Political groups continue activism

Non-election year offers on-campus organizations chance to shift emphasis, broaden goals

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Last fall, they knew Ohio roads like the back of their hands. They waged successful protests. They drafted their constitutions.

Campus political organizations set off a flurry of activity during the 2004 election fervor. A year later, they haven’t fallen off the map. In fact, they look forward to the rejuvenation of an off-election year providers and have taken last year’s lessons to heart.

There’s a glimpse of who they are and what they’re up to, as well as an introduction to some.

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

Off-campus housing now has a home, and it’s online.

With Campus1Housing.com, Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students can view local properties for rent and contact the property manager through the Web site.

Two Miami University (Ohio) graduates launched Campus1Housing.com in September 2005. Beginning in 2006, it will serve 40 schools. Notre Dame was one of the original schools involved.

Though the site has been around for almost a year, it won’t be the same for much longer, as 2006 will bring a major overhaul.

“The year 2005 was kind of a test launch for us. We wanted to get the concept out there, get the Web site out there and get feedback from the property managers and, more importantly, the students,” Campus1Housing.com founder and CEO Jake Burns said.

The Web site, based out of Minneapolis, Minn., consists of a five-man team, including a

Web site helps students with housing search

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Firm resistance stalled a resolution meant to increase awareness of faith resources for non-Catholic students at Monday’s Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting.

The two-fold resolution called for a rectors’ workshop in the spring of 2006 and an additional training session for Resident Assistants during their All Hall Staff summer training workshops — both meant to increase awareness of non-Catholic resources.

But the resolution was sent back to the Social Concerns task force after several rectors said the spring requirement was

Hesburgh admitted to hospital, then released

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh suffered a fall last Thursday that left him hospitalized for three days before being released Saturday, University spokesman Matt Storin said Monday.

Storin declined to comment on Hesburgh’s condition while the president emeritus was in the hospital, but said he was released Saturday morning.

Storin and Hesburgh’s assistant Melanie Chapleau both declined comment on the specific nature of the injury Hesburgh sustained. But Chapleau said the

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Opposition stalls faith resolution

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Bracelets aid boy’s family

ND juniors’ project becomes fundraiser

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

In late September, the Notre Dame community was touched by the story of Montana Mazurkiewicz.

The 10-year-old boy died from cancer a few days before the Notre Dame-Washington football game, and Irish football head coach Charlie Weis kept his promise by running the first play at the child’s request.

In the weeks following, three Notre Dame juniors found a way to honor Mazurkiewicz and pass his family through an assignment for their entrepreneur- ship class.

Scott Gealy, Brian Veith and Pat Argenti are selling navy blue rubber bracelets inscribed with “Pass Right to raise money for the Mazurkiewicz family, who receive all proceeds from the sales through a fund overseen by the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union.

“We’ve talked to them, and mostly it’s to help pay for medical and funeral expenses,” Gealy said.

The group thought of selling bracelets before deciding to fundraise for the
INSIDE COLUMN

Classes that should exist

The leaves are gone and football season is drawing to a close. Old Man Winter is having one last drink before he gets started rain- ing our social lives and regis- tration is upon us.

Some of us have already chosen our fate for the next four months, and others are still agonizing over the page-turning glory of "The Hours." I know we’ve all chosen random capricious Hag, but if I could make my dream schedule it would look a little something like this:

Life Skills 10901: Spandolfo

Personally, I would relish in having a keen understanding of the mysteries of hot and cold water washing. I would think that this class should also cover the uses and differences between powder and liquid detergent, fab- ric softeners and heat settings for the dryer. In the second half of this course, we would learn about the intricacies of starch and how to iron delicate items such as ties or costly silk shirts. Naturally, if this course would be a pre-requisite for Home Economics 30901: Advanced Stain Removal.

Physical Education 36100: Spandolfo

Even though there would be a lab fee of $35 for this class, it’s well worth it. Students would learn the basic techniques of sport massage, oriental massage, deep tissue massage and hot oil mas- sage. There would be a mandatory three-to-one girl-to-boy ratio. The final is a two-hour massage.

Social Studies 40820: Spandolfo

Friendship and Dating (Taught at Saint Mary’s College)

This would be considered an experiential learning class. Students would have a different partner to take out every week. The school would pay for dates, of course. The goal here would be to develop an enriched understanding of dating and opposite sex in real world situations.

Naturally, some of the pairings would result in friendship.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THANKSGIVING?

"Eating weights with Lon Record." Dave Leach

"Eating turkey." Jake Hughes

"Going home to the Southern girls." Thomas Rosenberger

"Playing golf in Indiana." June Lee

"Like any good senior, I’m going to be sleeping and eating turkey." Susan Clark

Workers hoisted on cranes decorate a Christmas tree on top of Howard Hall Monday.

PHIL HUDELSON/THIRD OBSERVER

OFFBEAT

Bush drinks mare’s milk, avoids camels

ULAN BATOR, Mongolia — The scene was straight out of a Genghis Khan movie. There were Mongol warriors clad in armor and helmets, armed with swords and mounted on the short, stout horses unique to Mongolia. The warriors hoisted colorful battle flags on spears.

Dancers in colorful costumes and elaborate masks that resembled the heads of animals performed tradi- tional routines. Others banged on gongs or played horn. Cows, camels and grunting yaks roamed nearby.

President Bush, his wife, Laura, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice waded into the scene Monday, a settlement of semi-nude "gors" set up for the occasion in chilly weather just outside the capital city. Bush entered the first of the wood-and-felt homes, made warm by one of the wood-burning stoves that are a staple of Mongolian homes.

He drank fermented mare’s milk — sometimes likened to a mix of warm beer and buttermilk — and nibbled cheese curd, a White House official said. Reporters were kept outside and could not watch.

Inside a second gor, Bush listened as three women in exquisite red and blue-gray gowns performed the tradi- tional Central Asian art of throat singing, a technique that allows the singer to create more than one pitch at the same time.

Walking back to the motorcade for the ride to Air Force One, Bush checked out the camels but stopped short as he approached, say- ing he did not want to be spit on.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Laura H. Greene, professor of physics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, will give a lecture titled "Power Lunch: A Demonstration of Supercon- ductivity" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in 284 Nieuwland Science Hall. Pizza will be served. The event is sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa.

Fabio Bibeau, associate pro- fessor of chemical engineering at Purdue University, will give a lecture titled "A Discussion of Recent Methodologies to Study Interfacial Catal- ysis" at 3:30 p.m. today in 140 DeBartolo Hall.

Alexander Hahs, professor of mathematics at Notre Dame, will give a lecture titled "Galileo and His Science in Images" from 5 p.m. to 6 today in 214 DeBartolo Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the Kane Center for Teaching and Learning.

The Notre Dame men’s base- ball team will take on Hofstra at 7:30 p.m. today in the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame hockey team will play Ohio State at 7:35 p.m. Friday and 7:05 p.m. Saturday. Both games will be in the Joyce Center.

The Vienna Choir Boys, tout- ed as one of the most celebrat- ed children’s choirs in the world, will kick off the holiday season in a 3 p.m. performance on Sunday at the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

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

LOCAL WEATHER

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By KATLYNN RIELY
New Writer

Dr. David Kay informed President Bush in 2004 that Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction.

On Monday night in McKenna Hall, the former director of the Iraq Survey Group gave a lecture titled "Who were the Argentineans planning to use weapons against?" Kay asked. "You lose a soccer game, so you make the Brazilians?"

Kay said the strategy included signing the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and using aggressive intelligence gathering to belittle possession of nuclear weapons programs. Kay said the United States and the Soviet Union told their allies, "We will extend our umbrellas of nuclear power for the price of you not proceeding with nuclear weapons."

The initial U.S. security strategy was to keep people out of the Western Hemisphere, Kay said. "This started to change when the U.S. entered World War I. By the end of World War II, the United States had a different mindset, largely due to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. American policy-makers realized that events in other parts of the world could impact the security of the United States."

