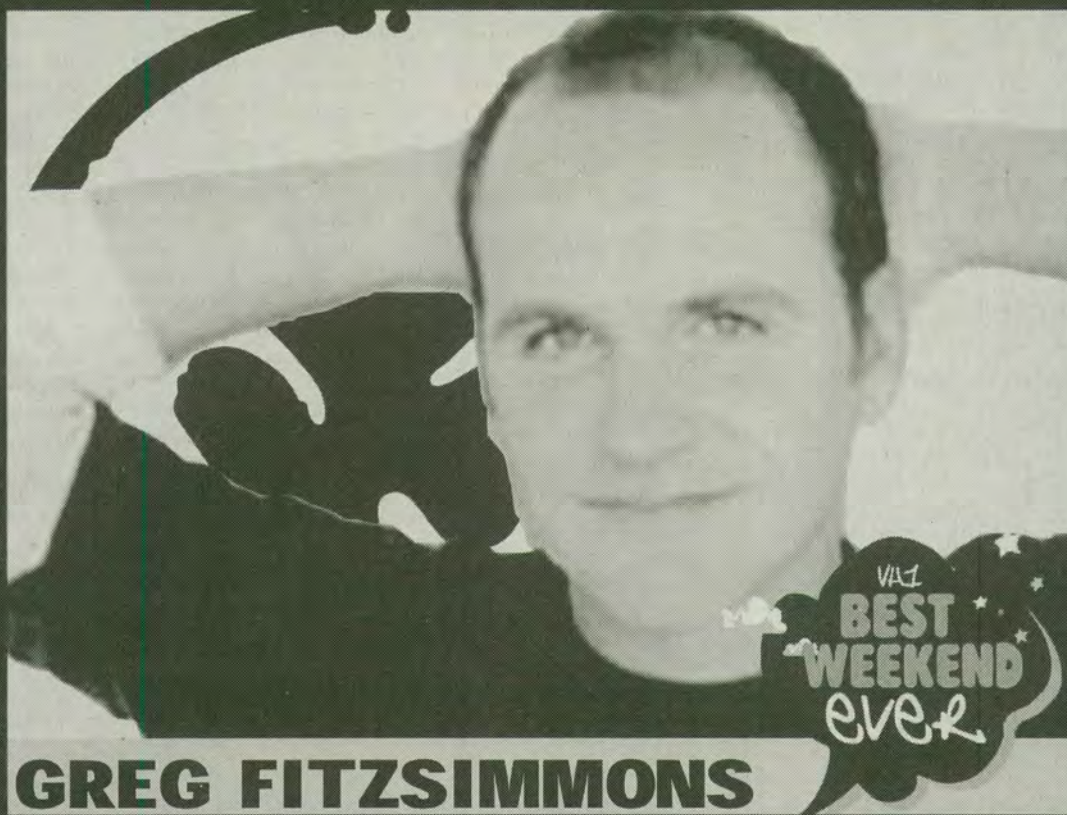
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Endsley said. "We've taken strides in terms of being organized and having really committed people behind us."

The club's other co-president, senior Colleen McCormick, also believes it is likely the club will send a check for at least \$10,000 to the Holy Cross Mission in East Africa.

"Our main fundraiser is called the 'Power Hour,' where we do as many jumping jacks, pull-ups and sit-ups as possible," she said. "Each member raises \$100 and some even raised over \$700."

Fifty participants raised at least \$100 during the "Power Hour," McCormick said.

Additional funds will come from the main event, in the form of ticket sales for \$3 and programs for \$2, as well as some money that was left over from last year's Baraka Bouts, she said.

The word "baraka" means blessing or prosperity in Swahili. It was picked as the event's name in 2004.

"We wanted to pick a word that encompassed who we are as a club, and because we work with East Africa, Swahili was a good language to pull from," McCormick said.

With the help of RecSports, the women of Baraka Bouts are beginning to raise the awareness of their fight night, McCormick said. She hopes

the event some day has the prominence of the Bengal Bouts, the men's boxing competition — also for charity — that takes place each spring.

"A lot of the paperwork the guys have to do we started doing last year so that we could be at the same level as them," sophomore captain Kristin Burke said.

Along with junior captain Nicole Koors, Burke introduces novices to the sport and trains the veterans.

Koors sees Baraka Bouts as an opportunity to do something she loves while still benefiting a good cause.

"Yesterday at Mass, Father [Brian] Daley, our faculty advisor, said that we all love boxing, and we're doing this for the sake of boxing, and the charity side of it just makes it that much better," she said.

Considering the club's growth in recent years, Endsley and other members of the Women's Boxing Club hope enough girls will join so that they can have a Bengal Bouts-style tournament, as opposed to just one fight night with one-on-one pairings.

However, just as Holy Cross men are barred from joining Bengal Bouts due to liability issues, Saint Mary's women are not allowed to participate in Baraka Bouts. Endsley and McCormick were forced to turn away several girls who were interested in competing.

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Gift

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building set to open for the 2008-09 school year] in honor of their class," Frey said.

While this year's gift is still undetermined, 2008 Senior Gift chair Beth McKeivitt said the class will follow traditions set by previous classes, but no decision will be made until spring.

"As of right now, I can promise that a sizable amount will be donated in the form of student scholarships, as is tradition," McKeivitt said.

The goal for the Senior Gift Campaign is 100 percent student participation.

"Our campaign is more focused on participation rates rather than the actual dollar amount raised at the end of the year," McKeivitt said. "In succeeding in reaching our goal of

100 percent participation among the senior class, we help improve the College's status in national rankings in publications like US News & World Report and enhance our national reputation."

Students begin raising money as freshmen through each class's Quarters campaign, a smaller version of the Senior Gift Campaign. The campaigns are "basically the same thing," Frey said, but the name changes for senior year.

Each class has its own campaign and account, Frey said. This ensures that the gift a student makes during any year at Saint Mary's goes into her class's own account and will be there as her senior class makes its gift decision.

"That is the biggest misunderstanding," Frey said. "When you donate, you're giving to your own class's campaign."

Both the Senior Gift and Quarters campaigns provide

many opportunities to donate throughout the year, at such activities as "Karaoke Idol," held in November.

"The end goal is the same, so the campaigns compromise and work together to plan events," Frey said. "Idol" was a joint effort because the amount of money raised is based on who gives. We reach out to all students and the money they give goes back to their own gift campaign."

Currently, both campaigns are stationed outside the Noble Family Dining Hall every night before dinner inviting students to contribute to the College before the holiday season, McKeivitt said. Students that donate to their own campaign will be entered into a raffle, with the winner announced at the annual Late Night Breakfast next Thursday.

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Papers

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focused."

Following a trip to El Salvador, Angulo is writing a paper on water privatization there.

"I think it's a pretty important way of looking at globalization but not a lot of people know about it," he said. "Common Sense seemed like the best way to get published."

He considered the Journal of Undergraduate Research (JUR).

But, he said, "my paper wasn't intensively researched, at least not in the same way as the JUR would want."

"It was more like what you'd expect from an academic activist," he said.

He said he conducted some of his research by surveying 60 high school students. That provided "a more interesting out-

look on the situation," he said.

"They aren't as jaded, and they don't have much of a view of international political economy," he said. "There's still a sense that things can change."

Hayes said Angulo's article was "ideal for Common Sense."

"It brought a topic to light that hasn't been well addressed by the media, and did so in an insightful and personal way," she said.

Senior Matt Smith, the editor-in-chief of The Rover, said The Rover's niche is to cover Catholic issues on campus.

"There's a misconception that The Rover and The Observer are these bitter enemies and we're not," he said. "Any two organizations will have members that disagree, sometimes passionately, and that doesn't mean the organizations are at odds."

"The Rover complements — not necessarily competes with — The Observer," Smith said. "We

respect the service The Observer provides. We aren't a daily paper and we don't aspire to be one."

He said the paper is concerned about the University's focus on academic rankings.

"The motif I've observed is that we've tried year after year to improve our reputation and doing so requires conforming to certain standards like ideas of academic freedom and intellectual diversity that are defined by our peer institutions or 'aspirational peers,'" Smith said. "That's pernicious because as the premier Catholic university in the world, we are precisely that diverse element that these peers claim to desire, and yet it's precisely that which the conventional wisdom would have us downplay to move up in the rankings."

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Bookstore

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most complicated of which involves pushing the south wall out to the edge of the current outdoor arcade.

Kirkpatrick said the arcade was originally intended as a space for customer lines. However, because the building's internal space provided enough room for longer lines, the arcade was not being used. The bookstore is now in the process of converting that space to retail.

The expansion of the south wall will add 1,000 square feet to the general books section and an additional 60 percent of the section's current stock to the shelves. The expansion will allow more room for seating areas with comfortable sofa chairs.

The renovations also include expanding the current cafe toward the ceiling-high bay windows that overlook campus, Kirkpatrick said.

He said the northeast corner of the bookstore will be expanded to include more comfortable seating, flat screen TVs, a larger magazine and periodicals section and wireless Internet.

Other changes include adding a book information center to the front of the store, installing Internet kiosks throughout the store where customers can search for books and opening the double doors at the store's northeast corner to students,

faculty and staff.

The second floor will also undergo changes, including a reorganization of the student textbook section that will increase the space by 1,500 square feet and make it easier for students to find their books, Kirkpatrick said.

Even with such drastic renovations, Kirkpatrick said students and customers won't be distracted by the construction when they visit the store.

"We wanted to make sure there would be as little interference as possible through the renovations," he said. "We'll be putting up drywall and blocking off the construction areas so that they don't bother our customers."

The future renovations were the result of recommendations made by staff, students and shoppers, Kirkpatrick said.

The renovations are being fully funded by the Follett Higher Education Group, which has managed the bookstore facility since it first opened in 1999 in its current location. The construction will be done in partnership with Notre Dame's architecture office and the contractor of the University.

The store will be displaying several artist renderings of the completed project so customers can see what the changes will look like when finished.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Congolese women allegedly raped

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Angolan soldiers routinely and repeatedly rape Congolese women who have crossed the border illegally in search of work in the diamond fields, an international aid organization said Wednesday.

Doctors Without Borders said that over two weeks in October one of their teams saw 200 rape victims at their clinic in Western Kasai — a Congolese province bordering Angola.

Officials at the Angolan Defense Ministry were not immediately available for comment. Other Angolan government officials contacted by The Associated Press said they weren't aware of the allegations and could not comment until they had seen a detailed report. Congolese officials were not immediately available for comment.

NATO sides with Rice against Iran

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice won support from European allies Thursday for new U.N. sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program.

NATO foreign ministers agreed to stay the course in seeking fresh measures at the United Nations to persuade Iran to stop uranium enrichment and reprocessing despite a new U.S. intelligence report that concluded the country halted its nuclear weapons ambitions in 2003.

At a working dinner in Brussels, the alliance's headquarters, the ministers accepted the Bush administration argument that Iran remains a threat and needs to be treated as such, Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht told reporters.

NATIONAL NEWS

Parking garages collapse in N.C., Fla.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A portion of parking deck at a busy shopping mall collapsed Thursday, and a motorist who may have triggered the accident by crashing into the structure died, police said.

The motorist was pronounced dead at the scene, said Mecklenburg EMS Agency spokesman Eric Morrison.

Meanwhile, a parking garage under construction in Jacksonville, Fla., partially collapsed Thursday, injuring about two dozen people, officials said.

One person was missing, but police did not know whether the worker was trapped or had escaped. Crews with dogs were looking through the rubble.

At least 21 people were taken to hospitals, which reported three in fair condition, two in good condition and the rest stable or released.

Ex-fundraiser arrested for child porn

DANBURY, Conn. — A former top fundraiser for the U.S. Olympic Committee faces child pornography charges in Connecticut.

John F. Krinsky Jr., 68, pleaded not guilty in state court Monday to four counts, including promoting a minor in an obscene performance, criminal attempt at possession of child pornography and third-degree possession of child pornography.

The arrest resulted from a 2005 tip from the New York Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which prompted an investigation that found Krinsky had traded child pornography images with another person, state police said.

Investigators seized his home computers and found 329 images that appeared to be child pornography. Some were of children who appeared to be between ages 5 to 15 posing or involved in sexual acts, according to a warrant for his arrest.

LOCAL NEWS

Woman leaves newborn in toilet

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. — A Carmel woman who gave birth at home and left her newborn daughter in a toilet will be sentenced next month on a charge of neglect.

Under a proposed plea agreement, Kyle C. Peterson, 21, would serve no more than four years in prison. She initially was charged with attempted murder and neglect of a dependent but pleaded guilty Thursday to a lesser neglect charge as part of the agreement.

Sentencing is set for Jan. 30 in a Hamilton County court.

County Prosecutor Sonia Leerkamp said Peterson, who was 18 at the time, gave birth Feb. 14, 2005, and left the newborn in a toilet, where she was found by Peterson's mother.

INDONESIA

U.S. refuses greenhouse gas cuts

Senate panel endorses reductions, but American climate negotiators resist limits

Associated Press

BALI — American climate negotiators refused to back down in their opposition to mandatory cuts in greenhouse gas emissions Thursday, even as a U.S. Senate panel endorsed sharp reductions in pollution blamed for global warming.

The United States, the world's largest producer of such gases, has resisted calls for strict limits on emissions at the U.N. climate conference, which is aimed at launching negotiations for an agreement to follow the Kyoto Protocol when it expires in 2012.

That stance suffered a blow when the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed a bill Wednesday by 70 percent by 2050 from electric power plants, manufacturing and transportation. The bill now goes to the full Senate.

U.S. climate negotiator Harlan Watson, however, said that would not impact Washington's position at the international gathering in Bali.

"In our process, a vote for movement of a bill out of committee does not ensure its ultimate passage," he told reporters. "I don't know the details, but we will not alter our posture here."

It was the first bill calling for mandatory U.S. limit on greenhouse gases to be taken up in Congress since global warming emerged as an environmental issue more than two decades ago.

Republican critics of the bill argued that limiting the emissions could become a hardship because of higher energy costs.

The two-week conference, which opened Monday, is already in a tense standoff between two camps, with the majority supporting mandatory emissions cuts on one side, and opponents such as the United States on the other, delegates said.

Scientists say the world must act quickly to slash greenhouse gas emissions and limit the rise in global



Oxfam activists wearing polar bear costumes stage a demonstration outside the U.N. climate change conference Thursday in Indonesia.

temperatures or risk triggering devastating droughts and flooding, strangling world food production and killing off animal species.

Washington's isolation in Bali has increased following Australia's announcement Monday that it has reversed its opposition to the Kyoto pact and started the ratification process — winning applause at the conference's opening session. That left the U.S. as the only industrialized nation to oppose the agreement.

The U.S. Senate action cheered environmentalists and others in Bali clamoring for dramatic action to stop global warming. U.N. climate chief Yvo de Boer led off his daily briefing Thursday by hailing the "encouraging sign" from the

United States.

"This is a very welcome development," Alden Meyer of the Union of Concerned Scientists said of the Senate measure. "It shows the increasing isolation of the Bush administration in terms of U.S. policy on this issue."

David Waskow, of the Oxfam humanitarian agency, said the Senate legislation was a positive signal to developing nations and others in Bali that America may be ready to assume a more active role in battling climate change.

"It's one of the things that pointed the way to having the United States re-engage in the negotiations, and really I think in many ways demonstrates the U.S. leadership on these issues," Waskow

said.

Further momentum for serious greenhouse gas cuts, came from a petition released Thursday by a group of at least 215 climate scientists who urged the world to reduce emissions by half by 2050.

"We have to start reducing greenhouse gas emissions as soon as we possibly can," said Australian climatologist Matthew England, a group spokesman. "It needs action. We're talking about now."

The United States and ally Japan are proposing that the post-Kyoto agreement favor voluntary emission targets, arguing that mandatory cuts would threaten economic growth which generates money needed to fund technology to effectively fight global warming.

Episcopal diocese may split from church

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Headed into a critical vote, an Episcopal diocese in central California is poised to split with the national denomination over what its bishop sees as the threat of moral decay in the church.

The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin is expected to vote by Saturday to secede from the U.S. church, becoming the first full diocese to do so because of a conservative-liberal rift that began decades ago and is now focused on whether the Bible condemns gay relationships.

An affirmative vote would place San Joaquin under the leadership of a like-

minded, conservative Anglican diocese in Argentina. It is almost certain to spark a court fight over control of the diocese's multimillion-dollar real estate holdings and other assets.

In a letter to parishioners, Bishop John-David Schofield said "those who claim they want to remain Episcopalians but reject the biblical standards of morality ... will — in the end — be left solely with a name and a bureaucratic structure."

The head of the U.S. denomination has warned Schofield against secession.

"I do not need to remind you as well of the potential consequences of the direction in which you appear to be leading the Diocese of San Joaquin," Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts

Schori, head of the U.S. denomination, wrote in a letter Monday to him. "I do not intend to threaten you, only to urge you to reconsider and draw back from this trajectory."

Schofield responded that the diocese would go forward with the vote during its annual convention, which starts Friday. He all but predicted that delegates would choose to break with the Episcopal Church, the U.S. member of the global Anglican Communion.

"It is The Episcopal Church that has isolated itself from the overwhelming majority of Christendom and more specifically from the Anglican Communion by denying Biblical truth and walking apart from the historic Faith and Order," Schofield wrote.

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NASDAQ	2,709.03	+42.67
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POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	+1.45	+0.75	52.32
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EURO	0.6832
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IN BRIEF

Congress agrees on \$693 billion bill

WASHINGTON — House and Senate lawmakers on Thursday agreed on a Pentagon policy bill that would authorize \$693 billion in defense spending, including \$189 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The budget bill, which covers the budget year that began Oct. 1, also would authorize the Defense Department's myriad high-ticket weapons programs.

The measure does not send money to Pentagon. But it is considered a critical bill because it often guides companion spending legislation and sets policy guidance for the acquisition and management of all military programs.

The House passed its version in May; senators did so in October. The final compromise is expected to pass next week, or before lawmakers leave for their holiday break.

Included is a provision that would establish a system to oversee the billions of dollars being spent to rebuild Afghanistan. The effort would be modeled after the special watchdog for Iraq reconstruction. This office has unearthed numerous cases of waste, fraud and abuse that hampered the rebuilding effort.

Bush pitches mortgage crisis plan

WASHINGTON — Distraught homeowners facing the grim prospect their monthly mortgage payments soon will surge found hope Thursday they can hold onto their houses by qualifying for a five-year freeze in loan rates.

The plan is the Bush administration's biggest move yet to show it is dealing aggressively with the mortgage crisis. The escalating problem is becoming a political issue and threatening to push the country into a recession.

