Researchers find platinum in South Bend

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Researchers from the Center for Environmental Science and Technology have discovered platinum in a location few would expect — South Bend roadsides.

The research team, led by Notre Dame professors Clive Neal and Charles Kulpa, found that catalytic converters on automobiles emit platinum group elements, known as PGEs, in microscopic amounts that build up on the banks of road- sides. The group analyzed soil samples from South Bend roads and on sites along Interstate 80. They found that the platinum deposits had a concentration of 1 parts per million, compared to 1-2 ppm for mines. The results, according to the team, suggest that road banks have deposits of platinum eight to ten times higher than what occurs in nature, excluding mines.

"We know that platinum is basically being deposited in the environment by automobiles," Neal said.

The discovery of the platinum has the potential to generate revenues if it can be efficiently retrieved but also poses health risks.

Dust containing the metal aggravates allergies and is known to cause asthma and sensitive skin. The group discovered abnormal platinum levels as far as 55 meters from roadsides. Although the team’s research indicates the presence of platinum, Kulpa, Neal, and assistant professional specialist Jinesh Jain said that more analysis is needed to determine the threats the metal’s presence introduces. "I don’t know that this is dangerous but there is a breakdown from the catalytic converters," Kulpa said. "We don’t know what the threshold is." In addition to health risks posed by the airborne dust, there is also concern that the platinum-rich dirt may affect roadside agriculture and find its way into the food chain, according to the research team. Kulpa, Neal and Jain also pointed to the federal government’s passage of the 1990 Clean Air Act that requires the installment of catalytic converters on small gas engines like lawn mowers as a cause for concern in light of their research.

The solution to the deposits on roadsides may involve harvesting the platinum for commercial uses, according to the group. Although further studies are necessary, mining road banks for platinum may prove economically feasible, as the metal there is easier to access than mines. The team is investigating how the platinum can be collected.
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**INSIDE COLUMN**

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Tenn. storm kills 1, hits 25 homes

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PARIS, Tenn.
Firefighter Barry Farmer was watching Monday Night Football when a tornado warning scrawled across the screen and he went outside to check the weather.

"It got real quiet," he said. "You could have heard a pin drop and the sky was as green as the grass."

Farmer and his wife scurried their two young children to the basement just in time. The forceful winds ripped the second story off their house in rural western Tennessee and carried it away.

When they emerged from the basement, the Farmers found their neighbor Elizabeth Valentine Goforth, 32, dead in their backyard and her children and husband injured.

Valentine Goforth, 37, his wife and their 3-year-old son, were in the garage, the 7-year-old daughter was in the yard, and the 10-year-old son was in the back yard. "It was a realization that we have to live our lives in a new way," Goforth's father said.

The tornado hit Oakland, about 80 miles west of Nashville, just before 11:30 p.m., with wind gusts reaching 160 mph. The damage path was about five miles long and about 200 yards wide.

"It was at a real long time, but it was intense," Frazier said.

The tornado sucked Jerome Goforth, 37, his wife and their 3-year-old son, out of their home and tossed them into Farmer's backyard. "We're hoping for the best for his recovery," the hospital spokesman said.

Firefighter Barry Farmer was in a ditch, the doors and trunk ripped off. "Don Sundquist, who surveyed the damage Tuesday."

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"The idea to put it [the survey] on the internet was a realization that we can animate this thing. It has tons of advantages, it saves paper, everyone can use it and reporting the result will be more accurate since there is no hand tallying, said Jerry Madsen, assistant director of Residence Life.

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"I think it'll be helpful because it helps get the students input and we do pay a lot to live on campus," Thomas, said.

Residence Life is looking to take the statistics they compile from the survey and turn it into histograms and correlations that compare residence halls to one another.

"It is easy to follow because there wasn't any analyzing or thinking on your own — it is straightforward, it is true or it is not," said sophomore Catherine Arzt.

While the survey focuses on the individual hall sections and resident advisers’ performance, Madsen assures students that the evaluation remains completely anonymous, even though they are logged on to the system under their individual identification number.

"We want to use these data to see how satisfied students are with life on campus. We want to know how are we as a department doing. Whatever the student’s expectations of us," Madsen said.

While 90 percent of the information gathered from this evaluation will be in a quantitative format, Madsen hopes to be able to show how his department is meeting students’ needs.

"The advantages are that we can do statistical analysis, I realize that sounds sterile, but it does have practical uses — we can do correlations," said M a s s e n.

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First-year student April Thomas agreed with Madsen that the survey will help determine student satisfaction.

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and the rate at which it is deposited.

"Part of the continuing project is to expand our survey," Kulpa said. The research project, the first of its kind in the U.S. and the most advanced on roadside contamination by catalytic converters. The project was sponsored by the Center for Environmental Science and Technology.

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homecoming was canceled. “We knew this was the end of our little cruise,” he said. “We said something would be happening to jeopardize our return home. But before we had the chance to think about it, we were turned around and sent back to the Arabian Sea—at flank speed.”

The carrier sat in the Arabian Sea until Oct. 7, when the crew would begin training for the first stage of Operation Enduring Freedom. While they waited, Walsh had to find a way to let his family know he was safe.

With communications shut down for security reasons, it wasn’t easy. While he was able to receive incoming e-mail from his wife, Meghan, and his two sons, he couldn’t send anything back.

