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By ALLY JAY
News Writer

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**A tribute to the managers**

What were you doing last night? Chances are you were probably out exercising your right to a social life. Or, for you unlucky ones, you were studying for that miserable Friday morning exam.

Not the managers. They likely spent around 10 hours of their time helping the football team prepare for its last game of the season against Purdue. They likely showered their way through the last practice of the week, then went immediately over to the Stadium to paint the helmets and get everything — ready to travel to West Lafayette.

How do I know all this? I was one of them. (And I'm psychic... but that's another story for another Inside Column.)

I know it's about time that our managers got some recognition for their hard work and dedication to the athletic teams of this outstanding university. They spend countless hours of their time doing their best to make our teams' practices and games go as smoothly as possible.

Often these managers go overlooked because their names are not announced on a regular basis, but their experiences and their presence in the game programs is almost an afterthought.

The work the managers do for our athletic programs, but also for the outside community — picking out coaches' favorite flavors of gum and cola — are just a couple of benefits that come with whatever the future (and the athletic department) holds for you.

**BEYOND CAMPUS**

Fraternity member expulsions lead to litigation

While Beta claims the University's actions were a violation of their rights, others said the fraternity members' suspension was the correct action.

The order followed a complaint filed by the Auburn Chapter of Beta against the fraternity's national organization, the University and University officials.

The Board of Trustees, Vice President for Student Affairs, Vice President for External Affairs and Academic Affairs, President and Interim President William Walker were named in the complaint. The complaint seeks $36 million in uncompensatory and punitive damages.

Walker suspended the offending members after an investigation into actions that took place at two fraternity parties, Beta Theta Pi and Delta Sigma Theta.

At press time, neither fraternity could be reached.

I am very concerned that these instances reflect more than ignorance, Walker said at a Nov. 14 trustees meeting before the suit was filed. They reflect a lack of concern for humanity.

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Suicide likely cause of proff's death

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. Despite no new leads in the investigation, a Memphis Police Department spokesperson said Wednesday suicide is the most likely explanation for Harvard University professor Don Wiley's disappearance in Memphis earlier this month. Indications are that he parked the car on the bridge and took his own life, but we can't conclude that, said Lt. Richard True, a detachment spokesperson. We're basing this on previous experiences where people park their car and jump off the bridge and leave their keys in the ignition. Police have not found Wiley's body, and have uncovered no new leads in the case that has baffled authorities since the Leob professor of biophysics and biochemistry disappeared after a Nov. 15 meeting in Memphis. Wiley's empty rental car was found abandoned with a full tank of gas and the keys in the ignition on a bridge at 4 a.m. Nov. 16, with the professor last seen in a Memphis hotel four hours earlier.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Possible bonfire designs announced

COLLEGE STATION, Texas Texas A&M University Bonfire 2002 planners unveiled the three potential designs for the stack that could burn next November at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday. One design is a classic teepee, one design stacks logs of equal height against the interior framework and one design holds true to the recent Aggie Bonfires — a stack with logs of three different lengths that resemble previous Bonfires' wedding-cake structure. All three meet Texas A&M University's resident Dr. Ray Bowen's parameters of a single tier in which all logs touch the ground, and each stack will collapse inward as it burns, said Steering Committee Facilitator Dr. Bryan Cole. Each design stands 45 feet tall, is made of wooden logs and topped with an orange "t.u. frathouse" sign.设计是上月在密西西比州梅德福的梅德福大学会议中心举行的。所有三个设计都符合Texas A&M University的居民Dr. Ray Bowen的要求，即每一堆木头都必须是单层的，所有木头都必须触地，每堆木头都将向内塌陷。
Recessions, post office delays affect admissions

By MEGHAN MARTIN
News Writer

Since the initial anthrax problems in mid-September, post offices have been taking precautions against the threat of contamination which has caused postal delays in homes and businesses alike.

College admissions departments, relying heavily on cut-off dates and deadlines, which is contrary to the hold-up.

With regular-deadline applications quickly approaching and early-action dates nearly past, it is now prime application season for students who are high school seniors alike. Whether it will become even more stressful than usual with late arrivals and application anticipation will rely on the promptness of the US Postal Service.

Many undergraduate and graduate admissions offices at universities across the country have pushed back application deadlines in an effort to accommodate the seemingly unpredictable postal service.

Undergraduate admissions

The offices of undergraduate admissions at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, which are both accepting applications now, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15 early action deadlines, have received comments and letters expressing a more lenient acceptance policy regarding late-arriving applications, which may affect the way they handle their applications and decide to which colleges to keep late applications for consideration.

"Generally, we're keeping them as long as they're postmarked by the correct date," Notre Dame admissions officer Leah Ashe said. "We're aware of the fact that they might take a little longer to arrive." So much longer, in fact, that the office had even decided to accept any applications received by its office even two weeks later than Notre Dame's official deadline.

Despite the setback, anxious seniors need not prolong their anticipation, as counselors like Leah Ashe are open to accept them. "We have expressed concern that their students live closer to home," where students ultimately decide to attend, although the school is actively working on ways to increase the use of online applications.

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Graduate admissions

Nolan's office has been receiving applications for the past month or so. As a result of the decision to take added precautions when handling mail, it has taken slightly longer for letters and applications to be opened, but there have been no delays thus far. "We have been very lucky up to now. We haven't had any delays with any mail that's been sent out...I can't say the post office delays have really affected us much at all," she said. This may be partly because the law school office has seen a significant rise over last year's figures. Margaret Edgington, a senior staff assistant at the University's law school, echoed Chinon's sentiment.

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Beyond campus

While Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have encountered minimal difficulties within their own undergraduate and graduate admissions offices, it is rather the seniors here that have had to bear the brunt of policy changes at other schools. Many have experienced typical application processes with definite deadlines and expedient replies.

As "No schools were pushing back deadlines," senior Irish Thompson said. "My biology advisor told us to put return addresses on the applications, but that's all." Loyola University, one of the top post-secondary institutions here that Notre Dame students opt to attend, has processed no need to alter deadlines for their graduate, law, and medical students, while the University of Virginia's law school has agreed to extend its deadlines with official deadlines.

Unfortunately for many students bound for medical school, the resulting waiting periods have been lengthened to extents far greater than normal.

"We are not expected to hear back from a lot of schools until mid-to-late second semester," senior Karen Ron said.

Many schools on the East Coast, according to Ron, have pushed back their deadlines, and AMCAS, the company that facilitates the initial medical school application process, may need to postpone the initial application schedule because they were unable to receive their mail on time. Despite postal delays and threats of anthrax, students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have proven that life has been allowed to go on as usual.

"People aren't letting this frighten them and that's a good thing," said Nolan.

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Protest proposes peaceful alternatives to war strikes

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

First they prayed for peace. Now they'll march for it.

Members of Notre Dame's Peace Coalition will sponsor a peace protest Sunday against U.S. attacks on Afghanistan. The protest will lead demonstrators through downtown South Bend in an effort organized to highlight the Americans in America's response to the Sept. 11 terrorist strikes.

"We want justice, not guns," said Senior Jennifer Fishub. "We are advocating a non-violent solution to terrorism," she said. Participants will meet about 1 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church at Hill Street and LaSalle Avenue, and the protest will proceed through the city's downtown area and end at the courthouse.

Transportation to the march will be available at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Library Circle.

The event is co-sponsored by the Michiana Peace and Justice Coalition, a local activist group.

"We want to stop the attacks that are hurting innocent civilians in Afghanistan," Kreider said. The protest Sunday is the Peace Coalition's first public demonstration in nearly two months.

The newly formed student group on Oct. 7 hastily organized a prayer vigil following the first round of U.S. air strikes on Sept. 11. The campus protest attracted more than two dozen students to the Fieldhouse Mall wearing "Pray for Peace" T-shirts and speaking aloud prayers for an end to the violence.

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Learning Tree survives South Bend budget cuts

By COURTNEY BOYLE
New Writer

Saint Mary's and the South Bend Community School Corporation joined together to keep the Learning Tree alive and open for community use.

After 26 years, the budget for the Learning Tree, a community workspace for teachers, students, parents and the community in general, was cut out of the SBCSC budget last spring. Since then, Saint Mary's has taken on the program in the form of a permanent loan.

"Students used us because they didn't have a resource center. A lot of students came down," director Jane Fogal said. "When they cut the program I saw a need for it and here we are."

The Learning Tree is a designed program where the community can come and make instructional materials or receive ideas on how to implement pre-existing ideas one may have. While this workspace is geared toward education majors and teachers in the community, it is open to all to make projects or posters for clubs, bind books or simply have something laminated.

"I think it is a wonderful resource for all of our students, especially for our education students, but I see it as a supply for many clubs on campus. It will be a community link, which is a nice community partnership and outreach on campus." Education Department chair Marie Doyle said.

When the SBCSC loaned the program to Saint Mary's, it also donated most of the equipment needed to run it, and Saint Mary's inherited the salary of the director. However, it is hoped the Learning Tree will start to pay for itself in time because the center will charge for its services and supplies. Fogal insures that the reason for charging the supplies for everyone to use.

"We do charge a penny or so above cost, but that's because we'd like to see the center support itself," said Doyle.

The center is full of games and learning activities, which were all made by the Learning Tree staff at some point, which have been geared to children in preschool through sixth grade and can be purchased at a low price. There is also a laminator available, card stock, poster board, game markers, dice and two Ellison machines to help with scrap booking, bulletin boards and posters.

"It'll be great, last year I did my methods class and we had to get off campus to go to Kinko's. So having it here will be much better because we'll get to do it ourselves. I'm glad they finally got us a resource center like South Bend had," Nicole Sommers said.

The area currently housing the Learning Tree is Madeleva 325, a much smaller space than the center is used to having. However, Fogal said the service will still manage to come together in the space provided.

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NURTURING THE TREE OF LIFE

Dallas Chief Eagle (left) and Jasmine Pickner celebrated Native American Heritage Month Thursday with an evening of hoop dancing at the Little Theatre.
ARGENTINE STOCKS TUMBLE: Argentine stocks and bonds tumbled to their lowest levels in nearly a decade Thursday, weakened by investor doubts about continued support from the International Monetary Fund. The Merval Index of leading shares fell 5 percent and Argentine bonds also dropped to record lows, overshadowing the government’s recent success in efforts to swap nearly half of the country’s $132 billion debt load. 

PHILIPPINE REBELS FREE HOSTAGES: Eighty-nine hostages were freed today by Muslim rebels in a deal with the government to end a two-day standoff. In return, the rebels, loyal to a renegade local governor, were allowed to move to another guerrilla camp 40 miles away and to avoid prosecution, at least for now. 

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS: Three charged in charity fraud: Three emergency medical service workers were charged Wednesday with killing their father soon after his sons, Derek, 13, and Alex, 12, surrendered to sheriff’s deputies. The boys talked with investigators, but Smith would not disclose what the brothers said. 

RARE BUTTERFLY GIVEN PROTECTION: The Carson’s wandering skipper, a small, tawny-orange butterfly found in only two counties along the northern Nevada-California border, was given emergency protection Thursday by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The action came amid fears that pending water exportation proposals would doom the tiny insect to extinction. 

ARGENTINE NEWS BRIEFS: Brothers charged in Fla. murder: Two adolescent brothers were charged Wednesday with killing their father soon after he died from head wounds. His sons, Derek, 13, and Alex, 12, surrendered to sheriff’s officials said he died from head wounds. His sons, Derek, 13, and Alex, 12, surrendered to sheriff’s deputies. Chief Deputy Larry Smith said. The boys talked with investigators, but Smith would not disclose what the brothers said. 

