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## The drought is over

*Students endure rainy weather, see Irish snap eight-game losing streak against rivaled USC*

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Writer

LOS ANGELES — When senior Scott McIntosh attended the Notre Dame football game at USC in 2008, the Irish entered the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum with a 6-5 record, and rumors that then-head coach Charlie Weiss would be fired were already swirling.

McIntosh recalled the grim mood of Irish fans before that game and said energy flagged even more when USC pummeled the Irish 38-3.

But when he returned to the Coliseum Saturday, the mood of Notre Dame fans was palpably more energetic.

"This year, everyone was definitely much rowdier, and I think you could get a sense that this is a more competitive game, more evenly matched," he said. "You could feel there was a chance we would win."

Rain pelted fans in the stadium for much of the second half, but students who trekked to Southern California for Saturday's game said watching Notre Dame's 20-16 victory over USC was a satisfying and exciting end to a season of highs and lows.

For McIntosh, a former resident of Alumni Hall, the best part of the game was senior safety Harrison Smith's inter-

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**Top: Senior linebacker Kerry Neal celebrated after Notre Dame's nail-biting victory over USC Saturday. Neal played in every game of his four years with the Irish, the only player in his class to do so.**

**Bottom: A group of USC students who painted their bodies for the game lament their team's 20-16 loss to Notre Dame Saturday.**

DAN JACOBS/  
The Observer



## University to upgrade printers in dorms

By AMANDA GRAY  
News Writer

Headaches with printer issues should be alleviated by the beginning of next semester.

New Xerox 4510 printers will be placed in the residence halls and several other locations on campus, replacing the 3600 model currently in use, said Brian Burchett, manager of Technology Enhanced Learning Spaces for the Office of Information Technology (OIT).

"[The problems with printers] happened very quickly last year," Burchett said. "We were concerned with the Xerox 3600 printers in the residence halls."

The problems occurred when printing PDF files and because students began using the printers more, he said.

The University leases the printers from Xerox, and OIT decided to lease the 3600 model after looking at printer usages from previous years. The Xerox

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## College places first in statewide competition

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
Saint Mary's Editor

Ten days, 83 pages and one case study later, Saint Mary's students took first place at the Indiana Certified Public Accounting Society's (INCPAS) 2010 collegiate contest in Indianapolis earlier this month.

The team was given a scenario about a struggling accounting firm and wrote a report on how to deal with the issue. The team was comprised of juniors Allison Courtney and Maggie DePaola, seniors Betsy

Reed and Maureen Temchuk and faculty advisor Mary Ann Merryman, chair of the Business Administration and Economics department.

The Saint Mary's team competed against 12 others from Indiana to win the contest, which was held Nov. 19.

The group had to put together a 50-page report and 30 pages of appendices in the 10-day time frame, Courtney said. Then, the top six reports were chosen to present in Indianapolis. From those six, the Saint Mary's team took

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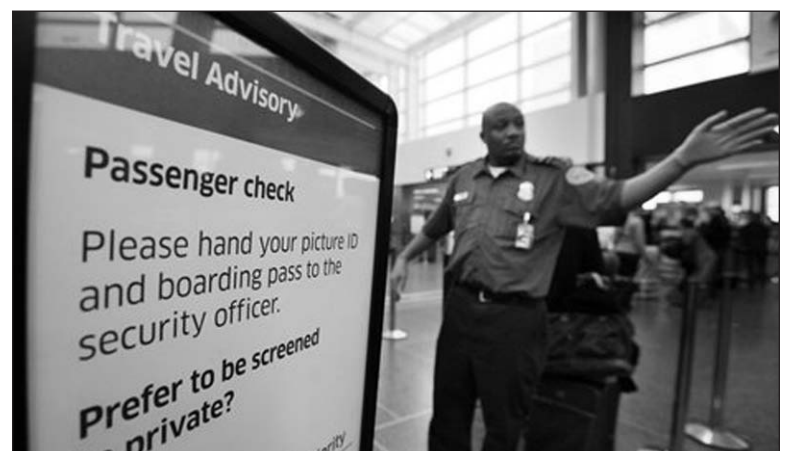
## Holiday travel brings headaches

*Students encounter new body scanners, increased security at airports*

By MOLLY MADDEN  
News Writer

When flying from airports in Chicago and Seattle over Thanksgiving break, junior Didi Thekkethala was asked to go through a scanner that X-rayed her entire body before proceeding to board her flight.

"You step into this really big machine and have to hold your hands up above your head for seven seconds," she said. "Once you step out of the machine, they made us wait another two minutes while



**A TSA officer waves passengers toward a security checkpoint at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport last week.**

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR THANKSGIVING BREAK?



Ariel Terpstra

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Le Mans

“Either the win against USC or all the Christmas baking we did yesterday.”



Kate McGovern

sophomore  
Pangborn

“Breaking the eight-year losing streak.”



Sean Sall

junior  
off campus

“Basement Football League.”



Alex Sajben

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“When Harrison Smith caught that interception.”



Betsy McGovern

sophomore  
Pangborn

“My brother was on the news for winning his high school football game.”



Matthew Balkey

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“NOT the Penn State-Michigan State game.”

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DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Notre Dame cheerleaders celebrate the victory over Southern California in Los Angeles on Saturday. The win was Notre Dame’s first over USC since 2001.

## OFFBEAT

### Boy’s savings to help rebuild fire station

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A 5-year-old West Virginia boy has donated his life savings - nearly \$46 in change - to help rebuild a volunteer fire station that burned down in an Oct. 1 electrical fire.

The Charleston Gazette reported Saturday that Joshua Shaffer donated \$45.85 from his piggy bank to help rebuild the main station of the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department north of Charleston.

Tom Miller, with the fire department's board of directors, says the donation underscores community support for rebuilding. He says West Virginia school-

children have raised more than \$5,000 already.

The fire department's insurance covered only about half of the \$2 million in damage. Firefighters have been running borrowed fire trucks on emergency calls from a nearby auto shop.

### Woman rescued from pickup truck stuck in tree top

EVANS CITY, Pa.— Rescue crews had to use ropes and ladders to retrieve a western Pennsylvania woman from her pickup truck after it ran off a road and landed in tree tops about 30 feet above ground in a ravine.

Police say they'll be citing 33-year-old Dana Bowser

for driving too fast for conditions on Route 68 near Evans City. That's about 25 miles north of Pittsburgh.

State police say Bowser lost control near a culvert that carries the highway over Connoquenessing (kaw-nuh-kwah-NESS'-ing) Creek. Police say Bowser told them the road was icy.

Rescue workers say Bowser was conscious and able to communicate with workers. Most importantly, they say she didn't panic as they worked to reach her in the precarious position.

She was taken to Butler Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The seminar “Thin Shear Layers — The Key to Turbulence Structure” will take place today at 11 a.m. in Fitzpatrick Hall Room 258. J.C.R. Hunt, professor of climate physics at the University of Cambridge, will present this installment of the Environmental Fluid Dynamics Seminar Series.

The lecture “Skeletons in the Closet: Transitional Justice in Post-Communist Europe” will take place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Monika Nalepa, assistant professor of political science, will speak. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The seminar “Rational Protein Engineering on the Yeast Surface” will take place today at 3:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall Room 138.

Fox News commentator Steven Crowder will perform his political humor Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Mary's College as a guest of the College Republicans and SMC-TV. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held in Little Theatre in Moreau Center for the Arts. For more information, go to www.moreaucenter.com.

The Notre Dame men's and women's track and field team will host a food drive at their annual indoor season opening meet Friday at 6 p.m. at the Loftus Sports Center. The team is collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to donate to a local food shelter this holiday season. Monetary contributions are also welcomed.

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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# 'Bellezine' gives voice to College

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
Saint Mary's Editor

When three Saint Mary's alumnae started the College's campus interest magazine, Bellezine, they wanted a publication that would give students "a voice of their own — a canvas to express their thoughts, ideas and knowledge," according to the magazine's first edition in 2002.

Eight years later, Bellezine is still publishing student-generated work, "reflecting the interests and experiences" of the women at the Saint Mary's, said co-editor Ellis Wasserman, a junior.

The magazine published creative stories, advice, personal interviews, personal essays, interest articles and surveys.

"The content is varied and broad, allowing students to publish many ideas," said Wasserman, who leads the publication along with junior Brittany VanSnepton.

"We both oversee the production of the entire magazine, although I deal exclusively with design and communication aspects and she deals exclusively with writing and editing aspects," Wasserman said.

The publication comes out twice a year, once in the fall semester and then again in the spring. Each semester has a prevailing subject.

She said most submissions will be published, but there is an editing process the articles go through.

"We welcome all ideas and articles. The sky is the limit,"

Wasserman said. "We will print most articles that convey appropriate content for a women's magazine. We will edit all articles to make sure they fit these criteria."

Deadlines for the paper vary, she said, but students generally have about two months to complete their work.

The fall 2010 issue has already been in the works for months and will be released before winter break. Its theme is women's empowerment.

"There are so many great articles in the magazine ranging from The Brain Kelly Era, including comments from Kelly, a comparative piece on the beginning and end of the Iraq War, our new Muggle Quidditch Clu and overall the unique atmosphere of an all-women's college," Wasserman said of the fall issue.

Wasserman said the magazine needs students to help keep it going because it allows students to voice their thoughts and beliefs about the College and what it means to be a woman.

"This magazine helps unify the campus community by truly expressing what it means to be a Belle," Wasserman said. "Our goal is to capture the spirit of [Saint Mary's] through the medium of writing. The magazine will be a great asset on campus that students can look forward to reading every semester."

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Ellis Wasserman  
co-editor  
Bellezine

## INCPAS

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first.

"It was just such a nice feeling that all our hard work paid off," Courtney said. "It was amazing."

According to the INCPAS website, Valparaiso University placed second and the University of Southern Indiana placed third. The remaining three, Butler University, Indiana University and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, were given honorable mentions.

Each student on the Saint Mary's team was awarded \$1,000 for winning the competition, the website said.

Merryman has taken five teams to the finals of the INCPAS contest, which began in 2000, and placed as high as third in the past. This is the first time Saint Mary's has won the entire competition, according to the College's press release.

"Students graduate, so the one constant is a faculty member

with an ongoing commitment to make sure that a college or university organizes and coaches a team to compete," Merryman said in the release.

According to Courtney, INCPAS invites every college in Indiana and Saint Mary's has participated in the competition for several years.

She said winning the competition was "surreal" for multiple reasons.

"One, Saint Mary's had never placed first in the competition before and two, we were probably the smallest school represented at the competition," Courtney said.

For next year's competition, the Saint Mary's team will again be comprised of two juniors and two seniors. Courtney said it is set up this way so she and DePaola will be more prepared.

"I will take away the experience I have gained this year to compete again in the competition next year," DePaola said.

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*"It was just such a nice feeling that all our hard work paid off. It was amazing."*

Allison Courtney  
junior

# Law student gives relationship advice



MATT SAAD/The Observer

Third-year law student Ayelet Regev, known as Emma Woodhouse, provides relationship advice on her weekly radio show on Notre Dame's student-run radio channel, WVFI.

By ANNA BOARINI  
News Writer

Her name is Ayelet Regev, but her fans know her as Emma Woodhouse.

This third-year law student gives relationship advice on her radio show and self-created website under the pen-name based on the match-making Jane Austen character.

"It's a cheeky play on words," Regev said.

Her radio show, titled "Emma's Dilemma," airs Thursday nights at 7 p.m. on Notre Dame's student-run radio channel, WVFI.

Regev, who has a degree in Gender Studies and sociology, deals with relationships on a basic human level rather than focusing solely on romantic relationships.

"Dealing with people, understanding them, it really is so important," she said. "We teach math, science ... Why don't we teach more about relationships?"

Originally from Israel, Regev used her interpersonal skills to deal with the cultural transition when she moved to the United States. Now, she uses that same skill set to help people navigate their own relationship issues.

"I see it all as part of one big thing," Regev said. "It's really holistic, how to deal with people and one's relationship with other people."

Her website, fianllygetit.com, launched about a year and a half ago. On the site, people can get personalized relationship advice. People also contact her through her Facebook and ask questions, Regev said.

She decided to do a radio show on WVFI so she could answer the broader relationship questions that many people have.

"People deal with these issues all the time," Regev said.

WVFI station manager Nicolle Walkling, a senior, said most of the shows on

WVFI are music-based and the talk shows usually revolved around sports or entertainment. So Walkling thought a relationship advice show sounded like a great idea.

"We're always looking to expand the scope of the station," Walkling said. "This show is really interactive and not only includes the campus community, but the wider South Bend community as well."

Regev has also written two relationship books. One is geared toward women and the other for men. The books explain the principles of relationships and their ultimate goal is to help people understand the mechanisms that create a relationship, Regev said.

"I don't tell a person what they want," Regev said. "I try to figure out what they want and help them reach their end goal."

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## Printers

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3600 is equipped to handle up to 8,000 pages printed per month, Burchett said.

Problems occurred when student printer usage went up by 50 percent this year. The average residence hall printer is now printing 12,000 to 15,000 pages per month, which contributed to printer hardware breaking down, he said.

"The 4510 model can handle 25,000 pages per month," he said. "We're expecting far fewer mechanical breakdowns."

Junior Kristy Cloetingh said has been printing more this semester from University printers, and said she has noticed other students printing more as well. Printing in DeBartolo Hall seems to be the most troublesome, she said.

