London Program to offer year-long option

By TERESA FRALISH
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The London Program will now allow students to study abroad for the entire year, instead of the traditional one semester option.

"It's something we had been looking into for quite some time," said London Program associate director Terry Bays. "The full year gives students the opportunity to engage in more extended projects."

The London Program, which is directly run by the University, is the largest of Notre Dame's international study programs. Most other study abroad locations

allow students to spend an entire year in the country.

Currently, the London Program offers students numerous opportunities for internships and other experiences, such as working for a Member of Parliament. Bays said that, with the year-long option, student would be able to

do longer internships and more in-depth research projects, and

that her office would work to develop more long-term opportunities.

"That's certainly something that's in the works," Bays said. "We're ready to put the investment in."

As a result of the new year-long option, Bays said enrollment numbers for the program, presently at 150 students per semester, would likely increase but that the majority of students would still study for only a semester.

Additionally, the curriculum for both semesters, which generally requires science and engineering majors to study in the fall and business majors in the spring, would not change, either. Because of the change, the London Program has extended the application deadline and will also allow students who already applied to change their preference to a full year.

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By NATA莉I BAILEY
News Writer

When professor and social criticism columnist Sarah Mkbonza was forced to flee her country for speaking out against injustice, she didn't know who might offer her a safe haven.

The Office for Students with Disabilities has traditionally provided limited transportation using golf carts for injured students. The policy, however, was discontinued due to budget cuts.

Members passed a resolution supporting the reinstatement of these or equivalent services and a temporary task force formed to address the issue. The new resolution was passed at the Office of Student Affairs' (OSA) latest meeting, which included the involved students as well as other interested faculty and staff.

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As I was watching the Thanksgiving episode of "The O.C." last week, there was one line of the script that stood out to me: "Thanksgiving is celebrating the genocide of American Indians." You know what? I agree. This accurately describes why I have never really liked Thanksgiving. The only thing it's good for is to get a break from school. I'm serious.

My mom is a great cook and it's nice to have a home-cooked meal, but we, too, tend to think beyond the realm of good food to the reason behind the holiday itself.

When little kids think of Thanksgiving, they think of Pilgrims, their little buckles and silly hats. They think of turkeys running around and smiles on everyone's faces.

But when I think of Thanksgiving, I don't think of that. I think of how the original Europeans treated the Indians badly, killing them and forcing them to move out of their land which was rightfully theirs.

Thanksgiving is that it is the beginning of Christmas. Family togetherness is nothing to lightly. The food is amazing and in abundance, Thanksgiving really is the start of Christmas.

I live in Georgia, and would just rather come of the game or not. But I guess the best part of Thanksgiving is watching the football and watching it the entirety of the day, whether I care about the outcome of the game or not.

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And we cannot forget the football aspect of Thanksgiving. I am a lover of the pigskin sport and watch it the entirety of the day, whether I care about the outcome of the game or not. I'm serious.

But I guess the best part of Thanksgiving is that it is the beginning of the Christmas season. Yes, I said the magic word — Christmas. Santa rides the sleigh in Rockefeller Center and then travels his seat at Macy's. My family always watches the parade in New York and then travels his seat at Macy's, my family always watches the parade in New York and then travels. I'm sure Jimmy Stewart and we watch the lighting of the Rich's Great Tree in downtown Atlanta, which I love.

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So, skip class and go home early to celebrate the genocide of American Indians. Chow down with your friends and families, and I'll do the same. But remember, Thanksgiving really is the start of Christmas.

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Correction

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 461-6511 so we can correct our error.
Members discuss deadlines

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives met Monday in LaFortune to continue planning the future of student government and discuss other issues.

Most of the discussion centered on upcoming deadlines for revamping the structure of student government.

"It was originally Dec. 1, but now that's dust in the wind," said Club Coordination Council President Seth O'Donnel.

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Proposals made to change election process

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Elections commissioner Nicole Haeberle detailed changes to be made to the student government elections process at the BOG meeting Monday. The changes are part of a yearlong effort to update the student government constitution.

One of the biggest changes Haeberle proposed was a separation of first year elections from the other classes. Instead of having the First Year class board elections be held a week after the other class offices elections. The shift in dates, Haeberle hopes, will improve candidate numbers.

"We split the first year elections to ensure a higher turnout in the board election," he said Haeberle. "A lot of women I talked to didn't run for board because they ran for president."

Increases in allotted campaign funds were also proposed. Upon reviewing past elections commissioners' notebooks, Haeberle noticed that permitted financial expenditures had not be increased for over five years.

"Campaigning on only a hundred dollars is tough," said President Elizabeth Jabloinski-Diehl.

Under the constitution amendments candidates for major student government positions will be allotted $150 to campaign, a $50 increase from the previously amounted $100. The last serious change to the existing policy was a constitution update for the 2001 elections.

"The new provisions, the shift in dates, the increase in candidates, the increase in finances," Haeberle hopes, will improve candidate numbers.

"We're presenting this to the Student Senate. We're hoping for a big hundred plus," Haeberle said.

"We're hoping to get this done before the real snow comes down," Chin said.

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The task force includes Charlie Ebersol, Student Union Board Manager, David Moss, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, and Chin. The three reported that between seven and 10 students sustain injuries that limit their ability to walk each month, according to University Health Services. CLC members also considered asking each residence hall to donate money to fund the reinstatement of services.

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In other CLC news:

* The Senior Privileges Task Force updated the Council on its progress toward establishing reserved parking for on-campus seniors. The group said that while Bill Kirk, associate vice president of Student Affairs, expressed interest in the proposal, members of Notre Dame Security Police were concerned about alcohol ability to enforce it.

"Given the fact that NDSP has reservations about it we're still working out the details," said Jeremy Lao, student body vice president.

* Members continued a previous discussion on the quality of landscaping on the University's grounds. Wyatt Maxwell, a member of CLC, said that he believed the appearance of landscaping around campus has deteriorated this year. CLC targeted eight areas that they consider merit the most attention and will present their findings in a letter to the Office of Student Affairs. Representatives are scheduled to meet with Landscaping Services to discuss the issue.

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Career, Job and Internship Fairs 2004
University of Notre Dame
The Career Center

The job and internship search is far from over! Look at the following events to continue your search for permanent and summer employment opportunities!!!

Chicago Career and Internship Connection
Date: January 05, 2004 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Location: AMA
8955 West Higgins Road
Chicago, IL
Website: http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/chicago.html
Details: DEADLINE to register, upload and submit resumes for Chicago is December 1, 2003.
 Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen Network in Chicago!
The Chicago Career and Internship Connection blends the best of a career fair and a pre-screened interview event.
 Identify and interact with recruiters from fields including: advertising, biotech, engineering, healthcare, investment and commercial banking, consulting, law, public relations, publishing and more!
 Interview for post-baccalaureate and internship opportunities!

New Jersey Collegiate Career Day
Date: January 07, 2004 - 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
Location: Bowers Commons & Rutgers Student Center
College Avenue - Rutgers University
New Brunswick, NJ
Website: http://careerservices.rutgers.edu
Details: Rutgers University is hosting the 33rd semi-annual New Jersey Collegiate Career Day for anyone interested in working in the New Jersey or New York City areas.
About 150 employers will discuss current and anticipated openings with candidates in most career fields and academic majors, including liberal arts, business, science, and technical areas. Students from any college or university who wish to work in the New Jersey area are invited to attend.
Students can register online and submit a resume to be distributed employers from December 1, 2003 - January 9, 2004 online at http://careerservices.rutgers.edu.

Washington, DC Career & Internship Connection
Date: January 08, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: National Press Club
529 14th Street
Washington, DC
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Careers 2004 - New York
Date: January 09, 2004 - 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Location: New York City
New York, NY
Website: www.careerconferences.com
Details: Large event with Fortune 500 employers and some governmental organizations. Open table format with students meeting employers. Students must register on-line at www.careerconferences.com. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to December 19, 2003.

Boston Career & Internship Connection
Date: January 12, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: John Hancock Conference Center
40 Trinity Place - 3rd Floor
Boston, MA
Website: http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/boston.html
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Careers 2004 - Atlanta
Date: January 19, 2004 - 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Location: Atlanta
Atlanta, GA
Website: www.careerconferences.com
Details: Expect about 40-50 Fortune 1000 employers and a few governmental organizations attending the event. To register, logon to www.careerconferences.com. The event is invitation only. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to December 19, 2003.

Careers 2004 - Chicago
Date: January 26, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: Chicago
Drury Lane
Oak Brook Terrace, IL
Website: www.careerconferences.com
Details: Register on-line at www.careerconferences.com to attend this live event in Chicago with 40-50 Fortune 1,000 companies and a few governmental organizations. Bus transportation will be provided for the first 45 students who will be attending. Email Bridge at tibbe1@nd.edu or call, 1-5200. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to January 19, 2004.

Hire Big Ten Plus
Date: January 26, 2004 - 1:00 PM
End Date: February 18, 2004 - 1:00 PM
Location: Virtual
On-line
Website: http://careercenter.nd.edu
Details: Welcome to the HIRE BIG 10 PLUS Virtual Career Fair for Full-Time and Internship Opportunities! This is the largest virtual career fair for college students in the world. You're invited to browse the fair to check out what employers have to offer. Links to the registration interface can be found below every job description.
Interested students must email Lee Svetle at svete.1@nd.edu for application information.