"The holidays are fast approaching and this will be a time of anxiety for Americans worried about their mortgages and their homes," Bush said. The administration's efforts, he said, are "a sensible response to a serious challenge."

The initiative would hold down rates for certain subprime mortgages, which are loans offered to borrowers with spotty credit histories. These loans offer initial "teaser" rates for the first two to three years before rates climb sharply, but possibly increasing monthly payments by as much as 30 percent.

GAZA STRIP

Fuel sanctions cripple country

Israeli reductions leave thousands without gas and fresh water, challenge Hamas

Associated Press

WADI GAZA — Service stations across the Gaza Strip shut off their fuel nozzles. Tens of thousands of people have no fresh water because pumps can't run. Hospitals parked ambulances, and bicycles are the new favored form of transportation.

A month-old Israeli reduction in fuel shipments to Gaza is hitting the seaside territory hard. And things could get worse — seeking to punish Gaza's Hamas rulers further, Israel is waiting for court approval to reduce the electricity supply as well.

The measures are the latest in a series of sanctions that Israel has imposed since the Islamic militant group violently seized control of Gaza in June and allowed near daily rocket attacks on Israelis. Israel, which considers Hamas a terrorist group, has declared Gaza a "hostile entity" and closed the borders, halting almost all trade.

Gaza's woes pose a major challenge to Hamas as it clings to power amid renewed peacemaking between Israel and the moderate Palestinian administration based in the West Bank. While firmly in control of Gaza, Hamas is casting a long shadow over next week's scheduled launch of formal peace talks following seven years of violence.

Gaza relies on Israel and 60 percent of its electricity.

The gasoline and diesel reductions, from 15 percent to 75 percent of normal supplies, have hit Gaza's water system as pumps run out of fuel. The shortages have been compounded by Gaza's 30 private fuel companies, which halted deliveries this week to protest the Israeli cutback.

Fed up with the finger pointing, Gaza's gas station owners this week stopped



A medic protests Israeli fuel sanctions in Gaza. Not only have sanctions shut down service stations, but they have also disrupted ambulances and access to fresh water.

serving the public, saying they were caught in the middle.

Gas pumps were covered in blankets, plastic bags or signs declaring: "No fuel. No diesel."

"We are the ones who are suffering the beating and the lashing," said Mahmud al-Shawa, a member of Gaza's association of station owners.

Late Thursday, the station owners decided they would reopen after accepting some supplies from Israel, said Mahmoud Khazouandar, chairman of the owners union. It was not immediately clear what led them to

change their minds.

The hardships aren't just for drivers.

"We have lost everything we gained," said Hassan Abu Eissa of Wadi Gaza, a village of 6,000 in the central Gaza Strip where a water pump sits idle for lack of fuel.

Sabha al-Sawarka, 64, said she sends her grandsons to fill containers with water from a nearby agricultural well. "It is a bit salty, but what can we do?" she said. "One time there is no electricity. Then no water, or no wheat. It can't get more unjust."

Living in an impoverished

area accustomed to violence and an overtaxed infrastructure, Gazans are used to temporary disruptions, and many homes have generators and battery-operated equipment. But rarely have shortages been so widespread or lasted so long.

Five water wells that rely on diesel-operated generators have stopped running, cutting off water for more than 77,000 people, according to Gaza's water utility. Three others that serve crowded Gaza City neighborhoods regularly shut down for lack of fuel and spare parts.

Dow Jones CEO leaves, Murdoch enters

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Richard Zannino will depart as chief executive of Dow Jones & Co., publisher of The Wall Street Journal, after the company completes its sale to Murdoch's News Corp. next week, Dow Jones announced Thursday.

News Corp. plans to succeed Friday that Zannino will be succeeded by Les Hinton, a longtime newspaper publishing executive at News Corp., while Robert Thomson, editor of the Murdoch-owned Times of London, will become publisher of The Wall Street Journal, the Journal reported on its Web site.

A News Corp. spokeswoman declined to comment.

Murdoch's deal to acquire Dow Jones for \$5.6 billion is expected to close shortly after Dow Jones shareholders vote on it Dec. 13.

Dec. 13. Murdoch had faced opposition from several members of the family that controls Dow Jones' shareholder vote and a union

that represents Journal reporters, but he convinced enough members of the Bancroft family to commit to supporting the deal to assure its passage.

The \$60 per-share price that Murdoch is paying represented a massive premium of 65 percent over where Dow Jones' stock had been trading before his offer became public.

At a time of general contraction in the newspaper industry, Murdoch has also said he would invest additional resources in the Journal, expanding its overseas presence, online operations and coverage of Washington.

Zannino became CEO of Dow Jones in early 2006, and was the first non-journalist to lead the company in recent memory. Under his tenure, Dow Jones reorganized its business units, launched a narrower and redesigned version of the Journal, and bought the other half of Factiva that it didn't already own.

In the already own. In addition to the Journal, Dow Jones also sold six community newspapers from its Otaway group to finance the Factiva deal. On Nov.

27, Dow Jones said it was considering selling the remaining papers in the group, consisting of eight dailies and 15 weeklies.

Zannino said in an interview that Dow Jones would be able to take far more risks going forward as part of a large company, without having its every move scrutinized by the media and Wall Street.

He cited as an example a widely discussed move to open up The Wall Street Journal's Web site to non-paying subscribers: "That would be a risk that Rupert could readily take, but which would be harder for us to take on our own."

In addition to the Journal, Dow Jones also owns Barron's, Dow Jones Newswires, half of the magazine SmartMoney, Factiva, a news database business and a group of stock market indicators including the Dow Jones industrial average. Bond prices fell. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.95 percent from 3.90 percent late Tuesday. The dollar rose, and gold prices fell.

Sign

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Kirk told her the sign could not be hung as it was, so as not to "take Christ out of Christmas," she said.

Kirk confirmed that he had asked Yomekpe to have the sign changed for that reason.

Carrick had worked on the sign since March, and so she and Yomekpe agreed it would be unreasonable for hall residents to make the changes themselves.

"We were sort of blindsided," Carrick said. "We didn't expect there to be a problem."

She expressed frustration because the "X" had been used in place of "Christ" to allow the sign to balance correctly and conserve materials, thus cutting down on cost. After spending more than 40 hours constructing the sign, she had wanted it to be on display for the longest possible time before winter break.

Kirk said he never believed any disrespect was intended by Pangborn residents or staff and appreciated their desire to dis-

play their decorations but stood by his decision to request a change in the sign's spelling.

"When you think about the rectors and students who live in dorms, it's their home," he said. "But when you put public decorations outside, it's open to the broader University community and visitors."

The next morning, the sign was taken to the campus carpentry shop, where it underwent the removal of one letter and the addition of five more. Though Pangborn had funded the sign, the cost of the changes was taken on by Maintenance, Yomekpe said.

The sign was displayed in front of Pangborn on Monday evening.

Though the saying "keep Christ in Christmas" has been in use in mainstream Christian circles, the sign's original spelling may not be without historical and theological precedent.

Father Gary Chamberland, priest in residence at Pangborn Hall, said the use of the letter X as a shorthand for Christ dates back at least one thousand years.

"As somebody who is fairly

learned in aspects of Christianity, including some of these nuances, I honestly don't understand why the change had to be made," Chamberland said.

The letter X is also the written form of the Greek letter called chi. This letter is an "ancient shorthand for Christ," he said.

The complete shorthand includes the rho and chi, the first two letters in the Greek spelling of Christ, superimposed over one another, he said.

This shorthand came into play when early Christians copied many manuscripts, Chamberland said. The spelling "Xmas" is still pronounced as "Christmas," he said.

"I would argue from a pretty solid perspective that all he did

was change Christmas to Christmas," Chamberland said.

In the 1920s, a fundamentalist preacher began a movement that writing Christmas with the shorthand X was an attempt to take Christ out of Christmas, he said.

But Kirk, who cited Bill O'Reilly as one example of a figure who has publicly proclaimed the need to "keep Christ in Christmas," remained unconvinced.

"I understand the whole Greek letter thing," Kirk said. "But a lot of people would see it and say, 'At Notre Dame, can't we have Christ at Christmas?'"

Despite the anxiety of the past week, Carrick said the important thing is that the sign is finally up for the Pangborn residents to enjoy.

But for Yomekpe, the situation has raised certain qualms about the relationship between

hall rectors and the University administration in governing hall activity.

"The change is not that important," she said. "It's the principle ... to be told no and not have a part in that conversation."

Yomekpe questioned why she was informed of the decision at what she considered to be the end of the process.

"What else do we not have control over?" she said. "I think the biggest conversation within the rector community is [whether] you're in charge of your dorm. This kind of set me back a little bit in terms of maybe I'm not in charge of my dorm."

Kirk said a "team effort" is needed to ensure the operations of residence life on campus. Rectors are employees of Student Affairs who answer to the vice president for student affairs, but the system is "not hierarchical," he said.

"I don't order anyone around," Kirk said. "It's just not the way we work. It's a very collegial relationship."

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Archdiocese warns kids of sex predators

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Archdiocese of New York is handing out coloring and comic books that warn children about sex predators, the first such effort by a Roman Catholic diocese in the United States.

In the coloring book, a perky guardian angel tells children not to keep secrets from their parents, not to meet anyone from an Internet chat room and to allow only "certain people" like a doctor or parent to see "where your bathing suit would be."

In a comic book version for children over 10, a teenager turns to St. Michael the Archangel for strength to report that two schoolmates are being sexually abused.

Joseph Zwilling, a spokesman for the archdiocese, said

the books have been distributed to about 300 schools and 400 religious education programs to use as a resource. They are also free online.

"It's to help young people to know situations they should not get into," he said. "How to be safe — but to try to do it in an age-appropriate and sensitive way."

Some critics, while applauding the intent, say the books should say explicitly that trusted adults — including priests — may be the abusers.

Zwilling said that as far as he knows, the coloring book is the first of its kind to be produced by church officials. David Clohessy, national

director of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said he, too, was unaware of any such effort.

Clohessy said that while he welcomes any attempt to teach children how to stay safe, he believes the coloring book should state more clearly that the predator is more likely to be a trusted adult than a stranger.

"There continues to be a bit of an overemphasis on stranger danger," Clohessy said. "I think it would be most effective if it would say, 'Not only strangers molest

kids. Even adults you like and your parents respect — teachers, doctors, priests — can hurt kids.'"

But Zwilling said the vast majority of priests are "good and holy men," and he said it would have been inappropriate for the coloring book to single out priests as potential abusers.

"You don't want to frighten children," he said. "You also don't want to stigmatize any group."

The closest the coloring book comes to directly addressing the 2002 church abuse scandal is a picture of a second angel — not the guardian angel — grinning at a priest and an altar boy through a wide open door.

"For safety's sake, a child and an adult shouldn't be alone in a closed room together," the text reads. "If a child and an adult happen to be alone, someone should know where they are and the door should be open or have a big window in it."

Police increase protection of family

Woman receives death threats after alleged participation in MySpace hoax

Associated Press

DARDENNE PRAIRIE, Mo. — Waterford Crystal Drive is one of those suburban streets that seem so new as to have no history at all. But the suicide of a teenage girl — and allegations she had been tormented by a neighbor over the Internet — have brought a reaction that is old, almost tribal, in its nature.

Residents of the middle-class subdivision have turned against the neighbor, Lori Drew, and her family, demanding the Drews move out. In interviews, they have warned darkly that someone might be tempted to "take matters into their own hands."

"It's like they used to do in the 1700s and 1800s. If you wronged a community, you were basically shunned. That's basically what happened to her," said Trever Buckles, a 40-year-old who lives next door to the Drews.

Drew became an outcast after she participated in a hoax in which a fictional teenager by the name of "Josh Evans" exchanged online messages with 13-year-old Megan Meier. Megan received cruel messages from Josh that apparently drove her to hang herself in her closet in 2006.

Through her lawyer, Drew, a mother of two in her 40s, has denied saying hurtful things to the girl over the Internet, and prosecutors have said they found no grounds for charges against the woman. Nevertheless, the community reaction has been vengeful and the pressure on the Drews intense.

More than 100 residents gathered in front of their home on a recent evening, holding candles and reciting stories about Megan.

Last December, after neighbors learned of the Internet hoax, someone threw a brick through a window in the Drew home. A few weeks ago, someone made a prank call to police reporting that there had been a shooting inside the Drews' house, prompting squad cars to arrive with sirens flashing.

Someone recently obtained the password to change the Drews' outgoing cell phone recording,

and replaced it with a disturbing message. Police would not detail the content.

Clients have fled from Drew's home-based advertising business, so she had to close it. Neighbors have not seen Drew outside her home in weeks.

Death threats and ugly insults have been hurled at Drew over the Internet, where she has been portrayed as a monster who should go to prison, lose custody of her children, or worse. Her name and address have been posted online, and a Web site with satellite images of the home said the Drews should "rot in hell."

Some of the threats "really freak me out," Buckles said while standing on his front porch after dark Tuesday night. As he spoke, a car slowed and stopped in front of Drew's home. It sat there idling for a few long minutes, then sped away. Buckles said it is a common occurrence.

"I just really hope that no one comes out here and does something insane," Buckles said. "If they do, I hope they get the right house."

Sheriff's Lt. David Tiefenbrunn said patrols have been stepped up around Drew's house. "There could be individuals out there with a vigilante-type attitude that might want to take revenge," he said.

The Drews — Lori, husband Curt and two children — live in a one-story ranch. An older man at the house who described himself only as a relative said Lori Drew would not comment. He would not say if the family planned to move.

Ron and Tina Meier's home is four houses away from the Drews. The sidewalk is curved, so the neighbors can't see each other from their front doors. The breach between the once-friendly families seems beyond repair.

"I think that what they have done is so despicable, that I think it absolutely disgusts people," Tina Meier said. "I can't take one ounce of energy worrying about who does not like Lori Drew or who hates Lori Drew. I could not care less."

Just a year ago, Waterford

Crystal Drive was the kind of quiet suburban street where joggers waved hello while kids played in their front yards. Lately the road has been choked with TV news trucks, and neighbors hustle inside to avoid questions.

The row of brick-facade homes, with basketball nets and American flags out front, was carved out of the woods and pastures in the mid-1990s. Between rooftops, residents can see the neon signs of the strip mall restaurants near a highway that carries commuters some 35 miles to jobs in downtown St. Louis.

The subdivision and those surrounding it have street names evoking the good life, from Quaint Cottage Drive to Country Squire Circle.

The Drews used to fit in just fine, said John McIntyre, who described Lori Drew as an intensely social woman who never hesitated to stop and talk. She and Curt came over to McIntyre's home to look at his glassed-in porch because they were thinking of adding their own, he said.

McIntyre fondly remembered another guest — Megan. She came across the street to baby-sit McIntyre's 4-year-old daughter Genna and arrived with a clipboard and notes, determined to do the job right. He said the activity was good for Megan, who suffered from depression for years.

"She was a good kid," McIntyre said.

Megan became friends with the Drews' young daughter and the girls remained close for years, according to a report provided by prosecutors. But the girls had a falling-out in 2006.

A teenage employee of Drew's named Ashley said she created the "Josh" account on MySpace after a brainstorming session with Drew and her daughter, according to a prosecutor's report. Drew said the girls approached her with the idea, and she told them only to send polite messages to Megan.

Ashley sent Megan many of the messages from "Josh," and Lori Drew was aware of them, prosecutors said.

Atlantis shuttle launch postponed

Two faulty engine sensors end NASA streak of on-time launches

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA called off Thursday's launch of space shuttle Atlantis after a pair of fuel gauges in its big external tank failed to work properly, a recurring problem ever since the Columbia disaster.

Shuttle managers said the next launch attempt would be no earlier than Saturday. Atlantis is loaded with a European space station lab, Columbus, that has been waiting for years to fly to the international space station.

After meeting well into the evening, shuttle managers decided to forgo a Friday launch attempt to give engineers more time to figure out what was wrong and, quite possibly, work around the problem.

"We want to sleep on it," said LeRoy Cain, chairman of the mission management team. "We want to encourage the engineers and the rest of the team to sleep on it and think about what we might not be thinking about yet."

Preliminary indications were that the problem might be with

an open circuit rather than the gauges themselves — perhaps a spliced line or bad connector — which would be easier to fix.

Two of the four engine-cutoff sensors failed a standard pre-flight test Thursday morning as Atlantis was being fueled with liquid hydrogen; three are required to provide accurate readings in order to proceed with a launch. NASA is considering the possibility of flying with fewer sensors working.

The sensors are part of a critical backup system to ensure that the shuttle's three main engines don't shut down too soon or too late during liftoff, a potentially disastrous problem. Trouble with the sensors have delayed shuttle launches before, most recently in September 2006. To NASA's puzzlement, the trouble began cropping up following the Columbia disaster. This time, two sensors went out instead of one.

"We really are scratching our heads," said launch director Doug Lyons.

Because the problem is believed to be in wiring between Atlantis and the external fuel tank, the shuttle's

engine compartment remained sealed and no repairs were planned, at least for now.

Thursday's postponement was a keen disappointment for the European Space Agency. The \$2 billion lab has been in the works for nearly a quarter-century, and was held up for years by NASA's repeated space station design problems and, more recently, the 2003 Columbia tragedy.

"Of course, we would love to fly on time, but we want to fly when it's safe," said Alan Thirkettle, the European space station program manager.

The postponement ended NASA's streak of on-time shuttle launches for the year. Each of the year's previous three countdowns ended in on-the-dot departures. Because of poor sun angles and computer concerns, NASA would have to wait until the beginning of January to launch Atlantis if it isn't flying by next Thursday or Friday.

When the fuel sensors failed, the launch was still more than eight hours away, and shuttle commander Stephen Frick and his six crewmates had yet to climb aboard.

Mall shooter was depressed in past

Omaha man received treatment for illness

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The young man who killed eight people and committed suicide in a shooting rampage at a department store spent four years in a series of treatment centers, group homes and foster care after threatening to kill his stepmother in 2002.

Finally, in August 2006, social workers, the courts and his father all agreed: It was time for Robert Hawkins to be released — nine months before he turned 19 and would have been required to leave anyway.

The group homes and treatment centers were for youths with substance abuse, mental or behavioral problems.

Altogether, the state spent about \$265,000 on Hawkins, officials said.

On Thursday, while some of those who knew Hawkins called the massacre Wednesday at a busy Omaha mall unexpected, not everyone was surprised.

"He should have gotten help, but I think he needed someone to help him and needed someone to be there when in the past he's said he wanted to kill himself," said Karissa Fox, who said she knew Hawkins through a friend. "Someone should have listened to him."

Todd Landry, state director of children and family services, said court records do not show precisely why Hawkins was released. But he said that if Hawkins should not have been set free, someone would have raised a red flag.