"It would print one page, take three minutes and then print the next," she said. "I had to print one document two pages at a time because the printer kept jamming."

PDF file printing was another problem seen this semester and another factor in choosing to upgrade printers, Burchett said.

Burchett said the problem with PDF printing came from the printer drivers, which

communicate between the computer and printer. The development of new drivers has since helped the situation, as Burchett said print times for one test PDF document on the 3600 model improved from 16 minutes to three minutes.

Cloetingh said she and other students have experienced the PDF printing problem firsthand. She said her entire class groaned when a

professor asked them to print out PDF articles because of the trouble it would cause.

"Professors don't seem to understand how long it takes," she said. "But what's the alternative? When you need to take notes on the article, or need to look back at it in class, it's hard to bring your laptop to class all day."

Since problems with printers were both hardware and PDF related, OIT decided to upgrade instead of just changing the drivers, Burchett said.

"Normally when you lease anything, there are penalties

in breaking the lease early. Xerox is allowing us to upgrade [the printers] without any penalties," he said. "This is very beneficial to the University."

When students return from winter break, Burchett said students will have to test printing and possibly rerun Print@ND, the printer installer, if there are problems.

For now, students can rerun Print@ND now to get PCL drivers to help with problems until the new printers are installed, he said.

Burchett said students should look at printing as a shared resource and read things online, if possible, instead of printing them out.

"A lot of people have worked hard on this. We appreciate all the problem reports and student help," he said. "Printing is an important service on campus and we're committed to make this a service students can depend on."

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Brian Burchett  
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# Game

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ception near the goal line at the end of the fourth quarter, stopping USC from completing what could have been a last minute, game winning touchdown.

"We lived in Alumni with Harrison Smith. I didn't know him, but to see a senior come up with huge play at end was amazing," McIntosh said.

Senior Zach Reuvers, who traveled to Los Angeles for the game, said the fourth quarter brought flashbacks of tantalizing games that were lost in the last few plays, particularly the most recent 28-27 loss to Tulsa on the final play.

But the win against USC made up for four years of disappointing losses, Reuvers said.

"After Harrison [Smith] came back and intercepted, the joy and eruption and everyone screaming and jumping was unbelievable to watch," he said.

Students highlighted USC quarterback Mitch Mustain's incomplete pass to receiver

Ronald Johnson in the fourth quarter as a game-changing moment.

Senior Sarah Wanek said that dropped pass was when she began to believe the Irish would win.

"Being a Notre Dame fan, you always want to go in with the expectation that we will win even though we've been used to losing," she said. "Especially with that dropped pass, once that happened, it gave me confidence that we would win."

Reuvers said he breathed a sigh of relief when Johnson missed the pass.

"When he dropped the ball — that was the end zone we were in — everyone just let out a huge gasp," he said. In between the masses of maroon at USC, students said Notre Dame fans had a strong presence at the game. Junior Caroline Walsh sat in the USC student section with a friend and said she could hear Irish fans cheering from across the stadium.

"When it got to the fourth quarter and USC was not doing well, I could hear Notre Dame fans screaming, 'Let's go Irish,'" Walsh said.

"Viewing that from the student section of USC and seeing the Irish fans getting rowdy in the rain was awesome."

Reuvers said Notre Dame made its mark on the pregame atmosphere on USC's campus with numerous tailgates and displays of blue and gold.

"It felt like the Notre Dame tailgating experience was transplanted to Southern Cal," he said. "It was almost like being home a little bit. Being surrounded by a sea of green felt good."

But sitting in the USC student section sporting Irish colors, Walsh said she experienced some animosity.

"During the fourth quarter when it was so intense, I was getting some glares for cheering when everyone else was silent," Walsh said.

Despite a storied rivalry between USC and Notre Dame, senior Kristen Tappel left the Coliseum with a positive impression of the USC fans surrounding her. One of her friends dressed for the warm weather before the game, and didn't have a jacket when the weather turned cold and rainy.

"They saw that she didn't



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

**Notre Dame fans celebrate with the leprechaun, senior Dave Zimmer, after the Irish win over Southern California Saturday.**

have a jacket on her and gave her a blanket," Tappel said. "Everyone was worried and offering blankets, trying to keep everyone dry and having a good time."

Tappel said she is hopeful the momentum from Saturday's victory will be a turning point for the football program.

"This is what [Irish coach]

Brian Kelly has been saying. Changes within the organization were hard to see with some of the losses earlier on, and now those changes are starting to show," she said.

*Laura McCrystal contributed to this report.*

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## Studies target childhood obesity

Special to The Observer

With the new Family Lifestyles and Heart to Heart projects, researchers at Notre Dame's Center for Children and Families are taking direct aim at two major obstacles to healthy child development: childhood obesity and child maltreatment.

The Center for Children and Families, established in 2001 by Professors John Borkowski and Mark Cummings, works to improve the well-being of children and families through research and intervention.

Projects impact three key areas: income and health disparities; developmental disabilities and psychopathology; and optimization of development, education and learning. The center currently is conducting more than 20 research projects with faculty from economics, sociology, psychology, anthropology, business and other disciplines.

"When you have a research center, you're bringing in people who have different interests and experiences," Julie Braungart-Rieker, professor of psychology and the center's director, said. "Yet there's often a common issue that researchers would like to tackle, and that's when it gets exciting."

The Family Lifestyles Project, led by Braungart-Rieker, Jennifer Burke Lefever, research assistant professor of psychology and Elizabeth Moore, associate professor of marketing, is an interdisciplinary study that examines environmental contributors to childhood obesity. At a time when one in five preschoolers is at risk of becoming obese before age six, a study of this kind is an essential first step to creating successful early intervention programs.



# TSA

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they looked at the X-ray image. A lot of people had to go back through because they had tissues in their pockets.

"The whole experience was kind of freaky."

Thekkethala was one of many Notre Dame students who faced heightened security measures in response to new Transportation Security Administration guidelines.

Thekkethala said the process of scanning every individual caused several delays.

"It slowed security down a lot," she said. "I would have definitely missed my flight if it hadn't already been delayed."

"The full body scanner is going to make everything take a lot longer."

The length of time airport security checks take is a constant complaint of travelers when discussing the worth of the multiple security checks at airports. Thekkethala said she found the new security measures to be "time-consuming," but they did make her feel safer.

"I've experienced stricter security measures when I've flown in Europe," she said. "These new scanners and other security are just steps the U.S. airlines are taking that probably need to happen anyway."

Junior Mitch Hemann also had to go through the full body scanner this past summer at the Minneapolis airport. He said the experience was "quick and painless," and it wasn't bothersome because every single passenger went through the scanner.

"A lot of people wonder if all these security measures are necessary when flying," he said. "I don't think the TSA would want to create more work for themselves ... They have a better idea about security than I do."

But body scanners weren't the only additional security measure in place over the holiday.

After sophomore Christina

Mezes checked her bags and walked through a metal detector at the Toronto airport, she faced yet another security check.

"I had to get my hands swabbed," Mezes said. "They told me they were checking for any chemical substances, which I didn't even know they did at airports"

Junior Taylor Popplewell said she had an "invasive" pat down before she boarded her flight for Minneapolis out of Cancun, Mexico.

"They separated us into groups of girls and boys and everyone had to get individually pat down at the gate, even after we had done the regular security checks," Popplewell said.

"When we were in the Minneapolis airport, the U.S. officials were pulling people out of the line for random searches."

Although Popplewell said that she found the pat down

in Mexico awkward, she appreciated the safety measures.

"I definitely think these measures are necessary for international flights, but I don't think they need to do quite as invasive searches for domestic flights," she said.

Sophomore Selina Okonokhua flew from South Bend to Atlanta to go home for Thanksgiving and saw an increase in security at the Atlanta airport.

"There were 300,000 people flying into that airport on the same day so there was a lot of security," she said. "TSA would randomly pull people out of the security line and take them to rooms where they would be searched. I saw five people pulled out while I was waiting."

Okonokhua said she finds all the increase security "annoying," but said flyers should know what to expect when they fly during the holiday season.

"People know they're going to be pat down and searched when they go to the airport," she said.

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# U.S. says leaks are a crime

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Striking back, the Obama administration branded the WikiLeaks release of more than a quarter-million sensitive files an attack on the United States Monday and raised the prospect of criminal prosecutions in connection with the exposure. The Pentagon detailed new security safeguards, including restraints on small computer flash drives, to make it harder for any one person to copy and reveal so many secrets.

The young Army Pfc. suspected of stealing the diplomatic memos, many of them classified, and feeding them to WikiLeaks may have defeated Pentagon security systems using little more than a Lady Gaga CD and a portable computer memory stick.

The soldier, Bradley Manning, has not been charged in the latest release of internal U.S. government documents. But officials said he is the prime suspect partly because of his own description of how he pulled off a staggering heist of classified and restricted material.

"No one suspected a thing," Manning told a confidant afterward, according to a log of his computer chat published by Wired.com. "I didn't even have to hide anything."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton asserted Monday that WikiLeaks acted illegally in posting the material. She said the administration was taking "aggressive steps to hold responsible those who stole this information."

Attorney General Eric Holder said the government was mounting a criminal investigation, and the Pentagon was tightening access to information, including restricting the use of computer storage devices such as CDs and flash drives.

"This is not saber-rattling," Holder said. Anyone found to have broken American law "will be held responsible."

Holder said the latest disclosure, involving classified and sensitive State Department documents, jeopardized the security of the nation, its diplomats, intelligence assets and relationships with foreign governments.

A weary-looking Clinton agreed. "I want you to know that we are taking aggressive steps to hold responsible those who stole this information," Clinton said. She spoke in between calls to foreign capitals to make amends for scathing and gossipy memos never meant for foreign eyes.

Manning is charged in military court with taking other classified material later published by the online clearinghouse WikiLeaks. It is not clear whether others such as WikiLeaks executives might be charged separately in civilian courts.

Clinton said the State Department was adding security protections to prevent another breach. The Pentagon, embarrassed by the apparent ease with which secret documents were passed to WikiLeaks, had detailed some of its new precautions Sunday.

Col. Dave Lapan, a Pentagon spokesman, said it was possible that many people could be held accountable if they were found to have ignored security protocols or somehow enabled the download without authorization.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

### Is this real life?

Thanks November. It's been surreal. The magic started three Saturdays ago, when Notre Dame beat Utah. To be precise, the Irish football team wafflestomped a ranked team in Notre Dame Stadium and it was glorious. Then, Notre Dame took over New York City and beat Army. I didn't get to go to Yankee Stadium, but watching that nearly-pristine Irish victory on TV injected a whole lot of excitement into my rebounding school spirit.



Jordan Gamble

Scene  
Editor

All of Thanksgiving week, all I could think about was the coming weekend, when I would head out to Los Angeles with the rest of the seniors on The Observer's editorial board.

On Friday afternoon, I hopped off the plane at LAX with a dream and my Notre Dame hoodie. When I looked to my right, I didn't see the Hollywood sign, but I did see the entrance to Disneyland, which was just down the road from our hotel in Orange County. While the rest of the Notre Dame fans went to a pep rally in the hotel's Grand Ballroom, The Observer seniors bought some discounted evening tickets and got psyched up by riding Space Mountain. You know it's been a good three weeks when the Happiest Place on Earth is just a pregame.

From the start on Saturday evening, the atmosphere felt ripe for an Irish victory. Our seats were in a nice little block of Irish fans in the west end-zone. That vantage point gave me flashbacks to the freshmen section in Notre Dame Stadium, where I first stood four years ago, all full of hope and certainty that, yes, we'd win over all.

The tacky wonder that is the Coliseum's Jumbotron frequently had more spirit than the docile USC crowd. The only time I felt like I was in hostile territory was when the Trojans tied it up and then bounced ahead in the second half.

Once we scored again, however, the rain proved too much for the fair-weather fans. The Coliseum looked half-Irish and sounded like South Bend.

The final few minutes are still streaming through my head: What is this business? Is this a Notre Dame crowd cheering loud and a Notre Dame team being absolutely confident? Are we really going to beat USC, at USC, in the rain, with a freshman quarterback? Did Ronald Johnson really just miss that pass? And oh my God, an interception! Harrison Smith got an interception! On the goal line! This is so happening! This is so happening right now, and I'm here, and it's very loud, and I can't really breathe because I'm screaming so much and the clock is running out and yes! We beat USC! And now we're screaming the Alma Mater and skipping out of the Coliseum singing the fight song and dang it, four years of waiting and wanting and hoping are validated.

Thanks Notre Dame football. It's been real.

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## Ask the GreenMan

*Editor's Note: This column is the first of a regular biweekly advice series about environmental issues from the Office of Sustainability. If you would like to submit a question for the GreenMan to answer in the Viewpoint section, please email [askgreenman@gmail.com](mailto:askgreenman@gmail.com)*

Ask the GreenMan

Dear GreenMan,  
This time of year I always find my bank account empty. Between traveling to see family, buying Christmas presents for everyone and supporting my caffeine habit during finals, my budget goes out the window. Although this isn't a traditional "green" question, can you help me out?

— Broke in Badin

Dear Broke in Badin,  
I know just how you feel. Believe it or

not, so does the federal government. A few weeks ago, the chairmen of the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform released a preliminary report of their recommendations for achieving a balanced federal budget by 2015. Their report offers 58 action items that would result in over \$200 billion in savings by 2015.

