Police eject season-high 48 people

Alcohol-related offenses prompt action at game

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Ejections spiked at the seniors' last home football game Saturday, as police forced 48 people to leave the stadium for intoxication or alcohol-related offenses, officials said.

"Unfortunately, a number of people — more than in past games — drank alcohol to the point of intoxication and were either not admitted to the stadium or ejected from it. Some were arrested," said Phil Johnson, associate director of Notre Dame Security/Police. "These people let alcohol and intoxication get in the way of their safety and their fun — and it prevented them from enjoying a great football game."

Though the number of ejections is the highest this season, it is far less than the 181 ejections police made at last year's final home football game.

Johnson said that since this was the last game of the season, officers were particularly concerned about the "safety of those whose celebration of the day included consumption of alcohol."

Twenty-eight arrest tickets were issued to adults for violations of liquor laws, Johnson said. Ten people were also denied entry to the stadium for intoxication and were released to "a responsible adult."

Three people were arrested at the stadium for public intoxication, Johnson said.

Despite the noticeable increase in alcohol-related offenses, Johnson said that since this was the highest this season, it is far less than the 181 ejections police made at last year's final home football game.

"The Office of the Vice President for Research will focus on helping to create and implement a strategy that will strengthen the research efforts at Notre Dame," Burish said.

The new vice president will work with various offices, deans and department chairs to strengthen the support of research programs at the University, he said.

"We are looking for a person who, himself or herself, has a research record, who is an accomplished scholar," Burish said.

"The person who is picked to fill this position will be someone who can work well with the faculty, who is willing to work toward ambitious goals and who has an appreciation for the many areas of the University that can reach toward this ambitious goal," Burish said.

Burish said that an ad hoc committee on graduate studies and research in November 2005 had recommended the best way to organize the offices that oversee graduate studies and research, in a letter to Frank Incropera, dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science.

Campus empties as Thanksgiving nears

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

During a much-needed academic respite this Thanksgiving, Notre Dame students are offering gratitude for family, friends, food and two-and-a-half inch television screens.

"I would say I've never needed a break more," said sophomore Nicholas Krienke. "It's just the daily grind, I guess. I'm feeling it more than ever."

"Morrissey sophomore Andrew Parnell was sneaking out early, walking to catch the shuttle to Chicago's O'Hare airport Monday afternoon. He was planning to fly to Washington D.C. where his two older brothers have recently purchased a home, then carpool with them back to their hometown of Rockville, Md., on Thursday — where big plans await them.

"Thanksgiving Day begins bright and early at the Parell home, with the family running the annual 5K Rockville Turkey Chase. Back at home, Parnell said, he and his three siblings will help their mom cook before the relatives arrive in the early afternoon. Playing a football game or two in the backyard, plus watching one on TV, is in order, he said.

"The extended family comes to our house for Thanksgiving because it's our holiday," Parnell said. "We're really family-oriented: I love Thanksgiving."

And for the students lucky enough to have scored tickets to Notre Dame's biggest game of the season, they head to the stadium on Thursday.

"We're going to have fun, We're going to give our team the edge," said senior drum major Brad Fleming.

The band will fly out at 8 a.m.
Inside Column

Did you know?

Since Thanksgiving break is soon upon us, I decided to do a little research into the history and origin of this famous holiday. I was interested in seeing what the pilgrims ate at their first feast, where it was held and other facts of this nature.

In the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the Fourth Sunday in November. It was originally held for three days in 1621 in Plymouth, Mass. It is known as Harvest Festival in the United Kingdom and is celebrated at the end of the Harvest Festival but is not as well celebrated as Christmas or Easter.

It did not become an actual holiday until 1863. Abraham Lincoln was the president who decided that Thanksgiving should fall on the last Thursday of the month. But Dwight D. Eisenhower moved the holiday to the first to last Thursday of the month in an effort to create a longer shopping season for Christmas.

In terms of food, the pilgrims were not consuming the modern dishes we do today such as turkey, corn and beans. They did eat venison and wild food. They also did not use forks to eat their food — rather they used spoons, knives and fingers.

Regarding the use of salt and pepper:

- Salt would be available on the table but pepper would be used solely in cooking.
- Unfortunately, the pilgrims did not have an oven to bake it in because the small supply of sugar they had rolled around. They also did not have an oven to bake it in if they did have the necessary ingredients.

In regards to modern Thanksgiving in 2005, the six states that produce the most amounts of turkeys were Minnesota, North Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia, Missouri and California. Approximately 90 percent of Americans consume turkey on Thanksgiving and only 30 percent eat it on Christmas.

Ham and pasta are popular alternatives to the traditional Thanksgiving feast.

Compared to the early Thanksgiving, adults are generally also served first while children eat second and are often asked to help see how it evolved and became what it is today. Students will be traveling to all states till Christmas.

At 8 p.m. today in the Reyes Organ and Choral Performing Arts Center, the department of music will honor its patron saint Cecilia on her feast day with a concert of sacred music. Notre Dame faculty and students will perform a program featuring Gregorian chant as well as the works of Henry Purcell and Lou Harrison.

The "Quantum Gravity" colloquium, scheduled to take place Wednesday and feature Dr. Lee Smolin of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in Ontario, Canada, has been postponed until Jan. 17, 2007.

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ND club welcomes fans

Alumni Association aids students traveling to USC

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Irish fans will be in Trojan territory for Saturday’s football game against USC, and the Notre Dame Club of Orange County (NDCOC) has big plans to welcome them — including a VIP-packed pep rally and even a Thanksgiving feast.

“We’ve got people coming in for the game from across the nation as early as (Monday). ... Even though there are fewer tickets, the excitement generated by the game (has caused) some people to come out even without tickets,” said Tony Roberts, president of NDCOC.

Even if fans aren’t able to snag tickets for the game, the NDCOC has activities planned for the entire game weekend. High anticipation for the match-up prompted club members to be “more creative” with their programming, Roberts said.

The club made arrangements with the Anaheim Marriott to have a Thanksgiving meal available for fans who will be arriving before Thursday, and on Friday they will host a pep rally at the hotel. Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown will speak at the rally, and former Notre Dame football players such as Derrick Maye, Rick DiBiase, and Tony Golderath, Brock Williams and Shane Walton are expected to make an appearance. Alumni Association Director Chuck Lennon will be the emcee and Roberts expects between 800 and 1,000 people to attend the pep rally.

On Sunday morning, the Club of Orange County will host a Communion Breakfast with Charlie Fox, and the event, Roberts said, already has more than 700 confirmed guests.

NDCOC will provide charter buses from the Anaheim Marriott to the Coliseum. Roberts said the Notre Dame Alumni Association has been essential in helping the NDCOC plan many of the events for the game week-end.

“Coordination is critical... The Alumni Association has done great things to help us get guest speakers,” Tony Roberts, NDCOC president said.

The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore will also be setting up shop at USC for eager fans who want to purchase Notre Dame merchandise. Manager Kathy McIown said bookstore products are usually sold at about three for $30, which gives them an advantage over brick-and-mortar bookstores.

“The Last of the Line - Tailgating with Notre Dame" by Tony Roberts is available for a $25 donation and being sold at the book store.

