Student launches poster project

By STEPHANIE SELLINGER
News Writer

Fat, Gay, KKK... Snob, Honest, Black... Smoker, Muslim, Virgin.

These are just a few of the messages printed on posters hanging around campus to increase awareness of stereotypes.

The posters are the brainchild of Robert Mason, a fourth-year graduate student in graphic design. The white posters, each stamped with three stereotypical adjectives or nouns in black, are the first stage of a project he is conducting as part of his master’s degree.

"My project is based on the power of the written word and the premise that our society is only really free if we respect the rights of our least popular minorities or those who do not conform or have unpopular or unorthodox viewpoints," Mason said. "By pairing the three words, words that are not normally associated together, the viewer is asked whether their personal biases impact the rights of the individuals represented by the words.

Posters were hung in DeBartolo Hall, O’Shaughnessy Hall, Fitzpatrick Hall of Engineering and Mendoza College of Business in an attempt to challenge passers-by to think about the way they view stereotypical groups or minorities.

Mason expanded the project to include postcards in an effort to send to faculty. He is also considering buttons, T-shirts and an online version of the project, as well as using the local newspaper and TV stations to increase awareness of his project.

Mason was surprised by the relative lack of interest to the posters, since the posters were hung mid-November. Another set of posters will appear this week, and Mason welcomed responses via e-mail at why3words@yahoo.com.

In light of increasing intolerance he observed in the nation, Mason ultimately hopes that the project will encourage discussion and challenge students and faculty to confront their biases regarding race, ethnicity and religion.

The project is sponsored by NDesign, a student industrial and draft design group for graphic design students.

"The strength of the project lies in the way it confronts biases," art professor Robert Sedlack said. "Robert is trying to bring to light what we feel and verbalize things we sometimes aren’t willing to talk about. In that way, I think it is a very successful project and will only have more success as it continues to confront and touch more people."

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Coach ushers sea of blue

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Tyreone Willingham flooded Angela Athletic Facility with a sea of blue to increase awareness of stereotypes.

"We brought a team together and turned them around," said Katie Zigler, co-chair of the senior leadership campaign. "They are not only winning but they are working together as a team and that is what Saint Mary’s needs right now.

He drew from his 23 years of football coaching experiences, particularly his son’s success, for words of motivation.

"Please take the three Cs with you into your Lilly Challenge," he said. "Commitment and cohesive-ness is very important to the program.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Breaking out of the bubble

You can leave Notre Dame, but Notre Dame will never leave you. Each semester, hundreds of students study abroad, which is great and I think everyone should live in another country for awhile. While they are gone, their school sneaks up on them in the strangest places. At breaks, the students go home, they travel, and they go to work. And out of the corner of their eye, they catch a glimpse of the Golden Dome.

I escape the Notre Dame bubble during breaks like everyone else. But even crossing borders and oceans, I can't help but lose sight of it.

I spent a summer in Rome – a truly magical city, a place everyone should experience. But then, I'm a bit biased. Anyway, over the course of the summer, I did all the usual touristy things. It wasn't long before an awfully scary thought came to me...

The most famous Roman landmarks are familiar to us all. The dome of St. Peter's Basilica watches over the city. The Coliseum continues to stand proudly at the edge of the forum, an ancient thoroughfare that reminds visitors of what Rome once was. It was walking along the forum that I had my worst moment.

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However much I tried to cover it up with not very profound musings of the distant future of the University, the fact remains that I bring a piece of Notre Dame with me for a while. It got under my skin. At one time I found it a little scary, maybe even a little sad. Now, as an adult with very limited time left here, I find it reassuring. I may move on and leave this place, but I will always catch a glimpse of campus, of home, out of the corner of my eye. And at some point, I'll draw the line at equating it with school. I'm just like everyone else.

CONSIDERATIONS

In Tuesday's story, "ND goal commando space shuttle," the article incorrectly stated that the Endurance space shuttle landed Monday. The space shuttle docked out of the International Space Station Monday and was scheduled to be back on Earth today.

In Tuesday's story, "Viruses infect 100 Notre Dame students," Matt Stotz was incorrectly identified as the vice president for Communications at Notre Dame. He is the associate vice president for News and Information.
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Debate heats up over sponsorship of graduate student organizations

By ANDREW THAGARD

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Summer high school programs recognized

Special to The Observer

Two University of Notre Dame summer programs for high school students are highlighted in a new book listing high quality pre-college programs. The Career Discovery in Architecture and the Summer Experience programs are featured in “College Programs: Summer College Programs for High School Students.” The book, edited by Robert Hyrskys and published by Nautilus Press, is the first written on early college programs. Over 250 programs at 190 colleges are profiled, highlighting pre-college programs for more than 80 careers. The guide also includes a special section for underrepresented and learning disabled youth.

The School of Architecture’s Career Discovery program is geared toward high school juniors, seniors and recent graduates who are considering, or who have begun, an architecture program. Participants learn about architectural history and the skills and responsibilities required in contemporary architecture practice. The program is led by Notre Dame architecture professors and advanced students. Participants also have an opportunity to experience student life through athletic and social activities.

The Summer Experience program is designed for academically gifted seniors-to-be. Participants are in residence at Notre Dame for three weeks in July, taking part in one of seven fields of study—life sciences, business/entrepreneurship, literature, psychology, theology, computer science and geoscience.
Willingham
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that you act as one family so the
whole group can have success."
Willingham also called stu-
dents to value the opportunity of
being at such an institution.
"When you get to my age, you
understand that every day is a
precious, precious
day," he said.
In addition to hearing
Willingham speak, students
used the rally as a way of learning
about the Lilly Challenge.
"I want to learn more about
the Lilly grant because I know
little about it," senior Colleen
Miles said in anticipation of the
rally. "I think the presence of
Coach Willingham is a big draw
too."
Lyndsey Brubaker and Zigler,
co-chairs of the senior leader-
ship campaign, explained that the
Lilly Foundation has
promised to match every dollar
donated to the College through-
out this year. The foundation has
challenged students to give
$250,000, faculty and staff to
give $250,000 and alumni to
give $5 million in donations.
If all the goals are met, the
College will have a total of $7
million.
"This will bring about great
change for the present and the
future students of Saint Mary's," Zigler
said.
"We are trying to get
underclassmen started in
funding to support their senior gift and Lilly will
match the sum."

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Wednesdays’ Journal of the
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Turkey won't commit to allowing U.S. military access

Associated Press

ANKARA

Turkey's foreign minister said Tuesday that his country would allow the use of military bases in the country for a strike against Iraq, but he later said that his comments were not a firm commitment by Turkey.

Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis' statement came as U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was in the country lobbying for Turkey's support of an operation against its neighbor, Iraq.

World News Briefs

U.N. approves 6 resolutions on Israel:

Over U.S. and Israeli objections, the U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly approved six resolutions Tuesday criticizing Israeli policies and calling for new efforts to bring peace to the Middle East. In an annual ritual, the 171-member body ended a three-day Mideast debate with lopsided votes demanding a speedy resumption of the peace process, a final settlement between the Israelis and the Palestinians, and an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Venezuela nat'l guard disperses protest:

The national guard broke up an opposition protest with tear gas and rubber bullets and shared responsibility for the deaths of two pro-government demonstrates who were killed during a protest against the government of President Hugo Chavez. In his first public comment since the strike began Monday, Chavez called the action a "desperate effort" to oust him by an opposition bent on "destabilization and violence."

