Parents granted access to only one game next season  

By JOE MIALULLI  
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Football at Notre Dame will undergo some changes next season, but not all of them will take place on the field. As a result of record-high ticket demand in the 2006 season, the University has made some ticketing changes, according to a Sunday press release. Parents are now guaranteed tickets for only one game, but may apply for tickets to two football games: Nov. 3 against Navy or Nov. 10 against Air Force. According to the press release, "parents who apply for tickets to only one of those two games may designate the game of their choice — and they will be guaranteed two tickets to that game."

Parents who apply to both games "will be guaranteed tickets to at least one of the two games, but will not be able to specify the game for which tickets will be guaranteed. Parents would be entered into the general alumni lottery for the second game. The parents' game for incoming students will be announced in June.

"We're making changes based on the record-setting demand from last year to make sure that we can preserve access for all of our constituency groups," said Josh Berle, director of Ticket Operations. The Michigan State game Sept. 22 next season calls us to action for a general feeling of 'good will towards all' and service have greater needs during the holidays," Carie Call, director of civic engagement at Saint Mary's, echoed Brandenberger's sentiments. "Christmas lends itself to a general feeling of 'good will toward all' and people seem to be more cognizant of those who have greater needs during the holidays," Call said.

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Volunteerism increases over holiday season  

By KATIE KOHLER  
News Writer

Volunteerism increases over holiday season. Shopping is not the only area that experiences a boost during the holiday season. Feelings of "glad tidings" and service have already penetrated the campus of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. This year, over 300 student volunteers are expected to do service over winter break, said representatives at the Center for Social Concerns. Experiential Learning and Developmental Research at Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns director Jay Brandenberger recognized the increase. "Students have a rather long break, compared to high school years, so they have more time to serve," he said. "And the Advent season calls us to action for a more just world." Carie Call, director of civic and social engagement at Saint Mary's, echoed Brandenberger's sentiments. "Christmas lends itself to a general feeling of 'good will toward all' and people seem to be more cognizant of those who have greater needs during the holidays," Call said.

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Teach for America draws seniors  

1-in-10 students expected to participate in service programs  

By AARON STEINER  
News Writer

As spring semester draws near, seniors are exploring their post-undergraduate options, and for many Notre Dame students, this search leads them to teaching service programs like Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) and Teach for America. One in 10 Notre Dame graduates will enter one into two yearlong service programs after graduation— including graduates who enter into teaching programs, according to the Center for Social Concerns. Notre Dame founded the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) to provide volunteers with the opportunity to serve in urban and rural communities across the United States. The Alliance for Catholic Education office, attached to Radin Hall, attracts many Notre Dame seniors after graduation. Moreau named for beatification  

Holy Cross founder will be honored by Pope

By MARCELA BERRIOS  
News Writer

Earlier this year Pope Benedict XVI given lighted the beatification of the Venerable Father Basil Anthony-Marie Moreau in Le Mans, France for next year, but the healing miracle the Vatican has attributed to him was hardly the only marvel he left the Catholic community. Father Moreau was also busy during the late 1830s and early 1840s founding the congregations of priests, brothers and sisters of Holy Cross, in the likeness of the Holy Family as well as the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He died in 1873, but the paper work for his beatification was not filed until 1955, after the recovery of a bedridden Canadian mother suffering from complications from a premature birth was attributed to his divine intercession. "It was an illness following childbirth that was healed so quickly it could not be explained medically," said Sister Jeanette Fettig, the representative of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in the Vatican's beatification committee. "Once the promulgation of the miracle was approved by His Holiness Pope John Paul II we could start thinking about proposing Father Moreau's beatification." Beatification signals the Catholic Church's recognition of the person's ascension to the Kingdom of Heaven.
INSIDE COLUMN

Strikethrough Saturday

The Christmas season is now officially upon us, which means one thing — Bels. Presents, party guests, Our Savior’s baili — whatever. Ultimately, they’re all rash and petty. That’s why you should set your sights on more important things, whose allotted duration of execution is infinitely more forgiving. Like Forever. Everyone needs a list of 100 things to do before you die. Besides making you feel more accomplished, it teaches procrastinate on a whole new scale. Most importantly, on that rare occasion where you do accomplish one of your life’s goals, no matter how insignificant others think it is, it just feels so good to take out that unscathed, dude, I have a Mohawk.

So there I was in Saddle Ranch, just me and metal covered with a cowhide rug. Star Jones, I named her, and she made Traveler look like a strong and hard. Finally, she backed out, but that’s the point. Really, hey, if Tyler Palko was there, he’d have been so proud.

And as I flew to the ground discontented, I realized that my life does in fact have direction. 97 of them, actually. Now only my scalp points the way.

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IN BRIEF

The Gender Relations Center is sponsoring an event called “We Can Do It! Women & Leadership at ND” on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall. The program features the only three female student body presidents in the history of the University.

Indiana State Senator John Broden, a 1987 Notre Dame graduate, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Hames Student Lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center about his service on the Indiana Assessment Team of the American Bar Association’s Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project.

A Thai and Cambodian fundraising dinner buffet will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room on the second floor of LaFortune. Heather Connell, producer of the film “Small Voices,” will discuss her work with Cambodian orphans and show clips from her upcoming film beginning at 7 p.m. A $5 donation is suggested for the dinner.

Miller, head of the network, said one of the reasons for picking Thursday was that “it’s a special day for many people who work with us.”

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THANKSGIVING DISH?

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Stanford

Shawn Fiesler junior

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Tim Rohman junior

Stanford

“Tofu. Because it is the way I like it, uh huh, uh huh.”

“Beef. Because it is the way I like it, uh huh, uh huh.”

“I don’t have taste buds.”

“Ramen noodles. Thanksgiving, Mr. Pilgrim, thank you!”

“Baba Ganoush. It’s a vacation in my mouth.”

“Green Bean Hot Dish.”

As You Wish Imports,” a collection of jewelry and other items, is set up in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. The items will be available for purchase from Nov. 27 until Dec. 2. All proceeds from sales benefit Guatemalan families.

OFFBEAT

Jail web cam jeopardizes security

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An East Tennessee county that has beamed live 24-hour video from its jail on the Internet for nearly six years may axe the practice following complaints of harassment and security concerns.

Some viewers have been using the cameras to harass female jailers by calling them on the telephone and taunting them as they work, according to Anderson County sheriff’s officials.

In other cases, viewers are tracking inmate movements and using the information to coordinate deliveries of items of contraband to prisoners on work details outside the jail.

“It shows the public what we are doing, I like that idea,” said Anderson County sheriff Paul White.

Turkeys try for fast train out of New Jersey

RAMSEY, N.J. — Some wild turkeys, it appears, were trying to get out of New Jersey before Thanksgiving Day. A spokesman for the NJ Transit said train officials reported a dozen or so wild turkeys waiting on a station platform in Ramsey, about 20 miles northwest of New York City, on Wednesday afternoon. The line travels to Suffern, N.Y.

“For a moment, it looked like the turkeys were waiting for the next outbound train,” said Dan Stessel, a spokesman for NJ Transit. “Clearly, they’re trying to catch a train and escape their fate.”

Train workers followed the bird’s movements on surveillance cameras.” “I have no idea how they got there,” Stessel said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Group offers $750 in co-sponsorship grants

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members awarded a total of $750 to two different co-sponsorships at their meeting Monday night.

The Saint Mary's Modern Language clubs were awarded $200 to assist with the costs of the Three Sophie Voices recital they held Monday in the Moreau Little Theater. The recital included Spanish, French, Italian and German students at the College.

The senior seminar in the sociology department also received a $550 co-sponsorship to help with the cost of its annual trip to the North Central Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Society joint meeting in the spring of 2006. The sociology department will send six sociology department also received a $550 co-sponsorship to help with the cost of its annual trip to the North Central Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Society joint meeting in the spring of 2006. The sociology department will send six

Members also discussed upcoming events that will take place over the next two weeks, including the "12 Days of Christmas" event sponsored by the Senior Board, which raises money to help local families buy Christmas presents and decorations during the holidays.

The five Christmas trees that the BOG pledged to donate to the event were brought in the five residence halls this week. At the end of the week, the trees will be donated to the local families.

Student Services commissioner Kelly Mann announced that "tote" mugs will be sold Tuesday and Thursday this week outside the dining hall. Mugs will be sold for eight dollars and proceeds will benefit the Senior Board's "12 Days of Christmas" event.

"After buying the mug you get free refills from the dining hall for the rest of the year," student body president Susan McIlhuff said.

In other BOG News:

• The sophomore board is hosting a dance with Fisher Hall this Friday, sophomore class president Francesca Johnson announced. Tickets are on sale at dinner outside the dining hall until Thursday and at lunch on Friday. They cost $10 per person.