Among these 58 proposals, the report offers specific suggestions like setting copiers to double-side jobs by default, encouraging video conferencing to cut federal travel expenditures, improving the fuel efficiency of the federal fleet, using more energy efficient computer settings and technologies to reduce wasted electricity and completely eliminating the Department of Energy's research funding for fossil fuels.

These efficiency measures amount to approximately \$3 billion in savings by

2015. Clearly, there are differences in scale between your budget and that of the federal government, but you may be able to benefit from some of the same approaches. Saving paper is a good place to start: Try sending e-Christmas cards and opting out of gift wrap.

To more efficiently support that caffeine addiction, make sure to bring your reusable coffee mug and get your discount at campus cafes. While we're on the reusable topic, a reusable water bottle provides 100 percent savings while hydrating you in an eco-friendly manner.

When you're ready to head out after finals, find a friend to carpool home with and you can split gas and tolls. If you're creative, you may even find you can make Christmas presents yourself out of materials you have.

Merry Christmas!  
— The GreenMan

Dear GreenMan,  
I really want to go to our bowl game this December, but I'm concerned about the environmental impact of traveling. Is it better to drive or to fly?

— Fan in Fisher

Dear Fan in Fisher,  
As a diehard fan myself, I admire your devotion to the team as well as your eco-consciousness. Our bowl is expected to be somewhere in one of the southernmost U.S. states, meaning a trip of more than 1,000 miles each way. For short plane rides (under 300 miles), planes are way more energy-intensive than cars

because most of the fuel is used for take-off and landing. But taking a plane all the way to the bowl is only a little worse than driving a car there by yourself.

However, if two people share a car, that's half the emissions. If four people share the car, that's a quarter the emissions ... you get the idea. If you can't take a bus or a train, carpooling is definitely the best way to reduce your impact.

You might say, "But the plane is flying anyway, so isn't it better to hop on than to drive?" It turns out that fuel usage in planes is directly correlated with the weight onboard, plus the more people want to fly, the more

flights airlines will schedule.

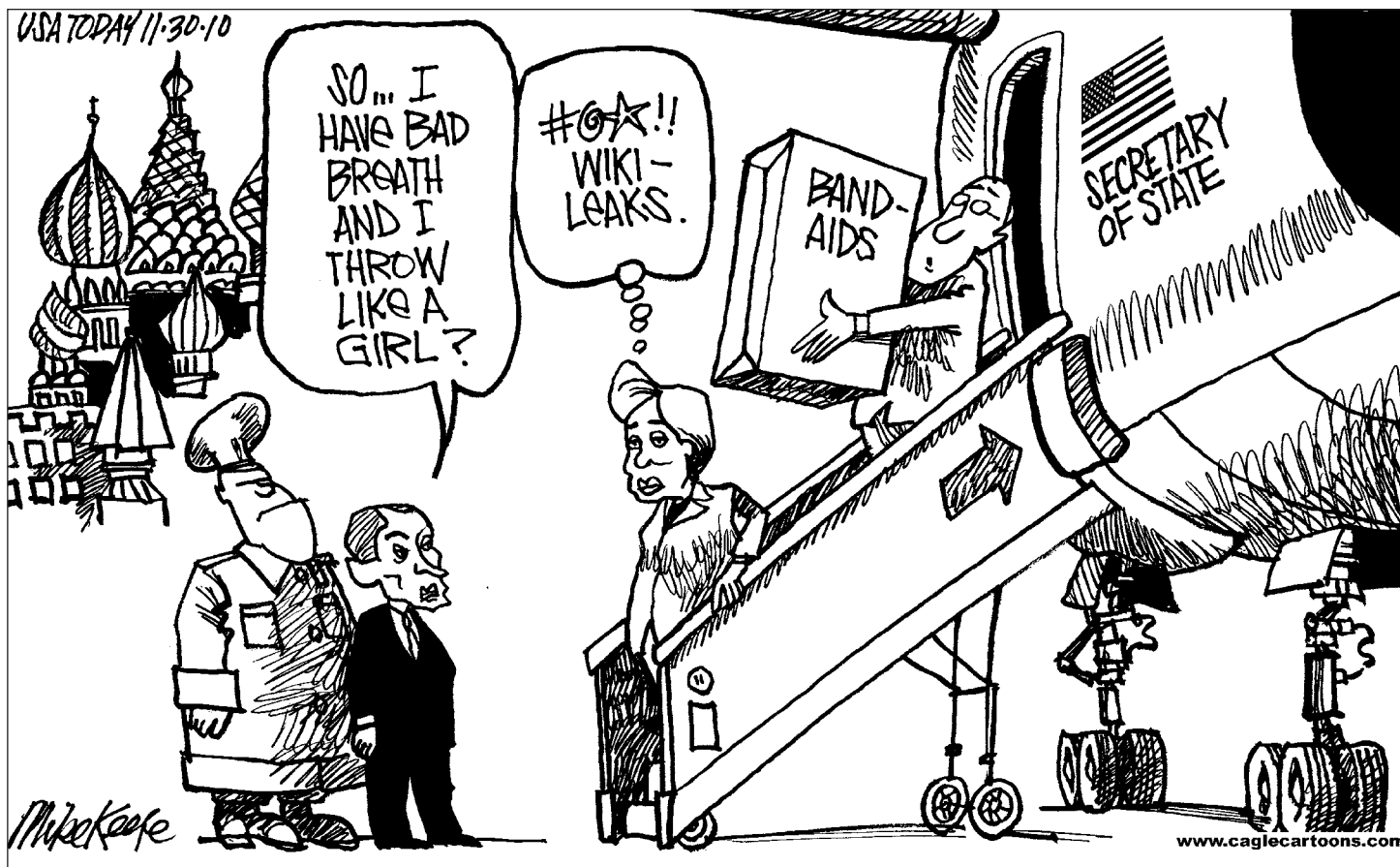
In short, car plus friends is a much better choice than flying.

Go Irish!  
— The GreenMan

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Keep on going and the chances are you will stumble on something, perhaps when you are least expecting it. I have never heard of anyone stumbling on something sitting down."*

Charles F. Kettering  
U.S. electrical engineer & inventor

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to the Editor at

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand."*

Woodrow Wilson  
28th U.S. President



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# I am thankful for Hannah and Friends

Hannah and Friends is hosting its annual Thanksgiving potluck for family, parents, residents, young adults and children who are enrolled in the many programs. My son, now a resident there, went on his weekly shopping trip with his housemates, with the support from Mosaic staff. My son decided to buy a ham with his food stamps to contribute to this festive occasion. Being able to make this decision independently made him feel quite proud. He wants to give back to his neighbors and friends. I am thankful that I can still learn valuable lessons from my special son as he continues to grow and learn at this very beautiful place. These fine people with different abilities, teach valuable lessons, if only society would hunger to learn from them.

“Each one of them is Jesus in disguise.” — Mother Teresa

Katherine Robinson Coleman  
alumna  
Class of 1978  
Nov. 23

UWIRE

# Banning earmarks, a ‘solution to nowhere’

There’s an old adage of government spending, often attributed to the late Sen. Everett Dirksen: “A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you’re talking real money.”

Steven Zoeller

*The Oklahoma Daily*

The remark still echoes in the halls of Congress, mostly ignored by politicians who would rather waste time trying to ban earmarking, a useful practice which accounts for only 1 percent of the annual federal budget.

Republicans and Democrats alike hail it as a step towards government accountability and a shrinking deficit.

Whether this is lame duck grandstanding or they seriously believe their own claims, it only takes a quick review of facts to realize it’s a step backwards.

The very nature of earmarks is distributive. By definition, they are appropriations of funds in a spending bill to benefit local projects.

This means attaching less earmarks doesn’t make the original bill any lighter, it only sends the funds in fewer directions.

Recall, as mentioned earlier, that earmarks account for only 1 percent of the annual federal budget, or \$16 billion — not “real” money by any means, and a trifle compared to that wasted in health care spending.

Combine this fact with your knowledge of earmarks, and you’ll be strained to make a strong logical link between banning them and shrinking the deficit.

Sen. Mitch McConnell — who until recently championed earmarks to vastly improve the capitol of his state of Kentucky — claims that “the abuse of [earmarking] has caused Americans to view it as a symbol of the waste and out-of-control spending that every Republican in Washington is determined to fight.”

We can agree with everything but his solution. Yes, earmarks are a symbol, but that’s it. In a way, he admits a ban would be merely symbolic.

And indeed, there have been cases of abuse; that which comes to mind first is the infamous “bridge to nowhere,” an Alaskan bridge con-

necting the mainland to an island with a population of about fifty.

However, for every useless bridge and beer museum — whether you’ll regard that Wisconsin expense as worthwhile or not is a matter of taste — there’s a charity or medical institute that receives funding it wouldn’t usually get without earmarks.

If the problem is money going to undeserving projects, then why not ban that instead?

Which brings the focus on the politicians who’ve been fighting earmarks all along, most famously Sen. John McCain, who recently teamed up with Oklahoma’s own Sen. Tom Coburn.

Together, they are pushing for a Senate vote on an earmark moratorium.

McCain and Coburn maintain that earmarks are corrupting and shady, but in more cases they actually serve as tools of compromise.

They’re also fairly transparent, with a modern application process and records kept on representative and senator websites.

Again, if politicians have problems with the process, why not reform it rather than pass a temporary ban? It’s counterproductive and keeps funding from worthwhile recipients on the local level.

Interestingly, Oklahoma’s other Senator, Jim Inhofe, wants to keep earmarks, for some of the reasons listed above.

He’s advised to keep that position, as are any other fiscal conservatives who’ve come to recognize this as an illusion of progress.

Sen. Coburn once said, “We’ve got to start doing the things most important first and least important last.”

If the new Republicans in Congress truly want to start an era of fiscal responsibility and deficit management, a ban on earmarks belongs near the bottom of the list, if it belongs on the list at all. They need to start looking at “real money.”

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UWIRE

# WikiLeaking credibility

If you’ve figured out the true intentions of WikiLeaks and its founder Julian Assange, please let me know. In the meantime, I’m starting to feel troubled, even defensive, about the group’s mass releases of U.S. government confidential documents.

Alexander R. Konrad

*The Harvard Crimson*

Yesterday, WikiLeaks announced it was under cyber attack. The Distributed Denial-of-Service has been popular in recent months; most notably, government websites in the United States and South Korea came under this type of attack in the summer of 2009. U.S. cyber experts learned from that DDoS assault, and they may have put it to their own use yesterday (debating the ethics of such an attack is a worthwhile endeavor for another time). It would certainly not be surprising, as the nation seems uniquely under pressure from Assange and his team.

Adding information to the public domain on important issues — this is a journalistic duty few would deny. Major publications will certainly be excited to see what WikiLeaks publishes this time, as they have in the past. The New York Times has added a whole feature, “The War Logs,” to analyze WikiLeaks’ postings on the Iraq war. Yet this latest batch of documents concerns U.S. diplomatic affairs around the world, from confidential assessments by ambassadors about foreign leaders to the private communiqués from Washington to individual embassies. This latest broadside from WikiLeaks makes the journalistic position more troubling.

In a blog post yesterday, Blake Hounshell of Foreign Policy asked if WikiLeaks has gone too far. Hounshell admitted to being eager to see the documents but expressed doubt about undermining the ability of diplomats to do their jobs and WikiLeaks’ dismissive stance on its role. The group argues that the world should have as many classified documents as possible — any nation, any time.

That’s not really how it’s working out. It’s now increasingly hard to ignore an anti-American vendetta in Assange’s efforts. Documents about U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan may have informed the public in meaningful ways — even if they apparently had nothing new for those living in the region. With the State Department’s files, however, there will certainly be revelations, and many seem preliminarily more likely to embarrass and damage U.S. foreign policy than do anything else. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has been leading efforts to mitigate the upcoming onslaught by reaching out to world leaders before ambassadors’ private observations of them come to light. Initiatives such as START — the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia —

could be jeopardized.

One might argue that Assange has no vendetta against the United States and that he only publishes these U.S.-focused documents because they are what is available to his group. Consider Assange’s own words, however: “The material that we are about to release covers essentially every major issue in every country in the world.” So, ignoring the Assange arrogance factor, we have confidential U.S. government documents on every major issue in the world. Am I the only person who doesn’t believe that no matter what misdeeds the United States would want covered up, those issues also include important ones in which U.S. secrecy is beneficial to the public good?

The State Department has taken the position that these documents were obtained illegally and will risk the lives of various individuals. Assange responded by offering to negotiate on individual redactions, a possible compromise with which the U.S. government refused to participate. Even assuming that this offer of partial redactions meets the concern of individuals’ immediate safety, it does not address the broader possibility of ambassadors’ efforts being undermined in worthwhile efforts such as helping to ensure the protection of aid organizations in those nations.

WikiLeaks’ founder seems to believe that any secrecy or confidentiality by a government, or at least the U.S. government, is inherently suspect. Yet secrecy is not always sinister. The unfortunate by-product of this release is that, as WikiLeaks publishes by massive salvo, not by individual scoop, the United States will suffer politically in areas we cannot yet predict.

Like the rest of the journalistic field, I am usually excited by the prospect of breaking news that holds governments and large corporations accountable for their actions. As an American, however, I cannot help but feel uneasy at WikiLeaks’ actions. Whether by circumstance or by design, Assange seems to be harming my country’s ability to operate. Because I reject the notion that all American operations are wrongful, I cannot view this release of documents as simply a journalist’s bonanza.

We can hope that the release of these documents encourages government accountability and contributes to the public discourse. Then Assange’s latest efforts will have yielded a positive contribution for the global community. I’m now increasingly suspicious that this will not be the case.

