Students abroad aid Mexico floods

International study program in Puebla reaches out to those affected in nation's center

By ROHAN ANAND
New Writer

Although much of the flooding that had submerged nearly 80 percent of the Mexican state of Tabasco and parts of adjacent Chiapas earlier this month has subsided, the Notre Dame students studying abroad in Puebla are working to reach out to the hundreds of thousands of displaced civilians that remain homeless.

"We were told that nearly 800,000 people have been displaced in Tabasco and 20,000 in Chiapas," said junior James Wiggs, who is in Puebla. "Although the death toll of 50 people has been relatively low for such a major disaster, a lot of people did not receive much warning about the floods and were caught unaware.

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Although Puebla is located in central Mexico, several hundred miles away from the flooded areas, the aftermath of the disaster hit close to home for many of the students staying with host families. Many of them were shocked to see that relatives of their home stay families had lost everything in the flooding.

"My host family first told me of the situation and were especially concerned because my (host family) dad's brother and his family were trapped," said junior Jason Roddula, from Puebla. "They lived on top of a hill in Villa Hermosa, the capital of Chiapas, "

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Football fans travel for season finale

By MADDEE HANNA and KAREN LANGLEY
New Writers

PALO ALTO, Calif. — It was an anticlimactic end to one of Notre Dame football's worst seasons, but thousands of Irish fans — many from the Bay Area — showed up Saturday to watch their team manage a win over Stanford.

Outside Stanford Stadium, it seemed like every other person was a Notre Dame fan. Notre Dame tailgaters shared the Victory March through the eucalyptus groves, and the Notre Dame Alumni Band repeated it inside the stadium after each Irish touchdown. With their trombones, saxophones, trumpets — and members ranging from 13 to 87 years old — the band sat high above one end zone.

There were hundreds of empty seats at Stanford Stadium, which was renovated before the 2006 season and now seats only 50,000 people. Throughout the game, the moody Stanford band — attired in vests or jackets with phrases taped on the backs — played to a student section of far fewer than a thousand students.

Dancers clad in red sundresses stood by late in the game as the Stanford cheerleaders donned their wind jackets.

Irish fans at the game said Saturday was a welcome opportunity to watch Notre Dame football, regardless of the team's then 2-9 record.

"This is our one chance in the Bay Area to see the Irish," said Anne Stricherz, a 1996 alumna who now teaches near San Francisco.

ACE teacher emphasizes faith

ND grad focuses service experience into two years educating in Denver

By JOSEPH M. MAHON
New Writer

When Elias Moo, a 2007 Notre Dame graduate, applied to become a teacher as part of Alliance for Catholic Education, he saw the program as a way to continue to live in Notre Dame's message of service. He was eager for the chance to help others after graduation.

"My whole career at Notre Dame was very service-based," Moo said. "ACE seemed like a great fit for what I wanted to do post-Notre Dame.

However, like all ACE participants, Moo had no idea where he would be placed.

He had talked to some of his friends that were participating in the program. After hearing about their experiences, Moo decided to apply for a teacher position.

Eventually, he was assigned to teach for the next two years at an elementary school in Denver, Colo. The urban west side of Denver has seen a rise in percentage of low-income families living in the community over the past several years. At St. Rose of Lima, the school Moo works in, 80 percent of the students are on free lunch and receive scholarship money.

As their teacher, Moo is the children everyday from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. In addition to giving them a well-rounded academic education, Moo also stresses the religious component of his job. He said that one of the most important aspects of his job is to help these children grow spiritually as well as intellectually.

"Even though these kids come from low-income families, we get them to try to have a sense of service for each other and other in the community," he said.

For the past 15 years, ACE has placed college graduates like Elias Moo into teaching positions in Catholic schools in low-income communities around the country. The program could include sociology and other disciplines," he said.

Journal for undergrad poli sci research begins

By BRIAN McKENZIE
New Writer

Beyond Politics, a new undergraduate research journal targeted at a broad audience of politically interested readers, has begun accepting submissions.

John Lentz and Greg Wagman, the editors-in-chief, said the journal will broaden the appeal for undergraduate research and make it easier for students to get published. Wagman stressed that anyone could submit to the journal, regardless of major, and that the research did not necessarily have to be pure political science.

"We aim to publish outstanding undergraduate relevant to policies, which could include sociology and other disciplines," he said.

The journal will accept submissions between 10 and 25 pages. Lentz said that shorter pieces could appeal to a wider audience.

"As is, people aren't reading undergraduate research,"Wagman said. "Getting people to read this is the critical angle for us.

Lentz said their objective was to create something more than "a typical research journal." Beyond Politics will feature a political cartoons content, campus polls on the 2008 presidential campaign and attractive cover art, he said.

"I think that a lot of non-political science majors will be interested," he said.

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SNC holds language week recital

Music supplements foreign culture lessons

By KATIE KOHLER
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To bridge the gap between cultures and facilitate language study, the modern language and music department at Saint Mary's will host a multicultural vocal recital tonight as part of Modern Languages Week.

The recital, which will include music in French, German, Italian and Spanish will be performed by seniors Crystal Buck, Megan Bolander and McKayla Collins. The show will be at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater.

Marilana Hahn, coordinator of many of this week's events and German professor at the College, said this as an important way of linking cultures.

"Culture is a major component in my teaching of foreign languages," he said. "And teaching German, one cannot ignore the major contributions of Germany and Austria to music."

This is the sixth year Hahn collaborated with the music department to incorporate music into cross-cultural teaching. In prior years, Hahn encouraged her students to perform for the rest of the class.

"In the beginning of each academic year, I like to know of the talents of my students and give them the opportunity to share them in class," she said. "I had students who played piano, violin, cello and gave a French reading on the history of the piece they played as well as the
**INSIDE COLUMN**

A few chill weeks

There’s little about Notre Dame I enjoy more than the return from Thanksgiving break. After an extended weekend filled with good friends, good food and normal sleep cycles, what can beat the disjointed trip back to South Bend, where the coming weeks promise exams, essays and the constant daily deadline, all under the cold and hopeless November grey.

OK, so the inter-holiday fortnight can be a little rough.

And despite any lingering Irish Catholic-relaxation, few students are afraid to share their feelings about it. Students at Notre Dame tend to be fairly discrete about their competition with each other — until the semester is about to end. This begins a vicious game of one-upmanship, not only grades or scores but the amount of work and level of stress each courageous student must endure.

Now, those three 10-page papers and two exams might seem bad, but did you know I have those and a thesis to pull together? My dad and I don’t know how I forgot my 13 final exams — I’ve been teaching them all week.

Let’s ignore that most of us chose the classes and commitments that now bind us. The justice of our seemingly untenable situation aside, the next few weeks will just pass more easily if the better part of our collective conversation is not devoted to telling our friends, siblings, It’s the ball-tossing hall ladies about how many presentations on Proust and articles on Aristotle we’re just about to produce.

But you can handle it.

In the meantime, let’s not make the final weeks of this semester worse by dulling down the discourse we now save for study breaks. When someone asks you how you’re doing, resist the temptation to shrivel and tear your hair — and don’t even think about listing assignments.

Tell them you’re almost caught up with Grey’s Anatomy, but you’re really looking to get to the extra material for Finnegans. Tell them that with Spring Break only 94 days away, you’ve been logging some quality hours at 801. And since everyone else seems so bogged down with term papers — whatever those are — you really don’t have to go around lending some Honor Code-friendly assistance, so long as it can earn you some extra cash for the tanning salon.

At the very least, tell them you’re going to break in your shoes of three years by hitting the mall pre-Christmas crowds.

Your life during the next two weeks might seem as bleak as a northern Indiana sky, but it’s temporary. Denial could be the first step to a brighter outlook.

So order that extra-large coffee. Pull those all-nighters. However you do it, get done. But when you escape the library for a five-minute breather, loosen your deadlines, your headshakes and your fortnight-from-hell at the door. It will be good for all of us.

And for me, I’ll be working my way down the AFTRA top-10 list, practicing my mile repeats and planning the next road trip. Things are looking pretty busy.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

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News Editor

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:**

**WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DO YOU LISTEN TO WHEN YOU STUDY?**

Andrea Mayes

Senior

Welsh Family

"Rock & Roll, because it's what all the geologists listen to."

Jackie Anthony

Junior

McClain

"Christmas music — it reminds me of happier times."

Kelsey Young

Junior

Staton

"I like to keep it on random to spice things up."

Patrick Tigue

Sophomore

Krough

"All by myself by Celine Dion, because I'm all by myself."

Andy Hermansen

Sophomore

Krough

"Beethoven — it makes you smarter."

**OFFBEAT**

Cyclist nabbed for motel halfway ride

ROCHESTER, Minn. — A man clad in swim trunks was arrested after riding a bicycle through a motel’s hallways and hitting two men. A woman showering after using the swimming pool at Best Western Soldiers Field Tower and Suites told police she heard a door open and saw a naked man at about 3:10 p.m. Sunday.

The man ran out of the room, pulled on swim trunks, hopped on a bike and road through the hallways, police said.

Police Lt. John Edwards said the man, 38, hit another man, 76, and his son, both of whom suffered minor injuries.

The son chased the bicyclist, tackled him and said, "I'm a cop."

Charges against the man were pending Monday, police said.

Woman has baby in truck on Thanksgiving

NATCHEZ, Miss. — An impatient baby ruined Thanksgiving dinner for a family who thought welcomes its newest member on the road to the hospital. Minyon Brister said her contractions started Thursday as she went down to put the turkey in the oven.