"It is my opinion, it was not a failure of the system to provide appropriate services," Landry said. "If that was an issue, any of the participants in the case would have brought that forward."

After reviewing surveillance tape, a suicide note and Hawkins' last conversations with those close to him, police said they don't know — and may never know — exactly why Hawkins went to the Von Maur store at Westroads Mall and shot more than a dozen people.

But he clearly planned ahead, walking through the store, exiting, then returning a few minutes later with a gun concealed in a balled-up sweat shirt he was carrying, authorities said.

Debora Maruca-Kovac, a woman who with her husband took Hawkins into their home because he had no other place to live, told the Omaha World-Herald that the night before the shooting,

Hawkins and her sons showed her a semiautomatic rifle. She said she thought the gun looked too old to work.

Police believe Hawkins was using that AK-47 when he stormed off a third-floor elevator at the store and started shooting.

Police said they have found no connections between the 19-year-old and the six employees and two shoppers he killed.

"The shooting victims were randomly selected," as was the location of the shooting, Omaha Police Chief Thomas Warren said.

Acquaintances said that Hawkins was a drug user and that he had a history of depression. In 2005 and 2006, according to court records, he underwent psychiatric evaluations, the reasons for which Landry would not disclose, citing privacy rules.

In May 2002, he was sent to a treatment center in Waynesville, Mo., after threatening his stepmother. Four months later, a Nebraska court decided Hawkins' problems were serious enough that he should be under state supervision and made him a ward of the state.

He went through a series of institutions in Nebraska as he progressed through the system: months at a treatment center and group home in Omaha in 2003; time in a foster care program and treatment center in 2004 and 2005; then a felony drug-possession charge later in 2005. Landry said the court records do not identify the drug.

The drug charge was eventually dropped, but he was jailed in 2006 for not performing community service as required.

On Aug. 21, 2006, he was released from state custody.

Under state law, Landry said, wards are released when all sides — parents, courts, social workers — agree it is time for them to go. Once Hawkins was set free, he was entirely on his own. He was no longer under state supervision, and was not released into anyone's custody.

"When our role is ended, we try to step out," said Chris Peterson, director of the state Department of Health and Human Services.

About an hour before the shootings, Hawkins called Maruca-Kovac and told her he had written a suicide note, Maruca-Kovac said. In the note, Hawkins wrote that he was "sorry for everything" and would not be a burden on his family anymore. More ominously, he wrote: "Now I'll be famous."

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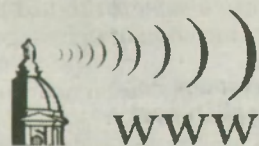
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Basketball deserves support

The night before Notre Dame's March 5, 1977 game against 29-0 San Francisco, coach Digger Phelps spoke to the student section at a pep rally. Phelps suggested the student body replace its traditional "We are," clap clap, "ND," chant with "29" clap, clap, "and-1." clap, clap. The students did as they were told.

From the moment San Francisco entered the Joyce Center, it was greeted with chants of "29 and 1." Throughout the game, the students kept the noise in the Joyce Center at a deafening level. Soon, the rest of the crowd joined in and willed Notre Dame to a 93-82 victory. The crowd had such a big impact on the game that NBC announcers Dick Enberg and Billy Packer awarded the game MVP to the crowd in the Joyce Center.

Over the past few years, the student section at Notre Dame basketball games displayed that same ability to inspire the players to reach new heights. Last year's 99-85 win over No. 4 Alabama, when the student section rushed the floor like a rolling tide, showed that the enthusiasm for Notre Dame basketball did not die in the 70s.

But that enthusiasm has failed to show up on a consistent basis.

Unlike football games, when the student section is filled regardless of Notre Dame's record or quality of opponent, basketball games frequently have hundreds of empty seats in

the student section. True, there are more basketball games than football, and the academic demands of Notre Dame often prevent students from making every game, but every student should try to attend this weekend's game against Northern Illinois. Northern Illinois may not be 29-0 San Francisco, but Notre Dame has a chance to set a record it probably could not reach without the help of the student section — the record for most consecutive home wins.

Students should show up not only to share this special moment with the team, but also to convince Notre Dame's athletic department that they deserve better seating in the upcoming Joyce Center renovations in 2009.

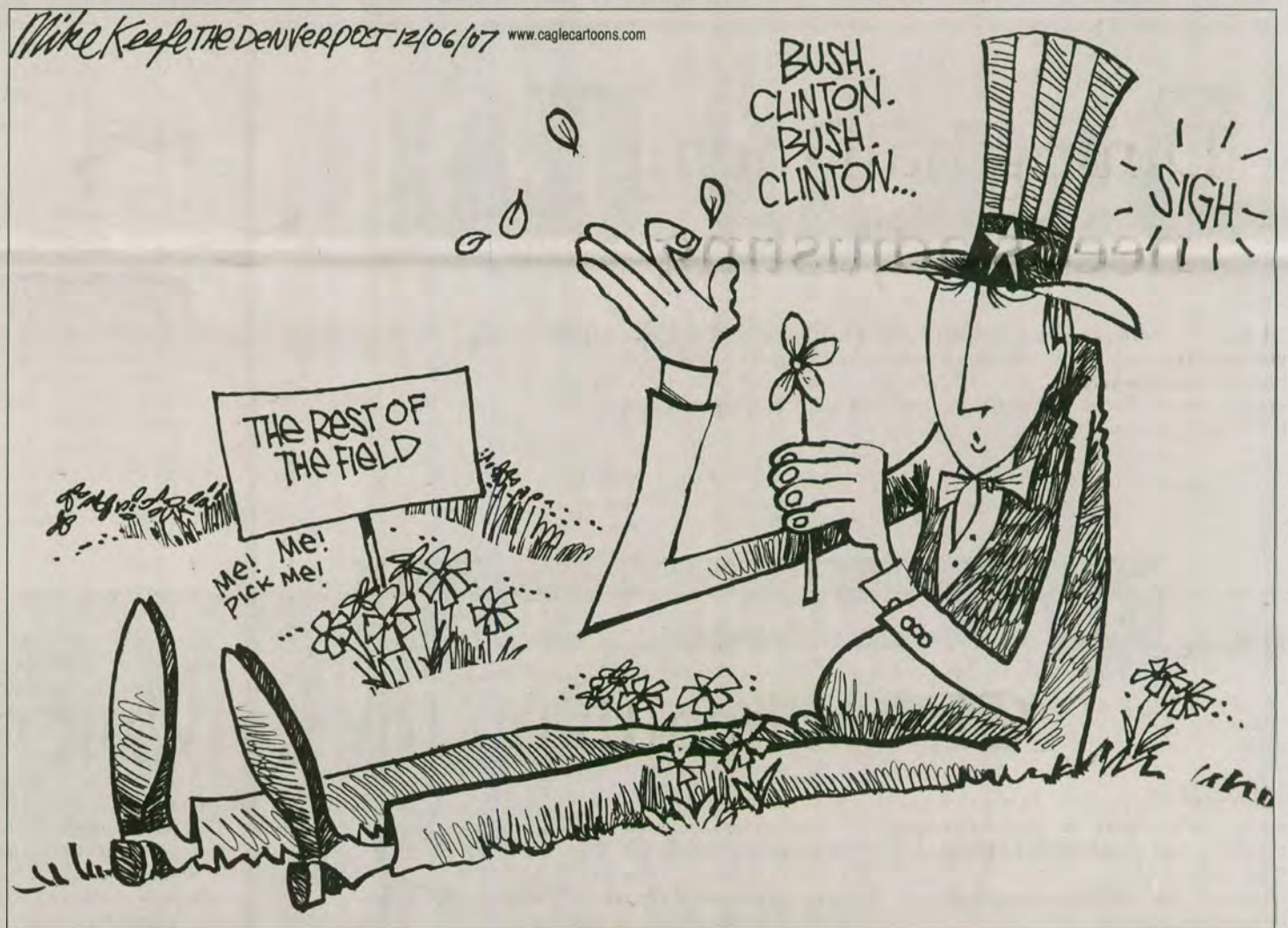
Coach Mike Brey has repeatedly said he wishes students could sit around the floor like they do at many other major universities around the country, but if the students fail to show up, why shouldn't the athletic department give those prime seats to paying customers who will attend games?

In order to convince the athletic department that students deserve this privilege, students need to show an appreciation for the history of the program and they need to show up to so-called "cupcake" games early in the year to demonstrate loyalty.

Otherwise, students have nobody to blame but themselves if they're stuck in the nosebleeds after 2009.

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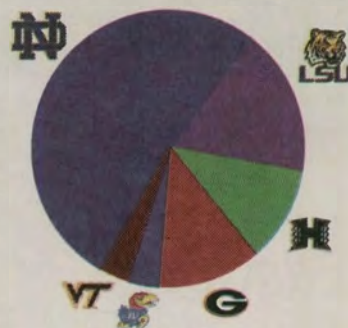


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Who should face Ohio State in the BCS title game?

Team	Votes	Percentage
Notre Dame	459	53%
LSU	138	16%
Hawaii	125	14%
Georgia	98	11%
Kansas	30	3%
Virginia Tech	21	2%



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Some people will never learn anything because they understand everything too soon."

Alexander Pope
English poet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defining 'news'

I am a proud Notre Dame student. Recent football seasons aside, I cannot recall one instance in which I was in any way ashamed of my status as a student here. That changed Thursday morning, when I picked up an Observer and read Liz Harter's front-page article, "SMC senior holds personal protest" (Dec. 6.) Its presence on the front page of our student newspaper is an insult not only to the 46 million babies aborted globally each year but to journalism and common sense. If Erin Brady wants to bemoan America's lack of "abortion facilities" and deficient "choice" advocacy, that is her option. I, of course, find her opinion abominable and ignorant. But that is also beside the point.

Granting a "personal protest" front-page status and portraying it as news is not. Brady's "activism in action" professor should be proud. By standing out in the snow, she elevated her personal opinion to the status of a news article. I think The Observer's editors need to remember that there is a Viewpoint section and that it alone should be the main outlet for personal opinion. That is why Letters to the Editor are printed there.

In conclusion, The Observer needs to reconsider what it classifies as news and what it classifies as one person with an opinion. One person with an opinion — regardless of whether I agree with it — does not constitute a story. If the editors continue the blur those lines, I want them to know that tonight I too am holding a "personal protest" in my tiny Morrissey quarters. I have all sorts of good opinions; can I call front-page?

Adam Hansmann
 sophomore
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 Dec. 6

Dining hall menu needs adjusting

I want to elaborate on a serious issue affecting all South Dining Hall visitors: The lack of pie. Pie is an overlooked dessert option and there has not been nearly enough pumpkin pie. Also, what is up with the oriental line? When will pasta stir-fry make a much needed comeback into the weekly menu?

Patrick McHugh
 sophomore
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 Dec. 6

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Global health on the graying planet

Our planet is graying. In every major society today, there are ever-increasing numbers and proportions of people over the age of 65.

Indeed, the fastest growing segment of most societies is now the "oldest old" — individuals who are 85 and older. This "graying of the planet" will continue for at least the next 50 years — until today's high school students are senior citizens.

As stated in a recent report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, "No challenge is as certain as global aging and none is likely to have as large and enduring an effect on the size and shape of government budgets, on the future growth in living standards, and the stability of the global economy and even the world order."

The larger proportion of elderly compared to younger generations is the result of two population trends: declining birth rates and increasing life expectancy. These trends affect every part of the globe, although at different rates.

For example, life expectancy has increased by roughly 40 years during the past century in Europe, and birth rates have fallen to below replacement rates, making Europe the continent

with the highest proportion of elderly.

Developing societies — primarily in Asia, Africa and South America — are younger, but are aging at a faster rate than was historically true for industrialized societies. China, in particular, is aging rapidly because of its "one-child" policy, which has led to unusually small cohorts of children and young adults.

The aging of society poses a variety of challenges to the younger generations that will support and succeed their elders. Chief among these is how to provide appropriate health care for older citizens. Here in the United States, Medicare costs are projected to account for 9 percent of the gross domestic product by 2050. Payroll taxes for Medicare alone would have to quadruple to maintain current coverage levels. Will younger generations be willing to pay the price of sustaining Medicare benefits at the current levels?

Worldwide, the vast majority of health care dollars have traditionally been spent on acute illnesses—medical conditions that either resolve with treatment or lead rapidly to death. But chronic illnesses are increasing at an astounding pace in the United States and other developed countries. These are diseases such as diabetes and heart disease for which cure is an unrealistic goal, but which can be medically managed to

maximize disability-free life.

Developed countries are painfully evolving from acute-care models of health care delivery to chronic care models. But the challenges are even greater in developing countries.

As societies rapidly age, chronic diseases will become the major challenge to the health care systems in the developing world. This puts these countries in the unenviable position of providing medical care for acute conditions and simultaneously developing the resources needed for managing chronic conditions.

What do those resources look like?

The keys to effective chronic care include early detection, consistent medical management as these progressive diseases worsen and interventions that address the needs of the disabled. Because of the long-term nature and the disability that often accompanies chronic illness, more than physician care is needed. The disabled chronically ill also need supportive services such as transportation, help with housework, assistive devices (such as wheelchairs and walkers) and, for the most disabled, full-time custodial care. And, of course, effective and ongoing treatment of chronic illnesses is much more expensive than treatment for acute conditions.

Meeting the needs of an aging population requires a transformation of health care systems designed on acute-care models. An older population is a sicker population. Medical school curricula must be redesigned to focus primarily on chronic illnesses. Health care manpower needs increase—not only the per-capita number of physicians and nurses, but also a wide variety of medical technicians, rehabilitation workers and social workers. Different kinds of equipment are required for hospitals and clinics. Health care financing programs, whether public or private, need to reimburse more, different and likely more expensive services.

Thus, global health is largely an issue of global aging. Improving basic medical care and public health during childhood and early adulthood are important in part because they result in healthier older adults. But preventing and treating chronic illnesses will be the primary global health care priority for decades to come, no matter where in the world you live.

This column first appeared in the Dec. 6 edition of The Chronicle, the daily publication at Duke University.

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Phil Donahue bringing **BODY OF WAR** to campus

By **CASSIE BELEK**
Assistant Scene Editor

Imagine going to Iraq to serve your country, only to be shot in the spine and paralyzed less than a week into duty without having fired a single bullet. Now imagine having your story told in an award-winning documentary co-directed by Phil Donahue.

"Body of War" follows the story of Tomas Young, a 25-year-old Kansas City native, as he returns home, injured, to start a new life with a disability. Throughout his journey, Young becomes a powerful voice of activism against the war in Iraq. The documentary simultaneously follows Young's story and goes back to the debate in Congress leading up to the invasion of Iraq.

Donahue and Young met while Young was recovering in a hospital in Washington, D.C. Young had asked to meet Ralph Nader, who showed up

with long-time friend Donahue. The seeds of the documentary were planted in that first meeting, and the end result was "Body of War."

Donahue will be on campus tonight to introduce both the 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. screenings of the documentary at the Browning Cinema. The 7 p.m. screening also features a question-and-answer session with the former talk show host. Tickets for both screenings are sold out, but Donahue will be present at a public reception outside the cinema that starts around 9 p.m.

"Body of War" has already garnered critical attention. It premiered at the Toronto Film Festival in September, winning runner-up for the People's Choice Award. It also received the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the Hamptons International Film Festival in October, and it is currently in consideration for Academy Award nominations.

Donahue, a 1957 Notre Dame grad-

uate, co-directed the documentary with the award-winning Ellen Spiro. Spiro teaches film at the University of Texas and has directed several documentaries, including "Are the Kids Alright?" and "Roam Sweet Home." Donahue asked Spiro to join the project because she's a one-woman crew, allowing for a more personal and intimate result. Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam also contributed two original songs to the film, inspired by Young — "Long Nights" and "No More."

Donahue is widely considered to be the father of the modern television talk show, paving the way for talk show hosts like Oprah Winfrey. His talk show, "Donahue," ended in 1996 after a 26-year run in national syndication. Donahue wasn't afraid to tackle controversial issues such as abortion, gay rights and AIDS. He also introduced a great deal of the nation to hip-hop and breakdancing in a 1984 episode. The television legend has interviewed leaders from all

over the world, including U.S. presidents, Nelson Mandela and Henry Kissinger.

Browning Cinema Director Jon Vickers said Donahue's documentary "makes no bones about its anti-war message," but even if they don't agree with its politics, students should still come to learn more about a man who has had such an influence on the television landscape.

"I think just coming out for that reason should be a little bit enlightening," Vickers said.

With tickets for tonight already sold out, it is clear that there is not only an interest in Donahue the talk show host, but in Donahue the director as well. Young's story is both heart-breaking and controversial, but it sends a strong message about the ongoing effects of the war in Iraq and gives a face to a debate that has no clear end in sight.

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BRAND NEW EXCELS WITH LATEST ALBUM

By **JAMES COSTA**
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It's been awhile since Brand New came out with an album. Ever since the 2003 release of "Deja Entendu," fans have waited to see what the Long Island quartet would come up with next, wondering if it could match the lyrical and musical levels reached in the band's three

previous indie-label albums.

After a few listens it is clear there is nothing to worry about. "The Devil and God Are Raging Inside Me" is a strong, introspective and pulsing record full of every lyrical twist and scream we've come to expect from Brand New, coupled with a more mature and nuanced look on the world. The sound only serves to make the album the band's strongest yet.

What makes the album so good and appealing is the different approaches to music making and songwriting heard on each track. For example, "Degausser" uses an eerie and slightly creepy choir sound to back frontman and lead singer Jesse Lacey's vocals.

In "Archers," the listener is treated to a

power-pop explosion typical to Brand New, but quite original nonetheless.

On track three, "Jesus Christ," the experiences of life on the road and the torments that plague Lacey first appear on the record. At first, it's hard to tell whether he's using the phrase "Jesus Christ" as a curse or a prayer. But it becomes clear that the song is a four-minute prayer wrapped in a polished rock ballad, emo expression unique to Brand New. The song is riveting because it is sexy yet fragile, hopeless yet bold. Similar to "Me Vs. Madonna Vs. Elvis," it's the type of song that made "Deja Entendu" so appealing, yet it makes the embittered life perspective seem fresh and new.

It's important to note that it's not like Brand New has turned a completely new corner. But it's not like the band has to, or needs to, either. It's making the same music it has for years, full of tear dripped and sweating textures, anguished appeals to lost lovers and friends,

and faux intellectualism laced with aching drama.

What is best about the album is that not every song digresses into screaming and yelling after a minute and a half. So many similar bands go from soft to mad screaming, and after about seven years of hearing it, listeners have begun to appreciate bands that start songs soft and keep them soft until the next track begins. Yes, "The Devil And God Are Raging Inside Me" does employ the same tried technique. However, many tracks stay mellow, and it's a treat to aging ears to not have to ring in pain just to get through the songs.