PENTAGON TRACKS DEFECTIONS, DEATHS: The Pentagon is keeping money they raised to end a two-day standoff. In return, the rebels, loyal to a renegade local governor, were allowed to move to another guerrilla camp 40 miles away and to avoid prosecution, at least for now. 

Northern Alliance troops stand guard as convoys transport Alliance supplies and Taliban prisoners from Kunduz to Mazar-e-Sharif on Wednesday. The Pentagon says that the number of Taliban prisoners continues to rise. 

Associated Press 

WASHINGTON: Two lists are kept at the command center for the war in Afghanistan — one with al-Qaida leaders that marks them “inj” for injured or “abs” for killed. The other is for the Taliban, color-coded to show those defecting, injured or negotiating to surrender — targets for questioning by Americans in the hunt for Osama bin Laden. “There have been defec­tions ... of some of the more senior people,” Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said Thursday. She declined to name them. Among those the Pentagon would like to interrogate are two Taliban ministers, including intelligence chief Qari Ahmadulla. A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there were credible reports that Ahmadullah had defected to northern alliance leaders. U.S. troops have been allowed by opposition leaders to question other defectors and prisoners who have surrendered or been captured, a senior defense official said. The hope is that they can provide crucial information that will lead to finding Taliban and al-Qaida leaders, as well as sites they may use to hide weapons stocks, financial records and so on. The Pentagon is just starting to receive and evaluate the information from some interrogations, the official said, declining to say who had been questioned. Of the more than three dozen Taliban the Pentagon has on its list, some 12 have been killed, injured or have defected, said one defense official who has seen it. He didn’t say how many had been questioned. 

For the sake of al-Qaida figures, after nearly two months of U.S. bombing in Afghanistan, seven al-Qaida leaders and senior aides are believed killed. Many from bin Laden’s top echelons are alive. The most significant killed so far was Mohammed Atef, one of the top two advisers to bin Laden, who died in a CIA-assisted U.S. airstrike around Nov. 14. Atef was bin Laden’s operational planner and believed to have supervised planning for several attacks, including the Sept. 11 attacks. 

Associated Press 

Crews to clean anthrax from Senate: Some technicians trained with face masks and oxygen tanks. It is the first instance in which the United States will use the gas to kill anthrax, which showed up in Daschle’s office through a tainted letter received Oct. 15. Since then, the Hart building has remained closed while the EPA and other federal agencies are satisfied it no longer is dangerous. Fifty of the 100 senators work in the building. The fumigation will begin with Daschle’s office and last about eight hours, said Lt. Dan Nichols of the Capitol Police. 

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A CULTURE FOR LIFE

George Weigel, theology professor at the Duke Divinity School, presented a talk at McKenna Hall Auditorium Thurs. evening entitled, "John Paul II: A Life for Life." This three-day conference, "A Culture for Life," will run until Saturday.

LIGHTS ON CAMPUS

Dorms, such as Keough [right] and Dillon are lighting up the night with the holiday spirit.

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The United Nations

The Security Council unanimously approved a resolution on Thursday extending the U.N. humanitarian program in Iraq and setting the stage for an overhaul of U.N. sanctions against Baghdad next year.

The resolution was drafted by the United States and Russia, which have been feuding over policy toward Iraq for several years, and marked another sign of growing cooperation between Washington and Moscow, especially since the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

Debates over Iraq usually left extension of the oil-for-food humanitarian program to the last moment. But the U.S.-Russian compromise enabled the council to approve a six-month extension one day before the current phase expires at midnight Friday.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte called it "a very important step forward and another example of strong unity and consensus within the Security Council." Tunisia had threatened to block consensus unless the council included a provision authorizing the return to Iraq of civilian aircraft stranded in Tunisia and Jordan since the 1991 Gulf War.

But it dropped the demand after behind-the-scenes diplomatic pressure from Washington, Western diplomats said. The oil-for-food program allows Iraq to sell unlimited quantities of oil on condition that the proceeds are spent on food, medicine and other humanitarian goods, and war reparations.

When the program came up for renewal in June, the United States and Britain tried to include a sanctions over-haul plan tightening the 11-year-old Saddam Hussein's regime and clamping down on Iraqi oil smuggling while easing the flow of civilian goods into Iraq.

A list of dual-use and military-related goods needing review was a key part of the proposal. But Washington and London shelved the plan when the Russians threatened a veto. Russia, Iraq's closest Security Council ally and a major beneficiary of contracts to purchase Iraqi oil and to sell Iraqi humanitarian supplies, saw the goods review list as a threat to its commercial interests.

Under the compromise reached this week, Russia agreed to approve by May 30 a new list of goods needing U.N. review before shipment to Iraq. A provisional list ranging from night vision goggles to radar and telecommunications equipment was attached to the resolution.

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United Nations

For the first time in years, the United States and Russia, Iraq's closest Security Council ally and a major beneficiary of contracts to purchase Iraqi oil and to sell Iraqi humanitarian supplies, saw the goods review list as a threat to its commercial interests.

The United States, in turn, agreed to Russia's long-standing demand for "a comprehensive settlement" of the sanctions issue — including steps leading to lifting the military embargo imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. "I think it means that starting on June 1, there will be a new system in place that will enable us finally to achieve a greatly improved oil-for-food program and greatly facilitated implementation of the sanctions regime," U.S. deputy ambassador James Cunningham said.

Diplomats said the United States made an important concession in supporting Russia's call to clarify a controversial December 1999 Security Council resolution to sanction in return for Baghdad's cooperation with weapons inspectors.

Russia says the steps Iraq must take to have the sanctions lifted are not clearly explained. "The only way to radically solve the Iraqi problem is to ensure that international disarmament monitoring resumes in Iraq in conjunction with the suspension and lifting of sanctions..."

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The United Nations long has maintained that the resolution needs no clarification, and that Baghdad must allow inspectors back into the country before sanctions are lift ed.

President Bush said Monday Iraq must allow inspectors to return or face serious consequences. Iraq has been monitored by the U.N. Security Council for years.

The Bush administration has turned down a Cuban offer to compensate Americans whose properties were confiscated 40 years ago if the United States agreed to lift its embargo and make other concessions, a State Department official said Thursday.

Cuban Foreign Minister Fidel Perez Roque reaffirmed Wednesday the long-standing Cuban proposal while at the United Nations this week, saying the embargo prevented U.S. citizens from receiving proper compensation, and would be willing to reach an agreement that also takes into account the extremely heavy economic and human damages and losses inflicted on our country by the blockade," he said.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher restated the U.S. position as support for the embargo. "The president said he would oppose any effort to weaken sanctions against the Cuban government until it respects Cuban's basic human rights and civil rights, frees political prisoners and holds free and democratic elections with international observers," Boucher said.

Two years ago, a Cuban court demanded payment of $181 billion in compensation for the damages. The United States maintains that the principle of compensation for expropriated properties is embedded in international law.

It rejects any linkage between the compensation issue and the embargo. The U.S. government has certified 2,911 property claims by U.S. citizens against the Cuban government. It does not accept Cuba's demand for damages resulting from the embargo.

On an unrelated subject, Cuba announced Thursday that the next round of migration talks with the United States will be held Monday in Havana. The Cuban delegation is likely to renew complaints about an American law that it says claims the lives of Cuban would-be immigrants who apparently drowned recently while en route the United States.

The 1966 law allows undocumented Cubans who reach American soil to avoid repairs-and-compensation claims by U.S. citizens for legal residency. President Fidel Castro said 30 Cubans drowned in the recent incident. U.S. officials said the number is not known because there is no passenger list.

The U.S. delegation will be headed by James Carcaghi, the State Department coordinator for Cuban affairs. It is expected to register complaints about what the administration sees as unwarranted delays by Cuba in approving exit visas for Cuban citizens to seek to immigrate to the United States.
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Surveillance under revision

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Just weeks after approving powerful new anti-terrorism laws, some lawmakers already are considering giving the government new police powers to make it easier to obtain special wiretaps and search warrants usually reserved for fighting foreign foes.

The new changes would allow government agents to secretly request wiretaps even if details about the target of the surveillance, such as his identity or the location of his phone, aren't known. They also would allow agents to make broader demands for most business records, as long as the documents were related to an investigation.

Another change would permit the United States to invoke a powerful anti-espionage law even in cases against individual foreigners. That law is currently reserved for cases against people working as spies for foreign governments or other foreign entities or organizations.

"This is a significant expansion of electronic surveillance in the United States," said Jerry Berman, head of the Washington-based Center for Democracy and Technology. "It's only been a month or so, and they're already asking for expansions."

"Subjecting any foreign person to a fundamental change to the statute, a judge agreed Morton Halperin, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. "These can be no means be characterized as technical." That change would specify that the anti-espionage law could be used against "a foreign individual," according to draft language by the Justice Department, which was obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

Justice lawyers wrote that otherwise restricting use of the espionage law "limits the ability of the president to act under the statute against... hijackers or other terrorists without affiliation or known affiliation with a specific group or foreign state."

Another change would add the phrase "if known" to the requirement for wiretap approvals of identifying the location of a target's electronic communications. Justice lawyers said the change would be useful in cases of wireless telephones "call-wall and small accounts, where the facility to be monitored is typically not known in advance.

Reacting to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Congress under the new Patriot Act gave government agents broad new powers to obtain information about immigrants, eavesdrop on e-mails and share sensitive details of criminal investigations with the CIA. President Bush signed the Patriot Act on Oct. 26.

Among other things, the law permits U.S. prosecutors to invoke the anti-espionage law even when the primary focus of their investigation is spying by a foreign government.

"Subjecting any foreign person to FISA is a fundamental change to the statute," Morton Halperin, fellow Council of Foreign Relations. "Making it legal for investigators to pass sensitive information about criminal cases to intelligence agencies.

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Michael Chertoff, in testimony earlier this week before the Senate Judiciary Committee, said that information-sharing allowed under the Patriot Act "has been indispensable to satisfying our direction to protect the American people against future acts of terrorism."

The intelligence bill, which is largely classified, gave government agents broad new powers to detain and share sensitive details about any foreign terrorist attacks.

Fifty tablets is considered the threshold for increased risk of developing psychiatric problems. Experts said the preliminary findings raised an interesting possibility but further tests are needed to confirm the results.

"Ecstasy, also known as XTC or E, affects serotonin, a brain chemical that regulates mood, emotion, sleep, appetite, memory and sexual behavior. The drug typically induces feelings of euphoria, increased energy and sexual arousal — and makes people feel a need to be touched or hugged.

"The illegal drug, known scientifically as methylenedioxymethamphetamine, or MDMA, is also said to suppress the need to eat, drink or sleep, making it possible for endurers of the drug to maintain activities for two or three days.

However, in high doses it can cause a sharp increase in body temperature, leading to muscle breakdown, kidney and heart failure, and death.

Studies have shown it also kills brain cells that release serotonin. Scientists are now trying to find out how long the brain damage lasts and its long-term consequences. So far, studies have found that heavy users enter persistent memory problems and preliminary research suggests they also have trouble with verbal reasoning and sustaining attention.

In the meantime, Dutch scientists compared the brain scans of 69 people, who were divided into four groups. One included people who used drugs but not Ecstasy, the second comprised those who had taken fewer than 50 tablets during their lives. The third, the heavy users, had taken 50 or more Ecstasy pills and the fourth group included people who used to be heavy users but had given up Ecstasy at least a year before the study.

The researchers found that compared to the brains of women who had never taken Ecstasy, the brains of heavy Ecstasy female users had weaker concentrations of serotonin transporters, the sites on brain cell surfaces that receive serotonin from the space between cells after it has finished acting on other cells.

