

## BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

# Championship lottery opens to students

*Notre Dame Athletic Ticket Office to randomly allocate 2,500 tickets Dec. 10 to eligible entrants*

### Observer Staff Report



The Notre Dame Athletic Ticket Office sent an email to the student body Sunday night detailing the process for entering the ticket lottery for the Notre Dame vs. Alabama BCS National Championship Bowl Game in Miami, Fla., scheduled for Jan. 7. 2,500 tickets will be randomly allocated to eligible full-time undergraduate, graduate and professional students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, according

to the webpage linked in the email.

Students may enter the ticket lottery for a single ticket and must pay the \$150 student price as well as a \$20 service fee upon entry. Unsuccessful applicants will be reimbursed the ticket price but will not be refunded the service fee.

This student ticket rate comes at a steep discount to regular tickets with a face value of \$300. The email attributed the lowered price to an anonymous

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# Doctor plans to tour India

By **KRISTEN DURBIN**  
News Editor

Dr. Subhash Basu, professor emeritus of chemistry and biochemistry, will embark on a speaking tour of India on

**Subhash Basu**  
professor emeritus of chemistry



Tuesday to discuss his current research on potential new anti-cancer drugs.

Basu will make his

second appearance at the International Cancer Research Symposium on Dec. 19 in Calcutta when he gives a lecture titled "Probable New Therapeutic Drugs for Breast and Colon Cancers."

"The invitation to this symposium is very prestigious. Sixty people from all over the world are going to Calcutta," he said. "I will tell them what our plan is for the delivery of these new anti-cancer drugs."

Basu's lecture tour will also include an appearance at the Indian Science Congress on Jan. 4, where he will discuss the apoptotic, or cell-killing, effects of the drugs he is

working with his collaborators to develop.

"Our work is important, and we get an invitation every year to speak at these sorts of things," he said.

Basu said he and his research team have discovered five to six different new anti-cancer compounds that would be useful for treating colon and breast cancer patients.

"These chemicals are quite toxic to biological cells and they kill cancer cells by enhancing apoptosis, or programmed cell death, in a very micro amount," he said.

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# Dunkin' Donuts opens doors

By **KEVIN NOONAN**  
News Writer

Fast-food breakfast giant Dunkin' Donuts opened its first South Bend location last week, and the restaurant is already seeing success.

The South Bend franchise of the multibillion dollar coffee and donut chain, located on State Road 933 three miles north of campus, opened its doors Nov. 26, just down the street from its main competitor, Starbucks.

But the competition has not slowed down the restaurant's

initial success. Store manager Beth Blaylock said the location has even exceeded expectations.

"It's much bigger than we expected. It's going great though. ... We've definitely surpassed what we thought it would be," she said. "We have lines to the door pretty much every day. On Saturday we literally had lines out the door, people standing outside waiting to come in."

The owners of the franchise also own the neighboring Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, but

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# Project creates blankets for cancer patients

By **CHRISTIAN MYERS**  
News Writer

As the temperature outside gets colder, cancer patients across the Midwest will be a little warmer thanks to the blankets made during the seventh annual Aidan Project.

The Aidan Project, which is sponsored by Circle K and Knott Hall, took place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in South Dining Hall on Saturday.

Members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's families, the

South Bend Kiwanis Club, the Nappanee High School Key Club and the Manchester University Circle K joined in making 203 blankets for cancer patients of all ages, which will be delivered to hospitals throughout the Midwest.

The Aidan Project was introduced in 2006 and named for Aidan Fitzgerald, a graduate of the Class of 2010 who was diagnosed with testicular cancer during his sophomore year.

Fitzgerald said his roommate at the time, 2009 alumnus Chris Esber, was involved with Circle K

and decided to rebrand the group's Blanket Bash as The Aidan Project. Fitzgerald said participation in the rebranded event went from around 30 people to more than 200.

Fitzgerald said the event is about more than just making blankets.

"This isn't about me. This event exists because cancer is a ubiquitous issue. I just happen to have my name attached to it," he said. "It's also not about the number of blankets we make. It's about raising

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*Freshman Andrew Petrisin makes one of the 203 total blankets as part of the Aidan Project in South Dining Hall on Dec. 1.*



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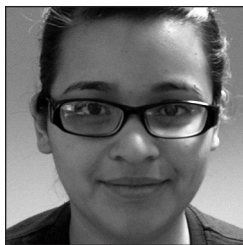
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### Berenice Perez

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"Gifts."



### Nancy Reynolds

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"Food."



### Emily Wren

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"Being with my family."



### Stephanie Hernandez

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Le Mans Hall

"Ready to go back to warm weather by."



### Megan Costanzo

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"Spending time with family and eating real food."



### Tess Silver

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"Gingerbread lattes."



JULIE HERDER | The Observer

*Carroll Hall hosted their annual Carroll Christmas event Friday evening. Sweater-clad students ventured to the dorm to enjoy hot cocoa, Christmas carols, pictures with Santa and other holiday festivities.*

# THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Want your event included here?

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## Monday

### Advent Bible Study

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### "Building Traditional in the 21st Century"

104 Bond Hall  
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Architecture lecture by Ernesto Buch.

## Tuesday

### "The Future of the University"

1130 Eck Hall of Law  
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Philosophy, education and Catholic tradition.

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Cavanaugh Hall  
8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Catholic fellowship meeting led by students.

## Wednesday

### Make Your Own Stressballs

Hesburgh Library  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Study break with snacks.

### Women's Basketball

Joyce Center  
7 p.m.  
ND vs. Baylor  
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## Thursday

### Last Lecture Series

Coleman-Morse Center  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Professors John Roos and Paul Weithman.

### Iron Sharpens Iron

Coleman-Morse Center  
10 p.m.-11 p.m.  
Student-led praise and worship.

## Friday

### Vigil Mass

Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.  
Immaculate Conception mass.

### Hockey

Compton Family Ice Arena  
7:05 p.m.-9:05 p.m.  
ND vs. Michigan State  
Tickets \$7-\$25.



# Gmail, other upgrades coming to Saint Mary's

*Information Technology plans to phase in several advancements in next few months*

By JILLIAN BARWICK  
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students who are frustrated with Zimbra or tired of not having Wi-Fi in their rooms can look forward to a series of technological advancements over the next few months.

Michael Boehm, chief information officer for Information Technology (IT) at the College, said the campus will be switching to Gmail as soon as possible.

"One of the first responsibilities I had when I got here was to solidify the email situation. I got here at the tail end of fixing Zimbra,"

Boehm said. "We don't have a firm date yet, because we are working on all the pieces and parts as far as the technology and resolving some of the issues, but we are migrating to Gmail."

Boehm and his staff explored a number of options for an e-mail provider and determined Gmail was the best choice for the College.

"Gmail is really the front-runner for higher education," Boehm said. "We started the process about two months ago where we had our Saint Mary's domain name registered through Google."

IT made several additional advancements over the

summer, Boehm said, including the installation of more wireless points on campus.

"One of the things we wrapped up was wireless for the last two remaining halls, which were Holy Cross and Moreau. We replaced wireless in McCandless and redid some of it in the Student Center," Boehm said. "I think the number is about 165 wireless points that we added over the summer. This represents about 50 percent of our wireless footprint."

Boehm said he and the IT staff are working on renovating the older 50 percent of wireless points.

Faculty technology requests were also due to IT for the rest of the year recently. Boehm said around 25 forms were submitted, with requests ranging from new projectors to new markers for the white boards in classrooms.

"This week, a committee made up of stakeholders across the campus will meet to go through the newly submitted requests and try to put some cost estimates to them, then try to figure out where do they fall on the priority list for this year," he said.

Next semester, Boehm said IT will be looking into creating new places for students to

access information.

"The alumnae resource network will be another big thing next semester and how that ties back to the Career Crossings Office and networking," Boehm said. "Also, I am hoping to have a mobile app rolled out around February. It's not meant to be the end-all, be-all app for Saint Mary's, but the idea behind it gives students access to course information, Blackboard, email and access to social networks all in one place."

While this is not a definite, Boehm said he is excited about a potential mobile app because of the amenities it could offer students.

"We are looking to maybe put in the athletic schedule or maybe the shuttle schedule to go along with the core pieces for the app," Boehm said. "We are working with different vendors to hone in on what we are looking for. They all offer somewhat of an out-of-the-box solution that comes with this core functionality."

Boehm has also been working alongside students from Steven Broad's Systems, Analysis and Design course. The class is completing projects on the technological advancements that campus will be seeing.

The students have an equal say in the process as the rest of the team, Boehm said, and they are able to represent the interests of the College

students.

"[The students said] their friends reach out to them through text message or Twitter or Facebook. So the vendors jumped right on it and thought that those would be the better ways to send out information from Registrar or Student Affairs," Boehm said. "The students, however, said that if that were to happen, they would be less likely to check as much and pay less attention."