The United States changed its new policy to build up "over-matching military power," Kay said. "We want to be sure that no one can rationally conclude that they should attack us."

Kay said the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks reinforced four of a nuclear attack on American soil, a change since the Cold War.

"We have today groups of individuals that can actually contemplate using their weapons," he said.

During the 2004 presidential race, Kay said both President George Bush and former Democratic candidate John Kerry agreed the most important and dangerous national security problem facing the United States was nuclear proliferation.

Kay said the failure of the nation-state system complicates the threat of nuclear weapons today. Hefewein more problems in the Middle East as the failed states of Yemen and Sudan continue to grow.

Kay categories at least 70 to 85 nation-states in the world today as failed states. He predicts Mexico will soon become a failed state, as he sees corruption at every level and believes the United States does not devote suf­ficient resources to reverse the current course of Mexico towards failure.

"We are going to pay the price for that if we're not careful," Kay said.

Kay discussed the need for the United States and the Soviet Union, Mexico, and the Argentineans not to extend the cold war. Kay discussed the need for the United States to conduct a new policy to build up matching military power.

"If big-name concerts continue to be successful, we will have more leverage in attempting to get popular acts in the future," Lund said.

Bush and Flaherty said SUB is working with local police and fire departments to maximize capacity of Stepan Center, the concert's scheduled venue.

"Around the Vincent Vaughn show, Stepan can have 7,000 people seated to buy tickets as soon as possible so we can make sure they get a seat, as tickets are limited," said Flaherty.

"We are not allowed to discount the costs," Lund said. "SUB cannot commit on booking costs for the event."

"We are at the mercy of the artist's schedule," he said.

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HOLIDAY 2005 STUDENT APPRECIATION EVENT

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Student block fence requests, SUB says

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

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Students flock home for Thanksgiving Day
Politics
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newcomers onto the political
club scene.
Recruiting and expanding
Everyone's been through Frosh-0
But College Republican
Front ended up.
During the second week of classes, the group
braved the truly unknown and
upon entering North Dining
Hall, the College Republicans
who thronged through its doors,
left their mark on the university
— this time with a politi
cal twist.
The games, which included an envelope-stuffing contest and
an attempt to capture a Tyrannosaurus Rex, were meant to
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successful project.
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focus on the issues of housing,
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were inspired by his story and

continue to do that,
"Coyle said.
"The bracelets, which cost $3,
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friends in 259.1000

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

AIDS preventive programs pay off

LONDON — HIV infection rates are starting to decrease consistently in some countries for the first time, indicating that prevention programs are finally yielding results, the United Nations said.

However, the AIDS virus continues to expand its reach. An estimated 1.3 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses last year, and 4.9 million more people became infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Kenyan votes for new constitution

Nairobi — Kenyans voted Tuesday whether to approve a new constitution in a referendum officials said went relatively smoothly, despite protests in Nairobi's largest slum and allegations of vote buying.

The ballot was divided along the nation and caused pre-election violence that killed seven people, leading election officials to deploy riot police to various parts of the country for the vote, including Nairobi's sprawling Kibera slum.

The residents angry over the presence of the police chased officers out of the slum and smashed a truck driver they thought was ferrying stuffed ballot boxes. The man suffered minor wounds, but there were no immediate reports of other clashes in the country.

NATIONAL NEWS

'Slain parents' teen was not kidnapped

LONDON — A 14-year-old girl and her 18-year-old boyfriend allegedly killed her parents last week with his own free will, according to documents filed by lawyer James Trendell.

A judge will confirm the killings, saying he will accept the parents after the father told him to stop seeing his daughter.

Chenery slams misleading war critics

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney Monday said it's OK for Congress to debate the war in Iraq, even if it means he doesn't get his way on a key decision, calling such open exchanges "more than just a sign of a healthy political system — it's also something I enjoy.

But minutes later, Cheney changed his tone. One of the most outspoken archconservatives of the war, Cheney accused critics of "corrupt and shameless" revisionism in trying to "bury the truth" that the United States manipulated intelligence and misled the nation in a rush to war. He called such tactics "disloyal and reprehensible.

Chenery's words came a day after Bush appeared to be losing his own attacks on war critics.

LOCAL NEWS

Police officer shot in face, loses eye

INDIANAPOLIS — A police officer shot in the face during a traffic stop by a man with a knife survived Monday. Surgeons operated on the officer and removed the bullet Monday night.

A policeman, 25, was in intensive care Sunday morning at Wishard Memorial Hospital after more than eight hours of surgery, the police department said.

Antonelli was expected to survive the wound. Crowe said the shooting suspect, Keoga K. Wright, 26, remained at large after fleeing on foot from the shooting scene.

FRANCE

School guard dies as unrest simmers

Prime minister pledges more jobs for underprivileged youths; rioting continues

Associated Press

SAINT-DENIS — France's prime minister pledged Monday to find more work for youths from poor suburbs, as a school guard died from a bullet to the head and a high school suffered a fatal heart attack trying to extinguish blaring cars.

The guard collapsed and died southwest of Paris in Trappes, one of about 300 cities where riots went this month by three weeks of rioting, arson attacks and other violence.

The violence has abated but sporadic arson attacks continue. Police say dozens of cars are torched on a typical night in France, besieged suburbs, where frustrations over unemployment and discrimination run high among many youths from immigrant families.

On Sunday, youths in a public housing project in the eastern city of Colmar threw stones at firefighters called to extinguish burning scooters, smashing the windshield of the rescuer's vehicle, regional spokesman Claude Lejeune said.

At a national meeting of job counselors to discuss government strategies for helping minority youths, Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin called it "unacceptable" that minority youths faced job discrimination. But he said that France's economic outlook was improving and the jobless rate declining.

"I am not asking you to see things through rose-tinted glasses, you are too close to the realities, you know too well the difficulties of everyday life, but all these indicators are cause for optimism," he told the audience in the northern Parisian suburb of Saint-Denis.

Villepin's tone was in stark contrast to the sour assessment of Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy, who said Saturday the French social model was "collapsing" — a sign that the unity the two rivals displayed during the crisis was starting to unravel.

The rioting erupted Oct. 27 and peaked early this month, with vandals torching more than 1,400 cars in one night. The government responded by declaring an ongoing state of emergency that remains in place that allows authorities to impose curfews and more easily search homes, among other measures.

Meanwhile, several mosques have been attacked or vandalized in what Muslim leaders fear is an anti-immigrant backlash from the rioting.

On Sunday, authorities discovered racist and anti-Semitic slogans — including one that said "Defend yourself, France" — spray-painted on a mosque being built in Saint-Philippe.

In a separate incident Sunday, attackers armed with two Molotov cocktails damaged a mosque in a low-income area in the eastern town of Fougeres.

French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin speaks to France's national employment agency, Monday, to mark the launch of an employment program for suburban districts.

Police are investigating the mosque attacks and the death of the high school guard. Police spokesman Alain Rahmouni said there were no arrests so far in the man's death.

As part of renewed government efforts to combat the inequalities that lie bare by France's worst riots in four decades, President Jacques Chirac is to meet Tuesday with business and labor leaders and national television executives to discuss hiring young people from poor neighborhoods and airing more programs that reflect France's racial diversity.

MEXICO

Vatican beatifies 13 revolutionaries in stadium

Associated Press

GUADALAJARA — The Vatican on Sunday beatified 13 Mexicans who died during the Mexican Revolution uprising in the late 1920s that was crushed by the Mexican government.

The faithful nearly filled Guadalajara's 60,000-seat soccer stadium here Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins arrived from Rome to oversee the ceremony.

Those without tickets ringed the stadium and listened from the outside. The beatification, the first in Mexico, was being tuned in to radio and television broadcasts in nearby restaurants and shops.

The Portuguese-born Saraiva Martins, who heads the Vatican office overseeing the process for sainthood, called the martyrs "faithful witnesses" to the power of the church.