If the chemical is not napped up, further brain signals are prevented from getting through. MDMA gets into the brain cell through the serotonin transporter. A missing transporter means a dead brain cell, said the study's leader, Dr. Liesbeth Heneman, professor of radiology at the Academic Medical Center at the University of Amsterdam.

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Ms. Cheney faces new times

WASHINGTON

Her husband works and lives at secret sites, an odd life for a vice president and an unusual living arrangement for a Washington power couple. But since her interview in The Times last November, 11, says Lynne Cheney, “we all live in a different time.”

Actually, Vice President Dick Cheney isn’t away from her any more than he was when he was running Halliburton Co. or serving as defense secretary, she said. The 90 minutes she said she only had four lives are that different now from the way they have been many years, she said Thursday in an Associated Press interview.

“This is an undisclosed location from time to time, but then I go with him from time to time,” Mrs. Cheney said. Occasionally he sneaks out to browse for books or pick up apples at a grocery store, she disclosed.

Beyond that, she said she wouldn’t reveal little about the unusual rhythms of their lives.

“I really can’t talk about it, and I can’t even confirm for you that there is a ‘secret location,’ ” she said. “The whole point is, in a dangerous world, not to be too predictable.”

Indeed, for the first vice president’s wife to hold a paying job, no two days are quite alike. Book author, speechmaker and movie director, she dismisses questions about whether the long work days take a toll on her husband’s sporadic absences. “Your question just doesn’t seem to bear on my reality, so I’m having trouble answering it,” she said. “I’ve always worked, Dick’s always been gone a lot.”

She has warmed to her role after first opposing her husband’s joining George W. Bush’s ticket last year. She has been writing two books, often from her office at the American Enterprise Institute.

Mrs. Cheney, 60, also serves on the boards of American Express Mutual Funds and of the Reader’s Digest Association, traveling six or eight times a year for each.

She has quit six other corporate boards she served on last year, and expects to earn less than the $956,000 she contributed to the couple’s income last year, $729,000, came from EIM Petroleum Co., one of the biggest oil and gas companies in Texas.

She never talked to her husband about energy as he was developing a national plan, she said. And she answered “no” when asked whether her paying jobs could present a conflict of interest for the vice president.

“If he would seek my advice then I certainly would offer it,” Mrs. Cheney said. “I just can’t imagine that after my dear husband has been dealing with these issues all day, he were to come home at night and have me do it all over again to him, it just doesn’t seem the right thing to do.”

She was an education adviser to Bush during his campaign last year, but does not approach the president now on that issue or others. “He has wonderful advisers around him, including my husband,” she said.

Although she was once in the middle of the fray as an outspoken conservative TV commen­ter, she now declines to speak out on important issues such as military tribunals for foreign terror­ists.

“We all live in a different time, when we’re perhaps a little more considerate of each other, where we have things that we still feel strongly about, but we might say them less sharply to each other,” she said.

Mrs. Cheney is stumping three days to improve history education.

“It did strike me in the after­noon of Sept. 11 that it is even more crucial now that we have some sort of sense of the ideas and the ideals that the country was founded on, some sort of notion about how lucky we are that it all turned out the way it did,” she said.

Her message is mirrored in her own bookshelves at the U.S. Naval Observatory, the vice president’s residence. The shelves are filled with hundreds of historical hardcovers, with a scattering of books about the vice president’s passion, trout fishing.

“I’ve had trouble reading anything but history,” recently, she said. She named David McCullough’s “John Adams” and Edmund Morris’ “Theodore Rex,” a study of President Theodore Roosevelt.

“I don’t read much history,” Mrs. Cheney said. “I haven’t the time. The last thing I need is another book. I don’t have enough to read already.”

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Agent Dionicio Delgado, a Border Patrol spokesman, also blames immigrant smugglers who mislead people about how long it takes to walk through the desert and who abandon those who fall behind.

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Associated Press

DENVER

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Davie's coaching tenure must end

Notre Dame must fire Bob Davie. When Notre Dame hired Davie without any college head coaching experience, the University took a chance. It hoped that Davie would develop from a solid defensive coordinator into a great head coach. But five years later, Davie has yet to meet Notre Dame's expectations by developing into that great head coach. Instead, he remains a mediocre coach who continues to make mistakes and to fall short of Notre Dame's standards.

While Irish players like Jackie Hunter, Tyrece Harrison and Anthony Weaver have developed into great players, Davie remains a poor coach. He has yet to develop a consistent offensive philosophy to see his players as in the best of their abilities. Although his defense of key roles a football team can't win with defense alone.

Each year the abrupt beginning of the Christmas season amazes me. The day after Thanksgiving, the yellow and orange arches of the fall celebration change suddenly to the red and greens of the winter holiday. Radio stations add to their daily mix of songs and provide the world of Santa's visits to local stores. Department stores show cartoons of Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. Students walk with their trays into the dining hall to find it illuminated.

On Wednesday in the University Park Mall, I passed bright signs announcing holiday sales and the vibrant Christmas displays of the department stores. Yet, this year, Americans have seemed to embrace holiday season with a deeper seriousness. In light of the worsening economy, the financial side of the Christmas season has gained increased significance. On Black Friday, reporters camped out at the malls, seemingly very eager to give the good news of strong consumer spending — as if some central aspect of America depended on the purchase of presents.

And so, during my trip to the mall, I did get the impression that the view to the shoe store supported the good news of strong consumer spending. Among the holly and snowflake decked advertisements of holiday sales are decorations more suited to the Fourth of July — American flags, streamers of red, white and blue among the winter hues. Perhaps the Seppey of the fall celebration change suddenly to the red and greens of the winter holiday.

Thus players like Harrison, Weaver and Hunter work hard every day in practice, give it all on the field and receive nothing but losses in return. Davie has frequently said that his players give 100 percent effort and do everything he asks of them.

"These kids continue to play as hard as any football team I have been a part of," Davie said Tuesday.

He must be asking them to do the wrong things. The gap between the talent on this team and the results that Davie derives from that talent is daunting.

Just as the players deserve a coach that can get the most from their abilities, Notre Dame students, fans and alumni deserve a charismatic leader who can wake up the echoes. After five years in a pressure-filled job, Davie has retreated to the security of his office. While coaches like Mike Brey and Muffet McGraw may be in charge of public appearances and sometimes speak in the dorms, Davie is rarely seen around campus. He isn't speaking with the students. He isn't acting as the ambassador of Notre Dame that students, fans and alumni expect of the head football coach.

The days of Frank Leahy and 39 undefeated games in a row are over. Scholarship limits and greater parity in college football must lower the expectations of Irish fans, but Notre Dame should expect more from its football coach than Davie has delivered.

Irish fans deserve someone who will get the most out of them. Irish fans deserve a charismatic leader.

Notre Dame deserves better. Davie should be fired.
In response to the well-done column by Christine Niles, I would like to point out the sil-ver lining in the dark cloud that is Peter Singer and his effete teachings. Who knew that a man who finds more value and rights in a tree than in an infant too, he is not, Al Gore, could be of use to civilized people?

Professor Singer does a wonderful rhetorical service to those of us on the Catholic side in the culture wars—he takes the “culture of death” attitude to logical conclusions. Better than any bishop or pro-life activitist could, he shows us exactly where the abortion and euthanasia mentality leads. One of us might argue, if it is all right to destroy a 15-week-old fetus, why not destroy a baby that has just been born, or even a few months old? But Peter Singer does this for us. His writings constitute a remarkable redactio ad absurdum. By seeing the horrible conclusions of the abortion argument, we see how awful the premises are. Of course, many of us see the premises for what they are already, but the likes of Peter Singer may help sway those who are unsure.

If I were running a pro-life conference, or wanted to make a public point about the evils of abortion and euthanasia, I would certainly want Peter Singer to speak. Once he was done speaking, I would just ask, “Need I add anything?”

Peter Singer helps the pro-life movement by revealing the only soul of our enemy. Many people argue that if more people actually witnessed an abortion, and saw it for the gruesome, barbaric act it is, abortion would be illegal. Hearing Peter Singer is almost as good. It is worthwhile to point out that Singer is of Jewish descent, and many of his relatives were tragically wiped out in Nazi Germany. Ironically, he is not allowed into Germany today, because his beliefs too closely resemble those of the Nazis.

It kind of reminds me of that Arab man who was rescued from the World Trade Center by New York firemen, and then left for Afghanistan when he called upon Notre Dame to get rid of all the small-time feminists and atheists in the theology department, and bring in a big gun like Peter Singer.

Paul Allegra
class of ’00
Nov. 25, 2001

Good grades do not equal good football

After reading the article entitled “Davie: Keep me or fire me,” I am further convinced that this man must be left go as our head coach. This is a shame because, in all honesty, it probably couldn’t happen to a nicer guy.

Still, personal feelings aside, Davie’s excuses this season have been, for lack of a better term, inexcusable. For his entire career here, he has been recruiting talented high school prospects and moulding them into seventh round NFL draft picks. The players just don’t seem to be responding to him any more.

This criticism, however, is nothing new. I was surprised that Davie’s latest atrocity occurred on Tuesday when he tried to save his job by citing, among other things, a high team GPA. First off, Davie’s job is to coach, not teach. Unless he’s been moonlighting as a professor, I highly doubt that he is personally responsible for a higher team GPA. Secondly, and more importantly, am I alone in saying that I don’t care? Granted, this is Notre Dame, so the answer could be yes.

Still, does it really matter at the end of another loss to Michigan State that we had the more intelligent team on the field? What kind of an attitude is this for a sport in which people spend 60 minutes maiming and crashing into each other? Personally, I don’t care if our football recruits aren’t smart enough to tie their own shoes before the game as long as they can win.

Bottom line: GPA doesn’t end up on the scoreboard or in the rankings. After all, what does it matter if 80 people on a campus of 10,000 don’t know their calculus? Look up the standards and maybe next year when Irish fans exit the stadium on Saturday it won’t seem as though somebody just died.

Vinnie Zuccaro
Sophomore
Dillon Hall
Nov. 29, 2001

Rethinking fund-raisers

Father Ed “Mooch” Malloy’s greetings have just arrived, graced with the wish that my “Christmas be filled with peace.” I appreciate this annual gesture which the President makes to the community; however, his card is again accompanied by a fund-raising appeal for Notre Dame.

The University’s professional fund-raisers work diligently throughout the year, so might it not be more appropriate at Christmas for a wealthy institution to promote giving to the poor or needy—not in this country or overseas? I would put in a word for Oxfam America, whose director is Notre Dame alumnus Ray Offenheiser. Oxfam is doing invaluable work, assisting, for instance, Sub-Saharan Africa particularly countries devastated by AIDS pandemic.

Alternatively there is the Houston Catholic Worker, whose Christmas appeal arrived at our house in the same mail as Malloy’s. They are on the frontline in offering hospitality to very poor immigrants from Mexico and elsewhere in Latin America.

There is something unseemly about Notre Dame using the President’s Christmas letter to add to its own coffers—it smacks of institutional idolatry.

The address for Oxfam America is 26 West Street, Boston MA 02111; for the Houston Catholic Worker, P.O. Box 70113, Houston, TX 77270.

Peter Walde
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Nov. 29, 2001
Bui's favorite role consisted of flitting around parking lots, spreading cheer as the Beer Fairy (above). Another of Bui's traditions included "meditating" before games — lying on the ground to absorb the atmosphere for good luck (below).

The Irish play their last game of the season against Purdue Saturday, but they won't be alone in the boiler room. They'll have one of their top fans to cheer them on and show Purdue what it means to be Irish.