Finally, he was able to route a message through a neighbor to get the message home. “I could see what Meghan was saying and what her feelings were, but I couldn’t get anything back to her,” Walsh said. “I really was able to tell her I was in a good spot and we were safe… I probably felt safer at sea than anywhere near a port at that point.”

But even though Walsh had been eager to return home, after watching the towers crash, he felt confident with his place on the USS Enterprise.

“Having been in the military for 17 years, this was my chance to get in the game. You don’t train long enough to have a chance to be put into the real game, to be on the first string. I felt fortunate to be in a position to do something.”

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Iraq rejects return of inspections: Iraq rejected Tuesday a call by President Bush to let U.N. weapons inspectors back into the country to determine whether it is building weapons of mass destruction. U.N. weapons inspectors left Iraq in December 1998 when the United States and Britain launched four-day extensive air and missile bombings against Iraq for failing to cooperate with them.

Newborns may receive AIDS drugs: A team of lawyers went to court today to try to force the South African government to widely distribute a drug that significantly reduces a pregnant woman's risk of transmitting the AIDS virus to her newborn. The government currently offers the drug, nevirapine, to pregnant women infected with the AIDS virus at 18 pilot sites around the country.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Police charge girl in bomb plot: A 17-year-old girl who authorities say took part in a Columbine-style massacre at her school but spilled the secret by warning her favorite teacher that the woman was in danger was charged Tuesday with conspiracy to commit murder. Any Lee Bowman, who pleaded innocent, is the fourth teenager charged in what authorities say was a plan to smuggle guns under black trenchcoats into the school and emerge from a bathroom shooting to kill.

Harvard professor vanishes: The disappearance of a prominent Harvard biochemist in Memphis earlier this month has baffled his family, friends and police. But because the professor, Don C. Wiley, is a leading expert on dangerous viruses like Ebola, the mystery of his disappearance has provoked wider attention - as well as professional concern - since early Nov. 16, when the police found his rental car abandoned on a bridge over the Mississippi River outside Memphis.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

City zoo raises entrance fees: The Indianapolis Zoo plans to increase its admission and membership fees in March and eventually ask city officials to pitch in tax money to support its activities. Ticket prices will increase 15 cents and the raising admission to $10.75 for adults, $7.75 for seniors and $6.75 for children ages 2-12. Zoo President Jeffrey Bonner cited a 27 percent increase in employee health insurance and rising utility bills - just under $1 million this year - as some of the reasons for higher prices, the first increase since 1998.

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Scientists make extrasolar discovery

Astronomers have made the first measurement of a chemical in the atmosphere of a planet orbiting a distant star, using a technique that could help them find Earth-like bodies around other suns.

Using the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers analyzed light shining through a planet's atmosphere as it orbited a star 150 light-years away. The changes in the color of the light proved the planet's atmosphere contained sodium.

"This is the first measurement ever of any atom in the atmosphere of an extrasolar planet," said Timothy Brown, a scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research and a co-author of the study. "This proves it is possible to do a detailed analysis of an atmosphere so far away."

Brown's co-author, David Charbonneau of the California Institute of Technology, said the achievement illustrates how far astronomers have advanced in the search for other worlds that might hold life.

"Ten years ago it was considered crazy to talk about planets about other stars," Charbonneau said at a news conference. Since then, astronomers have found 76 planets orbiting stars outside of the solar system, he said.

Alan P. Boss, an astronomer at the Carnegie Institution of Washington and an expert on planetary formation, called the Charbonneau-Brown discovery "a milestone" that pushes astronomy "into a new phase of extrasolar planetary exploration."

Boss said the finding means "there are indeed other solar systems out there waiting for us to discover."
White House: no more terror spending

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - White House officials and Republican leaders renewed their opposition Tuesday to a Democratic drive to boost anti-terrorism spending on the eve of a House showdown the GOP seemed likely to win.

Led by Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., Democrats were hoping to add $7.2 billion to a bipartisan package providing $20 billion for the Pentagon and a host of domestic security efforts, including hiring sky marshals and beefing up border security. Republicans who control the House were expected to deny an Obey request for a vote on his proposal on Wednesday, as well as other Democratic-led attempts to boost funds for New York City and defense. That would force Democrats to resort to procedural votes, which seemed unlikely to succeed but might let them score political points.

"We have a war on two fronts," Obey told members of the GOP-dominated House Rules Committee, which sets the rules under which legislation is debated. "This is a grave national security issue. I am asking you to give us an opportunity to at least have it voted on the House floor."

President Bush has threatened to veto any legislation that would spend more than the $40 billion in emergency anti-terrorism spending he and lawmakers agreed to on Sept. 14. That was three days after the attacks that leveled the World Trade Center towers and damaged the Pentagon, killing more than 3,000 people.

Bush controls half that money. The other $20 billion, which needs congressional approval, is part of a $318 billion defense bill for this year the House will debate on Wednesday.

"Congress made an agreement, and the president thinks it's important that when an agreement is made, the agreement should be kept," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

Fleischer also repeated administration arguments that the initial $40 billion is enough until next year, when White House officials have said a request for additional spending may be made.

In the Senate, majority Democrats are trying to add $15 billion for domestic security programs and have a better chance of prevailing.