The team is now working to determine the most important notifications for students and how the team can stop messages from flooding the inbox through the mobile app, Boehm said.

While there are no specific dates for the mobile app or the migration to Gmail, Boehm said the most important task right now is naming a director of network services infrastructure.

"Our two finalists will be coming to campus this week for the final interviews for the position," Boehm said. "One of the main goals I hope for that person to get accomplished next semester is an architecture for a network for Saint Mary's."

With the solidification of his IT team, Boehm said the advancements for the College will be able to get underway next semester.

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## SMC Information Technology

### Recent Improvements:

- + installation of 165 wireless points
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## Tickets

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donation.

"Due to the overwhelming generosity of a concerned alumnus, student tickets for the BCS Championship will be half-price, \$150 each," the email stated.

Unlike other away game student ticket lotteries, tickets will only be redeemable by the winning students and may not be used by others, including other Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students.

"Tickets are non-transferable and may only be used by the winning student," the email stated. "The winning student must present their valid ND/SMC student ID at the pickup location beginning approximately 36 hours prior to kickoff."

There is no grouping process available and seating will be assigned at random. Unlike the faculty and alumni lotteries, there is no weighting in the student lottery and all entrants stand an equal chance of attaining tickets.



## Donuts

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although the experience helps in the management of the store, Baylock said it did not provide much data to use in forecasting the restaurants' success.

"[The franchise owners] own a store in Kalamazoo, so we were based a little bit off of that, but we didn't really have any idea of how it was going to be," Blaylock said.

Though this is the first Dunkin' Donuts in the South Bend-Mishawaka area, some Notre Dame students who know the restaurant from their hometowns eagerly anticipated the opening.

"I'm really excited about the Dunkin' Donuts opening. Dunkin' Donuts was my drink of high school," junior Maria Skorcz said. "We used to go through the drive-through in the morning before school. I'm excited to get back to my glory days of coffee drinking."

Thanks to the corporation's well-known brand, some students who have never



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

**The new Dunkin' Donuts location on State Road in South Bend opened on Nov. 26. It is the first Dunkin' Donuts franchise in the area.**

experienced the restaurant before are interested in the opportunity to try out a new coffee and breakfast place.

"I'm a big coffee drinker, and we don't have Dunkin' Donuts in Minnesota, so I'm really excited to try their drinks and see how they compare to Starbucks," junior Elliot Badar said.

Dunkin' Donuts' website states the chain is the No. 1 coffee-by-the-cup retailer in America. Though there is a Starbucks across the parking lot, Blaylock

said the franchise is not concerned about the competition.

"I think that our customer service is going to bring a lot of people over, and our product mix is just different enough and the atmosphere and the attitude is different enough that I think that there's room for both of us," she said. "But I think that right now we're definitely the busier of the two."

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## Aidan

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awareness."

Fitzgerald said he had a strong, focused attitude when he was battling cancer.

"There was never a doubt in my mind that I was going to recover. It was anticlimactic when I finished chemo therapy because nothing felt different," he said. "I think it was harder for my friends and family than for me, because for me the process was clear while they were removed from it and left to wonder what was going on."

Cancer treatment was a difficult but important part of his life, Fitzgerald said, and is now something he can joke about.

"It sucked, but it was a defining moment in my life and it taught me a new appreciation for things," he said. "I also like to make light of the having gone through cancer. Since it was testicular cancer and they did have to remove one, I picked up a few nicknames."

Those who have cancer just want a return to normalcy, Fitzgerald said.

"That's why it's great to just make blankets instead of something over the top. When you go through chemo you lose your hair and everything, so you get cold," he said. "A blanket is just what they need."

Fitzgerald, who currently lives in Indianapolis, participated in this year's event with his fiancée. He said he was glad that students were willing to take the time to make blankets for cancer patients.

"It's cool to see people here on a Saturday morning instead of sleeping in or watching TV, or doing anything but coming out to make blankets," he said.

Sophomores Emily Mediate and Hilary Johnson, co-chairs of Circle K Special Projects, organized the event.

Mediate said she enjoyed planning the Aidan Project because it afforded her the opportunity to

be involved from the beginning stages through to delivering the blankets.

Johnson said she enjoys the project because of what it means to the individuals, mostly children, who receive the blankets.

"It's a great way to impact the lives of the kids. You wouldn't think a blanket that took 20 minutes to make would put such a big smile on a kid's face, but it does and it makes a big difference," Johnson said.

Mediate said they contacted hospitals around the Midwest about how many blankets each wanted, and Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis ordered the greatest number. She said Circle K members who live near the participating hospitals deliver the blankets when they return home for winter break.

In preparation for the event, the group bought 1,000 yards of fleece

for \$4,000, the funds for which come from a grant from Kiwanis International and fundraising efforts, which include Aidan Project T-shirt sales.

Mediate said after purchasing the fleece they pre-cut it to specified sizes. On Saturday, students made either single or double layered blankets from the fleece. She said students were able to choose their preferred fleece pattern for each blanket and could make a card to go along with the blanket.

Junior Molly Daily, who participated in the event for the third time, said she believes the Aidan Project is a simple way to do something good.

"It's a really easy way to do something good," Daily said. "It doesn't take a lot of time and it's really fun."

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## India

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Now that these cancer-killing compounds have been discovered, Basu said the main goal of his work is to determine ways to deliver the drugs into patients at the location of the cancer without harming the healthy cells around the cancerous ones.

"Cancer cells normally die of necrosis — they make holes in themselves," he said. "When apoptosis happens, the cell gets bigger and its DNA starts degrading until the cell cannot function."

Basu said about 50,000 women die of breast cancer in the United States each year, so his research could impact thousands of lives in the future.

"Chemotherapy could be improved by our procedure by giving patients micro doses of drugs so they don't kill the normal cells," he said. "Thus, the success of these apoptotic chemicals as anti-cancer drugs depends on their proper delivery to the cancer sites."

To facilitate and fund his research in this area, Basu founded the Cancer Drug Delivery Research Foundation

(CDDRF) in 2010, of which he serves as president. The foundation received its first major source of support when the University transferred all of Basu's recoupment to CDDRF in May, he said.

"All this recoupment was brought in by me from federal grants and other sources during my time at the University," Basu said. "This foundation is tax-exempt and will help only for my research, so any patent money we get can go into the research as well."

Basu said his status as a permanently appointed emeritus professor gave him the freedom to move his lab from campus to a currently undetermined site near campus.

"The University said I would have to give half of whatever I bring in to Notre Dame if I continue to work in a lab here," he said. "It becomes cheaper for me to run my lab outside because I can use 100 percent of my money for research."

Since joining the faculty at Notre Dame in 1970, Basu has received major grants from the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute.

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# States increase school time

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Open your notebooks and sharpen your pencils. School for thousands of public school students is about to get quite a bit longer.

Five states were to announce Monday that they will add at least 300 hours of learning time to the calendar in some schools starting in 2013. Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Tennessee will take part in the initiative, which is intended to boost student achievement and make U.S. schools more competitive on a global level.

The three-year pilot program will affect almost 20,000 students in 40 schools, with long-term hopes of expanding the program to include additional schools — especially those that serve low-income communities. Schools, working in concert with districts, parents and teachers, will decide whether to make the school day longer, add more days to the school year or both.

A mix of federal, state and district funds will cover the costs of expanded learning time, with the Ford Foundation and the National Center on Time & Learning also chipping in resources. In Massachusetts, the program builds on the state's existing

expanded-learning program. In Connecticut, Gov. Dannel Malloy is hailing it as a natural outgrowth of an education reform law the state passed in May that included about \$100 million in new funding, much of it to help the neediest schools.

Spending more time in the classroom, education officials said, will give students access to a more well-rounded curriculum that includes arts and music, individualized help for students who fall behind and opportunities to reinforce critical math and science skills.

"Whether educators have more time to enrich instruction or students have more time to learn how to play an instrument and write computer code, adding meaningful in-school hours is a critical investment that better prepares children to be successful in the 21st century," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a statement.

The project comes as educators across the U.S. struggle to identify the best ways to strengthen a public education system that many fear has fallen behind other nations. Student testing, teacher evaluations, charter schools and voucher programs join longer school days on the list of reforms that have been put forward with varying degrees

of success.

The report from the center, which advocates for extending instruction time, cites research suggesting students who spend more hours learning perform better. One such study, from Harvard economist Roland Fryer, argues that of all the factors affecting educational outcomes, two are the best predictors of success: intensive tutoring and adding at least 300 hours to the standard school calendar.

More classroom time has long been a priority for Duncan, who warned a congressional committee in May 2009 — just months after becoming education secretary — that American students were at a disadvantage compared to their peers in India and China. That same year, he suggested schools should be open six or seven days per week and should run 11 or 12 months out of the year.