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Students can use new online service to secure bowl tickets

By JEN METZ
News Writer

As winter begins to fall on Notre Dame’s campus, many Irish fans are dreaming of heading to warmer climates — New Orleans, Miami, Pasadena or Phoenix, to be exact.

Those cities play host to the BCS Bowl games, and as of now, Notre Dame’s chances of playing in one of them are high. Through TicketReserve, students can act now to make sure they’re at the game to cheer on the team — and enjoy the weather.

“The TicketReserve is a revolutionary and fun idea that allows the average fan admission to huge sporting events at affordable prices,” said Liz Flannery of Clutch Media and Marketing in Harrison, NY.

According to Clutch Media’s press release for TicketReserve, “The Allstate Sugar Bowl, Fed-Ex Orange Bowl, Rose Bowl and Tostitos Fiesta Bowl have always been among the toughest post-season tickets in sports.”

“Our main goal is for fans to see their teams,” said Andy Leach, CEO of TicketReserve.

With the TicketReserve service, students can reserve tickets by purchasing a FanForward pass. The game ticket is listed as “TOB” and the estimated price range of $95-220 on the TicketReserve Web site, www.ticketreserve.com.

A maximum of eight FanForward passes can be purchased per team per household. No specific seating assignment is given to FanForward pass holders, but reserved seats will be located next to each other in the “seating zone” listed on the FanForward pass.

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"Either my message wasn't clear enough about the importance of this information [to students]. This is where I think I'm failing right now," Johnson said. But there's a chance that the Res Hall pool closure could bring more diversity to the student body, according to Cross. She also said that she wants to see more diversity in the program. She said that she wants to see more information about the diversity events that are coming up.

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Iraq

Syrian-Iraqi relations to resume

Officials see restating diplomatic ties as movement towards slowing violence

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — After nearly a quarter-century of severed ties, Syria said Monday it will resume diplomatic relations with neighboring Iraq as a possible step toward stemming the growing violence, which claimed another 100 lives.

The Syrian president also received invitations from Iraqi President Jalal Talabani's spokesman to return to Damascus for a meeting with the Sunni insurgents.

"We object to any neighboring country that allows itself to be a base or a transit point for the terrorist groups that harm Iraq," said Ali-Maliki, the Iraqi Prime Minister.

Al-Maliki told Moadlem that Damascus should not let its disputes with the United States be played out in Iraq. "We are the一个多血和blooedshed has become "a danger that threatens all, not Iraq only."

Asked about the Syrian's visit, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem, who is visiting Damascus for the first time in weeks, said his visit was a "natural step that is part of our relations with Iraq".

Syria broke diplomatic ties with Iraq in 1982, accusing Iraq of inviting Iraqi fighters and al-Qaida from across the border into Iraq, and, again, to back up the positive words that they have with some real concrete steps," Casey said.

Muallem arrived in Iraq on Sunday on his first such high-level visit to a Syrian official since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003. He was expected to return to Damascus on Tuesday.

"Diplomatic relations will be restored between the two countries during the visit," noted the Syrian government spokesman.

Syria has been the target of U.S. military action and has been involved in the Iraq war. Syria's ties with Iraq were cut off in 2006 following a border attack on Syrian troops.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, right, meets with Syria's Foreign Minister Walid Muallem in Baghdad Monday. Iraq has said the two nations will resume diplomatic ties.

Iraqi soldiers check a vehicle in Baghdad Monday, following the announcement of a resumption of diplomatic relations between the two nations.

A U.S. soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad on Saturday night and a U.S. Marine died during combat in Anbar province on Sunday, the military said, raising to at least 2,865 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the beginning of the Iraq war.

In Baghdad, Sunni leaders have called for a vest majority of U.S. deaths in Iraq.

Murdoch cancels Simpson's book

NEW YORK — Rupert Murdoch has canceled O.J. Simpson's book "I Did It," in a uneventful end to an imaginary confession that had sparked the public as the very worst kind of tabloid sensation.

Rupert Murdoch, whose News Corp. owns Fox Broadcasting and publishing firm HarperCollins, said the book "deals with some of the darkest days of O.J. Simpson's life."

"I think News Corp. finally stopped up, admitted they made a mistake and did the right thing," said Jonathan Polak, the lawyer for Fred Goldman, Ron's father. "This is everything we have been asking News Corp. to do for the past two weeks. We want to thank the American people for helping make this happen."

Simpson's attorney, Yale Galanter, told The Associated Press: "We had known for three or four days that this was a possibility."

Galanter said he did not know whether the deal between Simpson and News Corp. was contingent on a TV interview being shown or a book arriving in stores.

"There are only three possible reactions: anger, happiness or indifference. He's totally indifferent about the fact that it's been canceled," said Galanter, who added that he didn't know if Simpson was paid upfront.

Any hopes of commercial reward were quickly overwhelmed by near universal revulsion to last week's announcement — from those who knew Goldman and Brown, from booksellers and advertisers, even from Fox News Channel personality Bill O'Reilly.
WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is preparing to announce early Monday on signs that Iraq and Syria were taking a more active diplomatic role in Iraq, even as debate in the U.S. centered on how many troops to keep in the war.

Just days after reports that U.S. officials have targeted Syria for a broader role for Iraq and Syria, Iraqi lawmakers said Iranian leaders had invited the Iraqis and Syrian presidents for a weekend summit.

A Syrian official said Wednesday that while strong relations between the three countries were established, they had maintained a louden rather than words.

In the past, said deputy spokesman Tom Casey, "while there have been positive statements from the Iranian government about wishing to play a positive role, those statements haven't been backed up by actions.

He offered a similar assessment of Syria, saying the problem "is not what they say, the problem is what they do." What would we like to see the Syrians do is take actions to, among other things, prevent foreign fighters from coming across the border into Iraq.

At the same time, there have been indications that a special U.S. advisory commission is considering recommendations that could include a broader role in the region by Syria and Iran. The Iraq Study Group, led by Bush family friend and former Secretary of State James Baker and former Rep. Lee Hamilton, is expected to issue its report soon.

But members of the commission have expressed concern that working with Iraq and Syria could require America "to enter into a de facto partnership with," with possible trade-offs, said the official, who requested anonymity because the group's discussions have not been made public.

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter said Monday that the U.S. needs to push more Iraqi security forces to the front lines. Other Americans, including some military officials, have suggested boosting U.S. troop levels to help train the Iraqis.

President Bush said Monday he was ready to decide between the rival calls for more or fewer U.S. troops on the ground.

Referencing to the Iraqi security forces, Hunter told The Associated Press, "We need to saddle those up and deploy them to the fight indesktop areas primarily in Baghdad.

Former California Republican who is interested in his party's 2008 presidential nomination, took a different tack from Sen. John McCain, a Front-running 2008 hopeful who has urged that additional U.S. troops be sent.

Ace has asked about 150 military members, largely civilians who have recently served in the Gulf region, to look at what is going right or wrong in the war and to discuss options for progress. The group is not expected to submit a report, but Peace will use any thoughts and advice coming out of the review to help develop his own recommendations for the defense secretary and the president.

Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell, a military spokesman in Iraq, said Monday that adding more U.S. forces would "achieve a short-term goal, but it's not going to achieve a long-term effect. The key to this thing is we have got to make sure Iraqi security forces are able to operate in an independent manner, on their own."
Platinum skyscrapers as supply tightens

NEW YORK — Platinum futures soared Monday on developing supply tightness, options-related activity, and fund and speculative buying.