House Democrats were hoping that during Congress' weeklong Thanksgiving break, Republicans from New York or other border or port states would feel pressure to support the proposed additional spending. Groups representing mail-order companies, ports, airports and the travel industry have tried to round up support for the Democratic plan, but apparently without sufficient success.

But as lawmakers returned in force to the Capitol on Tuesday, Republicans said they were unaware of any GOP lawmakers - other than Rep. John Sweeney of New York - who might support the Democratic drive.
ISRAEL

Palestinian attack kills 2

Associated Press

AFULA

Two Palestinians sprayed a bus station and open-air market with gunfire Tuesday, killing two Israelis and wounding 14 others before being shot to death. Two U.S. envoys witnessed the immediate aftermath of the attack from the air, flying over Afula in a helicopter tour narrated by Israel’s prime minister.

Later, a Palestinian attacker in Gaza fired at a car and killed an Israeli woman, the military said.

Three other Israelis, including a baby, were wounded. Israeli soldiers shot and killed the gunman, Palestinian security and Israeli military sources said.

An Israeli army spokesman said the attacker fired at the convoy and threw grenades. In a faxed message to The Associated Press, the militant Hamas organization took responsibility.

One of the American mediators, retired Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni, said the bloodshed underscored the need for a truce after 14 months of fighting. “A cease-fire is what we need to get to something more comprehensive and lasting,” he said.

Two Palestinian groups — Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Brigades linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat’s Fatah movement — claimed responsibility for what they said was a joint attack to avenge the targeted killings of Palestinians.

The Palestinian Cabinet issued a statement condemning the two attacks “and all operations targeting Israeli civilians.”

The gunmen were from the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank, about 10 miles south of Afula. They slipped into Israel, reportedly in a stolen car with Israeli plates, despite a strict security closure of the West Bank and of Jenin in particular. Only a few hours earlier, Israeli troops had withdrawn from areas in Jenin, the last of six Palestinian security and terrorism takeover points.

The assailants then ran to the nearby open-air market. “They shot the first person (they encountered) in the head,” witness Mordechai Cohen told Israel Radio.

One woman approached a gunman from behind and tried to attack him, but he turned around and shot her, said another woman who gave her name as Iris. “It was shocking. It’s a mess,” she said.

After several minutes, the assailants were cornered by security forces and killed in a firefight, said police spokesman Gil Kleiman. A reserve soldier, Menashe Mekonnen, said he shot one of the gunmen in the head. “He shot again, and then he fell,” Mekonnen said.
Long hair perfect for winter warmth

Winter is nearly upon us in the greater Michiana area, and that means the ground will soon be blanketed with pristine white. Temperatures will fall from their current balmy altitudes, and the wind will cut through that I grew nude coat you received last Christmas.

As many of you remember from 4th grade science class, 70 percent of the body's heat flows by way of the head. Such as it is, I've steadfastly cultivated my hair since before last spring break. Considering the outrageous, inflation-allowed cost of winter hats, I calculated that hair growth is the best way to stay warm and accumulate a little extra coin for holiday shopping.

In the past several months, a mass of hair the size of a stocky person has grown up on top of my head. I frighten small children and the elderly with my massive coiffure, and my parents seem to think that I no longer look "respectable." This leads me to a frivolous topic, but one that nevertheless proves worthy of inquiry. Since when does respectability vary inversely with hair length? Is this not America, the freeest country in the world? Among all us, my practical and stylish hair might adversely affect my post-graduation plans. I hope you have some spare time for your boyfriend or brother to get his haircut. Many of my classmates found a stable identity with a trademark haircut. Some of the girls wore perms or crimped hair, and many boys sported the crew cut and bowl haircut. The most stylish of all boy cuts, the tightly rolled Jeep of hairstyles, was the spike. The coolest of my classmates strutted through the halls with hair gelled into sharp points. A few of my more adventurous comrades married the spike with the mullet. If there is a time in life when indulgent haircuts are permissible, elementary school is the time. Unfortunately, my hair grew in a meandering, follicle pattern. My earth-bound hair would not rise in a gravity-defying spike, except for an obnoxious cowlick in the back that mysteriously sprouted annually on picture day. I settled for a boring right-side part. My playground stock plummeted as a result, and I spent many a recess lamenting the cursed genes that ruined my chance at popularity.

In junior high I hit rock bottom. I mowed off my hair, shaving down to a bowl haircut. The world is not fair. A person's merit should rest on a fair, stable surface, not on the thin web of protein outgrowths atop the skull. But humanity in mass is quick to judge, to search for an identifying characteristic and to form categories accordingly. This is a self-defense mechanism. It is much easier for my interviewer to dismiss me as a long-haired hippy than to consider me an upstanding, determined gentleman. Does it look easy to grow one's hair to this length? On the contrary, it is a challenge I stand up to everyday.