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# food

FOR THOUGHT  
by Nathaniel Lee

My Fellow Domers,

It is good to see you all once again enjoying the crown jewel of life at Notre Dame, your dining hall. Let us take a journey into the social, cultural and, dare I say, romantic opportunities available at North and South Dining Halls. If you have been waiting for the opportunity to step your game up from the occasional awkward weekend hook-up to the equally awkward dining hall first date, you can impress with the following culinary savvy.

Nathaniel Lee

Scene Writer

## Main Dish

The Deluxe DH Burger

- 1) Get a well-done patty and add cheese to taste.
- 2) Spread butter on the inside of each half of the bun, and toast them in the bagel toaster.
- 3) Mix together mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, diced onions, salt and garlic powder and apply liberally to each bun half.
- 4) Place the patty on the bottom bun and top with lettuce and tomato.
- 5) Garnish with a pickle-spear, fries, chips, onion rings and potato poppers based on availability.
- 6) As an extra bonus, if fresh bacon is available, be sure to add it on top of the cheese, because bacon improves pretty much everything.

## Dessert

Cookies and Cream Shake

- 1) Put two scoops of chocolate ice cream into a cup.
- 2) Fill the cup half way with milk.
- 3) Add 4 heaping scoops of crushed Oreos to the top of the cup.
- 4) Drizzle chocolate syrup into the mixture.
- 5) With a knife, blend all the ingredients together in the cup until thoroughly mixed.
- 6) Top with whipped cream from the waffle station.

## Dinner Discussion: Dining Hall Dating

The key to this recipe is making two burgers, and getting two straws for the one milkshake. As a courtesy to your date, be sure to check what burger toppings he or she prefers, or if he or she will need a veggie burger, before you aim to impress with your dining hall cooking skills.

After the meal is prepared, the next key is picking a perfect spot to eat. Show your date that you are compassionate by arranging the meeting in his or her "home" dining hall to ensure your date feels as comfortable as possible.

For the first date, select one of the more secluded areas in the dining hall to ensure that you will be shielded from prying eyes or the well-intentioned friend who ends up crashing as a third wheel. In North, go for a circle table in one of the lower levels, but not too close to a television so that you can be sure the focus is on the conversation. In South, opt for one of the small tables lining the edges to guarantee a level of privacy.

When you get to the dining hall meet out front and head in together. Avoid newspapers to keep distractions out of the way, and be sure to be extra friendly to the card-swipers, making a good first impression. Predetermine a seating area, and then tell the object of your desires to get their drink and take a seat while you handle the menu. Whip up this classic date meal and bring it to your waiting partner to demonstrate your kindness.

After the meal, at an appropriate lull in the conversation, excuse yourself to fetch dessert. The break will allow your date to think about how great you are for a little while in your absence. He or she might even text a friend or two an update, even though those friends are most likely 2 tables over, spying.

You will return with the single milkshake and two straws, and the die will be cast. If your date accepts, the deal is sealed. If it is unbelievably uncomfortable, then the romance wasn't meant to be.

When it does work, make sure Norman Rockwell is there to paint the adorable image of you and your beau gazing into one another's eyes as you drink from your shared milkshake, each pondering what dorms your future Domer children will be in and which Irish sports team they will lead to a national championship.

Most importantly, be sure to grab some mints on the way out if the date is moving back to your futon.

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By COURTNEY ECKERLE

Scene Writer

Not many British artists can sling on the boots of Americana music quite so comfortably as Elvis Costello, which he does, and then some, on his latest album, "National Ransom." His 10th album in 11 years, it's the result of years of dabbling in every genre known to man, and in many parts the best music past decades have had to offer. It's a jiving, dance hall, vaudeville, rock 'n roll serenade courtesy of the powerhouse musician and songwriter Costello.

Paired for the second time with producer T-Bone Burnett (the first time being his last album, "Secret, Profane and Sugarcane"), Costello cements his status as a musical bard, tramping his way through musical history. The storytelling on this album is both heart wrenching and fun.

The finger-picking "Dr. Watson, I presume," for instance, is an ode to real life 87-year-old bluegrass musician Doc Watson, whom Costello met when performing at the annual MerleFest music festival Watson hosts yearly in North Carolina. Costello says in the trailer for "National Ransom" he wrote it after being inspired by a particularly poetic conversation about Watson's life.

With lyrics like, "Running pell-mell and harum-scarum/Running as hot as they do or dare/Stick out your tongue/And drink down all the venom/From Cut-Throat Cuthbert" in the title track "National

Ransom," it's easy to catch the jump-jive and shake, rattle and roll Costello fever. Not as sweet as it seems at first, it's also an old-fashioned protest of the wolves on Wall Street, with the lines, "Mother's in the kitchen picking bones for breakfast/There's a wolf at the window with a ravening maw."



'National Ransom' Album Art, Photo courtesy of Hear Music/ Universal

"Jimmie Standing in the Rain" is a ghoulish, vaudevillian tune about a failed music hall singer who stumbles from one indiscretion to the next. The song showcases the morose feeling of Jimmie getting drenched at a Lancashire train station.

"Where have you been all my life?" is what one feels after a listen to "A Slow Drag with Josephine." Songs these days need more whistling; how is it that we didn't know it until now?

## National Ransom Elvis Costello

Label: Hear Music/ Universal

Best Tracks: "My Lovely Jezebel," "A Slow Drag with Josephine," "That's Not The Part of Him You're Leaving"



"That's Not The Part of Him You're Leaving" is the depressing country slow song you love to croon on a long, lonely road trip home, preferably with a howling hound dog at your side. It's also perfect for a leading man to drown his sorrows in at a dusty saloon somewhere after losing his lady love (he thinks for forever, but we'll see).

It may not be the most cohesive, flowing album on the books, but it always feels genuine, and supplies a tune for every age, genre and heart. "National Ransom" is the Elvis Costello we've come to know and love.

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## Casually Aggressive



by Ankur Chawla

- 1 ☒ Forget You—Cee Lo Green
- 2 ☒ Smack That—Akon
- 3 ☒ Heartless—Kanye West
- 4 ☒ Erase Me—Kid Cudi
- 5 ☒ Let's Get It On—Marvin Gaye
- 6 ☒ Roses—Outkast
- 7 ☒ Flake—Jack Johnson
- 8 ☒ Somebody Told Me—The Killers
- 9 ☒ Makes Me Wonder—Maroon 5
- 10 ☒ Cooler Than Me—Mike Posner
- 11 ☒ Afternoon Delight—Starland Vocal Band
- 12 ☒ Bye Bye Bye—N'Sync

*My past two playlists played on the*

*"Aggressively Casual" theme,  
actively trying to be calm and chill.*

*This week, flipping the concept  
around, is a list of songs that while  
relaxed and casual in their sound,  
are aggressive in their lyrics. They  
exude a swagger and exemplify the  
feeling of the Irish winning three  
straight football games.*

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By CLAIRE STEPHENS  
Scene Writer

"Tangled," the new princess story directed by Nathan Greno and Bryon Howard and produced by Roy Conli, is yet another cute, colorful and crisp 3-D feature by Disney, just the kind of movie viewers have come to expect. Starring the vocal talents of Mandy Moore as the endearing Rapunzel, Zachary Levi as the charming Flynn Ryder, and Donna Murphy as the savvy but evil Mother Gothel, "Tangled" is a fairly cookie cutter Disney classic fairy tale for the holidays.

Continuing the tradition of Disney's more recent films starring strong, coming-of-age princesses, Rapunzel is exactly where we expect, longing for what we expect her to want — a way into the world and out of that tower. The audience finds themselves in the typical fantasy kingdom composed of a happy lower class, ruthless royal guards, surprisingly lovable thieves and thugs and a princess in a pink and purple dress. Complete with a villain played by the foster mother and good-looking hero/love interest come to help set her free from eternal grounding, all the ingredients are present to make a successful Disney animated feature.

With a few pleasant and passionate songs thrown in, "Tangled" pleases musical, adventurous and overall cheerful audiences alike. Though not nearly as scary, dramatic or suspenseful as some of the Disney masterpieces of the 1990's, it is to be expected for a film whose target audience is younger girls. Although there is intermittent action, a movie predominantly about a timid girl with fabulous hair who longs to escape and fulfill her dreams is hardly an hour and a half to please most fellows in the crowd. Despite a few exciting chase scenes involving royal guards and Viking-esque thugs, it just barely earns itself a PG rating.

Of course a Disney movie would not be complete without humor. Though both the physical and visual humor to please the children and the somewhat clever dialogue to

please those who took the children are present, don't expect to be laughing your head off throughout the movie.

With the strong, obvious fairy tale theme, this colorful and fun film is a pretty good choice for a predominantly female audience. Though it's an entertaining retelling of a classic fairy tale, the young female protagonist's efforts

### Tangled Disney

**Director:** Nathan Greno, Byron Howard

**Starring:** Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi, Donna Murphy



are still strongly colored by a princess theme. Even the heroic male lead next to her matches the female ideal — clever, handsome and a bad boy—in Disney terms, anyway.

Walk, but don't necessarily run, to see "Tangled" with younger sisters or cousins. It has enough action and humor to keep you interested, enough fun music to get you humming and enough of a plot to keep you from falling asleep, but not enough to keep you on the edge of your seat. You might not guess the whole plot, but you'll get pretty close. Surely we have all come to the realization that Disney movies are good, but terribly predictable. Not this decade's next animated masterpiece, but another enjoyable Disney movie. Overall, "Tangled" is another addition to the Disney princess repertoire.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

TCU set for Big East move

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — TCU is getting out of future debates about whether the Horned Frogs deserve to be in a BCS game. They are joining a league with automatic access.

The Frogs won't have to be a BCS buster when they move to the Big East Conference, starting with the 2012 season. Win their new league and they will be guaranteed a spot in one of the big-money games.

In the latest restructuring of the college football landscape, TCU's board of trustees unanimously approved an invitation Monday to join the Big East in football and all other sports. The move from the Mountain West Conference becomes official July 1, 2012.

TCU athletic director Chris Del Conte said gaining automatic-qualifying status "was a big factor" in the move and gives the Horned Frogs "the greatest opportunity to compete for the national championship."

The Big East, currently with eight football teams, has one of six automatic BCS slots.

"Access got easier, not the road," said Frogs coach Gary Patterson, whose third-ranked Frogs (12-0) wrapped up their second consecutive undefeated regular season and Mountain West title with a 66-17 win at New Mexico on Saturday.

TCU is third in the BCS standings—the highest-ranked non-automatic qualifying team—and is in line for a chance to play for the national championship if Auburn or Oregon lose next weekend. The Frogs likely will play in the Rose Bowl if Auburn and Oregon both win.

"Who would have thought five years ago that the guaranteed fallback position is, you're going to the Rose Bowl, and one loss you're in the national championship?" Del Conte told a room filled with supporters and staff. "We're going to Pasadena, let's get fired up. We're going to the Big East, let's get fired up. ... It's a great time to be a Frog."

The pending departure of TCU continues a big shuffle for the Mountain West, which last summer announced that Boise State was leaving the WAC to join its league in 2011. That was expected to bolster the strength of the MWC and put the league in better position for possibly gaining an automatic BCS berth in the future. But now so much has changed.

Utah is leaving the Mountain West for the expanded Pac-12 and BYU is going independent. Fresno State and Nevada, and maybe Hawaii, are going from the WAC to the MWC in 2012



TCU running back Ed Wesley (34) averaged 7.7 yards per carry against New Mexico Saturday.

after TCU leaves.

"Today's intercollegiate athletics environment is very fluid," Mountain West Conference commissioner Craig Thompson said in a statement. "Our board of directors and directors of athletics, as they have throughout the history of the MWC and with even more focus recently, will continue to analyze the landscape and chart our course in the context of ongoing changes."

Thompson said there were "conversations already under way with potential future members."

Del Conte said losing BYU and Utah was a "significant blow" to the Mountain West.

"It was not the same league that we joined," he said. "It's not the same home that we bought, it's not same home we were invited to, and things changed, the landscape changed."

Boise State president Bob Kustra called TCU's decision disappointing "but not entirely surprising given the stakes of automatic qualification in the BCS bowl system and relative lack of access for non-AQ conferences." He said the Mountain West was still a good fit for his school.

TCU could help the MWC land an automatic bid to the BCS after the Frogs are gone.

TCU's excellent 2010 (and it's 2011 performance) will count toward the MWC's resume when the conferences are evaluated after the 2011 season.

BCS officials have said a non-automatic qualifying conference could earn an automatic bid for the 2012 and '13 seasons.

And if the Big East's BCS bid comes under scrutiny when the next TV contract ends after the 2013 season, TCU's 2010 season will also count toward the Big East's resume.

"It's too soon to speculate

about what the BCS thresholds will be for the 2015 and beyond, but it seems likely that TCU's move will enhance the Big East's position," BCS executive director Bill Hancock said in an e-mail.

The Big East has schools in nine of the nation's 35 largest media markets and will be adding Dallas/Fort Worth, the fifth largest.

"Located in one of the top five media markets in the country, TCU also enables the Big East to extend its media footprint, which already encompasses more than a quarter of the country," league commissioner John Marinatto said.

The only current Big East team ranked in the AP poll is No. 23 West Virginia (8-3, 4-2 Big East), which is 24th in the BCS standings. Connecticut (7-4, 4-2) could get the league's automatic BCS spot.