The January contract settled up $42.20 at $1,254.30 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"The normal demand for platinum usage in catalytic converters and electronics has been supportive for the market," said Jim Quinn, commod¬ity floor analyst with A.G. Edwards. "There has been a steady influx of demand. And supply is rather tight, relative to demand."

"Just this week, the physical distributor Johnson Matthey issued a report estimating that the plat¬inum demand this year could have a small supply deficit of 20,000 ounces in 2006."

Demand for auto catalysis was forecast to rise 15 percent this year, Johnson Matthey said, in large part due to rising market share for diesel¬ powered vehicles, which require platinum rather than less-expensive palladium, in addition to tightening emissions standards around the world.

EU proposes ban to sale of cat, dog fur

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union proposed a ban Monday on the sale and import of dog and cat fur in all 25 member nations, other items on sale in Europe.

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Some other vehicles, including nine Toyota Motor Corp. models, would have made the list if they had sta¬bility control, the institute said.

Publishing a list of the safest vehicles would help consumers make better decisions, the institute said.

"In this undated photo provided by Honda, the 2007 Honda CR-V is shown. Foreign brands dominated this year's safest vehicle list but put out by the insurance industry."

Associated Press

DETROIT — Imported models took all 13 spots on the U.S. insurance industry's list of safest vehicles this year, due mainly to a new requirement that all cars and sport utilities on the list have systems to keep them stable in an emergency.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety isn't bashful about its reasons for push¬ing electronic stability con¬trol, saying that cars show up to 10,000 fatal crashes per year could be prevented if every vehicle had the safety feature.

"The research is so compelling that electronic stabili¬ty control could help pre¬ vent many crashes from happening in the first place," institute spokesman Lues Baider said.

Winners for the 2007 model year included the Audi A4, A4-S 3.2 and Subaru Legacy (with optional stability control) for midsize cars; the Hyundai Elantra Touring and Kia Sedona minivans; the Honda CR-V and Volvo XC90 sport utility vehicles; the Acura RX, Honda Pilot and Subaru B9 Tribeca midsize SUVs; and the Honda CR-V and Subaru Forester small SUVs.

All 13 vehicles are tops in protecting people in front, side and rear crash tests based on institute tests dur¬ing the year. Pickup trucks were not included because the institute has not test¬ed their side crashworthi¬ness.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Admin¬istration has proposed requir¬ing electronic stability con¬trol on all new vehicles by the 2012 model year, while the institute President Adrian Lund said that's not soon enough.

"We think that they are too slow," said Lund. "Automakers will probably have it as standard equip¬ment by the time the federal standards actually take full effect."

Domestic manufacturers had no models on the list of safest vehicles because they haven't moved quickly enough to add enough stability control to their models, Lund said in a telephone inter¬view.

For instance, Ford Motor Co. would have had three cars — the Ford Freestyle crossover and the Mercury Montego and Ford 500 sedans — make the list if they had stability control, the institute said. The 500 and the Montego earned top safety picks last year.

"We're moving in the same direction as the insti¬tute," he said.

Ford has said previously that it would put stability control on its entire lineup by the end of 2009.

General Motors Corp. said nearly two years ago that it would make the technology standard in all vehicles by 2010, including all SUVs and some full-size pickups in the 2007 model year.

Toyota has said stability control would be a standard feature across all its models by 2009.

DaimlerChrysler AG said it will have the technology on 54 percent of its vehicles in this model year and will meet the federal govern¬ment's timetable for the rest.

All 2007 SUVs, pickups and minivans produced by Honda Motor Co. carry the technology, while Hyundai Motor Co. said it is standard equipment on 70 percent of its 2007 vehicles.

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No domestic on safest vehicle list

New requirements keep imports atop U.S. insurance industry's rankings

The proposed EU-wide ban will serve to bring clear guidelines for all member nations. Kyprinou said, adding that he expected it to pass quickly.
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Stem-cell research: a moral endeavor?

I am strongly pro-life. I am against abortion, in most cases, and I believe that our laws should reflect what is morally right. But I’m having a problem with the issue of stem-cell research. Conventional wisdom says that it’s inconsistent to be both pro-life and pro-stem-cell research. I used to agree with that wholeheartedly. But maybe my expectations are just too high.

Two months ago, I finished chemotherapy for testicular cancer. Thankfully, I can call myself a survivor; however, many people aren’t as lucky. Each day I spent in the oncology ward of the hospital, receiving that venomous chemo, I met people who had it much worse than I. This is reality: they were young, Old, young, black, white, male, female — it didn’t matter. I gazed into their vacant, pale and numb faces, as they coped with impending malevolence and the threat of death. I huddled around their bedside, holding trembling hands, holding back the tears, trying to comfort them. I realized that there are many people who could be aided by stem cell developments. People could be saved, lives could be extended. It’s morally right.

These types of diseases destroy lives. And it made me sick, deep in my soul. It made me angry, too. “We have got to fix this.” I said to myself. The greatest country in the world — we have got to work on this! Many scientists and researchers believe that embryonic stem cells present the possibility of curing several debilitating diseases, such as Parkinson’s, diabetes, Alzheimer’s and cancer. Only time will tell if they are right. But should we give scientists the opportunity to, at the very least, see what they can do? I’m not talking about cloning or other wild, science-fiction possibilities. I’m talking about sound, reasonable stem-cell research legislation. So here are my dilemmas: Is it possible to be both pro-life and pro-stem-cell research? I’m not talking about cloning or other wild, science-fiction possibilities. I’m talking about sound, reasonable stem-cell research legislation. So here are my dilemmas: Is it possible to be both pro-life and pro-stem-cell research?

Stem-cell research facilitates life,” Senator Orrin Hatch says. “Abortion destroys lives; this is about saving lives.” Also, supporters claim that there is a moral difference between a fertilized egg in a petri dish or test tube and a fertilized egg in a uterus. If the embryos are about to be discarded at a fertility clinic anyway, why should we abandon them when we could be curing deadly diseases? But on the other hand, is there really a moral difference between a fertilized egg in a petri dish or test tube and a fertilized egg in a uterus? If the embryos are about to be discarded at a fertility clinic anyway, why should we abandon them when we could be curing deadly diseases?

Combining religion and science in education

In 1957, the Russians launched Sputnik into space, sparking a fierce space race that pushed the United States towards further scientific development and advancement. Unfortunately, this effort has lost momentum throughout the past few decades. This is evident in our math and science scores, resulting in our country being ranked below average on various international tests.

Who ranks first you ask? Japan and Singapore, in both math and science, are the high scorers throughout all grade levels. There are various reasons that can explain the decline in mathematics skills in America, including an overall lack of ambition in the States to adhere to the strict discipline forced on East Asian students. However, instead of trying to concern ourselves with the discipline level in our schools, I think we should focus on the status of religion that has it in our society.