But not everyone agrees that shorter school days are to blame. A report last year from the National School Boards Association's Center for Public Education disputed the notion that American schools have fallen behind in classroom time, pointing out that students in high-performing countries like South Korea, Finland and Japan actually spend less time in school than most U.S. students.

# Third storm system hits California



AP

Kimberly Masklyne watches as emergency officials assist her with her flooded car in Windsor, Calif., on Dec. 2.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Residents of Northern California endured the brunt of another powerful storm that drenched the area with yet another round of pounding rain and strong winds, but damage from the storm was less than expected, officials said.

The latest storm system — the third to hit the area in less than a week — moved across the region late Saturday and early Sunday dropping as much as an inch of rain per hour in some areas, toppling trees and knocking out electrical service to tens of thousands of people, officials said.

Rivers across Northern California swelled from the deluge, but did not flood as extensively as had been expected, officials said.

Forecasters had issued flood warnings for the Napa and Russian rivers, two rivers north of San Francisco with a history of flooding, as well as the Truckee River, near Lake Tahoe, but by Sunday afternoon had canceled the warning for the Russian River.

"It (the storm) moved through a lit bit faster than it was looking like it would, so it didn't plant on top of us and keeping raining," said Austin Cross, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "The period of heavy rain didn't last as long."

In Napa, where officials had handed out more than 8,000 sandbags and about 150 tons of sand before the storm hit, officials breathed a sigh of relief Sunday afternoon after the heaviest rain moved out of the area and the city appeared to avoid any major damage from the storm.

"We've had some minor street flooding and some of the intersections were flooded," Napa city spokesman Barry Martin said.

Flood construction projects were credited with keeping the river within its banks through the city, while most of anticipated flooding, expected around 6 p.m. Sunday, was expected to hit

a mostly agricultural area outside of the city, officials said.

In Truckee, 30 miles west of Reno, city officials were focusing on snow removal Sunday afternoon instead of flood control after the town received 4 to 5 inches of snow in the morning, said Assistant City Manager Alex Terrazas.

"We continue to keep an eye on the river, but things are certainly better than they could have been," he said. "We'll transition back to flood management if we need to."

Besides the speed in which the system moved through the area, weather officials were heartened by colder temperatures than expected in the mountains, meaning more snow and less rain fell.

In far Northern California, flood warnings remained in effect Sunday for the Eel, Navarro and Mad rivers.

Meanwhile, as Pacific Gas & Electric crews worked on restoring power, about 57,000 people from Santa Cruz to Eureka, including about 13,000 people in the San Francisco Bay area, remained without electricity Sunday afternoon as the powerful winds from the storm knocked down trees and sent broken tree limbs and branches across power lines, officials said.

"It really did broadside California," PG&E spokesman Joe Molica said of the storm.

About 2,000 PG&E crews were working Sunday to try to restore power, Molica said.

Wind gusts, recorded as high as 60 miles per hour in parts of the Bay area, were blamed for knocking over a big rig truck as it drove over the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge at around 5 a.m. Sunday.

Tow crews had to wait for the winds to subside later in the morning before they could remove the truck, officials said.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

Just say  
'Hello'

**Sarah Swiderski**  
News Writer

Like many Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students, I am currently keeping myself from falling into a school-induced coma by consuming obnoxious amounts of caffeine and listening to Pandora as I sprint to the finish line of the semester. I am not the only senior, or student, for that matter, who is feeling the strain before finals week even commences.

Because we are all so busy, I think we sometimes forget to notice those around us. Before Thanksgiving break, my mom came to pick me up. As we took the stairs down from my fifth-floor single we passed a couple of other students. Not taking any notice of them, I continued on my way — but my mom, behind me, said hello to them.

"Sarah, don't you guys ever say hello to each other?" she said, shocked at the indifference I and the other students showed to one another.

This made me think: Do I say hello to other people as I encounter them or do I ignore my fellow human beings?

This past week, I have tried to look beyond the stress in my own life and say hello to everyone I encounter in the hall or in the stairwell alone. There are three responses to this: Some people smile and say "Hello" or "Hey" back, some just smile and others will flat-out ignore me.

Since some people responded, I concluded that students in general are not so stressed that they can't take notice of their surroundings. It's more likely that they just feel awkward and don't want to confront the situation.

I'm challenging others and myself to say hello to each other despite the uncomfortable feeling, even during a stressful time like the week before finals.

Students at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame are serious about their studies. It's easy to ignore the girl passing in the hall alone or the other boy in the elevator, but interacting with a new student allows us to build the community that is Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

Some people think I am a bit strange for trying to say hello to everyone. If you're still not convinced, here are three reasons to say hello:

1. You learn how to approach people you have never met — a useful skill for the real world beyond college.
2. You might meet someone who could change your life.
3. You may make someone's bad day a little better.

So instead of pulling out your phone and pretending to text next time you pass someone in the hall, look up, smile and say hello. Who knows who you might encounter?

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## Cliff notes

**Adam Newman**  
Scientia Potentia Est

Every now and then, those who closely follow American politics witness events representing the best of America. The coming fiscal storm, dubbed the "fiscal cliff," is not one of them. The fiscal cliff presents policy-makers with the challenge of averting a double dip recession, but it's also an opportunity to place America's fiscal future on a sustainable track.

The fiscal cliff is a combination of automatic tax increases and spending cuts, all scheduled to start Jan. 1, 2013. One component is the expiring "Bush tax cuts," or \$4 trillion in temporary tax measures passed in 2001 and 2003. Another component is the "sequester," the consequence of the famous "super committee" failure to reach a major deal. The sequester, \$2 trillion in automatic cuts to defense (something Republicans dislike) and to social programs (something Democrats dislike), was supposed to give members of the committee an incentive to reach an agreement. The super committee could not reach an agreement, however, forcing the sequester to begin Jan. 1. There are other smaller, but still significant provisions, such as the expiration of the payroll tax cut, physician Medicare reimbursement cuts and the expiration of unemployment insurance extensions, all starting on Jan. 1.

Amidst this policy uncertainty, the nation's debt ceiling, which currently stands at \$16.3 trillion, will be "hit" by the end of the year. Raising the debt

ceiling is not a question of spending more money, but allowing the Treasury to borrow money to meet its current obligations. Not raising the debt ceiling would lead to a default, the most irresponsible fiscal measure that any country can pursue.

Even before it started, the fiscal cliff has weakened the American economy through tremendous uncertainty. This uncertainty has delayed decision-making on investment and hiring for small businesses and corporations. The actual implementation of the fiscal cliff, though, would be devastating. According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the fiscal cliff would cause the American economy to contract at a rate of 5 percent (leading to a new recession) and increase unemployment from 7.9 percent to 9.1 percent. If America went off the cliff, the stock market would plunge, interest rates would begin to rise and faith in the American economy would be shattered.

Deficit reduction is necessary for our country's fiscal future, but the methods of the fiscal cliff are misguided because massive deficit reduction policies should not be implemented immediately. The budget deficit would be smaller, yes, but America would face a situation similar to the eurozone: A recession with weak projected growth and high-budget deficits. The optimal course for America is to stimulate the economy now through short-term government spending, but couple it with long-term balanced deficit reduction that begins in small doses and increases as the economy strengthens.

There are countless scenarios for the fiscal cliff's outcome. Amongst all the options, a policy consensus is beginning to emerge: Avoid the cliff by passing a deficit reduction package of approximately \$4 trillion with 25 percent coming from increased tax revenues by broadening the tax base and eliminating loopholes, and the other 75 percent coming from cuts to entitlements, social spending and defense. This is the framework of the "Simpson-Bowles" plan that has received support not only from the policy and business communities, but also from liberal, moderate and conservative members of Congress.

Will we go over the fiscal cliff and see unemployment rise, the economy weaken and economic confidence fade? Given everything that has happened over the past few years, it is largely reasonable to think America will squander the opportunity created by the fiscal cliff. As the countless political pundits offer their takes on the outcome, I look to a perspective offered by Alexis de Tocqueville, whose famous tour of America in the early 19th century, chronicled in "Democracy in America," is still an inspiration for Americans today. Tocqueville said that in the United States, "events move from the impossible to the inevitable without stopping at the probable."

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nothing is permanent in this wicked world — not even our troubles."

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## Black magic

**Bridget Galassini**

Bitter Bridget

Black Friday is a prime example of the power of American consumerism. Stores gradually start to go from the red to the black, hence the name Black Friday. And because of the importance of this spending season to the stores, they want to ensure that they have a huge consumer base, regardless of the implications.

For example, in the past couple of years, stores have expanded their hours into Thanksgiving Day. In 2010 and 2011, Toys ‘R’ Us and Walmart opened Thursday at 10 p.m. This year, many major stores followed their lead, and others opened even earlier. Thanks to our consumption-focused society, this day, previously reserved exclusively for thanks and family time, has now been given the name “Gray Thursday.”

