Power outage darkens SMC

Observer Staff Report

American Electric Power and security officials con tin u e to investigate the cause of an early morning power outage that touched nearly all of Saint Mary's campus. All buildings except Regina Hall and Moreau Center for the Arts lost electricity at approximately 1:15 a.m.

For students in residence halls, this meant everything from complete darkness to lack of heat to a non-func tioning voice mail system. For one woman, the effects were far greater.

A student was trapped in the elevator of Holy Cross Hall for more than two hours. Saint Mary's security, repair persons and resident assistants on duty responded to the scene.

Elevator repair persons were called to manually raise or lower the elevator to gain access to the doors. Contact with the student was maintained throughout the work, according to security officials. She suffered no physical harm as a result of the ordeal.

The loss of power inconven ienced students whose studies and activities were disrupted. Computer systems in the buildings with power were also down, cutting students off from this resource campus-wide.

Because of the immediacy of the situation of the woman in the elevator, the investigation into the cause of the power outage was delayed. The local power company had been contacted and was reportedly working on the problem, but at press time the power had not been restored, and no cause for the blackout could be identified.

AAA takes to the runway Saturday

By MARIBEL MOREY

After three consecutive years of incidents of indecent exposure, Asian Allure is tak ing steps this year to ensure a glitch-free performance. The show, however, will go on.

Three years ago, a topless student model covered her chest with crossed arms, mimicking a pose once coined by Janet Jackson at their annual fashion show. The next year, a ribbon covering a female student's chest fell off, leaving her breasts completely exposed.

Last year, a male participant removed his pants.

Students strut their stuff on the walkway at the 1997 Asian Allure.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Keough Hall residents went all out in decorating their dorm for the holidays. Most dorms on campus have been decorating all week in preparation for the holiday season. However, there is no snow in the forecast. See page 2 for weekend weather.

Profs: WTO protests have mixed aims

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR

Cell phones and gas masks were the weapons of choice in Seattle for protesters at this week's annual World Trade Organization conference.

An estimated 30,000 activists converged on the city to protest the organization's record on workers' rights and environmental issues.

But developing nations, which comprised 100 of the 135 WTO member states, claim they cannot afford the types of changes protesters demand. These claims are not unusual, experts say.

"When international treaties declare slavery to be unfair trade practices over 150 years ago, nations who used slaves rather than the businesses that used slaves to raise profits in host nations, complained it would impede economic growth," countered Teresa Ghilarducci, associate professor of economics at Notre Dame and director of Illigins Labor Research Center.

WTO ministers from some developing countries, including India, claim the United States and other Western countries aim to use reforms as protectionist mechanisms, but Ghilarducci said these claims are
**This Week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary's History**

**Tim Brown wins Heisman**

December 5, 1987

Senior multi-purpose back Tim Brown won the 53rd-annual Heisman trophy by a significant margin over Syracuse quarterback Don McPherson. Brown is the seventh Notre Dame player to win the Heisman and the first since quarterback John Huarte in 1964.

**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

Nebraska president defends fetal cell research

**Texas A&M victim clings to life**

AUSTIN, Texas

A 19-year-old Texas A&M student who was injured in the Rooflee collapse remains hospitalized in critical condition as operations to save his life continue. John Comstock, a biomedical engineering freshman from Manassas, Va., Sunday to search.

**Va. Tech student missing in Florida**

BLACKSBURG, Va.

A Virginia Tech student is missing in Key West, Fla., after she failed to reboard a cruise ship with her family last week. Rebecca Myers, a juvenile public and urban affairs major, was on a Royal Caribbean Cruise vacation with her family when she and her sister Sarah took an afternoon to shop during a stopover in the Florida Keys.

**Local Weather**

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather forecast for Monday, December 5, 1999

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**ISIDE COLUMN**

**Watch out for strangers?**

I talk to strangers. I know, you're not supposed to—di didn't McGruff the Crime Dog tell that into everyone's head in grade school? But maybe it's just where I was raised—a little town in South Dakota that no one besides my closest friends has ever heard of.

At home it's the norm to greet everyone you meet with a friendly hello—whether you know them or not. When I get in the car to drive back to Notre Dame, I have to break myself of the habit of waving to every car that passes by.

One of my friends who is much more circumspect with “city life” has attempted to educate me about the error of my ways. “The rule is to never make eye contact. Everyone knows that,” he tells me. “Erin, you're asking to be mugged.”

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It was the end of a long day and we were on a busy Denver freeway that runs through a poor section of the city. We were slightly concerned when our car began to make a funny rattling noise. Although my mom gibed preteen anxieties, she was wrong, my sister and I exchanged worried glances.

What if the car could go no farther. In the days before everyone had a cellular phone, we were in trouble. As cars frantically rushed, we scanned the area in every direction, looking for somewhere to go for help. Nothing. We figured that he had no choice but to walk towards an exit several miles back.

Surprisingly, however, at that moment another car pulled off the freeway behind us. A man got out and asked, “Can we give you a hand?”

Soon we were at his home. While the man took my dad to get parts to fix the car, his wife and their children treated us as old friends who had arrived for a long-anticipated visit. I'll forever be grateful that they had the courage to reach out to a carload of strangers.

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Sorin rector leaving for East Africa

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

When Father Steve Newton took the position as Sorin rector 11 years ago, he never anticipated staying long. As for next year, when he leaves the Golden Dome for East Africa, he plans on extended stay.

"I'll be there for at least three years," Newton said. However, I suspect this visit will last the rest of my life.

Specifically, Newton will be exploring treatment options for Africans struggling with addiction, a job similar to the one he now holds as executive director of Life Treatment Center in South Bend. "The problem rates are the same as they are here, but there are no treatment programs," he said, noting that he discovered this during his first visit there.

After Newton presented his suggested solutions for the poverty-stricken region and formed a federation to provide direct assistance to those who need it most, he still felt as if he could do more.

"I realized the need was strong and I was being called to help," he said. "As a Christian, I am obligated to." Newton will concentrate his efforts in Uganda and Kenya. He will live with "the Holy Cross Community in Jinja, Uganda" in accommodations that lack "the comforts of my suite at Sorin Hall."

On a previous visit to the region, Newton spent five days in Nairobi without running water.

"The life of a priest in Africa is just a little better than the life of an ordinary person there," Newton said. Despite his excitement, Newton will miss the life he has established here. "I will miss very much the people," he said. "I'm met the best people of my life at Sorin. Students that live with Newton express similar sentiments.

"I think his leaving stinks from a selfish point of view because he is the coolest rector you could have," said sophomore Timothy Fallon.

"But, in the bigger view, he is being put to much better use of who he is and what he can do."

"I think we all will miss him. My roommates and I think he's a great guy," said freshman Mike Cronin.

Newton plans on occasional return to the United States, primarily for fundraising. Despite the distance, Newton said he will maintain strong contact with his friends at Notre Dame. "Now with e-mail it will be easier," he said.

At Newton, dotted Newton does not know who will be the next Sorin rector.

Conference to honor McNerny

Notre Dame professor has influenced many through teaching and writing

By ERIN LARUFFA
News Writer

Most people do not have the opportunity to attend conferences held in their honor.