• The Second Annual Saint Mary's Battle of the Bands will take place this Saturday. Proceeds from the competition will support the second annual Saint Mary's Dance Marathon, which benefits Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

• The Dance Marathon committee is also hosting a semi-formal benefit reception on Saturday, Dec. 9. Members of the community, alumni and anyone else interested are invited to attend. The event costs $50 per person.

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Shappell pushes for results

By KAITLYNN RIEFLY
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At the Campus Life Council's (CLC) last meeting before winter break Monday, student body president Lizzi Shappell told members she expected the four task forces to present resolutions to the Council in the spring as evidence of their planning this semester.

"I would like all the task forces to try to meet, if not Monday, then before the end of the year to draft a plan for next semester," Shappell said. "I hope that second semester is when we have a lot of resolutions coming out of brainstorming in the fall."

Task force chairs briefly outlined their group's current undertakings at the short meeting.

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson said her ad hoc committee has made progress correcting problems in a resolution passed to provide resources to the Native American student population at Notre Dame.

The resolution — passed unanimously by the Student Senate Nov. 2 — failed to pass through the CLC to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman. Carson raised the concern at the last CLC meeting that points in the resolution — calling for changes in academic areas and proposing the creation of an advisory position — fell outside the purview of the CLC.

The Council voted to defer the resolution to a committee for further discussion. Carson said this committee hopes to meet again before winter break to work on the wording of the resolution. The committee aims to present a reworked version as the first order of new business at the CLC meeting Jan. 22, Carson said.

The ad hoc student safety task force has not met since the last CLC meeting, said chief executive assistant Liz Brown, but she and the other task force chairs presented reports of their committees' ongoing work.

Brown, student voice and input chair, said her task force has made good progress with their initiatives since the start of the semester. After speaking with Ryan Willerton, the assistant director for facilities in the Student Activities Office, Brown decided to set up a new Notre Dame e-mail account where committee applications can be sent.

"It's going to be a little bit simple process, but it should do a lot to streamline the application process," Brown said.

Her committee should have a working draft of the creatively titled "dulac for Dummies" — a student-friendly guide to dulac regulations — before winter break starts, Brown said.

Alumni Hall senator Danny Smith said the student concerns task force's resolution regarding Dormer Dollars is in its finishing stages. The resolution will be presented after break so it is not rushed and so it can first go through "all the proper channels," Smith said.

Student body vice president Bill Andrichik continued to look at dorm diversification projects with the conduct awareness task force. He sent a survey out to a compiled e-mail list of every dorm's resident assistant to find out what alcohol and behavior education information is given to freshmen in each resident hall.

"I have a good amount of responses from them, some better than others as far as disclosure of more information," Andrichik said.

His committee will make a final assessment of the responses and will work toward making recommendations next semester, Andrichik said.

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year will be the senior alumni game and the Nov. 17 game against Duke will be the alumni family game.

The press release stated: "Notre Dame contributing alumni who graduated 35 or more years ago receive priority status on their alumni ticket application for the designated senior alumni game."

If the demand from senior alumni exceeds supply and it is not possible to provide guaranteed ticket access for that game, "tickets will be allotted in descending order to most senior alumni," in other words, older alumni will be given higher priority for tickets than younger alumni.

For the alumni family game against Duke, contributing alumni will be able to apply for up to four tickets on their lottery application.

Berlo cited several reasons for growing ticket demand, and despite the graduation of many of the team's stars, he does not foresee a drop.

"Certainly it's a combination of our growing alumni population, their loyal support and the success of our team," he said. "I think that interest, demand and support for Notre Dame football will remain high."

According to Associate Athletic Director John Heisler, there are worse problems than figuring out which 80,000 bodies to put in the stands.

"The last thing you'd want to have to worry about is how to move tickets," he said. "What we're trying to do is get in a position where we're going to satisfy as many people as possible, and that's never going to be easy, but those are the kinds of problems that you like to have."

Heisler said the high demand made it clear that some changes would have to be made to the previous system.

"Part of it is just trying to make as many people happy as you possibly can, in terms of having some access," he said. "It's some of those cases, as with the general lottery, some access may not mean four or six tickets, it may only mean two, but that may give us, in general, the ability to satisfy more people than we have before."

More than ever, the ticketing system is based on demand, and, like Berlo, Heisler said he expects demand to remain high even after players like Irish quarterback Brady Quinn and receiver Jeff Samardzija have graduated.

"The success of our team and the excitement that has surrounded the whole program ... have been a big part of that demand," he said. "Certainly this was a very attractive season and a very attractive home schedule ... but as we continue to have success and move forward, you're anticipating that that's going to stay consistent, if not improve."

The Notre Dame ticket office says applicants and alumni should continue to stay aware of ticket information.

"They should be on the lookout for the application this spring ... and have the ticket office a call if they have any questions," he said. The Notre Dame ticket office can be reached at 574-631-7356 or online at www.und.com/tickets.

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(ACE) in 1993 to support under-funded Catholic schools nationwide. Participants receive a master's degree in education from Notre Dame, earn a teacher's salary and teach in a Catholic school for two years after graduation.

Teach for America graduates teach in rural and urban public schools across the nation for two years and also earn a teacher's salary.

Both programs are popular for Notre Dame graduates who want to enter into a post-graduate service program, said Andrea Shappell, associate professional specialist at the Center for Social Concerns, who said that teaching programs make up one-third of all post-graduate service participants.

ACE Assistant Director Chris Kowalski said the program is meant to support a system that has provided an education for many graduates.

"You're serving a great need," Kowalski said. "It gives recent college graduates a great opportunity to give back."

Teach for America Communications Director Sara Blasing stated that students apply to the program because "they believe educational inequity is our nation's most pressing issue — and that it is solvable."

Both programs accept students from any institution as long as they have earned a bachelor's degree and meet other specified criteria.

ACE accepts students from all majors and programs, Kowalski said.

"We have applicants from all majors ... from fine arts to even the most specific engineering degrees," he said.

But ACE especially encourages students with science, math and foreign language majors to apply, because the greatest need for teachers is in these areas, Kowalski said.

The program usually has room to accept 90 applicants each year to serve in 31 cities. Kowalski said, and in recent years the program has accepted one in four applicants.

Notre Dame graduates continue to make up a large portion of ACE participants, Kowalski said, but said "off-campus applications have increased over the years."

Blasing said that applicants pool varies from year to year, with a roughly even distribution of majors and programs represented. The number of students accepted, she said, "varies from year to year as the number of qualified students varies."

"For instance, last year near-ly 19,000 students applied, with more than 2,400 actually starting to teach the next fall," Blasing said.

In 2005, 12% of Notre Dame's senior class applied to Teach for America and 37 applicants joined the program, the school said.

Two years in a teaching service program gives students not only time to further discern a career path, but the chance to gain and develop valuable skills, Kowalski said.

"The skills you'll gain — dealing with children, parents, colleagues — will help in any field," he said.

While graduates of the ACE program enter into all career fields, he said, 70 percent of ACE graduates typically continue to work in education.

"Teach For America graduates enter careers across all sectors including education, social policy, medicine, law, business and other areas which ultimately will address the social inequity that ultimately yields educational inequity," Blasing said.

Both Blasing and Kowalski agreed participants are better off after participating in teaching programs.

"Teaching service program leads students down an outstanding path no matter what field you may ultimately find yourself," Blasing said. "Alumni have a greater social impact regardless of the professional sector they choose to enter."

A Teach for America representative will address students who are interested in the program during an information session Wednesday and will also show a CNN documentary about Teach for America Thursday. Both sessions begin at 7 p.m. in 129 Doherty Hall.

Seniors and all students interested in learning more about Teach for America should attend, Blasing said.

Both Teach for America and ACE are currently accepting applications for graduating seniors, with deadlines this January.

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AIDS to join top causes of death

**Virus to follow heart disease and stroke as third-highest killer within 25 years**

Associated Press

LONDON — Within a few years, AIDS is set to join heart disease and stroke as the top three causes of death in the country, according to a study published online Monday.

When global mortality projections were last calculated a decade ago, researchers had assumed the number of AIDS cases would be declining instead.

Currently ranked fourth behind heart disease, stroke, and respiratory infections, AIDS is set to become No. 3, say researchers in a new report in the Public Library of Science’s Medicine journal. It is estimated that about 2.6 million deaths every year, but could near 120 million by 2030.

Overall, the researchers predict that in the coming decades, the causes of global mortality will be singularly similar worldwide — apart from the prevalence of AIDS in poorer countries. While some people will be dying at older ages of noninfectious diseases like cardiovascular disease, stroke and cancer.

The paper by Dr. Colin Mathers and Dejan Loncar of the World Health Organization estimates that at least 117 million people will die from AIDS by 2030, in an optimistic future projection, if new HIV infections are curbed and access to life-extending antiretrovirals increases.

80 million people will die from the disease.

