Faculty vote to decide fate of Core program

By AMANDA MICHAELS  News Writer

The Core program, a staple of liberal arts studies at Notre Dame, may undergo changes after faculty members and department chairs that make up the College Council vote on the course's fate at their Dec. 9 meeting.

The current Core curriculum, offering a two-semester course on one broad topic, finished third of four options in a straw poll taken at the College Council two meetings ago. Based upon those results, the survival of Core in its present form was unlikely, so four new proposals were presented to the group, said George Howard, director of Core and professor of psychology.

The first two choices included a Core based on the examination of classical texts, and one with no Core at all. Howard indicated that the two most likely options were for a one-semester course during the sophomore year, based on material chosen by each faculty member, eliminating the common core of readings, or a one-semester course during the sophomore year, plus a senior capstone course. The latter proposal would maintain the current two-semester requirement, and the capstone section would allow students to delve into more detailed, major-related subject matter.

After Dec. 9, aspects of the winning proposal will be further developed by the Council. The changes come amid a wave of dissatisfaction from students, but, more notably, from members of the faculty. It's not that students have turned more negative, it's that Notre Dame's faculty has become less able to teach an intellectually broad course," said Howard. "We've just gone through 25 years of depart­ments being told they have to be better in National Academy of Science ratings, and you do that by getting even narrower specialists. Twenty-five years ago, we have faculty members who had the broad­ness and intel­lectual taxies to view things as a generalist, and that is who the Core program most appealed to."

Li Guo, member of the Core faculty and professor of classics, agreed. "Actually, I like teaching Core. I'm really having fun, but the younger faculty members don't like it. They would rather teach something more specific in their own field. That's the dividing line." In a memo sent to the College Council committee set to develop Core course proposals, the Core advisory committee, made up of faculty members with a long association with the program, expressed their displeasure that the changes made to the program.

"For my 40 years at Notre Dame, we have always had in the college a year-long course commis­sed to all our students involving writing and discussion and a com­mon set of texts," said Thomas see CORE/page 4

Retailers optimistic about holiday shopping

By ANDREW THAGARD  Assistant News Editor

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas — and local retailers, who enjoyed a profitable Thanksgiving weekend and predict high volumes throughout the holiday season, couldn't be happier.

For the past two years the economic recession has convinced many consumers to tighten their belts and curb holiday spending, something that Mark Eagan, president and CEO of the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce, expects will change this year.

"The past two years have seen a decrease in spending," he said. "This year all signs are for a very strong season."

Sales over Thanksgiving weekend at the University Park Mall were high, said General Manager Sara Zappia, who attributed the increase over previous years to a higher level of consumer confidence and repairs made to Grape Road and Main Street that make traveling to the mall less of a hassle.

"We've seen a steady increase since the beginning of the fourth quarter and that's carried over to the start of the holiday season," she said. "In talking to our retailers, they said sales were up across the board."

According to Zappia, popular items for this year include apparel, gift items and electronics. Both she and Eagan said the consumer focus is broader this year, compared to past seasons that were dominated by a particular "must have" toy or electronic.

"I don't think there's one national trend," Eagan said. see RETAIL/page 4

Health Services treats record numbers

By MATTHEW SMEDEBERG  News Writer

Record numbers of students fell sick in the days before Thanksgiving as a flu-like bug spread, according to a director of Health Services, and University Health Center officials said they struggled under the load of hundreds of students seeking help and medication.

The Health Center, which regularly sees 500 to 400 patients weekly, saw almost 1,000 in the week ending Nov. 22 and another 700 the week before that.

"Approximately 1,500 students are seeing a respiratory disorders," in that two-week span, said Ann Kleva, director of Health Services, and about 250 were eventually treated specifically for influenza. "My staff has been working unbelievably well as a team, pitching in and working over­time and covering for each other to meet the needs of all the students who streamed in," she said. Students often faced long lines even before being seen by a nurse.

Freshman Katie Gallagher waited at least 20 minutes to be treated in the Health Center Nov. 24. She had been sick since the previous Thursday, she said, but her friends had finally convinced her to be treated.

"I missed all my Friday class­es," she said. "I couldn't get off the futon."

Gallagher said that she made up material she missed with her calculus professor, but her other professors didn't seem to care.

Some professors said they had not noticed significant numbers of absences over the week.

"Everyone has been in class," said Pi-Mann Wong, a calculus professor. Chemistry professor Graham Lappin agreed, saying he had noticed no change in his class attendance. He added, however, that his section is "composed mostly of engineers; I think most of them are tough and will stick something like that out."

Still, students affected by the circulating illnesses must take care, Kleva said. "Supportive measures, ade­quate hydration, rest and time are the core factors in recov­ery," she said. "We only wish there were more they could do to make the students feel more comfortable."

Students who still want or need a flu shot can visit Health Services' Web site to find area locations where they are being offered.

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Officers debate roles

By MEGAN O'NEIL  News Writer

Officers debated the role of Notre Dame and Holy Cross students on the Board of Government at the BOG meeting, with mem­bers disagreeing about the three inter-campus positions that exist. Some board members claimed the three offices are redundant, while others said they provide a unique perspective for the board in its decision-making process.

The evaluation of the three­campus positions came amidst a year-long effort by BOG to revamp the existing Student Government Association Constitution. Under the current document, a representative from both Notre Dame and Holy Cross attend board meetings and hold full voting privileges. A Saint Mary's representa­tive then attends Notre Dame student senate meetings. The Saint Mary's representative, however, is unable to vote.

Board members discussed whether BOG should relinquish the vote for the voting represen­tatives.

"I didn't realize we didn't vote over there; I thought Lindsey's position was a voting position," said alumnae commissioner Ann Razo. "I think it says a lot about the cooperation between the schools. I don't think we should do it of our own accord, but the positions should be reciprocal."

Junior class president Sarah Catherine Brown expressed her discomfort at the idea of a Notre Dame or Holy Cross student

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INSIDE COLUMN

ResLife lockdown

It has now been two weeks since the University locked me out of my own house for a day and a half. Well, that is not completely true. They lost one door, not quite unlocked, but breachable with a swipe of a card. The other door they judged to be the one most vulnerable through; but they prohibited all entrance through my house's many other doors.

They did this without consulting me or any other person who lived there. They did this to my house and 26 other houses on campus.

They did this "for my safety" — to prevent anyone whom I do or do not know from coming in and stealing my things — never mind that hundreds of alumni, visitors and random well-wishers flock through my house despite all the "security" measures, let in by me and my pack of ever-trusting and generous roommates.

The Office of Residence Life and Housing deemed it intolerable that dorms were accessible to anyone with a card and such a birth date, through any of that dorm's doors. No, the only entrants should be one wielding such a card and such a birth date, through one door to be determined from on high. Is this not a little absurd? A little — dare I say it — overprotective.

Frankly, I am tired of Reslife putting all these restrictions on whom and how I can and cannot go into my own house. I need not remind my reader that I, being a guy, have it far easier in logical family or my University family, than that I give rise to paranoia and need not remind my reader.

While visiting a female friend last year, I saw this slogan plastered across the wall of her hallway: "Would you leave your home unlocked?" I did not leave my home unlocked either! I was surprised, because I would indeed leave my home unlocked, as does the rest of my family.

It is more important to me that I see a slogan plastered across the wall of my hallway: "Would you leave your home unlocked?" Then don off my space, I am perfectly capable of doing so.

Why, then, spin an extra layer of false "security" around the dorm, in the process making life unnecessarily difficult for those of us who do, in fact, have every right to come and go from it?

Students returned to campus from Thanksgiving break Sunday with work waiting to be done. Many headed to the LaFortune Student Center to prepare for the last days of classes before finals begin.

OFFBEAT

Christian fish, Muslim sharks swim through Cairo traffic

CAIRO, Egypt — First came the fish bumper stickers, imported from the United States and pasted on cars by members of Egypt's Coptic minority as a symbol of their Christianity. Before long, some Muslims responded with their own bumper stickers: fish-hungry sharks. It's not exactly war at sea, but the competing symbols that have cropped up on Cairo streets are a tiny reminder of the tensions between Egypt's Copts and majority Muslims. Some Christians are annoyed at the Muslim response. "All I wanted to say is that I am a Christian, kind of expressing my Coptic identity," said 25-year-old Miriam Greg, who has a fish sticker on her car. "I think choosing a shark doesn't make sense, as if someone is saying 'I am a violent, bloody creature, look at me.'"

Israel debates "The Steve Show"

TEL AVIV — Take a bit actor yearning for stardom, a cheeky director, and cam­eramen in the Star's limo and makeup room. The result is "The Steve Show," an unlicenced piece of reality TV with a twist: the star had no idea he was being filmed, and the pro­ducers had no guarantee he would allow the show to go on the air.

The popular Israeli TV series has brought fame to its heroes, the hapless Steve Frankel, though not in the role he believed he was playing. "We decided to take the story of an actor in a soap opera and follow him getting the role, and base it around life behind the scenes in the world of show business, from unknown to star," Shilen said.

"In fact, he isn't a star, but he becomes a star by default because of being the victim of this hoax," Shilen said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

CORRECTIONS

"Membership drive to develop ideas" should be "Min." Nov. 26. Students' Creative Union of the University, not the members of Phi Kappa Psi of the Student Life of the Office of the Student Body President met with representation of the Counseling Center. The article cited Phsy 104 and they are not.

In brief

International Student Services and Activities will present the Russian film "Russian Ark," in subtiles, at 7 p.m. in the Montgomery Theater of the LaFortune Student Center tonight. The event is free and open to the public.

The Class of 2006 will sponsor a blood drive in the LaFortune Ballroom today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today.

The Higgins Center Labor Film Series will continue Wednesday evening with a screening of "Cappuccino Trail" at 4 p.m. The film will be followed by a discussion led by political science professor Layna Mosley. The event, which is free to the public, will be held in the Hinsburgh Center auditorium.

The inner-City Teaching Corps will hold an informational session Wednesday from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. and again from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will present its annual production of Handel's Messiah from Wednesday until Friday at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets, which are available at the LaFortune Box Office, are $6 for reserved seats and $3 for students.

Howard Hall will present its "Howard Hall-iday," a campus-wide tree decorating con­test and marshmallow roast. The event, which is open to all of campus, will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in front of Howard Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed infor­mation about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
**COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Members discuss Student Union Board restructuring

By MATT BRAMANTI
Newsmen

The Council of Representatives convened Monday evening to discuss deadlines for the restructuring of student government, but little progress was made.

Student leaders continued last week's discussion of when to finalize the new constitution for the Student Union, which has been in the works for months, but no solid dates emerged. Student body vice president Jeremy Lao said the council wasn't ready to set a firm deadline. "That final date is still up in the air," he said.

Some members of the council, like Student Union Board manager Charlie Ebersol, criticized the council's failure to set a deadline. "We are really, really not in a good position right now," Ebersol said. "We need to choose a model this week."

Several possible models have been discussed at council meetings and unofficial working groups, and more are in the works.

Jeremy Lao, student body vice president

Management Board, said that he and several unnamed members are still working on their proposal. "Before we bring it to the table, we want to have as many questions answered as possible," Norton said.

Ebersol criticized what he called the work of "a secret group," and demanded that the proposals be debated openly and promptly. "We only have one more meeting this semester," he said. "We need to get this done."

In other Council news:

- Lao announced that his report to the University's Board of Trustees in February will focus on funding big-ticket programming. In his first report to the board as president, he will propose creating an endowment that will be used to fund expensive concerts, speakers, and other events. "We need more money for better programming on campus," Lao said. He also announced the creation of a committee to help develop the proposal, and expressed optimism about his plan. "I think there's good potential that this could get done," he said.

- A special task force is continuing its discussions with athletic officials regarding basketball and football ticketing. Season tickets for the men's basketball games sold out quickly, and many students were left without seats. In addition, the group is looking into allegations of hostile or unfair treatment of students caught throwing marshmallows at football games. Hall Presidents Council chair Sarah Keefer said the group is in contact with assistant athletic director Jim Fraeligh and coordinator of stadium personnel Cappy Gagnon.