Ralph McNerny, however, a Notre Dame professor of philosophy and medieval studies, will do just that in McNerny Hall on Saturday.

"It's very unnerving in a way," McNerny said. "It's very flattering, of course."

Philosophers from universities around the United States will participate in the conference. They will lecture on topics ranging from 14th century natural philosophy to the role of Catholic philosophers.

McNerny, who has taught at Notre Dame since 1955, specializes in medieval philosophy and the works of Thomas Aquinas.

"He has been one of the three or four most important figures in the last century [in keeping alive the non-Thomist movement]," said philosophy professor David Solomon, referring to the 20th century movement based on the ideas of Thomas Aquinas. Solomon has been largely responsible for organizing the conference.

McNerny's respectability within the philosophical community has earned him six honorary degrees from universities around the world.

Currently, McNerny has the honor of giving the Gifford Lectures in Scotland. He has published many philosophical books, including his recent translations of Aquinas' writings.

McNerny, however, has not limited himself to philosophy. He has also written 65 fiction books, including a series of mysteries set at Notre Dame. McNerny authored the Father Dowling mystery series, which was made into a television series that ran for three years.

"I have three or four mysteries a year that come out and I do non-mystery fiction as well," McNerny said.

McNerny has started two magazines, which Solomon said are "two of the most important Catholic magazines in the country.

In the 1980s, McNerny founded Crisis, which he described as "a journal of Catholic lay thought." About four years ago, he began the Catholic Dossier as a forum for Catholic doc­ trine in its correct context.

McNerny also has tremendous influence through his teaching at Notre Dame. "He has taught an entire generation of Ph.D.s," Solomon said. "He is just about the most productive person any of us have ever known," said Solomon.

McNerny actually spent two years in a seminary, where he was first exposed to philosophical teaching. Although he decided against continuing to the priesthood, he seemed natural for him to pursue a career as a philosopher.

"Philosophers are always wondering if there is such a thing as philosophy," he said.

Philosophy is an important subject for McNerny because it deals with the larger ques­ tion of life, McNerny said.

"It's not some technical thing that you then go out and use," he said. "It is really pondering questions that are inescapable for everyone."

He taught for a year at Creighton University before coming to Notre Dame, which he had never visited until after he was hired.

"I love it here. I can't imagine being anywhere else," McNerny said. He also added that it is difficult to age in a setting with so many enthusiastic young people.

"It's hard to grow old in this kind of situation," said McNerny. "You watch generation after generation come in."

All six of McNerny's children attended Notre Dame. He also hopes one of his 15 grandchildren will attend the University next year.

"Notre Dame is unique," he said. "It stamps people, unique people.

Additionally, McNerny is the director of the Jacques Maritain Center at Notre Dame. The center consists of a library collection dedicated to the work of Maritain, a French philosopher who considered himself a friend of Notre Dame.

The conference, which will celebrate McNerny's life and career, coincides with Notre Dame Press' publication of "Recovering Nature: Essays in Natural Philosophy, Ethics, and Metaphysics in the Time of Thomas Aquinas:"

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Hibbs examines ‘Seinfeld,’ other shows about ‘nothing’

‘Characters must never learn from what they are doing.’

By JOHN HUSTON
News Writer

The sitcom “Seinfeld” uses comedy to camouflage its nihilism, said Thomas Hibbs, professor and chair of philosophy at Boston College, in a lecture Thursday night on “Nihilism in Popular Culture: Seinfeld, The Simpsons and Ally McBeal.”

Hibbs said that “Seinfeld” is “a way of thinking through what nihilism really means.” Applying his ideas to today’s culture, he explained how the nihilistic humor in the show comments on modern relationships and family life, as well as society in general.

Hibbs relies on Nietzsche to define nihilism as the devaluation of important values, as a life devoid of fundamental meaning or final purpose.

Compared to the basic, classical structure of older sitcoms, such as “The Honeymooners” or “I Love Lucy,” “Seinfeld” marks a decisive break, said Hibbs. While older shows depended on a resolution of a dilemma in order to end the episode happily, the catastrophe in an episode of “Seinfeld” is frequently left unresolved. “[‘Seinfeld’] goes for the art of the unhappy, but the very unhappy,” he said.

The twisted personal lives of Seinfeld and friends are a way of perpetual adolescence, according to Hibbs.

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exposing his thong underwear.

To guard against incidents such as these, Asian Allure will have dress rehearsals for at least the next two years in preparation for each show, according to Nancy Wong, co-president of the Asian Association (AAAI). Any participant who adds something to the program the night of the performance that was not presented in the rehearsal will be fined.

Student Activities officials would not comment on the incidents.

Saturday’s performance will have a unique twist, and Wong said participants are expecting a sold-out show.

“This year’s is different because there isn’t such a contrast between the modern fashion show and the cultural groups,” said Monica Wisner, AAA co-president. “The comedy, the masters of ceremony, will make the audience through a simulated tour of Asia.”

The fashion part of the show will have the guys checking out the girls because, “that is what makes the audience cheer,” Wong said.

Asian Allure was created by the AAA because, according to Wisner, “The president [of the AAAI in 1996] wanted an event to share the culture but also to do something that is modern enough to attract other people.”

Asia. (c) 2000

Allure will be held at Image: 1027 E. Wayne Washington Hall.

“I haven’t slept for the last few days,” Wong said, noting how much time is put into the event.

According to Wong, Asian Allure was nominated last April for outstanding club program under the ethnic division at the University’s second annual club recognition banquet.

The show, “The Asian Image: Mark of the Millennium,” will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Washington Hall.

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**World News Briefs**

**Austria**

A German newspaper reported that a group of officials had been expelled from the country for their involvement in alleged financial fraud. The group, which had been operating in China for several years, was suspected of laundering billions of euros through various schemes. The authorities were still investigating the extent of the fraud and the identities of the suspects involved.

**China**

China has denied reports that it is detaining human rights activists. The government said that the reports were unfounded and that its policies on democracy and human rights were consistent with international standards. However, activists have raised concerns about the treatment of dissidents and the suppression of freedom of speech in the country.

**Building explodes, traps victims**

An explosion in Wilhelmsburg, a suburb of Hamburg, Germany, trapped several people inside an apartment building. The blast was reportedly caused by natural gas leaks, and rescue teams were working to evacuate the residents. 

**Ireland**

New Belfast cabinet makes history

A new cabinet was formed in Belfast, marking a significant step towards peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. The cabinet includes representatives from Sinn Fein, the Democratic Unionist Party, and the SDLP, reflecting the changing political landscape in the region. This development is seen as a major milestone towards the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement.
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mistaken. "The protesters have moved beyond protectionism," she said. "They don't agree with Patrick Buchanan's formulations that we must stop trade in order to save American jobs the foreigners are taking away." Other experts disagree. "None of them is an economist," said James Mcintosh, an associate professor of economics at the University of Washington. "They don't share the same interest as workers in developing nations. The reality facing the workers is very different than what the protesters know."