TCU might not be headed to a BCS game without Boise State's loss Friday night in overtime at Nevada. Had the Broncos remained undefeated, there was a real possibility that the Broncos could have passed the Frogs in the BCS standings and been the only non-AQ team to get into one of the top-level bowls.

"This is a great move," Patterson said. "I'll say this, we don't seem to get bored around this place. The one last mark people have held against in recruiting is that we were not an automatic qualifier. Now that's been erased."

TCU was a BCS buster for the first time last season, then lost to Boise State in the Fiesta Bowl.

The Frogs have won 25 consecutive regular-season games, and 38 of 41 overall. The only losses in that span were in the Fiesta Bowl, and games at Oklahoma and Utah.

NHL

Crosby leads Pens in 7th straight win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sidney Crosby extended his point streak to 13 games and the Pittsburgh Penguins won their seventh straight by beating the New York Rangers 3-1 on Monday night.

The Penguins, 9-0-1 in their past 10, haven't lost since falling to the Rangers at home in a shootout on Nov. 15. Their previous loss in regulation was Nov. 11 against Boston. It is the Penguins' longest winning streak since another seven-game run from Oct. 8-23, 2009.

Pascal Dupuis scored in the first period, and goals by Kris Letang and Chris Conner in the second stretched Pittsburgh's lead to 3-0. Marc-Andre Fleury finished with 25 saves to earn his ninth win of the season. Fleury has played in every game of the Penguins' streak except for their previous victory on Saturday, when Brent Johnson beat Calgary on the strength of Crosby's hat trick that included the captain's 200th NHL goal.

Crosby, the leader in votes for the upcoming All-Star game, assisted on Letang's fifth of the season. Crosby has 12 goals and 14 assists during his point streak. He is the league's scoring leader with 41 points, two more than Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos.

Crosby hit the post with a shot in the closing minutes.

Marian Gaborik returned from a one-game absence, despite still feeling the effects of the flu, and scored in the second period to cut the Rangers' deficit to 3-1 with his fifth goal. Henrik Lundqvist stopped 24 shots while making his fourth straight start following a two-game rest.

The Rangers earned a rare victory over the Penguins in the only other meeting this season, despite not having a single power play.

But Pittsburgh re-established its dominance over New York in the rematch, improving to 18-5-8 since the start of the 2006-07 season.

Despite confetti that fell onto the ice late in the game, there was little for Rangers fans at Madison Square Garden to celebrate.

New York had won four of five overall before Monday, including back-to-back wins over Florida and Nashville on its just-completed road trip. The Rangers fell to 5-7-1 at home.

The Penguins started doing damage 5:10 in, less than a minute after Pittsburgh forward Chris Kunitz recorded the first shot for either team.

New York's Ruslan Fedotenko dropped the puck at his skates in his zone, but it got away to Maxime Talbot, who skated in front of the net and beat Lundqvist from in close to make it 1-0. The Rangers held an 8-6 shots advantage through one period, but their control didn't last.

Pittsburgh broke out fast in the second and spent most of the period in the Rangers' end with the puck on their sticks.

The Penguins jumped out to a 13-3 shots edge in the period and broke open the game when Letang and Conner connected 1:15 apart to build the lead to 3-0 late in the frame.

Letang took a beautiful backhand pass from Crosby that went from the right circle to the left for a one-timer that got past Lundqvist at 12:01. Conner received the puck from Tyler Kennedy in the slot and zipped a shot by Rangers defenseman Steve Eminger and in at 13:16.

Gaborik got the Rangers on the board with an unscreened snap shot that found its way past Fleury with 3:41 left in the second.



Penguins' captain Sidney Crosby celebrates after a 3-1 win over the Rangers Monday night.

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----- CADDYSHACK QUOTES -----

Judge Smalls: You know, you should play with Dr. Beeper and myself. I mean, he's been club champion for three years running and I'm no slouch myself.

Ty Webb: Don't sell yourself short Judge, you're a tremendous slouch.

Sandy: I want you to kill every gophers on the golf course!

Carl Spackler: Correct me if I'm wrong Sandy, but if I kill all the golfers, they're gonna lock me up and throw away the key...

Sandy: Not golfers, you great fool! Gophers! The "little" "brown", "furry" "rodents" -!

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Judge Smalls: Danny, I'm having a party this weekend. [pauses a beat]

Judge Smalls: How would you like to come over and mow my lawn?

Judge Smalls: Ty, what did you shoot today?

Ty Webb: Oh, I don't keep score.

Judge Smalls: Then how do you measure yourself with other golfers?

Ty Webb: By height.

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Hey, doll. Could you scare up another round for our table over here? And tell the cook this is low grade dog food. I've had better food at the ballgame, you know? This steak still has marks from where the jockey was hitting it.



NFL

Johnson, Finnegan handed fines, not suspended

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Andre Johnson called NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on Monday morning, before the league fined Houston's star receiver and Tennessee cornerback Cortland Finnegan \$25,000 each for their fight a day earlier.

Johnson did not speak with Goodell, but left a message. Johnson said that Goodell called back and left a voicemail while the Texans were preparing to practice on Monday night.

"I just think that was something that I needed to do, just to communicate with him and let him know my side," Johnson

said. "I'll give him a call back and whenever we get a chance, we'll talk."

Neither player was suspended after they slugged it out in the fourth quarter of Houston's 20-0 victory.

Finnegan set off the brawl by jabbing at Johnson's neck and face mask at the line of scrimmage. Johnson ripped off Finnegan's helmet and landed at least two punches to Finnegan's head and neck. The two spun each other, and Finnegan tore off Johnson's helmet before players and referees intervened.

Houston (5-6) plays at Philadelphia (7-4) on Thursday

night, and Johnson said he was relieved to learn that he'd be allowed to play.

"That's something I have been thinking about ever since the incident happened," Johnson said. "I'm happy that I'm not suspended. At the same time, I'm not happy about my actions."

When asked if he would appeal the fine, Johnson said "probably not."

"Just looking at it, I mean, what can I say?" Johnson said. "There's not really anything I can say, or tell them."

Finnegan did not speak to reporters after Sunday's game, but talked about it Monday on his weekly radio show. Finnegan said Johnson "snapped," and added that if he had punched Johnson, the NFL likely would have suspended him.

"This is the NFL, not the NHL, and it's a higher standard," Finnegan said. "That's the NHL. They fight. They get penalized for that. The NFL, it's not even heard of ... you do that, you're suspended. Hands down. That's what I've been taught."

"I guess he got his money's worth."

This was the second time they scuffled during a game. Last season, Johnson was fined \$7,500 for taking Finnegan to the ground by the face mask.

Finnegan plans to appeal the fine for Sunday's brawl. He told TitanInsider late Monday that Johnson went into "sheer rage" and that he still doesn't quite understand why the receiver reacted by throwing three punches at him.

"That's the crazy part, because I felt like the game was going pretty good, other than the fact that he probably had that built up over last year's time," Finnegan said.

Finnegan also told the Web site he didn't think he deserved a suspension or a fine.

"I didn't throw a punch. It's not a fineable offense," he said. "There's nothing I did that I felt like was a fineable offense. Maybe a flag for quick-jamming him and hitting him in the face mask. But there's no way that I thought that that would ever be a suspension."



An official separates Texan's wide receiver Andre Johnson and Titan's cornerback Cortland Finnegan Sunday.

Johnson wouldn't say if he was surprised that Finnegan wasn't suspended. The Titans (5-6) play Jacksonville (6-5) on Sunday.

"He can say what he wants to say," Johnson said. "I'm not going to keep talking about him. He's just looking for attention, so I'm not worried about that."

Finnegan was fined for personal fouls in three consecutive games earlier this season and was warned by the league after the third incident to watch his behavior after the whistle.

Johnson, meanwhile, has built a clean-cut, soft-spoken image in eight seasons. He doesn't think the ugly incident will change that.

"I think anybody who really knows me, I don't think I've damaged my reputation," he said. "I can say that you can only take so much from a person before you explode."

Texans coach Gary Kubiak said he never expected Johnson to be suspended.

"I didn't think that would happen," he said. "I think the league does a great job of evaluating every situation. Andre's reputation as a player and a person speaks for itself."

Johnson has been inundated with calls and text messages since the fight, and said he was "tired of talking about it." He attended Sunday night's Houston Rockets game with full-back Vonta Leach and got a standing ovation when he was introduced during a timeout.

"I couldn't do anything but laugh," Johnson said. "At the same time, it just shows the fans were still behind me, and still showing support, so I really appreciated it."

Titans coach Jeff Fisher, co-chairman of the NFL's competition committee, spoke with league officials earlier Monday. Fisher said in his opinion Finnegan didn't throw a punch, but did get Johnson's face mask.

"I have very strong opinions about the fact I think he should not be suspended," Fisher said of Finnegan. "As far as what the league decides to do, that's a league decision."

"It's an unfortunate thing that happens. You've got two very talented, good football players competing, and it's just very unfortunate. It's not good for our game and I'm just disappointed that type of thing happens on the playing field."

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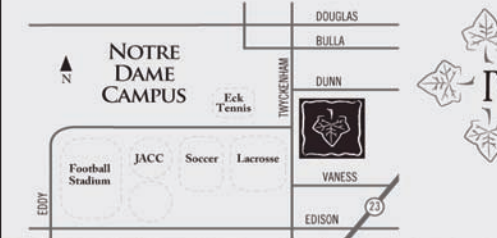
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NFL

Patriots, Jets prepare for showdown

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The long weekend is over for the New England Patriots.

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The Patriots are preparing to host the New York Jets next Monday night in a game that will put the winner in control of the AFC East.

"They give you a lot to get ready for," New England coach Bill Belichick said in a conference call Monday.

Perhaps Belichick, master of the understatement, won't be the best source for excitement in the next week, but there should be plenty of others as this game approaches.

Much more is riding on it than the first meeting in Week 2, when the Jets won 28-14 at the Meadowlands. Both teams are 9-2 and the winner will take the lead in

the AFC East as well as the overall conference standings with just a month to go in the regular season.

Belichick politely complimented the Jets and their accomplishments in the nine games since the rivals last met. While the overall records are identical, New York currently holds the tiebreaker with the head-to-head victory and is also 3-0 in the division. But that only gives the Jets a technical edge in the standings, which the Patriots can turn around with a win at home.

That's why Belichick says games take on a new meaning after Thanksgiving.

"I think it's just obvious. There's fewer games, (and) a lot of teams are packed closely together. Each game becomes more important, more critical and has bigger impact on the final standings," he said. "Right now, you just want to put

yourself in good position where you're in contention."

Both Belichick and Jets coach Rex Ryan can say that. Even with a loss next week, both teams would be in good position for a wild-card berth, so a third meeting in the playoffs isn't out of the question.

"Whatever they've had to do, they've done it. They've really done a good job in clutch situations," Belichick said of the Jets. "We know there will be some wrinkles there one way or another and we'll have to adjust to them Monday night."

Both teams have had a bit of a break since playing on Thanksgiving, plus a bonus day thanks to the Monday night scheduling. Extra days this late in the season give the players more recovery time, which is especially welcome as the prime-time showdown approaches.



SMC BASKETBALL

Belles split weekend games

By JOE WIRTH  
Sports Writer

The Belles suffered their first loss of the season Saturday but rebounded Sunday to improve to 5-1 in nonconference play. Playing at the Julie Costello Memorial Classic, hosted by Thomas More in Crestview Hills, Ky., Saint Mary's fell to Wilmington, 57-44, and beat Otterbein, 56-51. Interim Belles coach Patrick Daniel said the win was crucial for the team to avoid any negative momentum heading into conference play. "It is always key to be able to bounce back from a loss in your next game. No team wants to be on a losing streak, and we certainly did not want to enter conference play on a two-game losing streak," Daniel said. Forward Kelley Murphy and guard Patsy Mahoney, both juniors, were name to the all-tournament team. Murphy tallied a double-double with a game high 26 points and 13 rebounds against Otterbein. Junior guard Patsy Mahoney also registered dou-

ble digits with 14 points in the winning effort. Senior Liz Wade had a big hand in the Belles' victory as she filled up the stat sheet with five rebounds, five steals, five assists and three points. The Belles got off to a hot start in the first half and had a 30-22 lead at halftime. But they were tested in the second half when the Cardinals came out of the locker room strong with a 10-2 run to tie the game. Otterbein took a three-point lead, but that was when the Belles answered with a run of their own. They reeled off a 12-2 run to take command of the game, and with solid free throw shooting down the stretch, Saint Mary's put away the Cardinals for good. Daniel said he knows how important the Belles' second half performance was. "At half-time we told the team that Otterbein is well-coached and a very good team, so they needed to be prepared

for a run. It was our hope to extend the lead early, but we had some turnovers, missed some shots and did not score for the first four minutes of the second half," Daniel said. "But our team knew that our defense must dictate our offense and having caused 27 turnovers in the game, making some key shots, and going 4-for-4 from the free throw line in the final minute helped lead us in winning this highly contested game." Daniel said the team's first loss to Wilmington included a lot of self-inflicted setbacks that cost the Belles the game. He said they cleaned up many of those mistakes versus the Cardinals and that helped them pull out the win. "Saturday's loss to Wilmington was based on a lot of missed chances and opportunities for us," Daniel said. "We knew on Sunday that we needed to convert those same type of shots missed on Saturday, continue to play good pressure defense and we would give ourselves a chance of gaining a win against Otterbein." The Belles will be in action next for their home and conference opener Saturday against No. 23 Calvin.