"The pain just started," she said. "And I knew it was time."

Before she could get to Natchez Regional Hospital from her Woodville home, however, Mykykia Jaleynia Gaine arrived in the back seat of her stepfather’s truck.

Mykykia’s grandmother, Lucy Brister, handled the delivery.


"I pulled her jeans off and said, ‘God give me strength.’"

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**TODAY**

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**IN BRIEF**

Mario Richard Eden, assistant professor of chemical engineering at Auburn University, will deliver a lecture titled "Property Based Techniques for Integrated Process and Molecular Design." The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and will take place today at 3:10 p.m. in 129 Deltarain Hall.

Larry Diamond, a Stanford University professor of political science and sociology, will give a lecture titled "Can Iraq be Stabilized?" The event will take place today at 6:00 p.m. in G-100 Hesburg Center auditorium.

Notre Dame men’s soccer team will play Oakland Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

Mass will be celebrated in the Alumni Hall Chapel at 5 p.m. Friday for the Feast of St. Andrew. The Gregorian Schola will sing Gregorian chants.

Notre Dame hockey will play Nebraska-Omaha Friday at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will present Handel’s Messiah Friday at 8 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be ordered by calling ticket office at (574) 631-2800.

The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will perform their fall concert, "Come Back to Your First Love" Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in Washington Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about event to obsnews@nd.edu.
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"They lived on top of a hill in Villa Hermosa, the capital of Tabasco. The house was com­pletely flooded."

The family lost all their pos­sessions and are in serious dan­ger because of water-borne dis­eases and insufficient food and shelter, he said.

To aid the Red Cross and the Catholic Relief Services with relief efforts, the students abroad, with the aid of the Center for Social Concerns and Fasquerrilla West and Breen-Phillips halls, are selling rosaries and collect­ing donations this week on campus. "Both of these organizations are well established in Mexico," Welle said. "The work of the CRS in Mexico has primarily been with migrants and farm­ers and is focusing on providing basic needs such as food, water, blankets and other emergency supplies."

The Red Cross also helps to provide basic needs but is working to prevent potential epidemics that could stem from the lack of clean water and growing mosquito populations, he said.

Welle contacted vendors in the neighboring town of Cholula who make and sell rosaries in Mexico. "I was appalled at the lack of publicity that these floods have had in the U.S."

Katie McAnany
ND student in Puebla

"The loss of agriculture, infrastructure, homes, etc. makes the situation all the more complicated," Churbock said. "Also, the possibility of disease spreading from lack of clean water sources is a very real threat."

Students also said they felt the need to act in return for the large amount of aid Mexico provided the U.S. following Katrina. According to the American Red Cross website, on Sept. 1, 2005, two days after the hurricane struck, Mexico sent 250 tons of food, bottled water, canned food, disposable diapers and medical supplies to New Orleans to aid relief efforts.

"As neighbors, it seems right that we should return the favor," Churbock said. "It's interesting that there have been recent proposals to spend a significant amount of capital building a border fence. It's almost worth researching how much the government is willing to pay to help those in need versus for a border fence."

Katie McAnany, president in Puebla, said she was particu­larly motivated to help after seeing the United States strug­gle with disaster relief, while equipped with far greater resources than Mexico. "I was appalled at the lack of publicity that these floods have had in the U.S.," she said. "We know they helped us during Katrina, we ought to return the favor."

The Puebla students hope to begin selling the 200 rosaries they have purchased during the week following Thanksgiving break. Although he is uncertain to what capacity the proceeds will go toward, Welle hopes that they will be of assistance. "So many of these people are affected, it is hard to know what to do with the money," Welle said.

"The response that we've received thus far has been heartwarming," he said. "Everyone has been so recep­tive and positive. I am so happy to be able to actively experi­ence the loving nature of the human spirit."

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Board of Governance

Group discusses
Food for Thought

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

This month's Food for Thought meeting will be held Wednesday in the West Wing during dinner hours, Student Body President Kim Hodges said Monday at the Board of Governance meeting. The forum is open to the campus and this month's topic will be about the Board of Governance and other boards on campus.

The goal of Food for Thought is "for people to get to know BOG and the functions of BOG and other boards on campus," Hodges said.

The Board has discussed in past meetings plans to increase stu­dent government transparency to the student body.

Election Commissioner, Maggie Sieffert, said campaigning will take place for the new Student Body President and the Student Activities Board and Student Diversity Board after students return from Christmas break. Informational sessions will be held during next week.

Hodges also announced the Bookstore will hold a Christmas contest. It is a competition to paint the panes of the bookstore in the Student Center. A drawing will be held on Thursday to choose the students who will paint the windows. The windows will then be judged and gift cards will be given to the winners. If you are interested, you can sign up in the bookstore before Thursday.

There will be a bus trip to Chicago this weekend, Hodges said. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. at the Le Mans bus stop. Students can sign up in the Student Center through Friday.

This week is Disabilities Week, said Student Diversity Board President Abby Hinchy. There are drop boxes in all of the residence halls for used eyeglasses which will be cleaned and donated to the needy.

Colleen Kiely, president of the Class of 2008, announced the Saint Mary's cookbooks will go on sale at the end of the week. The books are being sold for $10 each. The profits will be donated to Twelve Days of Christmas families.

Kiely did mention that she received over 300 recipes from Saint Mary's students and alumni. Kiely also said that there will be Bingo with the Sisters of the Holy Cross tomorrow night in the Lily 'O Grady Room of the convent.

"The sisters really enjoy them­selves," Kiely said. Prizes will be given to the winners.

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nal's faculty advisor, said the student-run journal would "work to select articles that should represent the best of undergraduate research."

Though the Journal of Undergraduate Research already accepts research submissions in political science, it publishes only one, Lindley said.

"Political science has 600 [undergraduate] majors," he said. "I think we deserve and run sustain our own journal," he said.

Lindley said he has been looking into having a political science undergraduate research journal throughout the eight years he has spent at Notre Dame.

Professor Sebastian Rosato, another faculty advisor to the journal, said "the founders recognized that the probability of getting published in the Journal of Undergraduate Research is very low. This provides more opportunities for publication,"

Publication was important because it gives students a taste of academic life," he said.

By providing undergraduates with another outlet for publication, the journal could encourage students to make more submissions, he said. "It raises the profile of political science as a subject instead of a gateway to law school or business school," he said.

If the journal reaches a high enough quality, it could also inform the campus about current events, he said.

The journal is funded by the College of Arts & Letters, the department of political science and Professor James McAdams, Lutz said McAdams "has been a strong advocate for undergraduate research."

The journal will accept submissions until Feb. 10. It will be published once a semester.

Wagman said Beyond Politics' peer-review process is blind, meaning that the editors would not know who submitted each manuscript. That helps ensure that each submission is fairly evaluated based on content, style and the quality of research, he said.

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Heart trouble sends Cheney to hospital

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney, who has a history of heart problems, experienced an irregular heartbeat Monday morning while attending an event at George Washington University Hospital for an all-hands video conference.

Cheney, in a televised address, said his condition was "nothing serious." Cheney was scheduled to deliver remarks at the hospital but did not appear for a planned session of an internal review board.

The White House aide was seen by doctors around 7 a.m. at the hospital, and a nurse took his pulse. Cheney was determined to be atrial fibrillation, or fibrillation, a condition in which the upper chambers of the heart, called the atria, sometimes get back into rhythm on their own. Many times, patients aren't even aware of an episode of atrial fibrillation.

But if the irregular heartbeat continues, it eventually can cause a life-threatening complication — the formation of blood clots that can shoot to the brain and cause a stroke.

The main treatment is to try an electrical shock to restore normal heartbeat. If that doesn't work, patients may need to take the blood thinner warfarin to reduce stroke risk.

Other options include anti-arrhythmic drugs or, for severe or difficult cases, surgical procedures to interrupt the faulty heartbeat.
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proem is a two-year commitment, and in return for their service, all ACE participants receive a tuition-freemasters degree in education from Notre Dame. The coursework for the degree takes place during the summer, and the two semesters of the program.
ACE was originally founded as an option for students who wanted to obtain a degree in education, said ACE assistant director Liz Stowe.
"At the time the ACE program was founded in 1994 as a response both to the needs of students who wanted to become teachers," Stowe said, "So ACE matched that need as well as the need of Catholic schools.
For many, however, the Masters is just a bonus. The opportunity to shape young minds and help troubled children is a reward in itself for ACE participants like Moo. He said that he tries to instill in his students the "three pillars" that define his Notre Dame career.
"It is about spiritually, community and education," he said.
After a Notre Dame career marked by a service record, Moo believes his participation in the ACE program is an extension of his work at the University.
"I believe that the ACE program is an extension of Notre Dame and the Notre Dame mission," he said.
Although teaching in a low-income community can often be a try-is task, both Moo and Stowe agree the results are well worth the effort.
"We are answering the financial need of Catholic school and the spiritual need," Stowe said. These young educational adults are able to bring life and faith to these communities.
In fact, Moo has found the program so rewarding that he is reconcepting his previous plans to continue on to graduate or law school.
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Kathryn Kerby-Fulton, professor of English at the University of Virginia, recently was awarded the John Ben Snow Prize from the Medieval Academy of America for her book "Books Under Suspicion: John WyclifTe and his followers in late thirteenth and early fourteenth centuries and exam­ining WyclifTe's attempts to instill in the minds and help troubled children. The girl was beaten with leather belts, had her head underwater in a bathtub, and then was thrown across a room, her head slamming into a tile floor. Treener said in the document. She said the girl kept the body in a stor­age shed for one to two months before they put it in a plastic bin and dumped it into Galveston Bay.
Trenor's attorney, Todd Stickler, said, "We have cooper­ated with authorities. He declined to comment about her statement to investiga­tors. We're treating this as a family matter.
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Tuttolomondo said investigators are not involved in determining the little girl's identity.
"You may look at it, we carry a piece of her with us," said the man who was her piece of her wish," he said.
"She's still our little girl."
Mother admits killing child
Associated Press
GALVESTON, Texas — A woman believed to be the mother of a 2-year-old whose body was found in Galveston Bay told police she and the girl's stepfather beat and tort­ured the child to death, court documents show.
The details, in a statement Kimberly Dawn Treener gave to police, paint a chilling pic­ture of the last days of the little girl called "Baby Grace." They lasted for weeks to learn her identi­ty.
Investigators are awaiting DNA test results but said Monday they are "fairly con­fident" that the body a fisherman found in a plastic box Oct. 29 is that of Riley Ann Sawyers. Treener, 19, and her husband, Royce Clyde Zeigler, 24, were in custody on charges of hurting the girl.
"It was a few weeks ago I held up this little shoe and asked, 'Who is Baby Grace?' who does this belong to?" said sheriff's Maj. Ray Tuttolomondo during a news conference. "We're now fairly confident we know the answers to that."
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Credit concerns hit stocks again