Mathers and Loncar analyzed data from more than 100 countries. The authors looked at the link between mortality and income per capita, as well as factors including urbanization and tobacco use. Their research also used U.N. estimates for projected AIDS infection rates and the World Bank’s numbers for future income per capita.

"This is an important contribution that will help us determine the priorities in public health," said Dr. Majid Fozzail, an associate professor of international health at Harvard University, who was not connected to the paper.

As populations age, he explains, they are naturally more susceptible to diseases like cancer and heart disease — even from infectious diseases — even in the developing world. Life expectancy is expected to increase worldwide, with the highest projected life expectancy in 2030 to be in Japanese women, at 88.5 years.

Mathers and Loncar speculate that by 2030, cancer deaths will jump from 7.1 million in 2002 to 11.5 million. The number of deaths from cardiovascular disease is expected to rise from 16.7 million in 2002 to 23.3 million in 2030. Overall, they expect non-communicable diseases to account for 70 percent of all deaths globally, up from 59 percent in 2002.

"While economic development may bring better health care, it also has an unfortunate side effect: more road accidents. Based on rates of increasing car ownership, the World Bank estimates that traffic fatalities will increase globally from 2.2 million deaths in 2002 to 2.6 million deaths in 2030. This might be avoided, Mathers says, if developing countries learn from the experience of developed countries, where laws and improved safety practices have sharply cut the numbers of road-related deaths.

Knowing the likely causes of future mortality allows policy-makers to attempt to improve the expected outcome. While Mathers and Loncar are unable to account for unforeseen events such as the emergence of new deadly diseases or major outbreaks like a flu pandemic, their projections may help to set the agenda of global health.

"I hope this paper inspires change," said Mathers. "And I hope we pessimistic projections turn out to be wrong."
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Wal-Mart looks to expand in Mexico

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Wal-Mart, already Mexico's largest retailer, is hoping to tap into the country's burgeoning consumer economy when it opens its own bank in the second half of next year, executives said on Monday.

While Wal-Mart already operates a banking business in the United States met opposition, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has benefited from Mexico's efforts to open the financial services industry to low-income workers.

Last week the Finance Secretary approved five new banks, including one by Wal-Mart de Mexico, or Walmex, bringing to 13 the number of new banking licenses granted this year by financial authorities.

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The photography categories in Victoria was a great, great event, said Saint Mary's president Kahlil Rosenkind, who organized the event. "My goal was to have this be a Saint Mary's community event," he said. "They said we can do it much and can give so much more." The Senior Board will be responsible for the next event, said Rosenkind, "publicity and buying and distributing the gifts."

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Police stage shootout with elderly woman

Event prompts FBI probe; woman dead

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The FBI has launched an investigation into a shooting between narcotics police officers and an 88-year-old woman who was killed in her home, which was suspect ed to contain drugs, the city police chief said Monday.

Three officers were wounded when they entered Kathryn Johnston's home looking for cocaine based on tips from an informant and a search warrant released Monday by the Fulton County State Court.

Police said the informant told officers he had purchased drugs in the home earlier, prompting investigators to get a warrant. But Atlanta Police Chief Richard Pennington said it was unclear whether there had been a drug deal or whether the suspected drug dealer was actually there.

"That's what we're going to have to investigate and determine," Pennington said. "The officers are saying one thing, the confidential informant is saying something else."

Bloomberg told reporters he did not believe the shooting was racially motivated but said "it's clear that people in this city do feel that they are sometimes stopped, frisked, whatever, based on their race," adding that his administration would work to prevent that.

But Bloomberg was steadfast in his support for Kelly, who has faced criticism from some activists during the shooting.

"I believe the officers did their duty," he said of his administration's position on the investigation.

The shooting comes as the city's police department is trying to improve relations with the community following the shooting.

A confidential informant had led police to Johnston's home, where they found marijuana, cash, and a firearm, according to the Fulton County Prosecutor's Office.

"We're going to have to investigate and determine whether the suspected drug dealer was actually there," Pennington said. "That's what we're going to have to investigate and determine."
As we move into the Christmas season, maybe you think it has nothing to do with the political season, we just serenely live on. If so, think again. The Magi were latercomers to the Christmas scene. But they tell us a lot about Christmas as a political event. According to tradition they were Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar. They got some good press from Benedict XVI last year at World Youth Day in Cologne. In 1164 the relics of the Magi were formally transferred from Milan, across the Alps to Cologne where, in the words of Benedict, the people “produce what must be the most exquisite relicuity of the whole Christian world and regarded above all as an even greater relicuity: Cologne Cathedral.” So what do the Magi have to do with politics? In their day there was no recognized moral limit to the power of the state. Where the Magi proclaimed one of Herod’s commands that they tell him where the Child was so “that I too may go and worship him” (Matthew 2:8). He was, of course, a lying politician, which some may regard as a redundancy. Where the Magi had departed for home, Joseph was warned by an angel to take the Child and flee to Egypt. Joseph obeyed and he and Mary joined the Magi as the first practitioners of civil disobedience in the Christian era.

What got into the Magi to make them challenge the King? At World Youth Day, Benedict explained that the Magi had come seeking the prophesied “King who would be infinitely united with God,” the King who would restore order to the world, acting for God and in his Name. That King turned out to be “quite unlike what they were expecting.” Still, “they knew down in their hearts and recognized him as the promised King. But they still had to…change their ideas about power, about God and about man, and in so doing, they also had to change themselves. Now they were able to see that God’s power is… the power of love… which constitutes the new divine intervention that opposes injustice and urchins in the Kingdom of God.”

Christmas made visible the Incarnation in which the second person of the Trinity became man. When that Child became a human adult, it sealed it out for Pilate, that the power of the state is given by God and is subject to his law: “Thou wouldst have no power over me were it not given to you from above.” (John 19:11). This juridical impact of the Incarnation has made reality christening in civil disobedience of the Magi and then of Jesus who collaborated with the Lawgiver. Benedict asked the youth at Cologne, “what does all this mean for us?” He answered his own question by giving them a short course on the nature of true justice, “The sanctuary,” he said, “true reformers… In the last century we experienced revolutions with a common programme — exporting nothing more than clear contradictions. But because that child himself is still a current event. Professor Emeritus Rice on the law and social reality. He can be reached at (574) 632-4415 or at rice16@nd.edu. His column appears every other Tuesday.

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Is race elective?

Superficially, Anatole Broyard (1920-1999) possessed all of the classic attributes of a New York intellectual and socialite: a powerful mind, a prescience earned through decades as a high-profile New York Times book reviewer, a gift for words, and an insatiable appetite for self-gratification. From the very beginning Broyard was naturally suited to the lifestyle that he had made his own, save for one snag. In the middle of the 20th century, in a profoundly discrimination-era, and in an absolutely elitist profession, Anatole Broyard was black.

Broyard fought his entire life, more or less successfully, to conceal his birth race. He was aided in this by an uncommonly fair complexion. And while few should disagree that Broyard’s reasons for his lifelong deception — primarily to protect his career — were petty, his methods operated flawlessly, and his lifelong disguise unmarked by harm. Broyard would appear to have never thought about the world as it views the world. At best the entire situation might devolve into an almost surreal game of “race tourism” with little depth or meaning. In no regard would it live up to what the pure ideal of elective race aims to be.

But the failure of the idea itself is telling. The very reason that a Broyard-style system of elective race fails is because the idea of race that underlies it is not equivalent to what most of society understands race to be. (For Broyard race was skin color, nothing more.) But our reactions to the failure also show that our essential views of race itself are fundamentally fragmented. To claim there are those for whom, like Broyard, race is nothing more than a collection of visible characteristics (possibly with underlying genetics) the most common of these being skin color. Some of these people may be uncomfortable with the idea of race in general and therefore they tend to favor a landscape in which, for all intents and purposes, race does not exist. These are the kind of people who voted to ban affirmative action in Michigan a few weeks ago. Their ultimate goal is to achieve complete and total “color blindness.”

However, for others, race is a state of being. It is not attached so much to the color of a person’s skin, although of course it is undeniably part of it, as it is to his or her universal experience while wearing that skin. It is both a kind of righteous anger and a kind of solidarity, such as was witnessed after Hurricane Katrina, which ravaged and destroyed New Orleans. Through this lens, it matters not so much what you are as what you know and what experiences you have been through. Sometimes the ultimate goal of this group is to overturn what faces us, something it is to overcome it.

But the very fact that both of these views can be held by the same culture simultaneously is partially vindication of Broyard’s ideal. In reality, it is not that I elect what race I shall call myself, but rather that I elect how I shall view race altogether and this limits all of my subsequent choices. It is this election that makes a black woman black and a white woman white, more than the color of either’s skin. Perhaps, in realizing that the concept of race is already elective, we can go a step further to making the actuality of race elective as well. At the very least, our understanding of the choice we make in viewing what race will mean to us should inform our relations with others in this diverse culture.