National News Briefs

Priests accused of drug, sexual abuse:

Priests sexually abused teenage girls, used cocaine and other drugs, and one had an affair with a female parishioner, according to allegations contained in personnel files maintained by the Boston Archdiocese. The 3,000 pages of files on eight priests were released Tuesday by lawyers representing people who claim they were sexually abused by clergymen. The attorneys are seeking to show that Cardinal Bernard Law routinely transferred priests to other parishes even after accusations of child abuse or other wrongdoing.

Post office said to put billions at risk:

U.S. Postal Service debt totaling $66 billion this year are vulnerable to theft, robbery and mishandling because of inadequate security and failure to follow procedures, according to a report to Congress Tuesday. About $6.3 million was at least temporarily lost in the 2001 fiscal year.

U.S. targets American al-Qaida agents:

American citizens working with the al-Qaida overseas can legally be targeted and killed by the CIA under President Bush's rules for the war on terrorism. U.S. officials say the authority to kill U.S. citizens is granted under a secret finding signed by the president after the Sept. 11 attacks that directs the CIA to covertly attack al-Qaida anywhere in the world. U.S. law allows for no exceptions for Americans, so permission to strike them is understood rather than specifically described, officials said.

L.A. chief to seek Fed help with gangs:

Police Chief William Bratton said Tuesday he will ask federal prosecutors for help in combating the city's street gangs, which he likened to the Mafia. Bratton, who took over the Los Angeles Police Department a month ago, said he plans to ask U.S. Attorney Debra Yang to use racketeering and tax evasion laws against gang members.
Retired general shares experiences

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's News Editor

Retired Major General Titu Kera recounted his story on Tuesday at Saint Mary's, said she always looks forward to sharing her experiences as a high-ranking woman in the United States Air Force, particularly about the time she spent in Lithuania.

Kera served as the first U.S. Defense Attaché resident in the Baltics from 1993 to 1995 in Lithuania, which she described as her most memorable assignment.

During the 20th century, Lithuanians grappled with trying to regain control of their country. Occupied by the Soviets for most of the century, there was a short period of time when the country was over-run by Nazi Germany. It was not until March 11, 1991 it was agreed to reunite the Lithuanian people by building a Lithuanian army and soldiers.

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As the first U.S. defense attaché to Lithuania, the general represented U.S. defense leadership to the Lithuanian ministry of defense and armed forces, served as the defense adviser to the U.S. ambassador and managed U.S. security assistance programs. The general was born in Germany and was commissioned in 1973 as a distinguished graduate of Officer Training School.

Kera retired in February 2002 but currently serves as an adjunct senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

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Study shows contraceptive may be a risk for some women

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Women with certain gene mutations have more than a 60 percent lifetime risk of developing breast cancer.

Now a new study suggests the risk is even greater for those women if they used oral contraceptives for longer than five years.

The study is based on an analysis of the health histories of more than 2,600 women in 11 countries, all of whom have mutations of the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes. Half of the women studied had taken birth control pills and half did not. The study compared the breast cancer histories of the two groups and found there was an increased risk for the pill takers.

Earlier studies have shown that mutations of the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes increase the lifetime risk of breast cancer by about 60 percent, and even higher in some cases. The mutations are relatively rare, occurring in one of 250 women in the general population, and account for less than 10 percent of all breast cancer cases.

Narod said the new study shows that early birth control pill use increases the lifetime breast cancer risk up to about 85 percent for women with the BRCA1 mutation when compared to women without the mutation.

Oral contraceptive use was not found to increase the risk among BRCA2 mutation carriers, however, said Narod. Why there is a difference in risk between the two mutations, he said, is not known.

Debbie Saslow, director of breast and gynecological cancer control for the American Cancer Society, said the study suggests that women with the BRCA mutations should approach oral contraceptive use with caution, but that the research need to be verified by other studies before the findings can be generally applied.

"We don't make broad policy decisions based on just one paper," she said.

Saslow said decisions about oral contraceptive use among mutation carriers is complex because the pill is protective, to some degree, against ovarian cancer, a much more difficult to detect type of deadly cancer.

"It is unlikely women who have this BRCA1 mutations need to talk to their doctors because there is a trade-off," she said.

Narod said researchers are gathering data to determine if mutation carriers were placed at even greater risk of breast cancer after menopause if they took hormone replacement therapy.

Interested in running for Student Body President or Vice President?

Come to an informational meeting Thursday, December 5th at 7pm in the Montgomery Theater. Information will be given out regarding elections, and we will be able to answer your questions.

If you are unable to attend, but are interested in running, please email Judicial Council President Danielle Ledesma at dledesma@nd.edu.
IN BRIEF

5 Wall Street firms fined over e-mail

The company said it will cut additional 4 percent.

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Million for not keeping e-mails related to office matters for the required period of time.

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Online sales see post-Thanksgiving surge

Associated Press

NEW YORK 

Online holiday sales, which started picking up in mid-November, kicked into high gear over the Thanksgiving weekend, blasting past year-ago figures.

Consumers spent $453.4 million online over the three-day weekend, excluding travel, following Thanksgiving a year ago, according to a report Tuesday by comScore Networks Inc., which captures buying activity from a cross section of 1.5 million Internet users.

Online sales continued to gather momentum Monday, when sales totaled $231.5 million, up 37 percent from the Monday after Thanksgiving a year ago, comScore reported.

While the day after Thanksgiving is traditionally seen as the start of the holiday shopping season for brick-and-mortar merchants, the following Monday is now being recognized by some as the kickoff point for e-tailers, comScore has dubbed it "Black Monday," referring to the expectation sales will push retailers out of the red and into the black.

Monday marks the return to work, where many shoppers prefer to do their online shopping.

"The majority of Americans still depend on the work PC for the convenience of high-speed connection," said Dan Hess, a spokesman for comScore.

"Because of the compressed holiday shopping season this year — the holiday season is six days fewer than a year ago — shoppers began early.

Online shopping was brisk from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, with sales increasing 26 percent, from $4.3 billion in 2001 to $5.5 billion in 2002, according to BizRate.com, a shopping comparison site that also tracks consumer spending across 2,000 Web sites.

BizRate.com reported that sales for the three days following Thanksgiving were $679.3 million, up 55 percent compared with a year ago.

Many e-tailers see post-Thanksgiving surge

FINLAND

Nokia forecasts cell phone growth in 2003

Associated Press

ESPOO

Nokia Corp. said Tuesday it expects growth in cellular phone sales to pick up in 2003, sending another signal that the consumer side of the wireless equipment market may be stabilizing.

"Even now, Nokia shares and other wireless stocks fell in afternoon trading on Wall Street. The world's largest maker of mobile phones expects industrywide shipments to grow "percent or slightly more" in 2003 from the 400 million expected this year. If so, it would be the first year of double-digit growth since 2000, when handset sales reached 405 million.