2004 Winter Career Fair and Diversity Reception
Date: January 27, 2004 - 4:00 PM-8:00 PM
Location: Joyce Center Fieldhouse
Website: https://careercenter.nd.edu/winterfair2004.php
Details: Register on-line for the largest Career Fair of the year for Notre Dame. In addition, be sure to attend the Diversity Reception 1:00 - 3:30 pm (EST) Monogram Room located in the Joyce Center. We are currently seeking Corporate Sponsors for the Reception, which will include a student/employer business card exchange and networking event.

Indiana Journalism Job Fair
Date: February 07, 2004 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: Ball State University
Muncie, IN
Website: http://careercenter.nd.edu
Details: Meet and Interview with Newspaper Editors seeking to hire for FULL-TIME and INTERNSHIP Opportunities. Information about Participating Employers and Scheduling Interviews will be available from The Career Center after December 10. Contact Anita Rees for more information at rees.4@nd.edu.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Deal reached on Iran nukes
VIENNA, Austria — U.S. and European negotiators said Monday on how to con- demn Iran for hiding its nuclear programs while still encouraging it to cooperate with the U.N. atomic agency.

The proposed resolution was weaker than what the United States had wanted. U.S. officials had hoped that Iran’s past nuclear covers-ups would be enough for the U.N. Security Council to get involved. The council has the power to impose international sanctions.

The draft avoids any direct mention of the Security Council, but warns the agency would have options if it “deems it appropriate” an allusion to the council.

Russia and U.S. aided Georgia
Tbilisi, Georgia—Russia and the United States worked intensely behind the scenes to resolve Georgia’s political crisis, as it became clear that Eduard Shevardnadze—who controlled the West during more than a decade as a president — might be forced into a bloody battle to maintain power.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov played the key last-minute role in medi- ating between, the opposition and Shevardnadze, who resigned Sunday after three weeks of protests over disputed parliamentary elections.

Although Secretary of State Colin Powell and United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan both spoke by telephone to Moscow, no American diplomats participated in the talks to end the political standoff. Instead, the Bush administration called for restraint and a restoration of order.

NATIONAL NEWS

American Muslims sentenced
PORTLAND — Two American Muslims who tried to join the Taliban were sentenced to 20 years in prison Monday during a hearing in which they denounced the Bush administra- tion and pleaded in song for freedom.

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LOCAL NEWS

Indian Guardsman dies in Iraq
OTTAWA, Ind. — Residents of a small southern Indiana town are mourning the loss of an Indiana National Guardsman who was killed in Iraq. The body of 22-year-old James Greenspun arrived last week in his hometown.

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Washington, D.C. area sniper John Allen Muhammad is escorted into a courtroom at the Virginia Beach Circuit Court. The jury recommended the death sentence for Muhammad, who was convicted of murdering Harold Dean Myers.

A Virginia judge formally sentenced on Feb. 24, 2003, various jurors who deliberated more than five hours over two days before deciding the fate of Muhammad, a 42-year-old Gulf War veter- an who masterminded the attacks and asked police to “Call me God” during the reign of terror.

The jury’s recommenda- tion is not final. Judge Leroy Millette Jr. can reduce the punishment to life in prison or give no parole when Muhammad is formally sentenced on Feb. 12, but Virginia judges rarely take such action.

Some jurors said the lack of any emotion or remorse from Muhammad, com- bined with the broad scope and violence of the shoot- ings, led them to believe the death penalty was the only option.

“I looked for something in him that might have shown remorse,” said juror Robert Elliott. “And I ever saw it the whole time.”

The jurors concluded that prosecutors proved both aggravating factors neces- sary to impose the death penalty: that Muhammad would pose a dangerous threat to society and that his crimes were want- ously vile. Muhammad was sentenced to death on both counts he was convicted of, multiple murders within three years and committing murder as part of a plot to terrorize the public.

“They took pleasure in terrorizing people,” prose- cutor Paul Eberle said Monday of Muham- mad and fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo. “They took pleasure in killing people. That’s the kind of man that doesn’t deserve to be in society.”

The jurors looked solemn as they came back with their decision; Muhammad stood ramrod straight as he listened. The courtroom was silent; the judge had warned against any out- bursts before the jury’s decision was announced.

Prosecutors had depicted Muhammad as a ruthless murderer who was “cap- tain of a killing team,” and they presented evidence of 16 shootings, including 10 deaths, in Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana and Washington, D.C. Muhammad could be prosecuted in those jurisdic- tions as well.

When he and 18-year-old Malvo were arrested on Oct. 24, 2002, various jurisdictions scrambled to prosecute them. Ultimately, Attorney General John Ashcroft sent the two to Virginia, citing the state’s ability to impose “the ulti- mate sanction.”

Only Texas has executed more people than Virginia since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976. — 310 to 89. Virginia is also one of 21 states that allow the execution of killers who committed their crimes at 16 or 17. Malvo was 17 at the time of the shootings.

Virginia uses lethal injection for executions unless the prisoner requests the electric chair.

Defense attorney Peter Greenspun suggested that the Justice Department had essentially shipped around for a jurisdiction willing to impose death. “What is more uneasily than the attorney general of the United States saying we’re going to go to Virginia where Mr. Muhammad is going to be killed?” Greenspun asked.

Greenspun indicated he sees several major issues for appeal, including whether Virginia’s post-Sept. 11 terrorism law applied in the sniper case. Muhammad became the first person convicted under the law. Greenspun also argued that Virginia law does not allow the death penalty for Muhammad because there was no evidence he was the triggerman.

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The country has two forms of government, the Swazi system, with a king, chiefs and princes and the Western system with a prime minister.

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Secondly, Swazi journalists have been beaten by police and silenced by government officials for covering events similar to those Mkhonza wrote about. Another journalist was brutally murdered returning from work in late October. As a CWL fellow and part-time professor, Mkhonza's residence on campus will not only ensure her safety, but offer enrichment to students as she shares her first-hand experience with injustice and her refusal to accept it.

The new Swazi constitution denies citizens the right to voice dissent, among other civil rights. In addition, the government has charged countless individuals with acts of sedition.

Through her column, Mkhonza immersed herself in the human rights violations of these incidents. She particularly concerned herself with a recent case that involved an expelling family from their homes because he decided he wanted their land.

A few years ago, as the prime minister wished the citizens of Swaziland a Merry Christmas, Mkhonza composed an op-ed. "I asked 'How are we supposed to have a Merry Christmas when so many of our own people are out in the open during the rainy season?'" she wrote.

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Report finds high speed limits lead to deaths

Associated Press

States that raised their speed limits to 70 mph or more have seen a big jump in traffic deaths, according to a report Monday by an auto safety group. Some 1,880 more people died in 1998 than in 1997 in the 22 states with higher speed limits than the national average. The study said the 22 state group had 38 percent more deaths than the 28 states with 55 mph limits. That's about 10,000 more deaths.

The 12 states which raised their limits to 70 mph in 1998 - California, Florida, North Carolina and Missouri. They saw a 35 percent increase - about 1,100 additional deaths.

The report didn't examine the effects of other trends, such as the tendency to drive faster in rural states where cities are far apart. Nor did it examine whether a state's decision to raise the speed limit, one in four drivers exceeded the 55 mph national speed limit by at least 20 percent, was the result of a study, a politician's promise or other factors are making highways safer, and that the nation's doctors are concerned.

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**IN BRIEF**

Warner sold for $2.6 million

LOS ANGELES — A partnership led by former Universal Music chief Edgar Bronfman Jr. has agreed to buy Warner Music Group for $2.6 billion cash, creating one of the world’s largest independent music companies.

The announcement Monday came just hours after London-based EMI Group PLC said it had withdrawn its offer to purchase Warner Music, a unit of the giant media conglomerate Time Warner Inc.

Under terms of the Bronfman group’s deal, Time Warner would have the option to buy back a minority stake in the company, which is home to such artists as Madonna, R.E.M. and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

The purchase, which also includes Time Warner’s Warner/Chappell Music publishing business, would create one of the world’s largest independent music companies and include some of the industry’s best-known music labels, including Warner Bros., Atlantic and Elektra Records.

Boeing fires CEO for misconduct

CHICAGO — Boeing Co. fired its chief financial officer Monday for negotiating the hiring of a missile defense expert who worked for the federal government and was in a position to influence Boeing contracts.

Boeing said executive vice president and CFO Mike Sears was dismissed immediately after the hiring of former Air Force official Darleen Druyun.

Druyun also was fired, just 10 months after she was named as vice president and deputy general manager of Boeing’s Missile Defense Systems business.

Both executives tried to cover up their misconduct, which is being investigated by the government, Boeing said.

"Compelling evidence of this misconduct by Mr. Sears and Ms. Druyun came to light over the last two weeks," chairman and CEO Phil Condit said in a news release.

The dismissals follow months of controversy over a plan for the Air Force to acquire 100 Boeing 767 planes for use as aerial refueling tankers.

Delta CEO plans to step down

**Associated Press**

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines chief executive Leo Mullin will step down as CEO on Jan. 1 and as chairman in late April.