Perhaps some of you fellows out there are in the same boat as I. I have been called Richard Simmons, Happier Little Brother, and my hair has been called "the most disturbing hair I have ever seen." But my hair has been a disaster for years. It begins in my elementary school years. Many of my classmates found a stable identity with a trademark haircut. Some of the girls wore perms or crimped hair, and many boys sported the crew cut and bowl haircut. The most stylish of all boy cuts, the tightly rolled Jeep of hairstyles, was the spike. The coolest of my classmates strutted through the halls with hair gelled into sharp points. A few of my more adventurous comrades married the spike with the mullet. If there is a time in life when indulgent haircuts are permissible, elementary school is the time. Unfortunately, my hair grew in a meandering, follicle pattern. My earth-bound hair would not rise in a gravity-defying spike, except for an obnoxious cowlick in the back that mysteriously sprouted annually on picture day. I settled for a boring right-side part. My playground stock plummeted as a result, and I spent many a recess lamenting the cursed genes that ruined my chance at popularity. In junior high I hit rock bottom. I mowed off my hair, shaving down to a bowl haircut. The world is not fair. A person's merit should rest on a fair, stable surface, not on the thin web of protein outgrowths atop the skull. But humanity in mass is quick to judge, to search for an identifying characteristic and to form categories accordingly. This is a self-defense mechanism. It is much easier for my interviewer to dismiss me as a long-haired hippy than to consider me an upstanding, determined gentleman. Does it look easy to grow one's hair to this length? On the contrary, it is a challenge I stand up to everyday.

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Let U.N. rebuild Afghanistan

Now that Northern Alliance has routed the Taliban from much of Afghanistan, the need to form a new government in the war-ravaged country has become urgent. Every day that the current power vacuum continues, regional warlords work to consolidate their power further and reduce the chances of a truly representative government taking the Taliban’s place. Although America’s armed forces continue to search for members of the al Qaeda network, we cannot wait until the military operations are over to begin working in the political sphere to establish a stable interim government to protect the Afghan people.

The entry of the Northern Alliance into Kabul makes it imperative that the United States and the United Nations expedite the work of forming a coalition government. In a sign of progress, a U.N. envoy said Tuesday that several Afghan groups (including the Northern Alliance) had agreed to meet in Berlin this weekend to begin talks. But the talks are on hold until the United Nation’s vision of broad-based, multilithic rule. The Northern Alliance has agreed to code control in Kabul to such an interim government, but it must also allow a multinational peacekeeping force to temporarily take over in Kabul while the U.N. talks are ongoing.

To take on a broader role in Afghanistan, the United Nations needs the strong support of America and the world. The United States has traditionally been reluctant to stand behind the United Nations, preferring to focus on its failures. The need for an impartial international institution to manage this crisis is paramount.

The road ahead for Afghanistan is rocky, filled with too many pitfalls for any one nation to traverse alone. The United States and the United Nations must effectively build a nation from scratch, as Afghanistan’s infrastructure and institutions have been devastated over its many decades of war. The next government will have the opportunity to lift Afghanistan out of the strife and hopelessness that have been the defining features of its recent history.

But for the United States, the stakes are also high. Allowing Afghanistan to collapse once again raises the risk that dangerous movements and terrorist groups will again find a safe haven there.

Furthermore, the way America treats Afghanistan will be taken as an indication of the way we will treat other failed states in the future. If we abandon the country after locating Osama bin Laden and other leaders of al Qaeda, the world will assume that we have no other goal than our immediate self-interest. The United States must show that it is genuinely concerned about the fate of the Afghan people, and the only way to do that is to strongly support, in both word and deed, the United Nations’ efforts to rebuild Afghanistan.

To this end, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell recently suggested that peacekeepers in Afghanistan should come from majority-Muslim countries, to demonstrate that this is not a religious war and that America has no interest in colonizing the area. If nations like Bangladesh, Turkey and Indonesia would be willing to send significant peacekeeping contingents to Afghanistan, such an arrangement would be far preferable to a long-term American-only occupation.

America and the world face a challenge in Afghanistan. The United Nations’ attempts to establish a provisional government are essential, but they are only the first steps. If we leave without considering the future of the Afghan people, the tragedy that they have lived over the last several decades — and the tragedy that we have suffered in the last few months — will almost certainly be repeated.

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Shylock is timeless. This week Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television and Theatre will bring Sophocles' 2,200-year-old tragedy, "Antigone," to Washington Hall to prove it.

"Antigone" is the third installment of Sophocles' tragic trilogy of the House of the Laius, the legendary king of Thebes. The play details the dramatic death of Antigone, the daughter and sister of cursed Oedipus.

In the first play of the series, "Oedipus Rex," Antigone and her siblings are left to prove it. Upon hearing the news of Oedipus' impending death, both Creon, who had helped Oedipus' youngest son Eteocles usurp the throne, and Polynices, Oedipus' eldest son, attempt to get Oedipus to die in their land, hoping that it will aid them in their struggle for power. After thwarting an attempted kidnapping by Creon and dismissing Polynices with a curse and the prophecy that he and his brother will kill each other in battle, Oedipus meets a mysterious end. Antigone, who swore to bury her brother if Oedipus' prophecy came true, returns to Thebes. At the beginning of "Antigone," Polynices and Eteocles have, as prophesized, killed each other in battle, leaving the throne once again to Creon. Once coronated, Creon commands that Polynices should remain unburi'd, a great dishonor in Greek society, for bringing a foreign army against Thebes.

Antigone, who has been betrothed to Creon's son, Haemon, defies Creon's command, buries her brother and performs the funeral rites, fulfilling her promise. When Antigone is caught in the act, the furious Creon brings her to trial and must decide her fate in this tale of justice, family and accountability.

Director Mark Pilkinton auditioned and cast the show the first week of school. The original concept for the show had been decided last April; however, when the Sept. 11 attacks occurred, Pilkinton and the cast decided to change the design of the show.