Some Nokia executives, including CEO Jorma Ollila, have said dividends of up to 15 percent was possible. At a meeting with analysts Tuesday in Dallas, Ollila denied backing away from more robust predictions, saying probability predictions of 10 percent to 15 percent were for an average through 2005.

"As we look at the uncertain global economy, with the possibility of war in Iraq ... it's only prudent to see 10 percent or slightly more growth this year — particularly when the year hasn't even begun," he said. "Personally, I feel better about 2003 than I did in August."

Industry sales have stagnated since 2000, when consumers started waiting longer before upgrading their handsets. But Nokia said it expects the replacement cycle to stabilize next year.

Nokia's new forecast, unveiled during the annual strategy session with analysts in Dallas, follows positive remarks from smaller competitors such as Sony Ericsson, and a stronger-than-expected third quarter for the industry, when sales topped expectation for only the second time ever, according to research firm Gartner Dataquest Inc.

In fact, the compressed season could squeeze e-tailers, as it gives them less time to keep up with stocking hot items.

More online sites are using free shipping as a way to rope in customers. This past Thanksgiving weekend, 140 online companies offered free shipping deals, up 20 percent a year ago, according to BizRate.com.

Many e-tailers said they've prepared themselves for this year's challenges.

"Our strategy has been to be as flexible as possible on pricing and promotions," said Dene Hess, a spokesman for comScore.

"We can adjust our marketing plans as late as Dec. 22 or Dec. 23 in time for Christmas Day, a day or two later than a year ago, a bit of a risk," Merrill said.

"They could shine or they could disappoint their customers," he said.

FRANCE

Vivendi to take control of Cegetel

Associated Press

PARIS

Debt-burdened Vivendi Universal said Tuesday it will buy a majority stake in Cegetel, thwarting a bid by Britain's Vodafone PLC for control of France's second-largest telecommunications company.

Vivendi's ability to pay for more Cegetel shares signals a remarkable turnaround in Vivenid's fortunes following a loss last month, when Vodafone put its bid on the table.

Vivendi said it planned to buy out fellow shareholder BT Group PLC's 26 percent stake for 4 billion euros ($4 billion) — giving it 70 percent of Cegetel, a controlling stake.

Vivendi already owns 44 percent of Cegetel.

Over the past two months Vivendi has sold its U.S. publishing operations, secured fresh lines of bank credit and raised sufficient cash to enable it to maintain its strong presence in the media industry.

Vivendi has for weeks been feuding with Vodafone for control of Cegetel, which is coveted for its cash generating mobile phone unit SFR.

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The Vivendi chairman said he would "re-examine" an offer by U.S. billionaire oilman Marvin Davis for all of Vivendi Universal Entertainment, but did not elaborate. Vivendi initially said the assets were not for sale.

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Jackson testifies in court case

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. -- Michael Jackson, hobbling into court without a shoe because of a spider bite that made his foot swell, testified Tuesday in a $21 million breach-of-contract case that he could not recall details about his canceled millennium concerts.

"That's administrative work. That's not what I do," he said, the 44-year-old pop star said.

Later, Jackson was asked if he suffered from memory problems.

"Not that I can recall," Jackson responded.

Promoter Marcel Avram is suing Jackson for backing out of performances in Sydney, Australia, and Honolulu on Dec. 31, 1999.

The singer maintains that it was Avram who canceled because of a spider bite that made his foot swell, testified Jackson. He later explained he had a "foot rash" and was not able to recall the incident.

As reporters outside the courthouse shouted questions about the incident, an annoyed-looking Jackson said: "It's my child. I love my children."

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Associated Press

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The 7-year-old house in a 10-lot subdivision in the Detroit suburb of Sterling Heights sold for $316,000 in 1996.

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Prosecutor says Ryder needs counseling aid

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. -- Winona Ryder should do community service, get drug counseling and pay $260,000 in fines and restitution for stealing from a Saks Fifth Avenue, a prosecutor recommended in a legal memo filed in advance of the actress' sentencing.

In the memorandum, Deputy District Attorney Ann Rundle recommended that Ryder keep the two-day jail sentence she was originally sentenced to and instead, sit in a prison for a year for the theft.

Rundle's recommendation was filed in advance of the actress' sentencing and was a surprise, said her attorney Mark Geragos, who had been urging a prison sentence.

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Heroes are closer than they seem

The sun is creeping up over the horizon and the morning mist is starting to burn off as I walk down the beach of some unknown small Atlantic Coastal village. The wide beach is accentuated by dead tree trunks and I find a relatively large one to rest my legs and watch the sunrise.

Observing the rapid changes of the sand and the colors of the sky as you watch the sun rise is witnessing the daily rebirth of the world. I decide it’s going to be a good day.

Morning is nature’s daily restoration — all that has come before is gone, leaving an opportunity for something better. Within a couple of minutes, my mind wanders from the marvels of earth to my own beginnings as a person and my dreams, successes and failures. I realize that besides a car accident during the summer before freshman year at Notre Dame, I have lived a charmed life. I know that there isn’t much that I’ve wanted and not gotten. Still, I find myself regretting and would like to change things past but not forgotten.

I can’t erase what has come before us. It’s impossible. But still we dwell on it as if we can change it. In reality, we can only choose to dwell on the past some more or move on. The colors still bright in the sky, I understand we can’t reinvent ourselves overnight and begin anew like Mother Nature seemingly does each day. It just isn’t possible. Or is it?

Are there people in this world who can take the negative things that life has given to them and begin anew? Not only accept themselves as individuals but make a difference as well? Certainly not. Only a hero could do such a thing. Impossible. But wait, there is. I form a smile and a face that’s always smiling and cheerful pops into my head.

Adam Sargent is a hero. I’m sure if you ask him, he would be the last to acknowledge himself as a hero, but he is. Adam, once a varsity lacrosse player at Notre Dame and now an academic advisor for student-athletes, has probably seen more tears in his office than he would like to admit. But if those tears hadn’t turned into smiles by the time the student left his office, it would be the first I’ve heard of it.

You see, Adam has a way about him that makes you smile. Whatever your problems in life are, he helps you see the better side of it within minutes and has you laughing about it by the time you’ve left his office. He makes a difference in so many lives. Yes, I repeat to myself as a wave crashes onto the beach, he is a hero.

But he isn’t the type of hero that most people would expect to see in some obscure media guide. He is a testament to an idea of heroism that isn’t necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTING THE DEFINITION OF RACISM

Racism does not imply power, economic status or religion

I find it hard to fathom how anyone could attend Notre Dame for over three years and still have such a blatant lack of education as Ken Seifert, but obviously it can happen. He and author Beverly Tatum are free to create their own little world of word definitions, but the fact still remains that we use the dictionary to define words.

While it may be politically correct to redefine words and history, facts are facts. The definition of a word has to be a standard for us to have any way to communicate. Racism is defined in the dictionary, and before spouting off, some people should look it up. Yes, Mr. Seifert, minorities can be racist. Perhaps Mr. Seifert should create his own word and define it as racism by the majority, or majority bigotry, but stop misusing the language. How ironic that in all his diatribe he can not see he is the one misusing the word.