Sketches of each martyr adorned the field, arranged around a towering cross. Pope Benedict XVI appeared on video screens, reading a message in Spanish from the Vatican.

"They are a permanent example for us," the pope said of the martyrs, "an encouragement to give concrete testimony of our own faith in today's society.

The 1917 constitution that grew out of the Mexican revolution tightened restrictions on the church, banning public masses and religious gabc. It capped a century of setbacks for the church, which had enjoyed a government-imposed monopoly on faith for most of the 380 years following Spain's conquest of Mexico in 1521.

The restrictions sparked the Cristero War of 1926-29, in which tens of thousands died fighting the government. Restrictions on the church have gradually eased, though Mexico did not re-establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican until 1992.

Sunday's ceremony marked the first Mexican beatifications since 2004, when Pope John Paul II beatified Guadalupe Garcia, a Guadalajara native who founded hospitals and a religious order.
Hippie, churchgoer helpers unite

Relief workers hail from different backgrounds but display solidarity

Associated Press

WAILEA, Miss. — Today, a relief worker at this beachside camp has to work hard just to find food, but much-needed comic relief.

"I had someone ask me, you know, 'Hancock County, Mississippi?'" said David Baron, a 25-year-old volunteer from Santa Cruz, Calif., known simply as 'Skipper.'

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Sony BMG faces anti-piracy software lawsuit

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Sony BMG Music Entertainment’s troubles over anti-piracy technology on music CDs deepened Monday as Texas’ attorney general and a California-based digital rights group said they were suing the music company under new state anti-spyware laws.

The Texas lawsuit said the so-called XCP technology that Sony BMG has used to protect music CDs from copying makes it extremely inconvenient to transfer songs into the format used by iPods.

Security researchers say XCP is spyware because it secretly transmits details about what music the PC is playing. Manual attempts to remove the software, which works only on Windows PCs, can disable the PC’s optical drive.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott accused Sony BMG of surreptitiously installing spyware because XCP faxes files that it installs. This "cloak" component can leave computers vulnerable to viruses and other security problems, Abbott said, echoing the findings of computer security researchers.

Sony executives have rejected the description of their technology as spyware. Officials for the New York-based label would not comment Monday, saying the company does not discuss pending litigation.

The Texas spyware law allows the state to recover damages of up to $100,000 in damages for each violation. Abbott said there were thousands of violations, and that any money would go to the state.

The California law under which the EFF was filing its lawsuit bans collecting personally identifiable information through deceptive means and lets consumers can sue for damages.
Censorship is a hate crime

After the infamous moment in which Janet Jackson’s breast was accidentally bared during halftime of the 2004 Super Bowl, the Federal Communications Commission received thousands of complaints. What you may not know, however, is that 98 percent of these complaints came from one organization: the Parents’ Television Council. Effectively, one relatively small group of people decided what was offensive for everyone.

In the United States, the FCC has the authority to levy fines against companies that broadcast material that is below “contemporary community standards,” whatever that means, and the motto of the Parents’ Television Council: “Because our children are watching,” is archetypal of the arguments in favor of large-scale expurgation.

In fact, it is practically impossible to find any valid contention in favor of censorship that does not menace the children.” As noted by Marjorie Heins — director of the Free Expression Policy Project of the National Coalition Against Censorship — this fallacious argument can be traced back to Plato, when tales of the erotic exploits of the gods might “engender luxuries of morals among the young.”

What I never understood, however, was how the FCC has any authority to abolish a First Amendment right that is fundamental to children.

Generally, it is argued that the frequencies of the EM spectrum are “public goods.” This sentiment is shared by most paternalistic politicians and interest groups: we all own the airwaves, so we all have a control interest in what is broadcast. Right?

Actually, in the dictionary of the constitutional property of the United States," public good" does not mean something that is owned by all people. It means something that is owned — and controlled — by the government.

The truth of the matter is, censorship is another way for power-hungry people to grab their share of the authority pie. Interest groups like the Parents’ Television Council lobby the un-elected FCC to levy fines and regulate the speech of free individuals. "Changing the station" or "not buying a television" is somehow not a viable option, but begging the authorities for more control is. America is in a crisis of personal responsibility and, as always, the government is happy to oblige.

Censorship, however, is not merely an abstraction of Washington. Believe it or not. Notre Dame — the abode of free speech that is — is immune from speech suppression. Let me be clear: this University is a private institution and can oppress whomever it wants. But, as you may have discovered, some people actually believe that censorship is a Catholic virtue.

Next semester, right on cue, the right-wing organizations on this campus will begin their annual crusade against "contemporary community standards." As noted by Scott Wagner — president of the NAACP — the campaign of the NAACP recently had some student comedians banned from Legends because of jokes that were too offensive." They did not meet with or consult the comedians, nor did Student Activities or Minority Student Services.

The only difference between the NAACP and the campus anti-Monologue organizations is that the NAACP has succeeded. The comedians banned until next semester.

Too many people seem to believe that somewhere, a right to not be offended exists. Fortunately there is no such right, but to look at the grasping of teeth by religious and racial groups one would never know it. Political correctness and the "think of the children" argument are merely mechanisms for whitewashing the speech of other individuals. Do not be fooled into thinking that censorship must be instigated by a government, however, as Notre Dame has already proven.

If you are offended by a white person using the word "nigga" in a bar full of adults, and you are consequently willing to attack the fundamental rights of that person, you must reconsider the authority you have assigned yourself. The fact of the matter is, you have none, no matter how often you are told.

So even if a woman’s breast could possibly damage children, no one — not even the children — has a right to watch television. Besides, if a nipple piercing is all it takes to destroy the minds of America’s youth, perhaps they should not be watching television in the first place.

Finally, I may not agree with what someone says, but I will always defend his or her right to say it. A central tenet of libertarianism is respecting one’s right to speak out. As Samuel Gompers, the first president of the American Federation of Labor, said in 1925, freedom of speech is "the right to say the things which displease the right to say things, even though they do a wrong."

Has anyone offended you today?

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Quote of the Day

"If you must play, decide upon three things at the start: the rules of the game, the stakes and the quitting time.

Chinese proverb"
Students should spend more time enjoying ‘turkey day’

Sarah Goldfarb
Daily Collegian
Penn State University

Let’s face it, Thanksgiving is an underappreciated holiday. Every year, stores tear down Halloween decorations and replace them with garland, snow and plastic Santas. Blinking turkey string lights and overpriced turkey ornaments are nowhere to be seen. The commercialized world skips this thankful holiday and leaves the gaudy holiday displays and overpriced turkeys behind to the windows.

But the decision over white or dark meat seems to be everyone’s biggest concern on Thanksgiving Day. Although the original holiday was celebrated in honor of religious freedom and thanksgiving to God, now the decision is completely eliminated from the Thanksgiving agenda. The lack of religious understanding makes it hard to thank God for the turkey: Thankgiving offers an all-time high to reflect on family, friends and kindness that you have experienced over the past year, without isolating specific religions.

Religious aside, there’s also the absence of commercialization.

The extent of Thanksgiving decorations consists of kindergarten turkeys and the spurious mural display. It’s hard to find a company that spends an excessive amount of money on Thanksgiving advertising, and I’ve yet to see a man dressed up as a giant turkey while screaming at children to get their pictures taken with him. The lack of commercialization also means there are no items for companies to try and sell us. It is a non-American holiday, no gift-giving or unnecessary material objects.

Thanksgiving is the last day of peace before the mall insanity and wallet empties begin. During Thanksgiving, it’s nice to see your family because you want to enjoy your company, instead of focusing on what’s hiding behind that reindeer-wrapped package.

As you head home for some quality time with your family, you might as well pretend you’re completely done with the semester and able to forget about the finals that patiently await your return. Friends you haven’t seen since you’ve lounched on the beach months earlier are all home and eager to hear about your crazy nights at Sigma Chi. It’s a daylong eating fest complete with a smorgasbord of food. Dining is just not acceptable at Thanksgiving. It doesn’t matter what you’re on a low-carb diet or Jenny Craig. Thanksgiving is to get fat.