Sharon Bui has attended every single Notre Dame football game this year; now she will prepare to see the Irish in NCAA action for the last time as a student. But Bui is not just another Irish fan, she's a Superfan.

Bui visited Notre Dame with her uncle on a whim her junior year of high school. As soon as she stepped on the campus she was instantly in love and never wanted to be anywhere else. She turned down a full ride to Kansas State University, left her hometown of Overland Park, Kan. and made her way to the Dome for the 1998 fall semester.

But the spunky 5-foot-2 senior's love affair with Irish football hadn't yet begun. In fact, Bui didn't even like watching football until she came to the University. But after she saw the Irish rout the defending National Champion Michigan Wolverines 36-20 her freshman year, she was hooked — so much so that she has gone to every game this season.

"You can't pull me away from it," Bui said.

Bui's enthusiasm for the Irish soon began to express itself in a unique fashion. She began to create costumes and characters for the games. At the 1998 Halloween game against Baylor University, she came to the game dressed as an usher.

Although Bui has always made personalized T-shirts for her interests like bands and classes, she wanted to take the costume up a notch. She asked her mother to make a tube top dress out of some Notre Dame curtains she had hanging in her room.

Over time, Bui acquired more costume pieces from friends and family. Soon more characters began to enter Bui's repertoire. One of her most well known characters, the Beer Fairy, came to life last year when a student tired of hauling his brew around campus gave it to Bui who began passing it out to forlorn tailgaters. Somebody called her a beer fairy and the name stuck.

The Beer Fairy proudly wears a personalized T-shirt proclaiming her title, shamrock boxer shorts, blue and gold knee-high socks, a shamrock garland, a personalized Beer Fairy bag for her brew and her trademark shamrock tutu.

The Beer Fairy's mission is to spread the love of the Notre Dame tailgate tradition any way she can: passing out refreshments, cheering for the team and dressing up any fans willing to wear the tutu.

Bui's favorite and most recent character, the Superfan, wears shamrock boxer shorts with an "ND" logo in the front, shamrock sunglasses, shamrock "blinky" lights, a shamrock top hat and a sparkling gold cape.

Bui wants to bring her love of the Notre Dame tailgate experience to everyone through her characters. She describes her own tailgating habits as eclectic. She starts by tailgating in the RV section of the parking lot early in the morning; she gets revved up there by singing karaoke. Later she goes to tailgates thrown by her professors and friends' parents at Alumni Senior Club, then she moves to the "Moon Towers" in the Blue Lot and finally returns...
on Bui's reign as a self-proclaimed Notre Dame "Superfan," a l sports her Usher costume her freshman year at a Halloween gala.

Bui's interest in costumes and spreading happiness extends beyond South Bend. As the third of three summer service projects, Bui worked for Patch Adams at his Gesundheit! Institute in West Virginia. Although Adams does not normally take on short-term help, he made an exception for Bui's bubbly personality and infectious happiness. At the Institute, Bui used costume and laugh therapy daily with Adams' patients. In fact, the Beer Fairy's shamrock tutu was, at one point, part of Bui's daily uniform.

The 22 year-old anthropology and computer applications major hopes to pursue her interest in medicine, but next year she will be participating in the Alliance for a Catholic Education program. However, the Beer Fairy will still enchant game-days. Bui plans to pass the mantle on to her 10 year-old sister who she hopes will attend Notre Dame. Bui envisions a whole family of Notre Dame Superfans.

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Bui has even gained the national spotlight with her love for the Irish. Last summer she gave a "shout-out" to Irish fans on the MTV pop music countdown program "Total Request Live." And earlier this year she made it onto "Live with Regis and Kelly" when he filmed a segment at Notre Dame. Such rigorous enthusiasm is not without its perils, however. At the last home game, Bui twisted her knee while celebrating; her roommate Sara Rabe tripped and knocked out one of her front teeth. The injuries didn't stop the pair from enjoying the game or one of Bui's sacred tailgating traditions: pre-game meditation. At every game Bui takes a moment to lie on the ground in front of the stadium and absorb the atmosphere for good luck.

Bui, the daughter of Vietnamese immigrants, feels that she is the same as any other Irish fan. "I'm Asian by birth, but Irish by choice," Bui said. Rabe agrees, "She's definitely turned it up a notch this season ... she's light years ahead of us." Although it has been hard for Bui to watch the Irish struggle this season, she has faith in the team and is proud that Notre Dame fans stick by their team no matter what. She sees the Notre Dame football tradition as being part of her life and Notre Dame as being part of her family.

The enthusiastic Bui, the once wide-eyed freshman who rushed the field even after the second home game, is thankful for her experience at Notre Dame and hopes others will continue the tradition she loves. In her words, "Don't limit yourself ... it's all about the [Notre Dame] family. Don't be shy to go up to random strangers and meet them ... Soak up the atmosphere. You only have 24 games."

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Cleveland

Tony Kukoc scored a season-high 24 points, Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 19 and the Hawks won for just the second time on the road this season, 105-96 over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday night.

Kukoc and Jacques Vaughn rallied the Hawks from a 13-point deficit in the first half and Atlanta held off a late rally by Cleveland to improve to 2-9 on the road.

Vaughn also provided the game’s most comical moment — and one destined for the highlight film — when he pushed a ball boy to the floor while scoring a basket in the first half.

Nazre Mohammed added 16 points and 14 rebounds, and Emanuel Davis added 15 points, including a key 3-pointer with 3:52 left that gave the Hawks a 97-91 lead and put away the Cavs.

Kukoc, who scored just one point in a loss to New York on Wednesday night, was a force on the floor. He had six assists and four steals as Atlanta’s bench outscored Cleveland’s reserves 43-14.

LaMond Murray scored 19 points, West Pier 18 — 16 in the first quarter — and Jumaine Jones had 10 points and 12 rebounds for Cleveland, which scored 37 points in the opening period but just 39 over the next two.

Murray’s three-point play with 5:31 remaining gave Atlanta a 94-86 lead, but the Cavs scored five straight to close within three on Andre Miller’s two free throws.

Davis then buried a 3-pointer from the right side and Kukoc scored Atlanta’s last two baskets to make it 99-91-2 with 40 seconds left.

After Kukoc made two free throws to bring Atlanta within 51-49 in the second quarter, Vaughn made a steal near midcourt and drove to the basket, where an unsuspecting ball boy was mopping the foul lane.

In one motion, Vaughn pushed the scrambling kid out of the way and made a break at the basket.

Vaughn quickly checked to make sure the 16-year-old, was OK before heading up court.

Vaughn’s unlikely basket came early in the fourth quarter. The Hawks pulled within 60-58 at halftime after trailing by 13.

Porter made seven free throws and scored 16 points as the Cavs scored a season-high first-quarter total to open the second quarter.

Bulls 78, Heat 72

Finally, another victory for the Bulls.

Ron Mercer scored 18 points in the final 2:23 as the Bulls beat the Miami Heat Thursday night for their second victory of the season.

It was Chicago’s first win since Nov. 3, snapping a 10-game losing streak.

“Pretty much a perfect game,” Bulls coach Tim Floyd said. "It was beautiful. It was gorgeous." Floyd might have been overreacting, considering the Bulls scored only 10 points in the third quarter on nineteen percent shooting. That’s more points than the record-low six they scored in the third period at New Jersey on Tuesday night.

But the Bulls got big baskets when they needed them, and Miami didn’t have many answers after Alonzo Mourning fouled out with 9:35 left.

It was the 10th straight loss for the Heat. Miami last lost 10 straight games Dec. 1-21, 1990.

“I don’t know what the heck to say,” said Eddie Jones, who led Miami with 15 points.

Trenton Hassell added 13 for the Bulls, and Greg Anthony had a superb defensive game, finishing with six steals, one off his career high, and five assists with no turnovers. Charles Oakley had 10 rebounds, including a couple of key stops in the final minutes.

Mourning and Rod Strickland added 13 for Miami, which gave up 22 points on 21 turnovers.

“I’ve never lost 10 games in a row at any level,” Mourning said. “This is new to me. I’m not going to succumb to disappointment or be sorry for myself. I’m going to look at this as a challenge.”

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Zone News office. 704 South Danville Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 5 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is $3 per word per character, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without incurring refunds.
Patriots’ Glenn suspended, locker emptied

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The nameplate was gone from Terry Glenn’s locker. Only an ankle brace was inside — no warmup clothes, no uniform.

One day after going to practice with headphones but no helmet, the New England wide receiver was suspended Thursday for one game by coach Bill Belichick. His absence could last longer.

“You have to ask him,” Belichick said when asked if Glenn will rejoin the Patriots on Monday after the suspension ends.

Glenn wasn’t available to answer that question and “will be off the premises until next week,” Belichick said. It was unclear who emptied his locker.

Glenn has played in one game this season, missing the first four because of an NFL suspension and the last six with a hamstring injury.

Thursday’s suspension is “not injury-related. It’s a disciplinary matter” resulting from developments Wednesday, Belichick said. He gave no other details, although Glenn did not work out with the full squad.

“It’s been six weeks since the injury,” Belichick said. “It’s gotten better.”

Glenn’s first suspension was for violating the league’s substance abuse policy by missing a drug test. Later, the Patriots wanted to suspend him for the season for leaving training camp but an arbitrator ruled in his favor.

McCourt, Cablevision Systems Corp. chairman Charles Dolan and New England Sports Ventures, a group led by former San Diego Padres owner Tom Werner and former ski resort developer Les Otten, “I feel great,” McCourt said in an interview Thursday from his office, which overlooks the 12-acre site in South Boston where he hopes to build a new ballpark for the team. The group led by Werner and Otten wants to renovate Fenway at its current location.

McCourt’s investment group includes Boston-area venture capital firms Alta Communications, Great Hill Partners and Halpern, Denny & Co., as well as FleetBoston Financial Corp.

Among the investors in New England Sports Ventures are former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and former Padres and Baltimore Orioles president Larry Lucchino.

New York lawyer Miles Prentice also made an offer. “I can tell you is we have submitted a very compelling bid, one that values the franchise at a record level,” Prentice said. “We look forward to the opportunity to carry on the fine tradition established by the Yawkey Trust in bringing back the World Series trophy to Boston.”

The latest flareup occurred Wednesday.

Glenn was upgraded to probable on the team’s injury report for the first time in seven weeks. That meant the club felt there was a 75 percent chance he would play Sunday at the New York Jets.

New England, in playoff contention at 6-5, could use the deep threat in his only game this year, he had seven receptions for 110 yards and a touchdown in a 29-26 win over San Diego on Oct. 14.

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BOSTON

Prospective owners of the Boston Red Sox submitted bids for controlling interest in the team on Thursday with no indication of when or how the winner will be selected.

The Jean P. Yawkey Trust is selling its 53 percent stake of the team, which owns Fenway Park and 80 percent of the New England Sports Network. The price is expected to be $350 million or more.

"As we have stated from the outset, this is a private auction, and we are now in the most private phase of the process," said Justin P. Morevale, the trust’s lawyer. "We do not anticipate further public statements until decisions are reached."

Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington, the head of the trust, said the team and its advisers could spend weeks reviewing the bids.

Harrington has said he would pick the highest qualified offer.

Among those confirming bids on Thursday were South Boston land developer Frank Lucchino.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles eager for home opener

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a 1-3 start, the Saint Mary's basketball team is looking to record an important win at its home opener against Marian College Friday night.

Coming off an 89-67 loss at Indiana University-South Bend, the Belles are expecting Marian, a traditionally strong NAIA team, with scholarship athletes, to pose a challenge in the Angela Athletic Facility during the first round of the Saint Mary's Invitational.

The Belles are eager to improve upon their record though.