Please, Mr. Seifert, go to the bookstore and purchase a dictionary and look up the word. It has a meaning and in neither one of my dictionaries does it mention minority, majority or any indication that racism is exclusively the realm of those in the majority. Neither does it imply that power (other than the feeling of superiority), sexual orientation, economic status or religion has anything to do with racism.

We have computers that have spell checking and grammar checking, but some people need one that has thought checking.
There will be grills for marshmallow Not-5o-Royal events and so they'll be going all out.

That means being in the classroom and with your studies. But don't worry, younger people, venues are being worked on now to bring their comedic stylings to you, too. Check out Acousticafe that night, where there will be some special holiday performances by your fellow musically inclined students.

Howard Hall starts the season of Holiday and Christmas in classrooms and lecture halls and providing some fun activities that let you take a break from your books.

Howard Hall starts the season of celebration on Thursday with the Howard Marshmallow Roast. This event was pulled out of the halls last year with great success, and they hope to have an even greater attendance this year. This is considered one of Howard's signature events and so they'll be going all out. There will be grills for marshmallow roasting and s'mores, hot chocolate, other treats and awesome Christmas music. It's a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. They'll be set up right out side of Howard, facing South Dining Hall, so feel free to stop by for some free dessert after dinner. The fires start at 6:30 p.m.

Also on Thursday night Notre Dame students will be performing Stand-Up Comedy at the Alumni Senior Bar. The show, hosted by Peter Wicks, a philosopher graduate student known for his stand-up work at Princeton, the New York Comedy Club and universities all over England, will also feature Mike Bradt, a first-year Law student who performs regularly in the Chicago area.

At the request of the Alumni-Senior Club, entry to the show will be limited to those over 21, so it's a great way for older students to get a good laugh at someone else's expense. But don't worry, younger people, venues are being worked on now to bring their comedic stylings to you, too. Check out Acousticafe that night, where there will be some special holiday performances by your fellow musically inclined students.

The Notre Dame Chorale rehearses for their upcoming performance of Handel's "Zozolander," starring Ben Stillers as a clowns, washed-up runway model as he goes through the troubling life of Orange Mocha Frappuchino's, fake gasoline fight accidents, and being really, really good looking. Also this week, there is a Gingerbread Building Contest at North Dining Hall. It's a fun way to do some arts and crafts for the holidays, with prizes awarded for the best gingerbread houses and men. Work by yourself or in teams of as many as you'd like during lunch and dinner. The decorated displays will be displayed in December all over North. Besides, who can resist snacking on a Twixler shingle while you work!

Also on Friday is a Carroll Christmas. One of Carroll Hall’s signature events focused on the lighting of their beautiful 30-foot Christmas tree. Starting around 6 p.m., the event features festive music by members of the Glee Club, seasonal refreshments, children from the Center for the Homeless, and a holiday blessing for all.

Don’t forget to take part in the breathtaking performance of Handel’s Messiah by the Notre Dame Chorale. It is to be performed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Washington Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office. Call (574) 631-8128.

It’s never too early to start shopping for your loved ones, close friends or that cute Grab-and-Go lady that gives you an extra cookie. Have no fear! Flipsidestripes are sponsoring a Trip to Meijer on Friday from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. for all those that want to get a jump on their shopping. Once study days and exams start, it’s going to be hard. Might as well get it out of the way while you can.

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You are warned to be there early because they’re sure to go fast. Don’t forget the special holiday SUR movie, “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” starring Jim Carrey in this amazing live action remake, showing Thursday night at 10 p.m., and then again on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and 10 p.m. in DeBartolo. Sure, it's not the cartoon you all grew up with, but its incredible to see the way they updated it. Also showing is the hilarious...
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Then we'll be giving away hot chocolate.

Then we're into finals. Hell week. The time to do nothing but focus. Study. Cram three months of lax learning into four days. (Or if you go to Chicago, three days.) But when your vision is blurred, your mind is fried and you just can't learn anymore, get out of the dorm, or the Library, or wherever, and take a break. On Dec. 12, Flipside will have ice skating at the JACC from 9:30 until 10:30 p.m. Get there early so you can rent some skates.

The Notre Dame Glee Club Christmas Concert will be held at 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Dec. 14 at O'Laughlin Auditorium on campus at the Saint Mary's College. Tickets will be $3, and all proceeds go to benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless. It's a great way to combine holiday entertainment with helping out the needy during the season of giving. Pieces range from traditional Christmas music, to calypso, African, even barbershop numbers, and a few arrangements, like Jingle Bells, that were arranged specifically for the University of Notre Dame Glee Club.

This year's concert will feature many traditional pieces like Winter Wonderland, White Christmas, and the title track from their most recent Christmas CD, In Dulci Jubilo. SUB is sponsoring Finals Stress Relievers on Dec. 15 in the LaFortune Ballroom with a masseuse, arts and crafts and other ways to prevent you from going insane. Look for more details during study days.

As exams get closer and closer, it's going to be hard to get your nose out of the books. But remember, this is a time that comes once a year, so get out and appreciate it. Take a walk in the snow, enjoy the lights or listen to a concert or two. But a word to the wise. If you're in the neighborhood of LaFortune come the Sunday before finals, be sure to enjoy some of the night life, but watch out for some crazy odd-balls taking part in some of their favorite holiday traditions. Have a happy holiday!

Contact K.C. Kenney at kkenney@nd.edu

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Schedule of Activities

to keep the stress at bay before break

Thursday, Dec. 5-

Howard Hall Marshmallow Roast at 6 p.m.

Stand-up Comedy at Senior Bar

Holiday Acousticafe

Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company opens "Hamlet" at 7:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall

Notre Dame Chorale presents Handel's Messiah at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall

Friday, Dec. 6-

Flipside sponsors trip to Meijer from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A Carroll Christmas at 6 p.m.

Notre Dame Chorale presents Handel's Messiah at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall

Saturday, Dec. 7-

Free Buracho Burritos sponsored by Siegfried a midnight outside the Dooley Room in LaFortune

SUB Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" or "Zoolander" showing at 7:30 and 10 p.m. in DeBartolo

Sunday, Dec. 8-

Keenan Hall's Reindeer Roast at 5 p.m.

12th Annual Advent Lessons and Carols at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica

Thursday, Dec. 12-

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Sunday, Dec. 15-

Final Stress Relievers in the LaFortune Ballroom

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Jim Carrey as The Grinch in Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will be the featured holiday SUB movie.
Jordan, Russell score 27 straight for victory

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Trading spaces worked for Michael Jordan and Bryant Russell, who together ran off 27 consecutive points to help end the Washington Wizards' six-game losing streak.

Jordan scored 15 points in his second game as a starter, and the man he replaced in the lineup, Bryant Russell, scored season-high with 16 points in a 103-78 rout of the Milwaukee Bucks Sunday night.

"We've been stinking it up," Russell said. "But I think we're going to have a good month, I told the team. I feel like we're only going to lose three or four games this month."

Stan Thomas matched a career-high with 14 points and had seven rebounds for the bench. With their roles changed, teams definitely are not going to allow me to have

Thomas scored 15 points in the one-sided game and sat down with good early in the fourth quarter.