Turkey, stuffing, a plethora of pies, gravy boats and 13 different casseroles all contribute to this day of overeating.

When the food is all gone, and after the long day of football and Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade-watching, intense fighting over the wishtine, the trophy from the turkey starts settling, another Thanksgiving has come to an end. And as soon as one is over, the way the leftovers, it is off to school to prepare for the next holiday.

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Break a great opportunity to catch up

This week we face a great challenge: a short week. While some may argue that we should not be forced to work one week, the week of Thanksgiving we some students have miles and time zones to traverse back home with their families in front of a turkey and other sorts of yummy goodies, we are expected to attend nonethe-

So what to make of these three, and in some cases, two days of classes?

As much as possible. With only nine days before finals week, all horne and experimental.

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Surprised by vegetarianism on Thanksgiving

Bobbie Mullins
FNView & Florida Flambeau
Florida State University


In the Thanksgiving production at my house, the role of the bird is played by a spunky understudy named wheat and soy, whose clever moniker has become a standard holiday one-liner on late-night talk shows. No birds will be harmed in the making of my meal.

It was this way, just like millions of other families, we had a turkey on our table 13 years ago. Sadly, but not surprisingly, we were struck by the irony of giving thanks for a bird who really didn’t have a say in the matter. It was caught off guard by the overwhelming urge to get rid of the turkey and never do this again.

Apparently, it is common for animals to arrive at slaughterhouses too weak, sick or injured to move. So common that they have a nickname for them: “downers.” I felt guilty enough to send the group a donation, because the mailings started coming regularly after that. Every time I read about the plight of the tom, I feel a need to do more.

With the season’s over, another for weeks after I couldn’t bear the thought of eating them. Weeks slipped by, and the birds were finally off the menu. Our family meals started to center on vegetables instead of meat. We ate spaghetti with marinara sauce, held the meatballs. We ate bean burritos, corn chowder, curried chickpeas and veggie stew. We tossed zucchini, squash, eggplant and corn-on-the-cob onto the grill. I started experimenting with exotic cuisines and “faux” foods like soy milk and cheese, tofu, veggie burgers and “Noidogs.”

My husband, always thrilled to get a home-cooked meal, gladly gave all of my efforts an enthusiastic thumbs up, even the ones that were a little too experimental.

Before I knew it, a year had gone by. Thanksgiving rolled around. Out of habit, I prepared the same meal I had since the kids were little. All of their favorites — including turkey. It wasn’t until I set the bird on the table that it hit me. I had eaten meat since last Thanksgiving. If I could go a year without meat, why eat it at all?

Now we count our blessings around an all-vegetarian Thanksgiving dinner. Here’s what we’ve learned in the last 13 years: Turkey is good for the body. Physically, yes, but that’s not what we think about on Thanksgiving. We think about how it helps our hearts spiritually. And we give thanks for the privilege of feeling good, on Thanksgiving and always.

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U-Wire
Eden’s ‘Touchdown’

By SEAN SWEATY
Scene Critic

Wake up the echoes. Shake down the thunder. Wipe the dust off the flag. These legendary lines conjure various images for people of all ages: the football fan. Notre Dame fans, however, are different from any other college football fans because to root for Notre Dame means cheering for more than just a football team. “Touchdown Jesus: Faith and Fondam at Notre Dame” ($25, Simon and Schuster, 2005) by 1997 alumnus Scott Eden is a book that explores exactly what it means to be a Notre Dame fan from the perspectives of students, alumni, and the sometimes neither Irish nor Catholic “subway alumni.”

“Touchdown Jesus” underscores this while telling the story of the turbulent 2004 football season and controversial firing of former Irish head football coach Tyrone Willingham three years after his hiring. Eden narrates through the season by introducing the various passions of Notre Dame fans from all walks of life who make us question the ushers to South Bend every fall. Readers witness the passion of these fans that organize cross country trips and set up massive tailgate parties before games. One amazing story of a parishioner getting a Mass with their pastor from the back of an SUV amidst hundreds of other fanatic, beer drinking tailgaters.

Eden devotes much of the book to fondly remembering the intensely dramatic and exciting season of 2004. He tells the story of the perfect football fan and how football is one of the key components to the University experience. The 2004 season was a real chess match and the daily sports section of the Notre Dame student newspaper was the messiest situation than the media reports of the last year. Eden offers a glimpse into the commercialization of the Notre Dame football, Willingham’s alleged unfitness for the job, his contract and Malloy’s influence on the University at the firing of Willingham.

Unlike “All the Kings Men” and the stories and others are certainly captivating since Eden does a great job of depicting the mundane, but the real focus is on the response from the Notre Dame fan base and the trying times of the past decade. Most of the fans in

The ultimate college movie

A lot of us first learned about college not through campus visits but through the magic of cinema. From our first or in some Notre Dame cases, only frat party to the winning football team, changed the life of everyone it touched, our vision of university life has been inspired by the movies. While there is no perfect college movie — there are just too many pieces of the college puzzle for any film to do justice to — there are a lot of good ones. In terms of representation of college life on screen, each movie usually only manages to get one thing right. But if you combined the best parts of every movie, you just might end up with the perfect sports film.

Few films are a less-accurate depiction of the college experience than “All the Kings Men.” This is a badly influential piece of collegiate cinema. It shows the beauty of the campus, the spiritual nature of the school and the intense love of football that the intense love of football that the intense love of football that the intense love of football that the intense love of football that the intense love of football that the intense love of football that the intense love of football that the intense love of football that the intense love of football that the intense love of football. Rudy’s “never say die” attitude that getting into Notre Dame may also become more relevant as it continues to get harder and harder to get accepted. The underdog story at the heart of “Rudy” makes it a favorite among sports fans and Irish aficionados alike, and it probably resembles a fairly accurate look at the “sports” facet of the college experience.

The College Work Load

The tagline of “Old School” is “All of the fun of college, none of the education.” If you’ve ever pulled all-nighter in the library, you’ve probably been a minority. While not in any way a realistic representation of the college academic load, it’s the idea under which a college student plays. It does accurately show how much time and effort some students will devote in order to throw great parties.

Campus Life

It can be argued that there is no greater college movie than “Animal House.” It can also be argued that few films are a less-accurate depiction of university life. Does anyone care? No. We all want to save our fraternity (even girls), party hard, manage grades, graduate unrated and with nothing on our permanent records. Like “Old School,” work is a distant thought in the background of the film, which, along with single-mindedness at a lynch party, is something we all really wouldn’t mind during dreaded finals week.

“Revenge of the Nerds” is another important film for everyone who’s ever been a “mathlete” or debate team member. The movie is as inspiring as any sports film. It shows us that, like “Rudy,” the underdog wins, and they can win with brains instead of

brown, a calculator instead of calculi.

Lectures

Sometimes — okay, most of the time. The viewing of a lecture is not so much that professors are boring but more that there’s always somewhere we’d rather be than in class. Some movies present the same things we learn in class but in a more palatable, glossier format.

The strange and creepy blend of 1980s music, science fiction and giant evil rabbits present in “Donnie Darko” may not seem academic, but pop it in and watch the philosophical debate ensues. Major subjects of philosophical debate, such as fate, Check. Arguments about the nature of free will? Double check. Science-related subjects like wormholes? You’ve got it. Wouldn’t philosophy class be a little more interesting with Jake Gyllenhaal and a man in a rabbit suit thrown in? The movie also gets bonus literary points for a discussion of Graham Greene’s short story, “The Constructors.” And a debate about the lyrical beauty of the phrase “cellar door.”

Another movie alternative to learning through lecture is “Shakespeare in Love,” which takes Shakespeare, adds Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes and removes the real world act of reading. While it’s not exactly like watching various plays of Shakespeare on the stage, it does have enough in “in” jokes about Shakespeare to make every person who has studied English literature feel superior for “getting it.”