"The Devil and God" brings Brand New to new heights. It improves upon the benchmarks set in the band's three previous and very good albums, delivering the listener to a realm that is distinctly Brand New, and yet still innovative. This rocking album will add depth to Brand New's current tour.

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The Devil and God are Raging Inside Me Brand New

Label: Interscope Records

Recommended Tracks: "Jesus Christ," "Degausser," "Archers"



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Ashworth's "Downtown" needs refinement and direction

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

If the Indianapolis-based band Ashworth was trying to choose between rock and acoustic guitar on its latest album, "Downtown," it seems to be suffering from a crisis of indecision.

"Downtown" is an album that teeters between a low-key, almost Dispatchesque acoustic style and an angrier, rock 'n' roll sound. For a stronger band, these differences might have led to a successful, unified album. Unfortunately for Ashworth, "Downtown" is neither. While some of the album's acoustic tracks are decent, they feel incompatible with the other, rougher songs. The two styles could use some refining to mesh better on Ashworth's next release.

The album is not without its merits, however. Several songs are catchy and well written. It is too bad that the rest of "Downtown" does not follow suit.

Drummer Brian Meyers, bassist Cory Carleton and violinist Nathan Klatt join lead singer Adam Nevins to form the Indy-bred group. Nevins' vocals vary between that hoarse kind of whine normally characteristic of Nickelback or Daughtry, and a softer sound on tracks like "So Aware."

It is true that "Downtown" suffers from stylistic overextension. Where there is violin in one track, there is a weird techno-type noise in another. Both the title track and "Fine and Sultry" feel too much like Dave Matthews Band to make sense with anything else.

What makes it an interesting album from a Billboard standpoint, though, is when it toys with Christian themes. If you are vehemently opposed to the words "Christian" and "rock" being next to each other in a sentence, skip over "Downtown." At times Ashworth feels

like a watered-down Mercy Me or Casting Crowns, but without either of those bands' level of craftsmanship. While it is far from being an overt worship and praise album, songs like "My Ring," which talks about marriage and prayer, are definitely not mainstream pop-rock. "This I know, I know to be true/ When I was twelve, I was praying for you" isn't exactly Britney Spears's "Gimme More." If, like George Michael, "you gotta have faith," you may like Ashworth's occasional affinity for the almighty.

The album opens with "I Miss You," one of Ashworth's more rock 'n' roll-style tracks. "I wanna be with you till the day I die/ I wanna be with you all the days of my life," Nevins croons. It's too bad for Nevin and Co., though, that the song's lyrics feel tired and predictable. Sure, there is something to be said for simplicity in lyricism. But Ashworth's brand of straightforward songwriting borders on the unoriginal, in particular on "I Miss You."

"Tell Me All" is an innocuous little ditty that wisely plays up Ashworth's acoustic tendencies with just a hint of electric guitar. The bridge consists of Nevins asking "love, come down," and here, the Christian themes work well. If "Downtown" kept this up with the rest of its tracks, it would be a much more solid album than it actually is.

The strongest song on the album is "So Aware," which gets Nevins' vocal style and the guitar work just right. Even if lines like "She dropped into my life like a happiness bomb" are borderline ridiculous, they are more excusable once you hear the song's sweet and catchy chorus. "Refine Me" also has good rhythm and a solid melody.

Ashworth is definitely a product of the Myspace generation of music artists. While the band doesn't have an actual Myspace page, its Web site functions like one. On its site, the band emphasizes its desire to stay at a grassroots level and not buy into the corporate music machine. This is an admirable aim in a time when artists can seem more prepackaged than Spam, but it's up to Ashworth to refine its strengths on whatever comes after the mediocre "Downtown."

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THE HIVES BLINDSIDE AUDIENCE WITH MEMORABLE RECORD

By RYAN RAFFIN
Scene Writer

The Hives are the world's biggest rock and roll band. Or so lead singer Howlin' Pelle Almqvist has claimed the past several years, his bravado backed by fired-up garage rock. Their biggest hit came five years ago with "Veni Vidi Vicious" and the impossibly catchy single "Hate To Say I Told You So," but not since then have the Hives seen anywhere near that kind of success.

2004's "Tyrannosaurus Hives" was an excellent album, but lacked the immediacy of "Veni"; album sales reflected that. So in 2007, the Hives are in an odd place: pressured by their label to make the new album a hit at the risk of fading into obscurity. In other words, things haven't gone according to plan, because the Hives aren't the world's biggest rock band.

If there is any justice in the world, "The Black and White Album" will change the Hives' fortunes. The ambition that was always present for the band is still here — look only to the title, which references both the Beatles and Metallica. Better yet, the music backs up the ambition, presenting the group's most melodic and catchy effort yet. First single "Tick Tick Boom" kicks the album off in an explosive manner; you may have heard it in a recent Nike commercial.

The album doesn't let up from there, staying fast paced and loud, but with newfound melodic sensibilities. Nearly every song on this album could be a single, with the exception of the instrumental "A Stroll Through Hive Manor Corridors." It's that catchy. Between the speedy "You Got It All...Wrong," the hilariously written "Return the

Favour," and the bouncy "You Dress Up For Armageddon," it will be unfair if this album sells less than a million copies.

The Hives have always been a band that knew not to mess with their signature sound too much. As a group that plays garage rock, a genre that essentially has not changed since its inception in the 1960s, a huge departure in sound would leave a lot of fans scratching their heads. Not a lot of things can be done with the formula, but the Hives stretch their sound to its absolute limit. The production is cleaned up and given a pop sheen, keyboards make appearances, and there are shades of disco-esque dance beats on "Well All Right!" and "T.H.E.H.I.V.E.S." Thank co-producer Pharrell Williams for the intriguing glimpse of what would happen if the Hives suddenly decided to become Franz Ferdinand.

The weakest song here is "Giddy Up!" which offers advice to couples with relationship problems in a rather repetitive manner (hint: the horse riding theme is a metaphor). Even this song is still good; it just happens to be only good, while the other songs all range from very good to stellar.

The lyrics are a notch better than usual; this may be the best writing of the Hives' career. Whether it's referencing Pavlov's Dog, Samson and Delilah, Muhammad Ali or simply declaring the outright greatness of the Hives, the lyrics combine thought-provoking and uproarious. For a rock band in today's scene, that's a pretty big accomplishment.

All the Hives want is your ear for 48 minutes. So when Pelle Almqvist announces, "Look out!" at the beginning of album closer "Bigger Hole To Fill," it's a warning that comes far too late. If the listener had been warned earlier, he would have known to expect an amazing and memorable rock 'n' roll album with near-brilliant lyrics that also never forgets to be fun. The Hives have blindsided everyone with a truly great record and, for once, getting caught unaware is a good thing.

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Downtown

Ashworth

Label: Denim Records

Recommended Tracks: "So Aware," "Refine Me," "Tell Me All"



The Black and White Album

The Hives

Label: Universal

Recommended Tracks: "You Got It All...Wrong," "Hey, Little World," "Return the Favour," "You Dress Up for Armageddon"



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BARAKA BOUTS

Freshman Cara Norton upsets senior captain

"Squeegee" Low takes bout with unanimous ruling; Cimino beats Elizondo; Erinn Mullee wins shootout in last fight of night

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

Cara "Boomer" Norton def. Emily "The Raging Rhino" Rhatican

Freshman Cara "Boomer" Norton from Pasquerilla East defeated senior Emily "The Raging Rhino" Rhatican in a 2-1 split decision. While Rhatican was older and more experienced, Norton's ability to endure the senior's blows, and respond, harder, with punches of her own was the deciding factor.

"Going up against a senior captain, that was probably the hardest thing in my life," Norton said. "I just had to make sure I didn't back down, and kept my hands up. It was a tough fight."

Early on in the fight, the two women seemed to be evenly matched, trading punch for punch. However near the end of the first round, the freshman began to pick up momentum, and from the beginning of the second round, Norton and her strong jab-hook combos proved to be too much for Rhatican.

Cigi "The Squeegee" Low def. Lauren "Strong Island" Cummings

Senior southpaw Cigi "The Squeegee" Low pressed hard and took control of the fight early, as ferocious combos, featuring quick right jabs and powerful left hooks kept Cummings on the ropes. What was most impressive with Low's game was her ability to move well and set up her punches — there was barely a single wasted jab or hook. Her patience and solid ducking ability gave her great opportunities to strike. Later on in the fight, however, Cummings showed some life and the possibility of a comeback.

"When she came out in that last round, I was pretty much thinking just stay out of the way and don't get hit," Low said. "That's the name of the game." The senior kept her hands up

well into the third round and used her elusiveness and patience to ultimately defeat Cummings, the judges ruling unanimously in her favor.

Megan Cimino def. Maria Paula "Tequila Hummingbird" Elizondo

Both fighters showed talent and moved well around the ring, bobbing and weaving, constantly looking for opportunities. The relentless attacks, however, and ferocious speed of Cimino, a senior, proved to be too much for Elizondo.

While Elizondo made strides in the second round, overcoming the timidity that held her back in the first, Cimino's stamina eliminated any chance of a comeback as she threw as many punches, as fast, until the last bell of the third round. The senior's tenacity was rewarded with a unanimous victory.

"It was fun," Cimino said. "I didn't really have a plan, I just wanted to go in there and do my best."

Kayla "The Texan Terror" Bishop def. Kristin "Burkalicious" Burke

Freshman Kayla "The Texan Terror" Bishop defeated sophomore Kristin "Burkalicious" Burke in an even match. Both Burke's and Bishop's feet were quick, and both women maneuvered around the ring well. However, the beginning of the second round proved to be the difference.

"When I came out in the second, I just tried to be more aggressive," Bishop said. "But, I made sure my defense stayed up also, and not be too

overanxious." Once the second-round bell rang, the "Texan Terror" used her reach advantage more effectively, keeping distance between her and Burke, while constantly attacking from an unreachable position. By keeping her arms to the inside, punching efficiently in a straight line, she forced the sophomore to punch outside, which ultimately turned the



Senior Catherine Crawford tries to find a point of attack against senior Jen Leong, who won the contest, Thursday at the Baraka Bouts tournament.

fight as Burke left herself exposed when she attempted to attack around Bishop's guard instead of through it.

Nicole "The Silver Bullet" Koors def. Rebecca "The Claw" Neville

Fight 20: The 20th match of the night featured junior Nicole "The Silver Bullet" Koors and sophomore Rebecca "The Claw" Neville. The bout proved to be a back and forth battle, as junior Nicole "The Silver Bullet" Koors started off strong, using her reach and keeping her distance while maintaining pressure on sophomore Rebecca "The Claw" Neville. However "The Claw" finished the first round strong, unleashing a barrage of jabs and hooks before the bell sounded, evening up the score.

"I knew that it was going to be a really good fight. We're really good friends and we've sparred a lot against each other," Koors said. "And coming out in the second and third rounds I knew I had to be the first one to throw a punch or I wasn't going to win it."

"The Silver Bullet" stood by those words, as she came out swinging in the final two rounds. She danced effectively around the ring, avoiding many of the sophomore's punches, and attacked fiercely when the

opportunities presented themselves. Despite Neville's strong showing to close the third round, Koors' efforts culminated in a split decision victory.

Sarah "Sunshine" Davidson def. Jen "And Juice" Malherek

Senior Sarah "Sunshine" Davidson came out of the gate on the attack, and put on a clinic for three rounds. Her quick moving feet, perpetually moving head and body, and fierce southpaw hook simply overmatched anything sophomore Jen "And Juice" Malherek could muster in defense.

"I just wanted to keep hitting until the fight ended," Davidson said. "I wanted to win, I didn't want to get tired in the middle of the fight, and I wanted to finish strong."

Malherek could not keep her punches straight and kept wandering to the outside, as Davidson's lefty position seemed to throw her off. When she seemed to tire in the third and could not keep her hands up effectively, it was all over as "Sunshine" was still packing heat until the very end.

Erinn "Yeah ... I Sting Like a Bee" Mullee def. Elyse "2 on 1" Hoffman

In what proved to be one of the most exciting bouts of the

night, junior southpaw Erinn "Yeah...I Sting Like a Bee" Mullee pulled off a victory in a mesmerizing shootout with sophomore Elyse "2 on 1" Hoffman. From the minute the opening bell sounded, the fans were all on their feet as both fighters dealt each other ferocious combos, neither of them backing down for one second. Early on, Hoffman turned her opponent around a few times, causing stoppages in the match and garnering a small edge at the end of the 1st.

"I had absolutely no idea it was going to be like that," Mullee said. "I really had to work for it. I had everyone in my corner cheering for me, and gave me the pick-me-up I needed in the middle of the match"

The repeated chant of "Erinn, Erinn" from her fans certainly inspired the boxer, as she came out even harder in the second round, landing solid hook after solid hook. Hoffman certainly did not lay down and die, however, as she adapted well to the different angle shown when fighting a lefty, and kept it close until the very end. However when the dust finally settled, Mullee emerged victorious in the last match of the night.

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Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Boston	15-2	.882	9-0	6-2
Toronto	10-9	.526	6-5	4-4
New Jersey	9-10	.474	4-7	5-3
New York	6-11	.353	5-4	1-7
Philadelphia	5-13	.278	3-7	2-6

Central Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Detroit	13-5	.722	6-1	7-4
Indiana	9-10	.474	4-6	5-4
Milwaukee	8-9	.471	6-2	2-7
Cleveland	9-11	.450	4-4	5-7
Chicago	5-11	.313	3-4	2-7

Southeast Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Orlando	16-4	.800	5-2	11-2
Washington	9-9	.500	5-3	4-6
Atlanta	8-10	.444	5-5	3-5
Charlotte	6-11	.353	5-5	1-6
Miami	4-13	.235	2-6	2-7

Northwest Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Utah	13-6	.684	8-1	5-5
Denver	11-8	.579	8-3	3-5
Portland	6-12	.333	5-3	1-9
Seattle	4-15	.211	2-8	2-7
Minnesota	2-15	.118	1-8	1-7

Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Phoenix	15-4	.789	6-2	9-2
LA Lakers	11-8	.579	6-4	5-4
Golden State	10-8	.556	4-5	6-3
Sacramento	7-10	.412	7-3	0-7
LA Clippers	6-11	.353	4-6	2-5

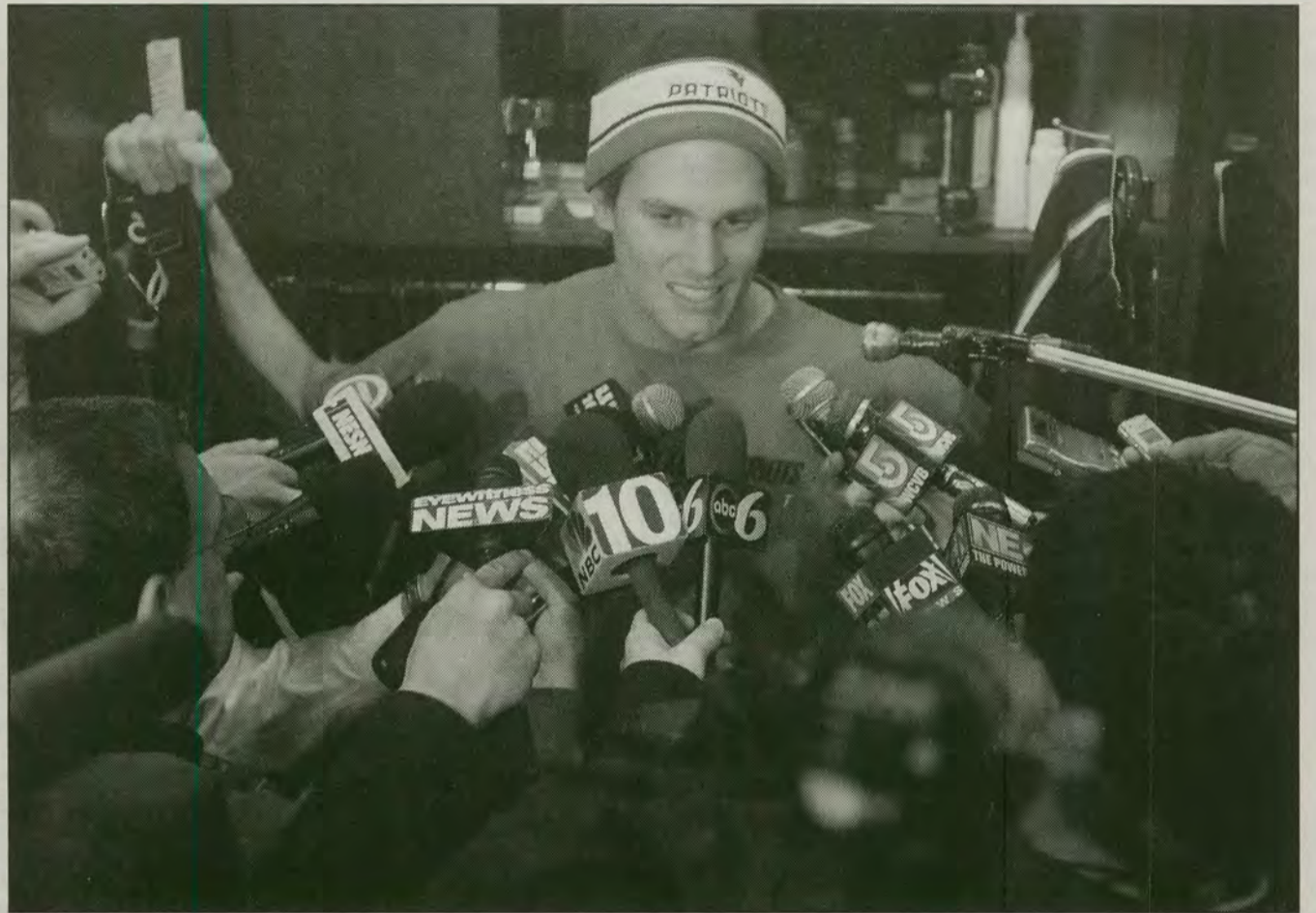
Southwest Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
San Antonio	16-3	.842	11-0	5-3
New Orleans	12-7	.632	4-5	8-2
Dallas	12-7	.632	8-1	4-6
Houston	10-9	.526	5-3	5-6
Memphis	6-12	.333	4-5	2-7

Men's Basketball AP Top 25

team	record	points
1 North Carolina (46)	7-0	1,770
2 Memphis (21)	6-0	1,716
3 Kansas (2)	7-0	1,632
4 Texas (2)	7-0	1,548
5 Georgetown (1)	5-0	1,529
6 Duke	8-0	1,422
7 UCLA	7-1	1,370
8 Washington State	7-0	1,355
9 Michigan State	6-1	1,093
10 Tennessee	7-1	1,004
11 Marquette	5-1	959
12 Pittsburgh	7-0	928
13 Butler	7-0	892
14 Louisville	5-1	878
15 Indiana	6-1	811
16 Texas A&M	7-1	781
17 Gonzaga	7-1	574
18 Clemson	7-0	570
19 Oregon	6-1	556
20 BYU	6-1	371
21 Xavier	6-1	338
22 Arizona	6-1	224
23 Vanderbilt	7-0	173
24 USC	6-2	161
25 Villanova	5-1	152

NFL



Patriots quarterback Tom Brady answers questions from reporters Thursday at the team's practice facility in Foxborough. On Sunday, the Patriots will face the Steelers, whose Anthony Smith guaranteed a Pittsburgh victory.