And maybe, just maybe, Broyard will have the last laugh after all.

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Re-examining faith and education

Is religion the best answer?

In the Letter to the Editor “Combine Religion and Science,” Nov. 21 Krista Larsen brought to light the issue of a declining American education system and offered as a possible remedy the argument for a correlation between religion and the quality of our education system. Namely, values such as obedience and perseverance are of common sense readily point out that in no regard would it live up to what the pure ideal of elective race aims to be. A secular community can certainly foster a strong commitment to education. This is evident in secular schools and universities throughout the nation. So when considering how to improve the schools of our nation, we do not see the argument for promoting religious devotion as highly relevant. Not only does common sense readily point out that such an argument would have little credit or effect in America, but promoting the values necessary for a good school system need not involve religion. The characteristics of a good education system and solutions for allowing our schools to adapt them more effectively can be determined through political debate. Likewise, while our faith may guide us to believe in certain ways, the value of education can be determined without divine revelation.

Benjamin Andersen

I would respectfully disagree with Krista Larsen’s Letter to the Editor “Combine religion and science in education,” Nov. 21. Now, more than ever, we need to encourage just the opposite. At present, religious leaders continue to promote religion onto secular public schools and government policies and the rights of private individuals. We must encourage a clear separation between science and religion. For example, if one were to look at the Bible, a book written thousands of years ago, one would see that God created humans in their present form. Evolution is an accepted scientific fact. Scientists are currently trying to understand the mechanisms by which evolution occurred, but there is no doubt among any respected scientist that evolution occurred. That such a stunningly low percentage of Americans are aware of this is a problem for science in which closer ties to religion is not a solution.

When you have Christian ministers preaching the sinfulness of certain scientific research (take embryonic stem-cell research or new advances in the prevention of cervical cancer for example), based on nothing more than beliefs pulled from books that claim the world was created around the time that the Ptolemacists were brewing beer, there really is a conflict. Science needs to be free from religious dogma. Religion may have its place in our society today (and according to an April 2006 CBS News Poll, 82 percent of Americans think it does), but its place is not in science. Science needs to advance without the constraints that blind faith in religious dogma would undoubtedly place upon it. Finally, I would just like to point out that in Japan, which, as Larsen informed us, is ranked first in math and science, 60 percent of the population reports not to believe in a higher power, according to The Cambridge Companion to Atheism. If we hope to continue on a path toward scientific advancement we cannot allow a separation of science and religion in our education, not a combination.

John Kennedy

low student of the game

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Keep religion and science separate

I feel, stems from our subconscious realization that concepts of racial supremacy are dominated by the doctrine of absolute rigidity. For the supremacists, race is ordained by God or by nature, and its boundaries must never, under any circumstances, be crossed. What could be more antithetical to this viewpoint than the idea of an elective race, where not only are those boundaries crossable, but they are altogether mutable?

Of course in practice, few would dispute that the adoption of an elective notion of race could never reach this pure ideal. Were the idea to be grafted directly onto our society, I believe that three common responses would emerge. One portion of society would look upon the idea as a grave insult to its identity, a second would adopt Broyard’s brand of hollow racial escapist, and a third would agree with the idea yet change nothing about the way it views the world. At best the entire situation might devolve into an almost surreal game of “race tourism” with little depth or meaning. In no regard would it live up to what the pure ideal of elective race aims to be.

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Aronofsky's 'Fountain' thrills, confuses viewers

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

When a Christian angel in the guise of a Mayan warrior bows down before a time-traveling man who bears a striking resemblance to a Buddha, there is something heavy going on in Darren Aronofsky's latest release, "The Fountain." The director plays around with reality, what it means to die and more importantly, with what it means to live.

Starring Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz, "The Fountain" tells a tale of two lovers through three time periods. The film opens with Tomas, a conquistador attempting to scale a Mayan pyramid. He makes it to the top, encountering a man with a burning sword standing guard at a tree. The film then fast-forwards to the present day, where Tommy (Jackman), left, relaxes with his dying wife Izzi (Rachel Weisz) in "The Fountain." Director Darren Aronofsky's latest is a study in visual splendor.

Tomas (Hugh Jackman) walks toward the Tree of Life in "The Fountain." Despite its impressive visual effects, the film's multiple plot lines do not form a cohesive whole.

The premise of "The Fountain" certainly had promise, but its potential goes unrealized because of poor plot development.

Aronofsky never meant for "The Fountain" to be coherent. This is a film meant to be enjoyed and savored, rather than simply understood. "The Fountain" is why we go to theaters, sit in the dark and watch movies.

By ERIN McGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

Movies, much like books, would do well to have coherent plots that an audience is able to follow. While it is possible for a film to seem abstract on the surface, it is still necessary for an audience to be given all of the pieces together. Unfortunately, director Darren Aronofsky seems to have missed this day at film school, and "The Fountain" is the frustrating result.

The story lines are all connected rather tenuously. The primary concern of Aronofsky is not so much to tell a story that deals with issues and meanings bigger than ourselves. Life, death, the possibility of rebirth and the possibility of eternal life and love are the themes that Aronofsky explores in this film through stunning visuals and wonderful performances from both Jackman and Weisz.

The visuals are the strongest aspect of the film, from the jungles of South and Central America to the cosmos of the third chapter of the story. "The Fountain" uses a piece of space travel from the court of the Spanish Inquisition, through Jungles, to the frustration of modern relationships and even the stars, and weaves them all into a stunning array of light and sound. The narrative is not supposed to be understood coherently. What little there is in the way of a story consists of the love two people have for each other and the strength it takes to stay and say goodbye.

The film is a departure for Aronofsky, whose previous films included 1998's "Pi" and his entrance to mass respectability, 2000's "Requiem For a Dream." Always one to play around with imagery, he was one of the main users of the hip-hop montage effect, and he has a maintained distinctive visual style. However, his narratives have always been realistically fantastical.

"The Fountain" is not realistic, and is an almost purely a sensory experience. Understanding is not an issue, as the film is simply something to be experienced. Perhaps the most stunning sequence of the film is the climax, which attempts to tie the three narrative threads together. It is an explosion of light, sound and emotion. Alongside this spectacle, however, is the fact that the story is rather sporadic and the three threads never really quite fit together in a completely coherent way.

If suspension of disbelief is an easy task, then this is a film to see — its visuals more than make up for the incoherent narrative. One should also consider that Aronofsky never meant for "The Fountain" to be coherent. This is a film meant to be enjoyed and savored, rather than simply understood.

"The Fountain" is why we go to the theaters, sit in the dark and watch movies. If every film were able to match this in terms of sensory pleasure, it could hardly be considered a bad thing. When you walk into the theater, don't worry about the boy getting the girl or the hero vanquishing his foe at the end. All audiences need worry about is whether or not they can see the screen clearly. All the rest is periphery.

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Irish wide receiver Rhema McKnight gets swarmed under by three USC defenders in Notre Dame's 44-24 loss to the Trojans Saturday. McKnight caught six balls for 109 yards and a touchdown but also dropped several key passes as the Irish continually bogged down in the Trojan end of the field.

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Devoured in the Coliseum

Missed opportunities doom outmatched Irish in fifth straight loss to USC

By ERIC RETTER
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LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Dwayne Jarrett scored three touchdowns and No. 3 USC beat No. 6 Notre Dame for the fifth straight time Saturday night in Los Angeles.

Behind Jarrett's seven receptions for 122 yards, the Trojans rolled over the Irish 44-24 and kept their BCS title hopes alive.

"They were better than us," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "They did a good job on offense and defense and special teams, and (and) there's no excuses."

Touchdown receptions of nine and five yards, respectively, by Jarrett from quarterback John David Booty ended the Trojans' first two drives, and the wideout in helping Southern California beat Notre Dame 21-3 late Saturday night in the Coliseum.

"You needed to, so give credit to their defense," said Irish safety Tom Zbikowski. "They did a good job on offense, defense and special teams. There's no excuses."

Dwayne Jarrett torched the Irish secondary for 132 yards and three touchdowns.

Irish linebacker Chase Anastasio recovered the loose ball on the 7, and Brady Quinn was just 4-13 for 78 yards in the period.

Quinn failed to find McKnight on the first play from scrimmage. The drive stalled, however, on the Southern California 29 after Quinn failed to find McKnight on fourth-and-9.

The reason why went for it around the 30 is that the range we had [for field goal kicker Carl Gioia] was getting to the 25," Weis said. "If I thought we would have been making a field goal from 48 yards, I would have been kicking a field goal."

After Booty's two touchdown passes to Jarrett put the Trojans up 14-0, Gioia kicked a 27-yard field goal to put the Irish on the board with 36 seconds left in the opening period.

USC extended its lead on the ensuing possession, as a one-yard sneak by Booty capped a nine-play, 66-yard drive and gave the Trojans a 21-3 lead.