"Obviously, the job is not done," Mullin said in an interview. "I wish we were in better financial shape. I wish the pilot contract was settled. Having said that, I would say there has been a tremendous amount accomplished. There’s never a perfect break point. This is the right break point."

After its worst downturn ever, the airline is in the early stages of what analysts expect to be a long recovery process. With passenger demand and ticket prices low, traditional hub-and-spoke carriers such as Delta need to dramatically reduce operating expenses in order to revitalize Wall Street and employees off guard, was not influenced by the company’s simmering controversy over executive pay.

"Now for the next five years, we’re going to be in a position to influence Boeing contracts.

"It’s a big day and a momentous day," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., anticipating a vote later than Tuesday on a bill to make the sweeping changes in Medicare since the program was created in 1965.

"Defiant in defeat, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said the legislation "starts the unraveling of the Medicare system," and he accused the Republicans of planning a follow-up attack on Social Security after the next election. He indicated he would delay final passage as long as possible.

At its heart, the legislation was designed as a compromise of sorts, the new drug benefit long sought by conservatives, including creation of tax-preferred health savings accounts, open to individuals who purchase high-deductible health insurance policies. Most controversial of all, the legislation would create a limited program of direct competition between traditional Medicare and private plans, beginning in 2010.
Teaching should come first

Research first, then teach. That seems to be the direction University officials want faculty members to focus their actions. To the wake of University President Father Edward Malloy’s discussion with over 60 faculty members last week. And while there is nothing wrong with trying to improve the research base of the University’s faculty, it shouldn’t come at the expense of undergraduate education.

Notre Dame currently uses a unitary faculty system, where professors are hired with the knowledge that they must simultaneously teach and research in order to receive tenure. Moreover, demands for increased research, which bolster Notre Dame’s all-important ranking, have led academic officials to cut faculty course loads in order to free professors to do more research. Even the tenure process itself appears to place more emphasis on how many papers a professor has written than teaching or service, the other factors considered in the tenure process.

Forcing faculty members to increasingly concentrate on research projects on only have detrimental effects for undergraduate education, even if the University says otherwise. Professors frantically trying to finish a book will pass more grading and lecturing off to teaching assistants. Instead of evaluating students themselves. Seminar classes will become forums for a professor to test out theories he will later defend in an article. Helping students to finish a lab becomes secondary if the experiments won’t help the professor’s findings. Perhaps if there was a clear-cut way of rating the quality of an undergraduate education beyond student-faculty ratio in a national magazine, then Notre Dame might be more likely to ensure an equal balance between teaching and research. It might even allow professors to specialize in either research or teaching, recognizing that different people have different strengths. Or, when tenure decisions come up, officials might have a new way to identify how many students changed their major because they were so inspired by one of professor’s class. After all, what is more likely to impact the average student — a dense 200-page book on principles of Bulgarian economics or a lively professor who actively engages students through lectures?

Just as teachers who are knowledgeable are useless to students, so are professors who can’t pass their knowledge to others. If Notre Dame was a think tank instead of a prestigious University, there would be nothing wrong with emphasizing research to faculty members. But as an institution that has long prided itself on a strong undergraduate education, academic officials should be aware of the possible negative effects of the current policies.

Davett Barnett

For more than just cheese

Became cool, popular and actually practiced. Sometime, hopefully during high school, people reached a level of tact and sensibility to keep from making fun of people’s expressions or second hand jeans simply wasn’t acceptable anymore. Hopefully, Not realistically.

Some Notre Dame students, while exceptional in mathematics and the natural sciences, cannot muster up enough tact and sensibility to keep from embarassing themselves in social situations.

This past week I had an opportunity to drive up to Madison, Wis. for a couple of days. I decided to take a tour of the Law School and sit in on a class. Of the rough-ly 60 kids in the class, 40 of them had laptops and about 20 of those with laptops were playing some variety of Yahoo games. It is always nice to see kids in school for the right reasons. Relatively unimpressed.

However, outside the school, on the main drag of campus known as State Street, part of which is only accessible to pedestrians and panhandlers, I was in a whole other classroom. I saw hippies, Hell’s Angels, and a flautist in prison issue orange. There were about four Thai restaurants and two Greek ones, a kiosk called “Jamacanamericans” specializing in all things jerked and countless others. Everyone there looked where you were back- packs, students scurrying to class and soaking it all in.

I always thought state schools were fun. Yet they were only fun in the sense that they knew a kid there who does a dishwasher you could sleep on for a weekend. Too overwhelming to make me actually want to attend one.

But Madison was more than that. Instead of a colorless campus indifferent to its uniformity, you have an amusing city completely devoted to and proud of its diversity. It thrives on the fact that so many different types of people walk past each other on their ways to class. Sure, they don’t have the true blue student body that Notre Dame does, but nor do they have the juveniles who continually criticizes those outside their clique because they may not share with them the same sense of “home.”

I was impressed by what Madison offers and Notre Dame really doesn’t. Their students can get an education merely through walking by through town or grab-hing a bite to eat. They don’t really even have to do anything. Lucky them.

Unluckily for us, we are stuck with kids who criticize “za” and your little brother. Kids that might have come to Notre Dame partly because they knew they’d find someone who’d laugh with them. Which brings me to my point.

People should stay in and into the community of South Bend, which, although no Madison, still offers a differ- ent perspective and perhaps a better one. There are a number of centers and clinics where you can be a great help, if only an extra set of hands. In return, you might get the education you missed out on when you decided against that state school.

Then we can all live together peacefully. We can celebrate our newfound per- spective, and commemorate something with a pizza party at my house. I’ll order some “za” with “zorns” and “zos,” and you’ll love it.

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Marriage must also be open to the possibility of creat­ ing natural children, which is the key element to understanding marriage as a mirror image of God's own love. When two are married they become "one flesh" (Eph. 5:31-32), and for this reason, plus one equals one, by the love of the Father, they are destined to become three, a direct parallel to the three persons of the Trinity. Homosexual relations lack all physical possibility of this aspect of marriage, which would prove such a union somewhat less than completely ful­filling. I hope this brief explanation provides a starting place for Mr. Sayre and others to explore exactly how marriage must be between a man and a woman.

For many, the question now becomes, “Well, maybe that’s the way Christians view marriage, but how could the United States employ this definition in light of the First Amendment Establishment Clause?” I would like to suggest that this clause may be viewed in more than one way. Popular interpretation suggests this clause protects the state from religion. The original intent, however, may have been something closer to protecting religion from interference of the state, as well. Drawing on the writings of the Founding Fathers and our nation’s history of seeking freedom from religious tyranny, our history seems to suggest that perhaps this latter interpretation is also part of the Establishment Clause. Thus, it may be incorrect to invoke the “Tinker fromerry from Brown” decision. However, I must caution that all humans are capable of expressing these virtues because they are created in the image and likeness of God.

However, attempting to live out these virtues in the context of homosexual unions will likely bring a multitude of dis­orders and conflicts. (To be clear: I am not suggest­ ing that homosexuals have a disorder; I am stating that their natural dispositions are not always, or even typically, toward the good, are disordered. There is a difference.)

Nor does the covenant of marriage go beyond the simple practice of these virtues in a relationship.

Marriage is a partnership valued as a life-long com­mitment, which is ordered toward the good of both the parties on the writings of the Founding Fathers and our underlying any law of the United States.

In addition, I find Mr. Sayre’s delineation of conserva­tives as defenders of the status quo and liberals as the change­makers for change problematic. First, many conserva­tives support “radical” ideologies on a variety of cur­rent issues ranging from abortion laws to school vot­ing systems to the evolution of higher education. Second, the act of calling for a major change in a state-recognized institution just for the sake of change does not make such an act right. Perhaps on this issue conservatives are defending the status quo, but have you ever stopped to think that it might be for a good reason, such as protecting the rights of young people who are not ready to vote? Regarding homosexual marriage, those opposed to it are not homophobic. Instead, they are not willing to accept that same-sex marriage, those opposed to it are not homophobic. Instead, they are not willing to accept that same-sex marriage is a legitimate institution. Those who favor same-sex marriage are making this argument.”

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MOVIE REVIEW

‘Gothika’: scary but stupid script

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Movie Critic

The real shame of Gothika is that it starts out with some pretty intriguing psychological premises and symbolism, but it never develops any of those themes. As the movie progresses, it goes from psychological thriller, to occult thriller, to Nancy Drew solves-the-case-of-the-crazy-ghosts plot. Writer-Director Robert Downey, Jr., who turns out a stellar performance with disappointingly little screen time and is under-utilized, and his character, along with a possible romance with Berry, all but vanishes about halfway through the film.

After seeing Gothika, one can only wonder what went awry with the script. It almost seems as if the last quarter of the movie was amputated and replaced by a campy Hollywood ending. During the last scene of the movie, you can almost hear the audience thinking, “OK, I’m with the twist ending. Here it comes. Here it comes. OK, how hit me with the real twist ending. Hey! Why are the credits rolling?”