Stores do not respect Thanksgiving enough to wait until midnight to open. The main reason is they cannot afford to, since they are competing against one another for buyers. Being among

the first stores to open is critical because it can lead to drawing more customers.

However, opening early affects both employees and shoppers. Many employees have to sacrifice their relaxing Thanksgiving dinners and time with family. Some shoppers feel pressure to do the same. Pretty soon, we’ll be seeing Thanksgiving dinners set up on the sidewalks outside of Walmart because buying gifts trumps having a quality holiday dinner with family.

That is the message that the stores are sending to our society. This message — that consumerism equals happiness and materials are more important than relationships — is willingly accepted throughout the holiday season. If a person does not have the best purse, shoes, computer or phone, then they don’t have as much worth. The message that our society sends is that what someone buys is a direct result of how much money they make, and how much money they make shows how important they are.

This sometimes results in a competition to buy the best gifts for loved ones during the Christmas season. But a

better gift to give would be our time, and the unspent money could be given to those who are actually in need. This idea is from the Advent Conspiracy (AC) movement. AC’s YouTube videos help us reflect on Christmas and what it is really supposed to be. They explain that Americans spend about \$450 billion dollars on Christmas every year, when all it takes to make clean water available to everyone in the world is \$10 billion. If we donated just 2.2 percent of what we spend on Christmas to Living Water International, an organization that AC has continually supported, more than a billion people without clean water and sanitation would be given those necessities.

But as Americans, we are often more concerned about other “crises,” like having the latest iPhone. God forbid we ever let something happen to us where we feel like a “black sheep,” a term that has been applied to BlackBerry users. We buy the latest gizmos and gadgets instead of focusing on real crises in our world, like the necessities of food, health, shelter and clean water. One of the points from the AC videos was that “right now you stand in line to buy

things others don’t need, while others must stand in line because they can’t afford the things they need.” This quote is never truer than on Black Friday.

In Mackelmore’s song “Wings,” he articulates that society has made consumption run in our veins: “My movement told me be a consumer and I consumed it.” But in the end, the consumption just consumes us. We end up focusing on insignificant material things, when really we could be giving the gift of our time instead of shopping for the “perfect” material gift. The memories will last longer than any gift.

So, instead of leaving Thanksgiving dinner early to buy that flat screen, spend the holiday with your family and donate the money you saved to a family in need. If this doesn’t sound appealing to you, you can check out Target’s 2013 Black Friday — it’s already up on their website, of course.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## The beauty of music

You can never have too much music. The soul revels in it, and its deepness can sweeten any bitter moment. On Saturday afternoon, I rushed to DeBartolo Performing Arts Center because I was late for a sacred organ music recital. I eventually made it to the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall.

The usher opened the door like a magician, and all at once the organ emerged — colossal and stunning, from the burnt-orange wood to the gleam of its lead-tin pipes. The whole mass of it resembled the ruins of classical Greece. The pipes, like columns, were remarkable — steady, thick and silver, bearing the weight of the timber. Ornamental sculpture of mollusks, waves, water lilies, roses, rabbits, owls, cardinals, grasses and tulips hugged the colonnades, inspired by the idea that everything that has life and breath praises God. Only the organ’s shadow surpassed it in size.

And, like the temples, the organ housed the sacred — music that manifested sweet mysteries, where the melody of faith flourished and the soul loved its beliefs. During some songs, the tune trickled into my ears like the whistle of a nightingale. During others, it splashed against my heart like a tempest tide, bellows striking

the core, not ending until my ribs slowly ceased to tremble. And with that, everybody applauded and left.

This is the life of the organ.

I write about it now to share with you, as you hold onto this paper while eating lunch or dinner, or perhaps sitting at your desk. After running helter-skelter from class to class, with finals looming in our thoughts, seize a moment of freedom to indulge in a choir, a concert, a recital or perhaps the morning birds on their branches. It’s a refreshment from headphones and buttons, and a liberation from dullness and anxiety.

To the Theology Department, the Master of Sacred Music program and the artists who performed on Saturday: Thank you.

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# MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER

## MORE TECHNO THAN TRADITIONAL

By **MEGHAN THOMASSEN**  
Scene Writer

Don't get me wrong. I love Christmas. The music, the lights, the snow, the cookies, the candles, the Advent wreath, the tree, the presents — everything. But if you try to combine all those things with techno lights, fog machines and bad audio mixing, you're not celebrating Christmas. You're ruining it.

Mannheim Steamroller performed at the Morris Performing Arts Center on Nov. 29. The group consists of six main technical musicians, supported by a small orchestra. Created by Chip Davis, the group has been touring the world since the 1970s. And it certainly sounds that way, too.

They began the night with a "Fantasia" version of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" with every instrument imaginable digitized. One woman played three different kinds of recorder and the finger cymbals made far too many appearances

throughout the night.

They certainly played up the Mannheim brand throughout the night, advertising their new CD, "Winter in Venice," by playing an old hymn with video vignettes of a Venetian banquet playing in the background. The first 15 minutes were spent promoting their future appearance in Las Vegas at the Venetian Hotel with a tacky video of the show's creator surrounded by three fawning, feather-clad showgirls.

Believe it or not, the videos got worse. At one point there were dancing dolls and what looked like a bad version of a MacBook screensaver. The audience was subjected to an intense audio-visual experience, one far too harsh for the sentiment of the season. At one point, green fog smothered the stage while snowflakes were pumped from the ceiling. The bass throbbed and the lights fractured like a disco ball. I felt like I was at a dubstep show, not a Christmas concert.

I suppose I should mention the positive

parts of the night. The lead violinist was excellent. She demonstrated the most showmanship out of the entire group, and really knew how to make the violin sing, even though it was electronic.

The harpsichord was my favorite part of the night because it was the only featured instrument that wasn't hooked up to a synthesizer. They played a pretty good variety of Christmas songs, from "White Christmas" to "Wassail, Wassail" to "Carol of the Bells." The rest of the real orchestra was stuck in the back two corners, barely visible and barely heard. I assume they were skilled, but were unfortunately underplayed, and therefore, underappreciated.

The band's problem was that it was trying to sensationalize Christmas when the holiday is already the best part of the year. Everyone already loves Christmas, so they didn't need to add all those pounding, crashing drums and dramatic echoes.

Maybe I'm missing something

because I didn't grow up with the group. I'm sure there was talent somewhere on that stage, but you would have to cut through 10 feet of wire to find it. Who knew that you could tour the world with a stage version of "GarageBand"? The entire night I felt as if I could have performed just as well with my old keyboard at home on the reverb setting.

The point of a live concert is to see people playing music. But with Mannheim Steamroller, all you see is a bunch of people standing and bobbing their heads as they push buttons. At the very least, the performers should have tried to inject a little more personality and seasonal spirit in their show. If you like your Christmas music to sound like a Tim Burton soundtrack or a Macy's shopping playlist, then Mannheim Steamroller will be the perfect way to spend the holidays.

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## 'SLEEPWALK WITH ME'

shows the serious side of being funny

By ALICE TOLLAKSEN  
Scene Writer

I really, really hope you've seen "Girls," first of all because great, but also because if you've kept up with "Girls," then you've seen the outrageous bit starring Mike Birbiglia as the Syracuse graduate who interviews Lena Dunham's character, Hannah. If you haven't seen Girls, hack into your parents' HBO GO account and prepare for the most hilariously awkward 10 television episodes of your life.

Even if you haven't seen "Girls," you may have heard of Mike Birbiglia. He is a stand-up comedian, author, actor, and regular on "This American Life." He received critical acclaim for his book, "Sleepwalk With Me & Other Painfully True Stories," as well as his one-man-show based on the book. I now know that on top of all of this, Mike Birbiglia is a talented filmmaker.

Birbiglia is the writer, director, and lead of "Sleepwalk With Me," which screened at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Nov. 29 and 30. The film was adapted from his previously mentioned one-man show of the same name and was produced by Birbiglia with "This American Life" host and love of my life, Ira Glass.

Birbiglia's film is a mostly-autobiographical story about a struggling stand-up comedian familiarly named Matt Pandamiglio. Pandamiglio's life becomes increasingly chaotic as he fails to address his unsuccessful career, his shaky relationship with his long-term girlfriend, and the emergence of a dangerous, albeit amusing, sleep disorder.

If you're at all interested in comedy, especially stand-up, I highly recommend this movie. The film follows Pandamiglio as he evolves from a part-time job doing standup at a comedy club (read: he's a bartender who gets to tell jokes sometimes) to developing his material and getting the chance to tour.

Of course, there are quite a few bumps along the way. At one point, he drives several hours to emcee a college lip-synching contest that draws only a handful of attendees. Throughout the movie, we see him experiment with his routine, try new jokes and fall flat. Finally, he finds his footing and starts to get laughs, though at the expense of his sleep and his relationship. I found myself simultaneously laughing at Pandamiglio and with him, cheering him on while agonizingly covering my eyes as I watched his life spin out of control.