Notre Dame struggled offensively for the first quarter, and Quinn was just 4-13 for 78 yards in the period.

In the second quarter, Notre Dame looked poised to finally enter the end zone after Quinn turned a broken play into a 60-yard rush — the longest run by a Notre Dame player this season — but running back Darius Walker fumbled on a first-and-goal from the 3-yard-line and defensive tackle Fill Moala recovered to end the Notre Dame threat.

"We didn't put the ball in the end zone early in the game when we were moving it," Weis said.

On the ensuing USC possession, however, Irish linebacker Steve Quinn blocked a punt and set up Notre Dame's first trip into the end zone. Irish receiver Chase Anastasio recovered the loose ball on the 7, and Brady Quinn found tight end Marcus Freeman in the end zone on the next play to cut the Trojan lead to 21-10 with 7:47 left in the half.

"When you're playing in a game like this, you can't panic when things go badly or it'll be over early," Weis said.

The Irish had an opportunity to reduce USC lead even more after Booty was intercepted by cornerback Mike Richardson and defensive tackle Trevor Laws on back-to-back drives. Notre Dame, however, failed to convert on fourth down in each drive and stalled twice in Trojan territory. Overall, the Irish were just 2-for-6 on fourth down.

"Especially on offense, we didn't execute well," said Irish tackle Ryan Harris, who was whistled for four penalties in the game. "We made some uncharacteristic mistakes."

Notre Dame and Southern California traded touchdowns in the third quarter, as Trojan running back Chauncey Washington's 2-yard run with 10:03 left in the quarter gave the Trojans a 28-10 lead before Quinn connected with McKnight from the 2 to cut the lead back to 11. The touchdown gave McKnight — who finished with six catches for 109 yards — his 15th score of the season, tying Jeff Samardzija's club mark.

"They keep making plays in a game like this, you can't panic when things go badly or it'll be over early," Weis said.

USC quarterback John David Booty returned the ensuing onside kick for a touchdown to provide the final margin.

Though Saturday marked the second time the Irish have lost by 20 or more to a top-5 team — Michigan beat them 47-21 on Sept. 16 — Weis, in confident Notre Dame will still receive an invitation to a BCS bowl.

"You take away Cushing's kickoff return for a touchdown there at the end (that made it 44-21) ... and we lose by 13 and everyone's happy," he said. "I think we get beat pretty good and I think that we'll be very happy to play any BCS game that's going to pick us."

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player of the game
Dwayne Jarrett
The Trojan receiver torched the Irish secondary for 132 yards and three touchdowns.

stat of the game
24-5
Notre Dame's fourth down conversion rate. The Irish were stopped on downs four times in USC territory.

play of the game
Desmond Reed's first quarter punt return
The Trojans return man gave USC a short field which allowed his team to take an early 14-0 lead.

quote of the game
"They were better than us. They did a good job on offense, defense and special teams. There's no excuses."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach
Irish fall flat in year's biggest game

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — You could almost see this coming. The thousand or so Southern California faithful that lined a campus walkway to cheer the Trojans as they entered the Los Angeles Coliseum Saturday afternoon sure could. As it snaked through the crowd on its way to the stadium, Trojan fans saw a UCSC squad prepared for Notre Dame. The Trojans bounced around, slapped hands and smiled, obviously eager for a matchup a year in the making. The Irish could have used some of that energy.

In its biggest game of the season — for most players, of their career — Notre Dame dropped passes, whiffed tackles and ultimately missed its opportunity to solidify the best season in over a decade in South Bend. USC was the more-talented football team. The Trojans defense was faster than Michigan's and Dwayne Jarrett could start for any team in the NFL right now. But the Irish knew that going in. They knew that only a focused, fiery effort would be enough to beat the Trojans in the Coliseum for the time since Saturday night's color commentator roamed the Irish sidelines.

They knew that only a focused, fiery effort would be enough to beat the Trojans in the Coliseum for the time since Saturday night's color commentator roamed the Irish sidelines. So what happened?

The Irish began the game with little of the fire, not much of the intensity and none of the clutch plays that kept Notre Dame in the contest against an even-more-talented Trojan bunch last season. And placing blame isn't easy.

It's ridiculous to question the players' effort, especially the senior class, which is the biggest reason Notre Dame is competitive today. It's also ridiculous to blame everything on Notre Dame's athletic director. The Irish had more than enough talent to hang with the Trojans last season. There was no reason why they couldn't stay in the game with USC this time. The only reasonable blame has to fall on the head coach.

Charlie Weis had all season to get Notre Dame up for this game. He had last season's aching loss and the chance to spoil an archrival's national title hopes as motivation. What happened? The Irish laid an egg.

Notre Dame started the first quarter like it had never seen a football before. Sure-handed Rhema McKnight dropped it, Darius Walker fumbled it and the secondary couldn't find it. Despite the mistakes, a little bit of hope shone down from the LA lights in the second quarter Saturday night. Steve Quinn blocked a punt, Mike Richardson and Trevor Laws came up with big interceptions. It looked like the Notre Dame we thought we knew.

But the Notre Dame we thought we knew would have punched in 21 quick points and went into halftime with the lead. One touchdown later, Southern California had weathered Notre Dame's only defensive storm of the evening. It was unexpected. This was the game the Irish had been planning for since last October. The game Brady Quinn wanted to complete his already legendary resume. The game the whole country was waiting for. USC coach Pete Carroll can be criticized for showing too much spirit at times. But no one can say Carroll doesn't know how to coach in big games. The Trojans were fully prepared — mentally and physically.

Weis showed Saturday night that he hasn't reached Carroll's level yet. He had to find a way to get the Irish ready for their biggest game of the year. He had a whole season to build them up, to get the Irish to peak at the right time. It took just one quarter to show that Notre Dame is much further away from the top than anyone ever thought.
Jarrett torches Irish secondary
Trojan wide receiver records over 100 yards against ND for third straight year

By KATE GALES

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Dwayne Jarrett had just seven catches Saturday night.

But three went for touchdowns as the junior accumulated 132 yards against Notre Dame in a 44-24 USC win.

"They’ve never been conservative and I didn’t expect them to do so," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "They called an aggressive game and gave credit to them and aggressive game plans really come to a positive light when they make plays. Jarrett has those three scores, that makes that aggressive game plan look that much better, when he’s running for those touchdowns."

Jarrett scored a nine-yard touchdown on the Trojans’ opening drive and another four-yarder five-yard score within minutes.

Although Jarrett didn’t score USC’s third touchdown himself, he did have a 25-yard grab to keep the drive going.

"He’s a great player," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. "Every time [USC’s receivers] get a ball in their hands they’re going to do good things. That’s why Jarrett’s broken all the records and done what he’s done there."

So far in 2006, Jarrett has 55 catches for 742 yards and 10 touchdowns. As a sophomore in 2005, he had 91 catches for 1,274 yards and 16 scores. Perhaps his most famous was a fourth-and-nine catch that went for 61 yards in the final drive of the Notre Dame USC game on Oct. 15, 2005. He was a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation’s top receiver, and received All-America honors.

The Irish were prepared for the speed and talent of Jarrett and fellow Trojans receiver Steve Smith, but still gave up 265 yards through the air.

"They’re a very talented group of receivers coming in and they really showed that today," Irish cornerback Tom Zbikowski said.

Jarrett was 17-of-28 with two interceptions and three touchdowns, all to Jarrett. Smith had three catches for 35 yards and Fred Davis had three for 33 yards.

"We knew coming into this game that they were probably going to be some of the best receivers that we’ve seen so far and they proved to be very fast," Frome said. "We knew what to expect, we couldn’t really perform, execute our plays and our game plan and they could."

The Irish concluded their regular season Saturday. Next week, Jarrett and the Trojans face crosstown rival UCLA.