- Keri Oxley spoke to the council about the Center for Social Concerns' upcoming Social Concerns Festival. The fair will bring together "all the different service organizations and social justice groups on campus," she said. Oxley urged council members to raise awareness about the festival among their constituents, as attendance at the annual event has declined for the past two years. The festival will be held at the CSC on Jan. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.

- Lao announced the appointment of his new chief of staff, Patrick Corker, currently director of communication for the office of the president, will become chief of staff at the end of the semester, when student body president Pat Hallahan graduates. Corker will replace Emily Chin, who will become student body vice president. Corker pledged to continue Chin's work. "I really want to continue the initiatives Emily's been working on," Corker said. "She's done a wonderful job."

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187,801 REASONS TO TALK ABOUT CHILDREN IN POVERTY

The Notre Dame Chapter of the Children's Defense Fund is hosting a panel discussion to talk about children and poverty and how we, as students, can make a difference. Please join us Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7 PM in 127 Hayes Healey in our effort To Leave No Child Behind

**HUMAN RIGHTS — JUAN MENDEZ**
- Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights at ND, former Amnesty International Prisoner of Conscience in Argentina, General Counsel to Human Rights Watch

**VIOLENCE — GEORGE LOPEZ**
- Senior Fellow and Director of Policy Studies at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; research interests in violence, coercion, economic sanctions, and gross human rights violations

**HEALTHCARE — RUDOLPH NAVARI**
- Director of the Willard Cancer Research Center at Notre Dame, Fellow of the American College of Physicians, Associate Dean College of Science

**EDUCATION — BILL STRUNK**
- Veteran teacher at Maumee Elementary School, works daily with children living in poverty in South Bend

Today there are 187,801 children living in poverty in Indiana
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Scwartz, member of the advisory committee and professor of economics and policy studies. "The proposed changes are radically different, and a radical departure over what we've done in my life at the college. I'll be saddened to see the loss of that common experience for our sophomores."

The student interests in the ordeal are voiced by the Core Congress, made up of student representatives from each Core class, who were able to meet with faculty members and offer suggestions on how to improve the program.

"The faculty members were very warm and accepting of our opinions," said representative Ashley Luckeans. "We all want to do what's best for the University, and our input is just another strong point against Core."

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The busiest day for the store is generally Saturday, Dec. said.

The increased spending is good news for area retailers but Eagan warned that as a result consumers should expect fewer discounts and sales that begin later into the holiday season.

"The increased spending is really unique because this day, the store hosts an open house complete with sales but the small size of the two institutions diminishes the effect of having representatives between the schools however."

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Eagan said Wu's press secretary introduced legislation to the Board to and from Notre Dame is not a concern. The tie-breaking vote on financial allocations that pertained solely to Saint Mary's might be redundant.

"What does it imply when we say we want them to stay active but don't want them to vote?" Patka said.

She added that BOG should establish its own stance on the subject, not turn to Notre Dame for answers. "If we are looking to Notre Dame for the standards, that takes away from the character of this board," Patka said.

Board members chose not to make a final vote on the issue at Monday's meeting. Instead, they will continue the discussion next week and examine the possibility of creating a new position of Saint Mary's representative to Holy Cross.

In Other BOG News:

- Holy Cross College is hosting a Toys for Tots auction Thursday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. The event, which will include items such as home-baked goods, laundry service and dinner dates, will raise money to purchase Christmas gifts for local underprivileged children.
- SGA is sponsoring its first bus trip to Chicago on Saturday. Tickets, which are free, will be available starting today at 11 a.m. at the Haggart feast desk. Students can receive two tickets per ID.

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Bill would study textbook prices

By MARNETTE FEDERIS

LA JOLLA, Calif. — In response to reports alleging that college textbooks used in the United States sell for as low as half the price in other countries, Rep. David Wu, D-Ore., introduced legislation to the U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 20 that would require an investigation of textbook pricing practices. The bill would ask the U.S. General Accounting Office to determine why American college students are paying more for textbooks compared to students overseas.

"The price of college tuition is rising to unprecedented levels, making it difficult for families to send kids to college," said Wu's press secretary Cameron Johnson. "There were a number of press reports that came out saying that a lot of textbooks were available for half the overseas amount." The New York Times reported on Oct. 21 that textbooks cost far less in other countries. These books are available for purchase online, and with the rise of college tuitions, many students are looking to order the cheaper textbooks abroad.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Researcher guilty in plague case

LUBBOCK, Texas — A jury on Tuesday found a researcher guilty of 47 of the 69 charges against him after reporting samples of plague bacteria had been stolen from his Texas Tech University lab.

Thomas Butler, 62, closed his eyes, shook his head and appeared to fight back tears as the verdicts were read after 12 days of deliberations.

The charges stemmed from an investigation following his report to police Jan. 14 that 30 vials of the potentially deadly plague bacteria were missing.

The report sparked a bioterrorism scare in the west Texas city in January, and President Bush was informed of the incident.

In a statement written later, Butler said he accidentally disposed of the samples.

The professor declined to comment afterward. His attorney, Chuck Meadawood, said: "We are disappointed that the jury did not acquit Tom of all the charges. We're going to analyze the jury's verdict."

Post-Sept. 11 registration ends

WASHINGTON — The government is scrapping a rule imposed after the Sept. 11 attacks that required men and boys from countries with suspected links to terrorism to register multiple times with U.S. officials.

The rule forced tens of thousands of Middle Easterners and others visiting America to provide personal information to government officials.

"It was intended to guide their peoples out of conflict," National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said Tuesday.

"We have determined," Rice added, "that open registration is unnecessary.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Middleast peace accord launched

GAVA, Israel — Hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians joined Nobel Peace Prize winners Yasser Arafat and Ariel Sharon Monday for a ceremony filled with song and hope, celebrating an unofficial peace accord intended to guide their peoples out of conflict.

But a new agreement ever almost three years by former Israeli and Palestinian officials, tacks the issues that had divided them: borders of Israeli settlements, the borders of a Palestinian state, the status of Jerusalem and Palestinian refugees.

"The alternative, and the only alternative, to the two-state solution is continued conflict and humanitarian violence," former President Jimmy Carter told the crowd. "It is unlikely that we shall ever see a more promising foundation for peace."

Palestinian leader Yaser Arafat sent a message calling the accord "a brave and courageous initiative ... that opens the door to peace." The agreement, which has been opposed by Palestinian leaders, is unlikely to be accepted by its peoples out of conflict.

Local News

Results in delayed execution awaited

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. — Results of tests still being awaited on samples from a convicted murderer who successfully avoided execution are expected to determine whether the evidence could be tested.

Tina Noel, a spokeswoman for Gov. Joe Kernan, said Monday that a private laboratory hired to conduct DNA tests on blood evidence found on Darrell Williams’ clothing was nearly finished with the testing.

"We expect that the results will be here very soon," Noel said.
ITALY

U.N. climate conference opens amid doubts

The United States is sending a delegation to the conference that includes the U.S. Undersecretary for Global Affairs Paula Dobriansky and U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chief retired Vice Adm. Conrad Lautenbacher, Jr.

In a telephone interview ahead of the conference, Lautenbacher said scientists differ among themselves about how much of global warming can be blamed on humans.

"Climate science is at the beginning of its life," he said. "I do believe we need more scientific info before we commit to a process like Kyoto."

Hungarian Environment Minister Miklos Persanyi, the conference chairman, urged delegates to stay on course because "we should never forget that human-induced global environmental change presents a risk to our common future."

He said scientific data to be presented during the meeting would show that greenhouse gases are steadily increasing, and that "the link between the higher concentration of these gases in the atmosphere and human activities causing these emissions is already unquestionable."

To take effect, the Kyoto pact would have to be ratified by at least 55 countries, including those responsible for causing 55 percent of world greenhouse gas emissions in 1990. With the United States out, that minimum can be reached only with Russian participation.

Japanese ministers called for more action to combat global warming. "We want this whole idea of the parent-child relationship reviewed," says Kondo, 53, a professor who was on the health ministry's panel. "Just because other countries have legalized it doesn't mean Japan should."

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Advocates of a ban say a woman's body shouldn't be a reproductive tool. Surrogate mothers often sign on to earn money, not out of good will, they say.

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Associated Press

AKASHI — A year after Yasunao and Koko Kondo submitted paperwork to register their newborn twins for citizenship, the couple's sons are still foreigners.

As far as the government is concerned, the twins aren't Japanese.

After years of trying to have children on their own, the Kondos, who are in their 50s, had gone to a California fertility clinic that introduced them to an egg donor and an American surrogate mother.

In October of last year, the Kondos became parents of twin boys.

The government saw it differently. Japan has no laws on surrogate births, so officials ruled the boys are not the couple's children.

The two sides are now in a legal battle over the couple's parental rights — and testing a legal system that made no provision for births using modern fertility techniques.

Yasunao Kondo, a slightly nervous man, says he and his wife are demanding full rights as parents and citizenship for their sons.

"We want this whole idea of the parent-child relationship reviewed," says Kondo, 53, who wrote a book about California's surrogacy laws while studying for a Ph.D. there and now teaches junior high school in Akashi, 270 miles west of Tokyo.

"We will probably lose. This is not a society that can be easily changed by ordinary people," he adds. "But is that a reason not to try?"

How their legal ends could sway Japan's debate on surrogate births and affect thousands of childless Japanese couples who seek help from fertility clinics overseas every year.

Surrogate births involve removing an egg for fertilization and implanting it in another woman who carries the baby to birth. While such births are commonplace in many developed countries, Japan is not known to have had one until a doctor announced one in May 2001.

After that, the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology set ethical standards restricting in-vitro insemination to married couples and opposing any surrogate births.

The government is now drawing up legislation that would outlaw surrogate births and impose criminal penalties, based on a health ministry panel's recommendation earlier this year. The panel also urged that egg and sperm donations be illegal.

Every year, about 12,000 Japanese babies — one in every 100 — are conceived through some sort of fertility treatment, according to government statistics.

Pro-surrogacy doctors and activists say a ban on surrogate births would severely limit the options for many childless couples, forcing them to continue seeking fertility help abroad. A ban also would undercut Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's attempts to reverse the nation's record-low birth rate, at 1.32 births per woman last year, they say.

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Market Recap

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IN BRIEF

Euro reaches all-time high in Asia

The British pound was quoted at $1.7216, up from $1.7221. In earlier trading in Asia, the British pound was worth 298.20 bid per troy ounce, up from $397.50 on Friday.

The 12-month currency hit $1.2039 in trading in Asia, pushing past the previous high of $1.2038, following a weekly gain of 3.5 percent. The tech-dominated Nasdaq composite index closed at 4,410.00 on May 28, 2002, when it stood at 3,874.55.

"The last two months of the year are traditionally a strong seasonal period for the market, and we've had a strong 10 months going into it," said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist at Weeden & Co. in Greenwich, Conn. "All in all, the markets are moving to new recovery highs here."
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Advisers urge Bush to drop tariffs

Associated Press

White House advisers are urging President Bush to head off a global trade war by rolling back steep tariffs on imported steel, administration and industry officials said Monday.

If he concurs — he is still reviewing the matter, the White House spokesman, Scott McClellan, said Monday — Bush risks alienating steel companies and workers in states that are important for his re-election. If he doesn’t, a broad range of U.S. producers could face retaliatory sanctions from Europe and elsewhere, angering other voters.

A senior Bush adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said several key aides and agencies, including the office of the U.S. trade representative, have urged the president to drop the tariffs, imposed in March 2002 to ease foreign competition while the beleaguered U.S. steel industry consolidates and restructures.

"The EU gets what it wanted," said a steel industry official on Monday, even as the European Union renewed its threats to impose tariffs on retaliatory sanctions on U.S. exports if the tariffs are not eliminated by Dec. 10.

The administration is still reviewing various options, said Richard Mills, spokesman for U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick.