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Bears

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Golden Bears to just five points in the first half. Senior forward Carleton Scott led Notre Dame in that game with 16 points and 10 rebounds. He was the only Irish player to score in double figures in each game of the tournament, which earned him a spot on the all-tournament team along with fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis. Notre Dame continued its dominant defensive performance in the finals as Wisconsin scored just 19 points in the first half in the Irish's 58-51 win. The Badgers rallied to take an 11-point lead over the Irish in the second half, but Notre Dame used a 15-0 run in the final four minutes to pull away. Scott and freshman guard Eric Atkins led Notre Dame with 12 points apiece, and Abromaitis' 10-point, nine-rebound effort helped him earn the tournament's Most Valuable Player award. In the final two games of the tournament, Notre Dame held California and Wisconsin to a combined 30.5 percent from the field. "I think we showed a lot of people out there that we still have some fight in us," Abromaitis told the press after

the game. Irish coach Mike Brey was pleased with his team's performance in the Old Spice Classic and thinks that the wins can help them come tournament time. "I learned something about my team that I knew I would down here," Brey told the press after the game. "You hope to learn while you're winning, certainly that's helpful. But for us right now, this team is very confident." Tonight's match-up marks the second time that the Irish and Sycamores (3-3) will face off, but a lot has changed for both programs since Notre Dame's 66-49 win over Indiana State in the 1947-48, most notably that legendary UCLA coach John Wooden coached the Sycamores at the time. Indiana State is in its first season under coach Greg Lansing. Senior guard Jake Kelly leads Indiana State with 11.7 points per game and is one of three Sycamores scoring in double figures this year. Junior guard Carl Richard has hauled in 9.7 rebounds per game in six contests this year to lead the Sycamores. Notre Dame and Indiana State face off at 7:30 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion. Contact Mike Gotimer at [mgotimer@nd.edu](mailto:mgotimer@nd.edu)

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Team wraps up season with loss at Long Beach



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**Junior outside hitter Kristin Dealy dives for a ball during a loss to Northern Iowa Nov. 7. Dealy had 10 kills and 13 digs Saturday.**

By MICHAEL TODISCO  
Sports Writer

The Irish closed out their season at Long Beach State on Saturday with a loss to the host 49ers. The Irish fell to Long Beach 3-0 (26-24, 25-16, 25-19) on the first day of the Mizuno Thanksgiving Tournament, to finish the season with a record of 18-13.

Long Beach State (23-7) out-hit the Irish .252 to .113 and will continue its season against San Diego in the first round of the NCAA tournament. This year marks the 49ers' 24th consecutive bid to the national tournament.

Kristin Dealy led the offensive attack for Notre Dame. The junior outside hitter recorded 10 kills and 13 digs in the contest. Big East Rookie of the Year Andrea McHugh also performed well for the Irish, pitching in 10 kills and 12 digs. Irish coach Debbie Brown said Dealy and McHugh were not only standouts at Long Beach, but also sources of stability for the team over the entire season.

"I think that both Kristin and Andrea played very well," she said. "They were very steady, playing for all six rotations, both defense and offense. They were outstanding during the

game and over the course of the season."

While Brown was disappointed her team did not qualify for the NCAA tournament this year, she said the team made marked improvements throughout the season.

"Although we stumbled and put ourselves in a position where we aren't playing right now, we had a lot of growth this season," Brown said. "We finished way better in November than we were in August, both individually and as team."

Looking to next season, Brown believes that a young roster and a strong recruiting class will propel the team to success, despite losing some strong seniors.

"Although there will be holes to fill, we think that with the young players we have coming back supplemented with a really strong recruiting class we are in a really good position," Brown said. "A lot of times this year, we would have four freshmen on the court at same time. They gained significant playing time, and that will be huge for us when next season rolls around."

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## Bulldogs

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away from Butler early in Sunday's contest, as the Bulldogs trailed just 16-14 with less than 10 minutes remaining in the first half. Butler's timely three-point shooting kept the contest close, as the squad shot 30 percent from beyond the arc.

"They had 10 wide open 3s in the first half," McGraw said. "They were really open — that's a problem for our defense. We got caught in screens, we didn't communicate — we just weren't paying attention enough. I wasn't really happy with the three-point defense today."

Notre Dame's struggles at the three-point line continued. The team went 0-for-7 from three-point land in the first half, but finished 3-for-13 after Novosel and senior guard Brittany Mallory connected in the second.

"We actually weren't going to shoot any [threes] in the second half," McGraw said. "Our best offense was going inside — the mid-post was really open in their

zone. We had the weak-side pin. We really could have exploited the post a little bit more, but we didn't."

Lifted by Novosel's 20 points and 5 rebounds, the Irish took advantage of a porous Butler defense late in the first to extend their lead to 37-21 at the break. Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins chipped in 11 points, seven assists and five rebounds as the squad closed out its third game in three days with a win.

Diggins said the intense schedule over the weekend should benefit the team as it prepares for its upcoming match against No. 2 Baylor (7-1) on Wednesday.

"Definitely playing against feisty opponents such as Butler and Wake Forest and those teams that don't quit require me playing more minutes than you would like," Diggins said. "I think this is good for us. We needed more in-game experience for our freshmen. We got to just take care of our bodies and continue to try to stay mentally tough."

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## Senior

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Spice Classic affirmed that possibility as a reality.

The Irish are undefeated through seven games, tied for the best start in Mike Brey's tenure as head coach, and they have done it collectively. No one player has stood out above the rest as the de facto star of the team, and that's just what Notre Dame needs. While it's nice to have a dominant player who can be counted on for 25 points per game, it is also relatively easy to game plan against. This Irish squad is far from being easily defended.

That is not to say that particular players haven't given star performances, only that it has not been the same player every night. Ben Hansbrough led Notre Dame in scoring in each of the first three games and looked to be their go-to guy. But when his hot hand suddenly went cold in Orlando, players like Tim Abromaitis, Carlton Scott and Tyrone Nash picked up the slack. Four Irish players are averaging double digits, which makes them infinitely harder to defend.

Hansbrough was particularly cold in the first round of the Old Spice Classic against Georgia, and Scott Martin looked timid. Because of their diversity, though, Brey was able to give the ball-handling responsibility to Eric Atkins, and Martin sat down the

stretch. But when Nash struggled to get into the flow of the game in the championship against Wisconsin, he sat and Martin contributed when the game was on the line.

With so many talented players, Notre Dame's offense doesn't stall because of one man's off-night. If Hansbrough isn't shooting well, Abromaitis will. If the defense is over-playing the

perimeter, Nash can score in the paint. Atkins can handle the ball and slow the pace, or Hansbrough can speed things up and put pressure on defenses.

The most important aspect of this team, though, is not their diver-

sity; it is that they are comfortable utilizing it. Starting five seniors who know how to play together, who know each other's strengths and weaknesses is invaluable. They know not only how to put themselves in good spots, but how to put each other in those spots as well. And they have fun doing it.

Notre Dame is only seven games in, and hasn't faced a single Big East opponent, but this team is showing signs of life. They give everything they have on the floor, and that effort is paying off. Fortunately, they are talented too, and those two strengths go a long way in the making of a successful season.

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an insurance goal in the final minute to seal a trip to the semifinals.

"[Tucker] almost came out of the game in the first half because she injured her ankle pretty badly," Waldrum said. "To see her suck it up and stay in there, and then actually get the game-winning goal and the icing on the cake at the end says a lot about the heart she has to play through the injury. It was a good night."

Notre Dame heads to the

College Cup for the 12th time in program history and the sixth time in seven years. The squad will take on the third-seeded Ohio State Buckeyes Friday for a chance to play for a national title on Sunday.

"Probably what was one of the hardest draws we've had in the four years I've been here, and yet I think we probably handled these four games as well as we've handled [them] in any years," Waldrum said. "I think the girls have been great about their focus and really paying attention to the game plan."

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Senior defender Lauren Fowlkes advances the ball during Notre Dame's 4-0 win over USC at Alumni Stadium Nov. 14.

## Sioux

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Friday's matchup, dominating the first period and taking a 2-0 lead on the strength of a 15-3 advantage in shots on goal. Notre Dame (9-4-2) was rarely able to break out of its own zone all game Friday night. Though freshman winger David Gerths would bring the Irish back to a single-goal deficit midway through the second period, North Dakota would answer each Notre Dame goal with a score of its own to reopen its two-goal advantage.

"Our guys weren't as sharp as they needed to be [Friday]," Jackson said. "The two-goal deficit in the first period put us on our heels a bit. We couldn't get the job done Friday night."

Irish sophomore goaltender Mike Johnson faced 39 shots on the night, finishing the night with 33 saves.

"It was a challenging environment for him and our defense didn't play up to expectations," Jackson said. "I

thought he played well enough to come back the next night [instead of being replaced by freshman Steven Summerhays]."

Johnson did just that Saturday night, putting on one of his best performances of the year in the 2-2 draw in front of another sold-out crowd. He made a season-high 39 saves including three crucial saves on the penalty kill in overtime to preserve the tie.

"Saturday night [Johnson] helped us stay in the game and he did what he had to do," Jackson said. "He played extremely well on Saturday."

The Fighting Sioux broke through first on Saturday at the halfway point of the second period, but the Irish answered four minutes later with a short-handed goal from freshman TJ Tynan. Notre Dame currently leads the country in shorthanded goals with seven on the season.

North Dakota opened the third period on the power play and converted to take a 2-1 lead early in the final stanza. As the third period rolled on, it seemed as if the Irish would have to take a disappointing

pair of losses back to South Bend, but with just 3:03 remaining in regulation, sophomore defenseman Sam Calabrese scored his first collegiate goal off a rebound from a Tynan shot to earn the 2-2 tie.

"We were a better team on Saturday night," Jackson said. "We were less impacted by the environment. The kids competed hard."

The games against North Dakota were the fifth and sixth of an extremely difficult stretch of eight games which started against No. 11 Michigan and then-No. 17 Michigan State. The stretch will close with a trip to Ohio to play two games against No. 6 Miami on Friday and Saturday.

"It's a grueling schedule for us. My thing is that if it doesn't kill you, it makes you stronger, so we're still alive," Jackson said. "It's going to be another challenging series for us. It's going to be a tough weekend, and we're going to have to play better than we did last weekend."

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Senior defenseman Joe Lavin takes a shot on net during Notre Dame's 4-2 win over Michigan State Nov. 20. Lavin had two shots on goal in a 6-3 loss to North Dakota Friday.

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33 Wizards' and Celtics' org.

36 Winner when heads loses

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44 Uffizi display

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53 "Shake \_\_\_!"

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57 Song part

61 Duo

63 Breakfast place that's often open 24 hrs.

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68 "Caro nome," e.g.

69 Cook in a way, as tuna or beef tenderloin

70 Rehem, say

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72 Award won for 39- and 41-Across's programs
- 73 "The Fountainhead" hero

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1 "Damn it!"

2 To have, to Henri

3 Peter of "Casablanca"

4 Deceives

5 They are 3 ft. long

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7 Complete miss in basketball

8 "The Tell-Tale Heart" writer

9 Offered for breeding

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12 Throw in a few chips, say

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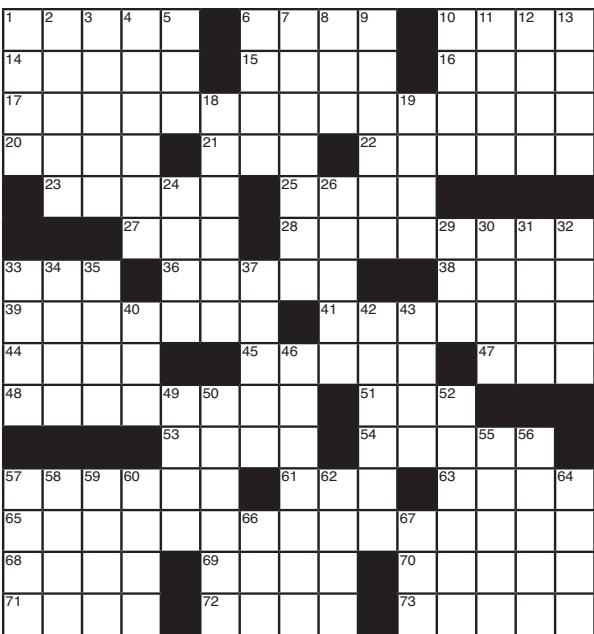
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't waste time arguing about something you cannot change. Be prepared for whatever comes your way and realize that responding, instead of reacting, will bring you much closer to getting what you want. A tight budget is a must. ★★★

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**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Look over all the information made available before you react harshly to something or someone. Unnecessary purchases may be a quick fix for depression but, in the end, will only add to debt. Hard work and innovation are your best solutions. ★★

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** There will be a lot of information left unsaid. Dig deep before you make a decision. You have to be fully aware of what is going on behind the scenes. An old friend can give you an intuitive look at what you should be aware of. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Saying and not doing will lead to a poor reputation that can hinder your chance to advance. Any show of indecision or frustration will work against you. An unusual alteration at home will help feed your creativity. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Stay put. You will only make matters worse if you push your way in where you don't belong. Travel and communications will not be your strong point. Challenging circumstances are apparent and remaining calm is essential. ★★

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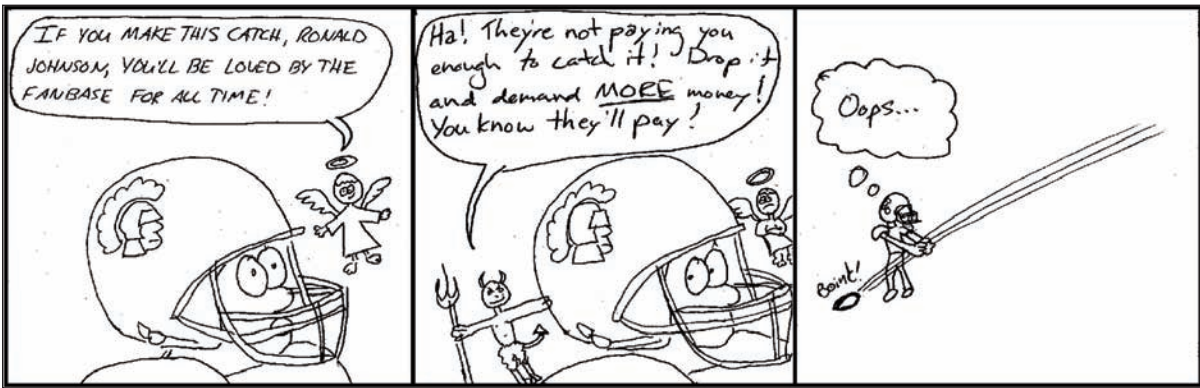
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You have to dedicate time, space and your skills to something that will help you make gains financially, legally or contractually. Don't be afraid to speak up in your defense. Timing is crucial. ★★★

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**Birthday Baby:** You are emotional and always looking for adventure. You are charming, eager to lend a helping hand and take pride in finding solutions to problems.