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scoring summary

1st 2nd 3rd 4th Total
Notre Dame 3 7 7 7 24
USC 14 7 17 16 44

First quarter
USC 7 Notre Dame 0
Dwayne Jarrett 8-yard reception from John David Booty with 5:47 remaining (Marvin Gray kick) Drive: 1 play, 6 yards, 0:27 elapsed
USC 14, Notre Dame 0
Jarrett 5-yard reception from Booty with 5:16 remaining (Gray kick) Drive: 3 plays, 26 yards, 1:50 elapsed
USC 21, Notre Dame 0
Corky Kiser 27-yard field goal with 6:20 remaining Drive: 14 plays, 71 yards, 4:48 elapsed

Second quarter
USC 28, Notre Dame 3
Booty 1-yard run with 11:27 remaining (Gray kick) Drive: 8 plays, 59 yards, 3:58 elapsed
USC 35, Notre Dame 10
Marcus Freeman 7-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 7:29 remaining (Gray kick) Drive: 1 play, 6 yards, 0:27 elapsed

Third quarter
USC 28, Notre Dame 10
Chasen Washington 9-yard run with 10:03 remaining (Danny kite holder) Drive: 10 plays, 65 yards, 4:57 elapsed
USC 29, Notre Dame 17
Rhema McKerchie 9-yard pass from Quinn with 1:57 remaining (Gray kick) Drive: 11 plays, 70 yards, 3:28 elapsed

Fourth quarter
USC 31, Notre Dame 17
Donnie Smith 3-yard field goal with 11:43 remaining Drive: 13 plays, 85 yards, 5:14 elapsed
USC 37, Notre Dame 10
Jarrett 43-yard pass from Booty with 6:21 remaining (Danny kite holder) Drive: 5 plays, 17 yards, 1:10 elapsed
USC 37, Notre Dame 24
Jeff Samardzija 2-yard punt from Quinn with 3:20 remaining (Gray kick holder) Drive: 4 plays, 32 yards, 4:42 elapsed
USC 44, Notre Dame 24
Brian Cashed 42-yard kickoff return with 3:31 remaining (Danny kite)

statistics

total yards
Notre Dame 404
USC 424
passing yards
Notre Dame 130
USC 265
return yards
Notre Dame 374
USC 115
passing yards
Notre Dame 294
USC 294

Time of possession
USC 30:53
Notre Dame 29:07

By KATE GALES

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — After a 44-24 loss to USC Saturday, the most recent Bowl Championship Series (BCS) poll placed the Irish at No. 10.

The team is No. 10 in the Harris Interactive Poll, No. 12 in the USA Today/Coaches Poll and No. 8 in the computer rankings.

The BCS rankings average these three components, with equal weight.

The BCS now consists of the National Title game and the traditional Rose, Orange, Fiesta and Sugar Bowls. The Irish automatically go to a BCS bowl if they finish in the top eight teams, and are eligible for selection if they are within the top 14.

After losing to USC, Irish coach Charlie Weis said the team would be happy to be selected for a BCS bowl.

"I think that we got beat pretty good and we’ll be very happy to go to any BCS game that picks us," Weis said. A reporter asked if the rumors were true that the Sugar Bowl officials had said they would take the Irish if they were available and Weis responded to that as well, which was the case.

"If New Orleans ends up picking us, sign me up," he said. 'Let's go.'

The four bowls have several conference tie-ins, meaning that the conference champions will automatically go to those bowls unless selected for the national title game. The Rose Bowl is played between the Big Ten and the Pac-10 champions, the Fiesta Bowl is tied to the Big 12, the Orange Bowl is tied to the ACC and the Sugar Bowl is tied to the SEC.

"The bowl that loses its champion, and the other bowls. The Rose Bowl is already lost the Big 10 champion, Ohio State, to the national title game. Because the Buckeyes are No. 1, they will automatically receive the first pick of remaining teams. It could also lose the Pac-10 champion if the Trojans end up No. 2 in the BCS rankings, in which case it could pick any two teams not hosting bowls.

After the replacement bids, the Sugar Bowl receives the first pick, followed by the Orange Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl.

Zbikowski returns kicks for first time; Weis inserts extra linemen in short yardage

By KATE GALES

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The bowl that loses its champion, and any other bowls. The Rose Bowl is already lost the Big 10 champion, Ohio State, to the national title game.

Because the Buckeyes are No. 1, they will automatically receive the first pick of remaining teams. It could also lose the Pac-10 champion if the Trojans end up No. 2 in the BCS rankings, in which case it could pick any two teams not hosting bowls.

After the replacement bids, the Sugar Bowl receives the first pick, followed by the Orange Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl.

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California nightmare

Southern California jumped out to a 21-3 lead and never looked back against an overmatched Irish squad. Notre Dame had its chances — including two second quarter interceptions — but squandered them, getting stopped on fourth down four times in Trojan territory and fumbling within five yards of the goal line. The win vaulted USC into a probable national title game matchup with Ohio State while Notre Dame became a virtual lock for a lesser BCS game.
DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Guest takes satiric film into ‘Consideration’

Director’s humorous, documentary-style movies thrive on spontaneity

GUEST AND THE MOCKUMENTARY

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Writer

Movies are often used to escape real life, but writer, director and actor Christopher Guest has turned making fun of life into its own genre. The mockumentary, exemplified by Guest’s films, has turned what many audiences consider to be the most tedious film structure into one of the most uproarious.

A mockumentary is a film that is presented as a documentary, but is actually a parody or satire of the events or theme it portrays. Mockumentaries are generally filmed very quickly and are mostly improvised to maintain the realistic structure of the film. The first famous false documentary is probably Orson Welles’ 1941 production of “The War of the Worlds,” but the word “mockumentary” was coined by director Rob Reiner in reference to his 1984 film, “This Is Spinal Tap.”

In a somewhat similar vein, drama documentaries, like the recently released “Death of a President,” are false documentaries that take on a serious tone.

Fellow screenwriters Michael McKean, Harry Shearer and Rob Reiner helped to lay the foundations for the modern mockumentary with the cult classic “This is Spinal Tap!” but Christopher Guest brought the mockumentary into their own in the 1996 films “Best in Show” and “A Mighty Wind.” Guest has saturated folk music in “A Mighty Wind,” small town theatre productions in “Waiting for Guffman” and, most famously, charity dog shows in “Best in Show.”

Guest uses them perfectly, aided by his talent for timing, as well as his ability to turn humor into something that is relatable.

Christopher Guest is known for his work with the National Lampoon troupe as well as his directing career on left-of-center, mockumentary films. His previous mockumentaries, including “This is Spinal Tap,” “Best in Show,” and “For Your Consideration,” have all been nominated for an Academy Award. "A Mighty Wind" was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay.

Guest has satirized the appeal to a wider structure for television shows, as well as the “real” movie, as well as movies themselves. While his previous films have often been criticized for being a parody of the events or theme they portray, Guest’s latest film, "For Your Consideration," is not actually in the mockumentary style. Many of the scenes are heavily scripted and it is done as a narrative and not a documentary.

From left, Christopher Moynihan, Harry Shearer, Catherine O’Hara and Parker Posey star in “For Your Consideration.” The film’s sense of satire fails to impress.

Guest’s films include multiple other elements that make them more “real.” In “A Mighty Wind,” television cameras were actually used to film the sections that were supposedly broadcast on TV. Also, most of the “Mighty Wind” actors played their own instruments, as they did in “This is Spinal Tap.”

Guest uses many of the same actors in his films and has formed a comedy troupe of sorts in doing so. Eugene Levy, Catherine O’Hara, Parker Posey, Michael McKean, Jennifer Coolidge and others continue to be seen in Guest mockumentaries and their chemistry has not dulled as the movies have been released.

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Guest has taken satiric film into "Consideration" — a parody of the films for which she was nominated. Yet, the film is not as strong a satire as its predecessors but it still offers an amusing inside look into Hollywood and the events of award-season buzz. Guest and company shine as they interact with ease and enjoyment, but the movie must be chosen next project carefully. While he should be lauded for this latest risk, the mockumentary is his best option.

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Ravens destroy Pittsburgh's slim playoff hopes

Titans, Redskins, Patriots get narrow victories Sunday

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Any chance the Pittsburgh Steelers had of reaching the playoffs was faintly laid to rest by the Baltimore Ravens Sunday, who took advantage of being down 21-0 early and sandwiching a 1-yard TD pass from Ben Roethlisberger between two possessions of 36 yards in the decisive first half. The nine sacks, which totaled 73 yards and matched a Ravens franchise record, included a vicious hit by Bart Scott that forced Roethlisberger out of the game with a rib injury.

With LaDainian Tomlinson, in the midst of an MVP-type season, rushed for 124 yards and matched a Ravens franchise record, included a forcing Roethlisberger out of the game with a rib injury.

The victory broke a two-game losing streak for the Ravens (5-6) who led the AFC North by 1-1/2 games over the Steelers (4-7-1).

Roethlisberger went 21-for-41 for 214 yards and two interceptions and didn't score again, and Jones dropped passes and a shocking fumble. The Ravens capitalized on the Steelers' fourth of their five turnovers — and Charles Tillman's second interception with 1:46 left — and scored a 36-10 win over three times inside the AFC North.

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Jake Delhomme is around the dial

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Long famed for titles, bowls and Bear Bryant, Alabama is gaining a reputation for something far less complimentary: coaching turnover and turmoil.

"It's what Alabama is known for right now," defensive and Wallace Gilberry said. "One day we're going to find the right fit who's going to come in here and turn the program around." The Crimson Tide is once again in the market for a head coach, its fourth in six years, after athletic director Mal Moore announced Mike Shula's firing on Monday.

Shula was fired after the Crimson Tide finished 6-6, including a last-place finish in the SEC and its first-ever loss to Mississippi State in 21 years — signaled the end.