The Post-Graduation Blues

We all know that it’s coming. We can deny it, postpone it, but it won’t go away. The end of the undergraduate life.

SSX On Tour

By JOSH TALLEY
Scene Critic

As winter rolls around, people find themselves worrying more about how they’re going to make ends meet and more inside getting cabin fever. But this year, to help get into that winter spirit without actually having to go outside (and to keep us from losing our minds), EA Sports BIG has released another in its line of successful SSX games. This year’s is even slicker, lighter and more aesthetically pleasing.

SSX: On Tour is the fourth game in the highly-acclaimed winter extreme sports series. In the past, gamers have been content with snowboarding to their hearts’ content, but not this year. The addition of skis to the mix of snow sports, as the game play is nearly the same but has new animations for tricks. Even though they are similar, there are slight differences in the way you can control the character. Skiing in the game is slightly more complicated and takes a tiny bit more skill to pull off. It adds a fair amount of replay and the desire to improve, which makes the game fun.

The rock ‘n roll theme doesn’t stop there though. It is infused even into the game’s soundtrack. This time around, the game has a licensed soundtrack full of great new artists. The only problem with this is that they severely underused their soundtrack by constantly playing the same song over and over — instead of mixing as the band does. SSX: On Tour should be played by having only a few that are capable of being played during the menus.

Also new to the series is the creation of customizable characters in order to put a bit of your personality into the game. While there are not too many options when it comes to what the characters look like, with a little imagination and the help of the numerous wardrobe/accessories menus in the game, the gamer can create a unique look to rock ‘n roll down the mountain. Also, the craziness of some of the characters makes the game more fun. Forget buying new boards or skis — buy a pair of U.F.O’s for the character. And the player can unlock all the racers (and some of the lesser ones) by completing single player and finishing missions.

Unlike SSX 3, the open mountain has been removed and replaced with Tour. This one single-player experience takes
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Aldridge finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds. Tucker added 15 points off the inactive bench and scored eight of his 10 points in the second half.

Aldridge then blocked a last-second shot by Gray for a 3 and later drove inside for a three-point play. The loss came to Florida in the semifinals of the event, another one that went down to the wire.

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I would rather keep Patterson on the team than to lose him for another reason, but I have to do what is best for him. As a result, I have had conversations with the team about handling matters."

"Finally, Notre Dame sealed the victory with second- and third-place finishes in the 200-meter butterfly by Carroll and Johnson, respectively.

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Trail Blazers have placed forward Marcus Aldridge on the inactive list after he consulted with coach Nate McMillan during Sunday's loss to the New York Knicks over his lack of playing time. Patterson remains in Portland while the rest of the team is on a six-game road trip. "I do not tolerate any behavior from any player," Aldridge then blocked a last-second layup attempt by Mike Gansey, who led the Mountaineers' (2-1) with 28 points early in the second half, five spots in The Associated Press Top 25.

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**IN BRIEF**

Cablevision offers reject from investors to buy Knicks and Rangers

The Cablevision Systems Corp. rejected a $700 million offer from an investment group last month to buy the New York Knicks and the New York Rangers professional sports teams, a Cablevision spokesman said Monday.

Cablevision, the country's sixth-largest cable operator, confirmed the details of the offer made in a letter dated Oct. 18 by a group led by financier Russell D. Glass, a former executive at Cablevision, billionaire Carl Icahn's investment firm. News of the group's offer was reported earlier Monday night by The Wall Street Journal.

The investment group also offered to discuss an additional bid to buy the teams' venue of Madison Square Garden from Cablevision but did not specify a price, according to Ruthrope, N.Y.-based Cablevision. Icahn was not involved in the bid.

Duke women keep top spot over Tennessee in AP poll

Two convincing victories made the Duke women an even stronger choice at No. 1. Duke increased its lead over Tennessee in The Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday, and New Mexico appeared in the Top 25 for just the third time after handing Texas a rare loss at home.

New Mexico (11-1) moved into at No. 25, North Carolina State, which had been 22nd, dropped out.

Duke opened the season with a 93-67 victory at Penn State, then routed Old Dominion 93-56, also on the road. Coach Gail Goestenkors' team shot a combined 55 against the two tradition-rich teams and held them to 32.5 percent shooting.

The Blue Devils received 23 of 25 first-place votes from a national media panel and had 1,101 points. Tennessee, which beat Stetson 83-33 in its only game, had 18 first-place votes and 1,082 points.

In the preseason poll, Tennessee had a 23-17 edge in first-place votes and trailed Duke by only five points.

**NHL**

Red Wings' Jiir Fischer suffers seizure

Associated Press

DETROIT — Red Wings defenseman Jiir Fischer had a seizure on the Detroit bench late in the first period of Monday night's game against the Nashville Predators and was listed in stable condition at a hospital.

"His heart was stopped," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "They hooked up the auto-defibrillator and shocked him."

Team spokesman John Colucci said Fischer was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital and was stable, breathing on his own and responsive.

"It's our understanding, the reports from the hospital, that he is fine and he will be fine," Babcock said.

Play was stopped with 7:30 left in the period after the Red Wings alerted officials to a problem. Medical personnel worked on the 23-year-old Fischer at the door to the bench for several minutes before he was wheeled back toward the bench and between the boards and tied back to the bench by team personnel.

"It's disturbing to both sides," Predators coach Barry Trotz said. "It was very disturbing to both sides and I think the NHL reorganized it, the players reorganized it. To be quite honest, the game became very secondary. When a friend or a teammate was in danger like Jiir was in, then the decision was made for everybody to reschedule it.

It was not immediately clear whether the game would be played in its entirety or resume from the point of the stoppage.

"Our primary objective is that Jiir is taken care of," Trotz said.

Red Wings forward Brendan Shanahan helped escort Fischer's fiancée, Avery, across the ice to the bench area.

"She was very upset and very concerned. She just wanted to be next to Jiir," Shanahan said.

Fischer was diagnosed with a heart abnormality in September 2002.
NCAA Football

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Paterno and Penn State are in the clubhouse, hoping for Southern California or Texas to tumble away their chances to play for the national championship. The Nittany Lions moved up one spot into third place in the Big Ten standings on Monday, behind the unbeaten Trojans and Longhorns.

Penn State became the first team to lock up a spot in the BCS by winning the Big Ten's automatic bid on Saturday with a 31-22 victory over Michigan State. The Nittany Lions finished the regular season 10-1.

The top two teams in the final BCS standings, which come out Dec. 4, will play in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 4 for the national championship.

With two weeks and numerous big games still to be played, the Nittany Lions can only watch, wait and root for an upset that might get them a trip to Pasadena, Calif.

The Trojans are first in the BCS standings, as they have been for four out of the previous five weeks, but their lead on Texas is tiny. USC has a BCS average of .907 and Texas is at .970, not that it matters. The important thing for USC and Texas is they're way ahead of Penn State and only need to remain undefeated to reach the Rose Bowl.

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Brewster keeps her cool under the spotlight

Senior middle blocker led Notre Dame to Big East title over Louisville in distracting Kentucky atmosphere

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

In the middle of all the weekend commotion of the Big East tournament, senior Irish middle blocker Lauren Brewster stayed focused.

Jim Carey, Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Robin Williams, Billy Crystal, Bootie and a host of other celebrities swamped the Louisville Downtown Marriott, also the hotel at which all the Big East teams stayed, just blocks away from the Kentucky International Convention Center, the site of the volleyball tournament. An up-and-coming hip-hop group, Fefe, jammed in the hotel lobby. Security guards manned every corner of the hotel.

Saturday night was the opening of the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville — a museum tribute to the native Ali and the reason for all the hubbub.

But on Friday night, just after defeating Villanova in the quarterfinals, Brewster sat in the hotel lobby writing a history paper. She'd just helped lead her team to a round-one comeback victory and had a semifinal match the next day. But when she wasn't doing volleyball activities — film, scouting or playing — she was writing her paper or hanging out with the team.

