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'Modernities' begins in New York

Jenkins, others speak on project's significance

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

NEW YORK — Notre Dame holds countless lectures and panels, but it is not customary for University President Fr. John Jenkins to speak at each event.

Last week's launch of the Contending Modernities research initiative was different.

Jenkins, who stood behind a podium in clerical clothing, delivered the opening remarks. Next to him, the Grand Mufti of Egypt channeled in via Skype, donning a white turban and sitting in front of bookcases filled with Arabic texts.

The contrast between these two leaders' attire, and the medium they used to communicate with the audience, embodied

ied everything Contending Modernities hoped to accomplish — to cross barriers between Muslims and Catholics in the context of a modern world.

Their remarks launched what is to be a several year research and public education project. This initial phase focuses on the relationship between Catholicism, Islam and secularism.

"This initiative builds on the simple strength of Notre Dame — a great research university and a religious mission," Jenkins told The Observer. "That puts Notre Dame at the heart of some of the most important issues in the world today."

Contending Modernities kicked off Thursday and Friday at the

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Ibrahim Negm, special advisor to Ali Gomaa, the Grand Mufti of Egypt, delivers Gomaa's speech Friday in New York City.

Attendees reflect on initiative's launch

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Editor

NEW YORK — After spending the spring and summer of 2010 in Cairo studying abroad and interning at an Egyptian business, Notre Dame senior Shannon Coyne is writing a senior thesis about gender balance in Egypt.

Given her field of study, Coyne said being in New York City for launch of Notre Dame's research initiative, "Contending Modernities: Catholic, Muslim, secular," was a meaningful experience. Her thesis includes her experience and observations living as an independent,

western woman in Egypt.

"So it's a really great opportunity, kind of a capstone for everything I've been working on," Coyne said. "My [thesis] topic is right in line with everything that we're discussing this weekend."

Coyne, a political science and Arabic double major with a minor in Peace Studies, was one of two Notre Dame undergraduate students at Thursday and Friday's opening events for Contending Modernities. An international research initiative, the project explores the relationship between Catholicism, Islam and secularism in a modern society.

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SMC, ND release statements on death

Observer Staff Report

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's released statements Sunday in reaction to a Chicago Tribune story about the circumstances surrounding the Sept. 10 death of first year Saint Mary's student Elizabeth "Lizzy" Seeborg.

The Chicago Tribune reported in Sunday story that Seeborg told Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) she was sexually attacked by a Notre Dame football player Aug. 31.

Originally from Northbrook, Ill., Seeborg died at Memorial Hospital in South Bend on Sept. 10. She was 19 years old and a resident of McCandless Hall.

In a Sunday statement, Saint Mary's director of media relations Gwen O'Brien directly referenced the Chicago Tribune story and said the College would not comment on the circumstances surrounding Seeborg's death.

"Saint Mary's College does not comment on matters that may infringe on the privacy of our current or former students," O'Brien said. "We are also respecting the privacy of the Seeborg family."

The statement listed a number of educational and support services provided to all Saint Mary's students regarding sexual assault, including sessions during the first two

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

University President Fr. John Jenkins speaks at the opening of Contending Modernities in New York City Thursday.

ND leaves Army seeing green

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Notre Dame's 27-3 win over Army was the first football game to be played in the new Yankee Stadium and the first time the Irish have visited New York City in 41 years. Back home in South Bend, students couldn't be happier with the outcome.

"I thought the game was absolutely amazing," freshman Vincent Lynch said. "It looks like Kelly's finally lit a fire under the team."

Some students said they were impressed with how both the defense and the offense played Saturday.

"The fact that we've held two opponents to six points two weeks in a row is awesome," Lynch said.

Sophomore Josh Underhill said he was impressed with freshman quarterback Tommy Rees' performance. Rees completed 13 passes for 214 yards and one touchdown in his second career start.

Even though football was the main attraction, some students said they found Notre Dame didn't

just dominate in Yankee Stadium — they took over the whole city.

Junior Julia Cancro, a New York native, headed home with friends to watch the game.

"It was great to tour the city with my friends," Cancro said. "It was nice to see the city transform into one big ND event."

While the environment was different because the game was held in a baseball stadium and a big city, Cancro said the game felt the same.

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Lights illuminate Yankee Stadium, repurposed for the football game against Army Saturday. Notre Dame won 27-3.

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Question: What is your favorite Disney princess?
Ryan: Jasmine, because Aladdin is my favorite movie.

Q: You’re trapped on a deserted island. What are you thinking?
Ryan: Where’s the Skipper?

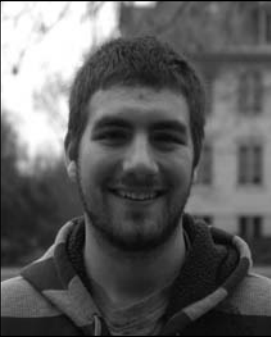
Q: If your friends had to describe you in one word, what would they choose?
Ryan: Echo, because I repeat everything they say.

Q: If you invented a soft beverage, what would you call it?
Ryan: There are so many good ones out there, but I’d go with Zingo!

Q: What actor would play you in the movie of your life?
Ryan: Kiefer Sutherland from 24.

ICE BREAKER

Monday Meltdown



Ryan Loos
*sophomore
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Know someone chill for Monday’s Icebreaker? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



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Leprechaun David Zimmer performs stunts with the Notre Dame cheerleading squad in Times Square in New York City. The squad was performing prior to the Times Square concert performed by the Notre Dame Marching Band on Friday afternoon.

OFFBEAT

New Jersey pilot drops toilet paper over high school

WESTWOOD, N.J. — The Federal Aviation Administration won’t take any action against a New Jersey pilot who tossed rolls of toilet paper from a small plane onto an athletic field as a test run for a streamer drop at an upcoming high school football game.

FAA spokesman Jim Peters told The Record of Woodland Park Friday that the agency investigated but found no grounds for further action against pilot Warren Saunders of Westwood.

Saunders still faces a state criminal charge. Police said Saunders cir-

cled the Westwood Middle School athletic fields in his Cessna 172 on the evening of Oct. 13 and dropped two rolls of toilet paper. People at a nearby soccer practice called police.

Saunders’ lawyer, Scott Berkoben, was out of his office and unavailable for comment Friday.

Camouflaged dancers scare drivers in Lincoln Tunnel

WEEHAWKEN, N.J. — A dance troupe from Florida caused a rush-hour terror scare when they ditched their cars in the Lincoln Tunnel and tried to run to a TV appearance in Manhattan while wearing their camouflage costumes.

The dancers drove about

1,000 miles so they could appear Wednesday on BET’s live “106 & Park” show. But they hit traffic at the tunnel, which connects New Jersey and New York City and is just two miles from the TV studio.

The five young women and three young men decided to sprint the rest of the way. They left their adult chaperones behind and ran through the toll plaza.

Armed officers with Port Authority police and the FBI-NYPD Joint Terrorism Task Force gave chase, closing the tunnel for 45 minutes.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

At 4:30 p.m. today, architectural historian **Joseph Rykwert** will present “Body, City, World: Reflections on a Metaphore” in Room 104 of Bond Hall. This lecture is free and open to the public.

The Coffee House of Geddes Hall will host an information session on **Community-Based Research Programs**. Students interested in research related to the humanities and social sciences are encouraged to join representatives from the Center for Social Concerns at 6 p.m. tonight. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Notre Dame faces Maine in men’s basketball tonight in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets costs range between \$15 and \$40. For more information, contact the athletics department.

Evelyne Huber (Ph.D., Yale University) and John D. Stephens (Ph.D., Yale University) will present “Iberia and the Advanced Latin American Social Policy Regimes: Explaining the Different Trajectories” tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. This lecture, held in Room C103 of the Hesburgh Center, is free and open to the public.

On Thursday, there will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 10 a.m. This will be followed by a Thanksgiving Dinner in North Dining Hall from 12 to 3 p.m. There is no 11:45 a.m. or 5:15 p.m. Mass this Thursday.

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

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Students, staff celebrate Spirit of Inclusion on campus

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

After Sunday’s Masses, students stood outside the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, handing out white cards with a small rainbow ribbon attached.

Printed on the back of these cards is Notre Dame’s Spirit of Inclusion, a statement of equal opportunity and affirmative action adopted by the University in 1997, and reading in part:

“We prize the uniqueness of all persons as God’s creatures. We welcome all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class and nationality, for example, precisely because of Christ’s calling to treat others as we desire to be treated.”

These cards were distributed as part of Solidarity Sunday, an annual event held by the Core Council each fall semester recognizing the Note Dame community’s Spirit of Inclusion. The Core Council works to identify the needs of gay, lesbian and bisexual students, and helps to implement educational programming on gay and lesbian issues. The group consists of

eight undergraduate students and four administrators from the Division of Student Affairs.

Sr. Sue Dunn, O.P., co-chair of Core Council and assistant vice president for Student Affairs, said Solidarity Sunday has been celebrated since 1997 when the Spirit of Inclusion was first written.

“We thought this is a wonderful way to [acknowledge] the spirit of dignity and the worth of all people, recognizing each person as a child of God,” she said.

Core Council member Brandon Buchanan, a senior, said Solidarity Sunday emphasizes the importance of always having a spirit of inclusion and making efforts to bridge the gaps between different communities.

A new addition to the Solidarity Sunday events was a coffee house, which took place Thursday night in Geddes Hall. Students gathered for refreshments, speakers and a night of poetry and prayer.

Buchanan started off the night by leading a moment of silence for Declan Sullivan, followed by a prayer for anyone who has considered or who has committed suicide, or felt that he or she had nowhere to go.

“The first was a prayer for becoming involved in speaking up for the sense of dignity and worth of others, and [Brandon] ended it with a prayer thanking people for their support and recognition; he appealed for people to walk with allies,” Dunn said.

Poems recited during the coffee house included “Imagine” by John Lennon, “As I Walked Out One Evening,” by W.H. Auden, “Year’s End,” by Marilyn Hacker and “Hallucinations,” an original poem written by Core Council Co-chair Rachel Washington. A common theme of the poems, Dunn said, was being true to yourself.

Selections from the Spirit of Inclusion were also read out loud periodically throughout the program.

“I wanted [the coffee house] to be something everyone can go to, both heterosexuals and members of the GLBTQ community,” Washington, a senior, said. “I wanted the poems to express solidarity of every kind.”

The Solidarity Sunday events continued Friday when students around campus wore orange “Gay? Fine by me” T-shirts to show their support for the GLBTQ community.

Dunn said 29 chapels on campus distributed the cards Sunday, and during each Mass, participants said prayers to recognize the Spirit of Inclusion.

“After the communion in the resident hall masses, there’s a time for announcements. During the announcements each hall has a volunteer that reads a statement about recognizing Solidarity Sunday, that we honor the Spirit of Inclusion, and that we encourage everyone to pick up cards on the way out,” she said.

In an effort to expand Core Council’s reach, Dunn said, the coalition was formed two years ago. The coalition works in cooperation with the Core Council, consisting of a representative from student government and various representatives from other student groups.

“We have various clubs as well as student government that are part of the coalition,” Dunn said. “Coalition members can also include clubs that have some of the same goals that [we do.]”

Senior Mariah McGrogan is co-chair of the Gender Issues Committee of student government. Her committee works in conjunction with Core Council to

promote events like Solidarity Sunday and StaND Against Hate Week, which is a weeklong series of events sponsored by Core Council in the spring.

“We’ve been publicizing these events to hall councils and Hall Presidents Council, and Senate has been involved in getting the word out there,” McGrogan said.

She said a large part of her role as co-chair of the Gender Issues Committee is to help to advertise solidarity. Her committee produced posters this year in support of Solidarity Sunday.

Dunn said with the help of student government and the cooperation of campus clubs, there has been significant growth in the Coalition over the last two years.

She said she hopes events like Solidarity Sunday will continue to promote respect for others on campus.

“My hope would be that we could have a consistent ethic or consistent commitment to respectful dialogue, and not just a sense of toleration — of just accepting people and celebrating the differences, whatever they are,” she said.

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Air Force selects ND professor for program

Special to The Observer

David B. Go, assistant professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at Notre Dame, was recently selected by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFSOR) as one of 43 engineers and scientists who will participate in the 2011 Young Investigator Program (YIP).

The program, which is only open to engineers and scientists at U.S. research institutions who have received a doctoral degree within the last five years, recognizes those who “show exceptional ability and promise for conducting basic research.” This year’s YIP honorees will share approximately \$16.5 million for research efforts over the next three years as outlined in their winning proposals.

As in previous years, competition for the award was very competitive. The ASFOR received 242 proposals encompassing a broad range of areas, including aerospace, chemical and materials sciences, physics and electronics, mathematics, information technologies and life sciences.

Go, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 2008, is investigating a phenomenon, ion-enhanced field emission, that occurs as discharges and plasmas are shrunk down to the microscale. Discharges have applications ranging from plasma televisions and environmental sensors to bioremediation and nanomaterial synthesis. However,

they can be especially difficult to control, and it is equally difficult to craft their properties. Go is aiming to demonstrate that taking advantage of the unique physics occurring at the microscale could offer unprecedented control of discharge and plasma properties so that new discharge devices can be effectively tailored for specific applications.

His project will provide detailed theoretical modeling, computational simulations, and proof-of-concept experiments, with the research taking place on a number of scales — the atomic, particle and macroscale. Such a comprehensive approach will produce the most complete understanding of the physics of these microdischarges to date and set the stage for developing these new technologies.

The co-owner of several patents, Go also is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society for Engineering Education, American Society for Mass Spectrometry and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

He is a Notre Dame graduate, receiving his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering in 2001, and also holds a master’s degree (2004) in aerospace engineering from the University of Cincinnati and a doctorate in mechanical engineering (2008) from Purdue University.

SMC hosts Dad’s Weekend

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Saint Mary’s hosted the fathers of the Class of 2010 Friday through Sunday for the annual Senior Dad’s Weekend, a tradition at Saint Mary’s.

“The purpose of the weekend is for the senior class to escape from all the finals and papers we have due this time of year and spend a weekend with our dads,” senior class president Kelly Lyons said.