"It's just one of those games where we really needed a win," Jordan said. "Michael was not healthy, so we've got to attack, attack, attack. I tried to carry that mentality."

Tim Thomas scored a season-high 17 points for the Bucks, who played without Ray Allen and Tony Kukoc. Milwaukee, one of the best shooting teams in the league, shot just 37 per cent. Michael Redd was 6-for-16 from the field, Sam Cassell was 2-for-6, Anthony Mason was 2-for-7, and Jason Caffey was 2-for-9.

"I had a bad game," Cassell said. "With us being short-handed, teams definitely are playing me differently. They're not going to allow me to have open looks like I'm used to getting. A lot of my things I've got to create."

Last week, Russell asked to be removed from the starting lineup. His first minutes were getting squeezed by Jordan, who entered off the bench. With their roles reversed, both looked more comfortable — and they proved it when they gave the Wizards the lead for good.

Jordan and Russell scored 27 consecutive Wizards points over the final minute and final four minutes of the first quarter, including all 16-6 run that put Washington ahead 29-20. Jordan scored 15 points in the second quarter, and Russell went 4-for-4 with nine points.

"It's a change," Russell said.

"I know when we need­ed someone to step up other than our starters. For us to win, we've got to make more than our starters scoring. I just came out being aggressive."

By halftime, the score was 56-39. The Bucks never got closer than 12 in the second half.

New Orleans 115, Chicago 90

The Bulls were "walking around the leggs and run, the New Orleans Hornets found a cure for their heart-attack attack, attack." The Hornets went 4-for-4 with nine points. "I don't really have much to say other than I'm disappointed," Bulls coach Bill Cartwright said. "We didn't disappointed with how we started, I'm disappointed with our effort."

"I think I feel worse than I did last year," said Eddie Robinson, who had just six points in 25 minutes. "Because we know we're talented enough not to go out this way.

Despite their turnovers, the Bulls led 36-34 in the opening period, but that 10-point edge faded in a 16-4 run by San Antonio in the first half, had more points in the paint and more points in the paint.

But they got sloppy late in the third, and the Hornets needed only 16 points to put the game away.

With 3:33 left in the third, Jay Williams made a layup to pull Chicago to 69-65. Mashburn, who was hot from outside all night, hit a 14-foot jumper with 1:29 to go.

"We just kind of felt it was time to make our move," Wesley said.

Houston 90, San Antonio 75

Yao Ming got all the motivation he needed just from

starting the lineup.

Matched against David Robinson and Duncan, Yao scored 27 points, grabbed a season-high 18 rebounds and added a two-pointer in the closing minutes to lead the Rockets to a 91-75 victory Thursday night.

It might have been because I know how to get there against two great centers," Yao said, "So I just wanted to be good."

"When I first got to the NBA I had a lot to think about. To get this victory, it's like being able to slow start and we were careless with the ball all night.

Moments later Francis slipped and slammed it home, one of several highlight shots in the game. Francis added 18 points and six assists and Moochie Norris had 16 points.

"He played great. He was all over the boards," Robinson said of Yao. "He shot the ball well and he kept the ball around with his passing. He was a handful. He was the dif­ference in the game."

Houston built a 49-39 half­time lead on the first-half scoring of Yao and Nash, who each had 17 points, but that 10-point edge faded in a 16-4 run by San Antonio to start the third quarter.

Duncan scored eight consecu­tive Spurs points, and his two free throws gave the Spurs a 55-53 lead with 5:35 to go in the quarter.

Yao put on an entertaining show in the first half against David Robinson and Duncan.

Yao sank a jumper over Robinson and Duncan for his second basket of the game and drew a foul on Robinson in the process.

In the second quarter, Yao put in a three-pointer and then passed it back to him in the lane for an easy layup. Moments later Francis slipped a pass back to Yao under the hoop, and Yao took it to the basket.

Yao had 17 points at the half, and Norris scored 12 second-half points to help the Rockets to their 10-point half­time lead.

Los Angeles 101, Memphis 91

The Lakers' 11 assists and 10 rebounds for his fourth triple-double of the season Tuesday night as the Los Angeles Lakers struggled for the fourth straight victory over the Grizzlies.

Shaquille O'Neal added 28 points and nine rebounds and seven blocks for the Lakers (7-12), who now have a 4-3 record since O'Neal returned to action _ including an over­time victory over the Grizzlies in Memphis last Friday night.

The Grizzlies (2-16) had won two of their previous four games after losing their first 13. They're 2-8 since Hubie Brown replaced Sidney Lowe as coach.

But they had his seventh career triple-double, and Rick Fox added 18 points.

The Lakers won by 10 points despite shooting 40-of­42 and turning just 14-15 from 3-point range.

The Grizzlies shot 34-of-91 from the floor, but missed 21 of 32 free throws, including 0-for-7 in the final minute.

Lorenzen Wright led the Grizzlies with 17 points and eight rebounds. Wesley Person added 13 points and Shaq­ueille, Battier, Drew Gooden and Pau Gasol each scored 10.

The Memphis starters scored 80 of the points and the reserves had 96.

A three-point play by Bryant and two of their previous four extends the Lakers' lead to 80-71 early in the fourth quar­ter.

Person's 3-pointer with 6:59 left and Bryant's 9-2 run, drawing the Grizzlies within two points, but Derek Fisher's 3-pointer with 1:50 left pushed Bryant and Fox's layup off a pass from Bryant put the Lakers ahead 91-82 with 3:15 left.
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**Cubs, Sox have busy trade day**

**Grudzielanek, Karros go to North side, Koch to Sox**

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CHICAGO

Billy Koch's reward for being the AL's top closer is a moving van. The Oakland Athletics shipped the 2-4, 22-year-old, who had more saves in the AL with 84 appearances. In this trade for Minnesota's Eddie Guardado 45.

Opening day honors this season, going 17 with 144 saves and a 3.48 ERA

"I've been after Billy Koch for a couple of years now," White Sox general manager Kenny Williams said. "We felt good about our bullpen for 2003 (before the trade). Now we feel good about it for 2004 and 2005."

Williams said he would like to sign Koch to a long-term extension and avoid arbitration if possible. That sounds pretty good to Koch, too.

"Yeah, it'd be nice to get settled at least for a few years," he said. "But it's all about winning, getting in there and knowing the guys and having some fun."

Foulke saved a career-high 42 games in 2001 and ranks third on the White Sox saves list. But he struggled last season and lost his closer role in early June. He went from June 27 to Sept. 17 without a save, and finished with only 11. He was 2-4 with a 2.90 ERA.

**Dodgers get Hundley**

The Los Angeles Dodgers reached a tentative agreement with the Cubs on Tuesday to trade first baseman Eric Karros and second baseman Mark Grudzielanek to Chicago for catcher Todd Hundley.

Hundley, the Cubs, retaining their roster under new manager Dusty Baker, and Dodgers were given 72 hours to finalize the deal. To make it happen, Hundley and Grudzielanek must agree to have their contracts restructured.

"We're working on it," said agent Sam Levinson, who represents Hundley and Grudzielanek.

Earlier in the day, the Cubs and free agent reliever Mike Remlinger finalized a $10.65 million, three-year deal. He was 7-3 with a 1.99 ERA last year for Atlanta and made the All-Star team.