"We felt that we had to do something to recognize Sept. 11," Kate Dulack, a sophomore who plays a chorus member and Eurydice, said.

The cast has set the show at a canceled performance of "Antigone" on Sept. 11. As cast members, they discuss the events of the day and decide to put the show on anyway with whatever props and costumes they can scrounge up.

Pilkinton and the cast wrote the framing play together from improvished scenes and things the cast found themselves saying on Sept. 11. Pilkinton wanted the framing piece to evolve naturally. "The whole show has been very organic and very collaborative—we've all pooled ideas and pooled our concerns," Pilkinton said.

After the actors decide to do the show, they search the stage for props and costume pieces and slowly begin the show. Most of the accessories come on and off the stage by way of a metal dolly which serves as an ekyklykion. An ekyklykion, literally translated as "wheel-ed-out thing," is a traditional Greek theatrical device used to reveal action from off stage or in another scene. For example, the Greek playwrights had a convention that violent action not be portrayed to the audience directly; dead bodies were often brought into a scene by use of an ekyklykion. Because the show is done in this "found-object" style, it is almost entirely devoid of the lavish production value characteristic of last year's "Oedipus Rex." In fact, one of the most striking aspects of the production is the utter silence in the theater. The sparse set and neutral earth-toned costumes give the show a washed-out look. Combined with the predominately harsh, white lighting scheme, the actors appear ghostly at times, especially when they wear the chorus' masks. Pilkinton wanted to create a distorted-over look. "The dust is so symbolic of the dust we've seen coming off the World

Towering over a sentry, Creon is observed by Antigone and the chorus.
‘final justice’

les’ tragic trilogy, “Antigone,” this week

structured religion or law and spirituality.

one of the biggest themes of the show for me was spirituality, which I didn’t really expect. It just sort as a result of reading the play. The more I read it the more I was impressed by how spiritual Antigone is,” Malloy said.

Senior Beth Hoffmann, who plays Ismene, agrees and thinks that students will be able to draw parallels with their own lives.

“Theatre is a dynamic place where we can explore our own personal lives and our own personal feelings... we’re offering something special,” Hoffmann said.

The cast works well as an ensemble and the amount of effort they put in to being in the moment shows through.

Although the show is solid overall, the Sept. 11 tie-in is unnecessary. The parallels, while done with good intentions, reveal themselves inadequately and partially distract the audience from the play overall. The abrupt and disconnected nature of the dialogue at the beginning of the show flirts with melodrama.

“Antigone” has persevered as an essential dramatic work for two millennia; it does not need added agony to make it a strong show. The show doesn’t need to be modernized because it already is modern.

Audiences have found relevance in the tragedy’s timeless; Sophocles doesn’t need to be second-guessed.

Despite its conceptual blemishes, audiences should enjoy an otherwise well-constructed show.

Performances of “Antigone” will run from today through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 PM. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $9 for senior citizens and $7 for students. Reserved seats are available at the door or in advance at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office. To order tickets call 631-8128.

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CLEVELAND

It had been an awful long time since Michael Jordan had looked quite as ordinary against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Late in the third quarter, Jordan was trying to destroy the Cavaliers nearly every time he played them, scored 18 points in his first game back with Washington in Cleveland's 94-75 win over the Wizards.

Rick Davis scored 14 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, and Lamond Murray had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who were 28-29-3 third straight at home.

A sellout crowd of 20,567 came to Gund Arena to see Jordan, who gave the fans a few thrills but had another poor showing overall.

Jordan came in shooting just 40.4 percent — a career-low — and went only 9-24 from the field and didn't attempt a free throw in 31 minutes. He added four rebounds and five assists but sat out the final 4:33 with the Wizards down by 20.

He certainly wasn't the old Jordan, who averaged 31.6 points in the coast 38 games against the Cavaliers and eliminated them four times in the playoffs.

It was against Cleveland in 1989 that he made "The Shot" over Craig Ehlo in the decisive Game 5 to advance the Chicago Bulls.

Jordan had missed 69 points — his career-high — on March 28, 1990, against Cleveland, but he also had just 8 points in a loss on March 12, 1986, the last time he scored in single digits.

Jordan isn't making as many shots these days, and his supporting cast isn't offering much help. Richard Hamilton shot 3-for-13 and had 13 points and Christian Laettner 10 for the Wizards, who shot just 34 percent from the field and 28 percent from 3-point range.

Jumaine Jones added 15 points, Andre Miller scored 14 and Chris Milam had 13 points and 10 rebounds for Cleveland.

Cavs coach John Lucas was in no way impressed with the players, some of whom had posters of Jordan on their bedroom walls.

"My only concern is that he loves Cleveland," Lucas said before the game. "Even though he's old and all, he doesn't wake up in familiar places."

It also gives you confidence that you can warm up.

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Celtics 84, Heat 83

Paul Pierce scored 31 points, including a driving layup as time expired, to lift the Boston Celtics to a victory over the Miami Heat.

Miami Heat shot 43 percent from the field and didn't attempt a free throw in 31 minutes. He added four rebounds and five assists but sat out the final 4:33 with the Wizards down by 20.

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Boston was 13-for-24 from the field, and Walker had six 3-point baskets in 11 attempts.