"It's a disappointing time for everyone," said Savard, who joined the Blackhawks, had 33-55-15 record and one season left on his contract.

Associated Press

Fox to stay with Delhomme as Panthers quarterback

CHARLOTTE — Jake Delhomme is getting too much of the blame for Carolina's offensive woes and will remain the starter, coach John Fox said Monday.

"When you drop back to pass the ball it's a team effort," Fox said a day after the Panthers mustered only 264 yards in a 17-13 loss to Washington, which has the 30th-ranked defense. "Whatever you don't play well enough to win I'm not sure it's one guy. It's definitely not just Jake."

Delhomme was 23-of-38 for 168 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions against the Redskins. His second pick was costly. On first down from the Washington 41, Delhomme was pressured and his badly overthrown pass for Steve Smith into double coverage was caught by Washington safety Sean Taylor with 2:09 left.

AP survey has McGwire on outside of Hall

NEW YORK — For one glorious summer, Mark McGwire was bigger than baseball itself. America stopped to watch each time he came to the plate, and cheered every time he sent a ball into orbit.

He could do no wrong, it seemed. Surely he would be a shoo-in for the Hall of Fame someday.

And then came that day on Capitol Hill. Over and over, the big slugger was asked about possible steroid use, and his reputation took hit after hit as he refused to answer, saying he wouldn't talk about his past.

Now, with Hall ballots in the mail, McGwire's path to baseball immortality may have hit a huge roadblock.

The Associated Press surveyed about 20 percent of eligible voters, and only one in four who gave an opinion plan to vote for McGwire this year. That's far short of the 75 percent necessary to gain induction.

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Dallas cuts Vanderjagt from team

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — This is how serious Bill Parcells is taking the Dallas Cowboys' stretch-drive kicking woes: He cut inconsistent kicker Mike Vanderjagt on Monday.

Hailed as the answer to the Cowboys' kicking woes when signed in March, Vanderjagt — isn't living up to his statistical claims. He's been the most accurate kicker in league history. He was only 13-of-18 on field goals, a 72.2 percent success rate that was the lowest of his nine-year career.

Vanderjagt also didn't like having to kick off, one of many aspects of his quirky personality that didn't always go over well with Parcells.

Dallas gave Vanderjagt a $2.5 million signing bonus as part of a three-year, $5.4 million deal, so this is a costly move. The message could be worth it for Parcells as he tries to guide the Cowboys into the playoffs for the first time since 2003 and to their first division title since 1998.

Dallas (7-4) has a one-game lead over the New York Giants in the NFC East going into their meeting Sunday at the Meadowlands. Parcells often talks of the swirling winds at the stadium where he spent the first eight years of his career, and he apparently wasn't ready to play a big game there with a kicker he didn't trust.

"I'm just hoping things take a turn for the better," Parcells said last week. "I think right now, we just have to give him the benefit of the doubt and think things will. Now if they don't, then that could be a different deal."

He added that he wasn't losing patience, but said "it needs to get better," and if it didn't, "you would definitely have to make a change.

Vanderjagt's five misses are near his career high. He was 28-of-34 in 2001 and 23-of-31 the following season, then went 37-of-37 in 2003. He's missed a total of seven kicks the last two years.

For his career, he's made 230-of-266. His accuracy rate — 86.5 percent — is still tops in league history.
Braylon Edwards apologizes

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Braylon Edwards walked into Cleveland’s locker room nattily dressed in a dark, pin-striped sports coat instead of the usual sweats and sneakers he would normally wear the day after a game. He looked and acted cool Monday.

On Sunday, he was anything but.

An embarrassed Edwards blamed “my passion for the game” for his showy sideline tantrum during the third quarter of Cleveland’s 30-0 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals, a Terrell Owens-like display for Edwards the cocky second-year wide receiver normally wear the day after a tantrum during the third quarter of Cincinnati’s 30-0 loss to Edwards.

During halftime, Edwards threw a punch at Browns quarterback Charlie Frye, an enraged Edwards lost his composure after leaving the field. He exchanged words with Frye and even grabbed the QB’s jersey as other teammates tried to settle him down as he angrily stormed around.

Edwards, who didn’t speak to the media following the game, never directly apologized for his actions but he clearly regretted what happened.

“I don’t feel like I embarrassed my teammates,” he said. “I embarrassed myself to some extent. That’s not my character. That’s not me. Nobody knows me as that type of guy. I’ve always been the clean cut, quiet, well-spoken guy, so that wasn’t me. I embarrassed myself a little bit and I feel I embarrassed this organization to some extent. “I wish I could do it back, but I can’t.”

Browns coach Romeo Crennel said any discipline against Edwards would be handled internally. His options would be to suspend, fine or bench the former first-round pick. Or, Crennel may choose to do nothing.

“We are going to talk to Braylon and we are going to determine how we’ll deal with it,” Crennel said. “We are going to keep it in-house.”

“It’s his family business and I’m not going to put it in the press.”

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Rookie Cutler to start for Broncos Sunday

Broncos quarterback Jay Cutler looks for a receiver during Denver’s 29-23 preseason victory over Arizona Aug. 31.

Eleventh pick out of Vanderbilt will finally get a chance

Associated Press

DENVER — Jay Cutler’s been the Denver Broncos’ starting quarterback all of one practice and he’s already a rated rook­ie.

Cutler, a former Indiana high school All-Star, was playing it cool in his first interview at the podium when fellow rookies Brandon Marshall and Tony Scheffler began heckling him from the side. Cutler tried to keep from laughing and couldn’t.

“1’m excited,” Cutler said.

“And a little nervous.”

The Cutler Era has officially started. Coach Mike Shanahan ended the speculation Monday by elevating the rookie to start­ing quarterback for the rest of the year, sending Jake Plummer to the bench.

“He’s our future, he’s our present,” Shanahan said.

Cutler led his southern Indiana high school, Heritage Hills, to an unbeaten season and the Class 3A championship in 2000, when he was named first-team All-State by the AP.

Cutler, the 11th pick out of Vanderbilt in the draft last April, hasn’t taken a snap since the preseason. But Shanahan is hoping a quarterback change can ignite the Broncos’ struggling offense.

The team is 7-4, but ranks 26th in the league with 171 yards passing per game.

“There’s a lot of pressure on a first-year quarterback, no question about it,” Shanahan said. “I think this kid can handle it. I think he gives us the best chance to win.”

His teammates figure it’s worth the chance.

“When the losing streak we’re on, it doesn’t hurt to try,” receiver Javon Walker said. “If he does (well), we’ll ride it all the way out. If not, obviously he’s our quarterback of the future.”

A quarterback switch worked in Dallas when Tony Romo took over for Drew Bledsoe. The Cowboys have gone 4-1 with Romo as the starter.

Jane Auden

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Vick apologizes for making obscene gesture

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Michael Vick apologized for making an obscene gesture toward Atlanta fans as he walked off the field after the Falcons' fourth straight loss Sunday.

Vick used both hands to deliver the gesture and flashed an angry look toward the handful of fans remaining in the Georgia Dome. Those who hung around booed the home team loudly after its dismal 31-13 loss to the New Orleans Saints.

"First and foremost, I would like to apologize for my inappropriate actions with fans today," the quarterback said in a statement released by the Falcons. "I was frustrated and upset at how the game was going for my team, and that frustration came out the wrong way."

Vick was the Falcons' main offensive threat with 166 yards rushing, just 7 off his NFL record for a quarterback. He had another rough day passing, completing nine of 24 for 84 yards, but that wasn't entirely his fault.

The Atlanta receivers dropped at least five passes, and the offensive line didn't provide much protection. Vick was sacked three times and hit a dozen more behind the line of scrimmage after throwing passes.

Leaving the field, he let his frustration get the best of him. "That's not what I'm about. That's not what the Atlanta Falcons are about," Vick said in his statement.

"I simply lost my cool in the heat of the moment. I apologize and look forward to putting this incident behind me."

Vick did not address his actions at a postgame news conference. Heporters were not aware that he made the obscene gesture until afterward, when replays of him leaving the field began airing on television.

"I can't explain how I'm feeling right now," Vick said during the news conference. "Losing the game says it all."

"It is not a good feeling when you lose four games in a row, and when you lose a game that you had a shot at winning."

Vick said he did his best to keep the Falcons (5-6) from losing again. This is the first time since 2003 that Atlanta has been below .500.

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Irish struggle to keep up with the rest of 9-team field

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame concluded its fall season with a disappointing eighth place finish in the Aloha Purdue College Invitational at the Kiahuna Golf Club in Poipu, Hawaii Thursday. No. 23 Texas won the event with a three-round tally of 847 – 27 strokes better than Notre Dame.

Senior co-captain Adam Gifford tied for 23rd place in the tournament with a career-best 9-over-par 219. Junior Eddie Peckels and freshman Carl Santos-Ocampo rounded out the lineup for the Irish, who finished three shots behind top-ranked Alabama. Peckels carded a 14-over-par 224 and ended up in 36th place, while Santos-Ocampo wrapped up his first event for the Irish with a 26-over-par 236.