Like in many cultures, religion in America has a large effect on many aspects of life. Encouraged by the family, it instills many of the values and morals that people will exercise with all their lives. However, it seems that religious fervor in America is decreasing along with our math/science skills, something that is easily forgotten in such a spiritual atmosphere as Notre Dame. This is evident in the slipping church attendance rates, which are less than a percent of the population attending weekly. Many have noted that those who do claim to go to church just do so on religious holidays. This is unacceptable, especially when one considers what a strong faith can contribute to one’s education.

We can no longer consider religion and science as being mutually exclusive. In fact, we must recognize that they support each other, as Pope John Paul II said, “like two wings on which the human spirit rises to contemplation of the truth.” The intellect is the most godlike aspect of humanity and one that hones God through the vigorous exercise of the mind. One must study the book of scripture, but also the book of nature, as God’s plan is evident in both of these resources. Faith reveals the questions in which we look to reason for the answers. Therefore, in strengthening one’s faith, one will also be more motivated to inquire into the wonderful world that God has made.

For this reason, I am proud to be a student here at Notre Dame, “a place,” as University President Father John Jenkins would say, “of higher learning that plays host to world-chang­ing teaching and research, but where technical knowledge does not outrun moral wisdom.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legal Aid Clinic exists to help the poor

It was with great interest that I read The Observer’s story (“Students discuss leg­islatures,” Nov. 16) on a “preventative lawyering for immigration review” at the Notre Dame legal aid clinic for Notre Dame undergraduates living off-cam­pus. And while I’m certain the experi­ence provided an excellent research opportunity for the law students involved, I find the enterprise incredibly dis­appointing.

I was a student intern at the Notre Dame Immigration Clinic during my third year of law school — a law school institution that ground to a halt this year due in some part to administrative exigencies and in large part to a palpable lack of support from the law school administration. The immigration clinic served over 200 members of the South Bend immigrant community, most of them refugees, by providing the unfettered persecution to come here to the United States, usually because they could not afford legal services for the most vulner­able members of our society. And so I am shocked and a little embarrassed that the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic, an institution whose stated purpose is to provide “legal services to local resi­dents who cannot afford private prac­titioners,” is using its resources (which are apparently so limited that it cannot do immigration work) to help Notre Dame undergrads get out of tickets for underage con­sumption and disturbing the peace. Don’t get me wrong — I know that not every single Notre Dame student is wealthy. As an Assistant Rector, I became keenly aware of the sometimes extraordinary economic disparities among Notre Dame students. But I know that too over 60 percent of Notre Dame students come from families with a household income exceeding 100,000 dollars a year — hardly the kind of “local residents” the Clinic professes to exist to serve. When I was an AR, I heard some students complain about the paucity of dorm rules and how often they broke them for the seemingly unfettered liberty of off­campus life, where they could finally be “treated like grown-ups.”

Unfortunately, when it comes time to take adult responsibility for their own actions, this same group of students ask the University to provide them with free legal services. Perhaps I’m naive to think that parents who agree to pay off-campus rent are willing to retain attorneys for their student tenants when they throw parties that break the law, but I was, of course, The Man myself.

Despite my apparently antiquated notions of the responsibilities of adult­hood, I know that the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic does not exist for the defense of Notre Dame undergraduates fighting for their right to party. It exists to provide Notre Dame law students with practical legal training while serv­ing the needs of the poor. The Clinic plays an integral role in the University’s relationship with the South Bend community, and it should contin­ue to devote its attention and resources to serving its mission, not facilitating off-campus ragers thrown by students who by and large have access to paid representation. And if the Clinic has such a glut of resources that it can afford these “extracurricular” activi­ties, it is shameful that the law school administration hasn’t taken more con­crete steps to reopen the immigration Clinic. But maybe my expectations are just too high.

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My Chemical Romance fails to lead ‘Parade’

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When did it become fashionable for Goth to blend with a Napoleonic, costumed outfit pulled out of the attic for Sgt. Pepper? This seems to be the case with My Chemical Romance’s latest release, “Welcome to the Black Parade.” With an overly skeletal makeup style and a musical taste that simply doesn’t match, My Chemical Romance has unsuccessfully gone the emo-rock route of break-ups, gender bending and pretentiousness. While the music is catchy at points, on the whole it’s too pop-like to take this band at face value.

Opening his two tracks that are basically one (and ironically the best of the album), My Chemical Romance yearns to look like Green Day and sound like Alkaline Trio with a similar emo-goth style. However, the band lacks both the staying power of Green Day and the testicular fortitude to write the gut-wrenching lyrics that have come to define Alkaline Trio, the self-proclaimed heirs to “emo emo.”

Particularly, this is shown in the lyrics of the first track, when lead singer Gerard Way says, “Now come one and all to this vague affair! Wipe off that makeup, or who the hell is despair.” The album isn’t tragic — the high production values are too glossy, and the backup vocals could have been drawn from any corporate library of sounds. What can be made, then, of the band’s makeup? The androgynous nature of emo-punk has been part of a growing trend. For example, AFI’s frontman, Davey Havok, started wearing makeup years ago. However, Havok’s music had the lyrical pretension that My Chemical Romance lacks.

“My Chemical Romance is spouting the same old lyrics of their first album while trying to imitate an image of seriousness and doom. One has to ask if they are actually asking a particular girl to take off her makeup, or if they are directed towards any musician among the spate of emo-punk bands with mylriel, black uniforms, and black uniforms.

Recommended tracks: ‘I Don’t Love You,’ ‘Mama’

CD REVIEW

‘Da Vinci Code’ stirs little controversy or interest

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Dan Brown’s novel “The Da Vinci Code” stirred controversy, but Ron Howard’s film version stirs little but bad reviews. “The Da Vinci Code” is now available on DVD from Sony Pictures, bringing the divisive story of the Holy Grail into your home so you can ride around with Robert Langdon and Sophie Neveu in Smart Cars while evading the evil forces of Opus Dei and the French FBI.

Say what you will about the story — inevitably, it’s controversial. Everyone had something to say about Brown’s take on the Holy Grail legend: the pope didn’t necessarily exist, it’s controversial. Everyone, however, agreed that Brown’s novel was something to take this band at face value.

This performance certainly won’t be revered in the same way as Philadelphia or “Cason Away.” Once the distracting hairstyle is forgotten (readers who most likely won’t remember Brown saying that Langdon had a glorified mullet), all that’s left of Hanks’ performance is the surprised look that doesn’t leave his face for the entire film.

Spending the movie painstakingly explaining the mysteries, symbols and conspiracies to both those already very familiar with the Dan Brown trilogy and Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou), his counterpart, can get exhausting. But the Alex Rodriguez Langdon seems to have spent too much time in his office at Harvard and not enough time in the real world. He simply can’t handle what happens.

Langdon spends most of the time with Neveu searching for clues relating to her grandfather’s murder. Accused of the murder by French cop Fache (brilliantly played by the toughguy Frenchman since Robin Hood, Jean Reno) and chased by a sinister albino monk named Silva (Paul Bettany), Langdon and Neveu travel from Paris to Britain in search of the truth, uncovering the biggest secret in the history of humanity.

On the whole, the film is decent. Howard is no hack, and he knows how to make a solid film.

However, his pacing is slightly off, and aside from a few exceptions, the acting is wooden and uninteresting.

The story is interesting but doesn’t translate well into film. The back-story needed to understand the “Da Vinci Code” and its mythology takes up most of the movie. Conversely, the flashbacks to the time of Jesus and the Middle Ages are interesting, however historically speculative or inaccurate.