The Rockets were without their starting five-pointers for the third quarter and Jason Kidd had 12 points and eight assists in a game that New Jersey led for all but the opening quarter.

With Kidd shooting 5-for-7 and scoring 17 points, the Nets took a 2-1 lead after the first quarter. The margin grew to 10 at halftime, and New Jersey put away the game in the third quarter, outscoring Chicago 24-6.

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Lang, Moran star in Penguins win

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Robert Lang scored a goal and set up three others, one when New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur wandered nearly 50 feet from the net, and the Pittsburgh Penguins again domi­nated the Devils 6-0.

Ian Moran and Alexei Kovalev scored on two of the Penguins’ first three shots — Kovalev has four goals in two games against New Jersey — as they again confounded Brodeur, who has less success against them than any other team.

Johan Hedberg turned aside a flurry of early shots while making 39 saves for his third shutout of the season as the Penguins scored one more goal than they had in their previous four games.

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CLEVELAND

Fullback Mike Sellers, arrested last week and charged with felony drug abuse, was released Tuesday by the Cleveland Browns "for a combination of reasons."

Sellers was expected to be reinstated by Browns coach Butch Davis, but the team instead decided to cut ties with the free agent who signed a three-year, $2.4 million contract in February with the Browns. "We have released Mike Sellers for a combination of reasons relating to his performance and conduct," Browns president Carmen Policy said in a statement. "We decided it is in the best interests of the Cleveland Browns organization, the team and Mike Sellers that this action be taken."

As part of his release, the Browns have offered to help provide Mike with any guidance, counseling or similar type assistance he might request relative to his personal issues.

Sellers, 26, was arrested late last Monday night along with cornerback Lamar Chapman after being stopped by Cleveland police. Sellers was suspended for Sunday's game against the Cincinnati Bengals along with defensive tackle Gerard Warren and Chapman by Davis, who said Monday he would put Sellers back on the team providing the NFL didn't plan any further penalties against Sellers or Chapman.

Warren was arrested outside a Pittsburgh nightclub on charges of carrying a concealed weapon just hours after the arrests of Sellers and Chapman. Warren has a court hearing Friday in Pittsburgh. Sellers has not spoken with reporters since his arrest, and declined comment Monday when approached in the locker room at the Browns' training facility.

Kenneth Austin, his agent, was stunned to learn Sellers was released. "I'm shocked," Austin said. "I don't know what's going on."

"It's a world concept," he said. "Afghanistan is the only nation barred from participating in the Winter Games. The country was suspended two years ago after the ruling Taliban would not allow female athletes to compete."

"We would love to see an Afghan team at the next Olympic Games, but that will only be possible when there is a stable government in place, and when all the conditions that are put by the (IOC) are fulfilled," Rogge said.

Bush also met Tuesday with U.S. Olympic Committee president Sandy Baldwin, CEO Lloyd Ward, Salt Lake Olympics chief Mitt Romney and a few Olympic athletes to discuss security for the games.

Ward said Bush did not go into specifics about security. The federal government will contribute $240 million of the more than $300 million for security.

"There's no question after (Sept. 11), our view of security in the United States and, I would suggest, in the world is different," Ward said. "We have taken every effort to provide a secure, competitive environment for all participants and spectators and sponsors, and we feel we have a very solid plan."
Bonds' 73rd homer ball locked up pending trial

Associated Press

McMINNVILLE, Ore. — Having accomplished more in baseball than he ever imagined, New York Yankees third baseman Scott Brosius retired Tuesday, overjoyed to be with his family and already reflecting on his brief but glorious career in the majors.

"I'm just ready to be home," Brosius said at Linfield College, his old school. "I can look back with no regrets and know that everything I wanted to do as a baseball player, every dream I had, has been fulfilled, and there's nothing else for me to chase as a ballplayer." Brosius, 35, became a free agent after the Yankees lost to Arizona in Game 7 of the World Series, and returned home to Oregon immediately.

"I was surprised about Scott," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in Bosmont, Ill. "But he wanted to retire a Yankee. He's a great warrior. I hate to lose him."

The Yankees did not plan to re-sign the former World Series MVP. Although he could have tried to play elsewhere, he felt the toll on his wife and three children would be too high.

"I still feel like I could play, but I never wanted the game to feel like work," he said. "I never wanted to play the game when my heart was in two different places, and I was getting to that point where a huge side of me just wanted to be home, and I still had a job to do in New York." Brosius guessed that he had missed about one-third of his 10-year-old daughter Allyson's life while on the road. "I just never wanted to get to the point where I looked back 10 years or 20 years from now and my daughter asks me, 'Why weren't you there when I needed you?' And I would say, 'Well, because I wanted to play one more year. I couldn't answer that question that way.' Brosius, who came to the Yankees from Oakland as a player to be named in a deal that sent Kenner Rogers, made a name for himself in New York. He reached the World Series in all four seasons he spent in the Bronx, winning three times.

"Weady in the field and a clutch hitter in big spots, Brosius was a key contributor in the Yankees' recent run of championships. He was the MVP of the 1998 World Series, hitting .471 with two home runs and six RBIs in a four-game sweep of San Diego. Brosius' greatest moment came in Game 5 of this year's Series against the Diamondbacks. In his final at-bat in Yankee Stadium, he hit a tying, two-run homer off closer Byung-Hyun Kim with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. Alfonso Soriano's single in the 12th won it. "That's a pretty good memory to end on," Brosius said of his fist-pumping trip around the bases.