"They've lost two games in a row, so we're just hoping they're a little down and we can get on them early," said coach Suzanne Smith.

The home opener always causes some excitement around the Saint Mary's campus, the Smith hopes this will increase the Belles' chances.

"They're a little down maybe and we're ready for a good game," Smith said.

Saint Mary's has had some tough opponents so far this season, and Marian is another.

Both Smith and the players see this game as a potential "big win," that would be a crucial step forward for Belles basketball.

"We've been talking about how we need a big win. A lot of the wins we got last year, and our one win this year, were games we should have won. This is a game that we're not necessarily favored to win, but I think we can win, and we need to win," Smith said.

Overall, Smith is pleased with how the team has progressed this season.

"These women have been working so hard and they deserve to get this win," she said. "I think the women always come back with a fight. We might have our little down moments, but they're dedicated and they're hard workers. They come back every day ready to work hard."

Senior captain Anne Blair, named MIAA player of the week, thinks that Belles have made great progress this season, but recognizes a few areas where they must improve.

"This week we had great practices and moved forward. We focusing a lot more on patience on offense and picking up the talk and intensity on defense so I think that we've hit on those two issues in practice big time," Blair said. "Our biggest focus is the mental game, focusing on the little things, putting it together."

"We've really been focusing on this week on just staying mentally focused for the entire two-hour practice, or 60 minutes of a game and not having any mental lapses," she said.

"I think there is always room for improvement," senior guard Mary Campione said. "I think with every day, every practice, every game you want to improve, so you're never really pleased. I think we have room to grow and I think this weekend will be a huge step in our program. Friday night's big."

Campione and Blair have another reason to be excited about Friday. The two seniors will be finishing up the last day of their student teaching, which has taken up a considerable amount of their time.

"I think it's be a big relief for them, a big lift off their shoulders," Smith said.

"It's going be huge," agreed Campione.

If the Belles win Friday night, they will play the winner of the Bethel-Dominican game on Saturday. Bethel, with a 7-1 record, is ranked fourth nationally in the NAIA, Saint Mary's, though, is completely focused on today.

"We're taking this one step at a time. We're focused on Marian, and the first 10 minutes of the game, and then the next 10 minutes," Campione said.

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FOOTBALL

Faine, Harrison, Weaver earn honors

Special to The Observer

Irish junior Jeff Faine and seniors Tyreo Harrison and Anthony Weaver were named Football News honorable-mention All-Americans for the 2001 season.

Faine, a center from Sanford, Fla., has been Notre Dame's leader in the trenches in 2001 protecting young quarterbacks Carlyle Holiday and Matt LoVecchio. Ranked as the third-best center nationally by Lindy's before the start of the 2001 season, Faine leads the Irish in minutes played with 290.54, heading into this weekend's contest versus Purdue. Starting all 10 games for the Irish in '01, Faine also is the lead blocker for the Irish rushing attack, which ranks 27th in the nation this week.

Harrison, from Sulphur Springs, Texas, has been a force in the middle for the Irish in 2001. The linebacker leads the Irish with 91 tackles, a team-leading and career-high 15 versus Stanford (including 10 solos) last weekend. The Stanford game marked the fourth time this season Harrison recorded double-digit tackles, and was the eighth time he was the leading tackle in the game for the Irish in 2001. Harrison's 91 tackles are the most for an Irish defensive player since A'Jani Sanders had 91 at the conclusion of the 1999 season.

Weaver has been the leader of the Irish defense all season. A '01 captain, the defensive end from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. is currently third on the team in tackles with 53, including 17 for loss and six sacks. Weaver also has an interception, three pass deflections and two forced fumbles on the year, leading an Irish defense that ranks 14th nationally in total defense and 23rd nationally in scoring defense. A Lombardi Award candidate at the beginning of '01, Weaver ranked 29th nationally in tackles for loss released by the NCAA for the period ending Oct. 20.

Faine, Harrison and Weaver, in addition to senior defensive end Jordan Black, senior outside linebacker Rocky Roiman and junior placekicker Nicholas Setta were all named to the Football News All-Independent team.
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Notre Dame was to play for Bob Davie.

"I went out to Notre Dame and really liked the campus. I liked the coaches and felt that it was the best school for me," said Olsen. "I think that Coach Davie stays around because he was one of the main reasons I came to Notre Dame because I liked him and the people of the coaching staff.

But if Davie is fired, Olsen will still take his official visit because of the new coach. Olsen did say that he would have to "reevaluate" his decision before signing with Notre Dame.

"Hopefully things will work out," said Olsen.

Top defensive end Jamie Ryan verbally committed to Notre Dame over the summer and Ryan had nothing to say about Davie as Olsen.

"I was a fan of Notre Dame and I really liked the campus, the people and the coaches, so it was a pretty good fit for me," said the four-star prospect from Tampa, Fla. Ryan hopes that Davie is back next year, but plans to decide to sign to Notre Dame's football program no matter what happens.

"If I have a strong commitment toward Notre Dame," Ryan said. "(The recruiting process and the situation) isn't up to me. I'm 100 percent Notre Dame, but when you go on out of my hands."

But while and the athletic department tackle these head-on last year, eight teams recorded their highest cumulative grade-point-average in the fall semester, and four more reached that mark in the spring. The Irish have not had a major NCAA infractions under White's tenure. And slowly but surely, with the help of Vice President for University Relations Bill Sexton, Notre Dame is rasing money to fund the increased number of scholarships.

However, what makes all those challenges of being athletic director worthwhile are Notre Dame students, said White. He feels responsible to all students, not just the student-athletes, to create a strong athletic program.

"I have been at a number of great institutions and been around a lot of great students," he said. "I have never been around the kind of students that are at Notre Dame."

There's much more White wants to accomplish. He wants to make Notre Dame a top-five contender in the Sears Cup rankings. He wants to achieve minority representation among administrative athletes and coaches to equal the makeup of the student body.

The University of Notre Dame far exceeded what I expected," White said. "At the front of the experi­ence when I was immediately appointed, I said it was an amazing place. Over the last 18 or 19 months, it has become more than that. It's a magical place."

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I can't respond to them," he said.

His words betray nothing but disappointment and frustration as the day said a lot. White said his post­season would be different from his post-season meeting with Muffet McGraw. Somehow that's hard to believe. White's tremendous disappointment in Stanford was never visible in St. Louis as the Irish won the National Championship. White is an excellent athletic administrator. He knows how to hold his cards close to his chest. Any sort of comment, even a "no com­ment"—sparks 10 times as much smoke and half-truths all over the Internet. The Notre Dame Nation, while passionate for its athletics, is just as passionate about analyzing every little tidbit about the athletic department. So when White was asked if there were different criteria for a football coach and other coaches, he couldn't answer.

"It's just going to drive me crazy speculation," he said.

But as a former player and current director as he is, he is also human. He can say all he wants, but when someone is angry, his face will show it. When he is busy, his eyes will look into the distance, and when he is consumed with work, he is unable to see it in his eyes. And when he is profoundly disappointed, it is likely he is Scholar. The reap­pearance will have for this University.

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Despite 0-3 start, Tar Heels still confident

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

At a school used to winning basketball, the worst start since Babe Ruth was hitting home runs is creating a strange feeling for players, fans, and students.

No one at North Carolina is panicking — yet.

"Everyone's still pretty positive around campus," freshman Jayme Mitchell said between classes Thursday. "Obviously, it's unexpected, but you can't judge them yet — the season really hasn't even started."

The Tar Heels are 0-3 for the first time since 1928 after a 79-66 loss to Indiana on Wednesday night and have lost four in a row at home for just the third time in school history.

With the prospect of the first 0-4 start in the program's 92-year history Sunday night against Georgia Tech, some already are writing off the Tar Heels.

Most callers to the local sports-radio station Thursday said North Carolina just doesn't have the talent to be competitive.

A headline on one local paper read "Hitting a new low" in huge letters, while a columnist at another paper said North Carolina coach Matt Doherty has hit a "major crisis period."

Despite the concerns outside the program, no one on the inside is letting on that anything is wrong.

"Believe it or not, this team gained a lot of confidence with this game," said forward Kris Lang, who scored a career-high 27 points and had eight rebounds against Indiana.

"Teams might look at our record and say, 'Ah, they're 0-3, they're nothing.' I am not worried because we know."

North Carolina, which has been in 27 straight NCAA tournaments and won 20 or more games a record 31 consecutive seasons, opened the season with stunning home losses to Hampton and Davidson.

The Tar Heels did play better and harder against Indiana, but still struggled with the same problems that have plagued them all season.

One is shooting.

The Tar Heels were third in the Atlantic Coast Conference at 79 points per game last season, but have averaged just 63 this season. North Carolina made just 22 of 60 shots against Indiana and is shooting 35 percent on the season.

After shoot 36 percent from 3-point range last season, the Tar Heels are just 17-of-43 (23 percent) this season, including 5-of-19 against the Hoosiers.

"This little slump guys are going through shooting won't last," senior guard Jason Capel said. "We're too good of shootout-ers."

Capel was expected to become North Carolina's go-to player with the departures of Joseph Forte and Brendan Haywood to the NBA, but hasn't been able to find his shot.

Capel is 12-for-42 overall and 2-of-22 from 3-point range, including an 0-for-7 night against Indiana. He's also averaging five turnovers a game.

"I don't think he has had as many open looks as he's had in the past," North Carolina coach Matt Doherty said.

"When you have Joe and Brendan, you're going to get open looks — wide-open looks. He's not getting those now because he's the lead story in the scouting report."

North Carolina has been decent defensively, holding opponents to 40 percent shooting, but offsets that with 18 turnovers per game. Against Indiana, the 18 turnovers included one pass that went to no one and another that went through Jackie Manuel's hands.

"Those things, hopefully, won't happen in the course of the next month or so," Doherty said. "That's getting comfortable with each other and getting comfortable on the floor. Some of those turnovers just come from experience."

North Carolina's schedule
Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Bobby Pesavento never doubted Colorado would make it to the Big 12 title game. He just didn’t expect to be starting quarterback when the team got there.

Filling in for injured starter Craig Ochs, Pesavento has been practically perfect for the last four games — so much so that coach Gary Barnett elected to stick with Pesavento this week.

Even with Ochs almost fully recovered from a batted-down ankle, Pesavento will start Saturday night when the No. 9 Buffaloes meet No. 3 Texas in the Big 12 championship game.

"Bobby is just playing about as solid as you could as big as could play quarterback," Barnett said Tuesday.

In wins over Oklahoma State, Missouri, Iowa State, and Nebraska, Pesavento completed 57 of 83 passes (69 percent) for 869 yards with six touchdowns and two interceptions.

Three of those were come-from-behind victories. Against then-No. 2 Nebraska last Friday, the Buffs jumped out to a 33-3 lead and won 62-36 as they pulled even at 25 wins each in the series.

It's always that Pesavento has played a great ball. I'm so happy for him. He's earned the opportunity to start the Texas game," Barnett said.

"It's obvious that Bobby has played a great ball. I'm so happy for him. He's earned the opportunity to start the Texas game," Barnett said.

Pesavento began his college odyssey at Miami of Ohio. After a coaching change, he transferred to Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, where he threw for 2,444 yards and 22 touchdowns in 1999. He came to Colorado with the intention of being the No. 1 quarterback last season.

Zac Culvin started the first two games, but Pesavento helped the Buffs rally in both games.

Pesavento started the next two games before giving way to Ochs. Ochs remained the starter this season but Pesavento surpassed him.

Ochs had a concussion in the sixth game, then went down with an ankle injury two games later, and Pesavento slipped seamlessly into the starting role.