Not only does "Sleepwalk With Me" give what seems to be a very

accurate portrayal of the life of a stand-up comedian, it's full of cameos by comics like Wyatt Cenac, Kristen Schaal, Jessi Klein and David Wain. If these names don't sound familiar, start following them (and Birbiglia) on Twitter. Now.

Though short, the cameos provide a refreshing and funny break from Pandamiglio's problems. This includes parts of Wyatt Cenac's and Jessi Klein's standup acts, David Wain in a bar with a baby strapped to his torso, and Kristen Schaal being, well ... Kristen Schaal.

Even without the star-spotting, "Sleepwalk With Me" is an examination of relationships and the way we deal with them. The film begins with Pandamiglio moving in with his girlfriend of eight years, played by a very charming Lauren Ambrose. While those around him are getting married and having kids, Pandamiglio plays the classic "man-child" still figuring his life out.

However, while I expected the movie to be a predictable, guy-finally-grows-up-and-settles-down-with-girl story, the film moved in an entirely different direction. It is instead an intensely personal account of confronting reality when avoiding it is no longer an option.

Because of the autobiographical nature of the story, "Sleepwalk With Me" felt incredibly sincere. Though it is about

comedy and features many silly, fantastical scenes during Pandamiglio's sleepwalking incidents, the movie ends up being surprisingly realistic, even relatable. It was, somehow, a pretty serious film about comedy.

In one scene, many of the real-life standup comics, though in character, have a candid discussion about the difficulties of starting out in comedy, sharing stories of their terrible first shows. This was the part I loved the most—it felt honest and was the perfect mix of funny and painful, just like the "Sleepwalk With Me" as a whole.

To sum it up, come for the Twitter celebrities, stay for the Ira Glass-endorsed storytelling.

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## SPORTS AUTHORITY

# Stay in the stands unless it's deserved



**Vicky Jacobsen**  
Sports Writer

When I was younger, one of my favorite Christmas specials was “Elmo Saves Christmas,” where Elmo receives a magic snow globe. He asks that every day could be Christmas, and the snow globe grants his wish. But Elmo soon realizes this is a mistake: besides the practical concerns of keeping a Christmas tree properly watered during a July heat, Elmo finds that Christmas just isn't special now that it comes every day.

I might sound like a scrooge, but this is how I'm beginning to feel about storming the court. I'm pretty sure that there are freshmen at this school are unaware that you can attend a sporting event without ending up on the playing surface afterwards.

I'm not just saying this because I'm currently on crutches and physically can't run onto the field (although I won't deny that my inability to participate is definitely adding to my indignation). I'm saying this because taking the field or the court after a win is something you do on monumental occasions, not just for “signature wins.”

Every year, a student body decides to storm the court for a completely unworthy win, and every year bloggers and ESPN

the football win over USC and a berth in the BCS National Championship. I'll make a special allowance for the situation (although a celebratory trip through Stonehenge would've been more appropriate).

There are plenty of websites that have published extensive guidelines for when it is appropriate to storm the court after a basketball game (for the record, none of them list “My football team is going to the national championship” as one of them.) These rules are well-intentioned but, really, who can remember three pages worth of guidelines when you're in the stands? So I'm going to make it easier: Will you still talk about this event in 20 years? If the answer is yes, go ahead. If it's not, stay in your seat for the Alma Mater.

Beating an undefeated, No. 1 Syracuse team last January? That was both memorable and in keeping with the tradition of taking down top-ranked teams at home. That court needed to be stormed.

Running onto the court was still new when Notre Dame ended UCLA's 88-game winning streak after trailing by 17 at the half and 11 with less than four minutes left in the game. They're still showing highlights of that game almost four decades later. For a win that exciting, I'd approve if students stormed the

***Fans do look silly when they run onto the court and the players all look at each other as if to ask, ‘Why?’***

analysts bemoan the state of college fans, saying that this beautiful and wonderful tradition has been overused and abused until all its special meaning has been lost. They're wrong to think that fans have only recently let this practice get out of hand — rugby union fans have been staging “pitch invasions” as far back as anyone can remember, and efforts to stop them date back to the 1920s. But the bloggers are right in one respect: fans do look silly when they run onto the court and the players all look at each other as if to ask, “Why?”

And sadly, the Notre Dame student section has become “those” fans. Yes, I know that the basketball team beat the NCAA defending champions last Thursday (more accurately, the freshmen who now wear their uniforms), but Kentucky was ranked eighth, not first. They were not undefeated. What, did you all expect the Irish to lose?

Some people have told me that they took to the court because the football players did. Some people said they were celebrating

court, went to get sleeping bags, then returned to spend all night on the parquet.

But as for a triple-overtime win over then 4-4 Pittsburgh, not even the kids who tried to jump on the field afterwards will bring up that game 20 years from now unless that just happened to be the day they met their future spouse.

I appreciate the kind of passion that students show when they run onto the field. But when I think of my favorite celebration from this year, easily the most moving was from the Michigan game. Nearly the every student stayed in their row and danced long after everyone else had left, waving multicolored leis in the air. Nobody wanted to run anywhere or storm anything. And why would they? At that moment, there was absolutely no place any of us would rather have been.

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## NBA

# Spurs fined for resting stars

Associated Press

Gregg Popovich sent his best players home, deciding they reached the end of the road before the trip was over.

For that, and for keeping it a secret, the San Antonio Spurs were fined \$250,000 by the NBA on Friday.

Commissioner David Stern said the Spurs “did a disservice to the league and our fans” when they didn't bring Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili or Danny Green to Miami for the final game of the six-game trip.

“The result here is dictated by the totality of the facts in this case,” Stern said in a statement. “The Spurs decided to make four of their top players unavailable for an early-season game that was the team's only regular-season visit to Miami. The team also did this without informing the Heat, the media, or the league office in a timely way. Under these circumstances, I have concluded that the Spurs did a disservice to the league and our fans.”

Teams are required to report as soon as they know a player will not travel because of injury.

The league's statement said the Spurs were in violation of league policy reviewed with the board of governors in April 2010 against resting players in a manner “contrary to the best interests of the NBA.”

The Spurs didn't comment on the penalty.

The issue of resting healthy players has been debated before, though usually at the end of the season, not a month into it. And the Spurs have been right at the center of it, Popovich using the rest strategy for an aging team that could use more time off than the NBA schedule often allows.

They even made a joke out of it last season, the box score listing “OLD” next to the 36-year-old Duncan's name as the reason he didn't play.

Stern wasn't laughing Thursday.

He has a nearly \$5 billion



AP

**San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich speaks to reporters prior to a game against the Miami Heat on Nov. 29.**

a year industry to protect and can't like it when teams aren't willing to put their best product on display in a marquee game televised by national TV partner TNT. Fans and viewers were excited about seeing the Spurs try to complete an unbeaten road trip against LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and the NBA champions, so there was an understandable let-down when they learned of the absences.

But there's never a guarantee that any players are going to play, and Stern himself has previously made it clear he wasn't going to impose rules to change that.

The Cleveland Cavaliers rested a healthy James for four straight games at the end of the 2009-10 regular season. Owners discussed the issue later that week at a meeting in New York, and Stern reported that there was “no conclusion reached, other than a number of teams thought it should be at the sole discretion of the team, the coach, the general manager, and I think it's fair to say I agree with that, unless that discretion is abused.”

In the NFL, the Indianapolis Colts rested a healthy Peyton Manning even with an undefeated record late in the 2009 season, and the league eventually started trying to schedule as many division matchups as possible for the final two weeks of the season in an effort to make late-season games matter.

Popovich doesn't wait until the end of the season to start resting players.

He was both praised and ripped for the way he navigated the lockout schedule last season, twice surrendering 11-game winning streaks by playing without his Big Three. Even those who didn't like it conceded that a coach who had won four championships with what's long been considered the NBA's model organization probably knew what he was doing, and more defense came Thursday night.

“Popovich has done this before and he knows what's best for his team,” former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal said on TNT. “It's his job to manage his players and do whatever he'd like. He's thinking about the big picture.”

Another former player turned TNT analyst, Steve Kerr — who played for Popovich — also defended the franchise's actions.

“If the NBA punishes the Spurs for sitting players, it opens up a huge can of worms,” he wrote on Twitter. “This is a serious legal challenge for the league.”

Celtics coach Doc Rivers didn't think the penalty would keep teams from resting players.

“I don't like it,” he said. “It's a tough one. You've got to coach your team to win in the long run and you have to do whatever you need to do. If that's sitting players, you sit players.”

That San Antonio — largely unloved in its championship days but suddenly a plucky underdog cheered by those who felt Stern overstepped his bounds — nearly won the game before the Heat rallied for a 105-100 victory didn't sway the commissioner.