Brosius said he plans to help out with the Linfield baseball team, for which he played from 1985-97. But first he plans to get his degree in business. He was drafted after his junior year by Oakland, and wanted to show his children the value of finishing what he started.

After completing correspondence courses he began in the summer of 2000, he'll attend commencement ceremonies on Dec. 16.

"In about a month I'll be an unemployed college grad," he joked. "It probably should have happened when I was 21, but now that I'm 35 it's come back to get me."

Acquired from Oakland after slumping to .203 in 1997 with Oakland, Brosius was an All-Star in his first season in New York. He batted .300 with 98 RBIs & marks he did not reach in his final three seasons with the Yankees. He hit .247 in 230 in 2000 and .247 in 2001 with 13 homers and 49 RBIs.

Brosius, who played seven seasons for Oakland, was a .257 career hitter with 141 homers and 528 RBIs. He won a Gold Glove in '99.

"I guess by Hall of Fame standards it wasn't a great career, but I had some great moments in it," he said. "How many people have the opportunity to really live the dream of a 5-year-old out in the backyards playing games?"
No. 1 Duke drops No. 7 Iowa 80-62

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Facing its first top 10 opponent of the season, Duke made easy work of No. 7 Iowa on Tuesday night, beating the Hawkeyes 80-62 in the first night of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

The Blue Devils (5-0) got contributions from just about everyone, and served notice they can be as dominant as last season's NCAA championship squad — even without Shane Battier.

Jason Williams scored 25 points and had five assists, and Carlos Boozer had his third straight double-double, scoring 22 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Chris Duhon had 11 assists to go with his nine points — including a nice alley-oop feed to Williams.

Mike Dunleavy had 18 points, going 3-of-7 from 3-point range.

Three different players scored nine points, and each had at least a 3-pointer.

Williams had nine rebounds, and Boozer had 10.35 rebounds, was the Devils' top rebounder since 1997-98. They've won 15 of 19 games when both teams are in the top 10.

It may only be December, but this had all the makings of a late-season matchup. Both teams played with the energy and intensity of a tournament game, and both Williams appeared to get knocked over early in the second half, things got a little testy. Both coaches protested to referees, and there were some hard fouls on each side of the rest of the game.

But it takes more than a physical game to derail Duke.

The Hawkeyes won four games in as many days at the United Center last March to capture the Big Ten Tournament title, and the pro-Iowa crowd sensed another big victory as the Hawkeyes fought their way to a 3-pointer from the left corner. Hecker made a nice alley-oop to Williams.

The Blue Devils turned their season-opening 10-point game into a rout that put Illinois up 12 at halftime, Dixon scored seven points in a 10-2 run at the outset of the second half to make it 51-31

Despite playing its fifth game in nine days, Illinois 15-11 fought back — even after leading rebounder Brian Cook fouled out with 3:11 left. The comeback was aided by poor free throw shooting by Maryland, which finished 24-for-24 at the line.

The Fightin' Illini closed to 66-58 with 2:56 left, but Chris Wilcox scored in the lane, then made one of two free throws on Maryland's next possession for an 11-point cushion. At that point, the Cole Field House crowd began chanting, "ACC! ACC!"

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Terps build 20 point lead, hold off Illini

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md.

The Terps remain intact, while the loss to Arizona is quickly becoming a distant memory.

Juan Dixon scored 25 points and Maryland (No. 4 ESPN/USA Today, No. 5 AP) built a 20-point lead and held off No. 2 Illinois 76-63 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

It was the 80th consecutive non-conference home victory for Maryland, the longest such run in the nation. It was also the Terrapins' fourth straight win overall after a season-opening defeat against Arizona.

"This is good for us to get this big game early in the year. It let people know that we're for real," Dixon said. "I guess a lot of people counted us out after we lost to Arizona. But we did well today."

After the Terrapins (4-1) went up by 12 at halftime, Dixon scored seven points in a 10-2 run at the outset of the second half to make it 51-31.

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going to be scared coming in here. They’re men. You have to respect that and I respect that.”

Army, which plays in the Patriot League, will bring a tough defensive and outside-shooting corps to the court.

But Brey is confident his team is ready for another non-conference opponent before the tough games hit later in the season.

“I think our frame of mind and our confidence is high,” Brey said.

Army plans to test that confidence tonight.

Senior captain Chris Spatola has led the Black Knights so far this season. He scored 20 points in the team’s last outing and is currently ranked 16th on Army’s career scoring list.

But Humphrey, eager to get back to the Joyce Center isn’t worried about tonight’s test.

“If we keep playing how we are, we’ll be a good team.”

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Irish guard Matt Carroll drives up the court against the EA Sports All Stars Nov. 8. Notre Dame faces Army tonight at home at the Joyce Center, looking to extend their opening winning streak to six games.

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big picture of a program that a couple of years ago was put on probation and there was so many things swirling around, I think if you look at the conduct of our football team, I think if you look at the retention of our student athletes, if you look at the grade point average of the last two semesters of the fall and the spring, they are the highest in the history of this football team,” Davie said. “I think there is a big picture.”

Davie said that for all of those reasons, the University gave him a contract extension last year. In his mind, he still meets the expectations of a Notre Dame football coach.