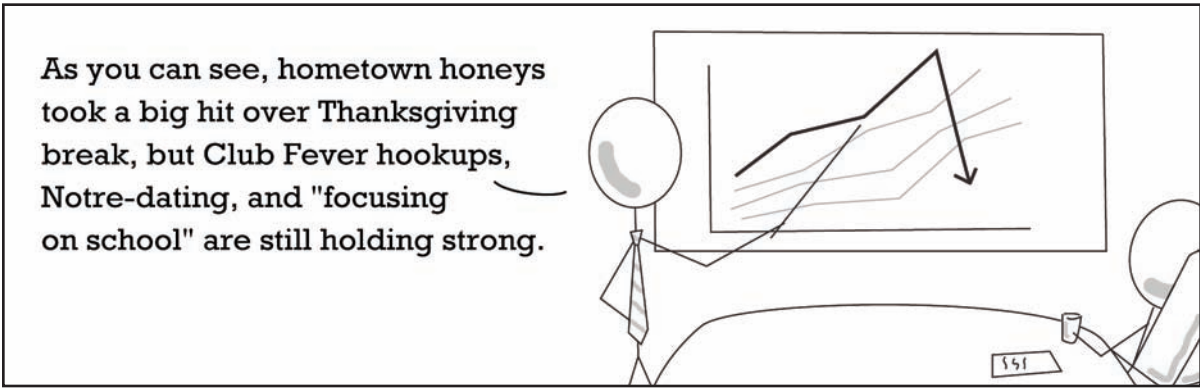
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## ND MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Smells like victory

*Team takes on Indiana State after tourney win*

By MIKE GOTIMER  
Sports Writer

No. 25 Notre Dame will try to continue its winning ways against Indiana State at home Tuesday after a first-place finish in the Old Spice Classic this past week.

It was unclear just how far the Irish (7-0) could go in the tournament after an 89-83 double overtime victory over Georgia (4-2) on Thanksgiving in which Notre Dame trailed by as many 13 points in the second half. The Irish rallied, however, relying on strong defensive efforts against California (3-2) and Wisconsin (4-2) to clinch the program's third preseason tournament title.

The Irish put up a record-setting performance in their 57-44 victory over California in the semifinals, holding the

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Fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis looks to drive past a defender during Notre Dame's 57-44 win over California at the Old Spice Classic in Orlando, Fla. Nov. 26.

JULIE HERDER/The Observer

*Senior laden roster will serve Irish well*

One thing became apparent as the Irish won three games over the weekend to take the trophy at the Old Spice Classic in

Orlando, Fla. — the best player on the team is anyone's guess. And there is nothing more exciting about this team than that.

Coming into the season, it was clear this senior-dominated Notre Dame squad had the potential to be incredibly diverse, which certainly will be a pleasant change of pace from the Luke Harangody-dominated teams of the past three or four years. The Old

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Squad advances to College Cup with win over OSU

By CHRIS MASOUD  
Sports Writer

For the fifth consecutive year, Notre Dame will take the pitch on the final weekend of collegiate soccer after shutting out Oklahoma State, 2-0, Friday night. Freshman midfielder Elizabeth Tucker netted a pair of goals in the final 30 minutes of the NCAA Championship quarterfinals match, sending the Irish back to the College Cup.

"It was a great crowd for [Oklahoma State]," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Right from the opening whistle, we took control of the game. I thought we played with a lot of confidence. I thought the kids managed the last 15 or 20 minutes really well. Instead of panicking, I thought the kids handled that last spell, that last run, really well."

In front of a sellout crowd of 2,660 at Cowgirl Soccer

Complex, the No. 7 Irish (19-2-2) turned in another complete performance, stifling an Oklahoma State offense that featured forward Krista Lopez, the second-leading scorer in the Big 12 during the regular season.

While Notre Dame's offense struggled to find the back of the net in the first half, the Irish outshot No. 6 Oklahoma State (20-4-2) by a 10-1 margin.

"OSU did a great job of min-

imizing real good looks at the goal," Waldrum said. "We dominated in terms of the possession and not allowing them any opportunities. It was one of those games when you got into halftime, you were concerned that you hadn't scored yet, but you never had a feeling that they were going to come at us in waves."

Captained by junior defender Jessica Schuveiller, the stalwart Irish defense held

the Cowgirls in check until the offense found its rhythm. Waldrum credits sophomore defender Jazmin Hall and freshman defender Kecia Morway for preventing any serious Cowgirl threats in the Irish zone.

Tucker took care of the rest, scoring her eighth goal of the season on a cross from senior forward Lauren Fowlkes in the 63rd minute. She added

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## ND HOCKEY

# Irish battle Fighting Sioux

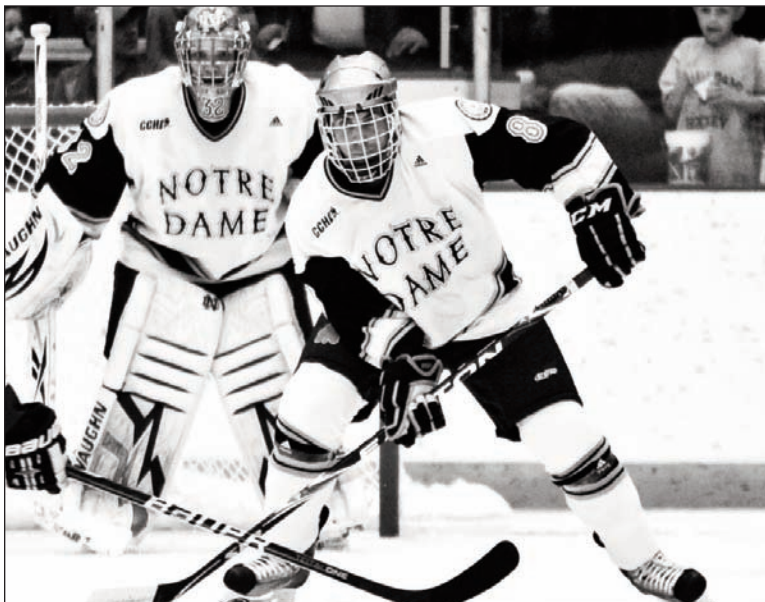
By ALLAN JOSEPH  
Sports Writer

Playing in front of 11,680 fans at No. 7 North Dakota's Ralph Engelstad Arena, the No. 12 Irish struggled in a 6-3 loss Friday night but rebounded with a gritty performance Saturday for a hard-fought 2-2 tie.

"This was the first time our freshmen were overwhelmed," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "It's a professional environment. It's like playing in front of a pro crowd in a pro-type building. Playing them in their building in that environment was ultimately a good experience for us."

The Fighting Sioux (9-5-2) jumped on the visitors early in

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Sophomore defenseman Sam Calabrese competes for the puck during Notre Dame's 4-2 win over Lake Superior State Oct. 14.

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Team earns title with three weekend wins

By CHRIS MASOUD  
Sports Writer

Following back-to-back losses against ranked opponents in No. 13 UCLA and No. 9 Kentucky, Notre Dame returned to the win column in convincing fashion over the weekend. The Irish took down IUPUI, Wake Forest and Butler to claim the WBCA Classic title at the Purcell Pavilion.

Junior guard Natalie Novosel was named tournament MVP, while junior forward Erica Solomon and senior forward Devereaux Peters were named to the all-tournament team. Novosel finished with a combined 55 points over the three-day event.

"I thought she [Novosel] had just a fantastic three-day tournament — shot the ball extremely well, got to the foul line," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Offensively, did pretty much everything we could ask for her. She really was just so hard to guard. We're going to need that all season long."

No. 18 Notre Dame (5-2) defeated the Jaguars (1-5) Friday, 95-29, to snap its two-game losing skid, before overcoming the Demon Deacons (5-1), 92-69, on Saturday. The Irish closed out the tournament with an 85-54 victory over the Bulldogs (3-3).

The Irish struggled to pull

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Notre Dame 20, USC 16

# VICTORY!



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**Junior receiver Michael Floyd celebrates Notre Dame's 20-16 victory over USC Saturday in Los Angeles. Floyd led the Irish with 11 catches for 86 yards in Notre Dame's first victory over USC since 2001, a victory that was in doubt until the final minute.**

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — In the moments after Tommy Rees took a knee on his own three-yard line at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Saturday night, sophomore receiver Theo Riddick dropped to his knees. Other players jumped up and down. Most just sauntered towards the tunnel, the stands or each other, partaking in amazed hugs and handshakes.

On the strength of a late touchdown drive and countless key defensive stands, Notre Dame had beaten USC for the first time in nine years.

"When we were required to play our best, we came up with a big drive and a big stop," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "And that's really what we've talked about all year. We cannot win unless all three units play football."

Senior running back Robert Hughes ended a 77-yard drive with a five-yard touchdown to complete the scoring at 20-16.

The Trojans got the ball at their own 31-yard line with 2:16 left in the game. They drove to the Irish 23-yard line before senior safety Harrison Smith intercepted a pass from quarterback Mitch Mustain at the one-yard line. Three plays later, the game was over.

"I don't think words do it justice. Everyone's ecstatic," said Rees, a true freshman who started for the third time this season. "It's great for the seniors to go out with a win over USC. Words can't describe how everyone's feeling right now."

Four plays before the turnover, Trojans receiver Ronald Johnson evaded Smith and was open for a pass that could have turned into a touchdown. But in the rainy conditions, Johnson dropped the ball.

"It's about time we caught a

break," Kelly said.

Both teams started out with strong defense, and each punted twice in the first quarter. By the end of the game, Notre Dame (7-5) had punted six times and USC had punted seven times.

USC started with a short field on each of its four scoring drives due to three Rees interceptions and a lost fumble. But the Irish defense limited the Trojans to three field goals and a single touchdown, all coming after turnovers.

"Defensively, we have the mentality, you just put the ball down and we'll go out and play," sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o said. "It doesn't matter whether you're on our five-yard line or their five-yard line. We'll go out and play."

The touchdown, a quarterback sneak in the third quarter, was the first the Irish had surrendered in November and ended a streak of 13 straight

quarters without an opponent scoring an offensive touchdown.

"Unbelievable effort," Kelly said. "We put them in some bad situations, and they just continued to battle and they've done that all year. This is not a one-time occurrence. This is a defense that has played really well in the month of November."

The Irish offense struggled early and did not achieve a first down until its third possession of the game. But in the second quarter, Rees and junior receiver Michael Floyd connected on a one-yard pass for Notre Dame's first touchdown.

Nearly 10 minutes later, with 44 seconds left in the half, the Irish went 62 yards for another touchdown, this time a one-yard pass to senior Duval Kamara.

They did not score again until the game-winning drive in the fourth quarter.

"The offense really rallied together to be able to bounce

back on our last drive," Rees said. "It showed what kind of character we have, and leadership."

Rees finished the game 20-of-32 passing for 149 yards.

Sophomore running back Cierre Wood led with 89 rush yards on 15 carries, while Hughes had 69 yards on 11 carries.

Floyd led the team with 86 yards on 11 catches, eight of which came in his second-quarter touchdown drive. When he walked past the Irish supporters still in their seats and into the tunnel after a long celebration, he kept his arms raised above his head.

"[This win is] huge," Kelly said. "It's looking at the faces of so many Notre Dame fans that have been waiting for this moment. Just to see the look on their face, it's satisfying."