Lyons, who has been looking forward to this weekend since her sophomore year, was excited to plan the weekend’s events with the class board, she said.

“We chose our particular events because we wanted dads and daughters to have the chance to spend time together and meet their daughter’s friends and their fathers,” Lyons said. “We were really happy with the turn out to all of the events this weekend.”

The father-daughter weekend began Friday with registration in Madeleva Hall at 5:30 p.m. followed by College President Carol Ann Mooney’s address to the seniors and their dads in Carroll Auditorium.

The other event of the night was a beer garden in the dining hall from 9 p.m. to

11 p.m. Students sat around talking while having a beer with their friends and their dads. At one point during the event, some students played a game of flip cup with their fathers.

“We wanted to provide time for dads and daughters to go to dinner in between registration and President Mooney’s address and the beer garden,” Lyons said. “We also provided wine and pop for those who don’t like beer or weren’t old enough to drink.”

Saturday, the class board held a game of trivia for students and their fathers in the Student Center Lounge. Trivia questions covered a wide range of topics including Saint Mary’s history, Notre Dame football, movies, current events and 90’s trivia.

Trivia teams consisted of three dads and three daughters.

The highlight event of the weekend for senior Martha Walter was the Notre Dame vs. Army game watch at the College Football Hall of Fame in downtown South Bend Saturday night.

“I always watch the games with my dad at home,” Walter said, “It was nice to have a chance to just relax for the evening and watch it with him. There was food and a bar, and at halftime we walked around to the Hall of Fame.”

Lyons also enjoyed the

game watch.

“My most memorable moment for the weekend was watching the Notre Dame game at the Hall of Fame with all my dad, friends and friends’ dads,” Lyons said. “I think the game watch was the most popular event, but we had an overwhelming turnout for all of our events this weekend.”

The weekend culminated on Sunday with Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Lorreto at 11:15 a.m.

Walter said she enjoyed the planned events, but said the quality time with her dad was best part of the entire weekend.

“The events were fun,” Walter said, “but it was awesome just to hang out and catch up.”

Sometimes we go a while without talking on the phone or anything because this has been such a busy year, so it was good to just have a chance to talk and enjoy each others company.”

“Even though I only live about a half hour away, I don’t get a lot of free time to go home,” she said, “so it was fun have a chance to spend some one-on-one time together. My dad loves coming to visit and seeing where I have classes and what my life is like here.”

Lyons said the weekend was successful.

“I think the weekend went well,” Lyons said. “From those that I spoke with and from my experience everyone had a great time with their dad and enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together.”

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“Notre Dame fans are Notre Dame fans everywhere they go,” she said.

Students watching from home could also feel the difference from playing the game here at Notre Dame Stadium or at another college football stadium.

“It was great to win on such a big stage,” sophomore Mike Nolte said.

While the football team took center stage, the band also traveled to New York City and performed at the game, as well as a pep rally at Lincoln Center and a concert in Time Square.

“The concert in Times Square was amazing,” sophomore Julie Novak said. “So many people were there, some not even Notre Dame fans. It was just awesome to have all these people cheering for us.”

Senior Alex Buell said he loved the whole experience and tradition of playing and visiting New York City.

“Even though it wasn’t the old Yankee Stadium, it was still the

tradition and history of the Yankees,” he said.

The band plays in front of large crowds in South Bend for every home game, but this crowd was especially great, Cancro said.

“It was a great crowd of people overall. It was one of the few times people in the city would actually talk to each other in the street,” Cancro said. “It was a great sense of camaraderie.”

Some fans said they worried about the outcome because Irish head coach Brian Kelly announced the team would wear green jerseys, which many feel are bad luck. When the Irish wore green in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl and again in the 1999 Gator Bowl, they lost.

“It was nice to finally win in green,” Underhill said.

With two wins in so many weeks and bowl eligibility, Lynch said he is excited for next week’s game against the University of Southern California (USC).

“I think we have a chance next week, especially with [USC quarterback Matt] Barkley hurt,” Lynch said.

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DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Irish fans celebrate during Notre Dame’s 27-3 win over Army at Yankee Stadium in New York City Saturday. This was the first football game in the new Yankee Stadium.

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weeks of school for first year students.

“At Saint Mary’s College, the safety, security and well-being of our students are our top priorities,” O’Brien said. “We take our responsibility to guide them through their four years at Saint Mary’s very seriously. As an all-women’s college, Saint Mary’s provides our young women with a variety of programs, many of which are required, to prepare them for life in the world today.”

Notre Dame spokesman Dennis Brown said Sunday the University takes all reports of broken laws and University policy seriously.

“Notre Dame will never be silent or passive when it comes to the careful, thorough and fair determination of whether or not laws or university policies have been broken on our campus,” Brown said. “This is an important obligation and one that we take very seriously.”

Brown said the University does not release information about specific cases involving students.

“We have a longstanding, effective and consistent

process in place that gathers information, eliminates rumors and makes informed, fact-based determinations, all while adhering to university policies and the federal student privacy laws that restrict us from discussing specific disciplinary cases,” Brown said.

NDSP is a fully authorized police force and works closely with other local law enforcement, Brown said. The University forwards all investigations of sexual assault to the St. Joseph County Prosecutor’s Office.

According to ESPN Chicago, Notre Dame head football coach Brian Kelly said during a Sunday conference call with

reporters that the issue is a “University matter.”

“I’m not going to get into the specifics,” Kelly said. “From my standpoint, as the head football coach, I think it was made clear that the University is going to deal with any matters of this nature. And that for me, one of the reasons why I came to Notre Dame is I have the same standards that our University does. We are in lockstep relative to the standards that we hold here at the University of Notre Dame.”

In a Sunday e-mail to the Saint Mary’s student body, College President Carol Ann Mooney said the “outpouring of support and concern” in

response to the Chicago Tribune story reflected Saint Mary’s sense of community.

“The outpouring of support and concern by our students, faculty, and staff reinforces what we all know is special about Saint Mary’s, our unique sense of community inspired by our Holy Cross heritage,” she stated. “I realize this story will reawaken painful memories.”

The e-mail also listed support services for students, including the Women’s Health Center, Campus Ministry, Belles Against Violence Office, Residence Life and Community Standards and Campus Security.

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Sheraton Hotel in New York City. Notre Dame faculty joined Muslim leaders and religious scholars to deliver a lecture and panel discussion.

Jenkins said New York was the ideal launching site for the initiative.

“New York is such a center of communication and activity of all sorts, for the world, not simply for the United States,” he said. “To do it here brings us to the crossroads of ideas and discussions and cultures to start this important initiative.”

Though the project was planned before the controversy over building a mosque near the World Trade Center site began, the debate made New York an even better fit for the launch, Jenkins said.

“I think some of the remarks, not all of them, some of them really did show an unhelpful prejudice toward the religious group, to take what a small portion of that is doing [and make] it characterize everybody,” he said. “We must find a way to understand different religious traditions.”

John McGreevy, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, showed how this type of prejudice has occurred throughout history in Thursday’s lecture. He compared the present struggles of Muslim Americans to that of Catholics in the early 20th century.

For example, he said some

people made judgments about Catholics’ “unusual clothes.”

“These complaints are eerily similar to complaints we hear now about contemporary Muslims,” he said.

Ali Gomaa, the Grand Mufti of Egypt and one of the world’s most recognized Muslim scholars, sat in on the conference electronically while his special advisor Ibrahim Negm delivered the speech in person.

Gomaa considered how modern technology has lead to new cultural and political developments.

“The challenge is how to ensure that Muslims are participants and partners in the modern world, confronting new realities with wisdom and balance, while remaining faithful to our religious traditions,” he said.

Friday’s panel tackled the issue of women and family in Catholic and Islamic societies.

Ingrid Mattson, former president of the Islamic Society of North America, pointed to classical Islamic law to show how traditional rules need to be taken in context and adjusted for a modern world.

“It’s very protective of women and children. You could say this is paternalistic,” she said. “But if you look at an environment where there is no political security, where going out beyond the borders of a secure area could mean being abducted or being raped ... Now it looks like common sense.”

She warned against making such laws essential in the modern day world.

“That’s where we can easily

make adjustments, but at the same time say they serve a purpose in certain places,” Mattson said. “I think it’s that issue of judgment that you bring.”

The panel also addressed issues such as birth control, in vitro fertilization and same-sex marriage in the context of Catholicism, Islam and secularism.

While Catholicism generally opposes forms of birth control, Mattson said Islam does not.

“There were all sorts of varieties of birth control in medieval Islam. Birth control was permitted and it still is,” Mattson said. “I think that is a very good thing for women, having access to

birth control gives them more opportunities and choices in life.”

The conference took place the same weekend as the football game against Army in New York City and Jenkins said the pairing was an opportunity to draw attention to the University’s academic accomplishments.

“We have a football game here and to see that brings attention but that’s simply a vehicle to make people aware of the great educational and intellectual endeavors that take place at Notre Dame,” he said.

Jenkins said the conference’s mission was particularly important for Catholics, and for Notre

Dame as a Catholic University.

“Unless we’re engaged in dialogue with other religious traditions, we’re not genuinely Catholic because we’re called to unity with all human beings. We’re called to respect all genuine expressions of the faith,” he said. “If we fail to do this, we will be less Catholic.”

He said the Contending Modernities initiative was a “tremendous opportunity and call” for Notre Dame to provide discussion, debate and inquiry.

“That’s why I’m excited about this conference,” Jenkins said.

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Jacqueline Moturi Ogega, the director of the Women’s Mobilization Program in Religions for Peace, speaks Friday at Contending Modernities in New York.



Attendees of Contending Modernities listen to the speech of Ali Gomaa, Grand Mufti of Egypt, delivered by his special advisor Ibrahim Negm, Friday in New York City.

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Attendees

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Junior Elizabeth Andrews, a double major in Arabic and anthropology, also attended the events. She said she enjoyed learning about the research related to these three topic areas.

"I think it's a really important topic in that the subject matter is incredibly politically, socially, economically relevant today, and it's in a field in which research doesn't regularly present itself," Andrews said. "So it's just good for students to see that there are people exploring these topics just because they are so

important." Andrews also said she appreciated the opportunity to see scholars work together to present their views on Catholicism, Islam and secularism.

"I was really impressed to see so many scholars together collaborating and referencing one another in their own speeches," she said. "It was also intimidating to be sitting among all of these people who I had read their work in class."

Notre Dame theology professor Fr. Paul Kollman said the speakers at the events complemented one another by addressing the three topic areas and their relationship to modernity.

"I thought the talks [Thursday] got us off to a good start, each in its own way asking us interesting, comparative questions about each of the three traditions broadly conceived in the title of the project," Kollman said.

Mahan Mirza, professor of Arabic and Islamic studies at Notre Dame, is a member of Contending Modernities' steering committee. As one of two Muslim faculty members who work in areas relating to Islam at Notre Dame, Mirza said the project interests him on both a personal and professional level.

Contending Modernities and its launch in New York demonstrate a combination of "cutting edge scholarship" and public debate, Mirza said.

"These are all very difficult things to do and I think that very institutions are capable of having such multi-pronged, multi-dimensional conversations," he said. "Notre Dame is answering that call in a way."

Coyne said she also found the project's emphasis on healthy conversation important. Contending Modernities fits her academic interests, but as a member of the Center for Social Concern's student advisory committee, she works to engage her fellow students in dialogue.

Earlier this semester, Coyne and the student advisory committee held a student conversation about the Islamic Cultural Center near ground zero, which she said was successful.

"The discussion at that event was phenomenal," she said. "And that really showed me how students at [Notre Dame] are interested in these topics and almost kind of starved for ways to talk about them outside of the classroom. So ... [Contending Modernities] is a wonderful opportunity for us to engage with these issues and think about how we can serve to bring these issues back to school with us and work with our peers to talk about these issues."

While Contending Modernities combines scholarship and public debate on a number of topics, Mirza said its overall meaning involves making the world a better place. Because approximately half of the world's population is either Muslim or Catholic, he said understanding between these two religious groups is crucial.

"For me, I can boil it down to trying to help us all get along and trying to understand each other," Mirza said. "We want to have better lives, as the Grand Mufti [of Egypt Ali Gomaa] said [at the event], for our children and our grandchildren. And that's what I think this project is all about."

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INSIDE COLUMN

The battle to DART

Nov. 22, 8:40 a.m. In the minutes leading up to this moment I will sit poised at my laptop, armed with a list of numbers and ready for battle. I prepare not for the epic fields of ancient myths but for the late fall semester battle of Notre Dame students — DART.

Megan Doyle

News
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Editor

As first semester closes and second semester approaches, every Notre Dame student faces the task of registration for spring classes. We gloated or complained sufficiently about our DART times — I flaunted my miraculously early time. I read lists of requirements for my English major, researched possible professors, analyzed CRNs and formulated backup plans. I discovered classes inside my English major that intrigued me — Monstrous Mothers in Literature or Writing India — and then sadly discovered upperclassmen snagged all open spots before my DART time even opened. Some of us will be resigned to our second choices, and some will earn coveted seats with in highly competitive classes. I have no idea what the letters in the acronym DART mean. I just know my four minutes of DARTing beginning at 8:40 a.m. will be the most stressful moments of my day.

After I complete my spring semester classes, I will be halfway done with my time at Notre Dame. That thought is a daunting one. As I build my schedule, I chip away at my graduation requirements. I am working towards my degree with every step — and then what? Behind the stress and rush and anticipation of DART, what are we really building when we build our schedules? Our schedules bear weeks of running on the power of caffeine, and we live the grind of papers, tests, labs, problem sets, article assignments and meetings. The pressure builds and builds and builds — and sometimes we forget to breathe.

When we finally inhale, when we finally take a moment to step outside the daily grind, we realize where we are. These classes are pieces of a degree that will carry us through the rest of our lives. When we bid farewell to Notre Dame, we will receive a diploma bearing the University seal — that gold from the dome. The presence that towered over us for four years remains with us in a very physical, 24-carat sense that will hang on office walls. But these CRNs we frantically enter in the computer as we DART also signs us up for the courses we will remember for years to come. We learn lessons about chemistry, literature, math, accounting, philosophy, French grammar and spirituality. More importantly, we learn what we love, what we will fight for.