Patriots ignore guarantee from Steelers' DB

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots have their own guarantee: They'd never guarantee a victory like Pittsburgh's Anthony Smith did.

Some of them can't even guarantee they'd recognize him.

"I know Aaron Smith," Patriots defensive end Ty Warren said Thursday. "I don't know Anthony Smith."

Aaron Smith is in his ninth season with the Steelers, a standout defensive end who made the 2005 Pro Bowl and will be pressuring Tom Brady on Sunday when the NFL's best team meets the league's top-rated defense.

Anthony Smith is a free safety in his second pro

season and starting only because Ryan Clark's season ended in late October with an inflamed spleen that was removed last month.

"I didn't know who he was until we started preparing for them," Tom Brady said.

Some background: Smith is a third-round draft choice from Syracuse. He started four of the 16 games he played last season and had two interceptions. This year he's started the last six games, has one interception and is sixth on the Steelers in tackles.

He's also the guy who may be too sure of himself.

"We're going to win," he said Wednesday. "Yeah, I can guarantee a win. As long as we come out and do what we got to do. Both

sides of the ball are rolling, and if our special teams come through for us, we've got a good chance to win."

Any Patriots player who said that would be guaranteed one thing: sharp tongue-lashings from his teammates and coach Bill Belichick.

"That wouldn't happen in this locker room. It just wouldn't," Junior Seau said. "We won't allow it. We don't talk. What we try to do is just work every day and build for tomorrow. That's all we do."

He knows teams could use such pronouncements as bulletin-board material to provide extra motivation.

But Belichick suggested that wasn't part of his pregame plan.

"We can sit around and

put a bunch of stuff up on a board and write stuff down on paper and all of that," he said. "I think in the end it comes down to whether you can outplay the other team on Sunday or not outplay them. On a priority basis, that's what our priority is, trying to prepare well and play well."

As usual, his attitude was the players' attitude. They reacted calmly to Smith's remarks.

Linebacker Mike Vrabel: "I don't think that prediction's going to have much bearing on the outcome."

Running back Heath Evans: "I don't see why anyone's comments outside of our head coaches and our position coaches should affect how we do things."

IN BRIEF

Bonds to make first court appearance today

SAN FRANCISCO — From Patty Hearst to the Jonestown Massacre, the Phillip Burton Federal Building here has hosted its share of high-profile trials over the years. But they may all pale in comparison to the spectacle of the Barry Bonds perjury case.

More than 200 journalists and members of the public are expected to crowd the courtroom and a second overflow room Friday for a brief hearing that marks the home run king's first public appearance since he was indicted Nov. 15 on four counts of perjury and one of obstruction of justice. The charges could mean prison time if Bonds is convicted.

In an attempt to corral the horde, the court has taken the rare step of bringing the judges to Bonds rather than requiring him to appear in two courtrooms, as is often the case with routine initial appearances by criminal defendants.

Wake Forest's Grobe to stay put despite Arkansas rumor

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — First basketball, now football. Another coach has spurned Arkansas.

Wake Forest's Jim Grobe was the latest to turn down the Razorbacks after he appeared to be headed to Fayetteville. The Razorback Foundation, a private fundraising arm for the University of Arkansas, had actually approved a salary supplement for the Wake Forest coach, but Grobe was still with the Demon Deacons on Thursday.

Before starting practice, some Wake Forest players cheered "Sooie!" — a reference to Arkansas' famous "Pig Sooie" cheer.

"I think Arkansas's a great place," said Grobe, who would've replaced Houston Nutt at Arkansas. "I wish them a lot of luck, I think it's a great opportunity for somebody, but I just felt like this was the best opportunity for me right here."

Dodgers reach preliminary agreement with Jones

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Andruw Jones is following Joe Torre to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Gold Glove center fielder and the Dodgers reached a preliminary agreement Wednesday night on a \$36.2 million, two-year contract that gives him the fifth-highest average salary in the major leagues.

Jones, the former Atlanta star who has won 10 straight Gold Gloves, is coming off one of the worst offensive seasons of his career. But if he rebounds, he could give the Dodgers a desperately needed boost in the middle of the lineup. He must pass a physical for the deal to be completed, a person familiar with the negotiations said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

A five-time All-Star, Jones will receive a \$12.2 million signing bonus.

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NBA

Chicago at Detroit
7 p.m., ESPN

Utah at San Antonio
9:30 p.m., ESPN

MLB

Guillen, Gibbons suspended for use of HGH

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jose Guillen and Jay Gibbons were suspended Thursday for the first 15 days of next season for violating baseball's drug policy, an indication how the sport might treat players named in the Mitchell steroids investigation.

Guillen and Gibbons were accused in media reports of receiving human growth hormone after January 2005, when it was banned by baseball.

Gary Matthews Jr., Rick Ankiel, Troy Glaus and Scott Schoeneweis also were linked to HGH, but baseball decided there was "insufficient evidence" to determine they committed a doping violation. They were accused of receiving performance-enhancing drugs before 2005.

Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell was hired by baseball commissioner Bud Selig in March 2006 to investigate drugs in baseball, and his report is to be released by the end of the month.

Guillen instructed the players' association to file a grievance, which would be decided by an arbitrator. Gibbons will not challenge his penalty.

Earlier in the day, Guillen and Kansas City finalized their \$36 million, three-year contract.

"We signed Jose knowing that was a possibility," Royals general manager Dayton Moore said of the free-agent outfielder. "While my initial reaction is one of disappointment, I am thoroughly convinced that Jose will put this behind him and we

collectively support him as he begins a new chapter in his baseball life."

Gibbons accepted responsibility and apologized.

"I am deeply sorry for the mistakes that I have made. I have no excuses and bare sole responsibility for my decisions," the Baltimore outfielder said. "Years ago, I relied on the advice of a doctor, filled a prescription, charged the HGH, which is a medication, to my credit card and had only intended to help speed my recovery from my injuries and surgeries."

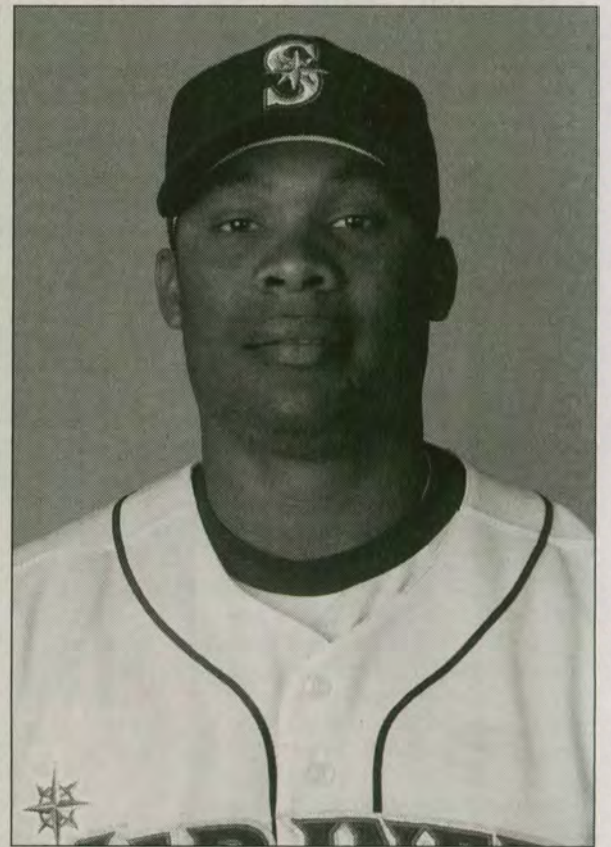
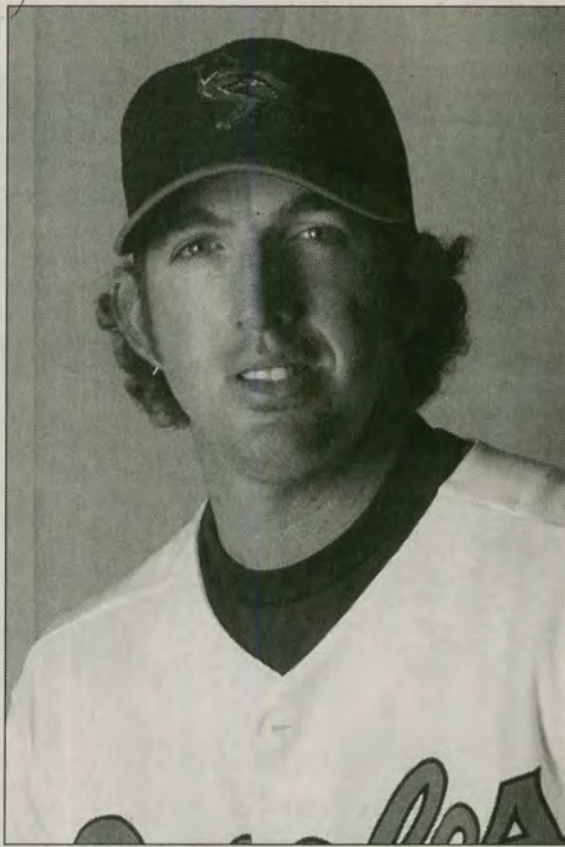
The 15-day penalties match what a second offense would have drawn under 2003-04 rules. Current rules call for a 50-game suspension for a first offense, a 100-game penalty for a second and a lifetime ban for a third.

"Jay has acknowledged his mistake, and we appreciate his willingness to accept the consequences," Orioles president of baseball operations Andy MacPhail said.

Cleveland pitcher Paul Byrd was linked by the San Francisco Chronicle to purchases of HGH between August 2002 and January 2005. Byrd, who has not yet been interviewed by the commissioner's office, said he took it for a medical condition and did so under a doctor's supervision.

"Other open investigations should be completed shortly," MLB said in a statement.

The six players whose cases were resolved Thursday met with baseball officials after media reports that their names surfaced in a national drug investigation by the district



Left, Baltimore's Jay Gibbons and right, Kansas City's Jose Guillen, recently traded from Seattle, were each suspended Thursday for the first 15 games of the next season for violating the MLB's drug policy.

attorney in Albany, N.Y.

The Chronicle reported last month that Guillen bought human growth hormone, two types of testosterone and the steroids stanozolol and nandrolone between May 2002 and June 2005.

Gibbons got six shipments of Genotropin (a brand name for synthetic human growth hormone), two shipments of testosterone and two shipments of human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG) between October 2003 and July 2005, SI.com said in

September.

Ankiel, a St. Louis outfielder, admitted he used HGH in 2004. The New York Daily News reported he received eight shipments of prescription HGH that year. Schoeneweis, a reliever on the New York Mets, received six shipments of steroids in 2003 and 2004, ESPN.com reported.

"We're obviously pleased," said Scott Boras, the agent for Ankiel and Schoeneweis. "As we had said before with each of these players, they had not vio-

lated any baseball rule or any state or federal law."

Glaus, a Toronto third baseman, received multiple shipments of nandrolone and testosterone between September 2003 and May 2004, SI.com reported. His representative, Mike Nicotera, did not return a call seeking comment.

Matthews, a Los Angeles Angels outfielder, received Genotropin in August 2004, according to SI.com. His agent, Scott Leventhal, declined comment.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Miles signs five-year extension, stays at LSU

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU head football coach Les Miles signed a contract extension Thursday to keep him at the university through 2012 and end speculation that Miles might leave for a job at the University of Michigan.

"I'm thrilled to be here. I'm thrilled to be LSU's head coach. I'm thrilled to be on the campus," Miles told the LSU Board of Supervisors before signing the deal.

"I look forward to many years as the LSU head coach," he added.

The contract extension requires approval of the full governing board, which is expected to be a formality when the board meets Friday. The board's athletic committee approved the extension Thursday with nearly all board members present.

The agreement doesn't change Miles' salary, which will already rise to at least \$2.8 million annually based on LSU's Southeastern Conference championship this year. An SEC championship win requires Miles' salary to be at least the third highest in the conference.

If LSU wins the national championship, the contract provides Miles would become among the nation's top-earning college football coaches, no less than the third highest-paid. University officials estimate that would put his annual earnings between \$3.2 million and \$3.5 million — but that could grow depending on contract negotiations with other coaches around the country.

LSU (11-2) faces Ohio State (11-1) in the Allstate BCS Championship Game on Jan. 7 at the Louisiana Superdome.

Just before his team played Tennessee in the SEC championship game on Dec. 1, Miles effectively stopped predictions he would bolt Baton Rouge for Michigan, announcing his intention to remain at LSU. Wolverines coach Lloyd Carr announced his retirement in November.

Miles wouldn't talk about the speculation that had dogged him for the past weeks about a return to Michigan, where he played, worked as an assistant coach and met his wife.

LSU officials praised Miles' coaching, his straightforwardness and his integrity.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame prepares for Purdue

Coach McGraw doesn't want to overlook struggling Boilermakers

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Purdue's advance to last year's Elite 8 is now a distant memory for the struggling Boilermakers, but it doesn't foretell an easy win, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said about Saturday's road matchup.

"I think that if you look at their losses, they've lost to some high quality teams," McGraw said. "So I don't you can look at their record and say that they're struggling because they're only losing to teams in the top 25."

The Boilermakers (4-4), who fell to North Carolina in the Elite 8 of the 2007 NCAA Tournament, have had a tough start to the season. After two wins, Purdue dropped its next four, including a 0-3 performance at the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam tournament.

McGraw said the Boilermakers present some tough matchup problems defensively for the No. 16 Irish, especially Purdue's top two scorers — guard Lakisha Freeman and center Danielle Campbell.

Freeman leads the Boilermakers with 14.1 of her team's 56.9 points per game.

"Freeman's been playing really well. She's kind of a tough matchup for us. She's a really athletic player, scores a lot in transition. She's going to give us problems," McGraw said.

But Freeman's game suffers in some aspects. The redshirt junior has only four assists to go with her 21 turnovers and only grabs 3.7 rebounds per game.

Campbell has been a dominant presence in the paint for Purdue so far this season, with 8.6 boards per game and 20 blocks already this season.

"Campbell is very good on the block. She's a little quicker than we are," McGraw said. "There's probably something on everyone on their team that concerns me, but those are the main two."

Going into the matchup with Purdue, McGraw said her team needs to improve its defense significantly from its 86-84 overtime win at Bowling Green Wednesday night.

McGraw said she was "not too happy" with the defense against Bowling Green, but that much of the problem stemmed from inexperience.



Irish senior guard Tulyah Gaines drives through the Michigan defense in a 77-46 win over the Wolverines Sunday.

"I think a lot of it was freshman mistakes. [Freshman forward] Devereaux [Peters] was picked on a little bit and I think we can help that," she said. "I think we can fix it pretty easily. I think we just have to see it on film and show them what they have to do."

One positive McGraw took from the Bowling Green win was the confidence it gave her team.

"To be in that situation I thought was great experience," she said. "Just to be in a game

like that on the road with a great crowd, loud, everything you could want — you really learn a lot about your team."

"We learned a couple things defensively. We're not good at defending, how can we get better and offensively we did great things."

Notre Dame finishes its two-game road trip Saturday when it takes on Purdue at 4 p.m.

Notes

◆ Despite its 7-1 record, Notre Dame has had only the third best start in the Big East this season. No. 2 Connecticut and No. 15 DePaul are both 7-0, and No. 13 West Virginia and Villanova are also 7-1.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Tri-State looms next for Saint Mary's in MIAA



Belles point guard Alison Kessler drives past an Albion defender in a 72-69 overtime loss last January.

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After a home-opening loss Wednesday night to rival Calvin, Saint Mary's travels to Tri-State University on Saturday to play the Thunder (3-4) in their second MIAA conference game.

The Belles (2-4) beat Tri-State twice last season, 83-79 and 83-66, with junior Erin Newsom scoring 30 points and 11 rebounds in their second matchup.

"We have really stopped thinking about the game against Calvin and we are now focusing on Tri-State," senior guard Alison Kessler said. "We are excited to play again against another good opponent and really step up our performance. As a team, we need to become more consistent to be a top team in the conference. Tri-State is a good team and we are expecting to face a challenge." The Belles will have to be

wary of Tri-State's 5-foot-9 guard Sarah Howe. Last season Howe averaged 13.6 points and 7.0 rebounds per game to lead her team. This year, she averages 19.5 points per game. Howe, however, was not able to lead her team to a winning season last winter as Tri-State ended with a 6-19 record.

Tri-State is averaging 66.9 points per game compared to the Belles' 64.2 per game. Saint Mary's has averaged 39.9 percent from the floor, giving the Belles an advantage over Tri-State's 35.4 percent. The Belles have also shot 71.8 percent in their free throw attempts and posted 27.8 percent from beyond the arc.

Kessler is averaging 15.5 points per game with 5.5 rebounds. Newsom is second behind Kessler, averaging 11.5 points with 9.8 rebounds, while sophomore Anna Kamrath tallies 10.5 points and 7.7 rebounds per game.

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Alison Kessler
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ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Beltran brought in to aid Irish throws

Marquette and DePaul to compete at Blue and Gold today in Loftus

By ALEX BARKER & ANDY ZICCARRELLI
Sports Writers

Irish assistant coach Tim Connelly, whose Notre Dame team finished second in last year's Big East Indoor meet and won in 2002 and 2006, brought in a new assistant this year to help the Irish regain the crown — throws coach Adam Beltran.

Beltran, who came to Notre Dame from St. Francis University in Pennsylvania, will help coach the Irish in their annual Blue and Gold Invitational against DePaul and Marquette today. Throwers under Beltran at St. Francis won 20 Northeast Conference titles in throws events.

"He is a great teacher. The kids respond really well to him," Connelly said. "The results have been very positive with him, and the kids are excited to have him here."

Junior Anna Weber is the top returning thrower for Notre Dame. Last year, she set two school records, one in the weight throw at the Big East Indoor championships, and one in the hammer throw in the Outdoor championships.