The DVD comes with an extra disc that contains a slew of extras, a few of which are worth noting. Most of them are logs of the filming process that take the viewer to the different locations that were used during filming. Parts of the film were shot on location in Paris and London, so these provide interesting insights on how the film was made.

Also, Howard provides the commentary track to most of these extras. The sound is available in English and Spanish Dolby 5.1. While other films have exploited this system to its fullest potential, “The Da Vinci Code” provides a good sound mix without being groundbreaking.

Overall, this is a decent film with some exciting sequences and an interesting look at what the conspiracy theorists are saying out there. Whether you love the story or hate it, this film is a welcome diversion. “The Da Vinci Code” won’t shake your intellect, but it’s exciting, fast-paced and doesn’t ask too much of you.

Watch it with a bowl of popcorn, and leave your Bible on the shelf.

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The Da Vinci Code
WideScreen Two-Disc Special Edition
Sony Pictures


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Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks), left, stands in front of Da Vinci’s Mona Lisa with Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou) in the Louvre in Ron Howard’s “The Da Vinci Code.”

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Asian Allure highlights diverse experiences

Student production features performances from multiple Asian countries

The Korean Fan dance is a traditional dance in which performers use fans to make visually stunning formations, one of several excellent performances in Asian Allure.

By ANALISE LIPARI

Washington Hall played host to a vast array of Asian cultures last Thursday and Friday night, with multiple Asian-American cultural clubs and campus groups performing in the 10th annual Asian Allure. Featuring performances with origins in Vietnam, Korea, Japan and more, the show was a celebration of the joyful diversity of experience and art.

Asian Allure has come to be a thematic collection of acts by multiple Asian cultural organizations from across the Notre Dame campus, whose diverse subjects range from traditional Korean fan dancing to modern Hip Hop routines.

A chance for both well-known and lower-profile campus groups to literally show their stuff, Asian Allure is a mix of humorous characters, fashion shows and powerful performances that gives the average student further essential exposure to different cultural experiences within the Notre Dame community.

The show began with a painstaking performance of a traditional Chinese Lion Dance, with two performers underneath an ornate lion costume. The head of the lion was remarkably constructed, with the performers being able to use controls to let the lion's expressive eyes blink at the crowd. Ending with some pretty remarkable acrobatics on the part of the puppeteers, the Lion Dance was a strong way to open a consistently entertaining evening of performances and fashion.

The overall theme of this year's Asian Allure was that of a journey, as the show featured two friends, Thao Nguyen and Zach Eberbach, traveling throughout Asia (stopping in several American cities, like New York and Chicago, along the way) during their spring break.

The two, acting as both hosts and characters, humorously helped the show progress from segment to segment in their roles as spectators.

The concept of the journey itself was a way for those participating in Asian Allure to vocalize and make known their feelings about the Asian-American community within Notre Dame.

"The show was centered around the motif of a journey, which I think is a very powerful theme," sophomore and Korean Fan dance choreographer Laura Wilczek said. "The Asian-American students at Notre Dame have embarked on a true journey; a lot of students come from abroad, some from all over the nation, and others are Asian-American adoptees."

Wilczek and others see this idea as a reflection of the Asian-American experience at Notre Dame. Specifically this year's theme, "Illumination," provided those participating in Asian Allure with the chance to both reflect on their paths and enlighten others about their unique journey.

"Everyone has a story. Asian Allure was a way for [the Asian-American community on campus] to share a little bit about their culture and the unique gifts they brought to campus — to, in a way, 'strengthen the family,'" Wilczek said.

While each segment was interesting and well-performed, several were definitely standout moments of the evening.

The first of several fashion segments, featuring traditional clothing from the countries represented during Asian Allure, was fairly early in the evening. It was fascinating to see the different outfits on stage, noting the differences between a Vietnamese woman's clothing and that of a traditional Korean woman. Even a Japanese samurai was noted in this particular fashion display, and overall the variety of outfits contributed again to the overall sense of diversity and variety.

The Hip Hop dances from the show's first half, which featured break dancing and other types of dance, provided the show with a flashy, exciting departure from some of the quieter, more traditional acts within the evening's repertoire of acts. The use of recognizable music helped connect these performances to an eager audience, and the overwhelming impression of enjoyment emanating from each performer made the acts that much more fun to watch.

The Korean Fan dance and the Chinese Ribbon dance were two among several examples of more traditional performance art that were featured during the show.

The former, during which performers create visually engaging formations with Korean fans, was fascinating in its use of movement to make a symbolic "mountain" or "flower." The Ribbon dance also used props, here traditional Chinese ribbons (streamer-like strands of cloth attached to small rods) to give an impression of ethereal, colorful lines floating across the stage.

The Korean costumes, kimono-like outfits known as hanboks, were colorful reminders of the heritage being celebrated.

The simplicity of the Ribbon dance performers' costumes — black shirts and pants with a dark red design on the front of each shirt — allowed the ribbons to literally take center stage, giving the audience a chance to focus on this visually captivating art.

Other excellent performances among the exemplary group of acts were the acoustic version of John Lennon's "Imagine," juxtaposed against a starkly powerful slide show of the Asian-American experience, the traditional Hawaiian dance and the final act, a traditional Indian dance reminiscent of the increasingly well-known Bollywood tradition in cinema.

The future of Asian Allure is, according to its participants, a bright one that will continue to be a significant part of the Notre Dame community.

"I can see Asian Allure continuing for a long time," Wilczek said. "We have a lot of support from the greater Notre Dame community, which is fantastic."

The welcoming nature of the show also gives students a chance to learn about someone other than himself or herself as an inevitably central component to being a citizen of today's world.

"I think Asian Allure is a great way for people to learn more about different cultures," Wilczek said.

"Everyone is invited to participate in Asian Allure, even if they are not Asian, [which] makes Asian Allure all the more special. It is a chance for people to put their differences aside and work together as a group, with the goal of educating the greater student body," she said.

Consistently well-performed and fascinating, this year's Asian Allure will be remembered for continuing a tradition of welcoming and sharing at Notre Dame.

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Pittsburgh goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury watches as Flyers left wing Simon Gagne misses a shot during a game on Monday night.

John LeClair and Sergei Gonchar also scored for the Penguins, who snapped their four-game, road-losing streak and ended a five-game losing streak at the Spectrum.

Sanderson, and Frederick Meyer scored for the Flyers, who trailed 4-0 against the Penguins.

Kids miss him.

The Leafs held on for a victory over the Sabres, who won 13 of 16 games this season, and the Buffalo Sabres scored six or more goals for the third time in four games with the fewest points (11) and entered a team-worst minus-11.

against the boards in a 3-2 Bruins loss Monday night.

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Philadelphia Flyers goalie Antero Niittymaki is a victim of the Flyers' fifth straight home loss.

Marc Denis, making his second start in seven games against the Flyers this season, outscor­ring them 10-6 in their six meetings.

Objective scored 63 seconds earlier, and Gaustad, who also added an assist, opened the scoring on a 3-1 shot in the middle of the first. Scott Nichol also scored for the Panthers, which won for the sec­ond time in seven games. It was Buffalo's second win in a row against the Flyers, who had its longest skid since March 2004 stopped.