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# Saint Mary’s falls by close margin

## Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary’s dropped another close contest, falling to Olivet at home Saturday 79-75.

The Belles (2-5, 0-2 MIAA) started the game out strong, taking a seven-point lead after seven minutes of play. Olivet (4-1, 2-0) responded strong, coming back to take the lead on a 3-pointer with 10:55 left in the first half.

Saint Mary’s took a nine-point lead with two minutes remaining in the half before the Comets closed out strong to cut the home team’s lead to 44-39.

The second half was much different than the first for the Belles, as Olivet used a 15-2 run to take an eight-point lead just five minutes into the second half. Saint Mary’s was able to cut Olivet’s lead to four before the Comets used a 12-4 run to take a 14-point lead with just over 10 minutes left in the second half.

Saint Mary’s again fought back strong, scoring 10 straight points to cut Olivet’s lead to four points

with just over six minutes left in the game.

First year guard Bernadette Jordan’s 3-point jumper pulled Saint Mary’s within one point with just under two minutes left in the game. Following a stop, the Belles a possession with a chance to take the lead. Saint Mary’s had three attempts at the basket, but saw them all bounce off the rim and away.

Though Saint Mary’s made more shots for the game than the Comets, Olivet was strong from behind the 3-point arc for the game, converting on 8 of their 16 3-pointers.

Sophomore forward Ariana Paul led the Belles in scoring, chipping in 20 points and 10 rebounds in her first double-double while also contributing four steals and four assists. Junior guard Shanlynn Bias scored 17 points for Saint Mary’s and first year forward Krista Knapke had 14 points.

Saint Mary’s next travels to Kalamazoo on Wednesday to take on the Hornets at 7:30 p.m.

ND VOLLEYBALL | OHIO STATE 3, ND 0

# Irish fall in first round

By JOE WIRTH  
Sports Writer

After a stellar season in which it put together an 11-match win streak in Big East play, Notre Dame saw its campaign come to an end at the hands of No. 14 Ohio State on Friday in the first round of the NCAA championship.

The Buckeyes (23-10) provided a stern test and a relentless offense that proved to be too much for the Irish to handle in a three-set sweep. Ohio State had a total of 52 kills with a .512 hitting percentage for the match.

“Obviously this isn’t the way that any of us like to finish our season. I tip my hat, even though I don’t have one on, to Ohio State,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “I thought obviously their outside hitters played phenomenally.”

The Irish (20-10) were not without a few bright spots in the loss despite getting swept.

Sophomore Jeni Houser was especially effective for Notre Dame as she finished with a team-leading 16 kills with a .382 hitting percentage for the match.

Senior outside hitter Mari Hole led the Ohio State offensive effort. Hole came into the game with a team-leading 331 kills and a 4.36 kills per set ratio and did not disappoint. She recorded 14 kills and had a .400 hitting percentage for the match.

Brown said the Irish were



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Junior Sam Brown, left, and sophomore Jeni Houser go up for a block during Notre Dame’s 3-1 victory over Pittsburgh on Oct. 26.

simply unable to stop the Ohio State attack. Although she said some of its success could be attributed to Notre Dame’s ineffectiveness, the Buckeyes’ skill was undeniable.

“I don’t know that they’ve had quite that big a night because we were really ineffective, but obviously they mix up their shots,” Brown said. “They’re very, very aggressive, they take big approaches, good arm swings, they can hit well off the outside hand and they hit the seam.

“Like I said they have all the shots, so it’s not like you just have to take one shot away and then you can stop them. They did a good job of

mixing up their shots, and we were ineffective with our blocking defense against them.”

Despite the loss, Houser did not characterize this season as a disappointment. This season marked the first time since 2009 that Notre Dame recorded 20 wins and made it to the NCAA tournament.

“I wanted to come in and put years on the banner and bring in new banners for the NCAA tournament every year,” Houser said. “I think next year’s goal is to get deeper in the tournament every year.”

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SMC SWIMMING | CALVIN WINTER INVITATIONAL

# Belles close out fall season

By PETER STEINER  
Sports Writer

After three days of competition, the Belles finished 11th at the Calvin Winter Invitational in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The invitational was the second nonconference invita-

tion and last event of the fall season for Saint Mary’s.

“This was a great way to cap off the first half of the season for the girls,” Belles coach Mark Benishek said. “To go to a big meet like this and compete on a high level, I think

is great motivation to go into the second half and starting training hard again for our conference championships.” The invitational spanned three days with preliminary competitions each morning followed by finals in the evening. On Friday, the Belles received their best finish from senior Ellie Watson with her season-best 400 IM time of 4:54.81. Senior Liz Litke placed highest for Saint Mary’s on Saturday, finishing 21st in the 200 breaststroke.

“They’re preliminaries and finals that you swim each day and the top 24 qualify for the evening,” Benishek said. “We had girls swimming in the finals everyday. That was definitely great to see, and that’s what you’re shooting for.” The Belles performed their best in the freestyle events over the weekend, with a 16th-place finish in the 200 freestyle relay and solid swims

from each of their 50 freestyle swimmers.

“A bunch of our freestylers did quite well,” Benishek said. “[Sophomore] Anna Nolan, our sprinter, had some great time drops as well as [sophomore] Sarah Thompson. She had some great swims there on the end of the medley relay.”

Saint Mary’s also competed on the diving, boards with lone freshman diver Andrea Canacci finishing 23rd in the one-meter diving event.

“It was kind of her first time diving as a freshman in an invite, especially against some of the top divers in the nation for Division III. I think was a great meet for her as well,” Benishek said.

The Belles will have a one-month break before competing on Jan. 5 in the Citrus Classic in Mesa, Ariz.

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## MEN'S SWIMMING | HAWKEYE INVITATIONAL

# Irish take second in Iowa



STEPHANIE LEUNG | The Observer

Senior Tylor Gauger and freshman Bogac Ayhan compete in the butterfly during Notre Dame's 176-124 victory over Pittsburgh in a dual meet Oct. 26 at the Rolf's Aquatic Center.

## Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame capped a successful fall season with a second-place finish Sunday at the Hawkeye Invitational at the University of Iowa Aquatic Center.

The No. 19 Irish finished the three-day weekend meet with 794 points. They finished second-best to No. 1-ranked Michigan, who scored 1150

points.

The Irish finished ahead of Iowa (606.5 points), Denver (478 points) and Wisconsin-Milwaukee (260.5 points).

Sophomore swimmer Zachary Stephens claimed two NCAA B-cut times on the weekend, swimming the 200-yard breast stroke in a season best 1:58.26 and swimming a time of 55.21 in the 100-yard breast stroke.

Sophomore swimmer John Williamson also registered an NCAA B-cut, swimming a season-best 1:46.90 in the 200-yard butterfly final, earning a third place finish in the event.

Junior All-American Frank Dyer swam a season-best 44.06 in the 100 yard-freestyle.

The Irish will return to action Jan. 18 at Cleveland State.

## Superior

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I think both were tonight."

Russo again was the catalyst for the third goal. Russo received the puck at the blue line from junior center T.J. Tynan and took a wrist shot at the net. Junior right winger Mike Voran was posted in front of the net and deflected the shot in over Murdock's shoulder.

The Lakers battled back and scored late in the second period and hounded to get the equalizer in the third, but junior goaltender Steven Summerhays came up with some clutch saves. With three minutes left, Summerhays made a sprawling stick save to his left in order to keep Notre Dame's one goal lead and the win.

"It wasn't his best performance," Jackson said. "A year ago I might have pulled him, but not now. He's got to learn how to play these kinds of games and fight through it, and he did and he made some big plays in the third."

The Irish did not let Lake Superior State have a chance in the game Saturday, as the Irish scored four goals in the first period on their way to a 6-1 win.

Lucia, in his sixth game back from an injury, tallied two goals, adding to Notre Dame's recent burst in offense. In the last six games, the Irish have scored 22 times with a 5-1 record.

"It's a collective effort," Jackson

said. "We are doing a good job transitioning, creating offense from defense and our power play has been gaining steam. When Lucia came back and Costello got healthy, I think that helped us. It solidified some offensive type of lines."

Junior Defenseman Shayne Taker earned three assists in the game. Junior defenseman Stephen Johns and Russo lead the Irish in assists with seven and eight assists, respectively.

"We encourage [the defensemen] to be offensive," Jackson said. "I didn't think Shayne [Taker] played a great game [Friday] and I talked to him about it but he came back and responded in a positive way."

Senior goaltender Mike Johnson got the start Saturday, but was unable to finish the game as he was taken out on a charging penalty in the second period and was unable to continue. Johnson amassed 13 saves and a shutout. Lake Superior State's goalie, junior Kevin Kapalka, was replaced by Murdock after giving up four goals in the first period. After the game, Jackson said Johnson should be fine and able to return.