"We feel it’s got to come from the president. It’s unofficial until it does," said Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Mich., a leading voice on Capitol Hill to repeal the tariffs.

Since they were enacted last year, the tariffs have served as a catalyst for global trade tensions that also had unintended consequences in this country, for steel consumers in key political states.

Bush imposed the tariffs and fulfilled a 2000 campaign promise to traditionally Democratic voters in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania — three states the White House hopes to win in 2004. But foreign trading partners almost immediately protested, leading the World Trade Organization earlier this year to declare that the sanctions violate global trade rules.

At the same time, the auto industry and other steel consumers in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin complained the tariffs hiked steel prices just as small manufacturers were being hit by the slumping economy.

"The last thing our economy needs right now is a trade war, and that's exactly what we would have gotten had the steel tariffs remained in place," Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., a free-trade advocate, said Monday.

Bush should not set aside our free trade principles to satisfy a small political constituency," Flake said.

Bush is expected to announce his decision later this week, after he completes a cross-country tour — from Michigan and to Pittsburgh — America's "Steel City." The anticipated $1 billion Pittsburgh fund-raiser Tuesday is being co-hosted by U.S. Steel Corp. Chairman and CEO Thomas J. Usher, who said Monday he remained hopeful the tariffs would remain in place.

"To remove these and to buckle under to the Europeans would be a mistake — not only for steel but for manufacturing in general," Usher said. "In my opinion, the president has done an awful lot of right things, and my expectation is that he will see the right of this." "I'm a natural optimist — that's what you have to be in the steel business." Usher added.

Industry insiders believed a small number of tariffs might be left in place on specialty steel products. But even that would be looking to begin like likely.

European Union spokes­woman Arancha Gonzalez in Brussels, Belgium, said the 15-nation trading bloc would retaliate if the tariffs were not completely abolished, as demanded by the WTO.

"The U.S. knows this," Gonzalez said.

Yet rolling back the tariffs could also incite a backlash from Republican lawmakers — including Senate Steel Caucus Chairman Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and House Administration Committee official, the president has who urged Bush to stay the course on the three-year tariffs program. Without the tariffs, they said, low-priced foreign-made steel and are eliminating thousands of steel jobs. Forty-one steel companies have declared bankruptcy since 2000, erasing more than 50,000 jobs.

Colorado court strikes down Republican bid

Associated Press

Accusing the Republicans of overreaching, the Colorado Supreme Court threw out a GOP state redistricting plan Monday in favor of a congressional map that gives the Democrats a better shot at retaking the narrowly divided U.S. House.

The high court ruled 5-2 that passage of the GOP plan violated a section of the Colorado Constitution that says the state's congressional map can be redrawn only once per decade.

The fight in Colorado is not over: The GOP plan is also being challenged in federal court.

And with a Texas redistricting plan similarly tied up in court, the U.S. Supreme Court may end up deciding how often states can redraw their congressional maps.

The Texas case is set to go to trial Dec. 11 in Austin.

Colorado's seven congressional districts now revert to boundaries drawn up by a judge last year.

The judge acted after state lawmakers failed to agree. But earlier this year, the Republicans pushed a new map through the Legislature. The issue before the high court was whether that map was legal.

Colorado's constitution calls for redistricting only once a decade — after each census and before the next general election. But Republicans contended that task was completed by the judge. But Republicans said the judge's map was tempo­rarily and the law requires redistricting to be done by the Legislature.

The court rejected that argument, saying: "Because the General Assembly failed to redistrict during this constitutional window, it relinquished its authority to redistrict until after the 2010 census. There is no language empowering the General Assembly to redistrict more frequently or at any other time.

The court also chastised legislators for claiming they should be able to redraw the maps two or even 10 times in a single decade," when federal law calls for redis­tricting only once.

Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar, a Democrat who challenged the GOP map, pleaded with Republicans to let Monday's decision stand so candidates can get on with their campaigns. But there seemed little chance of that happening.

"It's far from over. There's still a federal case to play out," said state Republican Carl Fosti, spokesperson for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Colorado House Speaker Lola Spradley, a Republican, said she could not protect the Legislature's rights, as well as those of other state legis­latures around the country, we will now proceed to the next congressional race.

Republicans now hold five of Colorado's seven congres­sional seats, but the judge's map bolsters Democrats' chances in two of those districts.

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Ending violence against women

Depending on reading speed, by the time you finish reading this piece, approximately two to three women will be sexually assaulted in this country.

The phrase "Nowhere Else but Notre Dame," used in compilation or criticism, inappropriately isolates our campus. True, conditions here are highly conducive to a lifestyle of splendid isolation from world issues, current events and the outside community. Yet the argument of environmental determinism only holds to a certain point, at which we must recognize student and administration choices in what elements of community living receive priority.

Issues surrounding gender relations are not only marginalized in discourse at Notre Dame, but people here choose to focus only on certain aspects of this complex topic. Debating single-sex dorms and their effect on an individual's ability to form a successful union only speaks to a narrow worldview. I would agree that the separation of the sexes, to borrow from Jewish philosopher Martin Buber, "creates gendered relationships of the brand in which parties view each other solely as objects."

Student experiences of alienation from the opposite sex come from real places, yet I stress community complexity and misguided action in the preservation of these dynamics. The focusing on courtship — a highly individualized aspect of gender issues — I feel does us injustice and further isolates our community from the outside world.

Sexual violence against women is an important and hidden issue in the United States and abroad. Over 135 million women and girls worldwide have undergone female genital mutilation, which ranges from the removal of the clitoris to infibulation, in which a female’s clitoris and labia are cut off and her vagina is sewn shut. Although this trend predominates in Middle Eastern and African countries, FGM occurs in the United States largely undetected.

More locally, in 2002, 248,000 Americans were victims of completed or attempted rape — seven-eighths were female, and the majority of the perpetrators were intimate partners or acquaintances of the victim. The full volume of this problem cannot be grasped because most rapes — by acquaintances — occur in private spaces within relationships or are viewed as isolated problems of a union.

Even more relevant to our campus, an estimated three percent of college students are raped yearly; 90 percent of these cases involve an intimate partner, friend or classmate. Some sources declare one in four women will be victims of sexual violence during their college careers. Notre Dame's supposed exceptionalism cannot escape the reality of sexual violence. Rape, stalking, harassment and sexual coercion exist on this campus.

The lack of discussion and influential institutionalized assistance concerning these issues only adds to their proliferation.

The manner in which our University addresses gender and sexual violence issues is appalling. The pseudo-mandatory session concerning rape offered to first year students is insufficient. Our University Health Center does not stock rape kits to facilitate immediate and easily accessible response to incidents. A woman's only sources for treatment and further specific aid lie off campus. Health Services' 911 hotline reference sheet lists no numbers for rape and sexual violence assistance.

We need constant and institutionalized structures to address gender issues and sexual violence. The proposed creation of a Gender Resource Center would be a giant leap in the right direction. The center would create development positions dedicated to education on gender issues, provide literature on topics of sexuality, health, sexual violence and other gender themes, be a haven and resource for various existing campus organizations addressing women's and gender subjects, give victims of rape the local support they deserve and plan preventative and educational sessions to eradicate sexual violence on our campus.

To encourage varied and substantive discussion of gender issues and sexual violence, I urge everyone to participate in February's V-Day celebration on campus in some way. The V-Day movement — "V" standing for Violence against Women, Victory and Valentine — is a global initiative to end all forms of violence against women through raising awareness and fund raising and distributing. The crowning event on our campus will be a performance of The Vagina Monologues on Valentine's Day.

Lastly, we need to shed our socialized myths about sexual violence and grotesque view of gender issues. No woman — whatever her lifestyle, choice of dress, class or race — deserves to be raped. Every man needs to take responsibility in ending violence against women. Students here must realize concerns of gender relations reach beyond questions of finding a spouse under the Dome and not all female-male interactions here uplift the humanity of women.

Creating a world without violence against women is a movement we can all be personally invested in. Such a world, I believe would bring greater overall harmony and lay ground work for the elimination of the other marginalizing ideologies dividing people in our world.

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Tuesday, December 2, 2003
We've reached the end of the beginning here at Oxford: the last week of Michaelmas term. With the end of a term comes more work and thus less free time, so I won't be able to provide any littered snapshots of interesting sites in and around England. No Shakespeare. No Bruckner. No Glass concerts (that's next week). No Alpine ski trips (also, next week). Instead, I'll talk about "top-up fees" (forewarned is forearmed).

"Yeah, we heard all about the perks you Americans get."  I started laughing.

He was talking about the Thanksgiving meal that the New College Americans had been invited to. The Warden, Alan Ryan, had been a professor at Princeton for the past decade, and he knew the importance that Americans place on Thanksgiving. So he had treated us to a turkey dinner in his lodging. I responded to the above remark by pointing out how much more we Americans pay to attend university. The big issue around here right now, as everyone knows, is the incessant Bush-hating, is whether or not universities should be allowed to charge "top-up fees." There have been rallies and picket lines in London. Students talk about the legislation over their daily cups of tea in the hallways. Currently, students in Britain have to pay, at most, about $1,500 pounds a year. That's room, board, and any university in Britain.

The government has proposed to allow universities to charge their students up to $5,000 pounds per year, based upon the student's ability to pay. The first time I had heard about this concept were the few words that I had the figures correct. When I tell students how much tuition is at Notre Dame, their faces are priceless. But no, there is an uproar about having to pay, at maximum, 5,000 dollars to attend Oxford, Cambridge or any other English university.

Certainly, there are convincing arguments for state-supported education. Some propose that all students should have an "equality of opportunity" to attend university and that the most practical way to achieve this equality for all strata of society is that universities should be taxpayer-supported. Argument in point is that students shouldn't be forced to burden themselves with debt, because debt might be a disincentive for choosing a rewarding but lower-paying profession. When I think of all of the Notre Dame students footing huge bills and signing for student loans, and all of the students who forego their life-long dream of being a writer, because there is no funding for their dream of becoming a writer, are a zoologist because of his impracticality, I admit that the flat-fee universities' scheme has definite appeal.

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Well, the solution that will probably be adopted is, of course, a compromise: universities will be allowed to charge fees, but students will not have to pay those fees unless they meet certain criteria, such as earning more than $20,000 a year. For those students who choose lower-paying jobs, society will pay for their education.

What is at least as interesting as the actual fees debate is the fact that both sides have erroneously tried to make it a standard of reference. For the free universities position, people claim that the high costs in America are a disincen­tive to poorer students, and that there exists a two-tier system in America of rich universities and poorer ones. The students of top-up fees cite American universities' huge endowments and professors' (competitively) lucrative salaries, they note that the United States spends a higher proportion of its GDP on education than almost any other country and they comment on the prestige American universities hold throughout the world. America seems to be the standard of reference for almost every debate, from economics to politics, from sports to entertainment. I've found one of the most enlightening aspects of studying abroad is to see America "from the outside in." America looks large in almost every debate here in Britain, whether as the villain (usually) or as the exemplar. On a final note, did you ever wonder how foreign students perceive Notre Dame? There are three reactions when I tell students here that I attend Notre Dame: Some look puzzled, some ask, "Isn't that an Ivy League school?" and for some, their faces brighten and they ask, "Like in that movie Rudy, right?" For the first group I correction, I try to explain where South Bend is. The second group I correct, saying, "Now, did I go about insulting your school?" and to the third I just shake my hand and say, "Yes, like in Rudy." What would you've thought students here have seen Rudy?

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Debating same-sex marriages

Homosexuality not an 'objective disorder'

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Don't threaten non-conformists

I'm writing in response to Lauren Galgano's Nov. 24 article against gay marriage, "Preserving Church and U.S. law." I'm tired of being threatened with eternal damnation by writers who claim to speak on behalf of Rome whenever I read the Viewpoint section. These writers are seemingly incapable of making valid arguments without threatening the immortal soul of the reader.