So suit up for battle, everyone. Here we go.

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Braving the Winter Wonderland

The coldness has finally arrived and with it, the dynamics on the hallowed campus of Notre Dame will begin to change. Different attitudes and different fashions will set in as a clear sign that winter is here. Unfortunately, these are not the most positive attitudes and fashions. But that can all change this year! We can come together as one and begin to lay to rest the winter plagues on campus.



Kevin Kimberly

Bursting the Bubble

Numero uno — The Ugg boots have got to go. I know the words 'how dare you' probably just came out of your mouth because they are so comfortable, right? I do not care; this makes me think of the glorious saying when the Crocs came out: "I don't care how comfortable Crocs are, you look like a (fill in appropriate word)." And it is true for Uggs as well. They are goofy, overpriced, and usually go with nothing you are actually wearing. Functionally, they do no good either because they clear no trails through the snow that I must walk through later in the day, and that is obviously a necessity on this campus. Get a real pair of boots; fabrication is not a style.

Fashion faux pas number two — North Face jackets are really not that cool. Priced on average at \$175, I still have not figured out what is so

special about these jackets. They do not keep you any warmer than the next jacket on the rack and they are so cliché. Many of them actually look extremely ridiculous as well (cue the ones that make you look like a penguin or the ones that encompass your whole being). I will stick with my sweatshirt, but honestly, I would rather see hundreds of students walking around in Snuggies than these jackets; at least they provide some dynamic.

Now, for the final fashion tip of the season, I would like to put to shame a commonly thought idea here — that it is okay for the ladies to wear leggings but not sweatpants. This could not be any more false. I have no qualms about saying this, but the sweatpants look is definitely in and definitely attractive, and do not pretend like you were not thinking of the same thing. It is an easy look to pull off and those criticizing it are just part of the few that cannot actually pull it off. Remember, the only reason we came to Notre Dame is to find a husband/wife, so this is my friendly advice to you to help you in your cause. Sweatpants are a positive, not a negative, and I fully encourage and support them. As for those who choose those skintight leggings, I need not say anything more than what the people you pass are saying.

Winter also brings about a change of heart, if you will, for many. As though there were not enough social interaction issues around here, many of us tend to think that we are like the animals that go into hibernation during the winter. Last time I

checked, humans stay functional. It is appropriate to still do things, outside of jetting from one place to the next.

The overlying issue here, though, is that we have to be like everyone else and do what everyone else is doing. Nonsense. Du Lac does not require that you wear Uggs and North Face jackets, not that you would follow it if it did. Maybe that is what needs to happen (paging Father Doyle). Nor is winter synonymous with sadness. You can be happy in the midst of cold temperatures and snow; I swear it is okay. Smiles in place of death glares as you walk about the winter wonderland that is coming is okay and actually encouraged; I promise you. Look around when you step outside and you will see just how right I am and will realize how these two brands have taken over our campus.

But in the midst of the bustle and hustle, I promise you I will be there somewhere, rocking my shorts and flip-flops and jamming out to whatever Christmas song my iPod selected. (Side note: Siegfried's Day of Man has nothing on me.) You will most likely approach me with a deathly look (see above), or a laugh, and regardless, I will be glad you noticed I steered clear of the trend. Did you?

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A loving person lives in a loving world. A hostile person lives in a hostile world. Everyone you meet is your mirror."

Ken Keyes Jr.
U.S. author

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"From now on, ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put."

Sir Winston Churchill
British politician

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Satire alive and well

It's been a long time since I've read a good bit of satire in a newspaper editorial, so I was quite surprised, not to mention impressed, when I stumbled upon Ryan Williams' creed about "Evil lurking in Harry Potter" (Nov. 18). In it, Mr. Williams goes on at length about the moral and existential threats present in the famous J.K. Rowling series and accuses the myriad Potter fans on campus of betraying the University's Christian principles.

What makes this editorial brilliant, however, is the care with which he wrote it. It's obvious he's familiar with most, if not all the baseless accusations against the Potter franchise and its creator, J.K. Rowling, and he manages to address nearly every one in turn, subtly highlighting just why they're so absurd.

I have to wonder whether Mr. Williams has read the books, though. It seems he hasn't, because the editorial reads like it's from someone who wouldn't touch them with a 10-foot pole, but I could be wrong. It's entirely possible he actually has read them and chose to ignore them to make his diatribe all the more convincing.

Whatever the case may be, though, I have to applaud Mr. Williams for his biting take on paranoid fundamentalism and the reactionary absurdity it breeds.

Kudos, Mr. Williams. I hope to read more of your work soon.

Pete Reimers
library staff
Nov. 18

Utah a special game

As I stood with the rain dripping off the hood of my poncho and looked out across the packed stadium now lit up by lights at the people clapping to the famous Fight Song being played by the band, I felt something in the air I couldn't describe. Something that took your breath away, brought a tear to your eye and a lump in your throat. Then I realized it was the magic of Notre Dame waking up the echoes, shaking the thunder from the sky and welling up pride in everyone in that stadium. We were winning a game that no one thought we had a chance of winning. We were beating a rated team when we had already lost five games. We were kicking "unbelief" — a word coined by "Rocket" Ismail — out of our house. Our guys were playing their hearts out and it showed.

I never wanted the game to end. There was so much excitement in the air as the stadium roared, cheering the team to victory. There was so much pride as we yelled, "We are ND!" The rain didn't dampen the crowd's spirits as no one left when it continued to rain and the cold air came blowing in bringing a damp chill. Even the Utah fans did not leave when the game was too far in our favor for them to win. Maybe they felt it too. Maybe they were seeing the magic of Notre Dame and what it is all about to "be ND" and maybe it captured them and held them in its grip.

Seeing the students rush the field after the game made me wish I could do it too. I wanted to join in all the celebrating. As I watched the team, the band, the students hugging, singing, laughing, all I could think about was how it was long overdue. We needed this happiness, this good feeling. Sure, it wasn't a Top 10 team we had just beaten and we hadn't just won a National Championship, but it was a victory of a different sort. It was a victory that said we finally believed in ourselves and we were finally turning the corner and yes, what though the odds, we could win.

I wanted to bottle up all the joy and excitement that was on the field and take it home with me. Whenever I would need a lift, I would just uncork that bottle and let it flow.

As I look forward to the last game, I realize the football season I have waited so long for is almost over and a sadness overcomes me. I will return again in the spring for the Blue/Gold game to get my football fix until the regular season returns once again. I pray God will be as good to me next year as He was this year and will bless me with many chances to see the Fighting Irish in person and the beautiful campus I so love. I take with me, leaving the stadium for the last time this year, the game that was so perfect, the win so needed, the sign of good things to come for our Fighting Irish and the pride of "being ND."

Christine Putnam
Nov. 18

Carroty woes

Dear Jim, Kiely and Ayla,
Stop signing your letters "In Notre Dame." You're arguing about carrots.

Kolin O'Brien
junior
Fisher Hall
Nov. 18

Give me a break ...

Much like any other Notre Dame student, I am excited for Thanksgiving. The prospect of spending time with my family and eating great food has been what has motivated me for the week or two leading up to the break. I said to myself, "Just make it past this week; then you get to go home and be lazy for a while." However, as I am presently writing this in my confined dorm room and not my living room at home, I realize that there is a problem. Surely, many will agree with me and rally to my call for a week-long Thanksgiving break. However, I am not going take the traditional argument that has certainly been raised in dining halls and dorms rooms — citing other schools, the uselessness of these two days, or the fact that many pack up and leave early anyways if they don't have classes that take attendance seriously.

Instead, I implore those that work under the dome to reflect on why a Thanksgiving break exists in the first place. It is a time for students to leave and spend time with their families, but its current structure makes that challenging for those of us not from the

Midwest. Instead of leaving the weekend before Thanksgiving, we must wait until Tuesday night or Wednesday morning to leave. These, of course, are the busiest travel days of the year, causing expensive tickets and ridiculously busy airports. Both of these factors have caused many Notre Dame students to decide that they should forgo the trip home and just stay on campus or go to a friend's house nearby. Doing either of these is completely respectable, but we shouldn't have to resort to that if we don't want to. Our administration should not discourage students from going home by forcing us to travel on the busiest days of the year.

A Notre Dame education comes with a price. Ignoring the financial aspect, for most of us this price is expressed as stress. Please, don't cause any more by making us travel the day before Thanksgiving. That's just not cool.

Sean Baur
sophomore
Morrissey Manor
Nov. 21

The worthy cause

Ryan,

I am very impressed with your letter decrying the evils of my dear friend Harry ("Evil lurking in Harry Potter," Nov. 18). It takes some serious testicular fortitude to stand up to a series of novels depicting a virtuous hero, a lovable ginger and a curly haired, intelligent and sexy coed in a fight against evil. I am especially impressed with your decision to choose this issue as your existential threat to Catholic morality in a world where we, as a nation, are fighting two wars that are all but forgotten by the average citizen, discriminating against gays and Muslims, idolizing Glenn Beck and holding the dollar as the highest standard of success and godliness. Likewise, you have made a swell choice of 'brave, enlightened leaders' to show the validity of your cause.

The Pope, for example, has made the enlightened decision to explain to the world that condoms should not be handed out to battle aids in Africa and has made it quite clear that if you have sex with young children, the church will stand by you in your moral righteousness, and President Bush, bless his soul, was brave enough to stand up and join the Air National Guard to protect our homeland in a day when his fellow American was enjoying the sun and sand in South Vietnam. He even grew up to further

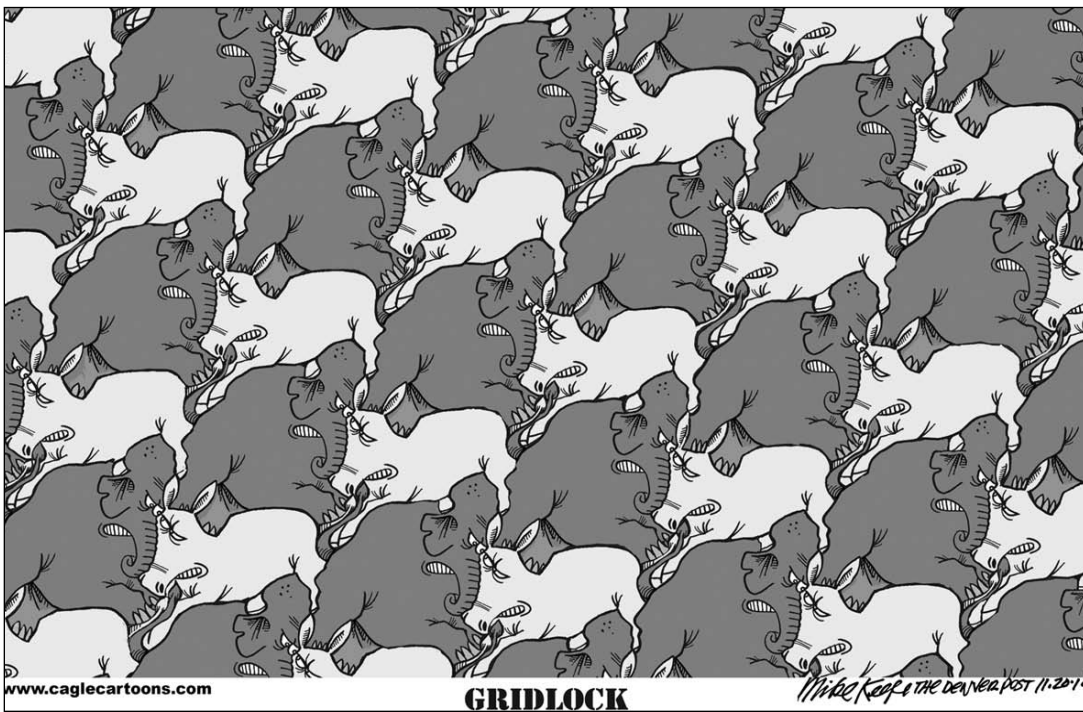
such renowned Christian morals as starting wars and giving more money to the rich.

With your noble cause chosen and in hand, it is now time to choose your next step. I vote you go out on South Quad and burn every Harry Potter book in sight, as the decision to criticize the moral content of a book, instead of just shutting up and not reading it, usually leads to this practice. You'll be in good fellowship with Adolf Whatshisname and some preacher from Florida. In fact, why don't you petition the University to stop teaching things about dinosaurs (fossils are God's way of testing our faith), any books involving premarital sex (all of them) and anything involving any other religion (they don't fall in line with my personal beliefs as a Catholic).

Ryan, thank you for your time and insight. I do realize that you might not take this letter seriously as, instead of reading Swift and Moliere on the weekends, I enjoy throwing my hands up in the air and learning how to Dougie. I do, however, feel like I can speak for most of the student body, when I say: Go suck on a wand.

Daniel Brennan
senior
off campus
Nov. 18

EDITORIAL CARTOON





By MAC HENDRICKSON
Scene Writer

For the most part, the pop culture world met Bruce Springsteen in 1984. “Born In the USA” was a heartland smash album (a little more John Cougar than Roy Orbison) that outsold anything he’d done before or would ever do. The radio-friendly work seemed to suggest that Springsteen was just “the next big thing,” not a genius. Anyone who has ever heard the first 30 seconds of “Thunder Road” knows this isn’t the case.

The fact that Springsteen had done his best work in the years leading up to 1984 is a point of frustration for Springsteen’s avid followers. “Darkness on the Edge of Town,” despite its lack of commercial success against the pop juggernaut that was “Born in the USA,” ranks among Springsteen’s best work.

To commemorate the 30th anniversary, in 2005 Springsteen re-released “Born to Run” along with a live DVD and a making-of documentary. Though pale in comparison to the “Darkness” reissue in terms of material, the reissue was a masterpiece itself. Listening to the re-

mastered version was like listening to the album for the first time, every track more clear and defined. The first DVD was Springsteen’s magical performance at Hammersmith Odeon Theatre in London, and the second, a documentary about the making of an album with, debatably, the greatest back-story of any album in rock history.