To give the devil his due—quite literally—Gothika is pretty damn scary. Director Mathieu Kassovitz really knows how to turn the screws when he’s building up to a scare. His acting is still confusing and leave many questions unanswered about them. The cinematography is filled with such eye-catching clips of the movie, the British ship plots to retaliate by attacking the French ship, regardless of how dangerous this quest becomes, while the leadership of Captain Aubrey and the medical talents of the captain’s best friend, Dr. Stephen Maturin (Paul Bettany), help keep the sailors’ spirits up. The horrible conditions at sea, however, threaten these two characters’ relationship with each other. Captain “Lucky” wants to continue pursuing the French ship, regardless of how dangerous this quest becomes, while the doctor insists on return to England. Bettany’s acting is one of the greatest strengths of the film. He convinces viewers that he is very different from the rest of the men on board through displaying a complete and total indifference to defeating the French ship. In many of his scenes, Maturin is alone reading, writing or thinking. His mannerisms, language and appearance distinguish him from the other actors. Crowe, the only big name actor on screen, also does a great job of staying in character, although his acting is still secondary to Bettany’s. Crowe makes all of the decisions, commands respect from his sailors and is also well-liked. He remains calm, regardless how dangerous the situation, and he does a great job of handling deaths of his sailors.

There are several young children on board the British ship. These child actors’ reactions to death and injuries are very touching and viewers can’t help but empathize with these boys. The British’s constant anticipation of attacking the French ship is another of the film’s greatest strengths. The clips of the Spanish ship, through the lens of a telescope, are dramatic.

Some bloody scenes are included, but since this is a PG-13 movie, the camera only provides glimpses into too many minor characters are confusing and leave many questions unanswered about them. Despite these flaws, this film is definitely worth seeing. The cinematography and acting are excellent. The film’s maintaining of suspense captivates viewers.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Suspense abounds on the open sea

By KATIE WAGNER
Scene Movie Critic

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World is a suspenseful, emotionally disturbing, slightly gory, war-at-sea movie. “Lucky” Jack Aubrey (Russell Crowe) plays the captain of a British ship seeking to prevent a mysterious French ship from taking over Britain’s shores. This movie is set during Napoleon’s takeover of Germany, but it provides fascinating views of the horrors of living on a war ship, focusing on the lifestyle of the sailors on the British ship, and providing a realistic view of the horrors of depression. The ocean is presented approximately two and a half hour film with such eye-catching clips of the movie.

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DEFENDING THEIR GOALS
Regular season success puts Irish in great spot

The men’s soccer team did not even appear on the NCAA Preseason Top 25 rankings at the start of this year. But like the start of this season, they can stay there. Sure season does not matter. Sure, the last preseason round didn’t hurt. Home field advantage all through the playoffs. Now, they have a golden opportunity to take care of and then hopefully another. The team played its way to where it stands, and they now have a golden opportunity to take advantage of home field, momentum and a combination of coach, leadership and chemistry that could take this Irish team soaring even further into the record books.

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THE TOP SIXTEEN SEEDS

No. 1 UCLA (19-3-3)

The defending champion looks as dominant as last year.

No. 13 Creighton (12-6-1)

Defeats and is the final game of the season.

No. 5 Notre Dame (15-3-3)

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Leaving a mark

The Irish seniors hope to leave Notre Dame having accomplished all their goals especially the biggest one

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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When the Notre Dame seniors take the field Wednesday against Michigan State in the second round of the NCAA tournament, it could possibly be the last time for those seven players to step onto Alumni Field and play a soccer game. Hopefully it won’t be, but even if it is, this year’s seniors have really put a special touch on not only the 2003 Irish soccer season but their entire careers. When the six scholarship seniors arrived on the South Bend campus for the first time in 2000, they each agreed that they had one goal for their time at Notre Dame: “I think we came here with the mission to make this a soccer school,” team captain Greg Martin said. “In a couple of weeks we’ve left this school and I think I can say we have probably accomplished that goal.”

Forwards Devon Prescod and Justin Detter, midfielders E. I p o Chillemi, Martin, Chad Riley and defender Kevin Richards have done their part over the past four years to help put Notre Dame on the national map. Walk-on midfielder Roger Klauser, from Granger, Ind., has helped the six scholarship players achieve that goal as well. “I would like to think it’s a soccer school at this point,” Martin said. “It’s a strange possibility to consider — most people who hear the name Notre Dame think of football and not European variety most call soccer. However, Martin has a good point and the numbers are there to back him up.

In 2000, the Irish averaged 810 spectators at their home games at Alumni Field. This year, Notre Dame has averaged 1,154 fans per game, a mark that currently places them 14th nationally in attendance.

Notre Dame’s 1-0 overtime victory over Indiana was attended by 2,131 fans, the largest crowd this season and seventh largest in the school’s history.

With the help of staunch coach B. E. P. (Coach Clark), who arrived in 2001 with an impressive resume that included an NCAA runner-up while at Stanford, Martin and the other seniors have helped take Notre Dame soccer to a whole new level. This season, Notre Dame has been ranked in the top 16 seeds. They are the No. 3 seed and just missed having home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. This is also the first year since 1998 that the Irish have won the Big East conference championship, and the first under Clark’s leadership. Like any other coach, Clark has expected a lot out of his seniors.

“They look for us for leadership, both on and off the field,” Riley said. “I think a lot of the guys — Greg, Devon, and Justin — have probably scored about 80 percent of the goals this year, so that’s another important area we’ve had to contribute in.”

“We’ve also been asked to just kind of show a good example to the younger kids so they can see how to improve their play.”

Prescod and Detter have indeed paced the Irish offense most of the way through the season, with each forward collecting 11 goals this year. Martin, the next closest, has three. The offensive flurry for the talented forwards has been a result of Clark’s decision to make the two his top attacking tandem this season.

“It’s a fairly new chemistry for us, you might say,” Detter said. “We’ve always played together, just not always on top. I’d say now that we’ve played about 20 games or something like that, that we’ve definitely formed a good chemistry, and we feel like we’re playing well at the right time.”

“If course, what we do comes from the rest of these guys sending in good crosses and nice passes into the box.”

Prescod collected four assists this season to go along with his four goals — most of those assists to Detter — and was the team’s leading scorer during the regular season with 26 points. He too credits being team-mates so long with his forward partner as a reason for the duo’s offensive success this year.

“I think we’ve definitely got to know each other better over the past three years,” Prescod said. “Playing together over the years and actually allowed us to spend even more time together because we’ve been rooming together on road trips and things like that.”

“I’d say we’ve definitely at a point now where we know each other the best we ever have through the past few years.”

While Prescod and Detter have been the cornerstones of the Irish offense, Richards has been a consistent veteran presence for Notre Dame’s impressive defensive defense, which gave up just 14 goals in 21 regular season games.

While the senior defender is top in clearing the ball out of the net, he had perhaps one of the biggest goals of the year when he scored the game-winning goal in Notre Dame’s 2-0 victory over St. John’s in the finals of the Big East championship.

“I’d say my role is more in just getting some of the younger guys to understand coach Clark’s system and way of playing,” Richards said.

Those guys have really stepped up quick and have allowed me to go forward a little and not always have to play in the back, which has helped me to not have such a big responsibility as the only senior defender.”

These seniors realize that their success in the regular season is just ancient history now as they head into the NCAA tournament with a very good chance to help bring Notre Dame something that the Irish have never achieved — a national championship in men’s soccer. Regardless of the final outcome of this year’s tournament, it will still be difficult for these seven to leave. They certainly already have a lot to be proud of.

“I think that as far as on the field we’ve really come in and done what we said we wanted to do, and that’s improve every year as a team,” Chillemi said.

“And I think that off the field we’ve become a very tight group and I can honestly say that these guys have become my best friends. It’s going to very tough to leave.”

As for the date of these seniors’ final game, that is completely up to how they perform in the tournament. You can bet they would like to stay on the field as long as they possibly can.

“Back in August of 2000, and especially in August 2003, we really set our sights on the national championship,” Martin said. “Can this team win a national championship? I think a better answer to that is that this team can accomplish whatever we set our minds to, and I think that’s the message we want to leave as a legacy to the next Notre Dame teams.

“We want to show that first, Notre Dame can play soccer, and second, that if a group of guys commit to a goal, they can achieve whatever they want. This year, we want to win a national championship.”

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Midfielder and three-year captain Greg Martin dribbles around a West Virginia defender at Alumni Field Sept. 21. Martin is one of seven seniors who have brought Notre Dame to soccer prominence in their four years in South Bend.

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Stingy defense has led Irish all year long

In 21 games, Irish have only allowed 14 goals and registered 13 shutouts

By PAT LEONARD

Sports Writer

Wisconsin-Milwaukee scored four times against Western Michigan to earn a shot at Notre Dame in the second round. It was silly of them. The Panthers should have saved two of those goals for Wednesday.

With Big East Goalkeeper of the Year Chris Sawyer and arguably the strongest back four in the nation composed of Kevin Richards, Kevin Goldthwaite, Jack Stewart and sophomore Christopher High, the Irish are consistently limiting powerful offenses to few chances and even fewer goals.

At the rate the Irish are giving up goals, Wisconsin-Milwaukee is looking at a possible goose egg in its goals column in the Thursday box score.

It's a distinct possibility, since it's happened to 13 other teams this season.

Sawyer — only a junior — has a .65 goals against average on the season, making 66 saves including eight in three straight shutouts on the way to a Big East conference championship.