Despite strong retail sales, Dow falls another 240 points, 10 percent off mid-October peak

NEW YORK — Wall Street sold off sharply Monday as concerns about a weakening credit market wiped out investors' enthusiasm about strong retail sales over the holiday weekend. The Dow Jones industrial average fell nearly 240 points.

The Dow's decline from its mid-October closing high is now the worst since the early 1980s, according to Dow Jones Newswires.

"We" to "me" shift hard for some vets

and enlisted soldiers are leaving the military as multiple deployments to war takes its toll on them and their families. Despite increased incentives, including huge bonuses from the Army, many are opting to test the civilian job market, even if they aren't sure how.

"The Department of Defense, having thousands of unemployed veterans is costly, In 2006, the agency paid $5 billion to unemployment benefits, and $365 million through the first three quarters of 2007. Veterans say it's difficult to go from a culture where the emphasis is on "we," as in the squad or platoon, to "me," as in a qualified applicant.

"It's lost in the translation, this inability of the veteran to communicate all of their skills to an employer in a way that is meaningful," said Tom Aiello, vice president of military.com, a division of Monster Worldwide.

A recent survey by military.com found that 76 percent of veterans felt unable to effectively translate their military skills in civilian terms and 72 percent felt unprepared to negotiate a salary. The survey heard from 287 recruiters and hiring managers from firms across the country, as well responses from 4,442 veterans.

"Because their resumes and experiences differ from traditional candidates, it can be challenging for hiring managers to immediately appreciate the value they bring," Aiello said.

Brooks was responsible for getting resources to trainees sent to Iraq and Afghanistan to work as advisers. It meant working with approved suppliers and contractors for clothing, weapons, food and anything else soldiers or trainers needed to complete the mission. In the civilian market, Brooks could expect to do similar tasks in factories, warehouses or retail stores.
The debate in Pakistan this month has brought to light the utter hypocrisy of U.S. foreign policy. Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has suspended the constitution, declared a state of emergency, blacked out independent television networks, arrested thousands of dissidents and threatened to postpone elections. Despite these recent developments, the United States has stayed committed to Musharraf as an "indispensable" ally in the War on Terror. The Bush Administration has done little more than pay lip service to the situation in Pakistan, all the while insisting that Musharraf is dedicated to bringing about democratic reform. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called Musharraf's actions "a bad decision." She added, "I don't have any doubt that [Musharraf] is somebody who tries to have the best interests of his country at heart." Bush Administration officials have joined out democratic advances attenuated under Musharraf, such as gains in gender equality, freedom of the press, civil rights and the economy. According to President Bush, "Pakistan has been on the path to democracy." There are many reasons to doubt the Bush Administration's insistence that Pakistan is a pro-democracy ally. Musharraf came to power by a coup d'état in 1999, and he has been accused of tampering with elections several times since. Pakistan's position as an "indispensable" ally in the War on Terror must also be called into question. Pakistan has been uncooperative, if not unwilling, in the War on Terror. It's estimated that more than 80% of the Al-Qaeda members that fled into Pakistan are doing so from Afghanistan, and it is widely believed that Osama Bin Laden is living in Pakistan. In addition, U.S. intelligence reports note that Pakistan has been actively trading nuclear technology with Libya and North Korea.

Our alliance with Pakistan has turned into an exercise in stubbornness and stupidity. All the reasons given for an alliance with Pakistan have failed. Pakistan is neither an "indispensable" ally in the War on Terror nor is it a state "on the path to democracy." Once all the rhetoric has been removed, we are left with this solemn fact. Since Sept. 2001, the United States has sent $10 billion to a military dictatorship that oppresses its people, has nuclear weapons and does little to fight terrorism.

Our counterintuitive policy toward Pakistan is not unique. We give military and military support to repressive regimes throughout the world, and we've been doing it for a long time. Consider the case of Saudi Arabia. Over 75 percent of the Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudis and it's estimated that as much as 50 percent of the money that financed the hijackers in Iraq are Saudis. Saudi Arabia's plightful human rights record has made it comparable to more notorious countries such as Myanmar and North Korea.

Saudi Arabia, like Pakistan, is not a democracy. Yet Saudi Arabia is one of our closest allies in the Middle East and this summer we brokered a deal to sell them $20 billion dollars worth of arms. Selling $20 billion in weapons to a country that produces hijackers and suicide bombers on en masse seems illogical, but Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld assuredly explained that the arms package is necessary to reassure the Saudis that "our commitment in the region remains firm." The United States prides itself on being "the brightest beacon for freedom" and promoter of democracy throughout the world. However, it's clear that these phrases have turned into meaningless political rhetoric. The inconsistency between our rhetoric and our actions needs correction. Since our foreign policy is unlikely to change anytime soon, we must change our rhetoric. The next time the U.S. makes an os­inine deal with another country, Americans deserve to hear the truth. The State Department should admit that we're doing it to ensure the free flow of oil or to appease political factions. Americans don't want to hear that sending billions of dollars to a puppet regime in the Middle East is necessary for democracy, because we know that's not true.
The old adage that "guns don’t kill people, people kill people" is often touted by N.R.A. gun rights’ advocates who can recite the Second Amendment by heart and proudly sport stickers. It’s a way of defending the presence of guns and pointing elsewhere for the cause of violent crimes, and it’s sadly true at some level about the human pathology of violence. Unfortunately, we no longer have only guns to fear. These days, we have to worry about being killed by a weapon designed, ironically, to help police stop criminals without resorting to lethal force: the Taser.

The United Nations’ Committee Against Torture declared on Nov. 23 that Tasers — the electronic "stun gun" weapons used by nearly half of all United States police departments — are a form of torture. They cite the multitude of questionable deaths related to Taser use and say that the weapons violate the U.N. Convention Against Torture.

The U.N. aimed its statement particularly at Portuguese police forces that recently purchased new Taser X26 models, but the pronouncement strikes a chord here in the United States as well. Taser-related deaths have sparked an outcry against the use of the weapon. The last week and a half has seen four such deaths in this country: two in Florida, one in Maryland, and one in New Mexico. Canada saw two fatalities last month in British Columbia, a Polish man’s death following two shots with the taser was caught on video at the Vancouver Airport.

Taser International, the manufacturer of the item, refuses to even call the stun gun a weapon. They advertise it as a "personal protection system," but make no mistake: The company is a weapons manufacturer. They claim no deaths have ever been proven conclusively to be a direct result of the "low energy electrical discharge" of the weapon. The low energy in question is 50,000 volts.

One of the biggest groups speaking out against the misuse of the weapon is Amnesty International. Amnesty has been calling for a suspension of the weapon since at least March of 2006, when they issued a statement against police use of the Taser. Their report cites several areas of concern, including the rise of Taser-related deaths over 1,500 then, now over 2,500, the severity of independent Taser research (that is, research not affiliated with the producer of the weapon and not benefiting from its sale), and the use of the weapon on vulnerable groups like children, pregnant women, drug users, mentally impaired individuals in jail or prisoners in U.S. foreign detainment camps (already in trouble for torturing prisoners).

If you think these claims are exaggerated, read the Amnesty report online. It documents gross misuses of the Taser in just one state (Florida), including the use of the weapon on a 12-year-old boy, a 14-year-old girl and a 15-year-old autistic boy.

Clearly, the weapon has a documented history of violent effects. The U.N. accusation of torture shows how far afield the weapon has come from its original intention of incapacitating without violence.

Proponents of the Taser claim that in any event, the weapon’s use is preferable to guns and their unavoidably lethal consequences. But as the Amnesty report points out, the Taser’s classification as a non-lethal weapon and its underestimation as “low force” only authorizes its frequent, indiscriminate deployment. Police departments, instead of using the Taser as an alternative to the gun, brandish it like a nightstick. Some departments place the weapon low enough on their use-of-force scales to justify its use where the only provocation is failure to comply with an officer’s requests.

The recent and now infamous "Don’t mess me, bro" incident (again in Florida) sickeningly shows how security forces use the weapon without hesitation as a first option instead of a last,regardless of the student's intentions.