All three players are still owed big money. As part of the deal, the Dodgers would send cash to the Cubs. The Cubs are trying to reverse their recent struggles, which included a 67-95 finish last season. The Dodgers went 92-70 and were in contention for the NL wild-card spot until the final week.

Karros is owed $8 million next year and his contract includes a 2004 club option for $9 million with a $1 million buyout. If he reaches 500 plate appearances next season, his 2004 salary would be guaranteed.

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**Rite of Welcome**

This Sunday at the 11:45 am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart we will recognize those members of the Notre Dame community who are seeking to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith community in the Rite of Welcome. These women and men have met together over the past several months to explore their faith and the Catholic Church more deeply through the RCIA process. Catechumens seek full initiation through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; Candidates are already baptized and seek to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Welcome gives all of us an opportunity to encourage these men and women as they continue their journey of Initiation in the months ahead.

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The Bruins pressed in the second, outshooting the Blues, 14-9. But St. Louis got the only goals of the period as Scott Mellanby tallied at 8:41 and Doug Weight scored just over 3 minutes later.
Keith Tkachuk capped the scoring with 4:33 remaining in the third.
Steve Shields turned aside 19 shots for the Blues.
Joe Thornton and Glen Metropolit scored with 2:24 and 4:33 left in the third.
Mike Dunham made 26 saves for Nashville, which has lost all three meetings this season as the Washington Capitals have 11 one-goal losses. In this contest, Jagr and Lang both scored against their former team and Olaf Kolzig came within three minutes of his first shutout of the season as the Washington Capitals skated to a 4-1 triumph over Pittsburgh.
Acquired from the Penguins in July 2001, Jagr gave the Capitals a 2-0 lead at 13:10 of the first period with his 13th goal of the season. Lang, who was reunited with his former line mate when he signed with Washington as a free agent last July, increased the cushion to 3-0 by scoring the only goal of the second.
With his teammates holding the Penguins to few scoring chances, Kolzig stopped 16 shots to earn the win, allowing Mario Lemieux's tally with 2:53 remaining to spoil his shutout bid.
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Lindros burred a rebound with 9:13 remaining. Less than 7 1/2 minutes later, Petr Nedved picked up a clearing attempt by defenseman Vladimir Malakhov up the left wing and sent it across to Bure, who went top shelf with a one-timer to complete his first hat trick since March 2 against Philadelphia.
Nedved had three assists and Daniel Blackburn stopped 28 shots for New York, which has won six of its last seven home games.

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MENS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Indiana gets revenge against Maryland in OT

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Tom Coverdale gained a measure of revenge for Indiana in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

Coverdale matched a career high with 30 points as the 11th-ranked Hoosiers survived a wild finish in regulation and posted an 80-74 overtime victory over No. 8 Maryland in a rematch of last season's national championship.

Indiana (5-0) missed 20 of its first 23 shots and trailed by as many as 14 points but battled back and had a chance to win on the final possession of regulation. Coverdale launched a 3-pointer that missed badly with 11.1 seconds left. Blake picked up the loose ball.

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Kansas State tries to bid its way into BCS

Associated Press

Kansas State will guarantee the sale of at least 25,000 tickets to the Orange Bowl if the Wildcats are awarded an at-large bid to the game in Miami, athletic director Tim Weiser said Monday night.

The Wildcats are 10-2 and ranked No. 6 but still must consider long shots for a first-ever Bowl Championship Series bid. Kansas State is No. 6 in the latest BCS standings released Monday.

Weiser said he, coach Bill Snyder and university president Jon Wefald would plead Kansas State's case in person to bowl officials on Tuesday in Miami.

"Our main intentions are to go there and share with them specific information on how well the Kansas State football team is playing right now," Weiser said. "We'll also talk about the fun support that we enjoy and what we anticipate we would have traveling with us."

The Orange Bowl, set for Jan. 2, 2003, is no longer played at its namesake stadium but at Pro Player Stadium, which seats 73,540.

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Jaguars cut another kicker

Associated Press

The Jacksonville Jaguars added yet another chapter to their comedy of kickers Tuesday, cutting Richie Cunningham after one game to make way for the team's fourth kicker of the season.

Cunningham made both his extra-point attempts and a 23-yard field goal Sunday in a 25-23 loss to Pittsburgh. But he didn't execute an onside kick correctly, and he often struggled with the depth of his kickoff.

Adding insult to the whole situation was that Steelers rookie Jeff Reed went 6-for-6 on field goals and the Jaguars had given Reed a tryout in October when they cut their first kicker, rookie Hayden Epstein.

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Suzy Whaley has two young daughters who like to mimic her swing on the golf course. She may soon be a role model for many other girls.

The 36-year-old golf pro has become a focal point in the game. The National Council of Women's Organizations is fighting with the Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters, over the club's refusal to allow women as members.

Whaley said she's had nothing but support from the PGA Tour.

"Suzy has notified the tour of her intention to play," PGA Tour spokesman Bob Combs said. "As we've said all along, if she chose to play we'd be delighted to welcome her as a contestant, and look forward to having her in the field at next year's event."

The LPGA voiced its approval.

"Suzy continues to add firsts to her resume and makes the LPGA proud to have her in our organizations," LPGA Commissioner Ty Votaw said.

When she earned the invitation, several PGA players also expressed their support.

"It's great for her. It's going to be quite an experience," Tiger Woods said Tuesday. "It's pretty obvious it's going to get a lot of media attention."

"I don't think the Hartford tournament is going to be against that. There's going to be a lot of people following her. I truly hope she goes out there and plays well. I know she's going to enjoy her time. As a competitor, she wants to play well."

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MENS BASKETBALL

Quinn adds speed to already quick lineup

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Spurn Writer

Less than five minutes into Notre Dame's thrashing of Marquette Monday night, Mike Brey glanced down his bench, ready to make his first substitution. Instead of going for one of Notre Dame's big men, Brey pointed to Chris Quinn.

The 6-foot-2 freshman entered the game for 6-foot-11 behemoth Tim Timmermans, Dan Miller and Chris Thomas on the floor. That lineup allows Dan Miller to get matched up against a '4' man, Thomas said. "He's too big for a '3' and too quick for a '4,' and it gives everybody an open look and an opportunity to do well."

Few doubted the impact Carroll, Miller and Thomas would have this season. But few expected the solid contributions by Quinn. Before the Irish had even played an exhibition game, Brey anticipated watching a Quinn-Thomas backcourt in action. However, the two rarely stepped on the court together in the early games.

Beginning with the Creighton game, however, Quinn has slowly earned more playing time. His teammates praise his poise on the court, many saying he plays like an experienced upperclassman.

The highlight of Quinn's young career came Monday against the Golden Eagles, when he played 26 minutes and scored 12 points.

"I'm just looking to go in there and do what I can to help the team," he said. "I'm looking to go in there and do whatever I can to help the team win."

Part of the reason the Irish were successful going small lies in Brey's belief that Notre Dame's experienced perimeter can take some of the pressure off the developing Irish post players. Freshman Torin Francis has been inconsistent early this season. At times, he is a dominating rebounder. Other times, he looks and plays like the inexperienced freshman he is.