The Irish look to get their second home sweep of the season against Michigan State in a two-game series Friday and Saturday at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

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## BCS

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Georgia to climb back into the national championship picture.

The Crimson Tide boast two 1,000-yard rushers in junior running back Eddie Lacy and freshman running back T.J. Yeldon. Lacy and Yeldon both had more than 150 yards in the SEC championship.

Junior linebacker C.J. Mosley leads the Crimson Tide in tackles (99 tackles) while

sophomore linebacker Adrian Hubbard paces Alabama with six sacks.

Senior running backs Theo Riddick and Cierre Wood lead the Irish offense on the ground with 880 yards and 740 yards, respectively. Senior linebacker Manti Te'o is third in the country with seven interceptions.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING | HAWKEYE INVITATIONAL

# Irish swimmers take fifth at Hawkeye Invite

By KATIE HEIT  
Sports Writer

Though the Irish separated their swimmers and divers for the weekend, Notre Dame swimmers smashed several records and took fifth at the Ohio State Invitational while the divers swept the one-meter dive at the Hawkeye Invitational.

The weekend started out with a bang as sophomore Emma Reaney took down her own school record in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1.55.05. This time qualifies Reaney for the NCAA championships in March and is the fastest time in the country so far this season.

Shortly after, Reaney joined senior captain Kim Holden, junior Kelly Ryan and freshman Catherine Galletti broke the school record in the 400-yard medley relay by over half a second.

Ryan said the best part of the weekend was watching the team come together and support one another as Notre Dame matched up against the competition.

"There were very fast teams

there," Ryan said. "It was great to race against the best in the country. Racing with these girls will help us to up our game in training and racing as the end of the season approaches."

On day two of the Ohio State Invitational, records continued to fall. Reaney claimed victory and the Notre Dame record in the 400-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke to round out her weekend. In addition to her medley relay victory, Holden broke the record in the 100-yard butterfly, which qualifies her for the B-cut in the NCAA championships.

On the final day of competition, Reaney won the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2.07.60, breaking the meet record.

Ryan said having such a successful end of the season bodes well for the spring season.

"The fall season has been very good for us," Ryan said. "We have been redefining what is considered good as a team and continually getting better. We are very focused and I know that we will continue the momentum."



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**Irish senior swimmer Lauren Scott competes in the backstroke during Notre Dame's dual meet with Michigan State at Rolf's Aquatic Center on Jan. 21. The Irish won 218-82.**

At the Hawkeye Invitational, senior Jenny Chiang and sophomore Allison Casareto finished first and second in the one-meter dive, with freshman Emma Gaboury coming in close behind in fourth place.

Chiang claimed victory in the 3-meter dive as well with a final score of 341.70, 13 points above her nearest competitor.

Gaboury finished seventh the 3-meter.

Other notable performances over the weekend included junior Christen McDonough's fourth place-finish in the 100-yard breaststroke. Her time qualified her for the NCAA B-cut, as did junior Lauren Stauder's seventh-place finish in the same event. Holden finished third in the 100-yard

backstroke, with Ryan finishing just over a second behind in seventh place.

These events concluded the fall season for the Irish, who will be back in action Jan. 11 when they take on Michigan and Northwestern at Notre Dame's Rolf's Aquatic Center.

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Alabama players celebrate the Crimson Tide's 32-28 victory over Georgia on Saturday in the SEC Championship Game in Atlanta, Ga.

## Alabama

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Tide and Notre Dame have each won eight Associated Press national titles, more than any other school.

"This group has been fantastic," Saban said. "They were able to accomplish something of significance, and something that last year's team didn't accomplish, which is win the SEC championship."

What a game it was.

After an apparent game-clinching interception by Alabama was overturned on a video review, Georgia's Aaron Murray completed a 15-yard pass to Arthur Lynch, a 23-yarder to Tavarres King and a 26-yarder to Lynch, who was hauled down at the Alabama 8 as the clock continued to run.

The Bulldogs (11-2) were out of timeouts.

Instead of spiking the ball and gathering themselves, the Bulldog hurriedly snapped the ball with 9 seconds to go. Murray attempted a pass into the end zone but it was deflected at the line and ended in the arms of Chris Conley out in the right flats.

Surprised to see the ball coming his way, he instinctively dove for the catch at the 5.

Georgia couldn't get off another play.

Richt said the offense called the play it wanted at the end, a deeper route to Malcolm Mitchell, but Alabama ruined it by tipping the pass. If it had fallen incomplete instead of being caught by Conley, the Bulldogs would've had at least one more play, maybe two.

Instead, they were done.

"I told the guys I was disappointed, but I'm not disappointed in them," Richt said. "They're warriors. We had a chance at the end."

The consolation prize will likely be one of the second-tier bowls — the Capital One, Cotton

or Chick-fil-A — though the Bulldogs certainly looked like a team deserving of something better.

"Do I think we're worthy of a BCS bowl?" Richt said. "Yes I do."

The Bulldogs even got props from Saban.

"It would be a crying shame if Georgia doesn't get to go to a BCS bowl game," the Alabama coach said. "They played a tremendous game out there. That was a great football game, by both teams. It came right down to the last play."

In a back-and-forth second half that looked nothing like a game in the defensive-minded SEC, the Crimson Tide trailed 21-10 after Alec Ogletree returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Alabama rallied behind a punishing run game, finishing with 350 yards on the ground, an SEC championship game record. Eddie Lacy — the game's MVP — rumbled for 181 yards on 20 carries, including two TDs. Freshman T.J. Yeldon added 153 yards on 25 carries, also scoring a TD.

After the game, Lacy hooked up with the guy he replaced in the Alabama backfield — Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram, now with the NFL's New Orleans Saints.

"He just told me congratulations and that I did a great job running and it was the best he's ever seen me run," Lacy said.

But the Tide won it through the air.

With Georgia stacking the line, McCarron fooled the Bulldogs with play action and delivered a perfectly thrown pass to Cooper, who beat Damian Swann in single coverage down the left side.

Georgia played like a champion until the clock ran out, though.

Using up their timeouts and forcing a punt, the Bulldogs got the ball back at their 15 with 1:08 remaining. Alabama broke into a celebration when a pass down the middle for Conley was

deflected and Dee Milliner appeared to make a diving interception. But the replay showed the ball hit the ground, so Murray and the Georgia offense trotted back on the field for its last gasp.

And what a gasp it was.

Just not quite enough.

Todd Gurley led Georgia with 122 yards rushing, including a couple of TDs. Murray was 18 of 33 for 265 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

McCarron was 12 of 21 for 162 yards with an interception, only his third of the season.

After a defensive struggle in the first half, with Alabama kicking a field goal on the final play for a 10-7 lead, the last two quarters were nothing but run-and-gun.

The Bulldogs took the second-half kickoff and marched right down the field for the go-ahead touchdown. Gurley ran it seven times, capped by leg-churning, 3-yard drive up the middle to make it 14-10.

Alabama looked like it was about to answer, holding the ball for more than 5 1-2 minutes, before the drive stalled. Cade Foster came on for a 50-yard field-goal attempt, but his low kick was swatted down by Cornelius Washington. Ogletree scooped up the bouncing ball in stride and returned it 55 yards for a touchdown.

Suddenly, the Bulldogs led 21-10.

But the Tide wasn't about to go away that easy. Yeldon broke off a 31-yard run, Swann was called interference on a throw down the middle, and Yeldon powered in from the 10. He ran it again for the 2-point conversion,

pulling Alabama to 21-18.

Georgia went three-and-out, and the ground assault resumed. Lacy barreled over right guard for 32 yards. Yeldon got it down to the 1. Lacy returned for the first snap of the fourth period, bulling over to put Alabama ahead 25-21.

The Tide's momentum lasted about 2 minutes.

Murray found King down the middle for a 45-yard completion and Gurley finished off the lightning-quick possession with a 10-yard touchdown run up the middle, putting Georgia back on

top, 28-25.

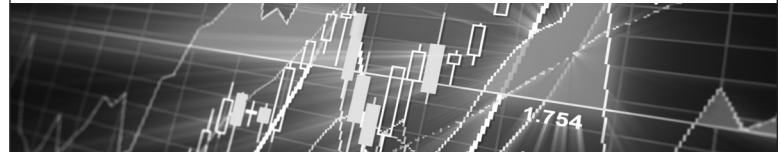
But Alabama knows a thing or two about comebacks, having rebounded the last two years from regular-season losses.

Just three weeks ago, the Tide was upset at home by Johnny Manziel and Texas A&M.

Now, Bama is off to play for another title.

"It's just the never-give-up attitude," McCarron said. "You've got to keep fighting through it." won eight Associated Press national titles, more than any other school.