"It's obvious that Bobby has played a great ball," Ochs said. "I'm so happy for him. He's earned the opportunity to start the Texas game."

Pesavento's first start this season came against Texas on Oct. 20. The Buffs were blown out 41-7, but Pesavento played capably, completing 15 of 27 passes for 165 yards. His one interception came off a deflection.

"We didn't lose that game because of Bobby Pesavento," Barnett said.

Offensive tackle Victor Rogers said Pesavento "had the best attitude I've ever seen as far as a quarterback, especially as much talent as he has. He could be starting at a lot of different places.

As for Texas, Pesavento said the Buffs are "excited that we get a chance to redeem ourselves. We get a chance to show what it wasn't. We (eliminate mistakes) and I'll be a totally different football game this week. Win the one-on-one challenges and we'll be OK.

"I knew we could make it to the championship game. Whether I was going to be the starting quarterback or not, that was something I wasn't sure of."

Once I accepted that Craig was going to be our starter, I just kept working hard and wanted to be a contributor. If I wasn't going to play, I wanted to contribute off the field and on the practice field. I kept working hard, whether it was in the film room or the weight room," Pesavento said.

"When my opportunity came, I just felt real calm, real cool and real comfortable back there."

Miami, Florida

Boise State

Not BCS locks

Associated Press

One win for Miami, two for Florida — that's the formula for a national championship game in the Rose Bowl Featuring two fierce rivals.

Sounds great, but games still have to be played, conference titles must be decided and the Bowl Championship Series computer has to calculate the final numbers.

"We don't have the Bowl Bowl until we win one more football game, that's what it has boiled down to," coach Larry Coker said as his top-ranked Hurricanes (10-0) prepared to visit No. 14 Virginia Tech (8-2) on Saturday. "The fans can enjoy it and talk about it, but in reality, we're the ones that have to travel and play and get the job done."

Florida's task is more formidable. The second-ranked Gators (9-1, 1-1) play host to No. 5 Tennessee (9-1, 1-1), with the winner advancing to the Southeastern Conference title game on Dec. 8. The opponent will be the survivor of Saturday's game between No. 25 Auburn (7-3, 5-2) and No. 22 LSU (7-3, 4-3) at Baton Rouge.

Saban and Florida are first and second in the BCS standings that determine the teams for the Rose Bowl.

The Vols-Gators game was rescheduled from Sept. 15 following the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. The game usually determines the SEC East winner a lot earlier in the season, and now there's a national title involved.

"It's for everything," Gators wide receiver Jabar Gaffney said.

Florida and Miami have met 50 times, with the Hurricanes pulling even at 25 wins each with last year's 37-20 Sugar Bowl victory. It was the first match-up of these rivals since 1982.

The series starts up again next Saturday, Miami at Florida on Sept. 7.

In other games involving top-25 teams, No. 2 Texas vs. No. 9 Colorado in the Big 12 title game in Irving, Texas; Oregon State vs. No. 4 Oregon, No. 10 BYU at Mississippi State; No. 12 Stanford at San Jose State; and Houston vs. No. 16 Georgia.

Other games of note on the final big weekend of the season include Army vs. Navy in Philadelphia, Notre Dame at Purdue and Georgia Tech at Florida State.

On Friday, it's No. 10 Marshall at Toledo in the Mid-American Conference title game.

Miami hasn't won in Blackshirts since 1992. Since then, the Canes are 0-3 at Lane Stadium but that won't help the Gator-Bowl-bound Hokies.

"I look like a pro team," was Tech safety Willie Pile's assessment after Miami's 65-7 rout of Washington last week.

Dorsey, along with several other top quarterbacks, has one more chance to convince voters he's worthy of the Heisman Trophy. Dorsey has thrown for 2,417 yards and 22 touchdowns, breaking the record anchored by massive tackles Bryant McKinnie and Quinn Gonzalez.

On defense, the Canes are No. 1 in points in allowed at 7.9 per game. Miami is scoring 44.9 points per game.

The Hokies, 13 1/2-point underdogs, are tied for third in the ACC in points allowed at 12.1 per game, but the offense is one of the nation's better.

Tennessee is trying to win at Texas for the first time since 1971, when coach Phillip Fulmer played guard for the Volunteers. Florida has won seven of the last eight meetings.

Led by quarterback Casey Clausen (2,469 yards, 19 TDs), the Vols are coming off a 38-0 win over Vanderbilt last week. Rex Grossman, Florida's Heisman hopeful, is the nation's top passer with 3,534 yards and 22 TDs, ranking him 60 catches for 1,090 yards and 12 TDs. On defense, the Gators allow just 12.1 points per game.

If the Hokies can stop the run, Tennessee coach Bill Fulmer will have a better chance to win the Rose Bowl with a win in the SEC title game on Dec. 8.
ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame, Michigan State meet in NCAA tourney

Irish have yet to beat a higher-ranked opponent; Spartans are No. 20

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

After struggling during a road trip during fall break, the Notre Dame volleyball team members sat down and scouted themselves.

Tonight, when the No. 25 Irish (22-6) begin NCAA Tournament play at Wisconsin Field House against the No. 20 Spartans of Michigan State, that experience could prove helpful, as the team on the other side of the net is practically a mirror image of Notre Dame.

"It's kind of interesting because we feel like Michigan State is actually really similar to us," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "Some of their strengths are the same. They're a pretty good blocking team. They're good offensively. I think that they're a little bit weaker defensively."

The Spartans, who come in with a 20-7 record after topping Indiana in four games last Saturday, are led by senior outside hitter Erin Hartley. Hartley, a unanimous selection to the All-Big Ten team, leads the Spartans with 388 kills on a .335 hitting percentage. Like Irish senior Kristy Kreher, Hartley plays opposite the setter.

"Hartley is definitely the person that we need to stop," Brown said. "If we are able to do that and keep her numbers down, that's going to be a key in the match. We'll work pretty hard where she hits on the right side to try and match up."

That getting the right match-up won't necessarily be easy. Brown will match wins with Chuck Erhe, her coach at USC in the late 1970's. But the Irish head coach knows who she wants defending against Hartley.

"You don't know where they're going to start all the time," Brown said. "We'll try to use our best guess and the match-up that we'd like is to have Marcie [Bombeck] blocking her."

The Irish, who are coming off a 1-1 showing at a tournament in Disney World last weekend, were encouraged by their play in a win over LSU and a loss to perennial top 10 Florida. Senior Malinda Goralski led a balanced attack in both matches.

After gathering with friends and members of the media to watch the tournament selection show in the men's basketball offices on Monday, the team got down to business. Senior Brown said.

"I don't even know the reaction from everybody on the draw but I think after it all sank in and we've had an opportunity to watch tape and prepare, I think everybody's just excited," Brown said. "We're looking forward to Friday and looking forward to the competition."

Should the Irish win Friday, they face a possible rematch of the 1997 Sweet 16 match in which the University of Wisconsin topped Notre Dame in four games. This year the Badgers are ranked No. 6 in the USA Today/AVCA poll after losing to Nebraska in the NCAA Championship match last December.

But the Irish traveled up to Madison for a match in the regular season, and took the Badgers to five games with more or less the same team Notre Dame has fielded all season, minus freshman outside hitter Emily Loomis.

"We feel like that they're certainly not a team that's unbeatible," Brown said. "They have their weakness too. Because we know them a little bit, we like our chances going up against them as well."

What Brown remembers most is the enthusiastic crowds that turn out for Wisconsin volleyball matches, even exhibition contests like last spring's.

"It's a really fun environment to play in," Brown said. "They draw really well and it gets loud. It's one of those things where there will definitely be a lot of excitement and a lot of adrenaline flowing. It's the kind of atmosphere that can bring out the best in athletes."

After falling to Ohio State in the second round of the tournament last year, the Irish have their sights set on a return to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1997. All matches this week are available live via the Web on Wisconsin's web page at www.uwbadgers.com.

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Irish begin tough December at United Center

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For the 6-0 Irish, the easy part of their season is over. Now it's time to get real. Business is again back to business. And there's no better place to do it than at the United Center.

"Playing in an arena that big, you sometimes catch yourself gazing up to the stands," said point guard Chris Thomas. "(Michael) Jordan made his name and everything there, so it's a special place. It's a big deal to all of us.

Saturday will be Notre Dame's first real test of the season. After rolling over opponents in Hawaii during Thanksgiving and dominating Army in the second half Wednesday, the Irish are entering the second phase of their season. They will play their next five games away from campus to begin with their match-up against DePaul in the second game of the Classic 4 Kids doubleheader.

"These next few games are going to be tough," said guard Matt Carroll. "They're all great teams, they're all tough to beat, especially on the road. We've got to bring our A-game for all of those games.

After playing DePaul Saturday, the Irish will travel to Indiana, Miami of Ohio and Canisus before flying to New Orleans to take on Alabama in the Noks Sugar Bowl Classic. Notre Dame returns home Dec. 30 against Colgate before beginning their match-up against DePaul in the second game of the Classic 4 Kids doubleheader.

"Our scheduling philosophy was to get out of the gate early against some teams that we should have success ... we did take care of our business," said head coach Mike Brey. "But now the month of December is new territory, and we've got to be prepared for that.

Notre Dame and DePaul will renew a heated rivalry between two teams that haven't played each other since 1994. The rivalry reached its heyday when Digger Phelps coached at Notre Dame in the 1980s, and while it has been seven years since these two teams played each other, the Irish aren't having any trouble getting fired up for this game.

"It definitely wakes up some memories," said Brey. "I've only been here a year and a half, but I've heard nothing but comments about when we're going to play DePaul again and we are ... I think it's a great next step for us to step into that competition at a neutral site.

"The first six weren't too difficult," Thomas said. "Now we're pretty excited to get this kind of competition. Non-conference games like these are important to test ourselves for the big East.

The key to shutting down DePaul, Brey said, is to contain point guard Imari Sawyer. The Irish will also see a physical inside game for the first time this season. The Blue Demons have three players a least 6-foots, and all are more than 230 pounds.

"We have not played against that kind of bulk in our first six games, and we're going to keep that bulk off the backboard," said Brey. "In a lot of ways, it may be a relief, because our big guys have been chasing around 6-3 guys on the perimeter. Now they'll be able to get down and play some post defense in the post.

While the Irish said they haven't felt any intense rivalry with DePaul, they have a feeling that the rivalry will blossom in the next few years and reach the level of intensity that existed when Phelps coached.

"We don't feel any rivalry right now, but I know there is from past tradition," Carroll said. "I have a feeling it's going to start in the future.

Notre Dame will leave for Chicago immediately after practice tomorrow. The Irish and Blue Demons square off at 2:30 p.m. following the Stanford-Texas game.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame-Michigan meet in NCAA rematch

By KATIE McVOY
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Nine months ago, during the second round of the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame dealt Michigan a crushing blow, defeating the Wolverines 88-54, on the way to the National Championship. This Sunday the two teams will face off again in a series which Notre Dame leads 7-3.

For a Wolverine team that hasn’t beat the Irish since 1984, Sunday may be a chance to get back some respect.

“I think Michigan has a lot more on their minds then we do,” said head coach Muffet McGraw following her team’s practice on Wednesday. “For them, I don’t know how they’re looking at it, but I can guess they’re not really happy that we beat them last year. So I think they would have some revenge on their minds.”

For the Wolverines, revenge is a distinct possibility. Michigan returned four of its starters from a team that went 19-12 last season and defeated West Virginia in overtime in round two of the NCAA Tournament before falling to Notre Dame in round two.

This season, the Wolverines have taken control of their shooting game, hitting 50 percent of field goals as a team, making it difficult for any opponent to pin down one player to stop.