From butterflies to bombs

While protesters intended their actions to sharpen focus on trade issues, much attention focuses on the violence and ensuing crackdown by Seattle police. Police estimate organizers aimed to cause large-scale disruption to meetings, but non-violent activism quickly led to destruction. The scene went from one of monarch butterfly costume-clad marchers, seen obscurely, yet peacefully, delaying the start of the conference to widespread destruction of property and businesses.

Several members of an anarchist group called Black Oak Messengers admitted to taking part in the protests. They focused their destructive efforts on major retailers in Seattle's commercial downtown area.

This generated a response from thousands of police officers and nearly 200 National Guard members. When the original group of protesters realized what was taking place, many attempted to defend property and condemned violent behavior. While condemning the violence, President Bill Clinton joined protesters in calling for sanctions on countries that would not conform to workers' rights and environmental provisions.

"President Clinton mentioned that clean technologies promote growth — he could have mentioned that high road labor practices also promote productive growth based on innovation rather than competition based on who can lower wages faster," Ghilarducci said.

A call for 'openness'

Clinton's comments were an important validation for the protesters. However, some WTO officials, including Supachai Panitchpakdi, Thailand's commerce representative who is scheduled to take over leadership of the WTO in 2002, believe that his comments may have alienated the targeted audience. Panitchpakdi told reporters he believed Clinton's stance could jeopardize a new round of talks. Experts say, however, that the focus of his and the protesters concern is toward a fair and successful WTO.

"As far as I'm personally concerned, to have a consideration of large-scale trade absent any employment concerns and environmental consequences is simply wrong," said Robert McIntosh, a professor emeritus of biological sciences at Notre Dame and editor of the American Midland Naturalist, an environmental journal published by the University.

Though not an expert on the specific circumstances facing the WTO, McIntosh thought the issues raised through the protests show that the organization is a "tool of corporations and government agencies interested in trade" which kept citizens' groups "out of the loop."

One of Clinton's focuses was on the secretive manner in which the WTO conducts its proceedings. He called for openness and public inclusion in the organization.

"I think that openness is the key issue because it is who has power — voters or corporations," said Ghilarducci. "Openness" refers to the anti-democratic structure of the WTO that says that a nation's laws can be dismissed if corporations insist it impedes their trading. McIntosh realizes that defenses put forth by developing nations should be taken into consideration, but he said they are not sufficient reason to forego addressing larger questions at hand.

"You don't expect the Congo, for example, to have the same types of controls (as developed nations)," he pointed out. "But without some effort to ameliorate the problems I don't think anyone would argue that you will achieve progress on these issues."

Anti-World Trade Organization activists protest outside the King County Jail in Seattle Thursday. Hundreds of people were jailed in violence that marred massive protests against the WTO's environmental and worker safety standards, which critics assail as being too weak.
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Gene therapy results in death

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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA In a setback for one of the most exciting fields of medical research, investigators confirmed that a young man who died during a gene therapy experiment in September was killed by the treatment.

The preliminary report on the death of Jesse Gelsinger, 18, found that an infusion of corrective genes, encased in a weakened cold virus, triggered an extreme immune-system reaction that caused multiple organ failure, said James Wilson, director of the University of Pennsylvania Institute for Human Gene Therapy.

Gelsinger, 18, is believed to be the first person to die as a direct result of gene therapy.

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In addition, the results could delay experiments that use viruses to transport the corrective genes into the body — currently the most common treatment method.

In the Penn trial, the corrective genes were encased in a weakened cold virus, which researchers had thought was safe for humans even in a full-blown cold virus usually causes no damage.

"People say, 'I have a disease and I want gene therapy. I don't care about the risks.' Then someone dies and everybody says, 'How could you let this happen?'" biotechnologist Arthur Caplan of the University of Pennsylvania said Thursday. "It will slow it for a while, but the pressures will build again and it will go on even faster."

Gelsinger died Sept. 17, four days after researchers injected the modified cold virus and engineered genes into an artery leading into his liver. He suffered from ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency, a genetic disorder that leaves the body unable to produce enzymes that remove ammonia from the body. Ammonia is a byproduct of protein processing.

Most victims of the rare disorder die as infants. Gelsinger had a mild form that he kept in check with medications and low-protein food. Researchers said they still do not understand correctly why Gelsinger died. Seventeen other patients had been through the procedure without ill effects; and none of the studies on animals indicated that there would be an immune reaction such as the one that killed Gelsinger, Wilson said.

The preliminary investigation suggests that the cold virus should not be injected into the bloodstream or liver the way it was done in Gelsinger's case, Wilson said. But it had caused no problems in some other patients. Gelsinger's father, Paul, has said his son knew there was a chance he could die from participating in the study, but he accepted the odds before he wanted to die himself and others.

In gene therapy, working genes are inserted to compensate for genetic flaws but is a growing field of research that holds promise in curing ailments from heart disease to cancer.

After Gelsinger's death, the university study was stopped and the Food and Drug Administration ordered a halt in the enrollment of new patients in two experiments by Scheinberg-Plough to use gene therapy to treat liver cancer and colorectal cancer. Those studies, like the Penn experiment, used relatively high doses of the cold virus to pass new genes into the liver.

Several clinical trials are also under way that directly inject corrected genes into a person's body — so-called viral DNA infusions. Naked DNA does not carry the added risks of using a virus.

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The Observer

Gene therapy results in death

ValuJet conspiracy trial underway

Associated Press

MIAMI A federal jury on Thursday began deliberating the case of an airline maintenance company and two former employees who are charged with conspiracy and lying on repair records leading up to the 1996 ValuJet crash that killed 110 people.

In her closing argument, defense attorney Jane Raskin said the ValuJet crash alerted the aviation industry to the dangers of handling hazardous materials but did not result from a crime by the jet repair contractor, SabreTech.

There was an unfortunate lack of required training for SabreTech employees, she said. "If we had all to do over again, we would have done better."

After her arguments, the jury met for about 30 minutes before leaving for the day. They were set to resume deliberations Friday morning.

Earlier, federal prosecutor Carolline Miller likened SabreTech's perspective to the same excuse of a child. "SabreTech is in denial about what happened here, and maybe that's understandable," she said. "It's hard for them to face the truth."

The case concerns 144 oxygen generators removed by SabreTech from other ValuJet planes and delivered to the Bahamas right without any markings indicating they were hazardous.

Crash investigators blamed the explosive-tipped generators, put aboard the plane by ValuJet workers, for starting a 2,000-degree fire that brought down the DC-9 on May 11, 1996, in the Everglades.

Mechanic Eugene Florence, a defendant, signed a work card stating he had installed shipping caps on the generators but admitted days later that he had not.

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Polar Lander mission finally ready for Mars landing

Associated Press

PASadena, Calif

After two NASA missions to Mars over the past six years ended in sudden failure, the stakes are especially high Friday for the Mars Polar Lander, and the list of things that can go wrong is long.

"It's about as do-or-die an event as they come," flight operations manager Sam Thurman said.

The Polar Lander is set to touch down Friday afternoon roughly 500 miles from the Red Planet's south pole. Scientists hope to learn about Mars' climate by studying layers of dust and possibly ice during the 90-day mission. Instruments will measure vapor in the atmosphere, while a claw on the spacecraft will collect samples to be cooked and analyzed for water.