There are no easy solutions here. Some situations require force, but the most humane tool we can create ends up killing people as a gun would do anyway.

Tasers should be safer and not kill — yet they do, and misconceptions are direct to us at jstephansen@gmail.com.

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There are certain musical pairings that immediately make sense. Take Simon and Garfunkel or Celine Dion and Andrea Bocelli.

But Robert Plant and Alison Krauss? It's like setting Bambi and King Kong up for the senior prom and expecting some sparks to fly by the last slow song. Yet somehow, it works. It works beautifully.

Plant is most famous for his role as lead singer of the iconic rock band Led Zeppelin. At the band's heyday, Plant contributed vocals that often bordered on screams and created a blasting sound often imitated, but rarely equaled in the world of rock and roll.

Krauss, on the other end of the musical spectrum, is considered the quintessential female bluegrass vocalist. She's prone to whisper her way through hypnotic songs of love and loss in a way more eerie and transcendent than most any other performer today.

The two seasoned artists, in a display of mutual admiration, find in "Raising Sand" a means of creating a unique musical collaboration that is as haunting as it is brilliant. Indeed, this could not have happened except for now, as both artists ease toward a means of creating a unique musical collaboration that is as haunting as it is brilliant.

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All of the songs on the record are remakes of lesser-known tracks from the catalogs of blues, country, folk, gospel and R&B artists like Tom Waits, Townes Van Zandt, Milt Zorn and A.D. and Hosa Phillips, T. Bone Burnett, deserves recognition as the third piece of the puzzle, choosing most of the songs and compiling the backing band that adds a mystic quality to each track.

Using guitarists Marc Ribot and Norman Blake, bassist Sam Phillips and A.D. and Rosa Lee Watson, Burnett fashions a mel­low and caustic sound that augments Plant and Krauss without overpowering them.

Some of the songs on the record are left alone, sounding like the obscure original versions. Yet Burnett chooses more often to change the arrangements in powerful ways. In "Rich Woman," the record's opening track, Plant and Krauss sing together in a soft and optimistic tone, while just beneath their words a river of music crafts an ominous undertone.

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Krauss in particular uses her famously ethereal voice to lend a lingering and poignant effect to nearly each song on the record.

The album has an almost back-porch-like appeal that carries it admirably through its heaviest and lightest moments. The sound is so earnest and natural that you can imagine stumbling into an old farm­house in some sleepy Southern town and finding Plant and Krauss, just sitting back on two old rocking chairs and harmonizing. Old songs can be made new again by old souls best on forging new ground together. Thank goodness Plant and Krauss had courage enough to raise the sand one more time.

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PALO ALTO, Calif. — It's over.

A season that saw the Irish lose more games than ever in their 119-year history ended with what was seen rarely in coach Charlie Weis' third season on the Notre Dame sideline - a win. The Irish (3-9) defeated Stanford 21-14 on Saturday to end the year with two straight wins, fielding a young team that had true freshmen lead the game in passing, rushing and receiving yards.

"All along we knew we were playing with talented young guys and that there was going to be a growing pains and that there was going to be a lot more ready to play next year by how they finished this year," Notre Dame freshman running back Robert Hughes joked his way into the end zone for the first touchdown, set up his game-winning touchdown.

"Hughes played awesome. He run's hard, he's huge," Irish wide receiver David Grimes said. "I wouldn't want to tackle him."

Freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw for 196 yards with 19 completions on 32 attempts, outstanding for a redshirt freshman. Clausen, running back Robert Hughes and wide receiver Duval Kamara six times for a team-high 93 yards.

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"They turned it over in the red zone and set up his game-winning touchdown," Weis said. "There's some growing pains that take place when you're doing it. Their having to be a lot more ready to play next year by how they finished this year."

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The play was initially ruled a touchdown, but upon replay it was reversed and a 44-yard field goal attempt by Brandon Walker on the next play missed wide right to keep the game tied at 14-14.

"David (Grimes) said he had the ball underneath his hands," Weis said. "(The players) usually tell me what they perceive to be the truth. And when he reached out he had the ball in his hands, and he said the ball didn't bounce off the ground because he had his hand underneath the ball. He said there was no way it was an incompletion. I trust David."

It took three failed drives, two of which ended with fumbles, and a fortunate interception before Notre Dame scored the first points of the game to go up 7-0 at 6:57 of the first quarter. Cardinal quarterback Pritchard fumbled it out of the end zone, but Irish sophomore Tom Zbikowski grabbed it out of the end zone. Ireland's first touchdown was reversed in the game.

Irish safety Tom Zbikowski got the first lateral from Bruton, took it 27 yards before he tossed it 10 yards to his left to corner back Darrin Walls, then got it back and outran Pritchard into the end zone. The multi-lateral play, which Weis said they played around with in practice, was nullified by a personal foul to defensive end Trevor Laws.

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As the sun set on the redwoods ringing the stadium in northern California, the Irish stayed in the locker room a little bit longer to celebrate the win. They performed around five renditions of the fight song, led by Weis, Zbikowski, Laws and center John Sullivan, and were slow to board the buses that were the first leg of the final trip back to South Bend.

"For all the guys walking out the door, there's a lot of scrutiny as the year goes on that everyone says, 'this team's going to throw in the towel,'" Weis said. "It says a lot for the characters of those we have been a part of this last two years when everyone said they're going to throw in the towel, that's the last thing they're thinking."

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**Report Card**

| B- | Quarterback: Clausen made some good throws, but was inconsistent in the win. Mental mistakes from the freshman cost the Irish a lot of field position, including interception. |
| B+ | Running backs: Hughes had a great game running the ball, and Thomas got the yard he was asked to, but Schwapp and Allen had a tough time getting any positive momentum. |
| B+ | Receivers: This game featured fewer drops than previous efforts, including a big day for Kamar. The unit had no scores, although Grimes had a touchdown catch reversed by the booth. |
| B- | Offensive line: The line opened up a lot of big holes for Hughes to run through. The passing protection was questionable, as they gave up five sacks and 13 tackles for losses. |
| A- | Defensive line: Trevor Laws and Ian Zhukowski each picked off Pritchard, Zhukowski’s set up Notre Dame’s first score. |
| C+ | Special teams: Walker missed another two kicks, while the kickoff team gave up 27.5 yards per return. The punt team and punt return teams each played well, however. |

**Overall**

The Irish and Cardinal played a sloppy game, but Notre Dame did a little more to pull out its second straight win.

**Adding up the numbers**

| 2.89 | Offsetting personal foul penalties in the second half. Both times Irish players retaliated upon Cardinal provocation. |
| 5 | Missed field goals Irish kicker Brandon Walker and Cardinal kicker Derek Belch combined for. Belch missed four, including a 30-yard try. |
| 201 | Tackles short made in Notre Dame’s interception return before the halftime. The touchdown was called back because of a personal foul on Laws. |
| 101 | Pass attempts between interceptions for Clausen. He threw a pick to Cardinal defensive end Emmanuel Awodajio in the fourth quarter. |
| 16 | Fumbles lost for Notre Dame this season. The Irish are tied for No. 115 in Div. I with Fresno State, USF and TCU. |
| 2 | Game-winning streak Notre Dame currently has. The last time Notre Dame won its last two games in a season was the 1992 season when it beat USC and then Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl. |

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**PALO ALTO, Calif. — Somehow, this ending was fitting.**

With Notre Dame’s 21-14 win over Stanford, a frustrating, bizarre and poorly officiated game concluded the season — for the Irish anyway in this, the Year of the Whistle.

For a moment, at least, let’s ponder what clear judgments we can deduce by reviewing this insane season’s final game.

The Pacific 10 Conference replay officials inexplicably overturned a remarkable touchdown catch by David Grimes; Trevor Laws showed an offensive lineman’s head into the ground, negating what would have been one of the most exciting scores in recent history; a possible completed pass. Lambert knocked Tavita Pritchard out of the game, for a time, with a hit to the head.

Laws’ penalty was at least understandable, as was the non-call when Terrail Lambert hit Pritchard in the head as the quarterback attempted a clumsy diving slide. But there is no legitimate explanation for the reversal of Grimes’ touchdown catch.

Had Evan Moore or Richard Sherman batted in one of T.C. Ostrander’s two final passes — both easily catchable — Stanford probably would have gone for a two-point conversion and quite possibly could have won the game. The Cardinal didn’t, but the Pac 10’s inane replay nearly cost the Irish the game.

There’s one thing to remember about wackiness, though. Out of oddity often flows clear thinking: It’s time to review the review system.

Let’s start from the top: Replay should stay.

There are two common strands of arguments against replay in general.

One is that the replay system attempts to get rid of the human element of the game and refereeing. The problem with this line is that the argument is only half true. Replay attempts to eliminate human error, not human element. Shouldn’t one goal be to make sure officials don’t make errors? Changing what would be the just outcome of the game?

The example of Grimes’ catch is one of a play where replay turned a good call wrong, but it is the exception rather than the rule. Replay officials have overturned far more bad calls than they have reversed correct calls. Take, for instance, Pritchard’s fumble. Clausen’s incompletion and Anthony Kimble’s touchdown — just to name those from a single game.

The other argument against replay is that it slows down the pace of the game too much — momentum is killed, and play slows to a crawl. This comes down to a value judgment, however. Which do you value more: greatly increasing the chance of getting a call on the field correct, or the pace of the game? This writer thinks the pace’s part turns further.

So then the question becomes: Does the present system need changing?