Throughout the weekend, in between volleyball matches, several other players talked about the homework on which they were working.

Some even cut paper chromosomes for genetics projects. With players like Brewster and fellow seniors Meg Henican, Lauren Kelbley, Carolyn Cooper and Kelly Rurrell leading the way, it's easy, they say, to focus — even with stretch limousines and paparazzi lined up outside of their hotel. The Irish say their great concentration is due to the outstanding team chemistry.

“We just pulled together really well.” Henican said, referring to when her team came back from multiple deficits against Louisville to win the Big East Championship.

“We definitely look to each other a lot. Our team chemistry is great. The [team] is great. They [the Cardinals] kept the pressure on us, and we didn't break. We were strong.”

One other reason that contributed to their unbreakable concentration was something unexpected.

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Brown was equally impressed — and thankful.

“I think it was great,” she said. “For them to take 14 hours just to get down here and cheer us on, obviously we have a lot of friends and family of the team here, but just to have some fellow students here to cheer us on and say, ‘We don't care about the football team or anything else, we're going to go down here and cheer them on.' That was awesome.”

Kelbley enjoyed having the students around, even after the matches.

“Having them around the hotel the whole time ... every time we came downstairs, there they were,” she said. “It felt like a constant cheering section with us. It was great to look out there at the matches and know that we had people who were willing to go that far and make that kind of effort to cheer us on. It was great.”

Henican appreciated their efforts throughout the entire season — they attended nearly every home match because Morrisey, as a dorm, sponsors the volleyball team — and especially their work in getting the parents and family friends roped up.

“They're always such good fans,” she said. “They always bring big crowds to all of our games, and it meant a lot to us to have them here. And they did a really good job of getting our little cheering section started and going.”

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Madia said.

The meet was the last of their collegiate careers for four seniors on each team.

"It hasn't sunk in yet. I've been focusing on the race during the day," Madia said of her emotions at the end of her career. "That said, (the emotion) plays a part when you're running. You want to leave it all out there.

"I can't believe how quickly the time's gone. It's been a blessing to be at Notre Dame." Madia said she is leaving the program in good hands.

"I feel very confident leaving the team in the hands of the underclassmen, knowing that they're going to get a lot better," she said. "There's a lot of potential with the underclassmen." Men's head coach Joe Piane said his team, which finished above their national ranking coming into the meet, followed his race plan perfectly.

"It was a wonderful day. The men competed exceptionally well," Piane said. "They did exactly what we wanted them to do, which is go out conservative and then make a charge late. We said the first half of the race was for jockeying for position, and then the race really began." The third-place finish was the best for the Irish men since 1989.

Piane said the team used its disappointing 11th-place finish in 2004 as motivation for this year. "This was our highest finish in years," he said. "The guys have been working pretty hard. They made a commitment after this meet last year to get back here and do well.

"This year's senior and juniors Tim Moore and Kaleb Van Ort earned All-American honors. Moore finished No. 31 with a time of 30:15 and Van Ort finished No. 41 with a time of 30:22.

Fifth-year senior Sean O'Donnell was the fourth runner for the Irish men, placing No. 57, only 13 seconds behind Van Ort.

Freshman Patrick Smyth was the fifth runner for the Irish, finishing strong with a time of 30:58.

"Smyth did a terrific job, especially for a freshman," Piane said. "He must have passed 20 people in the last two kilometers.

Junior Todd Ambrico and senior Vinny Ambrocco rounded out Notre Dame's seven competitors.

For the Irish women, the seventh-place finish came as a slight disappointment after the team came into the meet ranked fourth in the nation.

"If everyone had their best day, I'm sure we would have placed higher," Piane said. "But everyone run their absolute best all at the same time." Madia said.

Madia's fellow All-Americans, senior Molly Huddle and freshman Sunni Olding, earned the distinction for the second straight year. Huddle finished No. 15 overall in 20:13, and Olding took No. 24 with a time of 20:30.

Freshman Ramsey Kavan was fourth for the Irish and No. 29 overall at 20:57.

Senior Elizabeth Webster took the fifth spot for the Irish, running a personal best 21:58 and finishing No. 191. Senior Jean Marinangeli and junior Katie DeRusso were right on Webster's tail, finishing Nos. 202 and 206, respectively.

Several Irish runners from both teams who did not compete made the trip down to cheer on their teammates.

"I totally appreciate my teammates coming down because it's a Monday and they missed class and made sure they got their work done so they could come down and cheer us on," Madia said. "We heard 'Let's go Irish' chants the entire race."

Wisconsin won the men's meet scoring an exceptionally low 37 points and beating second-place Arkansas by 68. Notre Dame was 73 points behind Arkansas at 178.

On the women's side, Stanford took the meet title with 146 points, beating second-place Colorado by 35. The Irish finished with a team total of 252.
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Now a senior, Manning said it was the support of her coach and teammates that convinced her to stay on the team.

"Coach was so supportive, and he gave me so many chances and never really gave up on me," Manning said. "But pretty much it was the team, the reason I stayed. The girls mean so much to me. I can't imagine being at Notre Dame and not a part of the team."

Like her statistics, Manning's emotions could not be further from where they were a little more than a year ago. She is excited for Notre Dame's impending clash with Portland, especially because she will be playing for a national title in her college career.

"It's a tall order," Notre Dame's victory over Yale Friday, Manning said she was hoping for a showdown in her home state.

"I've never played in Oregon," she said. "I've been wanting to the past four years. It would just be great if we could do this in my last few games, and it would be Thanksgiving weekend, so I could be home."

The winner of Friday's game advances to the College Cup in College Station, Texas at the campus of Texas A&M and likely becomes the odds-on favorite to take home the 2005 national championship.

Waldrum said Notre Dame's success this year has been in large part thanks to the team's seniors, and Manning in integral part of the Irish attack.

"She's done a great job for us off the bench," Waldrum said. "Don't skip a beat when she comes in. To get at the NCAs and win, you need players like [Manning] that are going to help you through it.

For Manning, that is the ultimate compliment. She said her goal in games is to maintain the high level of play of the starting Irish trio.

"I just don't want the game to let down when I get on the field, and I just make it my personal goal to keep up that level of play for the starters," Manning said.

She attributes her solid play all year to knowing her role on the field and in practice. Manning has scored all nine of her goals off the bench and has scored 25 points in 690 minutes of playing time this season, averaging 31 minutes of action per game.

"I know my playing time is limited, and I try to have an impact at any level," Manning said. "Whether it's a winning goal or scoring a goal, whatever I can do."

For all her hard work, Manning has developed a devoted cheering section in the stands at Alumni Field. When the forward enters the game, her devoted make sure the rest of the crowd knows that No. 11 is to the game.

"Those are my very loyal friends," she said. They just love to support me. They're my No. 1 fans and keep me going.

"Her enthusiasm correlates with her own, increasing dramatically this season from last. Even though the Irish captured the College Cup title last season in Cary, N.C., Manning wasn't happy. In 2005, the story is different.

"Compared to last year, this is so much different," Manning said. "I'm having so much more fun."

As a senior, soon to play in her final game, Manning said she thinks her difficult second half this year provides a deep perspective from which to look at her career.

"I think because I've had the highest of the highs and the lowest of the lows, I can really appreciate everything," she said.

Notre Dame takes on the Pilots Friday at 7 p.m. PST in Merlo Field in Portland, Ore.

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The Irish know they have a tough task in dethroning the Huskies.

"It's a tall order," Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark said. "But it's definitely possible."

Notre Dame is coming off a 2-0, first-round victory over Western Illinois Friday at Alummi Field, Indiana, who received a bye in the first round, has not played since losing 1-0 to Penn State in the Big Ten Championship on Nov. 13.

The teams met once this year during the regular season, as Indiana defeated the Irish 3-0 at Alummi Field on Oct. 26.