But there are many mission-ending scenarios: The spacecraft's parachute or descent thrusters could fail. It could land on a rock that causes it to tip over. Or it could touch down into the quicksand-like permafrost in the never-explored south polar region.

In September, NASA's $125 million Mars Climate Orbiter vanished as it approached the Red Planet. Investigators blamed the loss on scientists' failure to realize that English-style units of measurement — feet and inches — had not been converted to the metric system.

And in 1993, the Mars Observer, a $1 billion NASA spacecraft, disappeared just before going into orbit around the Red Planet. It is believed to have exploded as its fuel lines were being pressurized.

"The tension on the team is up by several factors because of what happened," said Richard Cook, spacecraft operations manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

In the weeks since the Mars Climate Orbiter's failure, controllers for the $165 million Polar Lander mission have reviewed and revised plans to deal with the myriad of things that could go wrong at the end of the 157-million-mile voyage. They have put together hundreds of contingency plans for nearly every possible glitch.

"When we're working on contingency plans, we're thinking gory details about everything that can go wrong," Thurman said.

The Polar Lander will deploy a parachute and fire a dozen retro-rockets, slowing from about 15,600 mph to 5 mph as it lands on the surface.

A few minutes before landing, it will break off communication with Earth. The highest priority is making sure the probe can re-establish contact.

NASA said there is a 50 percent chance that even if the spacecraft lands safely and deploys its camera, weather must and antenna, it will fail in its first attempt to contact home.

Communications will also be complicated by the loss of the Mars Observer, which was to have relayed scientific data between Earth and Mars.

NASA hopes instead to relay data through its new Mars Global Surveyor, which has been orbiting Mars since 1997.

If the first signal from the Polar Lander doesn't arrive as expected about 38 minutes after the 12:01 p.m. PST landing on Friday, controllers will use the Deep Space Network, a collection of giant antennas on Earth.

They will listen Friday and Saturday for signals at pre-arranged times.

And if by Sunday the Polar Lander hasn't yet contacted Earth, it is programmed to send data at a higher frequency that can be received and relayed by the Mars Global Surveyor.

"It goes through a series of steps," said operations project manager Richard Cook. "We just need to wait for the spacecraft to try those different things.

Once communication is established and the science begins, backup plans are available for everything from a less-than-desired landing position and power problems to computer shutdowns and malfunctioning sensors.

And just to be certain, the scientists at JPL have their good luck charm. For more than 35 years, jars of peanuts appeared on desks before launches. The tradition had faded in recent years, but for the Polar Lander, the nuts will be back.

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NATIONAL NEWS

The Observer

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The ND HOBY Giving Tree

Hoby has set up trees in North-South dining halls and LaFortune with ornaments that have a child's name and age on it. Please take an ornament and buy an appropriate gift for the less fortunate. The names have been provided by Catholic Charities.

Any gift will be greatly appreciated.

The Giving tree will end Wed. Dec. 8th.
U.S. sanctions deny necessities of life

A silent but deadly war is being waged against the people of Iraq. Since Aug. 6, 1990, millions of Iraqis have been the innocent victims of economic warfare waged by the U.S. government in the form of economic sanctions. Once dependent on imports for 70 percent of its food and medical supplies, Iraq, a country of 22 million, is now essentially cut off from the rest of the world.

Sanctions deny the Iraqi people access to the basic necessities of life, including food, medicine, education, employment and clean water. Importation of adequate chlorine and spare parts to repair water treatment and sewage plants destroyed during the Gulf War is banned under the sanctions, consequently tap water is unsafe and raw sewage runs through many streets and is dumped into the rivers. Children, the weakest and most vulnerable, suffer the most. According to UNICEF, 4,500 Iraqi children under the age of 5 die each month, primarily from preventable and treatable diseases. Sanctions deny the Iraqi people the right to health, which according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is a human right.

Susan Gordon

For a More Just and Humane World

Sanctions policy is an indiscriminate weapon utilized in total disregard of international law. The sanctions violate Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Children, as well as the very charter of the U.N. More importantly, they violate my own conscience which is guided first and foremost by God's law.

My government is contributing to the slow starvation of thousands of Iraqi children each month. These are children who are no more or less valued and cherished than our own. Madeleine Albright says the cost is worth it. I don't agree. As a person of faith and a person of conscience, I must do everything possible to nonviolently resist these illegal and immoral sanctions. This includes traveling to Iraq in open and public defiance of the sanctions law, which according to the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control, is punishable by up to 10 years in jail and $1 million in fines.

There are many ways you can get involved in the effort to stop the sanctions. And I beg you, PLEASE do something. Write your congresspeople, write a letter to the editor, attend an organizing or informational meeting. If it is more information you need, check out Voices in the Wilderness' Web site at www.nonviolence.org/vi. Each of us traveling to Iraq would welcome the opportunity to talk with any individual or group before and after our trip. Because the few of us are members of the Catholic faith community and because our trip may coincide with the pope's proposed visit to Iraq, we have asked for and received our bishop's support. We will be carrying with us a letter signed by Bishop Richard Hanfling and other priests from our diocese, expressing their opposition to the sanctions and solidarity with the people of Iraq. We will also be delivering a symbolic amount of medical and school supplies for the children of Iraq in defiance of the sanctions law.

Finally, your thoughts and prayers are always needed and welcome. I embark on this journey only after much soul-searching, thought, prayer and struggle. There is still a part of me that is very uncertain and afraid, but I suppose it is my faith that allows me to embrace this fear and move forward, knowing that God is always near.

Susan Gordon is a Notre Dame graduate of the Class of 1984.

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Approaching the millennium with hope

In the year 999, thousands nervously awaited the coming of the millennium on Dec. 31. Many had sold their possessions, believing that the end of the world would come. But the year 1000 arrived. To the relief of everyone present, the millennium passed peacefully into the next millennium.

The years following...
The twelve days of Christmas

Scene presents the holiday spirit found throughout campus, teeming with examples of each of the gifts given in the classic Christmas carols.

Twelve drummers drumming...

Bang Bang! Boom Boom! For more than 154 years, the Notre Dame drum line hasn't missed a beat. From football to basketball, year after year, the drummers keep a drumming.

... Eleven pipers piping ...

Peppily piping, the piccolos provide a melody to match the dozen drummers' beat.

... Ten lords - a - leaping ...

Walking into the winter wonderland of the Joyce Center, the Notre Dame hockey team offers a warm welcome.

... Nine ladies dancing ...

Bounce, Bounce. Bounce. The Notre Dame women's basketball team prepares for its game with the grace of a “Nutcracker” ballerina.
mas, Notre Dame style

From athletes to students, Notre Dame is popular carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

... Eight maids - a - milking ...

... Seven swans - a - swimming ...

Got milk? These dining hall service assistants have plenty waiting for Santa come Christmas Eve. They’ve decked the South Dining Hall in full season fashion.

... Six geese - a - laying ...

Six geese - a - laying ... in the water. These geese opted to stay in the lakes and await the snow rather than head south for the winter.

... Five golden rings ...

Golden rings adorn the fingers of many Notre Dame students come Christmas day. These jewels of school pride top everyone’s wish list.
... Twelve days continued ...