So how does one overcome the expectation set by such an outstanding re-release? How about three CDs, three DVDs and a facsimile of Springsteen’s private notebook? If 10 hours plus doesn’t satisfy however deeply obsessed you are with Springsteen, I doubt anything will.

Similar to its brother, the reissue contains a re-mastered version of the album, two live DVDs and a making-of documentary. The re-mastered album isn’t considerably more illuminated than the original, though there are noticeable improvements, and the making-of documentary isn’t as entertaining as the one on “Born to Run,” though just as well done.

For “Born to Run,” Springsteen wrote eight songs, recorded eight songs and released eight songs — no outtakes and nothing left behind. “Darkness on the

Edge of Town” was a different story. Coming off an emotionally exhausting lawsuit with his former manager over what would eventually become control of his career, Springsteen was broke and permitted from using the studio.

Trapped in his New Jersey home, Springsteen began writing tunes about the pain and confusion of becoming an adult. By the time he was able to hit the studio once again, Springsteen had written over 50 songs, which he mixed and matched for his 10 cohesive songs that became “Darkness on the Edge of Town.” The outtakes from these sessions are featured on the second two CDs of the set, entitled “The Promise.” “Outtake” doesn’t seem to be the proper word for these songs, however. They were cut from the album due to lack of thematic relation, not lack of significance as individual songs. In fact, even the mildest of Bruce fans will find at least a few treasures in the outtakes.

Despite the awesomeness of the extra material, the best part of the re-release is the attention it forces on the album itself. In contrast to the Spector-esque “Born to Run,” “Darkness” is sparse, open and lonely. The lyrics are the portrait of a man caught between what he

wants to be and what society is forcing him to become. At the climax, he sings, “I’ll be on that hill with everything that I got.”

The future is uncertain, but he has found where he will stand at the end of it all. The album is more than 10 great songs, more than a journey. It’s nothing less than one of the finest records of all time.

‘Darkness on the Edge of Town’ Reissue
Bruce Springsteen

Label: Columbia Records

Best Tracks: “Badlands,” “Racing in the Street” and “Darkness on the Edge of Town”

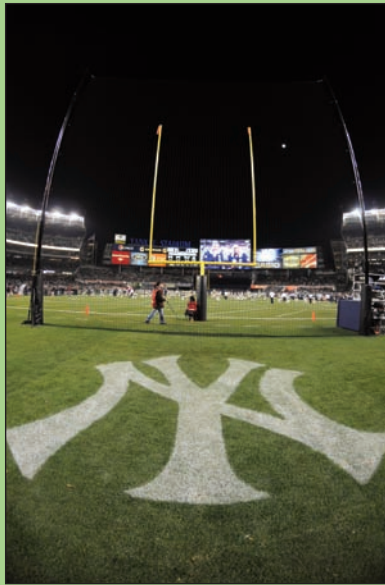


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Notre Dame 27, Army 3

Big win in the Big Apple

Stifling defense, consistent offense help Irish take down Army at Yankee Stadium

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Nearly a month ago, Notre Dame faced Navy and its triple-option offensive scheme to disastrous results at the Meadowlands in New Jersey.

Against another triple-option Academy in an even more prestigious venue Saturday, Notre Dame's defense led the way to a huge victory.

The Irish capped a weekend of festivities with a 27-3 win over Army in Yankee Stadium. The biggest celebration may be yet to come, though, as the win, Notre Dame's second straight, made the Irish (6-5) eligible to be selected for a bowl game.

"Everyone feels great," freshman quarterback Tommy Rees said. "Two wins now, to be bowl eligible, playing in New York City, Yankee Stadium, coming out with the win."

Leading up to the game, Notre Dame virtually took over New York City, with a pep rally in Lincoln Center, a marching band performance in Times Square and even an appearance at the NASDAQ MarketSite to ring the stock market's closing bell.

"New York's a lot of things, and what it was tonight was a college football town," Kelly said. "It was an exciting atmosphere, and I know that our kids fed off the energy that was here in New York for the past 48 hours."

It took a bit of time for the Irish to take over at Yankee Stadium, though.

Notre Dame opened the game with a 69-yard drive that ended with an interception at its own two-yard line. Army then marched down the field in a 78-yard drive before kicking a field goal. The Black Knights led 3-0 after the first quarter.

But then, the Irish defense took over.

In the final three quarters, Notre Dame held Army to 86 yards of offense, two less than the Black Knights had in the first quarter. They allowed the Black Knights a total of 174 yards, far less than the 438 yards Navy gained on Oct. 23.

"We're playing fast. We're playing physical," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "We don't look like a team in November that is not physically stronger, not in better condition."

Between this win and Notre Dame's 28-3 victory over Utah on Nov. 13, the Irish have yet to allow a touchdown in the month of November. The last



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Junior receiver Michael Floyd stiff-arms an Army defender during Notre Dame's 27-3 victory Saturday in Yankee Stadium. Floyd caught three passes for 63 yards in the win.

time Notre Dame held opponents without a touchdown in two straight games was against Rice and Penn State on Nov. 5 and 12, 1988.

"They know what they're doing," Kelly said. "Navy caught us. What's the analogy there, first time shame on you, second time, shame on me. That would have been the case if we don't get it done this time."

Sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o finished the game with nine tackles. Senior cornerback Darrin Walls and junior defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore each had seven.

The defense helped with scoring points, as well. In the third quarter, Walls intercepted Army quarterback Trent Steelman and ran it back for a 42-yard touchdown return. Senior linebacker Brian Smith intercepted a Steelman pass later in the third quarter and handed it to senior cornerback Gary Gray, who gained 14 yards on a play that led to a 39-yard field goal from senior kicker David Ruffer.

"Things seem to be clicking," Rees said. "The defense is playing unbelievable. Words can't really sum up how they're playing."

Steelman finished 2-of-7 with 39 yards passing.

Ruffer also scored Notre Dame's first points of the game with a 47-yard kick at the beginning of the second quarter.

Rees bounced back from his early interception to pass for 214 yards and a touchdown, going 13-for-20 on the day.

"As a quarterback you can't hang your head," he said. "You have to get back out there and keep playing, because everyone's relying on you."

Sophomore tight end Tyler Eifert led the team with 78 receiving yards, including two big plays from Rees in the second quarter. Eifert caught a 35-yard pass on the one-yard line, which set up senior Robert Hughes to score Yankee Stadium's first touchdown with a one-yard run. Minutes later, he grabbed a 31-yard pass in the back of the end zone for a

touchdown.

"It's something we work on during practice," Rees said. "Tyler's a really athletic guy, and certain match-ups favor size and athleticism, and he did a great job with that."

Sophomore tailback Cierre Wood led the Irish rushing effort with 88 yards on 14 carries. Hughes followed with 40 yards on nine carries.

The contest was the first college football game to be held in the new Yankee Stadium, which opened in 2009. It was also the 50th meeting between Army and Notre Dame, who played regularly in the old Yankee Stadium in the first half of the 20th century. Notre Dame now leads the series 38-8-4. The Irish wore green jerseys to mark the occasion.

Kelly interrupted his usual routine to give the players a chance to explore the stadium Friday.

"Generally, on Friday, my standard routine is to have a pretty brisk walk through, go through a lot of things. We didn't do any of that," Kelly said.

"We just stood around with our eyes wide open and took pictures and marvelled marveled at the stadium and walked around here."

Players relished the experience, junior center Braxton Cave said.

"It was awesome. Great environment. People dream of going to Yankee Stadium. To get to come here and play a football game is almost unheard of," Cave said. "Yesterday, getting to come out here and taking pictures, and walking around and looking at the greats who played here, then getting to come out and wear the green jerseys and getting a win. It can't get any better than that."

Prior to the game, players also watched videos on the history of the Army-Notre Dame series.

"Tradition for Notre Dame is the biggest thing that made me want to come here," Rees said. "To be a part of it and continue it is a blessing."

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player of the game

Tyler Eifert
Irish tight end

Eifert caught 4 balls for a career-high 78 yards and a 31-yard touchdown reception.

stat of the game

98

The Irish defense held Army to 135 rushing yards, 98 fewer than its previous season low of 235 yards against Kent St.

play of the game

Tyler Eifert's 35-yard reception which set up Notre Dame's first touchdown.

Eifert's diving grab gave the Irish first and goal on the one-yard line. The Irish scored, and never looked back.

quote of the game

"We didn't play very well, and we got clobbered."

Rich Ellerson
Black Knights coach

report card

- B+

quarterbacks: Tommy Rees was consistently accurate, completing 65 percent of his passes. He threw for more than 200 yards and a touchdown, but was also picked off in the end zone.
- A

running backs: The Irish carried the ball more times than any other game this season. Cierre Wood averaged more than six yards per carry, and Notre Dame amazingly outrushed Army.
- B+

receivers: The Notre Dame receivers did little wrong, but little spectacular. Roby Toma and Michael Floyd each recorded 63 yards, but no Irish receiver scored a touchdown.
- A

offensive line: Tommy Rees survived the game without being sacked, and the Irish gained 4.1 yards per carry on the ground. Chalk both of those up as wins for the o-line.
- A

defensive line: Even without Ian Williams, the Irish defensive line held Army fullback and leading rusher Jared Hassin, who was averaging over six yards per carry, to only 2.9 per rush.
- A

linebackers: Notre Dame held Army to 135 yards on the ground, 138 yards fewer than its season average going into the game. Manti Te'o led the team in tackles with nine.
- A+

defensive backs: Cornerback Darrin Walls returned an interception for a touchdown, Notre Dame's first defensive score since 2008. Army only accumulated 39 yards through the air.
- B

special teams: David Ruffer made his 20th consecutive field goal from 47 yards away, but Notre Dame recorded negative punt return yards and averaged only 16 yards per kick return.
- A

coaching: Once again, Brian Kelly designed an offensive gameplan which put Tommy Rees in good positions all night, and the Irish defense learned from past mistakes to stop Army's triple option.
- 3.74

overall: There was no letdown coming off of an emotional Senior Day victory as Notre Dame went into Yankee Stadium and dominated Army.

adding up the numbers

- Notre Dame has not allowed a touchdown in each of its last two games, something it has not done since the 1988 national championship season.

0
- 8 Army recorded only 8 first downs against Notre Dame. Eight is the fewest first downs for an Irish opponent since Maryland in 2002.

8
- Notre Dame carried the ball 38 times, its most this season. The Irish finished with 155 yards on the ground.

38
- 262 Notre Dame gained 262 yards in the first half, its most before the break in any game this season, and its second-highest single-half total.

262
- Irish receiver Michael Floyd caught three passes against Army, moving him into sole possession of fifth all-time in receptions at Notre Dame.

3
- 15 Senior kicker David Ruffer made his 15th straight field goal this season, the longest single-season field goal streak in Notre Dame history.

15
- Freshman quarterback Tommy Rees completed 65 percent of his passes against Army, the fourth best mark for an Irish freshman.

65
- 6 With the victory over Army, Notre Dame improves its win total to six, making the Irish bowl eligible.

6



Senior cornerback Gary Gray intercepts a pass in the third quarter of Notre Dame's win over Army Saturday. The Irish picked off two passes in the game, including one returned for a touchdown by senior Darrin Walls.

Strong finish a positive for Irish

There were many positives to take away from Notre Dame's 27-3 win over Army on Saturday night. The Irish are bowl-eligible with their sixth win, the defense didn't allow a touchdown for the second straight game, and freshman quarterback Tommy Rees continued his solid play in place of injured Dayne Crist. Perhaps the most important encouraging sign from this weekend's victory, though, is the fact that the Irish look like a noticeably improved football team from the one that took the field at the beginning of the season.

The tackling has improved, the offense seems to have found a sense of balance, and the team is playing with an overall confidence that was lacking in September.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is why Brian Kelly was hired.

"I've always felt that the teams that I've coached, we want to be better in November," Kelly said after the game. "And we're getting better in November."

Irish fans have become all too accustomed to late season failure, with just two wins after the month of October in the past two seasons. Losses to Syracuse and Connecticut on Senior Day in 2008 and 2009, respectively, provided lowlights for the Irish in cold weather. Those winter doldrums are a big part of



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why Charlie Weis is no longer coaching the Irish.

Now that Kelly has put an emphasis on late-season performance — and two thoroughly dominating victories — it looks like the days of stumbling to the finish are behind the Irish.

The biggest change has been the improvement on defense. It's not just the solid tackling or sound positioning, but the players actually seem confident in their responsibilities on the field. Previously, the Irish seemed tentative and too afraid to make a mistake. Now, they know what they need to do and make plays almost instinctively, especially in the secondary.

On the offensive side of the ball, Notre Dame has placed a renewed emphasis on its running game. Partially to compensate for Rees' inexperience, the Irish rushed the ball 29 and 38 times against Utah and Army, respectively. Just because Kelly runs a spread offense doesn't mean Notre Dame can't run the football when they need to. Particularly when protecting leads — a sore spot for the Irish over the past few seasons — a running game is absolutely essential. Even with senior Armando Allen sidelined for the season, sophomore Cierre Wood has stepped in admirably and taken the bulk of the carries.

This season has been far from perfect for Notre Dame — the embarrassing blowout loss to Navy and Kelly's indefensible decision to throw the ball at the end of the game against Tulsa come to mind — but the team is clearly trending upward. After two wins that could only be described as dominating,

it's hard to say the Irish aren't a team on the rise.

Now, it's Kelly's job to make sure this improvement holds. Many thought the Irish were "back" after blowout wins against Hawaii and Nevada to close 2008 and begin the 2009. Those wins, though, were more based on transcendent performances by flashy offensive players. Notre Dame's victories over Utah and Army were the result of solid fundamentals and belief in the gameplan — themes that have a lot more staying power.

It also says a great deal that Notre Dame was able to bounce back from a downright dismal performance against one triple-option team in Navy to completely shut down the Black Knights' attack Saturday. It would have been easy for the team to doubt itself after giving up 367 rushing yards to the Midshipmen. Instead, the team and coaching staff went back to the drawing board and drew up a defensive scheme that Army was unable to solve.