Not only have the Irish been shutting opponents out, they have given up just fourteen goals all season. Notre Dame's total of 38 goals is not a high season total for any team, but the Irish still have twice as many tallies than their foes.

When Sawyer raised the goalkeeper of the year trophy above his head following a 2-0 victory over St. John's, he knew it would have been more appropriate to have four sets of hands helping him support the award. They have supported each other all year anyway.

"The reason we've been able to shut teams out so well is simple," Sawyer said. "We have the best back four in the country. My back line is unbelievable. And all of the credit really must go to them."

Sawyer accepts none of the credit for his success, though saves like a diving grab in the first half on St. John's Angel Rodriguez prove his value to the number three team in the nation.

"I see one or two shots a game, maybe one where I have to go to the ground," Sawyer said. "Other than that, the defense just takes care of me. That save in the first half, I was just glad I could do that for them when they save me so much."

The two men in the middle who 'save' Sawyer often are Stewart and High. The two juniors function as a two-headed monster, splitting the gut of opponents' attacks. They win close battles at their feet and leaping battles in the air, particularly Stewart, who has a knack for getting his head on any ball within twenty feet above his shoulders.

High, a junior from Camarillo, Calif., saw action in four games during his sophomore season after red-shirting his freshman year. This season, however, with coach Bobby Clark shifting Luke Boughen from stopper to midfielder midway through the season, High has stepped up as a rock on defense. Stewart made the All-Big East first team this season.

"Our two central defenders are very solid," Clark said. "They counter every aerial threat, especially against St. John's, who is a fairly direct team. If you don't handle that threat you're in trouble, and these two boys have played superbly well."

Words like Clark's force teams to try and take the ball around the outside of the Notre Dame defense. The two Kevin's are waiting patiently.

Richards and Goldthwaite man the outside defender spots, right and left, respectively. Richards is an all-Big East third team selection and Goldthwaite is a second-team member. Richards is a speedster who can catch any streaking forward or midfieldier, while Goldthwaite relies on technique and poise to lock down on team's strongest threats.

Most important about the two outside backs, however — especially in the Irish system — is the ability of both players to not only handle opponents' rushes but to counter with attacks of their own. Both players make runs to the sideline often as Notre Dame switches the ball across the field.

Richards scored on such a run in the Big East Championship game against St. John's, his first goal in three years. Clark later assessed the qualities Richards brings to the team.

"Kevin Richards doesn't score a lot of goals, but he makes a lot of goals," Clark said, referring to his playmaking skills.

Goldthwaite certainly does, as well.

The junior from Sacramento, Calif., started nine games his freshman season and has been invaluable particularly due to his set up ability. Goldthwaite can put a crossing ball, corner kick or throw in the box on offense. Counting the Big East Tournament, he leads the team in assists with nine.

Richards, Goldthwaite and Stewart each have one goal, and the defense has often translated into offense this season for the Irish. Still, the Irish defense has been the reason the team needs only one or two great plays per game from attackers like Justin Bätter, Devon Prescod and Greg Martin to secure a victory against anybody.

"We have good defenders and a good goalkeeper, but we also have a good team mentality," Clark said. "We've lost fourteen goals, and take away our losses to Rutgers [5-2] and St. John's [3-0] and we've lost just six."

Offense wins games and defense wins championships, the cliché goes.

In Notre Dame's case, defense is what wins. Period. It wins quarters, halves, games and conference tournaments. And, if the Irish build on their 13 shutouts and maintain the flawless play on defense, it could win them much more.

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The Two Towers' comes to life

By JONATHAN RETARTHA

Tolkien fans now have the opportunity to get even more hobbit, elf and dwarf action as The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers Extended Edition DVD gives viewers an entirely new film. The Two Towers is the second part of the Lord of the Rings series of novels, written by J.R.R. Tolkien.

The series, directed on film by Peter Jackson, tells the story of a hobbit named Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood) who goes on a quest to destroy a ring that is the source of all evil in the world. The Two Towers picks up where the first part, The Fellowship of the Ring, leaves off, with Frodo's company of travelers dispersed.

Frodo now travels with his friend Sam (Sean Astin, of Rudy fame) and a creature named Gollum (Andy Serkis), while Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), a friend of the hobbits, continues on his journey to take his rightful place as king of men in Middle Earth.

The first two discs of the four-disc set contain the actual motion picture. While the theatrical DVD was released in August, featuring the version of the film shown in theaters, along with a few extra features, the Extended Edition DVD features over 40 minutes of unseen footage.

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While the notion of providing deleted scenes in a DVD is not new, Peter Jackson takes this feature one step farther by weaving the deleted scenes into the film, forming a "director's cut" that even features original music composed just for these deleted scenes by composer Howard Shore.

Even though many "director's cut" DVDs seem long and drawn out with the deleted scenes woven in, The Two Towers' supplementary scenes showed in the Extended Edition than in the theatrical version. All of the deleted scenes are valuable additions to the film and satisfy many of the complaints that several critics and Tolkien purists have had about the film.

Some of the deleted scenes include a funny scene with Merry (Dominic Monaghan) and Faramir (Billy Boyd) experimenting with Ent Draught, Aragorn revealing his age to Eowyn (Miranda Otto), and the funeral of King Théoden's son. In addition, a long scene describes a flashback of Boromir (Sean Bean) and Faramir (David Wenham) riding Baggsins (Elijah Wood) together.

While many of these changes have angered Tolkien purists, one documentary features Jackson explaining all of the cuts and changes and why they needed to be included or removed from the film.

Other excellent documentaries on the third disc explore the world of Weta, the special effects and design company that worked on the films. It is simply amazing to watch how much effort was put into the hundreds of costumes and prosthetics, as well as into finding and constructing the various locations in New Zealand where the three films were shot concurrently.

Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) prepares to help defend the humans nestled in Helms Deep, a human avalon in 'The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers.'

The third and fourth discs of the Extended Edition DVD have over six hours of special features, including lots of information about Gollum, a CGI creature.

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NHL

Mathieu Biron defeats older brother in a 2-1 victory

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Mathieu Biron finally got the best of his big brother.

The Florida defenseman became the first NHL player in 23 years to score against his brother, beating Martin Biron in the Panthers’ 2-1 victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Monday night.

Phil Esposito of the New York Rangers defeated Tony Esposito on Feb. 23, 1980, in one of the most famous feats in hockey history, accomplish the feat, scoring on brothers Tony of Chicago on Nov. 5, 1980.

"The Espositos brothers probably always been fighting for the last 23 years," Martin Biron joked. "We’d probably be fighting for the next 23 years, my brother and I.

Mathieu Biron, who at 23 is three younger than Martin, gave Florida a 2-0 lead in the first period, when he hit a one-on-one rush and tipped Stephen Weiss’ pass past his brother.

"I was happy," Mathieu Biron said. "I told my dad it would be going sooner or later. I’m glad he didn’t put me on the ice right after the goal. I didn’t know what was going on. It’s hard to explain the emotions.

The Birons’ parents, Celine and Rejean, were in the crowd.

"In the summer they were nagging each other, with Mathieu saying that he would score on Martin," Celine Biron said. "It was good that it was a nice goal. It wouldn’t have been as nice if it was a cheap goal."

It was Mathieu Biron’s first goal of the season and the sixth of his NHL career, which began in 2000 with the New York Islanders.

Martin Biron finished with 22 saves.

Toronto 2, Vancouver 1

Ed Belfour solidified his place as one of the best goalies in NHL history.

Belfour passed Glenn Hall for fifth place on the career victory list, stopping 24 shots in the Toronto Maple Leafs’ 2-1 victory on Saturday night.

Belfour has 408 victories, 15 shy of Tony Esposito for fourth place. Patrick Roy is first with 551.

"To be with Glenn Hall is what I always thought," Roy said. "I’d love to hear from him. I had a chance to talk to him quite a bit when I was in Chicago. He was always helpful.

Belfour had 19 seasons for Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis. Belfour has in his 16th season.

"It’s one of the best goals in the game," Toronto captain Mats Sundin said. "It’s great to have him back there. He’s clearly one of the best goalies in the NHL."

That’s just the kind of guy he is. Sundin and Gary Roberts scored for the Maple Leafs, who went winless in the first five games of their West Coast road trip before winning in Vancouver on Saturday night.

Brendon Morrison had the lone goal for the Canucks, who haven’t won a road game since Nov. 5 at Nashville.

After Vancouver center Matt Cooke took the puck over, Sundin fired a slap shot past goalie Johan Hedberg at 2:08 of the third.

Nashville 3, Colorado 2

Kemmo Timonen and Marek Zidlicky scored power-play goals to lead the Nashville Predators to a 3-2 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Monday night.

Timonen added an assist, Rem Murray had a short-hand goal, and Tomas Vokoun made 34 saves to improve to 2-0-1 in his last six starts.

Timonen opened the scoring 42 seconds into the game — and 21 seconds into the power play — with a low blast that went between Philippe Sauve’s pads.

Vokoun kept Colorado scoreless with a glove save on Sakic from the slot. He caught a break when Alex Tanguay’s shot dribbled between Vokoun’s pads, but hit the left post at 8:10 of the period.