For the distance races, two-time cross country All-America senior Sunni Olding will lead the Irish after sitting out the 2007 season with an injury. She will try to fill the void left by 10-time All-

America Molly Huddle. Sophomore Lindsey Ferguson will also be counted on to step up after she established a new school record in the 3000-meter steeplechase last year and finished third in the Big East conference meet.

In addition to the returning runners, the Irish will look for freshman Marissa Treece, who won two high school national track titles in the 5000 meter run, to carry some of the load.

"She is a talented kid who had an outstanding senior high school season," Connelly said of Treece.

Unfortunately for the Irish, many of the distance runners are suffering from injury or illness from fall training. Both Olding and Treece have been plagued by injury or illness during the fall, and it could be as long as February before either one is back in top condition.

"Hopefully they can both get back to full health and be contributors soon," Connelly said. The Irish will have to turn to youth in the sprint events. After losing seniors Maryann Erigha and Okechi Ogbuokiri, only sophomore Joanna Schultz and senior Chrysta Swayzer

return. Freshmen Natalie Johnson, from Inglewood, Ariz., and Kali Watkins from Newport News, Va., will be counted on heavily to make contributions. Watkins was a high school All-American in the 60-meter hurdles.

Junior Mary Saxer will return to compete in the pole vault. She is the current Notre Dame record holder for the event with a high of 13-3 1/2 inches and is a two-time All-Big East performer.

Connelly sees this meet as a measuring stick for his athletes before they head home for winter break.

"The first meet is used to see where we are at. It gives our jumpers, throwers and runners a chance to compete," he said. "They have been training since September, and it will be nice to see where they are at before they leave for finals and take a break from training."

No matter what happens Friday, however, the Irish have bigger goals for the future, Connelly said. "There are three months until the Big East meet and that is what we are most concerned about."

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"[Adam Beltran] is a great teacher. The kids respond really well to him. The results have been very positive with him, and the kids are excited to have him here."

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ND MEN'S TRACK

Season kicks off with invitational

Head coach looks to build on past successes

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

After a 2006-07 campaign that saw Notre Dame capture its third Big East indoor title in the past five years, the Irish start their new season tonight at the Blue and Gold Invitational in the Loftus Center.

Head coach Joe Plane is hopeful his team can perform at the same level this season.

"I think we should be equally as good. We lost a few kids but we brought a few in," he said. "I think we're going to have a very solid track team across the board."

The team plans to build on the talent and skill it retains from last season.

For sprints, sophomore Balasz Molnar already made it into the record books as a freshman, running 13 separate top-10 times in Notre Dame's history in the 400-meter hurdles, 500, and 400 relays.

The Irish also have many key runners in middle distance, especially senior Adam Currie, who took Big East honors in the 1,000 last year. Currie also had a share in the fourth-place 800 all-Big East relay team, along with senior Brett Adams, senior John Cavanaugh, and graduate Tom Channey.

In the distance events, Notre Dame looks to senior Kurt Benninger and sophomore Jake Watson, who are both running sub four-minute miles, to lead the pack this season.

The team is also relying on its long and triple jumper, Eric Quick, who earned Big East honors last year as a freshman, jumping 6.62 m (21-8 ?) during the indoor season.

Returning solid talent from a wide variety of events, the Irish are eager to show how much progress has been made from last year, Plane said.

"All the sprinters and field event people have been training since September," Plane said. "Distance kids are in a down period since cross country ended. As far as I know we're pretty healthy which is always key."

Tonight's meet with DePaul will be run intersquad, which means the teams are competing for times, but not against each other. Any times recorded at the meet that are fast enough can count as qualifying times for the Big East conference meet.

"Last year, we had 40 qualifying marks," Plane said.

The invitational begins tonight at 5 p.m.

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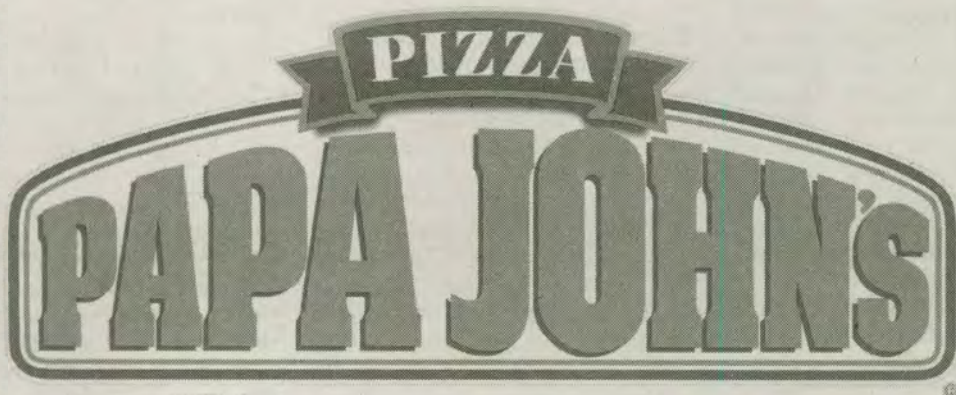


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Bouts

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Laura "Lil' Laura" Okonokhua def. Sarah "Make it Rain" Layne

In the opening fight, sophomore Laura "Lil' Laura" Okonokhua took it to junior Sarah "Make it Rain" Layne in a unanimous decision.

From the opening bell, it was obvious that the two fighters had very different strategies in mind. Layne employed mostly jabs and body shots, though she did land a few critical blows to the head. Okonokhua, on the other hand, seemed to be only aiming for Layne's head. This paid dividends as early in the second round the fight had to be stopped because Layne's nose began to bleed.

Toward the end of the second round, after suffering numerous hooks to the head, Layne took an eight count from the referee before continuing the fight. After the restart, the fight continued its previous pattern, with Okonokhua landing blow after blow to the head until the judges ruled unanimously in her favor.

Anna Dwyer def. Jackie "The Black Knight" Sheridan

Freshman Anna Dwyer won the second fight of the evening, defeating junior Jackie "The Black Knight" Sheridan by unanimous decision.

Sheridan came out in the first round employing a combination

of quick jabs and sweeping hooks. But Dwyer went entirely on the offensive, landing several hard shots to the head.

After a fairly even first round, Sheridan entered the second round with a change of strategy, peppering Dwyer with a flurry of punches very early in the round. Dwyer took advantage of Sheridan's lack of defense by continuing to unload hooks to her opponent's head. Sheridan's nose started bleeding just a few seconds before the end of the second round.

About a minute into the third round, Sheridan knocked Dwyer to the floor, and looked to be making a late rally. After a brief restart, however, Dwyer found a second wind and hit Sheridan with several blows to the head, securing her unanimous victory.

Jenna "The Hebrew Hammer" Zigman def. Lauren "The Polacca Punishment" Kopsky

In the third round, junior Lauren "The Polacca Punishment" Kopsky took too many punches early and fell to a junior from Walsh Hall, Jenna "The Hebrew Hammer" Zigman in a unanimous decision.

Sarah "This Is My First Time" Burch def. Keaton "The Beast" Van Beveran

It may have been her first bout, but Clearwater, Kansas's junior Sarah "This is My First Time" Burch fought her way to a win over Pasquerilla West's Keaton "The Beast" Van Beveran. Burch showed the

moxie of a veteran, taking punches and responding with a flurry of her own.

Alyssa "Fists of Fury" Hartsell def. Maeve "The Mauler" Maher

Freshman Alyssa "Fists of Fury" Hartsell defeated freshman Maeve "The Mauler" Maher also by unanimous decision. Both fighters were freshmen fighting in their first career bout, but that didn't hurt their enthusiasm as both were aggressive right from the beginning. Hartsell began landing punches late and came away with the victory.

Sara "Awesome" Fossum def. Sarah "The Mean Cuss from the C-Bus" Angle

Sophomore Sara "Awesome" Fossum proved she didn't need an "h" in her name to take down freshman Sarah "The Mean Cuss from the C-bus" Angle. Angle put up a keen fight, but she couldn't stand up to the older fighter.

Whitney "Double Fistin" Endsley def. Kyle "R.I.P." Rocca

Endsley, a senior from Kohler, Wis., took a break from her president's duties to take down Kyle "R.I.P." Rocca. Fighting under the nickname "Double Fistin," Endsley showed the poise and precision of a veteran in defeating her opponent.

Jen "Heartbreaker" Leong def. Catherine Crawford

In a battle of two seniors, senior Jen "Heartbreaker" Leong

beat senior Catherine Crawford. Both fighter showed good discipline and deflected blows, showing their experience in the ring.

Ezinne "The Nigerian Nightmare" Ndukwe def. Jackie "Ace" Spengler

In one of the closest fights of the night, sophomore Ezinne "The Nigerian Nightmare" Ndukwe took down sophomore Jackie "Ace" Spengler. The two traded blows for most of the contest before Ndukwe finally won in a split decision.

Ndukwe is the sister of former Notre Dame and current Cincinnati Bengals safety Chinedum Ndukwe.

Tarah "The Tarah-rizer" Brown def. Colleen "The Taste You Trust" McCormick

In another battle of seniors, senior Tarah "The Tarah-rizer" Brown defeated senior Colleen "The Taste You Trust" McCormick. As with the other all-senior fights, this one featured good fundamentals and a close battle. In the end, however, Brown came out on top.

Carolyn Hersh def. Maureen "The Machine" Sefton

Sophomore Carolyn Hersh didn't need a nickname to take down senior Maureen "The Machine" Sefton with a combination of solid technique and well-timed blows. Sefton retaliated with flurries of her own, but when it came time for the judges decision, Hersh was declared the winner.

Kelly "Real Deal" Davin def. Meghan "I'd hit that" Silentz

Freshman Kelly "Real Deal" Davin hits hard — so hard in fact that her fight with Meghan "I'd hit that" Silentz had to be stopped early with a technical knockout victory for Davin.

Dee "Stroyer" Gullis def. Casey "Queso" Carney

Sophomore Casey "Queso" Carney didn't have quite enough cheese to beat sophomore Dee "Stroyer" Gullis.

Gullis landed thunderous blows and while Carney stood up to them, she was unable to retaliate enough to stave off defeat.

Emily "Rocky" Rickert def. Kia "The Hurt" Johnson

Sophomore Emily "Rocky" Rickert not only went the distance against sophomore Kia "The Hurt" Johnson, she came away with the victory. Rickert used solid technique to finish off Johnson.

Emily "Hard Hitting" Harig def. Amy "The Attacker" Libardi

Sophomore Emily "Hard Hitting" Harig lived up to her nickname in taking down freshman Amy "The Attacker" Libardi, landing several huge punches and coming away with the victory.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Villanova overcomes 21-point deficit to knock off LSU

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Villanova was crazed. LSU was dazed.

No one on either side could remember a comeback — or a collapse — like this one.

Malcolm Grant converted a four-point play and scored 13 points over the final three minutes, and Dante Cunningham scored the game-winner with 5.9 seconds left as the 25th-ranked Wildcats rallied from a 21-point deficit to stun LSU 68-67 on Thursday night in the Big East/SEC Invitational.

Villanova's only lead came on the shot that mattered most: the Wildcats' last one.

"That," said an exhausted Villanova coach Jay Wright, "was unbelievable."

No one was more unbelievable than Grant, a 6-foot reserve freshman guard who came in averaging 7.2 points a game. He scored seven points in 24 seconds to jolt a Villanova (6-1) team that seemingly had lost its shot, its confidence and the game.

LSU (5-3) dominated almost the entire game and most of the crowd had started to leave. Instead, Villanova gave those who stuck around one to remember, rallying from the 21-point lead over the final eight minutes.

"I've never, in my life, in 32 years of coaching, had a team do that," LSU coach John Brady said. "I hurt for our players."

The Wildcats return to the Top 25 appeared short-lived. Their shooting absolutely deserted them from all over the court and their starting backcourt couldn't hit anything. Even the normally loyal, wine-and-cheese Wildcat faithful had turned on their favorite

team with boos.

Enter Grant.

He converted a four-point play and came right back down and hit another 3-pointer that cut LSU's lead to 56-53. The Wildcats forced a turnover at midcourt and scored a layup and suddenly they had a pulse.

Grant made four more free throws that pulled the Wildcats within three. Then he was amazingly fouled again on a 3-point attempt. This time the basket was no good, but he made all three from the line and LSU, which had led 54-33, was clinging to a 67-66 lead.

Grant tried to win it for the Wildcats on their last possession, but he missed a shot from the right side. Cunningham was there with the rebound layup that sent the crowd into a frenzy.

"I just crashed and got the loose ball in my hands," Cunningham said.

Added Grant: "We didn't play the way Coach wanted us to, but we got the win and that's the important thing."

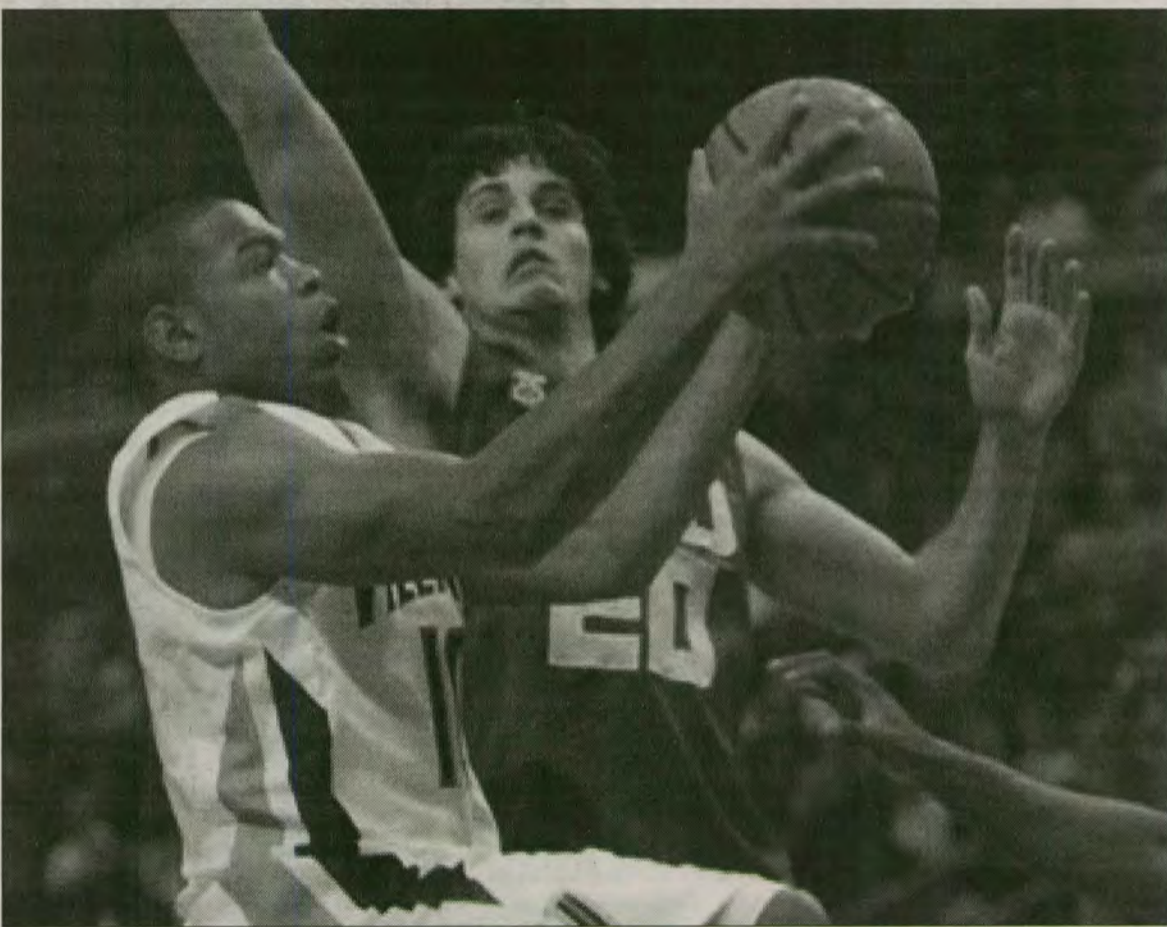
Wright was about the only one watching who wasn't surprised by Grant's breakout night or the grit his Wildcats showed in climbing back from their biggest deficit of the season.

"We showed great heart and Malcolm was incredible," Wright said. "I can't ever remember winning like that. They had us."

Grant finished with 18 points and Cunningham had 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Marcus Thornton led LSU with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Terry Martin hit four 3s to help the Tigers build the early lead and finished with 14 points.

LSU had 14 blocked shots.



Wildcats guard Corey Fisher goes up for a layup as Tigers forward Garret Green defends in Villanova's 68-67 comeback win over LSU on Thursday.

"We had the game in our hands to win it," Brady said. "We didn't do the things that were necessary. We don't know how to win yet. That was obvious tonight."

Certainly, it wasn't obvious early.

Villanova played fast and loose with the ball — four turnovers in the first four minutes, seven in the half — and missed 15 of its first 20 shots. The guard play that has long been a strength under Wright went missing. The Wildcats got

12 straight points in one stretch out of the frontcourt and their defense left LSU's 3-point shooters wide open.

Martin had already hit two 3s and no Wildcat was anywhere near him when he nailed one from the left side for a 32-18 lead. The Tigers led 35-24 at halftime.

When the Wildcats trailed by 14 points early in the second half, Scottie Reynolds and Reggie Redding were a combined 3-for-19.

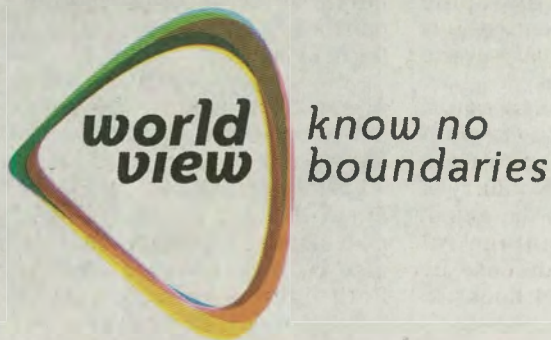
LSU seemed to thwart any

hope of a late rally. Martin hit a jumper just inside the 3-point line midway through the second half, then came right back and made one from behind the line to push LSU's lead to 54-33.