Not to get too far ahead of ourselves, but the Irish are now presented with a fantastic opportunity. If they can pull off their first win against USC since 2001 and follow up with a victory in the bowl game, that's a whole lot of momentum heading into 2011. If recent results are any indication, there's no reason to think the Irish won't continue to improve.

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Defense rebounds in November



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Sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o and junior cornerback Robert Blanton look on after a tackle in Notre Dame's 27-3 win at Yankee Stadium Saturday.

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Before Saturday, the last time the Irish went two straight games without allowing a touchdown was in November of 1988 against Rice and Penn State. Not coincidentally, that was also the same year of Notre Dame's last national championship.

After this weekend's 27-3 win over Army, the Notre Dame defense has not allowed an offensive touchdown in the last 11 quarters of action. Few would have thought the Irish would be here just a month ago.

On Oct. 23, the Irish gave up 438 yards to Navy's triple-option attack. The Midshipmen moved the ball with ease in their 35-17 win, and Irish defensive coordinator Bob Diaco was widely criticized after the game for his lack of an effective defensive gameplan.

After Saturday's win, Irish head coach Brian Kelly defended Diaco.

"I think [this win] just allows us to say [the Navy game] was an anomaly," Kelly said. "Listen, we haven't given up a touchdown in the month of November. You don't do that by accident. We've had answers all year. I really feel great for Bob and the defense."

The Black Knights had success on their first drive Saturday night. After intercepting Irish quarterback Tommy Rees in the end zone, Army ate up 8:45 of clock with a 17-play, 78-yard drive that ended in a field goal and a 3-0 lead. Notre Dame defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore said despite the Black Knights' success, the Irish didn't change their strategy.

"We weren't going to stray from the defensive gameplan," Lewis-Moore said. "We just had to communicate and talk to the coaches."

Kelly attributed the defensive success to Notre Dame's focus on stopping Army quarterback Trent Steelman and fullback Jared Hassin from running the ball. Steelman finished with just 37 yards on 14 carries, while Hassin had 23 yards on 8 rushes. As a team, the Black Knights rushed for 154 yards on 43 attempts, just 3.1 yards per carry.

"They want to run the fullbacks, they want to run the quarterbacks," Kelly said. "Those guys were not going to run the ball today. The ball was going out on the perimeter, and we were going to run it down."

The defense also contributed to the Irish scoring effort for the first time more than two years. Senior cornerback Darrin Walls' interception return for a touchdown in the third

quarter was Notre Dame's first defensive score since Robert Blanton returned a pick all the way against Purdue in 2008. The defensive scoring drought lasted 31 games.

Lewis-Moore said the defense used last week's win over Utah as a rallying point upon which to build.

"I feel like the Utah game gave us a lot of momentum coming into this game, knowing how good our defense can be," he said.

Lewis-Moore said the biggest difference wasn't in gameplans or schematics, but just in an overall improvement on the defensive side of the ball.

"I feel like we're getting better every game, and that's our whole mentality," he said. "We've got to get better every game. As long as you're improving from week to week, I think we're accomplishing our goal."

Lewis-Moore said that even though the defense is proud of its accomplishments so far, there is still work to be done.

"We've just got to keep the momentum going and everything," he said. "We've played good the past two games, but we can't dwell too much. We've got a tough opponent in USC coming up next week."

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Victory under the lights brings bowl game

By LAURA MYERS
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Bright LED lights, Big Screen

When freshman receiver Bennett Jackson heard his name called prior to the opening kickoff Saturday, he looked to Yankee Stadium's jumbotron and nodded his head at the image, smiling.

Throughout the evening, the 6,000 square foot LED screen showed game action as well as video montages and various animations.

Irish coach Brian Kelly said the jumbotron was "really cool."

"There is a beautiful one here," he said. "There were some videos that were playing. Our guys saw that."

Still perfect ... still

Senior kicker David Ruffer broke Notre Dame's record for consecutive kicks in a season with two field goals Saturday, one from 47 yards and one from 39. Ruffer is now 15-for-15 on the season, eclipsing the record of 14 consecutive field goals set by then-freshman Nick Tausch in 2009. Ruffer, who is on the short list for the 2010 Lou Groza award, is 20-for-20 in his kicking career, and holds the longest active streak of made field goals in the Football Bowl Subdivision. He is also the only kicker in the country who remains perfect after nine or more field goal attempts.

Going bowling

With six wins and one game left to play, many pre-

dictions have been made about where the Irish will now play in the postseason, in places from Las Vegas to Orlando. But Kelly said the real importance lies in the extra 15 practices a bowl game allows.

"Again, as you continue to develop your program, those 15 practices are very important. Now, if I brought that up in the locker room, my players don't want to hear about 15 more practices. They want to hear about what's the bowl destination?" he said. "But as you continue to build and develop your program, those are important, but also getting to a bowl game and continuing to build off of the month of November."

Winning in green

This was the first game in

green jerseys for Notre Dame since a 38-0 loss on Oct. 20, 2007 against Southern California. The last time the Irish won in green jerseys was the previous year in a 41-9 Senior Day victory against none other than Army on Nov. 18, 2006.

Pinpoint control

Freshman quarterback Tommy Rees completed 13 of his 20 passes for the second straight week. His 65 percent completion percentage against both Utah and Army places him fourth among Notre Dame freshman in completion percentage, behind Steve Beuerlein, Jimmy Clausen and Matt LoVecchio.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
ARMY	3	0	0	0	3
ND	0	17	10	0	27

First quarter

Notre Dame 0, Army 3
Alex Carlton 20-yard field goal with 2:10 remaining.
Drive: 17 plays, 78 yards, 8:45 elapsed.

Second quarter

Notre Dame 3, Army 3
David Ruffer 47-yard field goal with 14:50 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 36 yards, 2:15 elapsed.

Notre Dame 10, Army 3
Robert Hughes 1-yard run (Ruffer kick) with 11:55 remaining.
Drive: 5 plays, 30 yards, 2:11 elapsed.

Notre Dame 17, Army 3
Tyler Eifert 31-yard pass from Tommy Rees (Ruffer kick) with 8:01 remaining.
Drive: 5 plays, 71 yards, 2:17 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 24, Army 3
Darrin Walls 42-yard interception return (Ruffer kick) with 14:00 remaining.
Drive: 0 plays, 0 yard, 0:00 elapsed.

Notre Dame 27, Army 3
Ruffer 39-yard field goal with 5:23 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 16 yards, 2:25 elapsed.

statistics

Rushing Yards

ND	155
Army	135

Passing Yards

ND	214
Army 39	

Penalty Yards

ND	55
Army	28

First Downs

ND	15
Army	8



passing

Rees	13-20-214	Steelman	2-7-39
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rushing

Wood	14-95	Mealy	6-31
Hughes	9-40	Steelman	14-37
Gray	9-25	Hassin	8-23
Floyd	1-9	Cobbs	5-23
Rees	3-4	Jenkins	4-44
		Maples	4-33
		Crucitti	4-32

receiving

Eifert	4-78	Brooks	1-27
Toma	4-63	Jordan	1-27
Floyd	3-63		
Wood	1-5		
Kamara	1-5		



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Threat neutralized

After an emotional Senior Day victory over a top-25 team, the Irish avoided a letdown by beating Army 27-3.

That's two games in a row without giving up a touchdown, something Notre Dame hasn't done since its national championship season of 1988.

Sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o led the Irish with nine tackles, and senior corners Darrin Walls and Gary Gray each intercepted a pass against the Black Knights.

Freshman quarterback Tommy Rees played his second solid game for the Irish, completing 65 percent of his passes and throwing a touchdown to sophomore tight end Tyler Eifert. Sophomore Cierre Wood led Notre Dame on the ground in Armando Allen's absense, gaining 95 yards on 14 carries.



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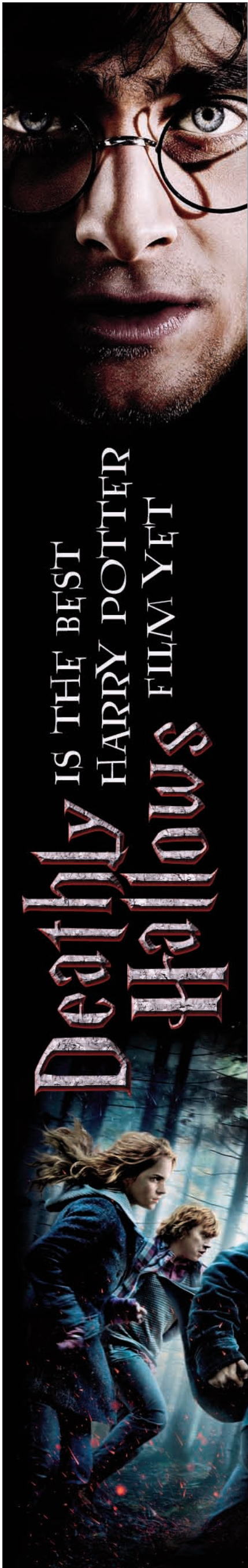


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Clockwise from top: Safety Jamoris Slaughter dives after a loose ball; receiver Roby Toma takes the ball upfield after one of his four catches; tight end Tyler Eifert snags a pass on the way to the end zone; quarterback Tommy Rees takes a snap from center Braxton Cave; coach Brian Kelly leads the Irish into Yankee Stadium.



By MAIJA GUSTIN
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“It all ends here.” So reads the first poster released for “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1.” This tagline seems to balance a strange mix of hope and dismal despair in it, and so too does the first chapter in the final film installment of the “Harry Potter” franchise. Gone are the cloistered-but-inviting walls of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Gone are the carefree days of Quidditch and blossoming romance that so dominated the most recent film, “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.” And most importantly, gone are the ever-present and ever-knowledgeable adult mentors on whom Harry so often relied.

Instead, it is not far into the film that Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe), Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) find themselves alone, running and hiding from the evil Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes), his cruel henchmen and the corrupt magical government, the Ministry of Magic. None of their old haunts are safe and so, while on a mission to destroy all of Voldemort’s horcruxes — magical objects that contain a piece of his soul — they must travel throughout the wilderness with only a tent, a couple of spells and each other to keep them safe and hidden. But, naturally, problems arise and the trio can no longer run from place to place in complete secrecy.

By the end of the film, Harry, Ron and Hermione have had a few too many close calls with their enemies and must change their course if they are to destroy the remaining horcruxes, uncover the mystery of the mythical Deathly Hallows and end Voldemort’s tyrannical, Muggle-hating rein once and for all.

Here lies the central difference between “Deathly Hallows” and any and all previous Potter stories — not only is Voldemort back, he is in power and the stakes are at their highest. Harry’s greatest ally, Albus Dumbledore, is, for all intents and purposes, gone. Yet it has never been more clear that all hope for the Wizarding world, and humanity in general, rests in Harry Potter, the only one who can defeat Voldemort.

This film, then, no longer feels like a series of stories that are leading towards whatever Harry’s final moment will be — this is it. The ante has been upped and Harry can no longer wait for the answer to come to him. Rather, he must seek it out himself, with the help of some very loyal friends.

The films, like the books they are adapted from, have been growing continuously darker, making notable turns in “The Prisoner of Azkaban” and “The

Order of the Phoenix” (the first of director David Yates’ “Potter” films). However, that darkness is more palpable in this installment than ever before. Not only is the film stylistically and aesthetically darker, it alludes to pieces of other literature and to history to create a vivid depiction of the true horror of that is Voldemort’s wizarding world, drawing on images of the terrifying creatures from J.R.R. Tolkien’s “The Lord of the Rings” and references to totalitarian governments of the not-so-distant past.

“Deathly Hallows” has also moved from scenes that might frighten only young children to ones that had the mostly teenage and young 20-something audience audibly gasping in fear and suspense. But this eeriness never feels unnecessary. Rather, the many deaths, injuries, scenes of torture and all things in-between serve as an essential and constant reminder that this is no longer the story of a boy wizard — it is, at its core, a war between good and evil.

In the past, the tremendous performances by many of the adult characters, most of them renowned British screen and stage actors, anchored the sometimes cheesy, childish films, whose main characters were still learning the craft of acting as the films were being made. And while all of the young actors, including Radcliffe, Grint and Watson, have much to learn, “Deathly Hallows: Part 1” is really a showcase of just how much they have grown as performers since their turns in “The Sorcerer’s Stone” nearly 10 years ago. Those three, specifically, have become talented actors, capable of handling very dense, mature material despite their age (Radcliffe is 21, Grint 22 and Watson, 20). Radcliffe continues to carry the film while Grint is allowed to be more than just comic relief. Most noteworthy is probably Watson, who has gone from a master of acting with her eyebrows to giving a much more nuanced performance in this film.

“Deathly Hallows” also gave the actors their best material to work with. Screenwriter Steve Kloves, who wrote all of the screenplays except for “The Order of the Phoenix,” has here crafted his best script. Perhaps it is because all of the previous films were written before the final book had been released, leaving the trajectory of the story somewhat ambiguous. It may also be in part because Kloves was required to cut much less of the book’s material thanks to Warner Brothers’ decision to divide the book into two separate films.

Whatever the reason, “Deathly Hallows” is the most cohesive and compelling script in the series. For every moment of tension, fear or death, Kloves added in very welcome doses of comedic relief to ground the film in its rich, warm and comforting past. Though Harry has

been taken from everything he knows, the film makes sure to constantly remind the audience of how and why they connected with the Boy Who Lived in the first place. Unfortunately, Kloves could not completely banish some of the film’s cheesier moments, but they are few and far between, and often taken directly from text from the book itself.

Cuts to the original story obviously had to be made. However, Kloves, Yates and all others involved in the film made them appropriately, leaving all major plot points in and cutting a lot of ultimately unnecessary, though wonderful, minor storylines. The film moves at a quicker pace than J.K. Rowling’s novel did, making the story more appropriate for film than the original may have been.

A few scenes were added as well, notably one in which Hermione wipes her parents’ memories and sends them to Australia and one in which Harry tries to comfort a distraught Hermione by dancing with her. The first is brief, yet touching. The second, though it adds some unwarranted sexual tension, serves as a reminder that these are two teenagers, best friends but completely alone, bearing the weight of the wizarding world on their shoulders. They look ridiculous dancing together, but it enhances the reality of their situation and is a welcome reminder of the deep friendship that lies beneath this civil war. However, a final longing look from Harry threatens to ruin the entire moment.