Currently, the away team supplies the field officials (Notre Dame sends Big East referees), and the home team provides its conference-affiliated replay officials. After the game, Irish coach Charlie Weis proposed having a single conference crew in charge of both the field work and the replay booth.

But the main advantage of the split crews is balance. Every conference benefits when its teams win: the SEC wants clearly biased officiating to end; the ACC and SEC would have many of the same referees working their games. In this setup, referees work both their paychecks from the NCAA and have a limited possibility of conference bias. Abandoning the split-crew setup for the replay booth also necessarily those of The Observer towards neutrality. (Until there’s one governing body, however, this is a bad idea.)

There are a few other things that need to happen.

First, the NCAA should alter the replay rules to allow for a change of possession when a referee incorrectly blows a whistle when a player fumbles before hitting the ground. Second, and connected, the NCAA should stress to officials the importance of blowing their whistles at the correct times — and not penalizing players who tackle an opponent before a whistle has blown. Finally, the NCAA ought to hold sessions with referees to reinforce the importance of the doctrine of “indiscernible” or “conclusive” evidence on instant replay.

Instant replay has a place in college football, but it needs to change.

Notre Dame can just be thankful the darker side of the replay booth didn’t cost the Irish their season-ending win.

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PALO ALTO, Calif. — Notre Dame’s offense was struggling.
Deadlocked at 14 with Stanford, the Irish had just four first downs and were on the field with under eight minutes left to play, time was running out...

Enter Robert Hughes.
The freshman running back took a handoff from quarterback Jimmy Clausen and barreled into the line — but there was nowhere to run. Undeterred by the mass of bodies at the line of scrimmage, Hughes bounced backwards, then cut to his left and found nothing but grass in front of him. By the time he caught up behind, Hughes had gained 44 yards and given his team a first down at the Stanford eight-yard line.

Two plays later, Hughes got the ball again. He took it right, cut up field, bounced off two defenders and dove into the end zone to give the Irish the lead and their third win of the season.

The touchdown capped off a day in which Hughes gained 136 yards on 18 carries, including Notre Dame’s two longest runs of the season — a 52-yarder in the fourth quarter and a 45-yarder to open the game.

But life wasn’t always this good for Hughes.
On Oct. 29, five days before Notre Dame was scheduled to take on Navy, Hughes’ brother, Earl “Tony” Hughes, was killed. And on the day of the game, life wasn’t much better. The Irish were 1-7 before Hughes’ big game.

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dead out of the hole and his teammates rally behind him so well. "Everyone knows I would have had the record if I didn’t get hurt," Hughes said.

Laws’ eight stops also moved him up four spots on Notre Dame’s all-time tackles list. He passed Courtney Watson, Greg Collins and Brandon Hoyte.

Notre Dame’s two longest runs of the season — a 52-yarder in the fourth quarter and a 45-yarder to open the game.

"That was the one play (by Clausen) where I said ‘what were you doing?’" Irish coach Charlie Weis said of the play.

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Hughes’ big game propels offense

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Notre Dame’s offense was struggling.
Deadlocked at 14 with Stanford, the Irish had just four first downs and were on the field with under eight minutes left to play, time was running out...

Enter Robert Hughes.
The freshman running back took a handoff from quarterback Jimmy Clausen and barreled into the line — but there was nowhere to run. Undeterred by the mass of bodies at the line of scrimmage, Hughes bounced backwards, then cut to his left and found nothing but grass in front of him. By the time he caught up behind, Hughes had gained 44 yards and given his team a first down at the Stanford eight-yard line.

Two plays later, Hughes got the ball again. He took it right, cut up field, bounced off two defenders and dove into the end zone to give the Irish the lead and their third win of the season.

The touchdown capped off a day in which Hughes gained 136 yards on 18 carries, including Notre Dame’s two longest runs of the season — a 52-yarder in the fourth quarter and a 45-yarder to open the game.

But life wasn’t always this good for Hughes.
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Ugly finish to an ugly year

After beating Duke last weekend to win its first — and only — home game of the season, the Irish traveled to Palo Alto, Calif., to try and finish the year off with two straight wins. Notre Dame started playing sloppy, fumbling the ball away on two consecutive offensive plays in the first half, but then was able to get back on track later in the half. Going into the locker room, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen and running back Travis Thomas each had touchdown runs, but Cardinal tailback Anthony Kimble had a pair of scores of his own to keep the score at 14-14. The second half was sloppy again, with both teams committing unnecessary personal foul penalties. The Irish held the Cardinal scoreless in the half, in part thanks to four missed field goals, and a late Robert Hughes touchdown put them up for good. Stanford had a late drive, but failed to complete two passes in the end zone on third and fourth downs to seal the Irish win.
Save the dolphins. Save the world. Well, that's what "Heroes" star Hayden Panettiere might as well have said to the Japanese fishing authorities when they issued a warrant for her arrest.

The 18-year-old actress and her fellow surfers were protesting a centuries-old tradition of bottle-nosed dolphin hunting when they were stopped by a fishing boat. After heading straight for a coastal airport, Panettiere and her cohorts swiftly flew home to avoid any prosecution.

"But in the end," she said in an interview with Fox News, "all we really worried about was the dolphins ... We were so close to them and they were sky hopping, jumping out of the water to see us." I'll admit that when I first read this story, I was kind of annoyed with Hayden and her surfer pals. If I'm looking for political activists after whom I'll model my actions, I'm not going to turn to TV dramas, and I don't need the stars of said dramas pushing their beliefs on me. Though if John Krasinski from "The Office" told me to write my congressman for organic napkins in the NBC studio cafeteria, I'd totally do it. But I digress.

It's true that Panettiere and Co. have brought further media attention to what PETA and similar groups can justifiably argue is a cruel practice. But I was struck by her attitude in response to the arrest; in her mind, Japanese tradition was much less important than the well-being of the pod of dolphins.

"We can no longer hide behind outdated, senseless cultural traditions," she said in a recent statement to the media. "And lazy, bad tabi's are the resulting in the annihilation of our planet's resources and the extinction of our species.

Oh, you celebrities. Hollywood stars and political causes are an interesting mix that just keeps coming. Every four years the celebs trot out their presidential plugs for the media and the American people to take notice — and unless you're Chuck Norris, Arnold Schwarzenegger or the members of ZZ Top, that candidate's a Democrat — and 2008 should prove to be no exception. Celebs right and left are going green for climate change, and Al Gore just won the Nobel Peace Prize for the Oscar-winning film "An Inconvenient Truth.

Later in her statement, Panettiere justified her actions as protecting an innocent group of dolphins from what she believed to be cruelty.

"Because I am in the public eye, I feel the need to be a voice of worthy and important causes whose efforts impact the lives of every person on Earth," she said. "These animals are being brutally and unnecessarily slaughtered — and who are we to say we have less of a right to exist than we do."

I'm sure that if you saw this news story on MSNBC or Google, you probably laughed to yourself and forgot about it, unless you were either passionate about the well-being of bottle-nosed dolphins or, like some guys I know, just passionate about Hayden Panettiere. But it's interesting to think about what she's saying, both in her statement and in her actions in Japan.

She disregarded Japanese law and culture, but for a cause that's respectable. Does that make it okay? Does the law even matter if Johnny McChristian thinks his political beliefs are justified? And is it easier for Panettiere to do this than it is for Ani McAlveragh-American? Sure, Panettiere can laugh off a Japanese arrest, but if the same thing happened to you, it'd probably be more serious.

In the end, what matters most isn't the celebrity who attaches himself or herself to any particular issue (though if Lindsay Lohan starts promoting human rights, I'm pawning my TV and donating the money to her miracle-working rehab center), but the issue itself.

Maybe I still get annoyed with that smug self-righteousness that comes with feeling right — like an 18-year-old actress taking on a millennium of Japanese culture — but if it saves Flipper from uncertain doom, I'm cool.

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**Actress Kate Hudson gives the press a peace sign at a recent award show.**

**Caliendo makes an impression**

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Frank Caliendo is a man of many faces. And voices. The former MADtv star known for his impersonations now has his own show, Frank TV, which airs Tuesdays on TBS. Frank TV premiered last Tuesday to mixed results.

"Frank TV" Tuesdays at 11 p.m. on TBS

Frank TV doesn't quite live up to the billing. The show isn't quite the comedic tour de force the many commercials hyping it up have advertised it to be.

Instead, the sketch comedy show feels much like a drawn-out version of its commercials, with Caliendo working the microphone for a few minutes before cutting away to a skit featuring Frank performing a cameo as one celebrity or another. However, Frank Caliendo himself delivers every bit with his impressions. Among others, Caliendo's impersonation of George Bush is so good it's eerie — he has the man down to his facial expressions. Caliendo's versions of the artists formerly known as the Roundhouse of Rebound, Charles Barkley and the cartoonish Robin Williams are also hilarious.

During one skit on last week's show, Caliendo impersonated the entire cast of Seinfeld, including Jerry himself, George Costanza, Elaine and, of course, Cosmo Kramer, to hilarious effect. You can check out the footage for yourself on YouTube.

Unfortunately, Frank TV's writers (are they on strike?) don't hold up to their end of the bargain, and many of the sketches simply fall flat on their own humorous two feet. Even so, Caliendo's on-the-money impersonations make the show worth a watch, if only to see him contorting his fleshy face into any one of his many hilarious personas.
Bruins retaliate against Flyers with 6-3 win

Meeting between two teams was first since Philadelphia’s Randy Jones put Boston’s Patrice Bergeron on IR with concussion.