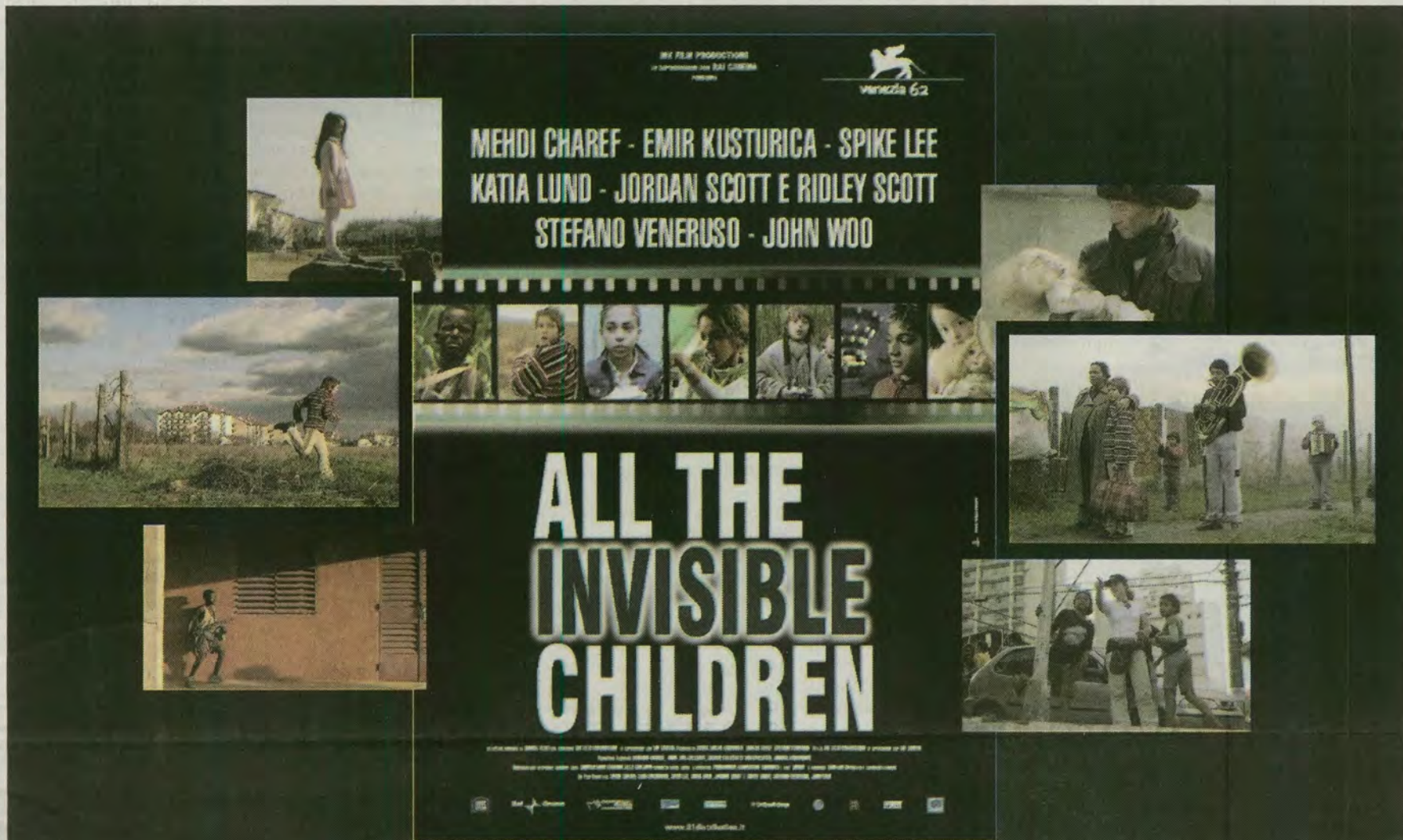
The Wildcats managed to chip away and make it 55-41, but Garrett Temple hit a 3 and then a driving layup for a 19-point lead.

That was the last time LSU could celebrate.

"Any team that loses, doesn't deserve to win," Brady said.



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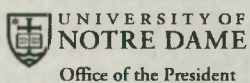
Brazilian-born director Katia Lund will be present to discuss the film and her segment, *Bilu e João*. Lund's work in the *favelas* of Rio de Janeiro has raised social consciousness in Brazil and around the world. Her most notable work has been as co-director of *City of God*. Joining her will be writer and actor Eduardo Gutemberg dos Reis, who co-wrote *Bilu e João*. Born in Rocinha, one of the largest *favelas* in South America, Gutemberg dos Reis most recently co-wrote a feature film titled *Rice and Beans*, which will be directed by Lund.

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This time, however, Clark says his team will be ready.

"The only way to become comfortable playing in big games is to play in big games," Clark said. "This group of players has played in a lot of big games, so they should be ready."

Experience isn't the only thing the Irish gained from last year's Elite 8 game that's giving them confidence heading into their game with the Demon Deacons. Despite the fact that the match occurred over one year ago, the disappointment from that night in Charlottesville is still driving this year's Irish team.

"Everybody there last year hated the feeling of Virginia," senior co-captain Ryan Miller said. "They all know how we ended and how we didn't play well. Everybody's prepared for the Wake Forest game, and they're trying to make up for last year."

No matter how prepared Notre Dame is, defeating the Demon Deacons will be a tall order. No. 2 Wake Forest enters Saturday's match with an impressive 19-2-2 mark, and the Demon Deacons had the No. 1 spot in Soccer America for nine weeks this season. Wake Forest was in line for the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament until an upset loss to Boston College in the ACC tournament propelled the Eagles to the top seed.

The Irish will have to work to stop Wake Forest's potent

offense. The Demon Deacons average 2.56 goals per game this season, and they have scored three or more goals in a contest 12 times. Compare that to Notre Dame's 1.49 goals per game and four matches with three goals or more.

Although Wake Forest has three players with eight or more goals, its top scoring threat is undoubtedly sophomore forward Cory Arnoux, who scored two goals in the Demon Deacons' 3-1 win over West Virginia in the Sweet 16. Arnoux leads the team in goals (15) and points (37).

Clark said the Irish must try to keep possession to prevent the Demon Deacons from scoring.

"I've said all along that it's not just the defense," Clark said. "We have to play the game in their half of the field. You can't just sit back there and defend and hope the defense hangs on."

Miller said it would "take the entire team defending" to prevent unwanted goals.

"We pride ourselves on team defense, not just the backline," he said. "We'll need to play team defense to our full potential."

Luckily for Notre Dame, even if the defense falters, the Irish still have Chris Cahill. The senior keeper has been exceptional for Notre Dame in NCAA tournament games, recording four shutouts — an Irish program record. Cahill's latest shutout came in last weekend's 2-0 win over Santa Clara.

The winner of Saturday's contest will play the winner of No. 3 Connecticut vs. No. 11 Virginia Tech on Dec. 14.

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Ryan Miller
Irish defenseman



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish guard Tory Jackson drives to the bucket during Notre Dame's 76-65 win over Eastern Michigan on Dec. 1.

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Thursday.

Phelps, now an ESPN analyst, was in attendance at Notre Dame's (6-2) 68-59 win over Kansas State Tuesday at Madison Square Garden where he saw Irish forward Luke Harangody out duel the much-hyped Kansas State freshman Michael Beasley to the tune of 19 points and a career-high 14 rebounds.

"[Harangody] was awesome," Phelps said. "He put on a show at the Garden. He's a great kid. They're all great kids. What I like about this team, this year — their attitude. There are no issues with personalities and I think that's what makes this team special. You build that internal bond and you build that team chemistry, you do things you have to do in games to get it done."

Phelps said the Irish have an opportunity to make it into the Sweet 16 this year, thanks in part to the guard play of sopho-

more Tory Jackson and junior Kyle McAlarney. For McAlarney, a win Saturday would mean a lot to the Irish, given the rich tradition established under Phelps in the 1970s and 80s.

"I guess as soon as the season started, Coach Brey was talking about it and we were talking about it together. It's just something special when you have an opportunity to make your mark in the history of Notre Dame basketball," McAlarney said. "But at the same time, we can't get too over our head about and we have to focus on Northern Illinois."

Phelps led Notre Dame to numerous NCAA Tournament berths during his tenure and to its only Final Four appearance in 1978.

"What made us that good back then, was that the students never quit on us," Phelps said. "Every home game they showed up, our place was a zoo."

While student attendance at early-season, non-conference teams usually pales in comparison to attendance at Big East games, Brey said there's no

they were very close," Jackson said.

Notre Dame's freshman class has adjusted well to the college game. Ruth's goal against Nebraska-Omaha last weekend

made him the fifth rookie to find the back of the net so far this season.

"As they play, they get stronger and mentally gain confidence in their ability to do things with the puck," Jackson said.

Sophomore defenseman Kyle Lawson played on the national team last year when it won a bronze medal, and Jackson said the experience really helped him "turn the corner" in the second half of his rookie season.

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Jeff Jackson
Irish coach on freshmen

MacIntyre, who had two assists against Union, currently leads the Tigers in points with seven goals and seven assists. The trio has scored 16 of the teams 29 goals so far this season.

"It's hard to [shut down a line] on the road because they will have the last change. We are going to have to defend differently depending who is out on the ice with them," Jackson said.

Notre Dame's young defense and goalie Jordan Pearce will have to find a way to slow down Princeton's top line. The Irish, who have two freshmen and two sophomores in their regular defense rotation, have done a solid job of shutting down opponents so far this year, while stepping up on offense as well.

Last week, freshman defenseman Ian Cole was selected to play on the U.S. Junior National Under-20 team this January in the Czech Republic. Cole, who has two goals and four assists from the point so far this season, is the 11th player in Irish history to play on the team, which selects the top 22 teenagers in the country for the squad.

"It's great opportunity for those guys. I would've liked to see [defenseman] Teddy Ruth and [forward] Ben Ryan make the team as well, and I know

Princeton

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Friday.

"They're a high energy team that we will have to value the puck against, they are probably going to be a look like RPI," Jackson said.

Notre Dame played Rensselaer two weeks ago in the Rensselaer Holiday

Tournament. The Irish came from three goals down to win 4-3.

The Tigers bounced back Saturday with another 4-3 game against RPI, but this time they came out on top.

Princeton's top line, consisting of juniors Lee Jubinville and Brett Wilson and sophomore Cam MacIntyre, was responsible for three of those goals, including the game-winner from Wilson.



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Irish right wing Evan Rankin skate up ice in Notre Dame's 5-4 win over Nebraska-Omaha on Nov. 30.

excuse for students not to show up to help break the record.

"I think we sold 2,200 student season tickets, and I'm expecting them to be out," Brey said. "This is the last time we're going to see them before the Big East starts and for them to be there where we have an opportunity to set the home record. The sixth man better be out or they may have to run sprints when they come back from Christmas break."

Harangody said student support provides makes big games, such as last year's wins over Marquette and Alabama, more memorable.

"When we see [the students] out there, they really do give us an extra lift," Harangody said.

A hallmark of Notre Dame's student section through the years has been its ability to get inside the heads of opposing players and make Notre Dame an intimidating venue to visit. And even though final exams begin next Friday, forward Zach Hillesland still hopes the students can fill the stands Saturday night.

"We know there's big exams, big tests, big projects coming up, but this is a very special record," Hillesland said. "I wonder how many fans are actually aware of the record that's potentially being broken on Saturday. To have that kind of support would be a really special moment."

Northern Illinois enters the game 2-6, with only one starter, guard Ryan Paradise, averaging double figures (10.6 points per game).

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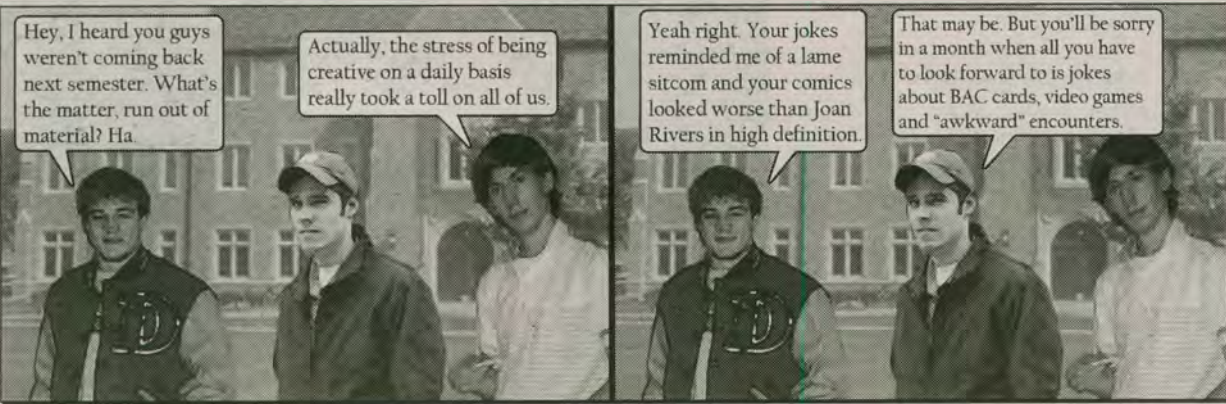
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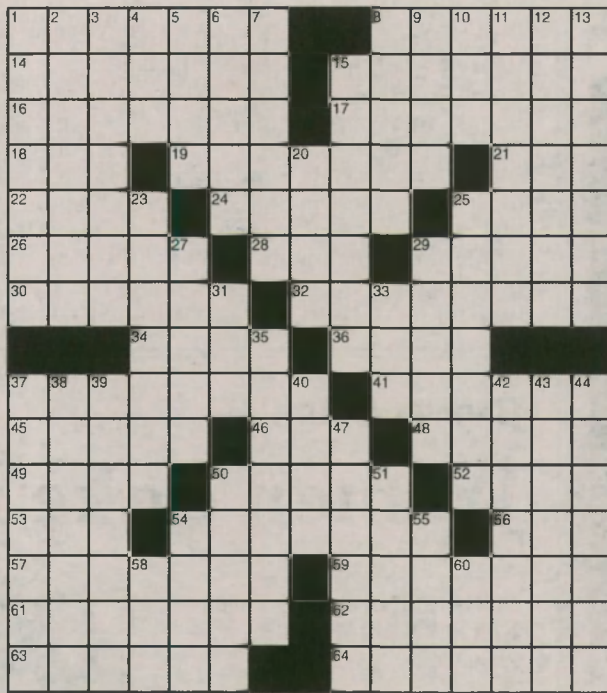
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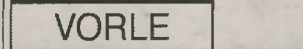
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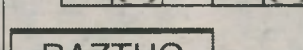
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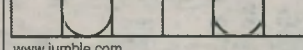
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MEN'S SOCCER

Shaking their Demons



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Irish midfielder Michael Thomas evades a St. John's defender in Notre Dame's 1-0 win over the Red Storm on Nov. 11.

Men tackle No. 2 Wake Forest in Elite 8 scrum

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

One year ago, Notre Dame was in uncharted territory when it reached the program's first-ever Elite 8, and it showed in its game against No. 4 Virginia. By halftime, the Irish had dug themselves a 2-0 first-half hole that they were unable to climb out of in their 3-2 loss to the Cavaliers.

"People take stage fright sometimes, and we panicked a little bit at Virginia last year," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said. "There were 6,000 people in the stands. [Virginia] was a good team, but we found out in the second half that we were as good if not a little bit better."

One year later, the Irish are back in the NCAA quarterfinals as they prepare to take on No. 2 seed Wake Forest on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Irish midfielder Matt Armstrong tries to gain control of the ball in Notre Dame's 1-0 win over St. John's on Nov. 11.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Digger gives blessing for ND to smash record

Irish can break home win-streak mark set in '74



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish forward Ryan Ayers dribbles during Notre Dame's 76-65 win over Eastern Michigan on Dec. 1.

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Notre Dame began "the streak" with a 66-61 win over DePaul on March 4, 2006, and continued it with victories over then-No. 4 Alabama, Louisville and Marquette last season. Saturday night, the Irish have a chance to make history if they can beat Northern Illinois to post their 25th consecutive win at the Joyce Center.

A win would break the previous record of 24 consecutive wins set between February of

1973 and December 1974, a streak that included one of the most famous wins in Notre Dame basketball history — a 71-70 triumph over No. 1 UCLA, which snapped the Bruins' NCAA-record 88-game unbeaten streak. Notre Dame's coach from 1971-91, Digger Phelps, said he's pulling for this year's team to break that record.

"All streaks are made to be broken and [Coach Mike Brey's] a great guy and these kids are good kids, so go for it," Phelps said in a phone interview

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HOCKEY

No. 6 Irish head to Hobey's house

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame travels to Hobey Baker's alma mater tonight to take on Princeton in both teams' final series before the winter break.

The No. 6 Irish, who took over first place in the CCHA last weekend, will make the trip to the school made famous by college hockey legend Baker for the first time since late

2001.

"You always worry about the last series before break and final exams," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "It's important for us to continue playing full, sixty-minute hockey games."

After this weekend, the team will have three weeks off before beginning the second half of the year at the Lightning College Hockey Classic on Dec. 29.

The Irish (14-4) head to the east coast with a seven-game

winning streak that dates back to their 4-1 Nov. 16 win over Western Michigan. They have outscored their opponents 29-11 during that stretch, including back-to-back five goal games against Nebraska-Omaha last weekend.

Princeton (5-5) started the year with four straight wins but has since slowed down and dropped below .500 after a 4-3 loss to No. 18 Rensselaer last

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BARAKA BOUTS

Women duke it out for charity

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI and
KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writers

Forty-four women fought Thursday night in front of a packed auxiliary gymnasium in the Joyce Center to raise money for eastern African schools in the annual Baraka Bouts.

"These girls have come a long way," Baraka Bouts president Whitney Endsley said.