“I have not changed since the contract extension last December, unless I’ve changed, which I don’t think I’ve changed, then I would think those good reasons are still there. I’m probably not the one to answer that question. You know, someone else should answer that.”

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him, I think he's a very good coach."

During Thanksgiving weekend, the Irish fell to No. 9 Florida on Saturday in four games after sweeping LSU the day before.

Against LSU, Notre Dame's strength was its balance and blocking. Five players scored over six kills, led by Emily Isomnis and Malinda Goralski with nine each. Kristy Kreher and Kim Fletcher had eight, while Jessica Kinder came off the bench to add seven kills.

Jessica Kinder played a large role in all three games, entering late in game one. "Jess went in and gave us a pretty big boost immediately and ended up playing part of game one and all of games two and three," Brown said. "I think that experience for her at this time of the year is really valuable and really helps add to the depth and confidence level of the team." Once again, a strength for the Irish was their blocking. Although the official scorer credited the team with only six blocks in the three games, Brown thought there were more. "We actually think we had a few more than what they gave us," Brown said. "We have been real pleased with blocks not just this weekend but throughout the last half of the season it seems to be coming together very well for us." Against Florida, the Irish fell 30-24, 30-26, 30-32, 30-24 in a hard-fought match. Kreher led Notre Dame with 15 kills while Goralski added 12.

After hitting .195 and .189 in the first two games of the match, the Irish reversed their fortunes in game 3, finishing with a .371 team mark as Goralski and Kreher each had four kills and Jessica Kinder served an ace to give Notre Dame the match point.

But the Irish couldn't keep up that momentum in game four, as eventual tournament MVP Nicole McCray scored six kills in leading the Gators to the match victory.

Despite the loss, Brown was proud of how her team performed against a ranked opponent. "I think that probably the biggest thing is just the level of confidence the team has in being able to play against a top ten team and being very competitive in each game," Brown said. "Also, seeing the areas where we felt a little bit short and knowing those are areas where we can definitely do better.

With the Thanksgiving tournament coming one week after the Irish won the Big East Tournament, Brown is confident in her team's abilities heading into the NCAA's. "I think we've played at a higher level going into the championships and this past weekend," Brown said. "I think it was real good and something the team needed at this time of the year going into the NCAA Championships with a high confidence level."

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Irish defensive specialist Keara Coughlin passes the ball in Notre Dame's 3-0 victory against Rutgers Oct. 14. The Irish will face Michigan State in the first round of the NCAA Championships.
Davie: Keep me or fire me

Irish head coach Bob Davie speaks to the media at his Tuesday press conference. Davie stated that he would not resign as football coach, and would have to be fired to be removed.

ND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Irish draw No. 20 MSU in NCAAs

By NOAH AMSTADTER

After splitting two matches in a tournament at Disney World last weekend to finish the regular season with a 22-6 record, the No. 25 Notre Dame volleyball team drew No. 20 Michigan State as its first-round opponent when the NCAA Championships begin this weekend.

The Irish travel to Madison, Wis., to take on the Spartans at 5 p.m. Should Notre Dame win, the team plays the winner of Friday's match between sixth-ranked Wisconsin and Wisconsin-Milwaukee at 7 p.m. Saturday.

"Michigan State typically is a team that we can be very competitive with," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said Monday afternoon. "They're definitely playing good volleyball right now but I think that's okay. We do have tape on them and we have a few days to study the tape and prepare."

Brown's counterpart on the Spartan bench will be Chuck Erbe, Brown's head coach at USC in the early 1990s. Brown thinks the common bond helps her know what to expect, but doesn't really see it as an advantage.

"I think I was in college just a few years ago and the game has changed a little bit since then," Brown joked. "I think I have a pretty good feel for the way he coaches and kind of know what to expect out of his teams. I don't know that it's any advantage or disadvantage. I have a ton of respect for him."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Humphrey returns in MVP fashion

By KERRY SMITH

Irish forward Ryan Humphrey received his sentence when he returned to the court last weekend when the Irish faced the Black Knights of Army.

"If you stop and look at the game from the field and averaging 24 points a game, the senior tri-captain easily led the Irish to the tournament title. And the Big East conference noticed.

Not only was Humphrey named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, but the Big East named him co-player of the week for his effort.

"It was great," Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "He certainly raised his hand and said "I'm back" in game one in the first half. I was worried he'd be so excited he'd foul out."

But instead, Humphrey delivered what he hopes is the first series of a season of successful outings.

"It was just fun to get out there and finally get to play with the guys again and be one unit," Humphrey said.

Humphrey will make his first regular-season appearance back at the Joyce Center with his team tonight when the Irish take on the Black Knights of Army.

With an unblemished 3-0 record coming into the contest, the Irish are ready to take on an Army team which is at is most competitive levels in years.

The Black Knights own a 3-0 record, marking their best start since 1980. The team also posted its largest margin of victory Saturday with a 43-point margin over New York Maritime. All 13 Army players who suited up for the game scored.

"Army is an older team," Brey said. "What scares me about teams is when they have juniors and seniors coming back but they don't...

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- Football vs. Purdue, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Michigan State, Friday, 5 p.m.
- SMC Basketball vs. Marian College, Friday, 8 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Army, Tonight, 7:30 p.m.