... Four calling birds ...

Four chicks from Lewis Hall cheerfully chit-chat the night away. Perhaps they are making final plans for the rare four-week winter holiday. Or maybe they're talking to Santa. Who knows?

Joyeux Noel! French professors Vicki Toumayan, Marie-Claire Escoda-Risto and Odette Menyard aren't chicken to give out an F or to wish a merry Christmas.

... Three French hens ...

... Two turtledoves ...

Ahhhh. Isn't that cute? The mistletoe can be a great place to meet that special someone, so be aware of all things hanging from ceilings and doorways ...

... And a partridge in a pear tree.

So maybe she's not a partridge. And maybe it's not a pear tree. More like ... a Virgin in a pine tree. Our Lady of the Lake watches over the Notre Dame community, to remind all to keep the spirit of Christmas alive throughout the year.
**NBA**

**Police seek question Smith**

**Teenager may have threatened ex-girlfriend with gun**

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Leon Smith, the troubled

teen-ager with the Dallas Mavericks, was booked on a charge for question-

ing by police Thursday evening after he received a report he threatened his ex-girlfriend with a gun at Chicago high school.

The allegations are the latest bizarre twists involving the 17-year-old who jumped straight from high school to the pros.

Authorities have not issued an arrest warrant for the 6-foot-11 Smith, but they want to talk to him about the alleged confrontation, police spokesman Edward Alonzo said.

Police have not said that the Smith they are looking for is the Dallas player, but NBA players and league director Billy Hunter confirmed the connection.

Mavericks coach Don Nelson, in Chicago on Thursday night for a game against the Bulls, declined to comment.

Smith’s attorney, agent, Matt Muehlebach, did not return a call seeking comment.

Smith allegedly went to John Marshall High School on Chicago’s West Side in the early morning hours and confronted the 16-year-old girl.

Smith threatened the girl and then told her he would kill her brother if she told him about it, Alonzo said.

Smith then produced a handgun and showed it to the girl, who fled, police said.

The girl reported the incident to police.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported Thursday that Smith and his ex-girlfriend were basketball players at Marshall, had recently broken up. Chicago police had no such details.

Police said they would just like to talk to him at this point, Alonzo said.

If Smith was indeed involved, it would be just the latest troubling episode for the teen-ager who lived in various groups throughout his life while spending 14 years as a ward of the state. He’s been estranged from his parents since he was 5.

Less than three weeks ago, Dallas, Smith was arrested and put in a psycho-ward after police found him overdosed on aspirin.

The next week, he was charged with criminal mischief after he allegedly smashed the rear window of a sport utility vehicle owned by a family.

When officers arrived, they found Smith passed out on the floor of his apartment and wearing several pairs of shoes, police said.

The police report stated that Smith’s friends pleaded to have Smith play a season overseas or in a developmental league.

The team is keeping him on the injured list with a lower back strain, and Hunter has claimed that Mavericks management has kept Smith isolated from the rest of the team.

**NFL**

**Authorities find Carruth played role in murder plot**

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

The Carolina Panthers cut off Rae Carruth’s salary Thursday, one day after charging him with a pivotal role in an alleged plot to try to kill his pregnant girlfriend. The Panthers, who cut Carruth on a personal leave after Charlotte Adams was wounded in a drive-by shooting Nov. 16, said Thursday night that changing his status to a leave of absence without pay.

“Rae Carruth has done a lot of con-

cerns to address,” coach George Seifert said. “We are not making a judgment on the case, but the situa-

tion makes it impossible for Rae to fulfill his contractual obligations.”

Also Thursday night, Charlotte-

Mecklenburg police made a fourth arrest in the attack on Adams, who was shot four times from a passing vehicle as she drove through a Charlotte neighborhood.

Stanley D. Abraham, Jr., 19, of Charlotte’s southeast neighborhood, was arrested on charges of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, attempted murder and shooting into an occupied vehicle — the same charges as Carruth and the other two defendants face.

Without bond, Abraham was immediately taken into custody.

Seifert said Panthers owner Jerry Richardson made the decision to stop paying Carruth after consulting with team officials as well as NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Gail Uhlan, head of the player’s union. Seifert said Tagliabue and Uhlan were both involved in the decision.

Team officials said his move was based in part on a clause in standard NFL player contracts that stipulates that players must be able to perform services for their team.

They also said eyewitnesses and direct evidence put Carruth and the other two defendants’ names in the mix.

The Panthers said they would just like to talk to him at this point,” Laughrun told The Observer Thursday night.

He has adjusted as well as any

body could,” Laughrun told The Observer in a telephone interview Thursday night. “His atti-

tude is great. He’s not coming to the

room. He’s just not come,” he said. He added, “He’s looking the long road we’re up against.”

Carruth, a wide receiver drafted by the Packers in the first round in 1997, is in the third year of a four-

week contract that calls for him to get a $199,999 salary of $62,300. That works out to $38,382 for each of the 17 weeks that players are paid during the season.

The team’s decision to cut off Carruth’s salary came one day after Laughrun failed in his bid to get his client’s bond lowered to $100,000. Carruth was charged Wednesday with breaking into the Charlotte-Mecklenburg jail.

When Laughrun went before District Judge Phil Howerton to seek a reduction of the bond amount, Prospects later,...
Bears start fifth QB of season

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Switching quarterbacks is hardly a new experience for the Chicago Bears. Now, after Jim Miller’s four-game suspension for violating the NFL drug policy, they’re doing it again out of necessity.

When they play the Green Bay Packers at Soldier Field Sunday, the Bears will turn back to opening-game starter Shane Matthews, who has been recovering from a hamstring injury and hasn’t played in five weeks.

It will be Chicago’s fifth switch of starting quarterbacks this season.

“That’s never the thing you want to do,” Bears coach Dick Jauron said. “You want to stay in rhythm. ‘We’re confident Shane will step up.’

The starter’s breakdown this season goes like this: Matthews six games, rookie top draft pick Cade McNown three and Miller the last three before his random drug test showed traces of Nandrolone, a substance banned under the NFL’s steroid policy.

Matthews, who had been cut four times before winning the starter’s job, led the Bears to a 3-2 record in the opening five games before injuring his right hamstring during the fourth quarter of the fifth game against Minnesota.

McNown, who had been getting one series a game to get him acclimated to the NFL, filled in as a starter for two games before Matthews returned Oct. 31 against the Redskins.

Matthews reinjured the hamstring in that game, and McNown then got his third start the next week against the Packers.

But McNown sprained a knee ligament during the first quarter at Lambeau Field and was replaced by Miller, who led the Bears to victory, then took over as starter the next three games, averaging 327 yards passing as Chicago lost two of three.

Now, it’s back to Matthews, who admits his hamstring is still not completely healed and might not be until the season is over. He’s been the Bears’ third quarterback the past two games.

“There might be some rust, but it’s my job to pick up were I left off last time I was playing,” Matthews said.

“We’re going to miss Jim,” receiver Curtis Conway said. “We have four critical games to play and we’ve got to get our heads in it. Shane was the original starter, and I think everybody has all the confidence in the world in him.”