One only needs to look at last week to understand Francis' struggles. Against Creighton, Francis played a meager six minutes and didn't score a point. He bounced back against Albany and Marquette, however, recording his fourth double-double of the season by grabbing 13 rebounds and scoring 11 points against the Golden Eagles.

"You don't have to hunt your shot, just play off that perimeter," Brey told Francis after the Creighton game. "He was fabulous, a good night for him."

But with Francis, Jordan Cornette and Timmermans still works in progress, Brey has turned to his perimeter players to help carry the Irish in the early part of the season. With the Irish draining long 3-point shots, solid perimeter play makes things significantly easier for the big men.

For now, the Irish are content to rely on their veteran perimeter players even as Brey tries to figure out the best possible floor combination for his team.

"I'm still learning about our group," Brey said with a smile. "We have a lot of new parts to play different ways. I'm trying to learn as fast as possible to take advantage of all that."

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Trojans sail to No. 2. Huskers continue slide

On Oct. 5, a frustrated Pete Carroll could only scratch his head as his USC football team dropped its second game in its last three contests, a heartbreaking 3-point loss to Washington State. Questions abounded for Carroll and the Trojans after their surprisingly lackluster 3-2 start to the season.

Nearly three months and seven consecutive victories later, Pete Carroll is all smiles as his team is virtually guaranteed a BCS bowl bid after finishing the regular season with a 10-2 record against what most believe to be the toughest schedule in the nation.

USC is hotter than Hansel right now. (If you missed that reference, read the story on page 250 and check out the movie "Zoolander.") If a door was unlocked to allow USC's mid-season turnaround, then the Trojan offense holds the key. It's a juggernaut that has scored 427 points on the season, but the scary part is they may just now be finding their groove.

The Trojans have scored an average of 44 points per game in their last six contests, including victories of 30-plus points over No. 7 Notre Dame and crosstown rival No. 22 UCLA.

So what could 10-loss points possibly mean to such a prolific offense? The answer is an invitation to play for the national championship. USC's two losses have come by a grand total of 10 points, including a 7-point defeat at Kansas State and the aforementioned 3-point overtime loss at Washington State.

Because of an incredibly difficult schedule, recent domination of opponents, and the fact that their losses came early in the season, USC, cashed in their regular-season chips with a No. 2 ranking in the Sendwich Index. Notre Dame fell from No. 3 to No. 7 with their embarrassing loss at USC. The Trojans also leaped No. 3 Ohio State and former No. 2 Oklahoma.

The Sooners dropped to No. 4 after being dominated by in-state rival No. 4 Oklahoma State.

Miami remained No. 1 with a 49-7 win at Syracuse. No. 5 Iowa rounds out the Sendwich Index top 5 this week.

Huskies continue to struggle

Colorado hadn't won at Nebraska since 1990, but this hasn't exactly been your average 10 or 11-win season in Lincoln. Without injured standout tailback Chris Brown, the Buffaloes used three different ball carriers to gain 253 rushing yards on route to a 28-13 victory over the Huskers. When Colorado's second-string tailback Bobby Purify went out in the second quarter with a sore knee, fourth string tailback Brandon Calhoun stepped up nicely carrying 20 times for 137 yards.

Colorado improved seven spots to No. 14 in the Sendwich Index. The Buffaloes face Oklahoma this weekend in the Big XII Championship. Nebraska lost four of its last six games and dropped to No. 66.

In a year the Husker fans would rather forget, Nebraska finished its regular season with a 7-6 record, its worst since a 3-6-1 performance in 1961. The Cornhuskers are also assured of falling to win nine games for the first time in 33 years. With a 3-4 mark in Big XII games, it was the Huskers first season with a losing conference record since 1968.

Despite the horrendous season by Husker standards, Nebraska is still assured an invitation to a bowl game, likely the MainStay Beef Bowl in Shreveport, La., on Dec. 27 against an SEC opponent.

If they stumble in the bowl game, Nebraska will add to the negative accolades with its first season without a winning record since 1961.

Perhaps it wasn't surprising when Nebraska head coach Frank Solich fired three of his assistants Monday. He also vowed to step down from his head coaching position next season to concentrate on his head coaching position.

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Sendwich Index

The Notre Dame bowling club placed a disappointing 51st at the National Collegiate Team Match Championships over the weekend.

In one of the premier events of the season, the Irish were paired through the luck of the draw with several of the top varsity programs in the country, Jason Baver led the Irish with a tournament scratch average of 180.0, with Phillip Nagel, Daniel Gonzalez, Gabe Torres and Jason Pawalk completing the line-up as each competed in nine games.

With a scoring format that awarded 50 points for a win, and 25 for a tie, the Irish earned 290 points for four victories.

The Irish entered the final game in 48th place and closing in on several other teams. However, the squad faltered and dropped three more spots in the rankings.

The club will be back in action this weekend at the Ladiesbrick Classic in Moline, Ill., and again over semester break at the Las Vegas Invitational.
Matchup with Valpo unlikely to be a crusade

By JOE HETTLER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame has yet to lose a game to Valparasio in 15 meetings, and it doesn't want to do anything to reverse that trend Wednesday night. The No. 9 Irish (2-0) face the Crusaders (2-3) at the Athletics-Recreation Center and look to pick up their third win of the season and second straight road victory. Notre Dame outlasted USC 69-57 in Los Angeles Nov. 29. Last season Notre Dame didn't get a road win until Jan. 2.

"This is a big deal for us," Teresa Borton said after the USC game. "I'm so excited to win on the road and (USC) is a good team. It feels really good to come out here. ... They played a good game and we did too, so it's exciting to win."

The Irish want to take that momentum into their game against Valparaiso. Notre Dame is in the midst of a four-game road trip that has them playing Arizona State and DePaul before heading back to the Joyce Center for three straight home games.

The Crusaders enter this game after a 91-48 victory over Concordia Nov. 30. The 91 points were the most by a Valparaiso team since they beat Quinnipiac 96-68 Dec. 29, 2000. Valparaiso also had five players set career-highs against Concordia, led by Kathryn Knoester's 20 points.

The Irish also had success in their last game as Alicia Ratay led Notre Dame with 17 points and Jacqueline Batteast added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

The Irish trailed the Trojans at halftime 37-33 but used a strong second half to pull away from USC.

Valparaiso has used strong performances from several freshmen, especially Jamie Gutowski who has scored in double figures twice this season. She had a career-high 24 points against Fresno State.

The Irish faced the Crusaders to open up last season with Notre Dame winning an ugly game, 42-35. Borton led the team with 14 points in that contest.

The Irish have distributed their scoring this season, with five players averaging double figures in points, led by sophomore Katy Flecky's 17.5 points per game. Batteast averages 16.5 points and 9.5 rebounds, while Borton has added 14 a game.

The game tips off at 7 p.m.

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Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast tries to dodge an Ohio Girls Basketball Magazine defender in an exhibition game this season. The Irish travel to Valparaiso tonight.
SCHOOL DAZE

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Jack Monahan

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Oh boy! These Spicy Sea Nuggets are extra nasty today!