The film ends at an appropriate point. It combines both a much-needed scene of sentimentality with one of menace and a view of what’s to come in “Part 2.”

“Deathly Hallows: Part 1” is easily the best film to date. It remains true to the book, yet makes for a fantastic piece of cinema in-and-of-itself. It feels so different from the others, lacking much of what seems to define the “Potter” universe most. However, it also feels like the first act in the culmination of the story and of all the films, sure to lead to a dramatic and climactic close when “Part 2” hits theaters in July.

**Harry Potter and the
Deathly Hallows: Part 1**
Warner Bros.

Director: David Yates
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma
Watson and Rupert Grint



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NFL

Kitna leads Cowboys to second victory under Garrett

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Jason Garrett is still perfect as the interim coach of the Dallas Cowboys. And if Bryan McCann keeps coming up with long, game-changing returns for touchdowns, it may stay that way for awhile.

A week after a 101-yard touchdown return helped Garrett win his debut, McCann grabbed a batted-down punt and took it 97 yards for a go-ahead touchdown that sent Dallas to a 35-19 victory over the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

McCann's score put the Cowboys ahead 14-12, then Jon Kitna put the game away by throwing two short touchdown passes to Miles Austin and surprising everyone with a 29-yard touchdown run, the longest of his 14-year career.

Even more satisfying for the 38-year-old backup, who is playing because Tony Romo is hurt, this one came against a team that gave up on him a few years ago.

Kitna was 18 of 24 for 147 yards and three touchdowns. He also was Dallas' second-leading rusher with 40 yards on four carries. He also didn't have any turnovers.

Detroit's Shaun Hill was 32 of

47 for 289 yards and two touchdowns. He was intercepted once, on a punt-like heave in the final minutes.

For all the on-field heroics, the big-picture star for Dallas is Garrett, the 44-year-old offensive coordinator promoted two weeks ago by owner Jerry Jones once it was clear the team had given up under coach Wade Phillips. The former backup to Troy Aikman tightened up the rules, cracked down on enforcement and has quickly made a strong case to keep the job permanently.

By winning twice for him, the Cowboys (3-7) have consecutive victories for the first time this season. This also was their first win at home, having lost the first four. The real test comes next, with back-to-back games against last year's Super Bowl opponents. The champion Saints come to Cowboys Stadium on Thanksgiving, then Dallas plays at Indianapolis.

The Lions (2-8) lost their 26th straight on the road, extending a woeful NFL record.

A crowd of 81,261 came to Cowboys Stadium with renewed interest in this season, curious whether last weekend's road win over the Giants was the start of something special under Garrett. He led them onto the field for pregame introductions and stood on the midfield star logo, patting

guys on the backside as they ran past him.

The defense opened the game with a stop, but then Detroit downed the punt at the 2. It hardly mattered as Kitna completed 7 of 8 passes while marching Dallas 98 yards for a touchdown, with rookie Dez Bryant making a terrific grab over a smaller cornerback for the touchdown and a quick 7-0 lead.

But the Cowboys went into a funk after that. Their next six possessions were the kind of stretch that got Phillips fired: zero first downs, minus-10 yards overall, a fumble at the 12 that led to a go-ahead touchdown for Detroit just before halftime, then a holding penalty in the end zone for a safety that put the Lions ahead 12-7 early in the third quarter.

Then Detroit punted and John Wedling jumped over the goal line, tapping the ball back into the field of play. It was about to be the fourth time the Lions downed the ball inside the 5, except that the ball hopped up waist-high — and right to McCann.

The speedster took off for the sideline. He was never touched en route to the second-longest punt return in franchise history. Replays showed he may have stepped out of bounds about 30



Cowboys rookie wide receiver Dez Bryant catches a touchdown pass over Lions cornerback Chris Houston in Sunday's game.

yards from the end zone, but replays were slow in coming so it was never challenged.

The previous Sunday, McCann's long interception came with Dallas leading the Giants only 9-3. Instead of New York getting a go-ahead score, the Cowboys came away leading by 13. It earned him the NFC defensive player of the week award. It is quite a streak for an undrafted rookie from SMU who was only called up from the practice squad on Nov. 4.

Given a lead to protect, the Dallas defense forced a fumble two snaps later. Kitna then led the Cowboys to touchdowns on the next three possessions — the 4- and 3-yard scoring passes to Austin, and Kitna's stunning jaunt down the left sideline.

Jahvid Best tried playing on a pair of injured big toes, but had just 2 yards on three carries, forcing third-down back Maurice Morris to become the main ball carrier. He had 31 yards on 10 carries.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Commodores upset Tar Heels in tournament

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — John Jenkins scored 16 points, and Festus Ezeli and Jeffery Taylor each had 15 to lead Vanderbilt to a 72-65 win over reeling No. 8 North Carolina on Sunday night in the Puerto Rico Tip-Off tournament.

The Commodores (3-1) beat a top-10 team for the first time since knocking off No. 1 Tennessee on Feb. 26, 2008.

The few hundred Vanderbilt fans who made the trip to Puerto Rico serenaded the Tar Heels (2-2) with chants of "Overrated!" For this year's Tar Heels, they may be right.

Coach Roy Williams insisted after losing to Minnesota on Friday that he didn't think anymore about last year's 17-loss debacle. He'll now be forced to answer more questions about

what's wrong with the slumping Tar Heels.

Tyler Zeller had 20 points and 10 rebounds for North Carolina, and freshman Harrison Barnes rebounded from a bad performance to score 11.

Outside of Zeller, the Tar Heels had no offensive threat inside or out. He made seven baskets, and no one else made more than four.

That wasn't a problem for the Commodores. Taylor and Ezeli were tough inside, with 16 rebounds and three blocked shots between them. Jenkins did his work from the free-throw line with a 10-for-12 effort that first built the lead, then helped Vanderbilt keep it for the win. The Commodores bounced back after losing in the final seconds to West Virginia on Friday.

When Ezeli subbed out in the

final seconds, he ran to the bench, threw back his head and let out a big "Yeah!!!"

The Tar Heels made a last gasp effort for the win when they got the ball inside to Zeller, who got the basket and the foul. Vanderbilt forward Andre Walker fouled out on the play and Zeller made the free throw to make it 59-57.

It wasn't enough.

Vanderbilt fattened the lead from the free-throw line and Taylor slid down the baseline for a bank-layup and a 65-58 lead. Lance Goulbourne slammed home a 3-point miss for a seven-point lead with 1:20 left.

After trailing by 10 at the break, the Tar Heels started the second half in attack mode and trimmed the deficit to one. Ezeli pushed them back with a sweet spin move in the paint for a three-point play that got

the lead back to four.

The Tar Heels wasted several chances to score off turnovers — they got nothing off a Zeller blocked shot or a Leslie McDonald steal at midcourt — that could have inched them closer to the lead or put them ahead.

Try as they could, the Commodores couldn't hold down the charging Tar Heels completely.

Brad Tinsley was whistled for an intentional offensive foul for clocking McDonald in the face. When the refs went to check a replay, coach Kevin Stallings called his team over and basically told them to snap out of it.

"That's what we're waiting for! We're just waiting for the next bad thing to happen!"

They didn't wait long.

McDonald made one of his two free throws, then hit a jumper off his own offensive

rebound for a 48-47 lead.

The Commodores got sloppy and Carolina pounced. Zeller dunked off Vanderbilt's 20th turnover of the game — and there was still 10 minutes left to play.

Ten minutes was plenty of time for Vanderbilt.

The Commodores went ahead on free throws and Ezeli dunked like he wanted to destroy the rim for a 57-51 lead.

It was an emotional win for Stallings, who was an assistant for Williams at Kansas.

Barnes, who went 0 for 12 against Minnesota, wasted no time scoring in this one, hitting a jumper on the first possession of the game. Barnes, a preseason All-America team pick as a freshman, scored 19 points in the first half against Hofstra on Thursday and hadn't made a bucket again.

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Michael: "It was on company property with company property. So double jeopardy, we're fine."

Ryan: "I don't think you understand how double jeopardy works."

Michael: "Oh, I'm sorry. What is 'we're fine?'"

Dan: "I could not answer you that question."

Ace Ventura: "Well, I'm not really ready for a relationship, Lois, but thank you for asking. Hey, maybe I'll give you a call sometime. Your number's still 911? All righty then."

Airplane: "There's no reason to become alarmed, and we hope you'll enjoy the rest of your flight. By the way, is there anyone on board who knows how to fly a plane?"

Harry: "Yeah I called her up, she gave me a bunch of crap about me not listening to her, or something, I don't know, I wasn't really paying attention."

Woody Allen: "I was thrown out of college for cheating on the metaphysics exam: I looked into the soul of another boy."

Spaceballs: "Name's Barf. I'm a Mog, half man half dog. I'm my own best friend."

Dick Pepperfield: "How did you learn to play basketball?"

Jackie Moon: "I saw it on TV a couple times, I thought I could do that."

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish off to NCAA Championships

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

In an event featuring more than 30 teams, the Irish took third in last week's NCAA Midwest Regional. Now they head to the NCAA Championships at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute, Ind., where the competition promises to be even tougher.

"Nationals is always special because the best runners in the country are all here, and it's exciting to be in such a competitive race," sophomore Jeremy Rae said.

The men fell in third place behind Wisconsin and Indiana at the Regional competition. Individually, senior Dan Jackson, Rae and junior Jordan Carlson earned all-region honors for their top-25 finishes. Jackson's fourth-place finish led the Irish, followed by Rae's 16th place and Carlson's 22nd place finish.

The 10-kilometer tournament

that begins on Monday will set seven Irish runners against 31 teams from across the country. Eighteen of those teams consist of the top teams from each of the nine regional meets last week. The remaining 13 teams, including the Irish, were specially selected.

"Team-wise, our goal is to be in the top 15," Rae said. "But more importantly, we just want to pick up experience for next year, when we'll have an even stronger team."

The past week of practice has consisted of tapering, with low-key practices of lower mileage in preparation for the race.

Joining Jackson, Rae and Carlson in the line-up will be juniors Johnathan Shawel and Joe Miller and freshmen Martin Grady and Walter Schafer.

The race, hosted by Indiana State, is set to begin at 12:48 p.m.

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Irish

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during the second half, Notre Dame was never able to overcome a 19-2 Kentucky run in the first half. The tandem of Dunlap and Keyla Snowden, who finished with 17 points after going 5-12 behind the arc, prevented the Irish from taking a lead whenever they were in striking distance.

Perhaps the most striking differential on the stat sheet is the performance from the three-point line. Notre Dame finished 2-for-15 from three-point land, including 0-for-8 in the second half. The Wildcats went 8-for-27 from behind the arc, shooting 46 percent in the second.

Sunday's contest marked the first meeting between the two programs. The loss snapped

Notre Dame's 18-game win streak against first-time opponents and its four-game win streak against Southeastern Conference teams.

Senior guard Brittany Mallory sat out Sunday's game after rolling her ankle during Thursday's loss to UCLA and is currently day-to-day. Freshman guard Kayla McBride started in her place, alongside Diggins, Novosel, junior forward Devereaux Peters and senior Becca Bruszewski.

This season's starting lineup is a stark contrast to last season's, when Irish coach Muffet McGraw regularly started four seniors.

The Irish take the court next against IUPUI Friday at 2 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion.

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both teams at Alumni Stadium.

"It wasn't an easy night to play — some wind and rain," Clark said. "We didn't defend. It's not easy to play in as strong a wind as that."

The teams played a scoreless first half before regulation ended in a 1-1 tie. Olsen scored both of Dartmouth's two goals. He opened scoring in the 65th minute with an unassisted goal after finding the back of the net on a loose rebound.

"The first goal he got behind us," Clark said. "[Junior defender] Aaron [Maund] was a little bit injured — he was slowed up by that a little bit. [Dartmouth] is a dangerous team. They've got some pretty potent weapons and one of them was the final goal."

The Irish (10-6-4) quickly responded with their only goal of the game nine minutes later as sophomore midfielder Dillon Powers scored off an assist from senior forward Steven Perry. Although Notre Dame only had seven shots compared to



COURTNEY ECKERLE/The Observer

Junior midfielder Michael Rose prepares to pass during Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Dartmouth Sunday in Alumni Stadium.

Dartmouth's 13 in the first half, the Irish turned the tables in the second half, tallying 18 shots to only two from the Big Green.

Notre Dame had a chance towards the end of regulation, as freshman midfielder Harrison Shipp launched a shot that Dartmouth Goalie Lyman Missimer deflected with one minute left in the second half.

Notre Dame had 15 total corner kicks to the Big Green's 7, but were unable to capitalize on the set pieces for any points.

Dartmouth (12-6-1) trav-

eled to Notre Dame riding a five-game win streak, including a first round 4-0 victory over No. 11 Monmouth on Thursday.

"I always say it's a good season if you get into the NAAs, and a very good season if you can play past Thanksgiving," Clark said. "Unfortunately, we've stopped at just a good season. We're disappointed because I think this team had deserved and had the capability of going much further."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles move to 3-0 on season

By MAIJA GUSTIN
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The Belles extended their win streak to three this weekend as they defeated North Central College 75-56 in the Holiday Inn Select Tip-Off Tournament title game.

The Belles (3-0) took an early lead over the Cardinals (1-3) when they scored the first five points of the game within the first minute. They never trailed North Central, heading into the locker room leading 32-22 at the half.

Junior Maggie Ronan scored the first shot for Saint Mary's.

After a defensive rebound from senior Liz Wade on the other end, junior Patsy Mahoney took the ball and scored a three-pointer for the Belles.

Freshman Shanlynn Bias, sophomore Annie Doyle and junior captain Kelley Murphy also contributed to the offensive output by Saint Mary's. Though the Cardinals had defeated Webster University the day before, the Belles had also trounced Aurora 84-59 in a semifinals match.

This is the first tournament championship for the Belles since they won the Knox

College Classic during the 2004-2005 season.