Glyn Milburn, the Bears’ all-purpose runner, receiver and kick returner, said it takes a slight adjustment to a new quarterback.

“With Jim we got used to a certain style and it will change some,” Milburn said. “At anytime you change, it’s a little different because they are all unique in the styles they use.”

LA shortstop faces assault charges

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Los Angeles shortstop Mark Grudzielanek faces an assault charge for allegedly punching a bar bouncer earlier this week.

Grudzielanek, a former All-Star player, was in Moose McGillycuddy’s on Front Street late Tuesday night when a bouncer asked him to leave, Sgt. Donald Simpson said Thursday.

Grudzielanek then allegedly punched the bouncer several times in the face, opening a 2-inch cut over his left eye.

Grudzielanek was placed under citizen’s arrest and held until police arrived.

He was charged with misdemeanor third-degree assault and released early Wednesday morning after posting $200 bail. He is scheduled for a Dec. 22 hearing in Lahaina District Court.

Dodgers spokesman Shaun Ruchau said Thursday he spoke with Grudzielanek’s agent, Seth Levinson, and “according to him, there’s no merit to the case and it will ultimately be dismissed.”

Ruchau said Grudzielanek, of North Palm Beach, Fla., was not available for comment.
Bryant completes Lakers’ line up

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

With the return of Kobe Bryant, the Los Angeles Lakers finally have all their pieces in place. The way they played without him, that could mean trouble for the rest of the NBA.

Bryant had 19 points, six rebounds and three assists in his first game of the season Wednesday night as the Lakers beat Golden State 93-75 for their fourth straight victory.

"I felt good getting out there and playing, it was a rush," said Bryant, who drew plenty of raves from the crowd of 17,669 at Staples Center. "My timing was off. My wind was good. I felt tired at first, then I got my second wind. My legs were a little heavy."

"I expect to be ready for a bit. I haven't played for so long," Bryant, who averaged 19.9 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.8 assists last season, was sidelined since breaking his right hand Oct. 13 during the pre-season opener.

"It was nice to have Kobe's energy," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "He's just a wild, impulsive kid right now. He's still feeling his way.

When asked how he would grade Bryant's first game, Jackson replied, "I would say by the end of the year, we would give this a D or C. It was sub-par. He's still in pre-season form, I think."

Shaquille O'Neal, who had 28 points, 23 rebounds and four blocked shots despite sitting out the fourth quarter, thought Bryant played well considering it was his first game in seven weeks.

"He got a lot of rust off," O'Neal said. "He did OK. This was his first night in this building. He's going to play a lot better. He's going to be fine."

The Lakers performed a lot better than expected with Bryant on the sidelines, winning 11 of 15 games.

"We did a good job without him, now we expect to do a lot better with him," said Glen Rice, who along with Bryant and O'Neal, provide the Lakers with an imposing offensive trio. "He's got an ability to penetrate, get the ball up the floor quickly. It's going to be fun."

The Lakers (12-4) will get a good idea of where they stand Friday night when they face the Portland Trail Blazers (14-3) at the Staples Center.

"Friday's going to be the true test," said O'Neal, the NBA's player of the month in November with averages of 28.7 points, 13.4 rebounds, 3.6 blocked shots and 3.0 assists.

Jackson said Bryant, who came off the bench and played 30 minutes against the Warriors, would not start against Portland.

"In a area where Bryant clearly needs to improve is defense, he was beaten several times by the Warriors."

NCAA FOOTBALL

CBS airs 1963 Army-Navy game

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Watching sports on television changed forever on a December day 36 years ago. It was early in the fourth quarter of the 64th Army-Navy football game. Army quarterback Rollie Stichweh broke a tackle from 1 yard out and ran in for a touchdown. A few seconds later, television viewers watched it again — the first instant replay.

"I think it's hard to imagine viewing sports without the instant replay. After that, every sporting event had to use it or people would complain," said Tony Verna, CBS TV director.

"It would give this replay out of frustration after replay had been used by ABC on its halftime shows but never during a live game."

There were problems: Videotape was cumbersome to use on location and hard to come by. Verna ended up borrowing an old tape recorder. "I Love Lucy" — he had to give it back, so there is no video record of the first instant replay.

Verna, 65, said this week from his office in Pacific Palisades, Calif., "After that, every sporting event had to use it or people would complain."

Verna was only 29 when he launched the instant replay, but he was already well regarded and trusted with top athletic assignments. The Army-Navy game in 1963 was considered more important than the first Super Bowl, held in 1966. CBS sent Verna to a European ice skating event instead.

"I'd say (Eagles receiver Tommy) McDonald had tripped," Verna said. "What happened on that play?" and someone would say (Eagles receiver Tommy) McDonald had tripped,

Verna also had the problem of the devastating long pauses between plays.

"In those days, when the quarterback Norm Van Brocklin threw the ball and walked back to the huddle, it was boring," he said. "You could eat a ham sandwich it was so slow."

His idea was to film games on videotape, then cue up a play much like can be done now on a home VCR. Video replay had been used by ABC on its halftime shows but never during a live game.

There were problems: Videotape was cumbersome to use on location and hard to come by. Verna ended up borrowing an old tape recorder. "I Love Lucy" — he had to give it back, so there is no video record of the first instant replay.

In addition, videotape showed static for a few seconds or longer when it cued up.

The problem was how to show a few seconds of football footage without any static. In about 50 practice runs before the game, Verna was unable to get a perfect cut but decided to try it anyway.
Peter suits up for practice to test arm

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jason Peter is back on the practice field for the Carolina Panthers, trying to salvage what is shaping up as his second disappointing season in as many years in the NFL.

"It's not exactly what I had pictured," Peter said Thursday before going out to once again test a surgically repaired left shoulder that doctors said nearly seven weeks ago should be fixed in four weeks.

Peter said he wasn't sure if he would miss his seventh consecutive game Sunday when the Panthers (5-6) take on the NFC West-leading St. Louis Rams (9-2).

"I don't know what's going to happen," he said. "I think if I do play at all, it will be very limited."

Coach George Seifert said it was too soon to make a decision on Peter's status for Sunday. But Seifert said the most likely scenario would be that Peter would sit out for one more week.

Peter, a defensive end taken with the 14th overall selection in the 1998 draft, has played two games as a rookie because of hip and neck problems, helping limit him to just one sack in his first year as a pro.

Peter had just 1.5 sacks this year in four-plus games before being sidelined by numbness and tingling in his left arm and hand. The injury occurred when Peter's arm was twisted awkwardly while he was trying to sprint a tackle during Carolina's victory at San Francisco on Oct. 17.

Doctors diagnosed the problem as a disc that was putting pressure on a nerve. Peter had surgery to have the disc shaved down Oct. 26, and he began rehabilitation the next day.

When the projected four-week recovery period ended, Peter tested the arm at practice, only to find that one good side of his head by a teammate created the same feelings of tingling and numbness in the arm.

The only difference now is that instead of the problem lasting for more than a week, the tingling goes away in a matter of seconds.

Peter's frustration became evident Nov. 22 when he told a few reporters that he was concerned that he might not play again this season.

On Thursday, however, he softened that stance.