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## player of the game

**Michael Floyd**  
Irish receiver

*Floyd caught 11 passes for 86 yards, including Notre Dame's first score and a five-yard reception on the final drive.*

## stat of the game

**W**

*Notre Dame earned a 'W' over USC for the first time since 2001, a time-span that encompassed three head coaches.*

## play of the game

**Robert Hughes' five-yard touchdown run with 2:23 remaining in the game**

*Hughes rushed for 36 yards on Notre Dame's final drive. His final five-yard dive provided the winning margin.*

## quote of the game

*"It shows that we're going in the right direction. It shows that we'll fight, and we have what it takes to compete."*

**Manti Te'o**  
sophomore linebacker



# report card

- B-

quarterbacks: Tommy Rees threw two touchdown passes, but turned the ball over four times and set up each of USC's scores. He kept his composure, though, and led the Irish to a victory.
- A

running backs: Both Robert Hughes and Cierre Wood averaged six yards per carry, and Hughes powered his way into the end zone from five yards out for the game winner.
- A

receivers: Michael Floyd had more catches than the rest of the Irish squad combined, but his 11 receptions, including six on one drive, were enough to lead the Irish to a win.
- A+

offensive line: Notre Dame averaged 4.5 yards per carry and Tommy Rees was not sacked. If that's not enough, the offensive line dominated the Trojans on Notre Dame's game-winning drive.
- A+

defensive line: Notre Dame held USC to less than three yards per carry. They put pressure on Mitch Mustain all night, forcing him to roll out to make passes, and commanded the line of scrimmage.
- A

linebackers: Southern Cal gained only 80 yards on the ground, and their longest single rush was only 11 yards. Darius Fleming led the Irish in tackles with seven.
- B

defensive backs: Notre Dame did not give up a score through the air and Harrison Smith tied for the team lead in tackles. USC dropped a lot of open passes, though, including a potential game-winner.
- C

special teams: David Ruffer did not attempt a field goal, and missed one of his extra point attempts. Ben Turk averaged only 37.5 yards per punt, and only tallied 106 return yards.
- A

coaching: Notre Dame may have committed four turnovers and given USC chance after chance to win the game, but Brian Kelly still led the Irish to their first win over the Trojans in nine years.
- 3.59

overall: In a sloppy effort, Tommy Rees, Brian Kelly and Notre Dame got the job done and that is all that really matters in the Coliseum.

## adding up the numbers

- Before USC scored a touchdown with 5:40 left in the third quarter, the Irish defense had not allowed a touchdown in 227 plays.

227
- 3,325 Notre Dame had not defeated USC in their last eight meetings, with their last victory on Oct. 20, 2001, a span of 3,325 days.

3,325
- Notre Dame only held the ball for 4:58 in the first quarter Saturday, compared to USC's 10:02.

4:58
- 10:11 Notre Dame flipped the tables in the second quarter, holding the ball for 10:11, compared to USC's 4:49.

10:11
- Notre Dame won its 26th straight game when outrushing its opponent.

26
- 26 Michael Floyd registered his 26th career touchdown reception in the second quarter. He now trails Jeff Samardzija by one for the Irish record.

26
- Floyd's 11 receptions tied his career high and ranks fifth-most in school history. He has four of the top 10 marks for receptions in a game.

11
- 10 Tommy Rees has thrown for 10 touchdown passes this season, one short of Notre Dame's freshman record.

10



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer  
Junior receiver Michael Floyd, 3, celebrates his second quarter touchdown which gave Notre Dame a 7-3 lead over USC Saturday. Floyd pulled in five catches for 34 yards on the 16-play, 77-yard scoring drive.

# Win over SC means much more

LOS ANGELES — It was a win over an unranked team. It moved the Irish to 7-5, certainly not a spectacular record and nowhere near the top 25, let alone a BCS bowl game or a national championship. It was a victory over a team that is having its worst year in the last decade, a sanction-riddled team with a new coach and a backup quarterback. The Irish turned the ball over four times, and USC was a caught pass and 15 yards of open field away from continuing its eight-game win streak in the series. But Notre Dame's 20-16 win over USC Saturday in the rain at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum could not have been more meaningful.

If the win over Utah was the true beginning of the Brian Kelly era at Notre Dame, then Saturday's win was its first meaningful victory. It hardly matters that the Trojans are down and that the victory was not nearly as decisive as some of the ones USC has handed the Irish since 2002. Notre Dame beat USC, and that's what matters.

Each season, it is jokingly claimed by Irish fans that even if Notre Dame goes 1-11, they will be satisfied as long as the win comes



Eric Prister  
Associate Sports Editor

over SC. And while this season didn't quite reach that extreme, a win over the Trojans to cap off an undefeated November changes the outlook on the 2010 campaign dramatically. The close losses to Michigan and Michigan State, the embarrassing performance against Navy and the heartbreaking loss to an inferior Tulsa can be basically ignored because of Notre Dame's performance in November, and particularly Saturday's win over the Trojans. The Irish still under-achieved, but they did not quit. And this will be what characterizes the Kelly era.

In his first year, Tyrone Willingham started the season 8-0, beat two ranked teams but went into the Coliseum and lost by 31. Charlie Weis went 10-2 in his first year, including a win over then No. 3 Michigan, but lost to USC in the most heartbreaking fashion possible, a game that would set the tone for his entire tenure at Notre Dame. Both coaches had successes in their first year, but they could not beat USC, and could not bring Notre Dame back to prominence.

Kelly's rookie season has been filled with controversy, both on and off the field. His coaching decisions have been questioned, his scheming critiqued. But when it mattered most, Kelly and the Irish succeeded, and did it in a spectacular way. A 7-5 record certainly isn't ideal, for the fans nor the team itself. But the record that matters is 3-0 in November. The Irish were 3-10 over the last five years in the last month of the season, including five

losses to their archrival, both heartbreaks and blowouts. Winning at the end of games and at the end of seasons needs a change of mindset, and this Irish program certainly looks to have made an attitude adjustment.

It is this attitude, which can only be crafted by facing adversity and still coming out on the other side, is what will bring Notre Dame the success that has escaped it for so long. The Irish lost a lead into the fourth quarter against both Michigan and Michigan State, but went into Los Angeles and beat the Trojans in the fourth quarter. They were outplayed and out-schemed by Navy, but came back and dominated a similar-in-style Army squad. They lost to an undersized Tulsa, but came back with a toughness that allowed them to beat a ranked Utah team. Notre Dame is not only learning from its mistakes, but is confident that it has learned from them, and is taking that confidence onto the field.

The win over USC is still just one win. But it is also a sign of things to come — not a sign of excellent recruiting or a decided schematic advantage, but a sign that this team has a willingness to see its faults, correct them, and know that it is better for it. It is a sign of good things to come.

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# Past adversity leads to success now



Senior linebacker Brian Smith breaks up a pass during Notre Dame's 20-16 victory over USC Saturday. Smith ended the game with five tackles, bringing his November total to 16.

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LOS ANGELES — After a 4-5 start to the 2010 campaign, Notre Dame entered the month of November with low prospects. Four weeks later, they are 7-5 and bowl bound.

Irish coach Brian Kelly said that it was the adversity they faced in the first two months that allowed them to end the season as they have.

“I would like to have some more wins on the board, but I love the development of our football team and where we’re going from that standpoint,” he said. “You look back to the 1-3 start, and you see how we played after that. We think we stumbled twice where maybe we shouldn’t have but our kids never blinked. They kept playing hard, they kept competing, and that’s why we are where we are in November.”

No unit has faced more adversity or risen to the occasion as spectacularly as the defense, which has given up only 22 points and one offensive touchdown this month.

“At that point [early in the season], we were still trying to find ourselves and see where everyone fit in,” senior safety Harrison Smith said. “As the season went on, everybody started improving and making plays, and over time everybody has just gotten closer together and picked up their

game. It was time for us to grow and learn from our mistakes, and we took advantage of that later in the year.”

After giving up 37 points in a loss to Stanford and 373 rushing yards in a loss to Navy, the Irish defense held both Utah and Army to three points each and gave up only 80 rushing yards to a talented USC offense.

Sophomore linebacker Manti Te’o said that the ability was there the entire time.

“I think we just learned what we could do,” he said. “We learned our potential and we just knew that we had a lot of things to improve on, and we did.”

No single player realized his potential as much as senior linebacker Brian Smith, who led the team in tackles with 10 against Utah and intercepted a pass in Yankee Stadium against Army. He also played a motivational role on the defense.

“I told the team, ‘We’ve been in these situations before and came out on the bottom. This is our time now. What a better time to do it? This is USC, we’re up, and it’s time for us to put a stamp on this Notre Dame football squad,’” Smith said.

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Another change for the Irish in November came at quarterback. After junior Dayne Crist fell to a season-ending knee injury against Tulsa, freshman Tommy Rees took over under center and has led the Irish to three straight victories. Rees said it was the challenges of the first two months that allowed them to fight back, especially against the rival Trojans.

“We lost some tough games early on, and we learned to how to fight back and keep battling when adversity hits,” he said. “Adversity hit again tonight, but obviously we’re making great strides to be able to come back against a great team like USC in the fourth quarter.”

And while the individual efforts have been impressive, it was the team as a whole coming together and making positive strides that allowed the Irish to have success down the stretch, Brian Smith said.

“Everyone has just picked their game up to make this a better team,” he said.

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## Added win does not yield bowl destination

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LOS ANGELES — Notre Dame will learn of its bowl destination and opponent Sunday. This week, players will work out but will not practice.

After the game Saturday, Irish coach Brian Kelly did not speculate on where or who the Irish would play in a bowl.

“Suffice to say I think our kids are excited about playing and looking for an eighth win,” he said.

Sophomore linebacker Manti Te’o acknowledged that Notre Dame’s 7-5 record would probably take the Hawaii Bowl out of the pic-

ture, but said he wasn’t disappointed about going somewhere other than his home state.

“It doesn’t matter as long as we have another football game,” Te’o said.

**Victory captains**

Junior receiver Michael Floyd and senior safety Harrison Smith were named captains for the game against USC, the third straight game in which they were the two captains. Floyd has been captain for five games this season, and Smith four.

All four games under Smith’s captaincy have been wins, while the only loss while Floyd was captain was against Tulsa.

**Catching the records**

With his touchdown catch in the second quarter of Saturday’s game, Floyd moved into a second-place tie on Notre Dame’s career touchdown receptions list. He is now even with former Irish receiver Golden Tate at 26 touchdowns, and needs one more to tie former receiver Jeff Samardizija, who had 27 touchdown receptions in his career.

**Starting without the football**

Notre Dame won the coin toss before the USC game but elected to defer and begin the second half with the ball. It was the first time this season the Irish did not start the game with the football. It

meant little; the Trojans went three-and-out in their first possession, and Notre Dame ended its first drive of the second half with an interception after just two plays.

**Trojan milestones**

The 7-3 lead Notre Dame achieved early in the second quarter was the first time Notre Dame had led against USC since it led 31-27 late in the game in 2005. The last time the Irish had given up just three points in a half to the Trojans was in the second half of the teams’ 1999 contest, which Notre Dame won 25-24.

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## scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
ND	3	0	10	7	20
USC	0	13	0	3	16

### First quarter

Notre Dame 0, USC 3  
Joe Houston 45-yard field goal with 4:09 remaining.  
Drive: 4 plays, 3 yards, 2:20 elapsed.

### Second quarter

Notre Dame 7, USC 3  
Michael Floyd 1-yard pass from Tommy Rees (David Ruffer kick) with 2:39 remaining.  
Drive: 16 plays, 79 yards, 8:02 elapsed.

Notre Dame 13, USC 3  
Duval Kamara 1-yard pass from Rees (Ruffer kick failed) with 0:07 remaining.  
Drive: 7 plays, 62 yards, 0:37 elapsed.

### Third quarter

Notre Dame 13, USC 6  
Houston 23-yard field goal with 11:02 remaining.  
Drive: 7 plays, 15 yards, 2:29 elapsed.

Notre Dame 13, USC 13  
Mitch Mustain 1-yard run (Houston kick) with 5:40 remaining  
Drive: 4 plays, 2 yards, 1:50 elapsed.

### Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 13, USC 16  
Houston 37-yard field goal with 6:25 remaining.  
Drive: 7 plays, 18 yards, 4:03 elapsed.

Notre Dame 20, USC 16  
Robert Hughes 5-yard run (Ruffer kick) with 2:23 remaining  
Drive: 7 plays, 77 yards, 3:55 elapsed.

## statistics

### Passing Yards



### Rushing Yards



### Penalty Yards



### Time of Possession



passing			
Rees	20-32-2	Mustain	20-37-0
rushing			
Wood	15-89	Marc	17-48
Hughes	11-69	Gable	7-19
Rees	4- -3	Woods	1-6
receiving			
Floyd	11-86	Woods	8-81
Eifert	3-36	Johnson	6-40
Toma	2-15	Ellison	5-38
Hughes	1-8	Havili	2-22
Riddick	1-6		





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# Nine years later

More than nine years, and eight consecutive defeats in the series, since Notre Dame last beat USC, Brian Kelly's Irish managed that feat 20-16. Kelly became the first Irish coach to win his first match-up with the Trojans since Lou Holtz did so in 1986.

The first quarter ended with USC up 3-0, but by halftime Notre Dame led 13-3. While a Mitch Mustain rushing touchdown did briefly tie the game at 13-13, Irish quarterback Tommy Rees led Notre Dame down the field late in the fourth quarter to take the lead for good on a five-yard Robert Hughes rushing touchdown.

Senior safety Harrison Smith sealed the game for the Irish with an interception with 36 seconds left on the Trojans one-yard line.



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Clockwise from top: Irish coach Brian Kelly talks with quarterback Tommy Rees after one of Rees' three interceptions; defensive linemen Ethan Johnson and Hafis Williams celebrate a defensive stop; Bennett Jackson returns a kick; Trojan receiver Ronald Johnson drops a potential game-winning pass; tight end Tyler Eifert reaches for an extra yard.