“I don’t think if we say we can’t stop [one player] we can win,” McGraw said. “They have a great team. The thing we felt last year, they don’t beat themselves. They’re just a great team.”

Michigan’s motivation is coming from revenge. Notre Dame doesn’t need revenge.

“I don’t think we really have to motivate [the team] because [Michigan] is ranked higher than we are. So it’s an opportunity finally, to play another ranked team and just compare where we are,” McGraw said. “For us, it’s a game early in the season to set us up for the Big Ten schedule.”

After coming so close to a road victory against Arizona, and taking a solid win from Army on Monday, the Irish are ready to take on the Wolverines. The key to an Irish win is to play their game and play it well. During Notre Dame’s loss to Arizona on Saturday, the Irish had a chance to win the game with nine seconds left in the game, but turned the ball over. They set themselves up to win, but on Sunday they know they have to stick to their game plan.

“We know we’ve got to go out and play our game,” sophomore point guard LeTania Severe said. “We need to do that and not fall into their game.”

Severe has surfaced as a top scorer for the Irish, averaging 11.8 points a game, joining teammates Alicia Ratay and Jackie Butteast, who are averaging 14.5 and 11.3 points per game for the Irish.

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The Irish No. 23, Wolverines No. 16 in latest poll

Associated Press

Connecticut led a top four that stayed the same Monday in The Associated Press women’s basketball poll, which had four newcomers after a week filled with losses by Top 25 teams.

South Carolina joined the poll for the first time in 11 years at No. 24 after upsetting Duke. No. 18 LSU, No. 21 Texas, and No. 24 North Carolina also made the Top 25 for the first time this season.

There was no upset involving Connecticut, which beat Rhode Island 84-38 in its only game last week and received 42 of 44 first-place votes from a national media panel. UConn, winner of the preseason WNIT, took a 3-0 record into Monday night’s game at Wake Forest.

Tennessee (3-0) received the two other first-place votes after a 90-75 victory over Louisiana Tech, which slipped one spot to sixth. Oklahoma (5-0) held at No. 3 and Vanderbilt (6-1), which has lost only to UConn, remained fourth.

Connecticut had 1,098 points, Tennessee 1,054 and Oklahoma 1,002.

Iowa State (3-0) moved one spot to fifth, matching its highest ranking ever, after beating DePaul and Mississippi State to win the Cancun Challenge.

After Louisiana Tech in sixth, Stanford, North Carolina State, Texas Tech and Purdue followed.

Colorado jumped three places to 11th after three one-sided victories and Baylor was 12th. That gave the Big 12 five teams in the Top 25.

Georgia was 13th and Duke fell five spots to 18th. The Blue Devils were followed by Colorado State, Michigan Tech, Oklahoma State, LSU, Florida and Wisconsin.

Today, George Washington, Notre Dame, North Carolina and South Carolina held the final five places.

For the Wolverines, revenge is a distinct possibility. Michigan returned four of its starters from a team that went 19-12 last season and defeated West Virginia in overtime in round two of the NCAA Tournament before falling to Notre Dame in round two.

This season, the Wolverines have taken control of their shooting game, hitting 50 percent of field goals as a team, making it difficult for any opponent to pin down one player to stop.

“I don’t think if we say we can’t stop [one player] we can win,” McGraw said. “They have a great team. The thing we felt last year, they don’t beat themselves. They’re just a great team.”

Michigan’s motivation is coming from revenge. Notre Dame doesn’t need revenge.

“I don’t think we really have to motivate [the team] because [Michigan] is ranked higher than we are. So it’s an opportunity finally, to play another ranked team and just compare where we are,” McGraw said. “For us, it’s a game early in the season to set us up for the Big Ten schedule.”

After coming so close to a road victory against Arizona, and taking a solid win from Army on Monday, the Irish are ready to take on the Wolverines. The key to an Irish win is to play their game and play it well. During Notre Dame’s loss to Arizona on Saturday, the Irish had a chance to win the game with nine seconds left in the game, but turned the ball over. They set themselves up to win, but on Sunday they know they have to stick to their game plan.

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Notes: Post player Amanda Barksdale practiced with the team for the first time on Wednesday. A stress-related injury has kept her sidelined.

She’s still not good, but it’s going to be a long recovery because conditioning wise, she hasn’t been able to run,” McGraw said. “But it’s been great to have her back, her leadership.”

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TOM KEELEY

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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Louisa, Yvonne, Spalding, Peter Boynton, Markie Post, Walter Cronkite. Happy Birthday: Be successful, you must become motivated and focus on projects that excite you. Take the initiative now to put your plans into motion, and you won't wonder what you could be doing. The possibilities are numbers 13, 16, 25, 44, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be angry, or a loved one may want to retaliate. Use your ingenuity to show kindness and compassion. Sports or overeating will lead to exhaustion or minor injury. Take it easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may still feel unsettled. Put your energy into creative hobbies or family get-togethers. Social events will provide mental and physical stimulation and help you forget the small stuff. Don't lose your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get involved in underhanded efforts. If your plans are handed to your design, you will lead to outcomes of temper and disagreements. You need to express yourself creatively. Work on redecorating your space or start a battle. Instead, be pragmatist and cool.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't take unnecessary risks by getting involved in underhanded business. Stay away from friends who are engaged in a dubious financial matter. Follow your better instincts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sort out differences with someone you've let things get to you. You may be trying to avoid a battle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You won't want to have too much idle time on your hands. Channel your energy into military creative endeavor to take your mind off your troubles and avoid arguments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't take anything that is happening to you personally. Be tactful with transportation; travel may result in delays or restrictions. Safety must be your prime concern today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Expect problems with investments and disagreements over financial dealings. Just ventures will not pay off. Take care of any health problems. If you smoke, quit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You're likely to say something you'll regret if you are too quick to respond. Think before you speak and try to put yourself in other people's shoes. You may be overreacting to slight events.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be egged on by citizens of yourself or your loved ones. When you're behind the wheel, don't lose your temper. Keep your composure and decide the best way to handle any affront.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money will slip through your fingers if you go shopping today. Don't overspend on children or family. If you keep the friendship and the cash, you may be able to start a business.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You need to chill out and relax. If you let things get to you, you'll be found to be egotistical. If you step back and consider the battle, you'll be found to be egotistical.

Birthday Baby: You have a special way of charming everyone. You have a gift of gall and a need to know about everything and anything. You are quick to respond and always want to see something new. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Website at astrocharis.com, astrocharis.com, astrocharis.com.)

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Every day, his office receives dozens of e-mails. Every day, faxes pour in from all over the world from Notre Dame alumni, Holy Cross priests and Irish fans. Every day, he places the needs of Notre Dame ahead of his own self-interest.

Welcome to the world of Kevin White, the Notre Dame athletic director and the man responsible for evaluating head football coach Bob Davie at the end of the season.

"I wouldn't characterize the feelings I feel as pressure," White said. "I feel more responsible than proud. I have a high degree of responsibility to represent the University in the right way and do things the right way." White's responsibilities go far beyond analyzing the status of the football team. He is the first athletic director to report directly to University President Father Edward Malloy and oversees the day-to-day aspects of Notre Dame's athletic department in addition to directly overseeing the football and basketball programs.

His administrative policy is a combination of his experience as athletic director at Arizona State, Tulane, Maine and Loras College and a desire to achieve many of the goals outlined in the Jones-Day report, a collection of standards compiled by studying athletic departments across the nation.

Since White was appointed athletic director 19 months ago, he has already implemented drastic changes — changes that have already produced results.

Last year — White's first year as athletic director — Notre Dame finished 11th in the Sears Cup standings, which evaluate a school's overall athletic achievements, matching its highest ranking ever. Four Notre Dame teams ascended to No. 1 rankings, and 10 sports rose to their highest rankings in school history.

In the next four years, the department will add 16 scholarships each year — a total of 64 scholarships — to five additional varsity sports the maximum number of scholarships allowed under NCAA regulations.

And in just over a year and a half, White has hired five new coaches under White's tenure: men's basketball coach Mike Brey, men's soccer coach Bobby Clark, men's golf coach John Jasiniski, softball coach Donna Gumpf and women's golf coach Debby King. These coaching

White's face says what words don't

Athletic director Kevin White has said very little about Bob Davie's future at Notre Dame. He hasn't given him a public statement of confidence nor has he said Davie will not return as head coach next year. Since October, White has said very little about Davie or the football program to the media. But emotions on the sidelines of Irish losses this year have expressed more than words ever could.

After Notre Dame's loss to Nebraska to open the season, White looked shocked. Like most Irish fans, he appeared unable to grasp how a team that was so disciplined and so careful with the ball in 2000 looked so sloppy and turned the ball over so many times in the first game in 2001.

In College Station, White looked angry. Watching from the sideline as the Irish dropped to 0-2 with a loss to the Aggies, White's face was stern. The lines on his lines were drawn tightly as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

But Saturday, in the Stanford rain, White was neither shocked nor angry. He was profoundly disappointed. His wet hair clung to his forehead. His lower lip protruded slightly. His shoulders visibly sagged. As he watched the Irish slowly file into their locker room, his eyes said what he could not say with his words. White looked even more devastated than his football team, even if he won't say it.

When asked about his feelings watching this football season in an interview on Wednesday, White could only respond: "I can't comment on that.

All White would confirm was that he and Davie will sit down at the end of the season and evaluate the "football program as a whole." He won't confirm a timetable. He won't confirm what criteria he will use in his evaluation. There will be a meeting, but White's "reputation speaks for itself."

There are a lot of kids out there that want to be considered for Notre Dame," said Emfinger, who has his own recruiting Web site and has been evaluating high school players for over 25 years. "There are a lot of players that would love to go to Notre Dame. So there's not much difference for who the coach is because there are players that would give just about anything to be a part of the Notre Dame tradition."

Emfinger also said that the experience of playing Notre Dame football, despite a new coach and a program that has had losing seasons in two of the past three years, is a dream for many top prospects.

"The answer is pretty simple: You've got players, parents and coaches of those kids that want these players to go to Notre Dame," said Emfinger. "The tradition, academic credentials, national television and just the whole package of being at Notre Dame is just awesome for a kid."

The only recruits that might go somewhere else are position players that want a specific offense scheme, like quarterback Chris Olsen for example, said Emfinger. Most other players will still want to be at Notre Dame no matter who the coach.

Olsen was highly recruited by schools across the country, including Miami, Virginia, Michigan State, Tennessee and Boston College. Yet this four-star prospect, rated 16th among linebackers in the country, verbally committed to the Irish in August. Olsen's biggest reason for coming to
Seniors want to end with a win in Indiana Bowl

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Forget about his job.
Bob Davie was the last game of 2001 to be all about the seniors. And even if Saturday ends up being Davie’s last game as Notre Dame’s head coach, he’s not going to go down without a fight.

“If you sit around and you spend a bunch of time feeling sorry about yourself, then I think everything starts to crumble around you,” he said. “It’s not what you say, it’s what you do, and what I’ve tried to do since I’ve been head coach is not worry a whole lot about myself, but worry about the players and try to lead by example.”

Saturday afternoon, the 4-6 Irish try on the 6-4 Boilermakers in what will be the final college game for 43 Notre Dame seniors. And even though the season hasn’t gone how they originally hoped, the Irish aren’t going to have any problems getting fired up for Saturday’s game.

“I want to walk off that field the last time know that we played hard and got a victory,” said Notre Dame defensive end Anthony Weaver. “They think they’re the team in Indiana, and we think they’re a team in Indiana.”