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Tuesday

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WILL SHORTZ

Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

Celebrities Born on This Day:

Jeff Bridges, Martin Torek, Wend Harwood, Tiny Stark.

Happy Birthday: Your turn to have some fun! If you are an answer stand in your way, you will only have yourself to blame. You will find yourself moving through a period of transition this year, so allow things to unfold naturally. Be careful and make a bold move toward the freedom and independence you desire. Your numbers are 9, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do not be too eager to agree with someone who peculiarly expresses your views. One person you trust to get you through the storm and to see you through, and another crisis really are. **

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You have been the victim of good fortune. Think before you dig in your heels. Don't limit yourself at work or your bosses may question your superiority.**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Business and pleasure won't click. You can damage your reputation and cause heartache at home if you flirt with colleagues. Try to maintain a balance between work and home. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You bear the burden of this year's responsibility. Consider the source of your anger and rid yourself of the cause. Let go of the past.***

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): It is to time to be realistic about what you want. Be yourself and do what you feel is best. An opportunity or a great change may come your way by the end of this week. Be sure to plan your dates carefully. ***

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Try to work out of your home today. You can achieve a great deal if you are a little patient. A little physical activity will give you a fresh start and also energize you, helping you to be more productive.***

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Limitations due to children or poor financial order to regain your energy into productive creative endeavors.***

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make favorable head position. ***

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your desire to be free of restrictions. Try to get some rest and relaxation. Lowed vitality may result in minor health problems.***

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Partners may cost you more than you bargained for. Be sure to protect your reputation. ****

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Educational pursuits will result in a higher position. You may have a problem with a relative if you allow him or her to overstep your limits.***

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Problems with institutions will be infuriating, so give yourself plenty of time to sort things out. Try to get some rest and relaxation. Lowed vitality may result in minor health problems.***

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JUMBLE

That Scrambled Word Game
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Answer: in the School Reunion

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Hockey

As cold as ice

* Irish drop pair of conference games on road at Alaska-Fairbanks

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

There wasn't much for the Irish to be thankful for over the holiday weekend as Notre Dame dropped a pair of one-goal games to CCHA rival Alaska-Fairbanks, 4-3 and 5-4 on the road.

"It was very disappointing," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "We didn't play very well on Friday night. We came back from being down 3-0 and tied it up at 3-3. And then gave up a goal late in the game after missing several chances to go ahead. And then Saturday night we played very well, but we got victimized by four power play goals."

Once again this season, special teams victimized the Irish in the second game Saturday. Notre Dame was unable to convert four power play opportunities, while the Nanooks scored on four of six tries to make up a 4-2 deficit and take a 5-4 victory.

It was the first time since a 6-1 loss to Michigan in 1997 the Irish allowed four power play goals in a game.

"I don't know that our power play has ever been as good as it is right now," Poulin said. "We just haven't scored. So many of our shots go into it... We have more chances than we've ever had, more shots than we've ever had. We're just not finishing."

With the game tied at 4-4 in the third period, Alaska-Fairbanks' forward Ryan Campbell scored a goal at even strength with 11:51 left to play for the game winner. The goal was the only one of the match that the Nanooks scored without having a power play advantage.

Junior wing Rob Globke had two goals and an assist for the Irish. Freshmen forwards Stasya Stastny and Aaron Gill also had goals for Notre Dame in the losing effort.

In the opener Friday, the Irish came from three goals behind, only to yield the eventual game-winning goal to Nanooks sophomore Aaron Voros at 8:56 of the final period. The game was Voros' first back on the ice since Nov. 2.

The Irish scored three times in just 7:51 on goals from Globke and centers Matt Amado and Cory McLean. The difference in the game came as Alaska-Fairbanks outshot Notre Dame 39-20, and Irish goaltender Morgan Cey was only able to stop 35 of those Nanook shots.

The losses drop the Irish to 5-6-0 on the season and 4-3-0 in the CCHA as they slip below .500 for the first time this year.

The challenge for the Irish will be to bounce back from a pair of conference losses that the team had hoped to win. "You just have to go right back to it," Poulin said. "The best thing is we play Saturday. I wish it would have been tonight, but we just have to wait until Saturday."

The Irish will have that opportunity against 38-1 Bowling Green. The Falcons are only 1-7-1 in conference play. Poulin doesn't want to look past the Falcons as the Irish try to climb back up the conference standings.

"We know Bowling Green is a good team," Poulin said. "They're going to work hard. They have a good goaltender. We will have to go out there and win a hockey game on Saturday and go from there."

Note: * With his three goals in the series, Irish wing Rob Globke surpassed his total of 13 from last season. The junior now has 12 goals and seven assists as he leads the team in scoring.

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ND SWIMMING

Swimmers get endowments for scholarships

By JETAUN DAVIS
Sports Writer

Two endowments in the name of former Notre Dame men's and women's swimming coach Dennis J. Stark have been established. These endowments will aid in Notre Dame's initiative to financially assist as many athletes as allowed by the NCAA in each of Notre Dame's 26 men's and women's varsity programs.

"I think that these two endowments will allow our swim teams to be more competitive and compete at a greater level," said Courtney Campbell, a freshman on the women's swim team. "Now the University will be able to attract those swimmers that really need a scholarship as opposed to the swimmers going other places because they can't afford to pay."

Stark was a 1947 Notre Dame graduate and served as the first head coach for both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams. Under Stark's leadership, the men's team held a record of 166-137 from 1958 to 1985 and the women's team's record was 31-14 between 1981 and 1985.

Along with these records, he was named the North Star Conference women's coach of the year in 1984. Stark, who recently retired as director of Rolfs Aquatic Center, is now an assistant professor of physical education at Notre Dame.

William A. Carson II and Dr. Kathleen L. Latino, the contributors to these endowments, are both graduates of Notre Dame and also served on Notre Dame swim teams.

"This endowment honors one of Notre Dame's greatest coaches," said Kevin White, director of athletics. "We appreciate the generous way in which Bill Carson and Kathy Latino have recognized such a wonderful mentor to so many generations of Irish athletes and hope these endowments will grow in coming years."

Carson graduated in 1969 and is now a member of the law firm Burch, Porter, & Johnson in Memphis. Latino graduated in 1982 and serves as a physician with Rockland Urology Associates in Pomona, N.Y.

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ND WOMENS BASKETBALL

Notre Dame at Valparaiso

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

The Irish try to keep up their winning ways against the Crusaders. Notre Dame is 2-0 on the season, and the Irish have yet to lose a game to Valparaiso in their 15 meetings.

SENDWICH INDEX

Miami remained in the top spot of the Seedwich Index, and USC moved all the way up to No. 2 with its 44-13 victory over Notre Dame. Nebraska fell even further in the Index with its 28-13 loss to Colorado. The Buffaloes, meanwhile, moved up seven spots from 21 to 14.

MENS BASKETBALL

In Notre Dame's 92-71 victory over No. 10 Marquette Monday, Irish coach Mike Brey opted to use a lineup of guards Chris Quinn, Chris Thomas and Matt Carroll and forward Danny Miller to move the ball around the court and spread the Marquette defense. The move worked as the quartlet scored 78 of the team's 92 points.