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NOTICES

Bruins teammates Glen Murray, left, Marc Savard, and Zdeno Chara celebrate a goal during Boston’s 6-3 win Monday over Philadelphia.

"It's unfortunate it happened and obviously we don't haveberg back," Murray said. "But we were focused on making sure we came back after our loss on the Island and getting two points because there's a lot of teams winning and we don't want to get behind the eight ball and we want to keep climbing in the standings," high road and it paid off with a victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

Glen Murray scored two goals and Marc Savard added a goal and three assists to help the Bruins beat the Flyers 6-3 on Monday night.

The game was the first between the two teams since Philadelphia’s Randy Jones was suspended for two games after checking the Bruins’ Patrice Bergeron hard into the boards during the Flyers’ 2-1 win at Boston on Oct. 27. Bergeron remains on injured reserve with a severe concussion.

Murray said that the Bruins had no intention of retaliating.

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Stars 3, Islanders 2

The first goal by Marty Turco gave up was as ugly as they come. Mike Modano’s second looked picture perfect for the surging Dallas Stars.

Dallas’ slow start is a thing of the past, and the Pacific Division-leading Stars (13-7-4) are showing signs of being the good team they were expected to be.

Modano scored his second goal of the game 35 seconds into overtime, Turco made 23 saves, and Dallas beat the New York Islanders Monday night for the Stars’ sixth straight win.

Modano knocked in a rebound from the slot of Stephane Robidas’ shot to give the Stars their first win over the Islanders since March 23, 2001 (5-1-0-0).

"We couldn’t have drawn up the game-winner any better," Modano said. "That’s the best overtime we’ve played in a long time."

Jeff Halpern had given Dallas a 2-1 lead in the third period, but that was erased with 2:38 left in regulation when Miroslav Satan tied it for New York with a power-play goal.

Turco made just his second start in six games as Mike Smith has staked his claim to Dallas’ No. 1 goalie spot. Turco earned his second straight victory following an 0-1-2 stretch in which he allowed 14 goals.

The Stars have outscored opponents 20-7 during their winning streak and have earned points in eight straight games (6-0-2). Dallas has taken the first of a six-game road trip, already improving after escaping Madison Square Garden with a 3-2 win Sunday over the New York Rangers when they were decidedly out-played and outshot.

"When you get on the road it’s a little harder to dominate," said Turco, who watched Smith make 39 saves Sunday. "It was better than yesterday, but we’d like to play a full 60 minutes and see what happens if we come out flying and our game on the road."

Modano, who has eight goals this season and 515 in 18 NHL seasons, got Dallas into a 1-1 tie in the second period after a big gaffe by Turco put the Stars behind. Halpern made it 2-1 when he took a pass from defenseman Sergei Zubov to the right of the Islanders net and slid a shot under the glove of goalie Rick DiPietro at 6:07 of the third for his 10th in the NHL.

"I didn’t know until after the game that I got that," Halpern said.

Sabres 3, Capitals 1

The Buffalo Sabres are now getting the bounces that didn’t go their way earlier this season.

Jochen Hecht had two goals and an assist to lead the Buffalo Sabres to their season-high fifth straight victory, over the Washington Capitals on Monday night.

Buffalo struggled in the first part of the season despite often playing well, and coach Lindy Ruff said the breaks and bounces now are going his team’s way.

We had two or three games before that wereserved to win; we did everything but win," Ruff said. "We outplayed, we outworked and we got nothing for it. (But) we got a couple of bounces on the back and ever since then, guys have kind of lightened up and played even better."

Hecht scored Buffalo’s first two goals, with the second snapshot a 1-1 tie in the second period. He then assisted on Jason Pominville’s insurance goal later in the period at the end of a 2-1

breakaway.

A fortunate bounce gave Hecht his first goal. He fired a crossing pass across the crowded crease, and it hit a leg or a foot and bounced in.

A bad Washington pass landed near fleck to start the breakaway that gave the Sabres their third goal, another fortunate break.

"Normally things seem to go our way," Hecht said. "Before we were trying to make those pretty plays through the legs, through the skates, and it just didn’t work for us. It seems like those are the goals that are more common in the league...odd bounces."

Washington had won consecutive games since Bruce Boudreau took over as interim coach last Thursday. The Capitals beat Philadelphia and Carolina after Houdreau replaced the fired Glen Hanlon.
Georgia Tech fires Gailey after six seasons

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Chan Gailey never had a losing season in six years at Georgia Tech. Then again, he never produced the sort of team that really got the fans excited.

Citing business considerations as much as wins and losses, athletic director Dan Radakovich fired Gailey on Monday, two days after his sixth straight loss to rival Georgia ended a season that Georgia Tech fans had hoped was for an expected trip to the Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

The 55-year-old Gailey had lost support among the Tech's business constituency, which made fundraising more difficult, and he wasn't the sort of dynamic personality who could make a name in the crowded Atlanta sports scene.

"Obviously, he didn't agree with the decision, but he understood there's a business aspect to this," Radakovich said. "As far as Xs and Os, Chan is a very good coach. But there's more to it now. College football is more than just Xs and Os, especially in the competitive market where we are.

Then again, he never lost less than 10 games in a year. Radakovich said the latest loss to Georgia did not influence his decision; he already had decided to make a change.

"We've been very consistent with wins and losses," said Radakovich, who's in his second season as AD and inherited Gailey from the previous regime. "I want to be able to rack that up, take the next step.

Navy coach Paul Johnson, a former coach at Georgia Southern, will likely be mentioned as a possible successor. Florida State offensive coordinator Joker Phillips figures to be tossed out as a candidate for several coaching jobs that have opened.

Fisher previously worked at LSU, as did Radakovich. When asked about the speculation, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said, "You can't do anything about that. It's out there. What does it mean? Most of the time, nothing.''

BRIEF

Duke fires football coach

Roof after 1-11 season

DURHAM — Duke fired Ted Roof on Monday, two days after the Blue Devils concluded a 1-11 season with their ninth straight loss to rival Georgia Tech.

A news conference was scheduled for Monday afternoon to discuss the program. A person close to the Duke program, speaking on condition of anonymity because an announcement had not been made, said athletic director Joe Alleva would announce Roof's dismissal.

The coach's career record dipped to 6-45 after a 20-14 overtime loss to North Carolina, the Blue Devils' fourth straight to their main rival. Duke has lost at least 10 games in three straight seasons, including a winless 2006.

After snapping a 22-game losing streak at Northwestern, the Blue Devils lost nine straight to end the season.

Raines and Justice highlight new candidates for MLB HOF

NEW YORK -- David Justice heads 11 first-time candidates on the baseball writers' 2008 Hall of Fame ballot, joining Mark McGwire, Rich Gossage, Jim Rice and 11 other holdovers.

McGwire, his candidacy hurt by suspicions of steroids use, was selected on just 23.5 percent of ballots when he was eligible for the first time in 2007.

When Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn were elected in January, Gossage fell 21 votes shy of the necessary 75 percent and Rice was 63 votes short.

Rice is on the ballot for the 14th time and Gossage for the ninth. Players can be on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot for up to 15 years.

Gossage's percentage increased from 64.6 in 2006 to 71.2 in 2007.

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Stadium collapse in Brazil kills seven, injuries at least 40

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — A stadium collapse that killed seven people highlighted the crumbling state of Brazil's soccer arenas less than a month after the country was chosen to host the 2014 World Cup, architects said Monday.

The victims fell 49 feet through a 10-foot-wide hole that opened in the concrete stands of the Fonte Nova stadium in Salvador, a coastal city of Bahia state. At least 40 people were injured in the accident Sunday night.

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Around the Nation

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USCHO.com/CSTV Men's Hockey Poll

team record previous

1 Minnesota 13-1-0 1
2 Michigan 13-1-0 2
3 Denver 9-3-0 3
4 Colorado College 8-4-0 4
5 Michigan State 8-3-2 5
6 New Hampshire 7-2-1 6
7 Notre Dame 12-4-0 7
8 North Dakota 8-4-1 8
9 Clarkson 10-4-0 9
10 St. Cloud State 7-3-2 10
11 Massachusetts 6-3-4 11
12 Minnesota-Duluth 6-4-2 12
13 Wisconsin 5-6-1 13
14 Minnesota 7-6-1 14
15 Harvard 5-2-0 15
16 Northeastern 4-6-1 16
17 Niagara 4-3-0 17
18 Rensselaer 4-6-3 18
19 Boston College 3-4-5 19
20 Michigan Tech 5-6-1 20

NCAA Women's Basketball

AP Top 25

team record previous

1 Tennessee 4-0 1
2 Connecticut 5-0 2
3 Stanford 3-0 3
4 North Carolina 7-0 4
5 Rutgers 3-1 5
6 Stanford 5-1 6
7 Georgia 6-0 7
8 LSU 4-2 8
9 Oklahoma 2-2 9
10 Baylor 4-3 10
11 Duke 5-1 11
12 Notre Dame 4-1 12
13 Texas A&M 4-1 13
14 Arizona State 3-2 14
15 West Virginia 5-1 15
16 Georgia Washington 5-1 16
17 Duke 4-0 17
18 Auburn 6-0 18
19 Ohio State 5-1 19
20 Michigan State 4-1 20

21 Florida State 5-1 21
22 Notre Dame 4-1 22
23 Vanderbilt 5-1 23
24 Georgia 4-2 24
25 Wyoming 4-2 25

NCAA Men's Basketball Coaches' Poll

team record previous

1 UCLA 6-0 1
2 North Carolina 5-0 2
3 Michigan 5-0 3
4 Kansas 5-0 4
5 Georgetown 5-0 5
6 Wisconsin State 6-2 6
7 Duke 6-0 7
8 Texas 5-0 8
9 Texas A&M 6-0 9
10 Louisville 4-1 10
11 Miami 4-1 11
12 Tennessee 5-0 12
13 Connecticut State 4-1 13
14 Marquette 4-1 14
15 Indiana 4-1 15
16 UCLA 6-0 16
17 Oregon 5-1 17
18 Clemson 5-0 18
19 Georgia 5-1 19
20 Wisconsin 5-0 20
21 Arizona State 6-0 21
22 Southern Illinois 3-1 22
23 Michigan State 5-1 23
24 Southern California 5-1 24
25 Xavier 4-1 25

AP

Former Georgia Tech head football coach Chan Gailey addresses the media Monday in Atlanta, Ga., after he was fired. Gailey led the Yellow Jackets to a 7-5 record this year and a 44-32 record over six seasons.
NFL

Hope abounds that Patriots are mortal

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Miami is 1-4. The Patriots aren't so perfect.