"Galgano writes, "In conclusion, please consider that Dante's 'Inferno' reserves the hottest places in Hell for those in a time of crisis maintain a position of neutrality. The "Inferno" is a poem, not a precious pearl of dogma, and any way, doesn't Galgano have made the same point about neutrality and moral courage in a "culture war" only strengthened by not referencing a punishment for cowardice as severe as never-ending torment?"

"What's more, there are lots of things I miss about going to an ideologically diverse inner city public school, one that is this sort of fear tactic simply wouldn't fly. In a pluralistic society, one has to defend libertarianism, and therefore will agree with whatever the Church supposedly has said on an issue. If you are Catholic and most of you reading this, you ought to be in accord with this statement. Catholics can not disagree or disagree about Church teaching? That seems strange, as America seems to follow the Church's economic teachings.

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CONCERT REVIEW

'Something's missing' at John Mayer concert

By TIM MASTERTON
Scene Critic

Arena rock just isn't what it used to be. Very few musical artists belong playing in front of thousands of people or are even capable of it. Among this elite group would be names such as Bruce Springsteen, Metallica, U2, Kiss and Bruce Springsteen.

But just because the venues can sell thousands of tickets does not mean an artist should be playing in front of thousands and just not selling out.

Friday night, John Mayer proved as much. The Haunted Thorns, held the crowd's interest well, despite its overwhelmingly short attention span. The Mayer fan takes the stage, one might optimistically draw more crowd noise in general — screaming young girls fainting... something at least...

When he appeared, and throughout the night, the applause and cheering was never long in coming. The exception being before a three-song encore.

Mayer switched between acoustic and electric guitar throughout the concert. He was backed by musicians on keyboards, drums, playing trumpet and saxophone/clarinet. It made for some interesting arrangements and some prolonged jams that were more than just guitar solos, but also, the crowd did not respond much.

They wanted to hear the songs they knew best, from his first album. Room for Squares, as heard from a compact disc at home. I personally think it guaranteed Mayer fan rather than being a boy band fan, but still, a lack of appreciation.

Although Mayer does not have a deep musical catalog to draw from, he did mix things up as best as he could. He drew from both of his full-length albums, Heavier Things, rolled into a Dungeon, duh. He even pointed out the fact that he was playing "deep album cuts" and that he'd get back to the songs they knew best soon enough, basically admitting he does know his audience well, in an almost cynical way.

The crowd played-pleasing hit "All the Same," and Mayer also spoke in between songs about some sort of random, yet funny topic, including spending the holidays with family. "You gotta get your identity back after your family stole it away from you" and what he wants for Christmas. I want world peace for the good countries and for the bad... some sort of bowel disorder.

The highlight of the concert was the three-song encore. It consisted of an acoustic cover of the Stevie Ray Vaughan song, "You Gonna Miss Me Baby," as well as "St. Patrick's Day" and "I'm Only Dreaming." Mayer's major label debut. The energy gradually built, and these songs were a strong close to a very solid show.

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The Mad Farmer's semi-autobiographical In America — an Irish family adapting to life in New York City — had a weekend haul of $202,730 in 11 theaters, averaging $18,430 a cinema.

The Haunted Mansion stars Ray Liotta as a Las Vegas showman stuck with his family in a big house full of ghosts. Playing in 3,122 theaters, The Haunted Mansion averaged a solid $8,104 from each cinema to Friday fun.

"You have people who want everything to be so artistic. That's not what family movies are about. They're about enjoyment and laughter and having fun."

Chuck Viane
Disney head of distribution

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Ruthless return

Tyronne Willingham's first game back at Stanford is a 57-7 thrashing for the Irish

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Sports Writer

Palo Alto, Calif. — It might have been both homecoming and senior day at Stanford Stadium Saturday, but Irish coach Tyronne Willingham and seven other Notre Dame coaches who formerly served at Stanford didn’t go easy on the 13 seniors they recruited at The Farm, embarrassing the Cardinal with a 57-7 defeat.

The 57 points scored by Notre Dame were the most since the 62 scored in a shutout over Rutgers on Nov. 23, 1996, Lou Holtz’s final game in Notre Dame Stadium. The loss was Stanford’s worst ever at home.

The performance was what Willingham had been looking for all season.

"This was more of what I anticipate out of our football team," he said, later adding, "We’re getting closer to where I want to be.

Julius Jones opened the game with a 25-yard rush, setting the tone for a 218-yard, one touchdown performance that moved him to fifth among Notre Dame’s all-time single season rushers.

"After that first carry," Villanueva said, "I felt pretty good. From then on, the offensive line kind of dominated, " said Jones, who became the first player in Notre Dame history to rush for over 200 yards in three games in a season.

"It’s incredible, I never would have thought it would be me," he added, "It’s just amazing, you give all the credit to my offensive line, my fullbacks, they played a hell of a game.

Three of Notre Dame’s touchdowns came on short Ryan Grant rushes into the end zone. Didrichck credited the improvement of the offensive line, which also did not allow any sacks, with the team’s ability to rush the ball.

"We have an offensive front who has proven to have two starts to his career, not a whole lot of experience," Didrichck said. "Now, [they are] beginning to not only have a good deal of confidence in themselves, but they’re executing a lot better and they’re playing a lot better and it does feed off itself.

Two touchdowns came on long passes from Quinn, a 65-yard reception by Matt Shelton in the first quarter and a 45-yard reception by Maurice Stovall in the third quarter.

"We really haven’t stretched the field like that all year," Quinn said. "I just felt good to get a couple big passes to [Stovall] and [Shelton].

The defense returned to last year’s dominating style of play by forcing three turnovers, including two fumbles that Quentin Burrell and Garron Bibbs returned for touchdowns.

The defense only allowed Stanford to gain 221 yards during the game.

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Early the fourth quarter, Stanford put in backup quarterback Kyle Matter. The Cardinal threatened to score on his first drive, moving to the Notre Dame 33, but Matter was sacked by Corey Mays and fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Stanford 24 yards backfield, and Stanford was forced to punt two plays later.

Willingham pulled most of the starters by the fourth quarter, dispelled any notions of a homecoming loss and got a victory that will go down in history.

"I thought we did pull in the homes a little bit," he said.

The team’s main regret Saturday was that they had not reached this level of play until 17 games into the season.

"It’s said we couldn’t have done it earlier. What’s done is done," Jones said. "We’ve got one more game and hopefully we will get four wins in a row, hopefully get something started for the guys next year.

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player of the game
Julius Jones
His 218-yard performance made Jones the only player in Notre Dame history with three 200-yard games.

stat of the game
475 yards gained by the high-octane Notre Dame offense through three quarters Saturday before the Irish put in the backups.

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Stanford deferring the coin toss
Giving the uncharacteristically potent Irish offense the ball first started a long day for the Stanford defense.

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Notre Dame running back Julius Jones stiff arms Stanford safety Oshiomogho Atogwe in the second half Saturday. Jones rushed for 218 yards and became the eighth running back in Notre Dame history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season.
quartbacks: Quinn continues to use a strong running game to his advantage by connecting on two lengthy touchdown passes. Diedrick only needed him for 11 attempts.

running backs: Just another 200-yard day for Jones and Grant continued to run with a renewed passion. The group had its first 300-yard rushing day since the Air Force game last year.

receivers: With the successful running game, the receivers don’t need to make a ton of plays. Stovall bailed in a long touchdown pass, catching his first pass since the Florida State game.

offensive line: As the season goes along, this group continues to improve, giving up no sacks once again. The running backs had large holes to run through.

defensive line: The line hit Chris Lewis so much the Stanford quarterback was being iced down before the game was over. Tuck had another impressive performance.

linebackers: Curry was all over the place. Hoyte and Mays each forced a fumble and the group had 2.5 sacks. Everybody was making plays.

defensive back: Minus the long touchdown pass, this unit looked like the Stanford passing game in check. Even by giving up the only Cardinal touchdown, the secondary put two Irish scores on the board.

special teams: Two kicks were blocked and Stanford almost broke a couple of kickoff returns. The bright spot was the punt returns.

coaching: The relentless attack by this team showed the coaches really wanted this one. With two weeks of preparation, Stanford essentially had no chance.

overall: The largest margin of victory in seven years gives the Irish their third straight win as they continue to beat up on the easy part of the schedule.

adding up the numbers

seconds into the game when Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn called the team’s first timeout: 31

yards on a rush by Stanford running back John Fast: 1,000-yard rushers in Notre Dame history after Julius Jones’ 25-yard run on Notre Dame’s first play from scrimmage total yards for the Stanford offense in the first quarter, Notre Dame’s defense gained 210 yards during the same span: -7

days between Ryan Grant rushing scores and Notre Dame defensive touchdowns prior to Saturday: 372

sacks recorded by Justin Tuck this season, a Notre Dame record. Twelve and a half of those have come in the last nine games

margin of victory in Saturday’s game — it was the worst home loss in Stanford history: 50

quarters in between receptions for Maurice Stovall with his last catch before Saturday coming in the third quarter against Florida State: 10

Willingham righting the ship

PALO ALTO, Calif. — For the umpteenth time, Tyrone Willingham jogged off the field at Stanford Stadium with a win, pumping his fists as the crowd cheered. Except that Willingham’s 26th win in football didn’t come against the team he used to coach in a city he knows intimately well. There’s no mistaking which team Willingham coaches now, and with Notre Dame’s ruthless victory Saturday, he let everyone in.

“I thought we did call off the horns,” Willingham coldly said after the game. After the shellacking, Stanford players missed regret that Willingham had left with frustration about how he had returned. But their reminiscent responses, coupled with what Willingham has accomplished with Stanford this season, suggest that the Irish should be lucky Lloyd Tyree Willingham wears blue shirts instead of red ones.

An offensive line that was once among the worst in the nation has now gelled to the point where it can help Julius Jones produce 200-yard games at will. A Swiss cheese-esque defense now can set up the offense with good field position. A squad that seemingly had lost its direction with three 30-plus point losses to future BCS teams now is reincarnated into a machine that leaves Irish players — and fans — wondering, “What if?”

To see the impact Willingham’s calm demeanor has had on the Irish, look at what happened two years ago when Notre Dame played Stanford with a 4-6 record. Led by Bob Davie, an ineffective Notre Dame offense sputtered in the rain as players seemed to be more intent on returning to South Bend than playing football. Players were visibly angry after the loss, and Davie was fired a game later.

Now, even though the Irish are 5-6, Willingham had the Irish singing the Irish National Anthem. The final seconds ticked away as the Irish symbolic winter came to a close.

“It’s just sad we couldn’t have done it earlier,” Jones said. “But what’s done is done.”

Admittedly, the Irish are soundly beating poor football teams. But to see the impact Willingham can have, look at the team he left, and then crashed. It may be as easy to see when the Irish are 5-6 as when they were 10-3, but riding a three-game winning streak into the end of the year, Willingham has Notre Dame pointed in the right direction.

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**Touchdowns bring back memories**

Defense gets in the end zone for the first time in 13 games

By MATT LOZAR

American Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. - Against Brigham Young, the Notre Dame defense returned to its dominance of 2002. As Predicted, the defense finally found the end zone.

Building off its impressive performance in the last home game, the defense scored on two touchdowns, only allowed 20 rushing yards, recorded seven sacks and simply dominated the Cardinal offense all night long.

But the key Saturday night was these 14 points scored by the defense as it finally got the monkey off its back. "It's about time. It's the one thing we haven't done this year," Notre Dame defensive coordinator Charlie Weis said. "It was nice to get a taste of victory. I think it was good to see those kids fly around and have some fun because anytime you play hard it gives you a chance to have fun."

Capping off an impressive first half by a high-octane Notre Dame offense, quarterback Dwight Flick forced a fumble with two quarter minutes remaining and safety Quentin Burrell picked up the fumble ball with a number of players just watching as if the play was over, no which drove-enabled and Burrell took the fumble, ran down the sideline and made a couple of Stanford players miss on route to a 65-yard touchdown return.