Zidlicky extended Nashville’s lead to 2-0 with a power-play goal at 5:06 of the second period. Sauve stopped shots by Timonen and David Legwand, but Zidlicky scored off a rebound.

Washington 4, Detroit 1

Brett Stairs Stains got all the help — and breaks — he needed to win in his first NHL start. Stairs made 18 saves and Jacob Jago, Robert Lang and Dalibor Zubrus combined for eight points to give the Washington Capitals a 4-1 victory over Detroit on Monday night.

"I think I was having a lot of the luck of the backend," said Stains, the first Slovak goalie to win an NHL game. "There were some rebounds that I left, but the defense cleared them for me."

"It would have been nice to get the shutout, but I’m still happy with the win."

Both Jagr and Lang had a goal and two assists, and Zubrus had a goal and an assist. Peter Bondra got the other Washington goal, and Sergei Gonchar had two assists.

"Our guys do have the ability to score," Capitals coach Bruce Cassidy said.

With 14 points, Washington is tied with the Pittsburgh Penguins for last place overall in the NHL.

Kris Draper scored for Detroit, who lost last two of the games.

The Capitals scored three times in the first period, with Jagr and Bondra getting goals just 1:35 apart.

Jagr scored on a one-timer from in front after taking a pass from Gonchar at 6:57 into the game. Bondra made it 2-0 when he jammed the rebound of a shot by Zubrus past Curtis Joseph at 8:32.

Lang then scored on a rebound of a shot by Gonchar with 8:59 left in the period. That chased Joseph, who only faced nine shots. Steve Shields replaced by Manny Legace.

Zubrus got a power-play goal at 3:25 of the second period when his one-timer from the slot converted a pass from Lang.

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Indian{a extends Orlando's losing streak to 13

**Associated Press**
ORLANDO, Fla. — The hapless Orlando Magic faced a surprisingly strong fight against the Indiana Pacers with their player Tracy McGrady sick at home with a 103-degree fever.

Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal had 22 points and 19 rebounds, and the NBA-leading Pacers handed Orlando its 13th straight loss, winning 95-78 on Monday night. The Magic stayed close with a scrappy, hustling effort that earned the respect of a crowd ready to rout them.

"It was until midway through the fourth quarter, when O'Neal's three-point play put the Pacers up 77-63, that Orlando was down for the count," said Orlando coach Johnny Davis, who was making his home debut. He replaced Doc Rivers, who was fired a week ago in the middle of an 0-5 road trip.

"If we continue to fight like that, and make some adjustments to what we're doing, I think we can get this situation turned around and begin to have some success,"

**Knicks 94, Celtics 88**

With or without their two top scorers, the New York Knicks know how to rally against the Boston Celtics.

The four-time All-Star sat out of last season and large.

"The effort they put forth with what they have," coach Rick Carlisle said. "They made the game the kind of game they had to make it to have a chance to win."

Boo Radley added 17 points and reserve Austin Croshere scored 13 of his season-high 15 in the second quarter to help Indiana extend its winning streak to five games. Orlando is in losses short of tying its all-time-worst losing skid. That streak was set in 1991-92, the season before the Magic season and Shaquille O'Neal.

"Certainly we were undermanned with T-Mac not playing, but I don't think our guys conceded to the Pacers all night," said Orlando coach Skip Strohman.

Mourning's kidney function has deteriorated rapidly in recent weeks.

The resulting kidney damage is no longer medically safe for him to play basketball," Appel said. "Although he's still feels well, the chemical imbalances in his blood make it dangerous for him to play.

Mourning played in 12 games for the Nets this season, averaging a disappointing 8 points and 2.3 rebounds in 17.9 minutes.

His career averages were 20.3 points and 9.8 rebounds per game coming into this season.

On Saturday, Mourning had a season-high 15 points in the Nets' 81-80 loss to the Toronto Raptors.

Two days earlier, he got into a heated exchange with teammate Shareef Abdur-Rahim, who made light of Mourning's disease.

"I have overcome all I have to overcome to come back and play this game for one reason, and that's to win," Mourning said afterward.

Mourning previously played for the Charlotte Hornets and Miami Heat.

"The disease was detected in 2000, while Mourning was with the Heat.

The diagnosis came shortly after the 6-foot-10 center helped the U.S. team win the gold medal at the Olympics.

The disease attacks the tiny filters in the kidney that remove waste from the blood. That makes the kidney spil protein from blood into the urine.

The resulting kidney damage can lead to kidney failure, which requires dialysis or a transplant.

"It's a sad day in anyone's life when they can no longer do what they love, especially when they have no control over their situation," Heat president Pat Riley said in a statement. "Alonzo had been the cornerstone of the Heat organization for eight years and continues to be a role model in the Miami community."

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Hall of Fame pitcher Warren Spahn dies at 82

Associated Press

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Warren Spahn, the Hall of Fame pitcher who won more games than any other left-hander in history, died Monday. He was 82.

Spahn died at his home, family friend Gary Caruso said.

Spahn was the mainstay of the Braves' pitching staff for two decades, first in Boston and then in Milwaukee. He pitched for 21 seasons, winning 363 games and posting 20 or more victories 13 times.

The remarkable part was that he was 25 before he got his first major league win. "Warren Spahn was a fighter and a winner," said New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, a former teammate. "He made catching in the big leagues a lot easier for me because he took me under his wing along with Lew Burdette. One of my biggest thrills to this day was catching his 300th victory in 1961."

Spahn started his baseball career in his hometown of Buffalo, playing first base while his father played third for the Buffalo Lake City Athletic Club. He wanted to play first in high school but his team already had an all-city player at that position. So Spahn switched to pitching.

He signed with the Braves in 1940 for $80 a month and injured his arm twice in his first season of D-level ball. But he won 19 games the next season and was invited to spring training with the Braves.

He started the 1942 season with the Braves but was sent down by manager Casey Stengel, who was angry because the left-hander refused to brush back Pee Wee Reese in an exhibition game. Spahn went 17-12 with a 1.96 ERA average at Hartford that season while the Braves finished in seventh place. Stengel called farming Spahn out the league but his team already had an all-city player at that position.

He usually won that challenge. Spahn led the league in complete games nine times, including seven in a row from 1957-61, and led the league in strikeouts from 1949-52.

He once said, "When I'm pitching, I feel I'm down to the essentials — two men with one challenge between them."

Spahn was 23-7 and led the league with a 2.10 ERA in 1953 at age 32 and then matched that a decade later when he was 42, going 23-7 again in 1963, this time with a 2.60 ERA.

That was his last great season. A year later, he went 6-13 and then finished up in 1965, winning 21 games in each of the next three seasons.

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Starting in 1947, Spahn won 20 or more games in 13 of the next 17 seasons. Only Christy Mathewson had as many 20-win seasons in the NL. Strangely, one of the years he missed that plateau was 1948, when he was 15-12 as the Braves won their first pennant since 1914.

Equipped with a high-kicking delivery that baffled batters, Spahn became a dominant pitcher after that season, a consistent 20-game winner. Only once between 1953 and 1961 did he fail to win 20 games.

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Spahn returned to baseball in 1946, and had an 8-5 record for the Braves.

The next season, he emerged as one of baseball's best pitchers with a 21-10 record. He led the NL with a 2.31 ERA and became part of a pitching partnership with Johnny Sain that took Boston to the NL pennant the next year. Because of the Braves' thin staff, Boston's pitching was described as "Spahn and Sain and pray for rain."

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**Irish have one last chance**

**Irish travel to No. 6 Stanford to improve their NCAA seeding**

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN  
Sports Writer

They know what they have to do, now it is just a matter of execution.

Coming off a loss to Pittsburgh (24-4) in the Big East Tournament Championship, No. 20 Notre Dame (23-3) looks to regroup when they travel to No. 6 Stanford on Saturday.

The Irish come off a loss that snapped their 61-game Big East winning streak at Pittsburgh. This was only the second loss the Irish have ever suffered in the Big East tournament since joining the conference in 1995. The Irish are 2-3 in their last five matches.

But Notre Dame is putting the loss behind them and moving on. They have a week of practice to prepare for Stanford (21-6), the last regular season match of the year.

"We can’t go into Stanford and have a good match if we don’t practice well this week," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "We have to play well in the game and work out the details there."

The Irish have been led all season by their nation-leading blocking average, 3.73 per game. Emily Loomis leads the Irish attack with 3.62 kills and 1.12 blocks per game. She is joined by Lauren Brewster, who is atop the nation with 1.82 blocks per game. She also averages 3.54 kills per game.

However, the Irish have struggled of late, losing to then No. 14 Notre Dame and then dropping two matches in one week to Pittsburgh.

Those two losses gave Pitt a share of the regular season conference title and last Sunday, the Big East Tournament Championship.

"This is the time to pull together — we’re in the postseason and it goes really short," Coach Brown said.

"You don’t allow yourself to get tired, you don’t allow yourself to make excuses," Debbie Brown

**Irish head coach**

Oklahoma leads BCS standings, USC rises

Associated Press

Southern California moved back into position to play for the national title — for now.

The Trojans are once again in second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings Monday after moving up one spot after a loss by Ohio State.