Eight blowouts wins in their first 12 games is not a stat that seems quite that way. But they never believed they were either and neither did the Philadelphia Eagles.

Now with two close calls in the last three games, New England once again seems more reason to hope that they could be the one to knock off the juggernaut trying to fashion the NFL's first unbeaten season in 35 years.

Boston gets the next chance when it hosts the Patriots on Monday night amid all the chatter about prospects for a perfect record.

"I don't care what everybody else thinks," coach Bill Belichick said. "I can tell you what we team thinks. Right now we're thinking about getting ready for Baltimore." The Patriots did improve to 11-2 with Saturday's 17-10 victory over the rival New York Jets.

The final margin was the smallest in a season when the Patriots only have lost a night game and one point, and lost their last two .500 teams with A.J. Feeley at quarterback that was weeks away from being considered a starting goal before he threw an interception on the first drive.

Richard Sharpstein, Taylor Family friend

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"They're really hitting through that incident and today's incident," Miami-Dade Police Detective Marco Rachid said, "so we see if any correlation." The officers were sent to Taylor's home at about 1:45 a.m. Monday after his girlfriend called 911 and said he was shot in his lower body, Miami-Dade Police Lt. Nancy Perez said. Taylor had missed the last two games because of a knee injury and was at home recuperating. He was airlifted to the hospital. Investigators were still interviewing the girlfriend and other relatives in the house, Perez said. No arrests have been made.

"It could have been a possible burglary, it could have been a possible robbery," Perez said. "It has not been confirmed as yet."

Redskins star safety Sean Taylor was in critical condition before surgery attempt

Associated Press

PALMETTO BAY, Fla. — Washington Redskins star safety Sean Taylor was in critical condition Monday after he was shot during what police are investigating as a possible armed robbery at his home.

The 24-year-old player was in the intensive care unit following several hours of surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital, said family friend R ich a r d Sharpstein, his former lawyer. Taylor remained unconscious early Monday morning.

Taylor lost a "significant" amount of blood because the bullets damaged his femoral artery, and doctors are worried about blood flow to the brain, added Sharpstein, who was at the hospital with the player's family and friends.

Taylor has had problems on and off the field, and two years ago was accused of brandishing a gun. The shooting came eight days after another invasion was reported at his home. According to police records, someone pried open a front window, rifled through drawers and left a kitchen knife on a bed.

The Havens' chances have damaged a lot of teams will win against the Patriots and controlling the ball has been the key. "We've been playing really well," said quarterback Eli Manning, who passed for just 233 yards. "We've been running the ball and we've been playing good defense." The Patriots had just one planned running play in the first half and rushed just 16 times for 48 yards.

The defense allowed Feeley, a seven-year veteran, but a backup for all but one season, to throw for a career-high 345 yards with two touchdowns and two pickoffs.

The 28 points allowed tied the Patriots' season high, and the 391 yards Philadelphia gained were the most they've given up in any of their 11 games.

"We're not expecting to go out there and have a blowout every week," defensive end Ty Warren said. "We know that this is the National Football League and it's a copycat league and a lot of things that Phil did good this past week, a lot of teams will dissect that and try to come up with their own schemes.

"We've just got to make sure that we're making the same mistakes we made in previous games because they can show up again."

The Eagles' chances of winning next Monday night don't seem great considering they've lost their last five games. But they have the fourth-stringer in the NFL, stingier than the Eagles, as quarterback. They pressured Brady a lot. "We're going to stop this from coming back," receiver Randy Moss. "He backed up his point with the Patriots' previous game against Feeley, then with Miami. On Dec. 20, 2004, Feeley led two touchdown drives in the final nine minutes, 2:07 for a comeback 29-28 win. "You want to go back to the Miami game from '04? We're 1-2, they're 2-1," Belichick said. "The records don't mean anything. The only thing that matters is how you play. And coach."

Opponents have been much more competitive lately. The Patriots won their first eight games by at least 17 points each and crushed Buffalo 56-10 in their 10th game. But the Colts and Eagles nearly ended that with a little help.

"You're not going to always have a blowout," Thomas said. "We were able to come up with a win, which was good. We achieved one of our goals yesterday with the championship of the division, but we have more things that we have to do."
ND VOLLEYBALL

Win nets 21st winning season in row

By Pat O'BRIEN and ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writers

Notre Dame capped off its season with a 3-1 victory over Tennessee in Knoxville on Friday, securing their 21st consecutive winning season.

"Everyone played really well in our match against Tennessee, and we had control the whole time," senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk said. "They were out of system quite a bit, which made it easier for us. I think we really perfected a lot of really important skills, blocking, passing, attacking — and we became really close on the court and off.

We had outstanding team chemistry that is hard to find. We also learned about some lesser-known volleyball skills, such as the all-important backwards bump surprise."

Adrianna Stasiuk
Irish captain

The Belles from finding the half's first lead at the half in all five of their games in all but their two blowout victories, which have come by a combined 84 points.

Against Anderson, the Belles started slowly but found their stride, going on a four-minute scoring drought near the end of the second half against George Fox. The Belles were up by nine points in the final 30 seconds, but it was simply too little, too late.

Senior Allison Kessler scored 11 points in the loss, while junior Erin Newsom and sophomore Anna Kamrath each grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Belles continued their dismantling of Notre Dame, and five players scored in double figures: junior Katie Rashid (17 points), Kessler (16), Kamrath (15), Newsom (10) and freshman Becky Newsom (10), who is Erin's sister. Each Newsom sister totaled nine boards, and junior Meghan Conaty dished out nine assists.

As a team, St. Mary's shot 52.3 percent from the field in the victory and dominated the interior, out-rebounding the Gaels 57-25 and outscoring them 48-28 in the paint.

A four-minute scoring drought near the end of the second half against George Fox ended the Belles' chances, as they failed to convert a field goal attempt from 5:46 until 1:08 remained. The back-and-forth battle included four ties and nine lead changes, and after squandering a 30-27 haltime lead, the Belles pulled within seven points in the final 30 seconds, but it was simply too little, too late.

Kessler was named to the all-tournament team, racked up 19 points in the loss. Erin Newsom dropped 17 points and had 9 rebounds, and Kamrath put up 12 points.

The Belles have a week off before playing their MIAA opener on Dec. 5, when they host Calvin at 7:30 p.m.

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Can IRAQ be Stabilized?

Larry Diamond
Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and senior advisor on governance to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad (2004)

6 pm – Tuesday, November 27
Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Diamond is also presenting the lecture "The Globalization of Democracy" as part of the Kellogg Lecture Series at 12:30 pm in the Hesburgh Center, room C-103.
The Irish got off to a dominant start, scoring 29 goals in the first two periods. However, the team struggled to convert on power plays, and Notre Dame scored five unanswered goals to take a 5-2 lead into the locker room.

Notre Dame continued their dominance in the third period, scoring three more goals to put the game out of reach, winning 8-2.

For the Irish, the loss was a disappointment, as they had high hopes for the season after making it to the NCAA tournament.

Head coach Jeff Jackson was disappointed with the result, saying, "We had a couple of good chances, but we couldn't capitalize on them. We need to regroup and come back next game with more energy and focus."
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scoring in double figures. Guards Lindsay Schrader and Ashley Barlow lead the Irish with 12.8 points per game each, while guard Charel Allen has 12.2 points per game. But even that isn’t good enough for McGraw, who feels that her team is capable of a lot more offensively. McGraw said she expects to have at least five players scoring between 10 and 14 points per game this season.

“For every team’s offensive game plan, we’ve got a defensive game plan,” McGraw said.

We’ll see how it plays out on the court,” she added.

“Everybody’s contributing and different people are contributing on different nights. It’s really been kind of a full team effort,” she said.

Notre Dame has also stepped up defensively in its last two games. After giving up 12-of-20 shooting from 3-point distance against Maryland, the Irish allowed the Chipewawns and Eagles to shoot only a combined .095 from beyond the arc.

McGrath attributed this 3-point defense — one of her team’s goals this season — in part to Boston College and Central Michigan’s poor shooting but also to her team’s defensive intensity.

“Tough games, but I think we’re focusing on the three-point line,” McGraw said. “I think we were all disappointed with the Maryland game’s defense, and I think there’s been a real concerted effort to fix that.”