Murphy led the squad on offense with 17 points. She finished 7 of 10 from the field to go along with three free throws. Murphy was named to the all-tournament team alongside Ronan, who was the tournament MVP. Ronan scored 12 points in the title game.

The Belles look to go 4-0 when they face Anderson University Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

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NFL

Young hurts thumb in 19-16 loss

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An injured Vince Young tossed his shoulder pads and No. 10 jersey into the stands following Tennessee's overtime loss to the Washington Redskins on Sunday.

Young, who injured his right thumb late in the third quarter and was replaced by rookie Rusty Smith, left for the locker room but returned to the sideline and had the thumb taped and re-taped in an effort to return. He even tried a glove, but coach Jeff Fisher stuck with Smith.

After the game, Young walked toward the tunnel and suddenly tossed his shoulder pads and jersey into the stands.

A few minutes later he walked past reporters already dressed, ignoring both questions and his old college teammate who tried to talk to him.

Three hours after the game, Young wrote on Twitter that he was fine and apologized to his teammates. He then tweeted, "Just want to play."

Fisher said Young has a torn flexor tendon in his right thumb and may need season-ending surgery. Either way, Fisher says Smith now is Tennessee's starter after the fifth-year veteran's latest meltdown that has Young's future with this franchise in question in a season he needed to prove he could be their franchise quarterback.

"He threw half his uniform in the stands. I think clearly that is no way to respond, and so we have some things that we have to sort out with him," Fisher said of Young. "He may need surgery. And if that's the case, he's done for the year."

Fisher and Young spoke in the locker room in what apparently was a heated discussion. Fisher wouldn't dis-

cuss what Young said to him.

"That is between me and him and the team," Fisher said.

And the Titans aren't talking either.

"We were told to keep our mouths shut, and that's what I'm gonna do," receiver Nate Washington said.

The Tennessean reported Sunday night team officials will discuss Young in a conference call with owner Bud Adams on Monday. Adams was at the game but left quickly.

Young was the No. 3 overall pick in 2006, that season's Offensive Rookie of the Year. He led the Titans to the playoffs in his second season but he got hurt in the 2008 season opener where he reacted poorly to fans booing him after a second interception. A day later, Fisher contacted police for help because family worried Young might hurt himself.



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Junior forward Erica Solomon goes up for a layup during Notre Dame's 91-28 victory over Morehead St. Nov. 15 at the Purcell Pavilion.

HOCKEY

Irish defend home ice with pair of victories

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

In their final season at the Joyce Center, the No. 11 Irish continued to defend their home ice with two wins over Michigan State in a weekend series. Notre Dame defeated the Spartans 6-2 Friday night and 4-2 Saturday night to extend their win streak at home to six.

"We were a little excited to play in front of our home crowd," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "It was a great crowd and the students were awesome. It's nice to be home."

Returning home after a five-game road trip, the Irish (9-3-1, 7-2-1-1 CCHA) opened play with the No. 17 Spartans (4-5-3, 2-5-1-0 CCHA) in a scoreless first period. Both teams had their share of chances early but neither team could break through.

In the second, the Irish opened scoring three minutes into the period, as senior defenseman Joe Lavin took a pass from senior center Ben Ryan and netted a shorthanded goal from the right slot.

"We like to move the puck on the penalty kill. We like to play it just like it's 5-on-5," Lavin said. "I think we have an advantage because we work on it so much in practice — we use each other really well. Especially on the penalty kill, it [a goal] takes the wind out of their sails. When you're on the power play you're expected to score, so to give one up — that's pretty big for us."

The Irish pushed the lead to 2-0 on an even-strength slap shot goal from senior wing Calle Ridderwall three minutes later. The Spartans halved the deficit just seven seconds later when forward Derek Grant beat Irish sophomore goaltender Mike Johnson through the legs after Johnson dropped the puck.

The action didn't let up from that point, as Irish freshman wing Jeff Costello and Spartan freshman wing Greg Wolfe traded goals through the middle stretch of the period to put the score at 3-2. A power-play goal from the point on a slap shot from freshman center T.J. Tynan put Notre Dame up 4-2.

Fellow freshman and line-mate Mike Voran scored an unassisted goal a minute later to put the Irish up 5-2 as the period closed. All in all, there were seven goals in a wild period that saw Notre Dame pull away.

"The second was just a matter of them making a few mistakes and us capitalizing," Ryan said. "I think we're much more explosive this year."

A lone goal from freshman wing Anders Lee and a strong defensive effort highlighted the third period, as the Irish cruised to a 6-2 victory.

"All in all, the kids played pretty well," Jackson said. "I was really pleased that we played a smart third period — that makes all the difference to me."

Action started quickly Saturday, as Ryan was tripped just seconds into the game and was awarded a penalty

shot, which he missed. The senior redeemed himself seven minutes later, scoring the game's first goal off a pass from Ridderwall on a breakaway. The Spartans answered as the first period drew to a close when Dean Chelios, son of NHL great Chris Chelios, beat Johnson to even the score.

After a series of goals to push the tie to 2-2, senior Calle Ridderwall received a five-minute major for boarding, ensuring that Notre Dame would spend the rest of the game on the penalty kill. With their backs against the wall, the Irish found some late-game magic again, as junior defender Sean Lorenz broke free and buried a short-handed goal to put the Irish ahead with 2:23 remaining in the game.

"We were on the PK, [senior wing Ryan Guentzel] found a

seam," Lorenz said. "I don't know how he found it, but it was a great look by him. I guess you get lucky when you close your eyes and shoot."

Tynan added a late-game empty-net goal to put the Irish clear at 4-2 and ensure the weekend sweep.

"We didn't have it tonight [Saturday]. I think that was evident from the start," Ryan said. "We didn't have the same jump we did last night. It's a character win. Those are the games we didn't win last year."

The win gave the Irish six points on the weekend to maintain their one-point lead over Michigan in the CCHA. Notre Dame will travel to North Dakota to take on the Fighting Sioux Friday and Saturday in a weekend series.

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Senior defenseman Joe Lavin awaits the puck during Notre Dame's 4-2 victory over Michigan State Friday in the Joyce Center.

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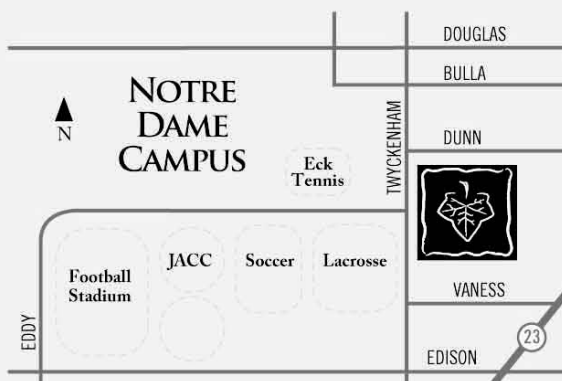
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Durkin took control of the match in the beginning and maintained that control throughout the whole fight. She was in attack mode, and seemed to catch Durbin off guard with her aggressive attacking tempo.

Durkin was relentless from beginning to end, often cornering Durbin and nailing punches when the sophomore from Pangborn least expected it. Durkin's attacking style secured the unanimous victory.

Meggan “The Tooth” Muller def. Tegan “Gimme some Carmax so my lips don’t get” Chapman

Muller and Chapman had as tight of a fight as was seen all night. Each had her fair share of punches, and each came out with a sense of urgency that carried them from the first bell until the final bell.

By the end of the third round, Muller kept her composure and separated herself from Chapman with a number of impressive combinations that enabled her to capture the victory.

Marina “Oh-H” Ramos def. Franci “In her boots Ya’lI” Rooney

This match started off very intense as both fighters showed some early emotion and energy. The first round was evenly fought and neither fighter had separated herself from the other by the end.

By the third round, Ramos landed several headshots, which lead to her victory by unanimous decision. Rooney also had her fair share of sparks during the fight, but was not able to hold off Ramos to secure the judges’ decisions.

Mollie “Chumbawamba” Howard def. Norah “Wildcard” Hass

The match started off slowly, with neither fighter throwing many punches. The pace picked up late in the first round, with both Howard and Hass landing multiple jabs.

The beginning of the second round belonged to Howard, as she hit Hass with many punches.

However, as the round continued on, Hass fought back, using a number of combinations to keep it close.

But in the third round, an aggressive Howard came out firing and took firm control. Hass tried to rally, but it was too late, and Howard was awarded the split-decision victory.

Dina “Saurus Rex” Montemarano def. Kaitlyn “The Volcanic Ash Cloud” Howard

Montemarano attacked fellow junior Howard with her arms wide-open, disregarding defense for a stronger offensive attack.

Howard accepted Montemarano’s invitation and peppered her with straights and jabs to the face.

Montemarano’s offensive attack was fearsome, however, and clearly carried a lot of power. Howard was able to throw more punches, but it seemed that Montemarano’s were slightly more accurate and carried a little bit more force.

In a fearsome battle, Montemarano was able to carry the day with a split-decision going her way, but not without a valiant and powerful effort by Howard.

Rose “The Rivetor” Raderstorf def. Michelle “Hungry Hungry” Hopke

Raderstorf, a sophomore from McGlinn and a lefty, used her right jab to her advantage and peppered Hopke with every opportunity. In addition to having her left-handedness as an advantage, Raderstorf also had the benefit of a clearly longer reach than Hopke. This allowed Raderstorf to throw punches at Hopke without being in range to receive them herself. Hopke used a powerful left hook whenever she could draw Raderstorf in close enough and attacked her flank on multiple occasions.

The two fighters disregarded defense for most of the three rounds. They lined up and traded punches, and ultimately Raderstorf’s jab and reach won out, carrying her to victory in a split-decision.

Katie “Make ‘em Say Ugghh” Meunier def. Alicia “The Texas Hammer” Danto

The two fighters took a defensive strategy and ducked and dipped their way through a defensive stalemate. Like two pilots engaged in aerial combat, the two fighters waited until they had maneuvered into perfect position before throwing their strikes. When they struck, they struck quickly and efficiently.

Meunier, an off-campus senior and a lefty, used her right jab as her main attack, throwing it multiple times and hitting her target. Danto, a junior from Howard, fought Meunier’s jab with a nice one-two combination. The fighters showed great composure in the ring and, unlike many fighters, were able to maintain their defensive techniques throughout the fight. Ultimately, in a split-decision, Meunier won over the judges and took the fight.

Brittni Alexander “The Great” def. Katie “The Rainmaker” Raskob

Both fighters came out strong and energetic in an intense first round. They both landed a number of punches, but as the first round wore on, Alexander began to gain the upper hand.

She maintained that slight edge for the entirety of the second round, although Raskob remained tough in her first Baraka Bout match.

The final round belonged to Alexander, who came out aggressively and overpowered Raskob for the last minute and a half. Raskob was forced to defend herself and fight defensively rather than throw any punches of her own.

Alexander won by unanimous decision.

Ally “Ali” Schneider def. Kelly “The Cajun Cannon” Nolan

In the first round, Nolan came out very aggressive, gaining an early lead. Schneider managed to take control later in the round, landing numerous hooks and jabs.

Schenider began to run away with the match in the second round, coming out aggressively and landing multiple punches. Schenidar also managed to avoid Nolan’s punch attempts with successful dodges.

In the third round, with her back against the wall, Nolan went all-out, hoping to pull off a comeback. But Nolan quickly tired, leading to Schneider increasing her lead and ultimately winning in a unanimous decision

Nina “Persian Punisher” Farivari def. Annie “No Need to Duck” Castner

In a hotly contested bout,

Farivari, a senior in McGlinn, defeated Pangborn sophomore Castner in a split-decision.

Farivari’s determination and counters enabled her to deal with Castner’s aggressiveness from the outset of the fight. An even first round ended with both fighters landing numerous combinations.

An even more hotly contested second round followed the first, as both Farivari and Castner fought to establish dominance, though neither was able to do so.

Farivari pulled away in the third and final round, wearing down the fatigued Castner on her way to the split-decision victory.

Deirdre “Blackout Brigade” Murdy def. Steph “Dude Where’s” Makar

This match between two tall, physically imposing fighters saw Murdy, a South Bend native, defeat Makar, a senior in Walsh, in a unanimous decision.

At the outset, both attempted to use their length and impressive reach to keep the other at bay, forgoing the brawling style of many of the other fights. Murdy showed an edge in the first round that she maintained throughout the rest of the fight.

Murdy’s reach continued to wear down Makar in the second, landing numerous violent combinations.

Though the third was hotly contested like the first two, Murdy established dominance in the third and never looked back.

Laura “Gideon” McCarty def. Maria “Munchkin” Gaither

Despite getting knocked down and bloodied, McCarty defeated Gaither in a unanimous decision that was never really in doubt.

McCarty, a McGlinn senior, overcame a stumble in the first round and quickly landed a blistering series of punches on the off-campus senior, closing out the round in impressive fashion. The second round saw McCarty require medical attention as a Gaither punch found her nose, sending blood streaming down her face. McCarty recovered, however, and finished the round in remarkable form.

The two continued to brawl into the third and final round, constantly in contact with each other, yet McCarty aggressively showed why she was the better fighter, landing multiple combinations as she cruised to victory.

Ragan “2 Legit 2 Quit” Todd def. Nicole “Cry Me A River” Rivera

In a unanimous decision, Todd, a sophomore from Pangborn, cruised past Rivera en route to victory.

The two fighters refused to dance around and instead were in constant contact throughout the first round. Both landed vicious combinations on the other, yet Todd did so with more frequency.

The second round saw the two trading flurries back and forth with neither able to establish dominance. Todd showed impressive toughness in dealing with multiple blows from Rivera.

Todd came out strong in the third, landing a quick volley of blows to the head and body of Rivera, impressing the judges to the point of a unanimous decision.

Alison “Sha-Zam” Brann def. Charlotte “Vitamin” Seasley

Brann came out of the gate aggressively and won a hard-fought fight with Seasley in a split-decision. Each had their moments, but it was Brann, a



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Junior Kaitlyn Howard, left, prepares to throw a hook at junior Dina Montemarano during their bout Nov. 18 in the Joyce Center.

sophomore from Lyons, who landed the majority of combinations.