The Penguins are 4-0 against the Flyers this season, outscor­ring them 20-7.

Thomas Vanek and Jason Chimera each had a goal and an assist as the New York Islanders beat the Columbus Blue Jackets Monday night.

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**Phillies slugger Howard wins MVP**

NEW YORK — Ryan Howard had a season that defied convention, one that made him only the second player voted Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player in consecutive years. "I've heard somebody jinx this, somebody jinx that," he said after hearing out 2005 NL MVP Albert Pujols for the award Monday. "I just prepared myself in spring training to go out and perform, stick with my game plan and have fun." After leading the major leagues in home runs and RBI, Howard received 20 first-place votes and 12 seconds for 388 points in balloting by a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Pujols got 12 firsts, 19 seconds and one third for 347 points.

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**Olympic swimming champ Thorpe retires**

SYDNEY, Australia — Five-time Olympic champion Ian Thorpe retired from competitive swimming Tuesday at the age of 24, saying breaking records "wasn't as inspiring as it should have been." Thorpe, who held a news conference at a Sydney hotel, said he decided at "2:53 on Sunday afternoon" not to swim at next year's world championships in Melbourne and to end his pro swimming career. "It's been a tough decision to make," he said. "I had to pick a time, and that was the time. None of my goals included breaking any more world records. I know how to do it, but it wasn't as inspiring as it should have been." Speculation swirled for months about whether Thorpe planned to pull out of the world championships or quit the sport entirely.

**Yankees agree to two-year deal for Mussina**

NEW YORK — Mike Mussina and the New York Yankees reached a preliminary agreement Monday on a $23 million, two-year contract. Mussina is scheduled to take a physical Tuesday that would allow the deal to be finalized. He declined comment on the agreement, saying he would refrain from any remarks until a telephone conference call Wednesday. A right-hander who turns 38 on Dec. 8, Mussina left the Baltimore Orioles after the 2000 season to sign an $85.5 million, six-year contract with the Yankees. He was 15-7 with a 3.51 ERA this year.

New York declined a $17 million option last week, paying a $1.5 million buyout, but the Yankees have said since the end of the season that they hoped to keep Mussina. Some of the money in his new contract will be deferred, lowering its present-day value for purposes of the luxury tax.
Tiger attempts to win seventh straight Slam

Furryk and Woods will battle this weekend at Poipu for the honors

Associated Press

POIPU BEACH, Hawaii — Tiger Woods and Jim Furyk can’t agree on who will win the Grand Slam of Golf.

Woods, the world’s No. 1 golfer and winner of the British Open and PGA Championship this season, considers Furyk the one to beat.

"From May on, Jim’s been on one unbelievable run," said Furyk, a part-time Hawaii resident who’s undefeated at Poipu, winning in 2003. "I am the favorite? I’d have to say, with the best player in the world, no."

Furyk said the players enjoy "goodgoing around," louring by the pool and the relaxed island atmosphere.

"You probably won’t see any one killing themselves at the pool and the relaxed island atmosphere."

"You’re always feeling comfortable playing here," Woods said. "I don’t know why that is. I seemed to have shot some pretty low scores around here."

Last year, he closed with an 8-under 64 to win by seven strokes over Mickelson, despite losing 6 pounds because of a stomach virus that didn’t attack it the way we had 21 turnovers. "Memphis didn’t have a great job of spreading the floor and driving. That’s a very unselfish team," first-year Oklahoma coach Jeff Calipari said. "Their pressure took us out of a lot of things we like to do."

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Memphis guard Antonio Anderson pulls up for a jump shot over Oklahoma’s Michael Neal Monday in the Lahaina Civic Center.

Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Memphis coach John Calipari doesn’t hesitate to say what players love to hear.

"We’re a team trying to play fast," he said.

The 12th-ranked Tigers did just that Monday in a 77-65 victory over Oklahoma in the opening round of the EA Sports Maui Invitational.

The Tigers were far from perfect, committing 18 turnovers and missing 17 free throws, but their speed and balanced attack made life miserable for Oklahoma, which had 21 turnovers.

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"Willie’s a little nervous right now," Calipari said. "He’s with 12 points, one assist, two turnovers. That’s not bad, but I telling him to let loose, be more reckless."

Oklahoma scored the opening basket of the second half to get within 39-34, but Anderson and Allen hit 3s on consecutive possessions to start Memphis’ hot streak from the field.

"Those 3’s gave us a lot of momentum," Anderson said. "We were up by 12 in the first half and those got us back to the way we want to play to control the tempo."
Moises Alou retained 37-year-old second baseman Tom Glavine and swapped young right-hander John Maine for the Mets, who still would like to keep him.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Moises Alou gives the New York Mets a proven right-handed hitter to play left field — and another aging regular.

The 40-year-old slugger finalized an $8.5 million, one-year contract with Monday with the NL East leaders, who also declined his $14 million option for 2007, as Brodeur's contract option.

He's a left-handed pitcher with the Florida Marlins in a four-player trade. Alou's deal also pays him $1 million, which will be the Mets, who still would like to keep him.

Associated Press

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New York outfielder

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Belles win in dramatic fashion

**Kessler hits layup and free throw in final minute to pull ahead**

By BILL BRINK and DAN COOPER

The Belles (1-2) hope to end Bobcats’ 20-game winning streak Friday.

Notre Dame has one more chance to prove it belongs in the NCAA Tournament. After losing 3-2 to Louisville in the Big East finals, the Irish host No. 18 Ohio this Friday at 5 p.m. in the Louisville Invitational. Ohio (27-3) won its fourth consecutive Mid-American Conference Tournament last weekend. The Irish (18-12) will look to put an end to the Bobcats’ 20-match winning streak.

"The team is very motivated," Irish coach Debbie Brown said, "because they understand the significance of the matches they are playing now. The importance of these matches is really what’s driving them.”

The Ohio offense is led by freshman outside hitter Ellen Herman and junior middle blocker Melissa Griffin. Both players have seen action in all 100 of the Bobcats’ games this season. Herman averages 4.22 kills per game at a hitting percentage of .303, and Griffin has 3.97 kills per game at .379. Irish kill leader junior Adrianna Staniski, who has 300 kills, tallies 3.03 kills per game, and is helped out by freshman Christina Kaelin’s 291 kills (an average of 3.51 kills per game).

Defensively, senior libero Danielle Herndon leads the Irish with 3.11 digs per game. As a team, Ohio averages 18.29 digs per game compared to Notre Dame’s 17.70. The Irish have the statistical edge in blocking and serving. Notre Dame averages 2.9 blocks per game, compared to Ohio’s 2.2.

Outside of junior Stephanie Blackburn’s 0.48 aces per game, the Bobcats are not as deep serving as Notre Dame, as the Irish have seven players with 15 or more aces this season.

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Henley was also impressed by Krammrath’s play.

"That rebound was huge for us," she said.

That sealed the deal. That’s a freshman coming through. The Belles bench came up big, filling in for starters who saw a lot of playing time over the weekend. Sophomore forward Erin Newsom scored 10 points in just 22 minutes and grabbed five rebounds. Krammrath brought down six boards in her 19 minutes on the court. The first half was slowed paced and low scoring. The Belles could not get their offense clicking, and the Ravens’ constant movement penetrated their defense. Senior Mary’s went into the locker room down 34-28.