Oklahoma (12-0) remained the runaway leader in the standings that will determine which teams will play for the national title in the Sugar Bowl. The Sooners are a unanimous No. 1 in the polls and are the top team in all seven BCS computers.

USC was second, nearly five points behind at 6.89, followed by LSU at 9.04, matching the order in both polls. The Trojans and the Tigers are the only one-loss teams remaining from one of the six major conferences.

USC has one game remaining Dec. 6 against Stanford. The second-ranked Sooners play Oklahoma State on Friday night in the Big 12 title game, and third-ranked LSU plays Arkansas (8-3) on Friday, and if the Tigers win, they will play in the SEC title game. If LSU wins both those games, they could get enough of a boost to move ahead of USC.

"Sometimes when you start thinking about all that other stuff it is just kind of clutter that can affect your ability to prepare, focus, and have the kind of poise and discipline that you need," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "I think you can get distracted by other games and it really comes down to performance. We have to play well in the game and preparation helps you do that."

The Sooners have a 1-0 to poll average, 1.8 for computer rank average, 0.40 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and 0.5 bonus points for beating sixth-place Texas for a 1.9.

With all the focus on second place, USC has been able to avoid the usual BCS contro­versy.

"It’s hard for us to get on television or the newspaper," coach Bob Shoop said. "We just focus on what we can do. That always is our focus and what we pay attention to. What’s been kind of nice about it is it has kind of deflected a lot of attention off us."

For now, the focus is on LSU, USC and all the teams they’ve played this year. Both teams are 22-23 ahead of LSU in strength of schedule this week.

BCS expert Jerry Palm projects that USC could end up anywhere from 15 spots ahead to 26 spots behind.

There are seven games left this week that will have a direct impact on that: Alabama at Georgia, Arizona at Oregon, TCU at Texas, and Connecticut at Texas A&M.

That could change this week with the last six of the ranked teams playing their first second-place match-up. They are Arizona at Washington, USC at Arizona, Florida at Florida State, Oklahoma State at Texas, TCU at Texas, and Connecticut at Notre Dame.

"The season's first Top 10 matchups will be this week with No. 3 Michigan State at No. 6 Kansas on Tuesday night and No. 4 Arizona facing No. 8 Washington on Thursday night in the Tipoff Classic in Springfield, Mass.

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**College Basketball**

Connecticut remains first, top 17 hold

Associated Press

The opening of the regular season brought little change to the top of the polls.

After a week in which 14 ranked teams played their first games of the season, the only changes in The Associated Press weekly poll Monday were a couple of position swaps.

The first 17 teams held their spots from last week’s poll and the only changes were Wake Forest and Cincinnati at 18 and 19 and Ohio State and North Carolina State at 24 and 25.

Teams were allowed to play their first regular-season games last Friday. Before that, they were only allowed to play in exempt events such as Coaches vs. Cancer Classic. Connecticut, which opened the season this week with wins over New York and Sacred Heart, was again the runaway No. 1.

The Huskies received 69 first-place votes and 1,797 points from the national media panel.

Duke, which beat Detroit, was second in first-ballot votes and had 1,666 points. Michigan State, a winner over Bucknell in its season opener, also had a first-place vote and was third.

Arizona and Missouri were tied for fourth, each picking up five first-place votes. Missouri moved up three spots from last week to No. 5.


Texas was 11th followed by Illinois, Saint Joseph’s, Oklahoma, Gonzaga, Louisville, Wake Forest, Cincinnati and Stanford.

The last five ranked teams were Notre Dame, Pittsburgh, Marquette, Oklahoma State and North Carolina State.

There haven’t been any changes in the factors leading up from the preseason Top 25.

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Chicago Bulls head coach Bill Cartwright watched the action during the Bulls’ game against the Washington Wizards on Jan. 8. Cartwright was fired from the Bulls Monday after the team struggled to a 4-10 start.

Cartwright fired as coach of Bulls

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls are starting over again. Bill Cartwright became the latest casualty in the Bulls’ seemingly endless rebuilding project, fired Monday after a 4-10 start. The team that began the season with such high expectations — maybe even the first playoff run since the dynasty days — looks like so many other versions of the Horribulls.

"There’s no question that this team has underachieved, and probably for many reasons. Is it a coaching problem? I don’t think so," interim coach Pete Paxson said in Dallas, where Chicago plays the Mavericks on Tuesday night.

"These kids got to tie up their shoelaces a little tighter," Myers said. "I told the guys today that you’re going to have to pull that mirror out now. We’ve changed coaches, now you guys are going to take the heat. Now you have to stand up.""If they don’t, more changes are likely. Trade rumors were already swirling around the team, with talk over the weekend of a deal with Toronto for Jalen Rose.

While that trade hasn’t happened, general manager John Paxson has made it clear he’s not happy.

"The team is underperforming and we have to find ways to win," Paxson said. "I am not satisfied with the team's start this season and changes have to be made. This represents the first change, but not necessarily the last."

Chicago has been abysmal since the Michael Jordan dynasty was blown to bits after winning its sixth NBA title in 1998. The Bulls have lost 292 games since, and have started and scrapped several rebuilding plans along the way.

But this was supposed to be the year everything turned around. Chicago finished 30-52 last year, a nine-game improvement. Prep-to-pros projects Eddy Curry and Tyson Chandler were expected to build on the progress they made at the end of last season, and Scottie Pippen’s return added veteran leadership.

Instead, the Bulls lost three of their first four games by an average of 27 points, including back-to-back 30-point blowouts. They share last place in the Central Division and have lost five straight.

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The Notre Dame women's volleyball club opened the season in great form this weekend by capturing the Penn Invitational in Philadelphia.

The Irish overwhelmed Richmond in the first round 14-2, as co-captain Allison Gienko spearheaded the attack with three goals.

Penn State proved to be no more of a threat to the Irish in the second round, falling 14-3 as co-captain Brigitte Alge and freshman Jana Stewart continued their exceptional play in goal.

Sophomore Katie Lances led the diversified attack against their third opponent, while Gienko, Cimino and Bohling scored two goals apiece.

In the semifinals, Colgate showed an explosive attack at times, but was still overwhelmed by the Irish in a 17-8 contest.

Freshman Bridget O'Neill put on an offensive show as she netted seven goals, while Bohling added four of her own.

A finals showdown with DC Metro, a Masters Club team, was the most challenging for the squad, but the Irish claimed the championship with an 11-8 victory. Tri-captain Kimmy Moore and Lances shared scoring honors with three goals each.

Men's volleyball
Notre Dame men's volleyball club hosted the Golden Dome Invitational this weekend at the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. The Irish were runner-up to Club Nowak by the narrowest of margins.

The Irish kicked off the tour-

Amenity match by splitting games with Club Nowak 25-22, 27- 25. The Irish dominated performance in their first match of the year, Notre Dame 1 dropped only lone game throughout the rest of pool play.

The Irish then swept Indiana 25-22, 25-20, before splitting two games with the Alumni team, 25-20, 18-25. The ND1 squad then defeated ND2 25- 17, 21-9 and Northwesterners 25-13, 25-19.

Notre Dame 2 also had a very strong tournament, posting two convincing victories over Indiana University.

Notre Dame 1, posting an 8- record, claimed the top seed heading into the playoffs. Carrying their momentum from four straight victories in pool play, the Irish dominated Northwesterners in all aspects of the game.

Mike Toomey provided key digs to setter Dan Zenker who strategically mixed up outside, middle and back sets to keep opponents on their toes. Ryan Gors and Mike Giampa recorded key blocks down the stretch to help the Irish to victory. Notre Dame began the championship match against Club Nowak a little flat, finding themselves down 19-12.

Although they did end up losing the first game, the Irish scored six of the last eight points in the game. Caring this momentum into the second game, Notre Dame coasted to a 25-20 win. In the third and final game Notre Dame fought valiantly, but came up short in a 26-28 loss.

Women's ice hockey
In what has become a frustrating season for the Irish, the women's ice hockey team dropped three games this weekend in CWHA action.

The Irish, minus their goalie and one of their two offensive stars, traveled to East Lansing Friday for the 10th time against the Michigan State. The Spartans swept the two games in convincing fashion, 12-1 and 1-0. The lone bright spot for the Irish was the continued stellar play of Saint Mary's Megan Matia, who scored the lone goal on an assist from Lizzy Coughlin.

Yet even this enthusiasm was tempered by an injury, which benched Matia for the rest of the weekend.

Julia LaPointe and Emmy Venezuela played aggressively throughout both games for the shorthandled squad, but were unable to stem the Spartan tide.

On Sunday, the Irish hosted Western Michigan and dropped an 8-0 contest.

Mike Toomey returns to the ice after missing the games at Michigan State and helped a swamped Irish attack keep the Mustangs bottled up at their own end of the ice. Western Michigan was able to break free to score two goals at the end of the period to take the lead.

The Irish were of course disappointed that his team was not able to run Monday, was pleased with his final performance as an Irish cross-country runner, although he was a little flat, finding themselves down 19-12.

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Women's ice hockey
In what has become a frustrat-
Irish still have some growing up to do

Sometimes in the future, Mike Brey should gather his team around a big-screen television, pop in a tape of the last 15 minutes of Monday's Notre Dame-Northern Illinois tilt, look the player in the eye and say, "Gentlemen, that is NOT how you finish a game."