"It felt good," Burrell said. "On Thursday we have a fun night where we try to work those things that we did last week and practiced in our film room."

In the third quarter, line-backer Brandon Hoyte forced the defense's second fumble of the game, and safety Guron Libile took the fumble 44 yards for the defense’s second score on the night.

The calling card of last year's Irish defense reemerged at Stanford, something Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham would like to see more of, but knows it's something you can't count on every week.

"I thought that was a real plus and as our guys continue to get stronger, we'll be able to make some plays of that nature," Willingham said. "Those are things that you see once every ball game or once every couple ball games, and we were fortunate last year to get them last year to get them almost every game."

Notre Dame safety Quentin Burrell returns a fumble down the Notre Dame sideline Saturday. Burrell's touchdown was the first defensive one for the Irish since the Rutgers game in 2002.

**Scoring summary**

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Second quarter

- Stanford 0-5-0-0-0-0 5
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Third quarter

- Stanford 4-7-0-0-0-0-11 11
  - Notre Dame 0-7-0-0-0-0 0

Final score

Notre Dame 27, Stanford 0

Total yards

- Notre Dame 300
  - Stanford 235

Rushing yards

- Notre Dame 50
  - Stanford 88

Passing yards

- Notre Dame 246
  - Stanford 221

Time of possession

- Notre Dame 36:18
  - Stanford 23:42

Winning team statistics

- Total yards 300
  - Rushing 50
  - Passing 246
  - Time of possession 36:18

Losing team statistics

- Total yards 235
  - Rushing 88
  - Passing 147
  - Time of possession 23:42

By ANDREW SOUKUP

**Willingham defends late fake punt**

American Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. — As much as Tyrone Willingham said he didn't want to do it, he called for a fake punt late in the fourth quarter with the Cardinal on the one-yard line.

With Notre Dame leading 57-7 and facing a fourth-and-17 from the Stanford 1-yard line, Willingham dropped 10 players into the box and left a couple of defensive players in to block a punt.

"You want to have a high-octane defense, a high-octane offense," Willingham said after the game. "I'm not sure we did a lot of things right, but I think we did a lot of things right in the fourth quarter."

Willingham said the fake punt was an unapologetic strategic decision made after the game. "We got the guy uncovered, that was the right thing to do in that situation," Willingham said.

"You don’t like to do it, but if they’re going to make the block, then you have to get them pay and get the first down."

However, Stanford coach Buddy Teevens shrugged off any anger at the fake.

"At that point," he said, "it really didn't make a difference.".

Shelton's big grab

Matt Shay had only caught two passes in his collegiate career, but his third one just happened to be a 65-yard touchdown that broke the game wide open for Notre Dame.

Late in the first quarter, Shay — one of the fastest men on Notre Dame’s roster — reeled in a pass route, outraced his defender, caught a Brady Quinn pass and scrambled virtually untouched into the end zone to give Notre Dame a 14-0 lead.

"I was surprised as anybody when they threw it to me and I was sitting there as the ball was coming in," Willingham said. "Oh, God, what do I do." Shelton grinned after the game. "Then they threw it up high, and it was a sur­ real feeling."

Shelton also partially deflected a punt and narrowly missed another touchdown catch in the second quarter.

Banged up Irish

Notre Dame cornerback Vontez Duff hurt himself in his first up late Saturday after the fake punt. Willingham said it didn’t return to the game and came out of the locker room at halftime in street clothes.

But Willingham said the corner should be ready to play in his final collegiate game next week at Syracuse.

Meanwhile, running back Julius Jones hobbled off the field several times and didn’t play all the fourth quarter.

Part of that was because the Irish had the game easy in hand, but part of the hurting because Jones was slightly wounded.

But he said he would be ready to go against the Oregon State defense.

Game day captains

Notre Dame had a different group of captains this week, with senior linebacker Brandon Hoyte being named to the team. Hoyte was named to the team because Jones was slightly wounded.

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From Julius Jones’ 25-yard rush to open the game to the fake punt on fourth-and-17 with four minutes remaining, Notre Dame went to Stanford on a mission and didn’t stop until the game was over. The offense was able to do whatever it wanted and the defense got pressure on the quarterback, stuffed the running game and scored two touchdowns. Tyrone Willingham’s first game in Palo Alto since he left Stanford showed his allegiance is undoubtedly with the blue and gold.

CRUSHING THE CARDINAL

Safety Garron Bible scores a third quarter touchdown (top left). Running back Julius Jones breaks a Stanford tackle (top right). Defensive end Justin Tuck sacks Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis, one of his three and a half sacks (middle left). Matt Shelton runs for the end zone (bottom left). Running back Ryan Grant and wide receiver Rhema McKnight celebrate one of Grant’s three touchdowns (bottom right).
**DVD REVIEW**

**Carrey shines in Almighty DVD**

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Some Movie Critic

Jim Carrey playing God may sound like his latest bid for an Oscar nomination, but it's actually the premise of his latest comedy, *Bruce Almighty*. Though the theme may seem to border on heresy, it's actually a funny movie that deals with God and faith without heavy-handed preaching or an approach to the topic from a particular religious view.

In *Bruce Almighty*, Carrey plays Bruce Nolan, a frustrated news anchor covering human interest stories instead of sitting behind the desk. He is fired from his job following a huge on-air meltdown following the revelation that he has failed to get the anchor job he had been longing for. Nolan blames everyone and everything around him for his problems instead of himself, a pattern of behavior that eventually leads him to hold God directly responsible for ruining his life. God (played by Morgan Freeman) then endows Bruce with his heavenly powers and challenges him to take over the role of the Almighty.

Bruce initially does what anyone would be tempted to do, using his powers to further his own interests, but he soon discovers that being God requires a much broader perspective on the ways in which the world works.

Jim Carrey is funny, as usual, in *Bruce Almighty*, but his cast of supporting actors is truly what makes the movie. Steve Carell (of *The Daily Show* fame) is pitch-perfectly cast as Carrey's rival news anchor, Grace. Morgan Freeman plays God and possesses the voice and the bearing that allow him to play a pretty convincing Almighty, but he also has a great deal of fun with such a (literally) awesome role.

The *Bruce Almighty* DVD is fairly standard; it has director commentary, short feature about what working with Jim Carrey is like, outtakes, the film's trailer and deleted scenes. A comedy with no aspirations for Oscar or similar award has no real need for a director's commentary, but learning what it's like to work with someone as frenetic as Carrey is interesting.

The outtakes and deleted scenes, like most, are funny, but you can usually tell why they didn't make the final cut. One amusing feature of the DVD is the fact that there is no way to skip the opening trailers short of pushing a button, a fact which is unfortunately becoming more and more common on DVDs. The sound and video quality are good and there were no major problems, but the fine points of audio and visual quality aren't necessarily pushed to their limits on a Jim Carrey comedy.

Overall, *Bruce Almighty* proves to be a funny movie; it's a little on the sappy side, but in the best possible way. The DVD provides good extras that enhance viewing the film without overloading it with such mundane things that you'll never actually watch.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Too much plotline for so little time**

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Some Movie Critic

*Timeline* is one of those movies that makes you leave the theater thinking, "Gee, I bet that was a really great book."

Adapted from Michael Crichton's best-selling novel, *Timeline* follows the adventures of a team of archaeologists who get stranded in the 14th century. Why the 14th century? Well, the movie never really explains that.

A company trying to create an instantaneous "fax machine" that sends three-dimensional objects stumbles across a wormhole that sends them back in time to a 14th century battleground of the Hundred Years' War at Castelgard, Fran and Chris Johnstone (Paul Walker) try to survive being temporarily stranded in the 14th century. Archaeology students Kate Ericson (Frances O'Connor) and Carrel (Paul Walker) try to survive being temporarily stranded in the 14th century. Archaeology students Kate Ericson (Frances O'Connor) and Chris Johnstone (Paul Walker) try to survive being temporarily stranded in the 14th century.

In good sci-fi style, the evil corporation starts sending teams of soldiers and researchers into the past, trying to unravel the mystery of why they can only travel to 14th century France, rather than to any other place or time.

Of course, someone gets stranded and then someone goes after him. And in good sci-fi style, somebody blows up the machine in the present day, blowing all of time and space apart. But time travel is really just a lame excuse to make a period action film.

Time travel is really just a medieval battle epic. Luckily for us, the time machine sends our heroes back to April 4th, 1357, the fictional day of the French's routing of a British stronghold, rather than April 4th, 1722, when nothing of note happened.

Ironically, *Timeline* doesn't have enough time to tell its story. Like the many movies adapted from Crichton's books, such as *Jurassic Park* and *Andromeda Strain*, *Timeline* has to crunch a lot of technical explanation into a two-hour film. Though the time-travel plot is interesting, the drama of trying to fix the portal in the present seems really unnecessary. Since the science behind it is so vaguely laid out, the audience doesn't have much of a clue what is going on. In fact, the plotline at the beginning of the movie progresses so quickly, it's hard to make heads or tails of who's who or what's going on until the movie jumps back to Castelgard.

But *Timeline* doesn't leave the audience high and dry. All the plot elements in the movie do come together in some fashion at the end and there aren't any big lingering questions in the plotline.

*Timeline* is a decent epic battle film but a lackluster sci-fi flick. Crichton fans might be better advised to save their ticket money and buy the book instead. Those who enjoy time-travel movies might be disappointed with *Timeline*, but let's just say the film isn't going down in the annals of cinematic history any time soon.

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Tennessee Titans had the perfect chance to sit atop their division alone for the first time all season.

Chad Pennington and the New York Jets took it away from them. Pennington threw two second-half touchdown passes and the Jets beat Steve McNair and the Titans 24-17 Monday night.

The Jets (5-7) kept their slim playoff hopes alive Saturday afternoon and handed the Titans (9-3) their first loss in seven games.

McNair started the game despite a strained right calf, hoping to give the Titans sole possession of the AFC South after Indiana lost Sunday to the New England Patriots. They now have to wait another week for that to happen, with a home showdown against the Colts this weekend.

The top-seeded passers heading into the game was mostly ineffective. McNair completed 19 of 27 for 188 yards with two touchdown passes and two interceptions. He threw an 8-yard scoring pass to Derrick Mason with 1:52 remaining to give the Titans within a touchdown, but Chris Baker recovered the onside kick for the Jets with 45 seconds left.

Mason finished with 11 receptions for 133 yards and one touchdown. Pennington, meanwhile, finished 18-of-27 for 231 yards and also had two interceptions for his third win in five starts since returning from a broken left wrist. His play in the second half was nearly perfect.

After the Titans tied the game at 10 on a 35-yard field goal by Gary Anderson in the third quarter, Pennington engineered two straight scoring drives to take control of the game.

The first featured a little trickery. A reverse to Santana Moss gained 6 yards, and a fake pass to Moss set them up at the Titans 15 for a 5-yard touchdown. Pennington was right on target.

On the next play, Pennington threw a beautiful 27-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Kolb for a 21-10 lead. It was Pennington's first reception of the year and his third passing touchdown.

After forcing the Titans to punt, Pennington put the Jets up by two touchdowns — thanks to Moss. On second-and-5 from the 42, Pennington threw a pass to tight end Baker. But the ball deflected off his hands and up, and Moss was there to catch the ball and make a 32-yard completion.

Conway then caught an 8-yard touchdown pass, barely keeping his toes inbounds, to cap the drive.

McNair tried to rally the Titans, but Sam Garnes broke up a pass in the end zone intended for Erron Kinney on fourth-and-goal with 2:51 remaining. McNair started off well, throwing a 39-yard touchdown pass to Justin McCareins on the opening drive for a quick 7-0 lead. It was the longest completion for the Titans this season.

The Jets tied it up on the following possession. After converting a fourth-and-1 from the Titans 14 when Pennington completed a 4-yard pass to Jeraldowell, the Jets faced second-and-goal from the 12.

Pennington threw a fade to Moss in the right corner of the end zone, but Samari Rolle got his hands on the ball. Officials initially ruled it an interception, and Rolle did a throat slash gesture that earned him an unsportsman-like conduct penalty.