"We started off rough," senior guard Bridget Lipke said. "We’ve had three games in four days, our legs were tired, but we pushed through and helped each other out.”

The Belles looked sharp and their win as they host Manchester College tonight at 7 p.m.

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still working on getting the Irish (15-5-2, 10-4-0 Big East) — who will travel to take on the Cavaliers (14-4-0, 6-4-0 ACC) — out to Charlottesville during the Thanksgiving travel rush.

"The biggest hurdle for us right now is setting the travel plans booked on the busiest weekend of the year," he said. The team was advanced that far by topping both Illinois-Chicago and Loyola (2-0-0 in the second and third rounds of the NCAA Tournament, respectively, after receiving a first-round bye. Junior striker Joseph Lapira, who leads the nation with 22 goals, scored the deciding and only goal in each match. Saturday's win over the Terrapins marked the second straight season that the Irish have bounded the defending NCAA champions from the tournament, as they beat in-state rival Indiana 2-0 in the second round a season ago.

Lapira and senior midfielder Greg Hong can both expect to earn effort Friday. Each was named Big East player of the year at his respective school, and both are semifinalists for the Missouri Valley Conference and Hermann Trophy, which is presented annually to the best college player in the country.

The Irish, however, may be without one other player, as Chris Cahill and sophomore defender Jack Traynor. Cahill left Saturday's game against Maryland with 10:38 remaining and did not return. Clark hopes that both players will be ready come Friday.

"They both have a good chance of playing," he said. "We're going to give them both every chance to play."

Virginia will be led by sophomore forward Yannick Reyering, who leads the Cavaliers with 11 goals and eight assists.

As of Monday, Clark said the Irish hadn't begun to look at the Cavalier game tape, but he expected to start scouting Notre Dame's opponent on Tuesday.

"We're focusing on analyzing our last game right now," he said. "We're looking at what things we can take from the Maryland game and improve on. That's our main focus is improving ourselves because that's the one thing we can control."

Though he had yet to look at film, Clark anticipated that Virginia would have a similar game plan to what they ran from Maryland Saturday.

"I don't know whether we'll see a good team, that's a given," he said. "I imagine they're in control. It's a team that plays the game efficiently."

Despite the offensive efficiency of the Irish, Clark said that Williamson did practice on Monday and will continue to practice throughout the week, but her status for Friday's game is still uncertain. Losing Williamson would force junior center Melissa Lechlitner to take on a bigger role in her usual post position, while also giving the Irish only one true center to match up against the versatile Kerr.

Although one of McGraw's three top freshmen went down, she still has her other two top substitutes ready to play the Trojans — guards Lechlitner and Ashley Barlow. Both have made critical contributions coming off the bench this season, with Barlow averaging 11.3 points per game — third best on the team — and Lechlitner has been able to run the point effectively to get on the court.

They're just doing a great job in all ways. They're really assimilated all the information quickly. They've learned their spots," McGraw said of her two freshman guards. "I think at this point after four games they've proved they belong in the mix in the top eight, and they really have made some big contributions for us.

Overall, Gaines is confident in her team's ability to take its first road win Friday.

"We practice [defending] every day, and we've gotta do what we've gotta do on the court," she said. "So I think we'll be all right."
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Division I-A.

"This team is probably as completely prepared as we go against on offense and defense," Weis said.

The Trojans started the season with a 50-14 victory over No. 3 Ohio State and then beat the Buckeyes before earning easy wins over Nebraska and Arizona. USC then stretched their win streak to three weeks with close wins over Washington, Washington State and Arizona State. The Trojans' close calls finally caught up to them last Oct. 28 in Corvallis, Ore. USC fell behind 33-10 with 4:51 left in the third quarter. Trojans quarterback John David Booty threw three touchdowns in the final 16 minutes, but when his two-point conversion attempt with seven seconds left failed the Beavers completed the upset.

Since that loss, Southern California has outscored its opponents 100-19, including a 23-9 win over California Saturday to earn a spot in the Rose Bowl — that is, if the Trojans don't make the BCS National Championship. That will be the case if Southern California outscores its opponents 703 yards on 144 carries, 9 win over Army Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

"I think that sometimes they don't get enough kudos, and I think that Coach (Pete) Carroll and his staff have done a great job," We said. "They blow out Stanford, they go beat Oregon, they beat Cal last week. It seems like every time they're in the same position they always are — PAC 10 champs with a chance of winning a national championship like they always do."

And Weis said he is well aware of Carroll's 19-0 record in November since joining USC in 2001.

As a first-year starter replacing Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart, Booty has completed 62.3 percent of his passes for 2,417 yards, 22 touchdowns and only six interceptions.

Southern California's tailbacks also have had the responsibility of following a Heisman Trophy winner in Reggie Bush and an NFL draftee in LenDale White. Red-shirt junior Chauncey Washington leads the Trojans with 203 yards on 144 carries. True freshman Emmanuel Moody was USC's most efficient running back with 5.8 yards-per-carry average before tearing ligaments in his ankle against Oregon Nov. 11. Fellow freshman C.J. Gable started for USC against California and gained 91 yards on 19 carries.

"It's obvious what they've been able to do with their running backs is last year Reggie and they lost LenDale, and these other guys have step right in and performed really well," Weis said. "It seems like every time you turn around they've got a new front-line running back that runs real well."

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In the win, Banks caught former Irish forwards Katie Thurlowkin, Anne Makinen and Monica Gerardo by scoring her 15th career postseason goal.

The Big Ten champions and No. 2 seed Lions (18-4-3) clawed their way to Alumni Field on a 1-0 win over Boston College Saturday at the University Park, PA. Penn State is led by Co- Big Ten Defensive Player of the year defender Ali Kreiger, one of 15 finalists for the Hermann Trophy, given to the nation's best player. She joins Notre Dame's Hanks and senior midfielder Jen Buczkowski on that list.

Penn State is no stranger to the Elite Eight. The Lady Lions will be making their eighth appearance in the 13 years of the program, while Notre Dame clocks its 19th trip in that same time. Still, Friday's match will be just the second between the two powerhouses and the first since Notre Dame downed Penn State 2-1 in the 2001 season opener.

"Penn State historically has a great program," Irish coach Ivanwaldrum said, realizing that the Lions have several players he recruited. "It's definitely going to be like a Final Four game. They're a very good team."

Friday will be the 101st game played by this historic senior class and the last time it suits up to play in front of its home crowd. After going 90-7-3 in the previous 100 matches — including 52-2-1 at home — the Irish must win this final home stand to advance to the College Cup semifinals in Cary, NC. Not surprisingly, emotions should run high when the Irish seniors take Alumni Field for the last time.

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wingers, who are currently his backups, were teammates in their home country before coming to North America. Rhidderwall currently leads the Tri-City Storm with 15 points in the young season. Bergman is also holding his own with four goals in eight games for the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders.

"He is more dynamic than anyone that we have had here," he has some tremendous offensive upside that is going to help us a lot," Jackson said.

Ridderwall also has played a season alongside Billy Madison — the third of four new forwards. Madison and Ridderwall were numbers one and two respectively in scoring last season when they led the Chicago Chill in the Midget AAA finals before losing in the last game.