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Team set to take on No. 11 Wisconsin in Madison this weekend

By KYLE CASSITY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame celebrated its selection to its 15th consecutive NCAA Tournament on Sunday. But not after a near anxiety attack.

That's because the 64-team Tournament were announced on ESPN in brackets of 16, and Notre Dame's name was not called until the very last grouping, which caused a lot of tension according to Irish coach Debbie Brown. While Notre Dame showed up on the screen, the relief was soon followed with confusion.

"Everyone let out a huge shout, was yelling — we were jumping up and down," said Brown of the Irish reaction when their name was called. "We were just really excited that our season gets to continue."

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42-31 lead.
The Trojan offense executed a balanced attack that saw four of its five starters score in double figures. Guard Eshaya Murphy led all players with 15 points and 17 rebounds, and guards Jamie Haygli and Hailey Dunham and center Chloe Kerr each finished with 12 points.
"They're a very talented team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We did a poor job of guarding them. Every team has players that we're going to try and key on, and if we can handle them it'll make our job a little easier."
Guard Chargel Allen led the Irish with 13 points and eight rebounds, and freshman cen­ ter Erica Williamson finished with 12 points and nine boards.
Overall, however, the Irish were outrebounded 54-38.
"We had a hard time on ourselves by giving them so many second chance opportun­ ities," McGraw said. "Rebounding is a problem. It's been a problem all year and it's going to continue to be a problem because we lack the desire to block out."
The Belles were led by first-year guard Allison Kessler and guard Bridget Lipke. We have been a totally different team is dominated by seniors - they're Big East guards anymore."
"Our post play needs to step up," she said. "They need to take pressure off the perimeter. Our team is dominated by [guard Allisson] Kesler and [guard Bridget] Lipke. We have six four-fosters that need to have more of an impact."
Kessler and Lipke average 19.3 and 12 points per game respectively. They run the offense and are constantly on the court, averaging 39 and 38 minutes per game.
Saint Mary's will face a tough opponent in Hope junior guard Jordan Boyles. Boyles averages 16.5 points per game, while shooting 50 percent from the field including 55 percent from behind the arc. Henley acknowledges that stopping her will be a challenge.
"She's a pretty legit player," she said. "If I knew how to stop her I'd be in pretty good shape. But good players will get their points. We want to contain her and mix it up with some differ­ ent defensive looks."
The Flying Dutch are 2-0 and average 81.5 points per game, good for second in the confer­ ence and well above the Belles' 60 points per game.
In order to compete with the Flying Dutch, Saint Mary's will have to cut down on its turnovers. The Belles average 20.3 per game, giving them a minus 0.5 turnover margin with a 0.6 assists-to-turnovers ratio.
"Shooting efficiency will play an important role in tonight's game. Saint Mary's has con­ nected on 41 percent of all its field goals, but play from behind the arc has hampered it so far this season. The Belles are shooting only 26 percent from 3-point range."
Henley said the team will approach tonight's game the same way it would any other.
"It doesn't really affect them," said Henley of the team's first conference game. "A game's a game, and it's important. But they're all important."
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Irish guard Ashley Barlow shoots a 3-pointer in Notre Dame's 87-67 win over Western Michigan Nov. 19 at the Joyce Center.

Irish forward Rob Kruz drives to the lane in Notre Dame's 93-87 win over Lehigh Monday at the Joyce Center.

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Sawatske were called for obstruction holding within a minute of each other. 

"It is the first time all year long that we have beaten our­selves," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Obviously I'm disappoint­ed with that and it will be addressed in practice."

Despite the outcome Jackson was full planned overall with his teams play on Saturday night. Notre Dame is the back of the puck for most of the game with plenty of opportunities to pull away late in the game, but the Irish could not sneak one past freshman goalkeeper Jeremy Dunn. Dunn finished the night with 25 saves.

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Notre Dame's two goals in the game came courtesy of the spe­cial teams unit. Senior defense­man Noah Bahin got the scoring started with a short-handed goal at 11:11 in the first stanza.

The Mavericks answered just 2:28 later with two goals of their own from Bryan Marshall and Mark Bernier on the first half of the third period. Several minutes later, fresh­man Kevin D'ellet got open along the crease and hurled a Ryan Thang pass to tie the game on the power play. Sophomore Erik Condra also picked up an assist on the play to increase his scoring total to 18 goals and 16 points.

"Kevin has played consistently well for us," Jackson said. "He's the most important thing for a guy his size is that he competes and always gets himself in position to score goals.

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and carried the ball unchallenged to the end-line where crossed the ball to senior midfielder Cristman, who smashed the shot home to push the Cavaliers lead to 3-1.

Jackson said of the goal, "It was a tough goal because we started out the second period very strongly, and we had the momentum. When we scored, Notre Dame coach Bob Clark said, "It's well known that after your score is a critical time to keep your composure, and we did just that.

Notre Dame pulled within one goal in the 84th minute when Martin converted a penalty shot after his first career multi-goal game for the Irish. "I didn't really expect it because I'm so young," the sophomore said. "There are a lot of other players out there that deserve an award like this."

"If it were, I would gladly give it back in exchange for a nation­al championship," said Irish coach Chris Khorey.

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**Running for Cover**

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn runs out of bounds in Notre Dame's 44-24 loss to USC Saturday in Los Angeles.

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**Notes:**

Lapra was named as one of the three finalists for the Hermann Trophy annually given out to the nation's best player. He leads the nation in goals (22) and points (49), despite playing injured throughout the year.

After Friday's loss, Clark revealed that Lapra tore carti­lage in his meniscus during the first game of the season against UAB. Lapra and the coaching staff considered sur­gery before deciding to play through the injury. For about the last month, Lapra was not trained at all between games.

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**Split results**

Freshman's hat trick vaults Irish to Final Four next weekend

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Freshman forward Michele Weisenerhofer scored three goals as No. 1 Notre Dame beat No. 3 Penn State 4-0 Friday to propel the Irish into the national semifinals.

The Irish (24-0-1) will face Florida State, who came back to beat Clemson 2-1 in its quarterfinal, Friday in Cary, N.C. The winner of that game will take on the winner of UCLA and North Carolina in Sunday's final.

It will be the fourth time in

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Kurz's 25, Falls' 21 highlight comeback win

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame overcame Lehigh's 82-percent shooting from the floor and the Mountain Hawks' 3-point range in the first half and Rob Kurz led the comeback with a career-high 25 points on 6-of-9 shooting — 15 points in the second half — to give the Irish a 93-87 victory over Lehigh (2-6) 46-44 at the half. The Irish went on a 10-0 run to give the Irish a 93-87 victory.

In the first half, Notre Dame twice cut the lead to one, the second time coming when senior forward Crystal Erwin hit the second 3-pointer of her career with 7:19 left in the half to make the score 19-18. The Irish could never get over the hump, however, and went into the half trailing 30-24.

Early in the second half, the Irish cut the Trojan lead to 34-31, but Southern California again responded to the Notre Dame threat, going on an 8-0 run that gave it a comfortable lead in home win

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame attacked first, but played catch up the rest of the way, as Southern California handed the Irish their second loss of the year 69-58 Friday night in Los Angeles, Calif.

After the Irish jumped ahead 2-0, the Trojans went on a 10-2 run and Notre Dame never recovered. The Irish (3-2) often struggled to put points on the board despite forcing 27 turnovers and surrendering 19.

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**HOCKEY**

Mavericks, Irish trade victories

Ututa's late goal nets series draw for UNO

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Nebraska-Omaha defenseman Juha Uotila scored a power-play goal with 2:16 remaining in the third period to give the Mavericks a 3-2 win and a weekend split with No. 5 Notre Dame in Omaha.

Uotila's goal was a result of two Notre Dame penalties that gave Nebraska-Omaha a 5-on-3 advantage late in the game. Senators Jason Paigo and Tom

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

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The Irish drop their season finale to the Bobcats, but make their 15th straight NCAA Tournament.

**ND MEN'S GOLF**

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

In just 20 seconds, Notre Dame went from a team on the comeback trail to packing its bags.

With 20 minutes remaining in Notre Dame's NCAA quarterfinal match against Virginia Friday, left forward Joseph Lapira found forward Kurt Martin near the net on a free kick to cut the Cavaliers' lead to 2-1.

On the ensuing kick-off, Virginia junior midfielder Nico Colaluca got open on the wing and

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Saint Mary's at Hope

Today, 7:30 p.m.

The Belles travel to Holland, Mich. to face 2005-06 MIAA champs.

**NFL**

Denver quarterback Jay Cutler will make his first pro start Sunday for the Broncos.

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Missed opportunities doom

Ireland against talented Trojans