"There's not a lot of secrets," Clark said. "The one thing we do know is they're a very good team. They're the best team we played all year." Clark said his team must not enter the game worrying about the regular season loss or Indiana's past tournament successes.

"If we're going to be intimidated, we aren't going to win," Clark said. "We can't be intimidated by them, [and] I don't think we will be. I think our guys are looking forward to this game."

Clark said he is excited about the game because of the challenge it presents to his team.

"It's a great opportunity for our program to really catapult itself into the realms of being a possible NCAA winner. At this time, many people have pegged Indiana as one of the likely teams to win it. We've got to go down there, and we've got to go and result and we should take over their mantle."

The head coach believes the Irish have the talent to pull off the upset.

"They play well and we perform well, we'll have a very good chance of coming out with something," Clark said. "It could be a great night for the Irish."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles prepare for Manchester and Carthage after split

First-year coach Steve Bender says Saint Mary's is ready for its first home game of season Saturday against Lady Reds

BY TIM KAISER

--Sports Writer

Saint Mary's comes into this week at 1-1 after splitting its first two games at the Hansome Tip-Off Classic last weekend. The Belles fell Friday night against Hansone but were able to overcome the loss and upset Franklin on Saturday.

Saint Mary's head coach Steve Bender felt his team made a great deal of improvement this weekend that has given them the confidence in their first tournament that should help throughout the season.

"I thought we grew up a bit," he said. "We learned a lot from Friday's loss, and it paid off in Saturday's win. We learned that we have to get to the game come as us, not try to create the game, and we learned the importance of teamwork."

This weekend's disappoint­ment and redemption will help them set the tone that has been the difference in this season's first two games.

"It was a great deal of work," Bender said. "It gave us a lot of confidence. We know that if we play hard, we can play with everyone. We have a new mind­set, that's the greatest thing."

The Belles will play Manchester on the road tonight, and then Carthage on Saturday at 2 p.m. in their first home matchup of the season. The team is focusing all its energy into this week this weekend with a big one in Manchester, another 1-1 this season and a prolific off-counter of both the opponents, an area the Belles have not been strong in this season.

"They are 1-1, very athletic, and they have a lot of new players," Bender said of Manchester. "They are a great, great threat, but they're so young, you never know what you'll get. We're working on getting back on defense and rebounding."

When asked what other improvements his team needs to make, Bender sounded optimistic about his team's prospects for this week's games and for the rest of the season.

The biggest improvement is getting used to each other," he said.

"We have a new coach and 11 new players, and we've got to move forward in the right direction. We're good at just about everything, but we have to keep getting better. We've also got great chemistry. In coming as the new coach, I didn't know what to expect, but it's a very tight-knit group."

After the Belles play Manchester, they have their first home game of the season to look forward to.

Bender said his girls are eager for their home opener and acknowledges that playing its first game on the road was tough for the team.

"On Friday, five hours on a bus was difficult, but it forced us to grow up and deal with the road," he said. "The players learned so much, and they played well on Saturday."

After tonight's game, the Belles will have time off for Christmas and will not prac­tice again until Saturday night.

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since Jan. 15, 1995, a 63-52 Notre Dame victory, when Hofstra emerged as the Cinderella team in the America East Conference.

Since, fifth-year coach Tom Pecora has coached the Pride through as many as 11 losses in a season, and recorded last season's 6-6 record, losing in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

Pecora was an assistant coach for seven years under current Villanova and former Hofstra head coach Jay Wright before taking the reigns.

"Tom did a very good job there and has taken the program from Jay's past," Pecora, whose former Delaware squad is also in the CAA. "They were in a place where they were at a high level for a couple of years, but he's kind of retocked and of course, they are in a different conference now.

Hofstra has had some recent success against Big East teams. The Pride just beat St. John's, 78-68 last season, as Brey described. The Irish needed a last-second basket by Thomas 3-pointer to beat the Red Storm.

And Hofstra lost at Syracuse by only five points. Notre Dame lost two games to the Oranges—a nine-point loss on Jan. 10 and a three-point defeat on Feb. 5. "We've got a very tough opponent in Hofstra coming in, a team that may not think it is that good," Irish point guard Chris Quinn said. "But they are very good and very talented."

Notre Dame is coming off a win in its first game, as well, in which the team shot 48.2 percent from the field, 42.9 percent from the 3-point line and 72.4 percent (21-for-29) from the foul line.

"We've got to be ready to go against a very good team, a confident team," Mike Brey, Notre Dame head coach said. "We're fortunate to be ready to go against a very good team."

Notes

Notre Dame sophomore forward Rick Curri was selected to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll following a career-high, 18-point performance in Notre Dame's regular season opener. It was also Kurz's first start of his college career.

"Georgetown's Roy Hibbert earned the conference's player-of-the-week award. Connecticut's Josh Boone, Cincinnati's Eric Hicks, Rutgers' Quino-Douby and South Florida's Solomon Jones were named to the Weekly Honor Roll with Kurz."

Hofstra senior guard Gibrann Washington has left its basketball program, announced coach John's departure as of Sunday, all Irish players including Rick Cornell (ankle) and Kyle McAlarney (spasms) were able to play. Neither Cornell nor McAlarney played against Hofstra.

"We've got to be ready to go against a very good team, a confident team," Brey said.

Hofstra sophomore Antoine Aquino is the former conference rookie of the year and scored a team-high 17 points against Florida International on Saturday. The Pride went to the foul line 48 times in the game.

You can tell where their frame of mind's at," Brey said. "And if we're fortunate enough to get it, it will go in the good win category. Not everybody understands that right now, and our fans wouldn't understand that, that would be like a league win.

Notes

Notre Dame forward Rick Curri takes a shot against Lafayette Sunday. The Irish play Hofstra at home tonight in a 12-assist performance against St. John's in 2003-04.

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NFL

Vikings keep playoff hopes alive with win

Ednger kicks field goal as time expires to give Minnesota 20-17 over Green Bay on Monday Night Football

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Minnesota receiver Randy Moss had the steady hand of Brad Johnson, neither is the Vikings’ season.

For the second time this year, Moss had his moment with a winning field goal against Green Bay as time expired, this time a 27-yarder to give the Vikings a 20-17 victory Monday night and keep their playoff hopes alive.

After struggling mightily on offense since quarterback Daunte Culpepper was lost for the season with a knee injury, the Vikings put together a solid showing behind Johnson’s 196 yards passing and running back Mewelde Moore, who had 122 yards on 22 carries.

The 37-year-old Johnson set up the winning field goal, which Minnesota kicker Paul Bute made, 58-yard drive in the final 3 minutes and 3 seconds after Moss’ fourth touchdown of the day.

Minnesota coach Mike Tice shuffled his offensive line this week hoping to inject some life into the offense that totalled 137 yards in last week’s win against the Giants. He started 330-pounder Jeff Bostic at right guard and Cory Withrow at center. It worked, for the most part.

“We had two fresh offensive linemen in there and we just decided to come out and make plays and sustain,” Moore said, “and that paid off to the offensive line.”

Johnson was sacked five times, fumbling twice, and Minnesota couldn’t muster much offense in the first half. But just like last week — when the Vikings returned a punt, kickoff and interception for touchdowns — they found other ways to score.

With Green Bay driving, Donovan Edwards intercepted Brett Favre’s pass and returned it 51 yards for a touchdown with a little more than a minute left in the first half.

“It was exciting,” Edwards said. “I had a dream actually last night that I would do something big today and it came true. Mike Tice said you need to dream, dream about making plays and that’s what I did last night and it happened for me tonight.”

The play was reviewed after Edwards and intended receiver Andrei Thompson crashed to the ground at the same time. But officials ruled Edwards was not down by contact before he got up and scored.

Favre aimed for the mistake seconds later, hitting Donald Driver for a 53-yard touchdown pass over the receiver. The Packers’ best defensive back Antoine Winfield and online former Packers safety Darren Sharper. Green Bay led 14-7 at the half.