The seven degrees of separation continues with Madison, who recently spent three days in Blaine, Minn. at the US Hockey Junior National Championships. Ben Ryan, the final Notre Dame offensive recruit, joined him in Blaine.

Ryan is currently in his second season in the USHL, with the defending champion Bismark Mustangs. He is currently fifth in the league in scoring with four goals and 12 assists in his first dozen games this year.

Ridderwall was rounded out by goaltender Brad Phillips. At 6-foot-2, 190 pounds, the netminder is likely needed to put on some weight before stepping between the pipes, but he has proved that he has the potential and Buglione feels he needed to be one of the best in the nation.

Meanwhile, the current Irish team will be spending the following weekend on a road trip in Omaha, Neb. The Mavericks (3-6-3, 2-5-1 CCHA) are currently on a five-game losing streak dating back to a 4-3 loss to Alaska Nov. 3.

"They're going to be dangerous. They're going to be back at home and I'm sure they will be back in the Frozen Four," Jackson said. "I don't think they want to lose six in a row."

The Lions also have Notre Dame beat and tied UNO in a two-game series earlier this season. The Irish were led by Josh Sciba, who had two goals and an assist to help the Lions start the season off on the right foot.

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Sports Writer

The Observer

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No. 1 Notre Dame (23-0-1) comes off a 3-0 win over No. 16 Colorado last Friday, in which sophomore forwards Brittany Rock (two goals) and Kerri Hanks (one goal, one assist) led the Irish into Friday’s quarterfinal.

Irish defender Jack Traynor splits Illinois-Chicago midfielders in Notre Dame’s 1-0 second round NCAA win Nov. 15 at Alumni Field.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Eight day layoff to end next Monday against Lehigh

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sport Editor

After a 74-50 win over The Citadel Sunday, Notre Dame will have eight days off before taking on Lehigh Monday at the Joyce Center.

The Irish left the Thanksgiving weekend part of their schedule open in order to accommodate the semifinals and finals of the NIT Season Tip-Off at Madison Square Garden, which they would have reached with two wins last week in the opening rounds of the tournament in Indianapolis. Notre Dame (3-1) lost to Butler on Nov. 13, however, and will not head to New York.

After taking on the Mountain Hawks Monday, the Irish will play Winston-Salem State at home two days later. Then the schedule gets tougher.

Notre Dame will travel to Washington D.C. on Dec. 3 to take on Marylard at the Verizon Center, home of the NBA’s Washington Wizards. Four days later, the Irish will play their first big home game of the year against Alabama at the Joyce Center Dec. 7.

“1’m getting ready for the biggest games coming up after Thanksgiving break,” freshman forward Luke Harangody said. “It should be a good challenge for us.”

Harangody scored 18 points in 17 minutes off the bench Sunday. Notre Dame coach

FOOTBALL

Weis praises Southern Cal

Coach knows Irish face talented team

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Irish coach Charlie Weis will have his usual Tuesday press conference today, but his normal 10-minute opening assessment of Notre Dame’s upcoming opponent will be gone. He did that Sunday.

With the Irish leaving for Los Angeles Thursday afternoon, Weis combined his post-game wrap with a pre-game analysis of Southern California — including its explosive offense. USC’s 31.1 points per game are 19th in the country.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, left, hands off to running back Darius Walker in a 41-9 Irish win over Army Saturday at home.

**SPORTS**

ND WOMEN’S BBALL
Notre Dame at USC
Friday, 8 p.m.
The Irish head to Southern Cal in search of their first road win.

ND VOLLEYBALL
Notre Dame at Ohio
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Notre Dame plays No. 18 Ohio in its last regular season match.

SMC BASKETBALL
Saint Mary’s 72
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Hollys guard Alison Kessler scores with under a minute left to beat Ravens.

ND WATER POLO
No. 11 Notre Dame goes 1-2 and places 13th in national tournament, including a win over Columbus.

ND CROSS COUNTRY
Led by All-American sophomore Patrick Smyth, Notre Dame places 19th of 31 teams in the NCAA Championships.

NCAABASKETBALL
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While the tournament opponents Notre Dame sent home a turkey this weekend, the Irish hope to feast on Lions when they welcome Penn State to Alumni Field Friday in a 7:30 p.m. Elite Eight showdown for the right to keep playing.

No. 1 Notre Dame (23-0-1) comes off a 3-0 win over No. 16 Colorado last Friday, in which sophomore forwards Brittany Rock (two goals) and Kerri Hanks (one goal, one assist) led the Irish into Friday’s quarterfinal.

Irish defender Jack Traynor splits Illinois-Chicago midfielders in Notre Dame’s 1-0 second round NCAA win Nov. 15 at Alumni Field.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Eight day layoff to end next Monday against Lehigh

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sport Editor

After a 74-50 win over The Citadel Sunday, Notre Dame will have eight days off before taking on Lehigh Monday at the Joyce Center.

The Irish left the Thanksgiving weekend part of their schedule open in order to accommodate the semifinals and finals of the NIT Season Tip-Off at Madison Square Garden, which they would have reached with two wins last week in the opening rounds of the tournament in Indianapolis. Notre Dame (3-1) lost to Butler on Nov. 13, however, and will not head to New York.

After taking on the Mountain Hawks Monday, the Irish will play Winston-Salem State at home two days later. Then the schedule gets tougher.

Notre Dame will travel to Washington D.C. on Dec. 3 to take on Maryland at the Verizon Center, home of the NBA’s Washington Wizards. Four days later, the Irish will play their first big home game of the year against Alabama at the Joyce Center Dec. 7.

“1’m getting ready for the biggest games coming up after Thanksgiving break,” freshman forward Luke Harangody said. “It should be a good challenge for us.”

Harangody scored 18 points in 17 minutes off the bench Sunday. Notre Dame coach

FOOTBALL

Weis praises Southern Cal

Coach knows Irish face talented team

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Irish coach Charlie Weis will have his usual Tuesday press conference today, but his normal 10-minute opening assessment of Notre Dame’s upcoming opponent will be gone. He did that Sunday.

With the Irish leaving for Los Angeles Thursday afternoon, Weis combined his post-game wrap with a pre-game analysis of Southern California — including its explosive offense. USC’s 31.1 points per game are 19th in the country.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, left, hands off to running back Darius Walker in a 41-9 Irish win over Army Saturday at home.

**SPORTS**

ND WOMEN’S BBALL
Notre Dame at USC
Friday, 8 p.m.
The Irish head to Southern Cal in search of their first road win.

ND VOLLEYBALL
Notre Dame at Ohio
Friday, 5 p.m.
Notre Dame plays No. 18 Ohio in its last regular season match.

SMC BASKETBALL
Saint Mary’s 72
Anderson 69
Hollys guard Alison Kessler scores with under a minute left to beat Ravens.

ND WATER POLO
No. 11 Notre Dame goes 1-2 and places 13th in national tournament, including a win over Columbus.

ND CROSS COUNTRY
Led by All-American sophomore Patrick Smyth, Notre Dame places 19th of 31 teams in the NCAA Championships.

NCAABASKETBALL
Memphis 77
Oklahoma 65
Memphis upsets No. 12 Sooners to advance to Maui Invitational semi-finals.