"I want to play," he said.

"There was some discussion that I had thrown in the towel, but I didn't mean that at all. I want to get back in as soon as I can."

Peter said he met with specialists last week who assured him that the injury is fixed.

Peter said they told him the only reason he continues to experience tingling is that there is still some swelling in the area, and that the tingling will go away as the swelling does.

"That's what they tell me, so I believe them," he said.

"They're the doctors. It gave me a lot of confidence."

Wednesday was the first day he had pads on and took part in full-scale contact work since the injury. He has been outfitted with large roll of padding looks like a collar, a brace designed to prevent his head from snapping too far to either side.

"I was a little scared at first," he said. "I didn't know how my neck would react the first time I got contact. But it held up well. It's still today, but that's just expected. We know that's what the treatment plan would happen."

The Panthers did not work out in pads or conduct contact drills Thursday, and Seifert has no more such practices scheduled this week.

Seifert said that when Peter does return, it is unlikely to be as a starter. Rather, he will be worked into the lineup on a gradual basis.

Peter, meanwhile, continues to wait.

"There's still a lot of football to be played," he said. "Depending on these next couple of games here, even if it's just one or two games at the end, I'll be happy with that rather than not playing at all."

Dick Vermeil doesn't like being called a bully

ST. LOUIS — Dick Vermeil doesn't like being called a bully.

The St. Louis coach has bristled this week at suggestions his NFC West-leading Rams have run up the score in recent weeks.

"People that know me know I'm not trying to enhance my ego or stance or our offensive players," he said Thursday.

In the first case, Vermeil said he believed his running game hadn't gotten enough work and blamed the Panthers for poor tackling. On Sunday, he said he backed off and used only running plays. Hodgins is a backup fullback who had only three carries for 5 yards all season.

"It was just like the same offense I ran at Hillside High School," Vermeil said of his first head-coaching job. "I didn't expect to score."

Vermeil said he was too soon to make a decision on Peter's status for Sunday. But Seifert said the most likely scenario would be that Peter would sit out for one more week.

"I don't know what's going to happen," he said. "I think if I do play at all, it will be very limited."

Vermeil defended the Rams' strategy.

"We're professionals," Williams said. "We're not throwing bombs and trying to run for 200 yards. We're just running our offense."

Seifert, whose team will attempt to keep the Rams from clinching the West on Sunday, looked around the subject.

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said assistant coach Jerry Rosenthal, whose duties also include organizing and administrating the recruiting process.

"We wouldn't bring someone to campus just to check them out. We've done most of our real work in that regard."

Several recruits are expected to visit this weekend, including quarterback Jared Clark (Sarasota, Fla.), wide receiver Ronnie Rudamer (Morgantown, W.Va.), running back Mike Goolsby (Copperas Cove, Texas), and linebacker Keyaron Fox (Alex Barron, La.).

"We've spent most of our time face to face with the recruits that have ranked in the top 10 in the nation according to recruiting experts, yet the results on the field have not been up to par."

"I can assure you that the response to Notre Dame has been very positive," Rosenthal said.

"The people out there know what Notre Dame stands for both academically and athletically. The interest level has been very good."

"Notre Dame has enough positive things to sell that when it all comes down to the end, they'll see what Notre Dame is," Rosenthal added.

"They'll have a good impression of what Notre Dame is all about."

At least one well-respected member of the Notre Dame football team understands the importance of having a nationally recognized alum assist in selling his program.

"We're putting all the pressure on Regis Philbin," head coach Bob Davie said on Wednesday. "We're going to have a great banquet and a great recruiting weekend if Regis can deliver for us, which I'm sure he will."

Following the banquet, the recruits will be given a chance to experience the social and academic life at Notre Dame. Current players will serve as hosts to the recruits to explore the campus and to experience the social and academic atmosphere at Notre Dame.

"I don't want to mislead anyone about being a Notre Dame alumnus," Notre Dame Athletic Director Ara Parseghian said on Monday. "We're giving them a chance to come to campus and see what life is like at Notre Dame."

"We're not going to cancel the traditional Notre Dame traditions, and we're not going to change the Notre Dame experience."

"I want to make sure he knows how it's going to be and go from there."

"It's not an easy place and we tell the recruits that when they get here,"

Venite Adoremus

Correction: The campus-wide Eucharistic Adoration vigil mentioned in Tuesday’s issue of the Observer (p13) will begin on Monday, December 6 at 11:30 pm and conclude on Tuesday, December 7 at 10:00 pm (benefit at 9:45 pm). It will take place in St. Paul Chapel of Fisher Hall. Sorry for the confusion over date and location. The author freely admits to being a bit sleep deprived.) See your liturgical commissioners to sign up, or call Laura at 4x2378.

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HOCKEY

ND set to play host to MSU

By MATT OLIVA

The Notre Dame hockey team returns to CC play this weekend, twice matching up with Michigan State. The Fighting Irish (5-2-2, 3-5-2 in the CCHA) play host to the league-leading Spartans Saturday night before traveling to East Lansing for Sunday's game.

The Spartans have started out fast with a 11-4 overall record, 10-2 in the CCHA. Michigan State leads the CCHA in overall defense — allowing 1.73 goals per game — and power play percentage, ranking fourth in scoring and penalty killing.

Freshman Ryan Miller has posted a 5-1 record, with a 2.04 goals-against average, a .905 save percentage and three shutouts. Junior Joe Blackburn has equally impressive statistics with a 6-3 record, 2.04 goals-against average, a .905 save percentage, and one shutout.

Offensively, the Spartans have several strong players. Senior forward Shawn Horcoff leads the CCHA in overall defense — allowing 1.73 goals per game — and power play percentage, while ranking fourth in scoring and penalty killing.

The Irish earned a berth in the Central Sub-regional and will face Ohio State at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion Saturday. It marks the eighth straight season that the Irish have qualified for the national tournament.

The Irish bring a 28-8 record into the tournament against the Buckeyes. The Irish faced the Buckeyes once before in NCAA action at the 1996 tournament, when Ohio State defeated Notre Dame in five games at the Joyce Center in the second round. In 1999, Ohio State is 16-11 overall and finished an even 10-10 record in the Big Ten Conference.

The Buckeyes are led by all Big Ten honoree outside hitter Jen Flynn, averaging 3.29 kills per game and 2.42 digs per game. Big Ten honorable mention selection Rosie Snow is first on the team in kills per game with a 3.56 mark and in digs per game with a 2.69 average. Setter Katie Virtue was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

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The Irish will look to Big East player of the Year Mary Leffers to lead them in the tournament. The middle blocker has a Big East record for most blocks (67) and highest hitting percentage (.475) in conference matches and is currently ranked fifth nationally in blocks per game.

Leffers is joined by junior Denise Roylan on the all-Big East first team, while junior Christ Girton and sophomore Kristy Kreher were named to the all-conference second team. Roylan ranks fourth in the Big East in assists per game in conference matches and has led the Irish to a .280 hitting percentage and a phenomenal .359 hitting percentage in Big East matches.