But the Jets challenged the call, and the official ruled that Rolle did not have possession. The Jets got an automatic first down at the 6, and Curtis Martin ran in for the score on the following play for his first touchdown of the season.

Doug Brien kicked a 27-yard field goal just before the break to give the Jets a 10-7 lead.

The Titans played without defensive end Jevon Kearse, who missed his second straight game with a sprained left ankle.

Kevin Swanye of the New York Jets scores a touchdown in the third quarter against Ray Green of the Tennessee Titans during their game at Giants Stadium Monday night. The Jets defeated the Titans 24-17.
The Penguins' Ramzi Abid scores the winning goal against Thrashers goalie Pasi Nurminen in the third period of their game Monday night. The Penguins won, 4-3.
Croom to become 1st black coach in SEC

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Sylvester Croom became the first black head football coach in Southeastern Conference history when he was accepted Monday to take over the struggling Mississippi State.

"We went after the best football coach and we're confident we found that individual in Sylvester Croom," athletic director Larry Templeton said.

Croom informed Templeton that he would take the job less than 24 hours after Templeton said he had offered it. A news conference will be held Tuesday to introduce him.

Croom, 49, has never been a head coach, but has been an NFL assistant with five teams since 1987 and worked for Bear Bryant and Ray Perkins at Alabama from 1977-86.

The SEC's hiring history came under increased scrutiny earlier this year when Croom was passed over for the head job at his alma mater, Alabama, in favor of Mike Shula, another former Crimson Tide player, who is white.

Every other BCS conference has had at least one black head coach, but a lack of diversity among major college football head coaches is not exclusive to the SEC.

There were only four black head coaches among 117 Division I-A football schools this season.

The SEC provided its members lists of potential minority candidates to help promote a more inclusive hiring process. Alabama was criticized by some, including civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, for not hiring Croom, who had more experience than Shula.

Messages left at Croom's home and office were not immediately returned.

Templeton said Monday that Croom, who has been coaching running backs at Green Bay since 2001, has been cleared by the Packers to assume his new position immediately.

He replaces retiring coach Jackie Sherrill and inherits a program that has been in a free fall for three years.

The Bulldogs are 8-27 since 2001 with just three SEC victories. They completed a 2-10 season last week, the school's worst since 1988.

Mississippi State is awaiting the results of an NCAA investigation into possible rule violations in its football program from 1998-2002. Templeton said he has discussed the NCAA issues with Croom.

LSU still in 3rd in BCS poll

Associated Press

LSU narrowed Southern California's lead for second place in the BCS standings Monday but still needs some help to play for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl.

The Trojans (11-1) hold a 1.53-point lead over the Tigers (11-1) going into the final week of the regular season, down from 2.15 points a week ago.

The top two teams in the final Bowl Championship Series standings Sunday will play for the title in New Orleans on Jan. 4.

Oklahoma (12-0) maintained its grip on the top spot with a nearly five-point lead over USC and would likely remain in the top two even with a loss Saturday to Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game.

The Sooners are a unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press media and USA Today/ESPN coaches' polls and the top team in all seven BCS computer. They have a 1.0 for poll average, 1.0 for computer-rank average, 0.56 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and 0.5 bonus points for beating sixth-place Texas for a 3-0.

USC has a one-point lead in the polls over LSU, has a 0.25 advantage in the computers and a 0.68 lead in strength of schedule. The Tigers have a 0.4 bonus for a quality win over Georgia.

While LSU could gain in the computers and strength of schedule by beating the Bulldogs (10-2), the Tigers would also be penalized because of the big loss in scoring — costing them quality-win points.

A win by Syracuse over Notre Dame would be a big help for the Tigers, likely moving them to second in the

Bearetcs fire Minter, offer other position

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The University of Cincinnati fired football coach Rick Minter on Monday and offered him another position within the athletic department.

Minter was fired three days after the Bearcats lost their season finale 3-0 to Louisville. Minter has been with Cincinnati for 10 years, and with a 53-63-1 record had the most wins and losses in Bearcats’ history. He had three years remaining on his contract.

Minter, who was Notre Dame’s defensive coordinator in 1992-93 after seven years as an assistant at Ball State, took Cincinnati to bowl games four of the past six seasons but also came under increasing criticism for failing to create a stable fan base and national profile.

“When I came here, in retrospect, it wasn’t a very good job,” he said of his 1993 arrival. “We got it better. The guy who comes in next in going to flip this into a more desirable job than I found it.”

There was more pressure on Minter to produce a consistent winner when Cincinnati accepted an invitation last month to leave Conference USA for the higher-profile Big East.

Athletic director Bob Goin declined to say what new job Minter has been offered.

“I believe he has some administrative talent,” Goin said. “We'd be happy to have him do that.”

Minter said he would consider the offer to complete his contract in another capacity but was disappointed to be fired as football coach.

“You know when you get in the business, it’s liable to happen.”

Rick Minter
former Bearcat coach

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Ready for a little one-on-one?
Kentucky holds off 2nd-half comeback in win

CINCINNATI — Gerald Fitch scored 24 points and No. 9 Kentucky withstood Marshall's 3-point flurry and second-half comeback Monday night, holding on for an 89-76 victory.

Fitch, a senior guard who had a career-high 36 points against Tennessee Tech on Friday, was the only consistent threat for Kentucky (3-0), which led a 13-point first-half advantage of Marshall's front line.

Joe Olivero led Lehigh with 17 points and Ra Taih was 3-5 from behind the 3-point line and finished with 11 in the losing effort.

After a quick 7-0 run on Monday night, the Wildcats are 7-0 on 3s. The team combined for six 3-pointers in the first half when they outscored the Mountaineers 31-26.

Tubby Smith's assistants at Texas Tech only shot 2-of-17 from the free throw line in addition to the Mountain Hawks' 6-0 from the free throw line in that spurt. Lehigh's only points came off free throws made when Brown was called for a technical for trash talking.

Connecticut shot 55 percent in the second half and was even better, hitting 8-of-10 shots. The teams combined for 8-of-26 shots for the game, but the Mustangs had three steals in the final minute to hold off a surging Texas Tech (4-2).

Fitch had 12 points in the first half, when his main job was to try to shut down Dawn after an early flurry of 3-pointers. The junior guard shoots 42 percent from behind the arc, one of the best marks in Marshall history.

Connecticut 75, Lehigh 55

Lehigh managed to stay close through the half, falling behind only 31-26. The Huskies (5-1) were playing in their first game after relin­

gued its Similarly, 72 percent of the votes for the Head Coach for the AP poll went to Roy Williams of North Carolina. Williams, who has been the head coach at North Carolina since 1971, has led the team to four national championships and nine NCAA tournament appearances.

South Carolina 67, Arkansas 49

The Gamecocks received 53 votes in the AP poll, which is a 26-point lead over Arkansas. South Carolina's victory over the Razorbacks moved them to 15-3 in the SEC, while Arkansas fell to 14-4.

Tennessee 81, Vanderbilt 68

Tennessee received 56 votes in the AP poll, which is a 13-point lead over Vanderbilt. The Volunteers dominated the Commodores from the start, outscoring them 44-22 in the first half.

Texas Tech 62, SMU 59

Texas Tech received 54 votes in the AP poll, which is a 3-point lead over SMU. The Red Raiders have been consistent all season, finishing in the Top 10 in the AP poll for the past two weeks.

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**Bill Self didn't have to wait to be No. 1 in the Associated Press men's college basketball poll Monday.**

The Jayhawks, taking advantage of the top four teams last week, jumped from sixth to No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll Monday.

Their move to the top was the biggest in almost 40 years and matched the biggest second in the history of the poll, which started in the 1948-49 season.

"I don't believe we're deserv­ing of it, but I don't know if anybody else is," the first-year coach said before Monday morn­ing's shootaround. "There are probably 10 to 12 teams out there who could be No. 1. Ten ways they played last out week.

Kansas (2-0) beat then-No. 3 Michigan State 81-74 in their only game last week, and com­

bined with losses by Connecticut, Duke and Arizona (Nos. 1, 2 and 4 last week) and an unimpress­

ive win by then-No. 10 Missouri, it meant another trip to No. 1 Florida beat Arizona to move up from eighth to No. 2 this week. Georgia Tech defeated Connecticut, and Purdue beat Duke, moving them into the rankings for the first time this season.

"The way it went gave Anthony more opportunities."

"I just tried to stay positive," Richardson said. "We were just not able to contain [Richardson] in the second half."

"We just had a career-high 36 points and Erik Daniels had 14 points and 12 rebounds."

Erik Daniels had 14 points and 12 rebounds to help Connecticut overcome a rocky first half against the smaller Mountain Hawks (1-3).

Kathleen Arzuque added 16 points and Erik Daniels had 14 for Kentucky, which has won all 11 of its games with Marshall. Ronny Daw led Marshall with 23 points, going 7-7 on 3s.

The overwhelming majority of the crowd wore blue and white for Kentucky's annual sellout of a home game away from home. The Wildcats are 8-1 all-time at the downtown arena, the only loss to Dayton in 1999.

First-year Marshall coach Ron Jirsa was an assistant at Dayton when it pulled off the upset. He also was one of Tubby Smith's assistants at Tufts and Georgia.

Jirsa tried every sort of defense to slow Kentucky, with little success. The Wildcats took a 47-34 halftime lead by running fast breaks and taking advantage of Marshall's front line.

Four turnovers set up a 13-point run that put Kentucky ahead to stay 28-17 midway through the half. The Wildcats repeatedly had players slip free inside for easy baskets, making up for their poor outside shooting.

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Connecticut 75, Lehigh 55

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**McDyess returns, but Knicks lose in overtime**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Antonio McDyess grinned in embarrassment and blew a kiss to the crowd, his first point as a member of the New York Knicks finally coming almost 14 months after he fractured his kneecap in a preseason game.

McDyess' point came from the foul line after he missed five shot attempts and a free throw, and he scored only one other point Monday night in a 79-77 overtime loss to the Detroit Pistons.

"I'm not going to step on the court and get 20 and 10 the first night. It's going to take time," McDyess said before the game. "He couldn't have been more correct.

The former All-Star and Olympic finally appeared in a regular-season game almost a year and a half after the Knicks acquired him. He was warmly received but played tentatively, showing plenty of rust while shooting 0-for-2 with two turnovers and three rebounds in 13 minutes.

Mercifully having his shot on the court was a welcome sight for the Knicks, who had yet to receive any dividends from Scott Layden's blockbuster draft night deal made two summers ago that cost New York two starters and a lottery pick.

As poorly as McDyess played, it was not his fault that New York lost the game. That blame could spread around after the Knicks scored only nine points in the third quarter and 14 in the fourth to fritter away a lead that had grown as large as 17.

Chauncey Billups scored seven of his 24 points in overtime for the Pistons, who walked off with the win after Mehmet Okur blocked Michael Dellone's jumper just before the final buzzer.

It was the third straight victory for the Pistons, one of only seven NBA teams who began the night with a winning record.

Grizzlies 96, Celtics 89

Paul Gasol finally got a win — and some revenge — against the Celtics.

Gasol scored 19 points and Lorenzen Wright added 14 points and 13 rebounds to lead Memphis to 96-89 win over Boston on Monday night. The Grizzlies' first victory against the Celtics in more than three years.

"It's nice to finally get a win against them because I've been here three years and lost a few close ones," Gasol said. "It's really satisfying, especially after the season-opening loss."

Memphis snapped a five-game losing streak against the Celtics and avoided being swept by Boston for the third consecutive season. The last time the Grizzlies beat the Celtics was a 98-87 win on Nov. 26, 2000.

Grizzlies' Pierce finished with 26 points to lead Boston. Mike Miller added 22 and Wally Szczerbiak and eight rebounds for Memphis and Shane Battier added 12 points.

"It's very frustrating," Pierce said. "We're stagnating too many times on offense. A lot of guys depend on me to make a play every single time and that puts a lot of pressure on us. We have to stop depending on me.