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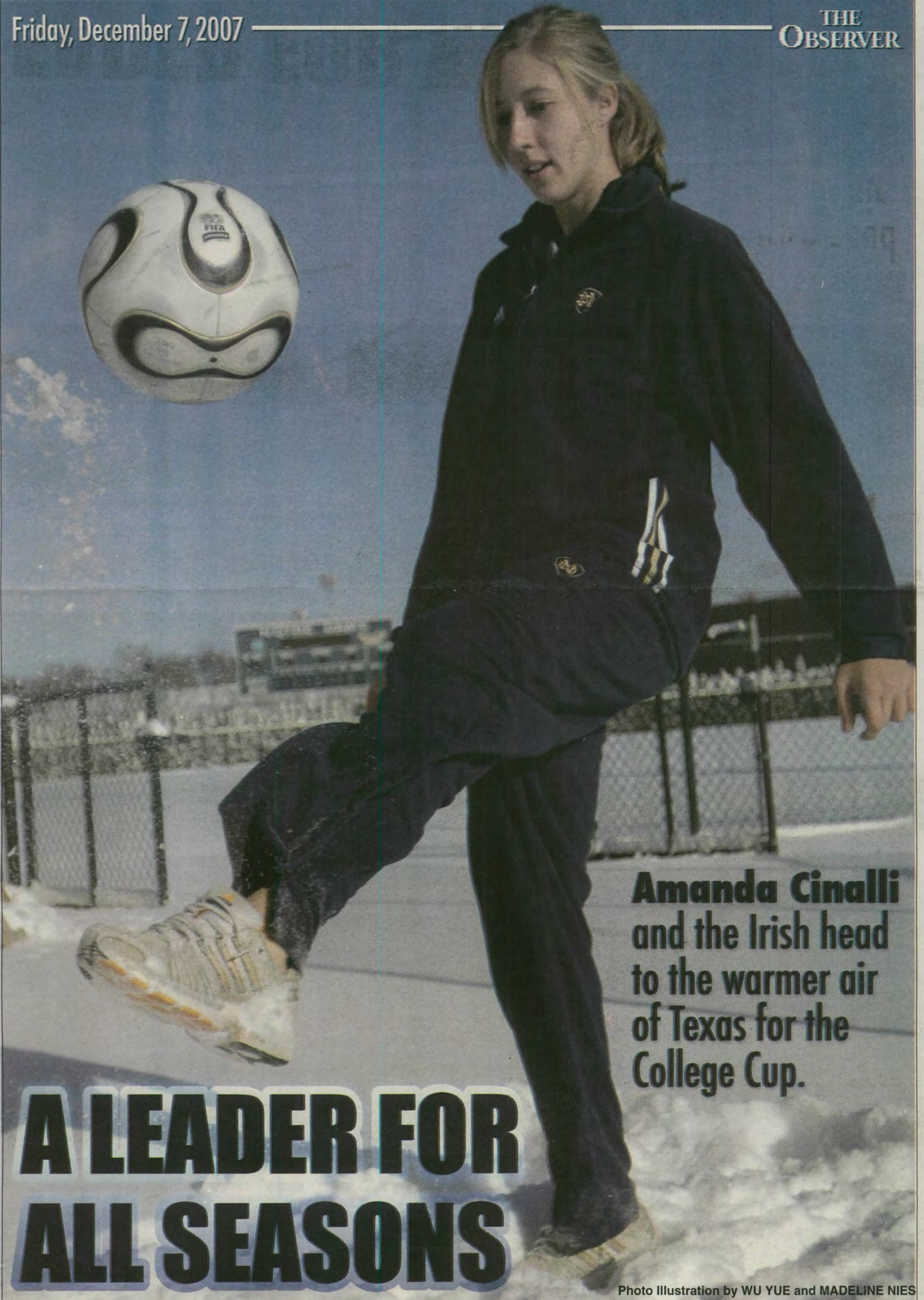
Senior Catherine Crawford, right, tangles with senior Jen Leong during the Baraka Bouts on Thursday.

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Amanda Cinalli
and the Irish head
to the warmer air
of Texas for the
College Cup.

**A LEADER FOR
ALL SEASONS**

Photo Illustration by WU YUE and MADELINE NIES

For opponents, weaknesses are hard to find

It's Nov. 30, and it's 13 degrees outside. Every part of my body is frozen solid except for my mouth, which my second cup of hot chocolate mercilessly scorched. My knee joints are frozen in the bent position. But the cold didn't bother the Irish — judging by the way Notre Dame is playing against Duke, it could have been July.



Bill Brink

Sports Writer

The Irish ran all over the Blue Devils and made a good Duke team look ineffective and slow. Watching the Irish play, they brought one phrase to mind: These girls are good.

Let's not get too carried away, however. They allowed Duke to score twice in the second half — once after Notre Dame failed to clear a corner kick and once on a long shot from a midfielder they left wide open. The Irish aren't lights-out. But finding and exploiting Notre Dame's weaknesses is a tough thing for opposing teams to do, and in that respect, the Irish are solid.

There are no glaring defi-

ciencies for opponents to attack. Earlier in the season, teams may have focused on the goalkeeping. Opponents would have been wise to pressure in the offensive third and take shot after shot, hoping one would slip through. Senior keeper Lauren Karas, however, threw out any hints of weakness in the past two games. She made multiple saves against North Carolina in the round of 16 and stopped a Duke breakaway in the first five minutes of the quarterfinal game with a diving save to her right.

Karas looked right at home stopping the shot. She approached the ball calmly and fluidly, reacting on instinct to the direction of the shot. She looked comfortable between the posts.

Earlier in the season, teams may have tried to exploit the Irish back line. Center back Carrie Dew still was not 100 percent after an ACL injury last season and the defense started two freshmen, Julie Scheidler and Lauren Fowlkes. Fowlkes, especially, would have been a soft spot, considering she moved from midfield to the back line in the beginning of the season.

Now, the defense keeps Karas from seeing much action and allows the offense to control the ball for much of the game. Dew is healthy and has

returned to her previous form. Fowlkes has settled in at the center back position, as has Scheidler at right back. At left back, Elise Weber not only plays good defense but uses her experience at midfield, where she played for two years at Wisconsin before transferring to Notre Dame, to her advantage.

Against Duke, Weber made numerous trips up the left sideline and at times became a de facto fourth midfielder, giving the potent Irish forwards a catalyst. Break off a midfielder and cover Weber, and Duke had to leave one less defender on forwards Brittany Bock, Michele Weissenhofer and Kerri Hanks, an unfavorable proposition. Allow Weber to roam the left sideline and she had all day to set up crosses into the box for the forwards to attack.

The midfield has seen many faces this season; the Irish have great depth at the position. Ashley Jones, Amanda Cinalli and Courtney Rosen all have great feet, and against Duke they deflected pass after pass from their defenders to the forwards. Cinalli had injury problems earlier this season but of late has played better than ever.

There's no chance of opponents stopping the forwards — all they can do is hope to slow them down. Bock and Hanks

have combined for 30 goals and 24 assists this year, and Hanks presents teams with a deadly threat on corner kicks, penalty kicks and set-play situations. Weissenhofer only has eight goals because an ankle injury slowed her down this season, but four of them have come in the NCAA tournament.

Without a weak spot to penetrate, opponents will have to

react to Notre Dame's quick attack and unyielding defense. Should the Irish gain control of the game early, it's not likely they will relinquish it.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish forward Kerri Hanks pushes the ball upfield during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14

Deep midfield keeps players fresh and defenses guessing

Irish replace Krivacek and Buczkowski with interchangeable options

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

An adidas advertisement featuring former French superstar Zinedine Zidane once proclaimed, "If you own the midfield, you own the game."

In their run to the College Cup semifinals this season, the Irish have certainly owned the midfield, albeit somewhat unconventionally. The unit includes six players that play regularly even though only three normally appear at any one time.

"Since we play three centrally, it's great to have five or six players that you can interchange in there and keep things a little bit more fresh," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

In defeating Duke 3-2 last Friday, the Irish shut down one of the most formidable midfield units in the nation and controlled the possession showdown in the central third of the field.

"That's the one part of Duke we were really concerned with because they're very quick in the midfield," Waldrum said. "We really felt like we had to win the battle in midfield and I thought we did a great job of that."

The Irish lost star midfielders Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek to graduation last year but Waldrum said the 2007 squad has filled their shoes admirably.

Also, Waldrum said this year's depth has allowed the team to better utilize senior captain Amanda Cinalli's playmaking ability.

"Last year we played so much with having [Buczkowski] and [Krivacek] in there consistently all

the time," Waldrum said. "This year has been great because we've had the flexibility to move Amanda [Cinalli] back into the midfield."

The Irish have not replaced Krivacek and Buczkowski with other superstars. Instead, have employed an effective platoon that allows them to exploit matchup problems against their opponents.

Waldrum said the versatility of senior Ashley Jones, junior Rebecca Mendoza and sophomore Courtney Rosen allows the Irish to constantly create mismatches.

"Those three players are very interchangeable," Waldrum said. "It gives us a chance to see what the opponent has to try to match up."

Waldrum said sophomore defensive midfielder Amanda Clark allows the other midfielders to use their creativity on offense.

"She's such a good ball-winner for us in the midfield defensively that you can allow those other players to use their creative play," Waldrum said.

But despite the midfielders' playmaking prowess, the Irish forward unit garners most of the attention from opponents and fans. The defenders, meanwhile, have been lauded for their rapid improvement since the beginning of the season. But the midfielders do not mind the lack of praise.

"I don't feel like we get lost in the mix. I think all of us just want to win and we're all out there for the team," Jones said. "I don't think it really bothers us that we're not really mentioned very much in the papers or that kind of thing."

An appearance in the Duke game put Jones in second place in NCAA history with 104 consecutive games played. Jones said she is simply happy to be part of a winning team.

"[The streak] is exciting but it's not something I really focus on,"



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish midfielder Amanda Clark clears the ball during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Duke on Nov. 30. Clark and the Irish face Florida State today in a rematch of last season's semifinal game.

Jones said. "I'm just having a great time being able to contribute every single game."

Like the rest of the midfield unit, Jones does not mind splitting playing time with her teammates as long as the Irish are having success.

"Sometimes it is frustrating but I

know we'd all give up minutes if our team could win the national championship," Jones said.

Waldrum said he appreciates the unselfishness of the midfielders.

"Sometimes I know they don't play as much as they'd like in a certain game because they all

want 90 minutes and that's great," Waldrum said. "But I also think they understand and buy into the fact that in this moment, at this game, because of that matchup, this one works best."

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Playing with passion

Senior captain Amanda Cinalli's enthusiasm has given her an edge on the field her whole life



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish midfielder Amanda Cinalli slides for a ball in Notre Dame's 0-0 draw with Michigan on Aug. 31 at home. The tie was part of a 3-4-1 start the Irish have since overcome to land in the NCAA semifinals.

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Amanda Cinalli spoke deliberately, answering questions with a measured demeanor. Her voice stayed even as she described her experiences in high school, her fellow teammates and this season's rocky start.

It's when she started talking about soccer that she got excited.

Her eyes lit up and her face widened into a smile when she told of the hours she spent outside as a kid — juggling and working on her footwork, learning her brother's 'secret moves' and taking lessons with a foot skills coach named Kiko.

"He was so much fun, a little short foreign guy but I loved being around him," Cinalli said. "I worked practically every day, and I loved doing it so it was easy to do every day."

That love of the sport has carried her from childhood to high school to Notre Dame, where she won a national championship as a freshman and has the opportunity to win another this weekend when the Irish travel to College Station, Texas, for the College Cup — soccer's equivalent of the Final Four.

Cinalli had played soccer all her life, but said she became serious about playing in college when the recruiting process began at Laurel High School in Maple Heights, Ohio.

"I loved high school soccer. We weren't the best team around," Cinalli said of her soccer days at Laurel. "We played in a small private school league; the competition wasn't always that great."

Cinalli said the small size of Laurel, an all-girls school, fostered a bond between her and her teammates.

"Being at a small all girls school, we were all really close," Cinalli said. "It was just something that was really fun."

Cinalli went from one close-knit community to another when she chose Notre Dame. She said that aspect of life on campus, along with the

University's religious values, enticed her to come here. Cinalli also liked the dynamic the players and the coaches enjoyed as well as the school's academic reputation.

"Just being able to be around the team and the coaching staff, it felt like a family here," she said. "I just really fell in love with it. You get a great education and come out with a wonderful degree."

Coming from an all-girls school to Notre Dame, Cinalli said, took some getting used to.

"You're with people that you're not as comfortable with, so they teach you to be very outspoken and speak your mind," she said. "It's interesting coming in, because there's guys around, and I'm just like, 'Whoa.'"

Cinalli had another eye-opening experience her freshman season when the Irish went 2-4-1 and defeated UCLA in penalty kicks to win the national championship. Cinalli started 24 games and scored 10 goals during the championship season and earned first-team all-Big East honors.

"We're coming in as a freshman, it's so, kind of, overwhelming and just so exciting that you're actually in the national championship game," Cinalli said. "It's so much fun and it's an experience that we'll never forget."

Cinalli also had the chance to take her game overseas as a member of the U.S. U-21 national team. Along with fellow Notre Dame players Brittany Bock, Kerri Hanks and Michele Weissenhofer, Cinalli played in Manchester, England, over that spring break. She and Weissenhofer also played on the 2007 U-21 team that won the Nordic Cup against international teams.

"It's always very beneficial to play internationally," Cinalli

said. "You get great experience, great competition. Obviously you're getting different types of games and players from all around the world. You're getting thrown into a situation where you're in a different culture and a different country. It's very fun, it's a good experience, and I learned a lot."

Cinalli said the style of international soccer differed slightly from that in the U.S.

"International teams are very good too, and they're getting more and more athletic," Cinalli said. "The thing about the girls internationally is sometimes they can be very technical, very skillful. They bring different types of games." Though Irish coaches named

Cinalli the third solo captain in the team's history before this season, she said the team's upperclassmen combine to form the true leading unit.

"Yes, I am the captain by title, but I think all the upperclassmen are great leaders and they all bring something unique to the team," Cinalli said. "It's not just me leading the team, it's several players."

This season, the Irish faced something they hadn't often had to deal with — losing.

"We had never really experienced something like that," Cinalli said. "We'd never really lost that many in a season."

Notre Dame started 3-4-1. In that span, it lost 7-1 to Santa Clara and lost twice at home, to Oklahoma State and Penn State. Since then, it has won 16 games and lost only once — to West Virginia in penalty kicks in the Big East championship.

"It's truly unbelievable. This team has come so far," Cinalli said. "It takes a lot of character to go from such a difficult time at the beginning of the season to grow so much and have the success we've been having. It just shows the char-

acter and the heart that we have for the game and for each other."

Cinalli's role in the Irish offense shifted this season. After scoring double-digit goals in each of the past three seasons, she currently ranks fifth on the team with only three. Still, she said the change made no difference to her.

"It doesn't bother me at all. As long as our team's doing well, coach can put me wherever he wants me," Cinalli said. "If we're on top at the end of the season, I think that's the important thing."

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said earlier in the season that Cinalli's versatility and skill with the ball made it easy for her to find a role, no matter where she played.

"She's the one that has that ability to be creative with it, she's got probably the most overall skill level of the three forwards, she's more technical, she's more clean with the

ball, she can beat you off the dribble," Waldrum said on Sept. 18, back when Cinalli spent some time in the forward position. "She's relentless in the way she attacks and continues to chase and continues to work."

Since then, Bock has permanently joined Weissenhofer and Hanks up front, and Cinalli has anchored the midfield.

No matter where she is on the field, her deft footwork and subtle direction changes can leave defenders behind. In the Nov. 30 quarterfinal game against Duke, Cinalli kept the ball out of reach of the Blue Devils defenders, at one point spinning between two of them in the middle of the field to mount an offensive charge. Later in the game, she slid to

the ball in front of two defenders and tapped it to Hanks, who took it downfield and scored the game-winning goal.

"Cinalli kind of epitomizes the day," Waldrum said of the play.

Hanks couldn't say enough about her teammate's abilities, both as a player and as a leader.

"Every time Amanda Cinalli steps on the field she is going to give you her best game ever," Hanks said after the Duke game. "She is going to be so positive and encouraging and cheer us up. She is amazing, on and off the field. She is one of the best leaders I've ever seen."

If the Irish beat Florida State Friday in the semifinal game, they face the winner of the Southern California-UCLA match. The chance to begin and end her collegiate career with bookend national championships has Cinalli and her teammates excited.

"To be able to send the seniors off with wins is always

a positive thing," Cinalli said. "Just to have all the players on our team who will be able to experience a national championship, just to allow them to get that feeling, because it's something you'll never forget."

But Cinalli didn't sound as if she was caught up in the championship hype. She said she was just happy to be playing.

"I've always wanted to play soccer for as long as I can. If it's possible, I'd like to play until I was 80," she said. "It's just being able to play a sport that you're so passionate about and that you love so much, it's an honor."

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Senior captain Amanda Cinalli tries to stay warm during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Duke in the NCAA quarterfinals on Nov. 30.

Irish face Seminoles in repeat of 2006 semifinals

Coaches discount last year's contest, make new game plan

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will head to College Station, Texas Friday to once again face Florida State in the College Cup semifinals. The Irish defeated the Seminoles 2-1 in last season's tournament but will treat Florida State like a team they have never seen before.

Irish assistant coach Ben Waldrum, who designs specific game plans for the team before every contest, said he will not take last year's game into consideration when coming up with a strategy to beat the Seminoles (17-5-3).

"To be honest, we won't look at last year's tape; last year is done and gone," Ben Waldrum said. "We'll take a peek at their body of work throughout this season and some of their bigger games ... We'll take a good look at that and come up with something."

The winner of the Notre Dame-Florida State matchup will move on to the national championship game Sunday to take on the winner of the other semifinal between USC

and UCLA. The Irish (19-4-2), who are riding a 17-game unbeaten streak, believe if they play to their potential, they will come out of the weekend with their second national title in four years.

"We have the capability to beat anyone if we all come together," midfielder Amanda Clark said. "I think that's kind of special about our team."

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum echoed Clark's sentiments, saying his team controls its own destiny.

"I don't think we change anything we've done," Waldrum said. "Our program is to a point where we should dictate the way the game is played...I think we can impose the way we want to play on them."

When asked to pick a favorite to win the national championship, the head coach gave a narrow edge to No. 1 UCLA but said the title will probably be won by the team that attacks the most.

"You've got four really special teams; they all have their own strengths," Waldrum said. "It's going to be a battle in those first two games. Who's going to be able to impose their will on the opposition?"

The Irish have a three-pronged forward attack that is as good as any unit in the country at imposing its will on

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Irish coach



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Irish center back Lauren Fowlkes fights for the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 loss in overtime to Oklahoma State on Nov. 16. Fowlkes began the season at midfield but switched to defense early on.

an opponent, Waldrum said. Juniors Brittany Bock and Kerri Hanks and sophomore Michele Weissenhofer all scored in Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Duke in the quarterfinals. Weissenhofer's goal came a game after she netted two and notched an assist against North Carolina in the round of 16. The forwards have combined for 130 goals and 97 assists in their careers.

"When you've got all three of them playing the way they are right now, it's a handful for anybody," the head coach said. "I wouldn't want to deal with that ... I wouldn't want to be on the other side trying

to devise some way to shut that down."

Waldrum said the Irish defense will focus on shutting down Florida State's dangerous attacking trio of senior midfielder Kirsten van de Ven, junior midfielder Mami Yamaguchi, and freshman forward Sanna Talonen. The three players, who all hail from foreign countries, have combined for 47 goals this season. Talonen recorded a hat trick in the Seminoles' 3-2 quarterfinals win over UConn last Friday.

"They're a very talented team and I think when Ben [Waldrum] gets dissecting how they're going to play,

we'll know a little bit more how we want to attack it," Randy Waldrum said.

Notre Dame's semifinal game will air live at 5 p.m. eastern time Friday on ESPN2 and ESPNU.

Even though the Irish will treat Florida State as a different opponent than the squad they took on last season, the teams are not entirely unfamiliar with each other.

"There's not [a lot of] love lost between us and Florida State so it's going to be a great Final Four," Waldrum said.

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