At that point, Francis might have shrugged his shoulders had he known that would only score one more basket in the game. Snap-flick-off a Torrion Jones missed layup.

But Francis certainly couldn't have expected that that pushback would have been Notre Dame's only field goal for the final 14:47 of the game.

No, that isn't a typo. Notre Dame scored just one basket the final quarter of the game. "We just got lazy," the soft-spoken sophomore said.

While authorities sent out search parties for Notre Dame's normally prolific offense, Northern Illinois slowly clawed in. The Irish sometimes used the brink of utter humiliation to actually bring themselves back in the game. That's a 24-point lead that Notre Dame showed it could create at any time.

Aside from the offensive woes, Notre Dame showed it could keep the lead until the final horn sounded. And in all fairness, Notre Dame was never in serious jeopardy of losing once it took the lead. But Francis certainly couldn't have expected that pushback would have been Notre Dame's only field goal for the final 14:47 of the game.

The early-season games will be the time when Notre Dame can find its identity as a team and former role players can adjust to the spotlight. If anything, the game pressure might be good for Cornette, Quinn, Jones and who had to — and turned back — a lengthy charge at the end of the game. Because everyone in the Joyce Center knows the Irish will have to do it again later this season.

In time, Notre Dame's role players-turned-starters will learn to adjust, and it's a good thing they're learning to adjust against the Western Illinois' defense schedule than the Indiana who loom much later. But in the wake of Monday's game, it's hard to wonder if Brey drove away from the Joyce Center muttering one sentence over and over.

"Gentlemen, that is NOT how you finish a game."

The Irish face pair of tough road galls later this year. They beat Valparaiso 74-57, good enough to move them up three spots in this week's Associated Press women's basketball poll.

So far this season, the Irish have been led by the trio of Jacqueline Batteas, Le'Tania Severe and Megan Duffy. Batteas averages 18.3 points and 8.1 rebounds. She had the 21st double double of her career against the Crusaders, with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Severe, a senior guard, averaged11 points/game. She along with five assists. She has been a team co-captain along with Brey, the senior leader of the team.

The sophomore Duffy has been strong at point guard, averaging more points this year, and we still lose games they should otherwise win.

The Huskies out rebounded the Irish 53-43 and had 25 offensive rebounds. Brey felt his team had to guard the 3-pack plug and give up some things on the inside. For the game, the Huskies only shot 4-of-17 from behind the arc.

Thomas and Francis, along with Cornette, were the only Notre Dame players to score in double digits. Thomas scored 17 while Quinn had 18. Despite scoring only 17 points, 15 on free throws, in the game's last 14:47, the Irish feel Monday night was something they can build on later in the season.

"I think that's good for this team to get in some pressure like that down the stretch, it puts hair on your chest," Jordan Cornette said. "The guys being able to perform under pressure that is a great way to start the season."
**FIVES**

**BRETT CAMPBELL & DAN ZICHINSKI**

Yeah...oh that's great, yeah...right thank you...ho-ho-ho!

Well I've got great news! Geico just saved me a bunch of money on my car insurance.

Oh yeah...The dinner thing. That's not too good for you.

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**CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

1. A political affiliation. (11)
4. Take a ponder. (5)
9. Barry tunes. (6)
14. "Goodie". (5)
15. Wear. (6)
16. O. C. K. (2)
17. Nothing at all. (6)
18. Eyes. (5)
19. Elephant gone. (5)
20. Mince. (7)
23. Can't stomach. (5)
24. Got back into. (5)
25. Bust maker. (7)
26. May. (8)
28. Resistance to. (11)
30. Journey. (7)
31. F. Y. I. (5)
32. Any a home. (6)
33. Many a home. (6)
34. "Rodeo". (7)
35. Treasure. (8)
36. Knapp Works. (7)
37. Depart from. (6)
38. Think. (6)

**DOWN**

1. India. (11)
2. A sequin. (11)
3. Look, stock and... (11)
4. Bags. (11)
5. Puget Sound City. (11)
6. Language of the Eskimos. (11)
55. Snowplow. (11)
56. Oscar rate for. (11)
57. Place to moor. (11)
58. Part of the Old West. (11)
59. Tumble planes. (11)
60. Jazz job. (11)
61. "Clown, We're". (11)
62. "Saw, eww, or more". (11)
63. "Globe of country music". (11)
64. "Part of F.Y.I.". (11)
65. "Bust maker". (11)
66. "Men, Clump of 60's TV". (11)
67. "Flairers, III". (11)
68. "Harbor workhorse". (11)
69. "Relative of "esque". (11)
70. "Italian wine center". (11)
71. "Cyclotron bit". (11)
72. "Siesta times". (11)
73. "..., "er up". (11)
74. "Told a whooper". (11)
75. "Friend's opposite". (11)
76. "...snail's pace". (11)

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**JUMBLE**

**HENRI ARNOLD MIKE ARGIRION**

Jumbled letters to form a word suggested by the above cartoon.

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**HOROSCOPE**

**EUGENIA LAST**

Celebrities born on this day: Christina Applegate, John F. Kennedy Jr., Benjie Koss, Ricardo Montalban.

Happy Birthday: You have an exciting view of what's to come and your ability to see your plans into a reality will enable you to find the success that you're looking for. You are seeing into a period of opportunity and abundance, so don't hesitate to take on the world. Your numbers: 1, 7, 12, 26, 32, 47.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Partnerships are present; however, you must get your details in writing as empty promises and a lack of cash may put a damper on your plans.***

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Security will be yours if you have pursued your goals. You may be disappointed by the way situations are being handled in your personal life. It’s time to intervene.***

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): You can accomplish the most if you invest for business purposes. You can get your point across and make valuable connections as long as you make the effort to get out and interact with others.****

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You will have a little more energy than you usually do. Don’t hesitate to sign up for creative courses or physical fitness programs that interest you.***

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make or break your personal relationship today. Be careful not to show your temper when dealing with the boss. You may find that someone at work hasn’t been trustworthy.***

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your life.***

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can discuss your findings behind closed doors with your boss. Do not be afraid to lay your cards on the table. A change in position will be better than you thought.***

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can discuss your findings behind closed doors with your boss. Do not be afraid to lay your cards on the table. A change in position will be better than you thought.***

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your high energy will enable you to enlist the help of those in a position to back you. You can make money if you put your mind to it.***

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You’re on for business purposes will bring the highest returns. Don’t be too eager to dismiss someone who works under you. Females may put demands or added responsibilities on you.***

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You can deal with large institutions or government agencies quite successfully today. Get all the red tape and the unwarranted paperwork out of the way.***

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Taking it for granted

After opening a 24 point lead, Irish struggle to finish off Northern Illinois

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

It wasn't how close it was at the end that surprised Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey more Monday night, but his team's 57-33 advantage early in the second half.

"Quite frankly, we were shocked we were up as big as we were on them at times. I kept looking at the scoreboard twice because I didn't think we would ever get that much breathing room on them," Brey said. "I thought it was going to be just like it was for the last seven minutes for 40 minutes."

Using an inspired defensive effort to build what appeared to be comfortable margins for the first 25 minutes of the game, the Irish held on Monday night against Northern Illinois and prevailed 74-65 in Notre Dame's season opener.

"It's a good win for us because we beat a very good team tonight. I expected game pressure on us," Brey said. "I thought we defended really well for 40 minutes, which really helped us win the game."

The Irish jumped out to an early 10-0 advantage — a combination of a high defensive intensity and poor shooting from the Huskies.

In the first half, the Huskies only shot 27.5 percent while the Irish had seven steals and five blocks.

Early in the second half, the Irish looked to put this game away by scoring 13 of the half's first 18 points, building a 24 point lead.

But then the Irish had a letdown and stopped scoring. Over the last 14 minutes, 47 seconds, the Irish had one basket — a Torin Francis slam-dunk off a missed jumper by Torrian Jones.

"There may have been some of [a letdown], I don't know why because this is a heck of a basketball team. They are a tough match-up," Brey said. "I'm pleased with what we did overall defensively. Offensively we could have been a little more efficient in the second half and paid a little more attention to detail."

The Huskies methodically cut down on the Irish lead, making baskets while the Irish could only connect from the free throw line. But the Irish connected on enough of their free throws and Northern Illinois couldn't make enough 3-pointers to pull the upset.

"Another couple of 3's might have made a difference," Northern Illinois coach Rob Judson said. "To come in here and be successful against a team like Notre Dame, you need to make 3's and keep them off the free throw line."

Irish finish 10th at championships

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

It was bitterly cold Monday in Cedar Falls as the Iowa town played host to the NCAA Cross Country Championships. While two Irish runners had All-American days, the fourth-ranked Notre Dame women's team did not cap off the season with the warm feeling of victory that it had become accustomed to in the past months.

Just last week, the Irish commanded the field at the Great Lakes Regional with their first place finish, and propelled by that momentum they were hoping Monday to meet or better their third place performance in last year's national championships. While they did not accomplish that goal, the Irish nevertheless finished in a respectable 10th place in the nation.

"None of us ran what we wanted to run, [with the exception of junior Lauren King]," sophomore Stephanie Madia said. "We're pretty dislicted.

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