The Packers couldn’t capitalize on Johnson’s fumble early in the third quarter and were forced to punt, pinning the Vikings at their own 12. Minnesota then put together its best drive of the game, aided by two defensive penalties inside the Green Bay 10-yard line.

The second, a pass interference call in the end zone, put the ball at the 1-yard line. Giatrux Fusion plunged into the end zone on his second attempt — Minnesota’s first offensive touchdown in nine quarters.

“Can’t get frustrated,” said Johnson, who was 18-of-30. “Tonight we made the drives when we had to, especially in the second half … you just have to be patient and do what you’ve done in practice.”

Favre finished the game 20-for-33 for 227 yards and two touchdowns.

The win keeps the Vikings (5-5) afloat in its hunt for the postseason, two games behind NFC North leader Chicago 17-31. Meanwhile, the loss puts the Packers (2-8) on the verge of ending an impressive streak — they haven’t had a losing season since Favre took over as the starter in 1992, a run of 13 years that’s best in the league. They have to win out to avoid snapping that run, an unlikely task with Chicago (twice) and Seattle (8-2) left on the schedule.

Favre has worked without a running game much of the season, and Monday night was no different.

Samkon Gado was last week’s feel good story of the NFL after the Nigerian immigrant rushed for 103 yards and scored three touchdowns in the Packers’ win over Atlanta. But the rookie looked like a one-game wonder Monday.

Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre shows frustration during the Packers 20-17 loss to the Minnesota Vikings Monday.
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24 94 "Abo.
25 95 "Abo.
26 96 "Abo.
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JUMBLED

HENRI ARNOLD

ALAN MARGRITON

JUMBLE: JUMBLE

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LOFO

RUZEA

FLIPER

UNCOOP

Answer:

Yesterday's Answer: FORUM GLAND AUTUMN POLISH

BIRTHPLACE: What the barbershop quartet used to perfect their harmony - A "SCOURGEP' PLAN.

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
Goldie Hawn, 60; Ken Griftiths, 36; Trey McAlister, 39; Kelly Jones, 49

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: As much as you try to fit in to a certain format, you will find it difficult to abide by any set rules. So why fight it? Get moving in whatever direction you see fit and take things as they come. You will have positive liaisons through the experiences you have. Your numbers are 5, 2, 29, 31, 33, 34.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Somewhere in the back of your mind, a little voice is telling you to step into the spotlight. It's time to show what you are made of, to challenge whoever gets in your way and to take what's rightfully yours. You will make progress today. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may be in the mood for an adventure, but before you start out, consider the consequences. You are a tad accident-prone and may want to give a little more thought to your capabilities. Better to put your heart into love and romance. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Talks will lead to solutions. You can iron out any business or personal problems. Focus on something you believe in and you'll be able to hold a secure future. Ask questions so you don't risk the chance of loss. 

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Your mind may be on love and romance, but you had better stop thinking about money and making more of it. An instinctive proposal will lead to a contract you won't want to turn down. Get everything signed, sealed and delivered. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You need to have a big winner today. Think of a major victory, perhaps a). You are thinking that everyone is going to buy you a gill or do something special just because you are being overly generous. Put things in perspective. Involve others in things you do to help others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can accomplish a lot if you do things from the direction you see fit and take things as they come. You will learn positive lessons through the experiences you have. Your numbers are 5, 6, 29, 31, 33, 34.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your choices will be noticed and should enable you to make some very important changes. You will outshine someone who is trying to take advantage of you. Friends and relatives will help you. **

SCORPIO (Oet. 23-Nov. 21): Your emotions may get the better of you. Stay calm and do what you can, but don't fight change or let your temper take over. The last time you got things wrong you caused the better, the uglier, GAGGUTTUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Things will go your way this month, so be prepared to accept what you can. Be patient. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of legal, financial or health matters, for in some way you are familiar with. A partner may help you in just the right person to look up with again. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may not be able to trust your own judgment today. Ask questions if you are feeling the least bit confused. Peacocks with authority figures will require that you don't back down. Focus on what you can do to help others. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can expect to receive something very interesting by email, on your cell phone or the phone. Someone from your past will influence you favorably. A change is apparent and will happen as soon as you initiate it. **

BIRTHDAY Baby: You are adaptable, impulsive and extremely active. You like to do things in a big and dramatic way. You are sensitive and very aware of what's going on around you.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Finishing strong

Both Notre Dame teams place in top ten at NCAA meet

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

In the biggest race of the year, the top runners on both Notre Dame cross country teams came up with some of their best performances.

The No. 1 Irish men finished third, and the No. 4 women finished seventh at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

Senior All-American Stephanie Madia finished third in the women’s race with a six-kilometer time of 19:49, while Kurt Benninger led the men’s team with an eighth place finish and an eight-kilometer time of 29:51.

“I was just basically that the race played out really well for someone who runs like me,” Madia said. “The pack definitely strung out after we got through 3-K, I found myself in the front five or six of us out in front. Individuals were passing each other all the way through the shoot.”

Madia was in fifth place with 400 meters remaining in the race but passed two runners in the race’s final stretch to earn a place on the podium.

“The girl who won the race, Johanna Nilsson from Northern Arizona, went out strong at the 4-K mark, trying to make her move, but I was able to hang in there, and then I felt good enough to kick it in at the end.”

In 22 games this season, she has more than doubled her career goal, assist and point totals. She has scored nine goals and added seven assists while starting only two games for the Irish. In 2004, she totaled just two goals and one assist in 13 games. Her career stats heading into the 2005 campaign were seven goals and five assists for 19 points.

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Rejuvenated Manning sets new standards

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Maggie Manning was ready to quit.

Even as the Irish were on route to their second national championship in 10 years, Manning was unhappy, unenthused and under-performing.

A cycle of limited playing time, low point totals and a lack of enjoyment of the game made Manning contemplate leaving the team.

“To be honest, I was really unhappy last year,” she said. “It carried over into my play very obviously.”

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum saw that and sat down with the forward from Lake Forest, Ill., to convince her to stay with the program.

“She’s a great example of a student-athlete,” Waldrum said. “She was very good for us her first two years, and we saw a ton of potential in her. And then her junior year, she got to the point last year where the game wasn’t really fun for her. She really struggled getting through the season.”

A year after nearly giving up on soccer, Manning is setting a new standard for Irish reserves and preparing to travel home from Terre Haute.

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In 2006, she has more than doubled her career goal, assist and point totals. She has scored nine goals and added seven assists while starting only two games for the Irish.

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By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Indiana has not lost an NCAA Tournament game since falling 1-0 to UCLA in the third round of the 2002 tournament.

Notre Dame will try to end that streak today.

The Irish will travel to Bloomington this afternoon to take on the two-time defending national champions in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at 7 p.m.

Irish (13-2-0) enters the game as the tournament’s third seed and one of the most talented teams in the country.

The Hoosiers have three players — junior forward Jacob Peterson, senior midfielder Brian Plotkin and junior defender Jed Zayner — named to the list of 15 semifinalists for the Hermann Trophy, an award given each year to the top player in collegiate soccer.

Peterson and Plotkin are tied for the Big Ten Conference lead for points with 26 apiece. Zayner anchors a Hoosier defense that ranks No. 11 nationally with a 0.62 goals against average.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Hofstra will give team Big East style contest

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame wasn’t planning on playing a Big East team until January.

Though the Irish do not compete in-conference until Jan. 4 against Pittsburgh, Hofstra — from the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) — will give them the look and feel of a Big East opponent tonight at 7:30 in the Joyce Center.

“I told our guys — we didn’t talk much about Lafayette — this is a Big East game,” Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said after Sunday’s 84-66 win over the Leopards.

“Hofstra could be the Bucknell or Vermont … this year. They went 21 games last season, they’ve got some guys on the perimeter who are confident, and they called us for the game.”

Hofstra (1-0) beat Florida International 64-51 on Saturday in its home- and season-opening game.

The Irish (1-0) and Pride have not played....