The first round saw Brann aggressively pursue Seasley around the ring, trying to back the Welsh Family junior up against the ropes, but Seasley proved very elusive.

Each fighter landed numerous blows in the second round as the fight slowed down and more punches found their mark.

Brann came out strong in the third, immediately putting Seasley on the defensive, and gained the upper hand in the decisive round and in the match as a whole.

Erin “Just Don’t” McNeill def. Melissa “Do It To It” Truitt

McNeill defeated Truitt handily by unanimous decision, showing impressive reach, keeping the Cavanaugh senior at bay throughout the fight.

Truitt was unable to get inside the long wingspan of McNeill in the first round, as the eventual victor landed punches from distance on the frustrated Truitt.

The second proved to be much of the same for McNeill, who successfully executed a strategy that kept Truitt from landing point-scoring blows. McNeill continued to wear down Truitt into the third.

The final round saw a determined Truitt put up an admirable display, but she was unable to overcome McNeill’s early dominance as the judges delivered a decision of unanimous victory for the off-campus senior.

Kaitlyn “Bulldozer” Cole def. Bethany “The Wall” Freeburg

In an otherwise even fight, Cole used two barrages of punches in the first and second rounds to defeat Freeburg by unanimous decision.

In the first round, the two fighters went at it rather evenly until Cole, a Welsh Family sophomore, pushed Cole, a senior, against the ropes and unleashed a torrent of blows to the head and body of Freeburg, causing the referee to stop the fight at one point.

The second round proved to be much of the same as the two battled for most of the round with Cole again riddling Freeburg with punch after punch as Freeburg tried in vain to escape.

The result of the fight was never in doubt after the first round, and Freeburg was unable to amount any sort of charge in the third round as Cole cruised to victory.

Christina “The Cannon” Buchanan def. Stephanie “The Situation”

Sirianni

In a battle of hall mates, Cavanaugh sophomore Christina “The Cannon” Buchanan bested Sirianni, a junior, by split-decision. This closely contested match pitted two very different fighting styles against each other, with Sirianni’s powerful body shots and aggressive offense being met by Buchanan’s slippery defense and quick jabs.

Buchanan used her quickness to dodge blows and land punches while Sirianni was extended in the first round. Sirianni retaliated with a strong offensive in the second that brought the fight back into balance. A fiercely competitive third round, with each fighter going full force until the final bell, came down to just a few points. The repeated one-two combinations Buchanan landed late in this round contributed directly to her victory.

Madeline “The Maddog” Andersen def. Jane “That’s not my name” Obringer

After three tiring rounds, Andersen edged out Obringer in one of the highest-energy fights of the night. An incredible number of punches were thrown, as each boxer came out swinging with the first bell and did not stop until the referee separated them with the chime that ended the round. In a split-decision, Andersen, a sophomore from Welsh Family, used effective blocking, good footwork, and impressive endurance to outlast the fast and numerous punches thrown by Obringer, a junior from Pangborn.

The first round was an evenly matched showcase of athletic prowess as each fighter demonstrated her speed, agility and power. In the second, Obringer fought even more aggressively and managed to spend the majority of the round on offense while Andersen blocked, bobbed and weaved. The third round began in much the same way, with Andersen weathering a storm of blows, but midway through “The Maddog” broke free and retaliated against the tired Obringer, landing punch after punch. These point-earning punches may have tipped the scales in Andersen’s favor, but her good defense and patience were crucial in securing her victory.

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Brey

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defend and let us try to figure it out as a group where we're going to get scoring from."

Notre Dame (3-0) is coming off a 50-point drubbing of Chicago State in which five players scored in double digits and the Irish passed the century mark for the first time since the 2008-09 season. The Irish are averaging 90 points per game and have won by at least 19 points in each contest.

"One of the things we talk about is that it's a long game, and not to panic if we're not in a flow early, and not to panic if a team is throwing in threes like [against Chicago State] or just to understand that it's a longer game," Brey said. "When we do get in a rhythm, offensively you can really put some numbers on the board."

The Irish were without senior forward Scott Martin against Chicago State. Martin has been suffering from back spasms, but Brey said that he is confident Martin will play against Maine.

"For about three weeks, he's had some back spasms," he said.

"I think a lot of it is your body being in a little bit of shock with the intensity of what you're doing every day. It's not anything we can't treat, but we felt with where we were at, not to push it. He felt like 'Hey coach, if this was a Big East game, I could play.' But I think we need to be smart. I would anticipate he will play Monday."

Freshman guard Eric Atkins, who started in place of Martin, scored 12 points and recorded five assists in 32 minutes of play against Chicago State. Sophomores Jack Cooley and Joey Brooks also played significant minutes in the win.

"I feel we have six starters with Atkins," Brey said. "Then with Cooley coming in and doing what he does, and doing it more confidently than he did last year is important. And Joey embracing that role, I think that's still a work in progress and we have to keep teaching."

Tip off between Notre Dame and Maine will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Purcell Pavilion and the Joyce Center.

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Waldrum

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on its own field.

"Teams go in there and struggle because they play well for periods of time, but they can't sustain it," he said. "Our teams over the last few years have been very good about sustaining that intensity and focus over 90 minutes. A lot of teams lose before they ever step on that field against them [Tarheels]."

Senior midfielder Rose Augustin started the scoring for the No. 7/10 Irish (18-2-2), burying an empty-net shot in the 13th minute following a free kick from junior defender Jessica Schuveiller. Schuveiller's strike just inside the midfield mark was bobbled by Tarheels keeper Hannah Daly, eventually finding a well-positioned Augustin for the easy score.

No. 3/4 North Carolina (19-3-2) knotted up the score at 1-1 less than six minutes later, when freshman Crystal Dunn found the back of the net from 20 yards out on what Waldrum called a "world-class" goal. Yet senior goalkeeper Nikki Weiss and the Irish defense settled down, yielding few opportunities and taking the Tarheels out of their element for the remaining 71 minutes.

"When it got down to it, we were very good and very organized, while most everything they [Tarheels] created came either from shots that were really not dangerous, or we handled that danger really well," Waldrum said. "Our matchups worked very well for us, and of course having Nikki play as well as she played is

always a plus."

Schuveiller scored the game-winner in the 33rd minute, sending home an Augustin corner to give the Irish a 2-1 advantage. Junior forward Melissa Henderson headed in a strong service from an Augustin free kick to extend the lead to 3-1 in the opening minutes of the second half, and junior midfielder Ellen Jantsch put the game out of reach in the 77th minute with her second goal of the season.

"You count on those kids to rise to the occasion," Waldrum said. "I thought Melissa was fantastic. She was dangerous almost every time she touched the ball, and I thought it was one of her best performances against Carolina that she's had in her three years here. Rose continues to be that solid, steady performer, and she seeks to score goals in big games."

In just the second meeting between the two programs, Notre Dame will face No. 6 Oklahoma State (20-3-2) Friday at 7 p.m. in Stillwater, Okla., with a trip to the College Cup on the line. Waldrum said the 5-day break gives his squad time to adjust its game plan to a Cowgirls squad coming off a 2-0 win over Duke last Friday night.

"I like this part of the tournament where you play one game a week," Waldrum said. "I think it's more conducive for all the teams involved. They get the proper rest they need and a real chance to recover. We know Oklahoma State's had a great year. I think they'll be very excited to play, and we'll be ready to play."

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Freshman midfielder Elizabeth Tucker maneuvers around a defender during Notre Dame's 4-0 win over USC Nov. 14 in Alumni Stadium.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish fall in Big East semis

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

The Irish fought for their postseason lives at the Big East Championships this weekend, defeating Villanova in the quarterfinals before falling to Cincinnati in the semifinals.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said the Irish needed to win the conference tournament in order to earn a spot in the NCAA Championships, which was the team's ultimate goal. Although the squad fell short of a conference title, Brown said she was still proud of her team's performance.

"Our goal wasn't just to beat Villanova," Brown said. "We wanted to win the tournament and advance to the NCAA's. Still, we made so many improvements I was really happy with the progress we showed."

Notre Dame (18-12, 10-4 Big

East), the fifth-seeded team in the tournament, defeated fourth-seeded Villanova (23-7, 11-3) Friday 3-1 (25-20, 25-17, 21-25, 25-14) in the opening round of the tournament. With the win, the Irish earned a berth in the conference semifinals for the 16th consecutive season.

Junior Kristen Dealy and sophomore Hillary Eppinck each had 15 kills to lead the Irish attack. Brown attributed the team's success on Friday to its offensive improvements since the last meeting against the Wildcats, where the Irish fell 3-1 on Nov. 5.

"It was good to have played them recently," Brown said. "The game was so fresh in our minds, so we made good adjustments to our offense, which wasn't good in our first meeting."

On Saturday, the Irish met top-seeded Cincinnati (28-5, 13-1) with a trip to the finals

on the line. The team fell 3-0 (25-23, 25-22, 25-19) to the Bearcats in what proved to be a back-and-forth, tightly contested affair. Freshman Andrea McHugh led the offense for Notre Dame with 16 kills.

Brown said that her effort was once again a function of the team's improvement since a 3-0 loss on Oct. 10 to the Bearcats.

"I was really proud how [the] team battled," Brown said. "We had opportunities to take games 1 and 2, and put ourselves in great position compared to last time we played. We were markedly better, and I was proud of improvement over the season."

Notre Dame concludes its season on Nov. 26, when the team heads to California to take on Long Beach State.

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Junior libero Frenchie Silva, left, freshman outside hitter Andrea McHugh, center, and junior outside hitter Kristen Dealy prepare for an incoming serve during Notre Dame's 3-0 loss to Northern Iowa Nov. 7.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Toppling the Tar Heels

Irish take down No. 1 seed North Carolina

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

They did it again. Facing top-seeded North Carolina in the third round of the NCAA Championship, the Irish dismantled the Tarheels 4-1 to advance to the quarterfinals.

"It was huge," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "The girls were unbelievably good and focused and ready to play. I don't know that I've had a team that has been so prepared to play North Carolina. They carried out every game plan that we had going in, executed everything as well as we could have asked."

Saturday's victory marked the third time Notre Dame has eliminated the Tarheels from the tournament at Chapel Hill, N.C., the most recent coming in a 3-2 win in the round-of-16 in 2007. Waldrum credits his team's confidence and desire to beat a rival

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Irish senior midfielder Rose Augustin delivers a cross during Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over USC Nov. 14. Notre Dame took down No. 1 North Carolina, 4-1, Sunday in Chapel Hill.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Maine next on schedule for Irish

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough is averaging 20 points per game for the Irish this season, and he has led the team in scoring in each of its first three games. Despite that, Irish coach Mike Brey said he is not concerned about what will happen to the offense if Hansbrough has an off game as Notre Dame prepares to take on Maine tonight.

"I'm not [worried about the offensive production]," Brey said. "I feel that we'll have a little by committee, and that we'll be able to read what is open. I think we have enough threats where different guys can do that for us. I'm pleased with how [Hansbrough's] letting the game come to himself, and he's got to understand that he doesn't need to force things. He just has to get back and

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BARAKA BOUTS

Boxers pair up, compete in bouts after months of training

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Marissa "The Ginger Juggernaut" Gaskill def. Hayley "The Haylestorm" Coffing

From the start of the match to the final bell, Gaskill dominated

Coffing in an aggressive showing. She threw some punches early and gained control by the end of the first round.

Coffing put up the best fight she could, but became worn down by the end of the second round.

In the third round, Gaskill took over as Coffing struggled to defend herself. She fell into the ropes at one point and landed few punches for the remainder of the match.

Gaskill won in a unanimous

decision.

Shayna "Foe" Sura def. Megan "Million Dollar" Malley

The match was even in the first round, but as it progressed, Sura took control with multiple shots at the head. Sura's aggressiveness in the second and third rounds made the difference.

Sura caught Malley on her toes often in the last round, and delivered a number of relentless headshots, causing the referee

to stop the match briefly.

Although Malley had some bright spots in the match, Sura was able to capture the split-decision victory.

Shannon "The Collider" Hughes def. Alexa "The Cuban Missile" Wilson

Hughes gained control at the beginning of the match and kept it until the final bell sounded.

While Hughes controlled the tempo and delivered many staggering blows to Wilson in the

beginning, the intensity picked up in the third round as both sides were able to get some solid punches in.

Although Wilson had some of her strongest punches in the third round, it was not enough to secure a win, and Hughes won the match unanimously.

M.J. "Wolverine" Durkin def. Kristen "The Durbinator" Durbin

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MEN'S SOCCER

ND falls to Dartmouth in OT

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Dartmouth forward Andrew Olsen scored the game-winning goal nine minutes into overtime in Sunday's second round game of the NCAA tournament and brought Notre Dame's 2010 season to a close with a 2-1 loss to the Big Green at Alumni Stadium.

"I am so disappointed, especially for our seniors because this is exactly the way we felt a year ago at Northwestern," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "You come out of a game you thought you maybe deserved some more out of, and we were on the wrong side of it."

The rainy, windy weather proved to be an obstacle for

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Irish junior defenseman Aaron Maund settles the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 overtime loss to Dartmouth Sunday in Alumni Stadium.

COURTNEY ECKERLE/The Observer

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UCLA, Kentucky take down Notre Dame

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

After opening the season with blowout victories over New Hampshire and Morehead State, Notre Dame has dropped consecutive matches by narrow margins against two ranked opponents.

After falling to No. 15 UCLA last Thursday 86-83 in double overtime, the No. 12 Irish never established a rhythm against No. 9 Kentucky, falling 81-76 Sunday in Memorial Coliseum.

Junior guard Natalie Novosel led the Irish (2-2) on offense, finishing with 21

points to go along with eight rebounds and three assists. Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins chipped in 18 points, and freshman Natalie Achonwa grabbed 13 rebounds.

Notre Dame bested the Wildcats (3-0) on the boards by a margin of 51-35, but was unable to contain Kentucky's Victoria Dunlap, an explosive forward and the 2009-10 SEC Player of the Year. Dunlap scored 24 points and contributed 14 rebounds, leading the Wildcats on both ends of the floor.

Despite cutting the lead to one possession multiple times

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