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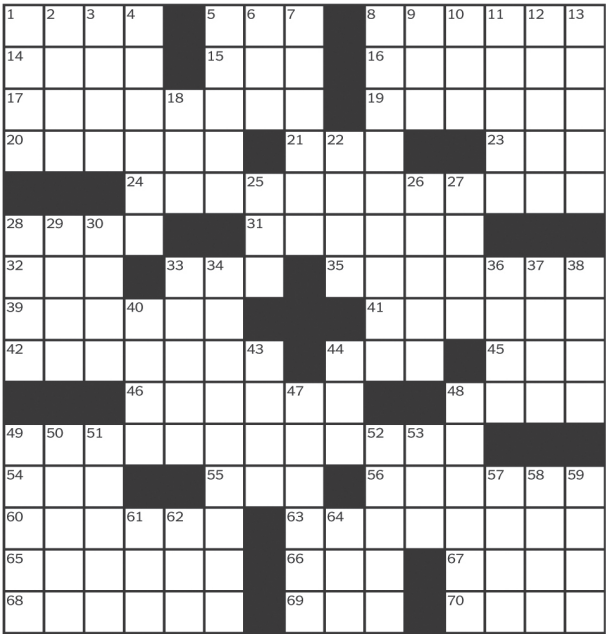


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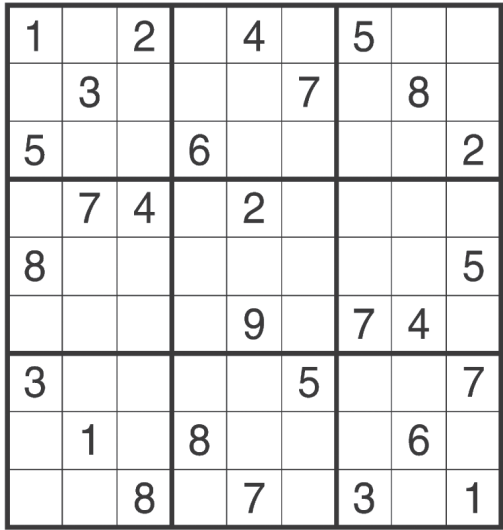


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**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Follow your heart. Don't be afraid to try something different or to spend time with someone from a totally different background from you. The experience and what you learn will make you a better person and lead to a great opportunity. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Protect what's yours. Not everyone will share your concerns. Divvy up what you share with others so you can move on at your own speed. Now is not the time to argue or to take a backseat. Do what's best for you. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Witness what's unfolding. The wait may have been a long one, but the rewards will be worthwhile. Interacting with people who share your interests will make contributions that will enable you to reach your goals. Love is in the stars. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Reach out to old friends or co-workers and share a little festive cheer. Finding out what others are doing and showing interest will position you well for a potential project that is right up your alley. Don't let domestic issues ruin your fun. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Plan a trip or engage in a pastime that allows you to use your creative input. Take a serious approach to love, life and your future happiness. A special plan you have can be executed brilliantly and bring rewards that exceed your expectations. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Put your energy, hope and trust on the line. Change will be necessary if you want to improve the way you live. Be adventuresome and you will meet someone who wants to share the experience with you in your personal or professional life. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Follow your gut feeling. You can enhance your reputation if you share your thoughts and plans. Don't let an emotional matter escalate because you fear the outcome. It's better to put any negativity behind you instead of letting it fester. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You can't win if you are unreasonable. Reassess your situation. Cut your losses and move on if there is no alternative. Keeping your home base tranquil will be what makes a difference to your emotional wellness. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Show your entrepreneurial spirit and head in a direction that looks promising personally and professionally. Include a loved one or someone you find creative and inspiring and you will double your chance of being successful. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are sensitive, impulsive and unique. You are possessive, intuitive and kind.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Saturday's Jumbles: VOUCH LIGHT SMOKED OBLIGE  
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## BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## It's official

*Irish to face Alabama in BCS National Championship in Miami on Jan. 7*

## Observer Staff Report



The release of the final Bowl Championship Series (BCS) standings confirmed what was expected — No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 2 Alabama will face off for the national title Jan. 7 in Miami.

The Irish (12-0) remained in the top spot for the third consecutive week and the Crimson Tide (12-1, 7-1 SEC) secured their place by defeating then-No. 3 Georgia 32-28 for the SEC crown.

Alabama has been a staple in the national championship. Its matchup with Notre Dame will be its third trip to the title game in the last four seasons. The Crimson Tide won the title both last year and in 2009 and are 48-5 in the last four seasons.

"Alabama has been the benchmark for college football," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "We're aware of the challenge in front of us. We welcome it."

Notre Dame, meanwhile, will be chasing its first national championship since 1988, when Lou Holtz led the Irish to an undefeated season.

The defense leads both of these teams. Alabama's unit ranks first in the nation in rushing defense (79.8 yards per game) and total defense (246.0 yards per game), second in scoring defense (10.7 points per game) and eighth in pass efficiency defense (101.56).

Notre Dame also ranks in the top 10 in multiple defensive categories. The Irish are first in scoring defense (10.3 points per game), fourth in rushing defense (92.4 yards per game) and sixth in total defense (286.8 yards per game).

Notre Dame has faced Alabama just six times and not since 1987. The Irish are 5-1 against the Crimson Tide.

"We have a special respect for Notre Dame," Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban said. "This is a really good team and a great matchup."

Alabama's lone blemish this season was its 29-24 loss to Texas A&M on Nov. 10. The Aggies rolled up 418 yards of total offense, including 165 on the ground. The Crimson Tide won their final three games against Western Carolina, Auburn and

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*Irish senior linebacker Manti Te'o and his teammates watch the BCS selection show in the Guglielmo Athletics Complex. Te'o and the Irish will face Alabama in the BCS National Championship game on Jan. 7 in Miami.*

## NCAA FOOTBALL | ALABAMA 32, GEORGIA 28

## Tide rolls into title game against ND

Associated Press



ATLANTA — Alabama got a hand on the ball, which wobbled into the arms of a Georgia receiver who wasn't supposed to catch it.

Before the Bulldogs could get off another play, the clock ran out.

The Crimson Tide is heading back to the national championship game.

By a mere 5 yards.

AJ McCarron threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Amari Cooper with 3:15 remaining and No. 2 Alabama barely held on at the end, beating No. 3 Georgia 32-28 in a Southeastern Conference title game for the ages Saturday night.

"I'm ready to have a heart attack here," Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban said.

As confetti fell from the Georgia Dome roof, the Bulldogs collapsed on the field, stunned they had come so close to knocking off the team that has

won two of the last three national titles.

"We just ran out of time," Georgia coach Mark Richt moaned.

Alabama (12-1) will get a chance to make it three out of four when it faces top-ranked Notre Dame for the BCS crown on Jan. 7 in Miami.

This time, Alabama will head to the big game with a championship already in its pocket — unlike last year's squad, which didn't even make it to Atlanta, but got a do-over against SEC champion LSU in the national title game.

Even though the Tide left little doubt it was truly the best team in the country, routing the Tigers 21-0, there were plenty who thought Saban's team didn't deserve a rematch.

There will be no complaints when Alabama heads to South Florida for a dream matchup between two of college football's most storied programs. The

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## HOCKEY | ND 3, LSSU 2; ND 6, LSSU 1

## Superior Irish sweep Lakers

By ISAAC LORTON  
Sports Writer

The No. 6 Irish captured their first home sweep of the season against Lake Superior State by holding on to a one-goal lead to win 3-2 on Friday and dominating Saturday's game with 6-1 victory.

The first goal Friday night was junior captain and center Anders Lee's 50th career goal. Junior left winger Jeff Costello put the puck behind the net, where junior right winger Bryan Rust gathered the puck. Rust was able to fight off defenders and place the puck to Lee, who took a one-time shot past Laker junior goaltender Kevin Murdock.

"That's his bread-and-butter," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "He got the puck in the high slot and I couldn't ask for a better guy to be there in that situation and he gets them in different ways. He has great hands in front of the net. I'm happy for him. It's great for him."

Meanwhile, Lee pushed the credit onto his teammates.

"[This milestone] means that



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*Irish junior center Anders Lee works near the boards during Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Lake Superior State on Saturday.*

I've been fortunate enough to have incredible teammates this whole ride," Lee said."

Notre Dame (11-4, 7-1 CCHA) jumped out to a quick two-goal lead, when they scored a power play goal 35 seconds into the second period. Sophomore defenseman Robbie Russo ripped a slap shot that rang off the crossbar and rebounded right to freshman left winger Mario Lucia, who put in the wide-open right side. After conceding a goal to the Lakers (7-9, 4-6) to make it 2-1, the Irish got another power play goal in the eighth minute of

the second period.

"Yeah we blew [the power play] up," Jackson said. "We got some different personnel on it. I wish we had got one more with that four on three in the third, but it was good to see a little production. I think that the one thing we identified is that we were operating with one unit that was generating scoring opportunities. So basically we were wasting a minute of every power-play and we needed another group to be effective, and

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