The Grizzlies, who have won two straight, enjoyed a season-opening 91-91 home loss in which Celtics point guard Mike James sank a 15-foot jumper with 1.8 seconds left to win the game.

Bulls 97, Bucks 87

This latest version of the Chicago Bulls is a winner. For one night.

Playing just a few hours after the trade that brought them from Toronto was finalized, Jerome Williams added 25 points and Antonio Davis, the team's new energy and enthusiasm they've lacked, and Drew Gooden had 19 to coach Scott Skiles a winner in his Chicago debut with a 97-87 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday night.

When the buzzer sounded, Jamal Crawford and Williams ran to the sidelines and hugged Skiles. The victory snapped a seven-game losing streak for Chicago.

Williams finished with 13 points, a team-high 10 rebounds and four steals — including a floor-burner that immediately endeared him to Bulls fans. Davis had 11 points, five rebounds and three blocked shots.

And this was a true team effort. Crawford scored a career-high 30 points and tied his season high with eight assists. He also had eight rebounds. Eddy Curry had 22 points, including a monster dunk to stop a 12-0 Milwaukee run that pulled the Bucks within 91-87 late in the fourth quarter.

Utah 91, New Jersey 84

Andrei Kirilenko and DeShawn Stevenson scored 18 points apiece, and the Utah Jazz won their fourth straight game by holding off the New Jersey Nets 91-84 Monday night.

Utah let a 19-point second-half lead dwindle to three with less than a minute to play before sealing it with four straight free throws to improve to 9-1 at home. It was the Jazz's fifth win in six games.

Greg Ostertag had 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Matt Harpring added 16 points and nine rebounds before fouling out in the fourth quarter for the Jazz.

Kirilenko also had three blocks and 10 rebounds for Utah, which outrebounded the Nets 51-25.

New Jersey, which lost by 13 points the previous night at Sacramento, overcame a poor first half to hold off the Nets 22 points. Jason Kidd added 15 points and 12 assists. Jason Kidd added 15 points and 12 assists. Jason Kidd added 15 points and 12 assists.
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**In Brief**

**CINCINNATI —** The University of Cincinnati fired football coach Rick Minter on Monday and offered him another position within the athletic department. Minter was fired three days after the Bearcats (5-7) ended their season with a 43-40 loss to Louisville.

Minter has been at Cincinnati for 10 years, and with a 53-63-1 record had the most wins and losses in Bearcats' history. He had three years remaining on his contract.

Minter, who was Notre Dame's defensive coordinator in 1992-93 after seven years as an assistant at Ball State, took Cincinnati to bowl games four of the past six seasons but had come under increasing criticism for failing to create a larger fan base and national profile.

After a 3-0 start this year, the Bearcats lost seven of their final nine games for their first losing season in four years.

Colts TE Clark likely to miss **SEASON**

**INDIANAPOLIS —** Colts tight end Dallas Clark will have surgery on his broken right leg Tuesday and is likely to miss the rest of the season.

Coach Tony Dungy said another examination Monday revealed ligament damage on the inside of the leg along with the broken fibula on the outside of the leg.

Clark had 29 receptions for 340 yards and one touchdown this season, including two catches for 18 yards before getting hurt Sunday, and was becoming more of a threat in the Colts' offense during the past month.

Clark, the Colts' first-round pick out of Iowa in April's NFL draft, hurt his leg during Sunday's 38-34 loss to New England when he landed awkwardly after trying to spin away from a tackle. Clark went airborne and came down with his weight on the right leg.

He was taken off the field on a stretcher and his leg was placed in an air cast.

**Indiana center Leach out with knee injury**

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind. —** Indiana center George Leach will be out indefinitely because of a left knee injury, the school announced Monday.

Leach, a 6-foot-11 senior, left Saturday's game against Xavier with about nine minutes left in regulation, then limped to the locker room.

Following the game, he had an ice pack on the knee and was expected to get an MRI. Leach said he hurt the knee when he landed on someone's foot while trying to block a shot.

Leach led the Big Ten last year with 79 blocks and is fifth on the Hoosiers' career list (125). He started the first three games this season, posting season-highs of 11 points and five blocks at Vanderbilt, and was averaging 8 points.

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**Arizona aquires slugger Sexson**

**PHOENIX —** Right after trading off a power pitcher, the Arizona Diamondbacks acquired a power hitter who ranks among the best in the game.

The Diamondbacks got Richie Sexson from Milwaukee in a nine-player deal Monday that sent infielder Craig Counsell and second baseman Junior Spivey to the Brewers.

First baseman Lyle Overbay, catcher Chad Minter and left-hander Jorge De La Rosa were dealt to Milwaukee.

In addition to Sexson, Arizona received left-hander Shane Nance and a player to be named.

"I'm pretty excited," Sexson said in a conference call. "I enjoyed my time in Milwaukee, but as a player, we obviously play to win, and it got tough in Milwaukee."

The deal was finalized after Curt Schilling passed a physical with the Boston Red Sox.

De La Rosa was one of several players dealt to Arizona for Schilling, and the Diamondbacks acquired a player to be named.

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dispatching the Wildcats Friday, jumping out to a 3-0 lead. Coach Scott Trick said, "We didn’t leave the box Michigan’s Nathan Oystock scored with less than three minutes remaining to spoil what would have been Brown’s four-game winning streak. Globke opened the scoring a little more than halfway through the first period as he scored off a feed from forward Noah Babin, taking the puck and depositing it behind Northern Michigan goaltender Craig Kowalski after a Wildcat turnover led to an Irish odd-man break.

Defensive line Chris Trick scored the first goal of his career a little more than 11 minutes into the second, scoring a shorthanded goal to put the Irish up 2-0. With the Wildcat on a five-on-three power play, a centering feed went off the mark and Trick was able to leave the box and collect the errant pass to beat Kowalski with a backhand shot.

"I was standing in the box," Trick said. "And all of a sudden the puck is coming toward me as I am on the penalty box. I could see that the goalie was giving me the stick side, but I think when I went to the backhand and it worked for me."

Forward Cory McLean scored about two minutes later after collecting his own rebound to give Notre Dame a 3-0 lead going into the second intermission.

Captain Aaron Gill scored a little over six minutes into the period off a pass from forward Mike Walsh, and forward Jason Paige closed the Irish scoring about six minutes later on the power play. The Irish dominated play, outshooting the Wildcats 34-20 for the game. Irish coach Dave Poulin said he was happy with the team’s effort offensively.

"We really did a lot of the little things that we think we need to do to win tonight," he said. "We got solid contributions from everyone. It was one of our better efforts of the season."

That effort took a while to show up the following day, as Notre Dame fell behind the Wildcats before surging back to win by two.

"This was another important building block for our team," Poulin said. "Now they’ve experienced coming from behind. You can talk about things like this all you want, but until you experience it, it’s not the same."

After a scoreless first period, the Wildcats took advantage of a five-on-three power play as Dairin Oliveri and Troy Fleming scored goals from Dirk Southern and fired a shot past Brown a little less than four minutes into the second. Geoff Waugh would increase the Wildcat’s lead two minutes later, but the Irish were able to start a comeback with a power play goal with about six minutes left in the second period.

Defensive line Neil Komadoski took a hard shot from the left point, which Kowalski stopped, but Globke was able to swoop in and poke the rebound between the goalie’s pads for his ninth goal of the season. "I thought our power play goal was the key goal of the game," Poulin said.

The floodgates opened soon after, as Notre Dame scored three unanswered goals in the third period to put the game away.

Walsh scored just a little less than two minutes into the period, and Globke scored his second of the game with a little more than five minutes left. Forward Matt Amato closed out the seventh win of the season with a hard slap shot past Kowalski. Brown made 25 saves in the game as the Irish outshot the Wildcats 30-27. The freshman goaltender currently has six game unbeaten streak (6-0-2). The Irish have one more CCHA series remaining this season as they travel to Michigan this weekend for a pair of games. Notre Dame will not play at home again until Jan. 3 against Findlay.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Irish suffer rude awakening

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARD
Sports Writer

After starting the season 2-1, the Irish were unable to maintain the momentum gained in their first four games. Now they find themselves in 7-1 following when they faced Michigan State and Tennessee last week.

The holiday games started for the Irish Wednesday night, when they traveled to East Lansing to face the Spartans. Notre Dame found they were in for a tough game as Michigan State ended the first half with a 45-29 lead.

"I thought they made every shot they took," Irish head coach Matt McGraw said. "They just had our number everywhere, and we weren’t able to get anything going."

The Irish fell victim to turnovers, committing 19. They were able to get only one offensive rebound in the game. In the end, the Spartans handed the Irish their worst loss in ten years, 92-63.

"I thought Michigan State just played the game," McGraw said. "They came out with a lot of intensity and played harder than we did. And we were flattened the whole game."

Michigan State’s dynamic duo of Lindsey Bowen and Kristin Haynie were just too much for the Irish, as they combined for 49 points, 26 for Bowen and 23 for Haynie.

Jacqueline Batteast and Courtney LaVere led the Irish with 12 points apiece.

Sunday night, the Irish traveled to Knoxville to face No. 3 Tennessee. The results were not much different than Wednesday night.

The Lady Volunteers came out firing, lumping in the lead the first nine minutes of the game. The Irish turned the ball over 14 times, and by the end of the first half, the Irish were down 45-23.

Shyra Eley led the Volunteer with 20 points on 8-for-18 shooting. Ashleyvia Jones added 14 and Shannia Zolman added 13 points.

"We are a long way from where we want to be," McGraw said. "Our defense has been a long way from where we want to be," McGraw said. "We are a long way from where we want to be," McGraw said. "We are a long way from where we want to be," McGraw said.

However, not all was lost on the game for the Irish. Notre Dame is now 2-0. "I think we are a little more relaxed and played fairly well. Duffy finished with 14 points on 6-11 shooting, with two late three pointers, while Severe tallied 13 points on 6-10 shooting. The play of these guards allowed the Irish to have a strong second half, scoring 36 points to the Lady Volunteers’ 38.

The Irish also had only seven turnovers in the second half.

"We didn’t turn the ball over as much in the second half and we competed much better, something we can carry into our next game," McGraw said. "I thought our guard play, specifically Le’Tania (Severe) and Megan (Duffy), was positive for us. They each played well defensively and provided important contributions offensively.

Brosseau also had 16 points and seven rebounds for the Irish.

The loss improved Tennessee’s all-time record against the Irish to 16-0. They are the only team who has played at least ten times against the Irish and never lost.

The Irish now have to search the better efforts of the season.

"We came out against Manchester and were a much quicker and more aggressive team," said head coach Suzanne Bellina. "We have four players in double figures and shot over 40 percent against Manchester compared to shooting less than 34 percent in both games to start their season.

"We need to keep getting better every game to get to the level we want to reach," Bellina said. "Our defense has been very good so far, but we are looking to force some more action on offense."

The Belles play tonight at Anderson College at 7 p.m.