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Irish guard Ashley Barlow gets ready to grab a rebound in Notre Dame’s 78-59 win over Western Kentucky on Nov. 13 at home.

Weissenhofer's acrobatic somersault throw-in can reach the center of the penalty kick box. She did just that early in the North Carolina game, and forward Brittany Bock redirected the throw for the first goal of the game.

"I just kind of really try and get it in the PK spot, six-yard box, so someone can hit it," Weissenhofer said.

The atmosphere of Saturday’s game gave Weissenhofer and the Irish an idea of what the national championship might be like, she said.

"We got a taste of what it was like to win the national championship — just a small taste," she said.

Taste of not, Weissenhofer believed in her team and its chances in the coming weeks.

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Weissenhofer had 53 points last season, 18 goals, 17 assists — which were second on the team to forward Kerri Hanks, who had 63 points. Heading into the Illinois game, she had scored only four. An ankle injury hampered her this season.

"As you’ve probably seen this season I haven’t been much of a goal scorer, so I really just wanted to get a goal," she said after the Illinois game, "It was great to get the goal and get the win." Waldrum felt that the goal may have ignited her to her previous form.

"Maybe the goal against Illinois in the second round was a big thing for her, to finally score a goal," Waldrum said Tuesday.

Waldrum said that having Weissenhofer fully healthy and back on her game "made all the difference in the world." She said she's feeling comfortable off the bench and has been a real contribution to the team's goals this season - in part to Boston College and Central Michigan's poor shooting but also to her team's defensive intensity.

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but I needed to reconcile what happened last year," Karas said, who made five saves in the game. "It was nice to not lose to Carolina twice in my career."

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said the team came a long way since last year's championship loss.

"We were so different this time than we were in the championship last year," Waldrum said. "Last year, I thought we underachieved, I thought we were immature, I thought we didn't play up to the way I knew we could play."

Before Saturday's game, no team had scored three goals against North Carolina (19-4-1) in seven years. The Irish (14-4-2) and North Carolina (19-4-1) in seven years. The Irish (14-4-2) joined Santa Clara as the only two teams ever to defeat North Carolina more than twice.

The Irish jumped ahead in the 13th minute when they had a throw-in chance in their attacking third. Weissenhofer’s flip throw carried the ball to the center of the penalty box, where Bock headed the ball in the far side of the net for her 15th goal of the season.

Bock, a junior, and Weissenhofer, a sophomore, are both from Naperville, Ill., and played together at Neuqua Valley High School. Bock said that playing with Weissenhofer for so long gave her a good idea of where the throw-in would land.

Weissenhofer, in turn, said she aimed for the middle of the penalty box as well as for Bock in particular.

"I try and look for Bock to see where she is," Weissenhofer said.

Bock said she came free and had a clear path to the ball.

"I kind of just drifted away, no one was really man-marking me," Bock said.

Just 14 seconds later, a miscalculation by North Carolina keeper Ashlyn Harris allowed Weissenhofer to score and give the Irish a quick 2-0 lead. Harris mispassed a pass back from left back Ariel Harris, allowing Weissenhofer to control the ball and take the shot.

"It was kind of like, 'Are you serious, right now?'" Weissenhofer said of the back-to-back goals.

Bock was also taken aback by the second goal.

"I was so tired just from celebra­t‐
ing," Bock said. "I think half the people at the stadium didn’t even know what happened." One minute into the second half, North Carolina midfielder Yael Averbuch’s shot deflected off Irish midfielder Courtney Boven’s hand. Since the infraction occurred in the penalty box, the Tar Heels received a penalty kick and midfielder Allie Long placed her shot to the left of Karas to make the score 2-1.

Weissenhofer struck again in the 61st minute when she chased a pass from Bosen down the left side of the field. Ashlyn Harris came out to challenge her, but Weissenhofer took a shot across the goal and into the right side netting to make the score 3-1.

"That probably to me was a turning point, once they got the goal, to see us respond to that and get the next goal and go back up by two," Waldrum said. "I think that was even bigger than going up by two initially."

The Tar Heels kept the pressure on when they made the score 3-2 in the 71st minute. Defender Jessica Maxwell sent a free kick into the box, and midfielder Nikki Washington headed the ball over Karas’ head.

Karas’ play kept the Tar Heel offense in check. She saved two shots from Washington in the second half and had to dive to her right and knock one of them away from the post. In the final minute of play, forward Casey Nogueira drove the ball down the middle of the field, but Karas charged and blocked the shot with her hands.

"Every time they came down, it seemed like I had to do something," Karas said. "It was kind of nice to finish a game where I actually did some things."

The Irish face Duke at home Friday in the round of eight. Weissenhofer was confident that Notre Dame could advance.

"I think if we play how we played on Saturday, I don’t think any team will be able to beat us," Weissenhofer said.

Note: Defender Elise Weber left the game shortly before the end of the first half when she rolled her ankle. Waldrum said she had a high-ankle sprain and that X-rays were negative. He said she will hold her out of practice for a few days.

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**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**ND downs Tar Heels, Blue Devils up next**

By BILL BRINK

Sport Writer

It took just over a year, but Notre Dame got its revenge against North Carolina.

Irish forward Michele Weisenshofer scored two goals and assisted forward Brittany Bock on a third, and Notre Dame beat the No. 1 Tar Heels 3-2 Saturday at Fetzer Field in Chapel Hill, N.C., in the NCAA Tournament round of 16.

The game was a rematch of last year's NCAA championship game, which Notre Dame won, 2-1. The teams later played to a 2-2 draw in an exhibition game before this season.

The win felt good for Irish senior keeper Lauren Karas, who said she had some unfinished business with the Tar Heels.

"I don't want to say revenge, but I do," Karas said.

Sophomore forward Michele Weisenshofer lines up a shot in Notre Dame's scoreless tie with Michigan on Aug. 31. Weisenshofer had two goals to lead the Irish to a 3-2 win over North Carolina on Saturday.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

McAlarney drops 25 as Notre Dame blows out Colgate

By CHRIS HINE

Sports Editor

Colgate hit four straight 3-pointers to keep the score close at 29-23 with 5:19 to play in the opening frame Monday night, but then Kyle McAlarney caught fire and burned any chance of a Colgate upset.

The junior guard, who finished with a game-high 25 points, drained four straight 3-pointers of his own to lift Notre Dame to a 46-33 halftime lead on its way to a 94-63 win over Colgate.

"It's almost like I know the shot's going in before I get the ball," McAlarney said. "There were a couple where I was just itching to get the ball because I knew as soon as I got it, it was going in."

McAlarney came out of the locker room and picked up where he left off in the first half, hitting his first two 3's during a 13-3 Notre Dame run to start the second half that put the Irish up 59-40 with 15:53 to play.

"It's the best feeling in the world, especially on your home court, when things are really clicking," McAlarney said.

Then the Irish clamped down on defense, allowing just two Raiders field goals over the next 10:40. During that stretch, Notre Dame outscored Colgate 29-11 and put the game out of reach.

"I liked our offensive efficiency, and I liked that it came from some different areas tonight," Irish coach Mike Brey said. 

McAlarney's 7-for-10 night from 3-point land led Notre Dame to a 13-for-28 performance beyond the arc. Junior forward Luke Zeller also played a prominent role in Notre Dame's 3-point first. Zeller knocked down four of his five 3-point attempts and finished the game with 14 points.

Even though Notre Dame's perimeter shooting lifted the Irish to a blowout victory, its 13-for-28 performance beyond the arc remains a concern.

"We're pretty confident now, but we know we can be better," Brey said. "I don't think we're relying on any one person, which I think makes everyone a little more comfortable."

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**HOCKEY**

**Irish capture RPI tourney**

By DAN MURPHY

Associate Sports Editor

No. 9 Notre Dame reeled off four unanswered goals to defeat No. 16 Rensselaer 4-3 Saturday night and win their first Rensselaer Holiday Tournament in Troy, N.Y. The Irish finished fourth in the tournament in 1988 and 2000 — the only other times they participated.

"We started off slow again, which is a bit of a concern, but for the first time with this group, they showed some resiliency," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "To me that is a sign of a team that is focused and strong of character."

Notre Dame was down 3-0 halfway through the game before they were able to spring a leak in the Engineers' defense.

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Weisenshofer breaks out of slump in big way in NCAA win**

By BILL BRINK

Sport Writer

To describe forward Michele Weisenshofer's postseason success, Irish coach Randy Waldrum had to turn to baseball.

"With forwards, it's probably like a home-run hitter or a slugger," Waldrum said. "If you get in a little bit of a slump, it starts to weigh on you and as a forward, I think she was getting really down on herself because you're not starting a lot of goals on a regular basis."

Weisenshofer picked a great time to break out of her slump.

The sophomore scored a goal during Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Illinois in the second round of the NCAA tournament and had two more in the 3-2 win over Arizona State in the regional final.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**McGrath says squad found strong balance**

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame hasn't had any problems winning this season. It's only a matter of if the game will be close.

In its first five games, the Irish have gone 4-1 with a 75-59 loss against No. 1 Maryland at College Park the only slip up. But other than that game, the Irish have scored 89.2 points per game, while not surrendering 60 points or more to any opponent this season.

This trend held true during Notre Dame's 94-41 win over Central Michigan on Nov. 20 and 88-58 win over Boston College on Saturday. This weekend marked the first time since the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament in 2001 that the Irish were back-to-back 30-point victors.

Irish coach Muffet McGrath said the two wins were important to getting the team back on track after the loss to the Terrapins.

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