The winner of the Notre Dame-Ohio State match will face the winner of the UCLA (25-3) Eastern Washington (24-7) contest on Sunday at 5 p.m. Notre Dame faced Eastern Washington a year ago for the first time in the first round of the 1998 NCAA Tournament at Stanford, defeating them in four games before falling to the Cardinal. Should Notre Dame and sixth-ranked UCLA face each other on Sunday, it would be the first meeting between the two schools.

VOLLEYBALL

Irish net spot in NCAA tourney opening round

By MATT OLIVA

The Notre Dame volleyball team travels back to California this weekend for the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

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Irish prepare to take on No. 10 Tar Heels in tourney

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The Irish will have their hands full when they travel to Virginia to take on the No. 10 Tar Heels in the Wachovia's Invitational Tournament in women's basketball action.

At 4-1 this season, the No. 10 Tar Heels will pose a formidable challenge as the Irish will try to capture the championship title in the four-team tournament.

"They're a tough team and they're really athletic," said freshman guard Alicia Ratay. "We're going to have to come out strong and keep our intensity up to win."

The Irish are coming off a 77-57 rout of Butler in Notre Dame's home opener on Thursday. Led by center Ruth Riley and Ratay, the Irish took control of the front and back courts from the outset of the game.

Ratay came up within 16 points to lead the offense, while Riley was big on defense, tallying seven blocked shots in just 19 minutes. "I was forcing shots in our loss to Illinois," said Ratay. "The difference in the game against Butler was that I was just letting the shots happen. We kept giving the ball to Ruth because she was having an awesome game."

Guard Niele Ivey added 13 points in the victory.

The Irish (2-1) struggled in their second game to put an effective defense on the court, but showed no signs of weakness Thursday, as they went on a 16-0 run midway through the first half to break open the game.

The Irish will look to continue their strong play against the Tar Heels.

"We're trying to focus on rebounding against North Carolina," said Ratay. "They crash the boards really well and so we're going to need to work to stop them."

The Tar Heels enter the tournament after a close win over the Sun Devils of Arizona State. In a game that was decided by a basket at the buzzer, the Tar Heels had trouble putting the unranked Sun Devils away early. In order to beat the Tar Heels, the Irish will have to contain potentially-explosive forward LaQuanda Barksdale. Barksdale scored a game-high 24 points against the Sun Devils and has proved to be a force both offensively and defensively throughout the entire season.

This is the first meeting between the Irish and the Tar Heels. The winner of the Notre Dame-North Carolina matchup will face either Liberty or Richmond in the final round on Sunday. The Irish met the Flames and the Spiders once each and were victorious in both games.

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a team like Santa Clara four goals and expect to win.
To stop the potent Bronco attack, the center Irish backs — Jen Grub and Kelly Lindsey — must slow down the Santa Clara offense while goalkeeper Lakesia Beene must make the big saves. Beene has played especially strong in the past season — making key saves against Stanford and Nebraska in the third and quarterfinal rounds, respectively.

“We need to have the kind of performance we have had from them the last two or three NCAA games. Grubb and Kelly Lindsey both need to have great games,” Waldrum said. “Keysia needs to come up big for us against. Against Stanford she made some saves that won the game for us. Against Nebraska she came up big for us as well.”

The Irish face one of the best 1-2 scoring combos in the nation in Aly Wagner and Mandy Clements. Wagner just missed making the 1999 World Cup team while Clements leads the nation in scoring with 71 points. Both Wagner and Clements are two of five finalists for the Hermann award, which is given to the country’s top female soccer player.

Most of soccer analysts are not giving the fifth-seeded Irish much of a chance against the No. 1 Broncos. Collegesoccer.com has made Santa Clara a 4-1 favorite.

“We kind of feel like the pressure is completely on Santa Clara. For us the only pressure is what we are putting on ourselves,” Waldrum said. “The feeling I am getting listening to most of the media talk around here is that most of them don’t think we have a chance. We kind of like that.”

The semifinals will be televised at 10 p.m. tonight on channel 46. The winner of the Santa Clara-Notre Dame game will face the winner of the Penn State-North Carolina game at 4 p.m. Sunday on ESPN.

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**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

*Irish look to avenge loss to Broncos in semifinals*

By MIKE CONNOLLY

In the biggest game of the season so far, the Notre Dame women's soccer team faces the Santa Clara Broncos -- a team that defeated the Irish 4-2 in the regular season.

Head coach Randy Waldrum said that his players are excited for a rematch with Santa Clara and look for revenge on the team that dealt them their worst loss on the season. "I think they are really excited about it," Waldrum said. "I know that sounds surprising but as poorly as they did the last time they faced each other, they are anxious to get on the field and try to redeem themselves."

The Broncos jumped out to a 4-0 lead thanks to four goals in less than nine minutes, 19 seconds in the first half. The Irish battled back to score two second-half goals but a four-goal deficit is a steep hill to climb last time they faced each other.

Waldrum knows that his team can ill afford to fall behind the Broncos by four goals again.

"Most of what we have to do to get ready is psychological," Waldrum said. "We can’t spot 4-0 make up the deficit is a steep hill to climb."

**FOOTBALL**

*Recruits make first official visit*

By TIM CASEY

Several inches of snow blanketed the ground. Instead of wearing shorts, students were bundled up in winter coats.

There was no indication that winter would ever end. After growing up in Shreveport, La., it certainly was a unique atmosphere for a young recruited quarterback named Arnaz Battle.

But on that first weekend in December two years ago, after spending the past few days with the Notre Dame football team, Battle had a good idea of where he belonged. The current Irish quarterback had scheduled official visits to Tennessee, Nebraska, Georgia and Texas A&M.

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Only the names have changed. On this, the first official visiting weekend for recruits, 18 high school seniors are expected to be on campus. This period extends until the end of January, excluding the Christmas vacation.

The first official day that players can sign their letters of intent is Feb. 1.

The recruits come from all over the United States; from large cities like Miami to lesser-known areas like Copperas Cove, Texas, their personalities may differ, their ideas of an ideal school may not be the same and it’s a near certainty that they all won’t be wearing the Blue and Gold next fall.

But the unanimous goal for the Irish coaching staff will be to try to convince each and every player that Notre Dame is the right fit for them.

"Anyone we bring to campus would be very interested," By MIKE CONNOLLY

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

*Irish look to snap three-game losing streak*

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

The men's basketball team comes home to the Joyce Center to face the Vanderbilt Commodores with the goal of ending a three-game losing streak.

"Our goal is to start establishing our winning streak again," senior guard Jimmy Dillon said. "We’ve played some tough competition."

The Irish, under first-year head coach Matt Doherty, began the season 3-0 for the first time in 11 years. They opened with a win over then-No. 4 Ohio State in the first round of the Pre-Season NIT. However, they dropped their next three contests to ranked foes Arizona, Maryland and Indiana, all on the road.

"We don’t want to get into a rut where we’re complacent with losing," senior forward Todd Palmer said. "We want to learn from a loss, but we don’t want to expect to lose."

Notre Dame dropped behind early in its three losses, leaving too much ground to make up. The team lost to Maryland by five and to Indiana in overtime.

"I think it built more character on our team," Dillon said. "Last year we kind of questioned whether we would have hung with a Maryland or an Indiana."