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eight.
"They were disruptive," Clark said. "It was one of our most competitive games, and I was most proud when they were having fouls (that) our guys never once lost their discipline or composure. That was satisfying to see as a coach."
Both teams would stay scoreless through the remainder of regulation and both overtime periods, even though Notre Dame managed 24 shots to Michigan's total of 11.
Wolverines' goalkeeper Peter Dunlay turned in a strong performance with nine saves. Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer made three.
"If you take away the first half, we outshot them 16-3," Clark said. "But their goalie made several excellent saves."
Michigan seemed to lay back in the two 10-minute overtime periods and play for the penalty kicks, Clark said.
The penalty shots came after 110 intense minutes of soccer, and the Irish seniors were put to the test. Midfielders Filippo Chillemi, Chad Martin and Michigan's Kevin Taylor, Adam Hily and Brian Poppey scored as well.
On the fourth shot, Dunlay turned away Prescod, and Wolverine sophomore Michael O'Reilly hit his shot over the crossbar to keep the score knotted at 3-3.
Dunlay, however, made his second consecutive save when he blocked the attempt by Detter, the Irish leading scorer and a first team All-Big East selection. White blasted a shot past Sawyer for the Michigan victory.
Michigan will either host Coastal Carolina or travel to Santa Clara for its next tournament game in the Elite Eight.
For Notre Dame, this season has been a strong and memorable one. Clark, who has been around soccer for a long time, said he recognizes how special this team has been.
"It was a fabulous season for the team, but winning isn't the most important thing," Clark said. "It's trying to win, and our efforts were tremendous. This has been a fabulous group to work with, speaking for myself and the assistants.
"The only thing I regret is that I don't have another two weeks to work with the team.
Notre Dame reached the third round by defeating Wisconsin-Milwaukee 4-1 in the second period Wednesday night.
The game was tied 1-1 at half, but goals by Prescod, Martin and Detter put the game away. Detter had two goals in the game, his twelfth and thirteenth on the season.
Notre Dame outshot Wisconsin-Milwaukee 18-7, outside Stayer's five-game shut out streak with a penalty kick goal.

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into the air, but instead of jumping into his man, ducked around him and almost banked it in a 3-pointer.
Marquette grabbed the rebound and iced the game away with free throws.
Jordan Cornette continued his poor shooting from the outside, missing all four of his 3-point attempts. Chris Quinn couldn't buy a basket either, finishing 2-of-11 and 1-of-8 from behind the arc. Both Quinn and Cornette fouled out late in the game.
Scott Merritt had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Marquette while Travis Deen scored 12 points.

Notes: Thomas led the Irish in their 78-64 win over Mount St. Mary's Saturday at the Joyce Center.
He struggled early, missing four of his first five shots, but then he found his hot hand and made 6-of-7 throughout the rest of the game. Thomas finished with a game-high 22 points.
Francis had 13 points, but only six rebounds. Cornette had a rough afternoon as he finished 2-of-10, including 1-of-5 from behind the arc, finishing with five points.

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Happy 21st Birthday Beth!

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will be going to the University of Illinois where the Illini are the 15th seed in the Tournament. Notre Dame will play Louisville in the first round. The four-team sub-regional where the Irish are playing is the only bracket with three teams ranked in the top 20.
Brown switched around her lineup for Saturday's game by putting Jessica Kinder opposite her sister, setter Kristen Kinder. Lauren Kelbly moved to the outside hitter while Emily Loomis moved to inside-middle blocker.
"The new lineup" was really good, we just needed better execution," Jessica Kinder said.
"Everybody wanted it so badly, we just weren't making the plays."
The Cardinal (23-6) were led by U.S. National Team member Ogonna Nwanmai's 23 kills and 409 hitting percentage. Whenever Nwanmai was on the front row, Stanford ran its offense through her. The junior and two-time All-American just overpowered the Notre Dame block, which is ranked first in the country averaging 3.76 blocks per game.
"She is very good, she is a phenomenal athlete and a great person too," Brown said. "She is very hard to defend and she is an explosive player."
In the first two games, the Irish came out strong, hitting .293 and .303, but the Cardinal were just a little bit better, hitting .310 and .373. Early in all three games, Notre Dame took the lead, but Stanford was able to stay close and eventually take command of each game.
Down 2-0, the Irish wanted to come out in game three and establish an early presence. However, it turned out to be their worst game of the match. The Irish committed 10 errors in the game and hit .182.
Despite the number of mistakes in game three, the Irish stayed close and had their chances late in the game, being up 21-20, but they couldn't take advantage and let Stanford pull away.
"I think we were looking in game three to come out and be a step better than that. But Stanford took it to us a little bit more in that game than they did before," Brown said.
"Certainly it wasn't a good game three, but we didn't feel like it was over. We felt like we could still compete to the end, but we didn't come through in game three when it was the most critical."
Kelbly led the Irish with 10 kills, Kristen Kinder and Lauren Brewster tied for the game high in blocks with 10.
Meg Henican recorded 10 digs.
Traditionally before the NCAA Tournament, the Irish travel to one top opponent in preparation for postseason play. Going to Stanford allowed Brown to try her new lineup, which she plans to use in the NCAA Tournament, the Irish travel to one top team and see what her team needs to improve on when it's a do-or-die situation.
"It is a new lineup, we switched some people around, "we felt the team was very committed and we felt it was the right move to make," Brown said. "I think we need to play a top 10 team, right before going into the NCAA Tournament."
"The main thing is to continue to learn and to continue to get better. The season isn't over. We certainly haven't peaked."

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Megan Davison/The Observer
Senior captain Greg Martin looks to pass against Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Round 2 of the NCAA Tournament Nov. 26.

Irish guard Chris Quinn brings the ball up the court against Mount Saint Mary's. The Irish lost 72-58 to Marquette Monday.

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12. Drug-yielding fruits of victory
13. Saturday, to Brits
14. Bandage, to Brits
15. 30-ys old

DOWN

1. Firms: Abbr.
2. Home of "The Three Sisters"
3. Earth think competitor
4. 5 Lock: DNC
5. 5 Mold-ripened cheese
6. Tree with submissive
catkins
7. 10 Gardener's soil
8. Emigrate
9. 5 Gardener's soil
10. 105 Pulitzer winner
11. 100 Gardener's soil
12. 10 Finalist of "American Idol"
13. 50 Evading: Abbr.
14. 200 Gardener's soil

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JUMBLE

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Happy Birthday: You can do it if you try. Nothing will stop you from reaching your goals this year if you are determined. You will have innovative ideas that are likely to lead to something constructive. Tie up loose ends quickly so that you don't find yourself dragging dead weight.

Your numbers: 6, 13, 31, 34, 37, 45

Aries (March 21-April 19): Your emotions will be unstable if you allow your partner to take you for granted. Recent love affairs or infatuations will be enticing. Be careful. This type of temptation could damage your reputation.***

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You will be able to pick up some valuable information if you are willing to listen to those with more experience. Be prepared to do some traveling to pursue your interests.***

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Older relatives may be a burden. Don't let them frustrate you. Take care of their needs quickly and get on with your current plans. Suddenly financial disruptions will limit your spending.*****

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Do something special with your mate. The stress you've both been under has caused disagreements. Put that behind you. You don't want others meddling in your personal affairs.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Unpredictable individuals may try to borrow money from you. Give them sound advice, but certainly not financial assistance. Don't let anyone take you for granted.*****

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your position at home appears to be unsettled. Sit back and be observant. It is not too late to change. Just be willing to accept the inevitable. Don't let children alter your plans.***

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Tension will flare if you decide to put in overtime at work. Your partner is ready to wind things down and have you focus on your own needs.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Short tours should be on your agenda. Your mate will be spent if you don't make special plans for two. Consider a trip to the slopes for a little skiing and some retreating on a nice but hot day.***

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your partner will be emotionally unstable and have to pull her weight when it comes to domestic chores.***

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be too busy for romance. Focus on the footnotes. You'll be surprised at the number of potential mates you meet. Someone from your past may try to catch you off guard today.***

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't push your luck if you have to deal with officials or institutions. Carelessness will lead to a series of mishaps. You are likely to be misunderstood if you are the least bit evasive.*****

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You're enjoying doing things with your partner. Don't overextend yourself in the process.

Birthday Baby: You see, you do. Nothing will stand in your way once you have a good idea in mind. You are relentless, charging and forthright in all that you pursue. You're a great team player with a strong will to succeed.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Payback time**

Marquette takes revenge on cold-shooting Irish in 71-58 victory

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor


The Golden Eagles had one date on their mind heading into the Notre Dame game: Dec. 2, 2002. One year ago today, a hot-shooting Notre Dame team dominated Marquette en route to an easy 21-point win at the Joyce Center.

Marquette got its chance for payback Monday night when the Golden Eagles capitalized on their own hot shooting - defeating the Irish 71-58 at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

For the game, Marquette shot 47 percent overall and 37 percent on 3-pointers while the Irish shot 51 percent from the field.

After scrunching the Golden Eagles last season for 32 points last season, Irish guard Chris Thomas was the total opposite last night, going 4-of-19 from the field, including 3-of-14 from behind the arc, and scoring only 11 points.

Steve Novak led Marquette (5-0) with a career-high 21 points and was 5-of-7 on 3-pointers. The Irish (2-3) made just five 3-pointers on the night.

Marquette took control of the game from the start, going on a 20-2 run at one point and making nine of its first 16 field goal attempts to eventually build a 34-11 lead. The Irish started 1-of-11 from the field.

In the first half, the Irish had trouble getting the ball into Terron Francis as the Golden Eagles concentrated their defense on denying entry passes. With two minutes, the Irish had just five field goals compared to six turnovers.

The Irish came out in the second half with a higher defensive intensity and were more committed to getting Francis to the line. It appeared at times coach Mike Brey was going to let his team take a shot without getting Francis a touch in the possession.

The Irish made a couple of runs, going on an 8-0 spurt to get to 43-37, but Marquette countered with a quick 7-1 run of its own to push the lead back to 17.

A 9-0 run got the Irish closer at 57-47 and set them up for a late push. With less than two minutes remaining, Marquette missed its second consecutive free throw of a one-and-one, and the Irish were down 65-58.

Thomas brought the ball up court, pump-faked his defender and drove to the hoop for two.

Irish forward Justin Detter takes a shot in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The Irish were upset by Michigan Sunday.

**MEN'S SOCCER**

Michigan knocks 2nd Irish squad from tourney

Irish fall to Wolverines 4-3 on penalty kicks

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Michigan State, the NCAA's 11th-ranked team, knocked the Irish out of the Big Ten Championship on Sunday.

The Wolverines ended the Irish's season 4-3 on penalty kicks for the second straight year.

After falling to the Wolverines 7-1 last season, the Irish were outscored 11-3 by Michigan over the course of the two meetings.

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**HOCKEY**

Irish move into tie for 1st with sweep

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish find themselves in an unfamiliar position going into December. It's a good position to be in, though, as Notre Dame is currently tied for first in the CCHA after 5-1 and 4-2 victories over Northern Michigan last weekend.

This is the latest in the season that Notre Dame (8-3-2, 7-3-2 in the CCHA) has ever been ranked number one in the CCHA. The Irish are currently tied with Ohio State for 16 points.

Forward Rob Globke scored three goals on the weekend and goaltender David Brown continued his impressive season in goal with both wins in the sweep of the Wildcats. Notre Dame is currently on a five-game unbeaten streak (3-0-2).

The Irish had little difficulty in the sweep. The Irish had a 3-0 advantage at half-time against the Wildcats, and a 10-2 lead after two.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

New lineup, same result in loss

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

PALO ALTO, Calif. - After losing three of their last five, including the Big East Championship, Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown decided her team needed a new lineup heading into Saturday's match at No. 6 Stanford.

But when it came right down to it, the Cardinal simply executed better.

The Irish (23-6) lost 30-28, 30-24, 30-24 at Alumni Field.

The teams ended regulation deadlock 1-1, 31-30 on senior Brian Dzubay's final kill. The Irish fell to the Wolverines 4-3 on penalty kicks in overtime.

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**OTHER SPORTS**

ND WOMEN'S BBALL: Michigan State 92, Notre Dame 63
Tennessee State 73, Notre Dame 69
The Irish drop out of the top 25 with losses.

SMC BASKETBALL: Saint Mary's at Anderson
Today, 7 p.m.
The Belles (1-2) travel to Anderson (3-1) for a non-conference game.

CCHA FOOTBALL: Green Bay assistant Sylvester Creamer is named head coach of Mississippi State, making him the first black football head coach in SEC history.

Louisiana State gains a win over Southern California in the latest BCS poll, but will likely need a Trojan loss Saturday to play in the Sugar Bowl.

A wrapup from the NCAA football season.

A summary of the NHL this season.

Notre Dame moves up to number 5 in the final rankings.

Football

Notre Dame 57, Stanford 7
The Irish running back Justin Jones runs for 218 yards and the Irish cruised to victory.

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