“When Purdue and Notre Dame play you can throw out the records,” said Purdue’s Akin Ayodele. “The game is always played at a high level emotionally. It is a rivalry game.”

Notre Dame and Purdue have had several close games in recent years, causing many current Irish players to call Saturday’s match-up the Indiana Bowl. Last year, by Godfrey drove the Irish down the field and Nicholas Setta hit a game-winning field goal to give the Irish a 23-21 win. Two years ago, Notre Dame lost 28-23 when coaches mismanaged the clock at the end of the game. And in 1998, although Purdue won 28-17, the game wasn’t decided until the final minutes.

“Notre Dame is Notre Dame,” said Purdue kicker Travis Branch. “If we cannot get up for this one, there is something wrong with us. Right now, this is the biggest game of our year. We have a lot to accomplish and a lot to prove this week.”

The biggest question mark for the Irish is whether or not Carlyle Holiday can bounce back from his 1-for-16 passing performance a week ago. Davie earlier this week that Holiday lost his confidence when he started missing wide-open receivers, but that he never thought about replacing Holiday as the starter. The challenge for him is whether or not he will regain that confidence.

“We have tremendous confidence in him and he should have confidence in himself because he’s as good as there is when he’s on,” Davie said. “It’s all part of the learning curve and he’s just got to feel better, but you have to step up do it, and we’re going to give him the opportunity to do that again this week.”

Notre Dame could have problems handling Purdue’s passing game, led by quarterback Brandon Hance. The red-shirt freshman leads a passing offense that has averaged just under 200 passing yards per game. For the Boilermakers, four receivers are averaging over 35 receiving yards a game.

Against Stanford, Notre Dame’s secondary made several key mistakes that led to Stanford touchdowens. Midway through the second half, with the Cardinal facing a third-and-10 situation, quarterback Brian Faseli completed a long pass that kept a drive alive. The Cardinal would score later that drive.

The Irish running game is decimated by injuries. Tony Fisher and Julius Jones are both listed as doubtful for Saturday’s contest, leaving Holiday and Terrance Howard as the only healthy tailbacks. The good news for the Irish is that freshman Ryan Grant, who missed the Stanford game with a hyper-extended elbow, will be able to play Saturday.

Injuries have also hurt the Irish defensively. With Andy Wisne and Ryan Roberts out for the season, Kyle Bendumack, Grant Iroons, Cedric Hilliard and Anthony Weaver will have to play most of the game. However, Davie thought Darrell Campbell, who led the Stanford game in the first quarter and did not return, might be able to play against Purdue.

“Obviously a lot of our goals have come and gone as a team, but we’ve got probably the biggest goal still left and that’s to simply win a football game,” Davie said. “To simply play for pride, and to me, that’s an awful lot. It’s worthwhile all the hours we spend just to do that, and I really believe right now that we are capable of winning.”

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Finding a balance

Senior tailback balances college football with wife and 2 children

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

When Terrance Howard finishes football practice and heads out to dinner, he is greeted by the things you would expect in a college senior's life: a couple of couches, a TV and VCR, a small but comfortable kitchen. But when he sits down to his laptop to start his economics homework, snacking on chicken wings, it's obvious that something is different.

Howard's economics books have to share his attention with his 10-month-old daughter, Milan, and his wife, Gina. For the senior tailback from Willingboro, N.J., what happens on the field takes second place to what happens in the classroom.

"I see that even if I don't have an opportunity on the playing field, I have an opportunity in life that a lot of people don't have," Howard said as he looked as his daughter. "I don't take anything for granted."

Howard has faced a lot of changes and changed a lot himself. He entered Notre Dame as freshman and ended up in the gold helmet for most of his sophomore year. During the Stanford game, Howard was the only opportunity the team had to get better but I didn't play as well at camp, because of him practicing so much so well at camp, he made his decision to attend Notre Dame during his sophomore year and I'm not going to let that happen," Davie said. "But he's bounced back. He stayed out there, went to the bottom of the depth chart, basically, let's call it what it was," Davie said. "But all of the sudden there he is, Terrance Howard playing there, he is against Navy playing. So he's a resilient guy and his attitude has been tremendous."

During the Stanford game, Howard carried the ball 14 times and he has earned himself the starting spot in this weekend's game against Purdue. This time, he won't let the opportunity slip away.

"I have that opportunity now and I'm not going to let that opportunity slip like I did in Nebraska game," Howard said. "Every time I go out on the field I'm going to take advantage of that one opportunity and I'm looking forward to the next."
Notre Dame
Fighting Irish
Record: 4-6
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COACHING

It seems that Davie's departure at the end of the season is imminent. But give him credit - he's not giving up on this team or the program, and he won't quit now.

In just five short seasons, Tiller has taken Purdue from the bottom of the barrel to a Big Ten powerhouse. He is already ranks third on the career win list at Purdue.

Hance, a redshirt freshman, has done a decent job filling in for Brees. He averages 169 passing yards per game. However, he has thrown 10 interceptions compared to only eight touchdown passes.

Even Irish players admit it's too tough to play with Davie rumors swirling around them. Tiller can sit back and coach. Davie has to defend his every move.

HOLIDAY is by far the better athlete, but his confidence was shaken last week, and he left the game early, giving a young player more than his share of the game. He's a tough situation for Davie, who has to be able to run an option game. If the Irish can't throw down, they should be able to run effectively. If they can't pass, Holiday and Co. will have a long day.

Irish Rushing

Injuries continue to decimate the Irish rushing corps. Fisher and Jones have been nursing injuries all season long. Only Holiday and Howard are 100 percent healthy, meaning Grant could see some playing time.

Confidence is the key for Holiday. He has talented receivers now, he has to get them the ball. Givens hurt his ankle and is questionable Saturday, but Hunter will be healthy and looking to make some plays.

Purdue's secondary isn't the world's greatest. They give up 214 passing yards a game. However, they have picked off 18 passes and have a strong pass rush.

Purdue's passing game is struggling. The Boilermakers have been able to muster an average of 126 rushing yards per game against the Boilermaker front seven. Phillips and Ayodele are speedy defensive ends who could complicate Notre Dame's option game.

ANALYSIS

In the Bob Davie Pride Bowl, the Irish will do all they can to make Kevin White's decision even tougher, waking up the echoes of their offensive to an "upset" only a Hoosier could love.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 38 Purdue 17

Notre Dame's seniors will make the difference in this game. They'll be motivated, frustrated, angry and upset, and the only team left to take it out on is the Boilermakers. The game will stay close, but the Irish defense will shut down Purdue late in the game to lock up the win.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 20 Purdue 17

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Boilermaker Rushing

While Walton and Duff have done a good job covering receivers, the safeties have been hampered by injury all season long. Look for Elam and Smith to see quality playing time with Sapp and Smith to see quality coverage game has been solid, but the Irish are against Stanford. The coverage game has been underrated, and yet they are to manage to shut the Boilermakers. He in for the Boilermakers. He manages to score while the stout Irish defense Purdue's seniors will.

Plain and simple, Purdue just doesn't run the ball. They only average 140 rushing yards a game. Notre Dame shouldn't have any trouble shutting them down.

They're not Florida, but the Boilermakers are still dangerous. And the way the Irish secondary has been playing, the Boilermakers might be able to complete several long passes — or at least draw a pass interference from Jefferson.

Setta finally found his rhythm in Boston, who is just as good and just as accurate. Both teams are fairly equal across the board.
Davie's excuses get more desperate, more pathetic

On the field, there are no reasons to keep Bob Davie around for another year as head coach. If he loses to Purdue Saturday, he will tie Gerry Faust for the second most career losses at Notre Dame with 26. Only Lou Holtz lost more than Faust and Davie—but he coached for 11 years. Faust and Davie only headed the Irish for five years. So Davie has resorted to using off the field reasons for not getting canned by the Irish. The biggest reason why Davie seems to believe he will be back is the five-year contract he signed in December. Davie said at his press conference Tuesday that he will talk a little about that contract Davie signed last December. White confirmed that it was a five-year contract that Davie signed last December. It was a full five-year contract—not a series of five one-year contracts as some unreliable Internet boards and rumor mongers have reported. But White also said that Davie's contract was nothing special. Since White took over as athletic director, every coach still employed by the University signed a contract. For some reason, before White got here, coaches were bound only to the University by a smile and a handshake. "When I arrived, we didn't have any coaches on what I would characterize as a contract," White said. "We have letters of understanding and all kinds of agreements. So we tried to put into place across all 26 sports a plan that would provide consistency and continuity." Basically, White took over and found an athletic department in disarray. Under the bozos who ran that athletic department before White, coaches could basically leave at any time for whatever reason. This was far from an ideal situation. Remember that basketball coach who left Notre Dame after just one season so he could go down south and lose to Hampton? White's new contract plan put a stop to those types of situations. So basically, this great contract that Davie holds up really means nothing. The contract will play as much of a role in his continued employment as beating Navy. This great contract that Davie holds up really means nothing. The contract will play as much of a role in his continued employment as beating Navy. So Davie has resorted to using off the field reasons for not getting canned by the Irish. This is Notre Dame's schedule is not like a coach. Davie is not a football coach, not a golf coach. There are going to be injuries. Davie: The schedule was too difficult this year. Notre Dame's schedule is always difficult. Davie just whines because he can't beat good teams. Davie: People who understand football will not evaluate this season as a complete failure. Apparently Davie doesn't think the BCS knows much about football because those polls are pretty much universally ranking Notre Dame's season as a failure. If the BCS awarded points for playing hard in spite of the head coach, the Irish would rank at the top. Ever since the Irish started 0-3, Davie has been practically begging to keep his job. As the speculation about his successor grows louder, Davie's pleas become more and more pathetic. White said the University hierarchy should have mercy on the man and fire him quickly after the season ends. The longer this drugsn, the more and more painful it becomes to watch.

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**GAME OF THE WEEK**

By GREG LADKY

**Florida quarter back Rex Grossman leaps over the top to score a touchdown against South Carolina earlier this season. The sophomore leads the Gators into the SEC Championship game against Tennessee.**

**Gators, Vols battle for BCS berth**

By GREG LADKY

Sports Writer

While the No. 2 Gators have continued to amaze the college football world with blowout victories over South Carolina and Florida State, the No. 5 Volunteers have quietly moved their way back into the Rose Bowl picture.

This series is one of the highest quality rivalries in college football. This is the seventh straight time both teams enter the game ranked in the top 10.

With last week's upset in the Big-12, the winner of this Saturday's game will have the inside track to the national title game, as long as they get past the wild and wacky SEC West champion next week.

The game features two great sophomore quarterback-backs, and a load of talented wide receivers. Five players on these two teams were named as first team All-Americans.

**OTHER TOP GAMES**

**Texas vs. Colorado**

The No. 9 Buffaloes will get their chance at revenge against the No. 3 Longhorns this Saturday in the Big 12 championship game in Texas Stadium.

Texas beat Colorado 41-7 in Austin this season. Colorado turned the ball over four times and committed nine penalties in that game. The Buffaloes showed they have improved greatly with their surprising 62-36 blowout of Nebraska last weekend.

But the Longhorns have improved as well. The Buffaloes showed they have improved greatly with their surprising 62-36 blowout of Nebraska last weekend.

**Army vs. Navy**

College football will always have more important games in terms of rankings and championships than the Army-Navy game, but no rivalry in the country involves more passion, more effort, and more meaning to the players than this game.

This game is truly one of the great traditions in all of sports.

But this year's game has obviously taken a back seat to the war on terrorism for the players involved.

"When you lose a football game, no one loses a life. It's just football," Army linebacker Brian Zickadios said. "These guys are going to be doing in six months is much more important."
Do it all night long one more time.

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