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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members examine ticket exchange

By JOSEPH McMATHON
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed alternative ways to conduct football ticket exchanges at their meeting Tuesday.

The Ticket Office discontinued the basic program this year of allowing a designated number of students to exchange for a fee their student ticket for a general admission ticket. It cited abuses of the system, including scalping of tickets, as a reason to end the program. This year, students were able to enter a lottery for the ability to exchange their USC tickets because that game occurred over fall break.

But student government approached the Ticket Office and began talks to bring back the option of exchanging student passes for general admission tickets, student body vice president Maris Braun said Tuesday.

“It’s pretty unique having a ticket office that is very dedicated to giving the student body as many chances as they possibly can,” Braun said.

She said the Ticket Office was cooperative when the Student Union Board organized a ticket exchange for the Oct. 20 game against USC — an exception that was allowed because the Ticket Office reasoned, many students would be leaving Notre Dame for full break.

“The Ticket Office was really pleased with the student-run exchange,” Braun said. “In the future we should look to other student organizations like student government and some of the class councils to organize it.”

CMB members, however, see TICKETS/page 3

Former Iraq advisor evaluates U.S. policy

Stanford scholar says sudden withdrawal would be as ‘arrogant’ as 2003 invasion

By DAVIS RHORER Jr.
News Writer

There is no more politically charged or national security question than the direction of Iraq, said Larry Diamond, a political science professor at Stanford University.

Diamond, a former senior advisor on governance for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, began his lecture Tuesday night in the Hesburgh Center with his reflections on the foundations of the war. He then discussed the current situation in both Iraqi civilians and American soldiers.

In 2004, Diamond was invited by then-U.S. National Security Advisor and former colleague Condoleezza Rice to assist in the transition to democracy in Iraq. Initially scheduled to stay in the country for six months, a discouraged Diamond left after only three.

“We were failing in Iraq from the ineptitude, arrogance, incompetence and isolation from reality and knowledge of Iraqi society,” he said.

Diamond’s criticisms, which focused heavily on the unilateral nature with which he felt the Bush administration handled the engagement, eventually shifted towards current obligations the United States has in the war-torn state.

“We can’t just indiscriminately walk away,” Diamond said.

“It would be a mistake to get out of Iraq with as little thought, as little planning and as much arrogant indifference as the manner in which we went in.”

But not everything Diamond says on Iraq is as controversial.

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Is Iraq Finally Progressing Toward Stability?

Stanford professor Larry Diamond addresses an audience during his lecture in the Hesburgh Center Tuesday.

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Senior takes first in Mazda challenge, showcases design

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

While most Notre Dame students watched football and ate turkey last weekend, senior Mallory McMorrow took the spotlight at the L.A. Auto Show as a member of Mazda’s nationwide car-designing competition.

An industrial design student, McMorrow submitted a sketch and a 150-word statement to the Mazda Design Challenge without knowing her vision of a 2018 compact sports car would win the top prize.

But it did — and her vision evolved from a paper sketch to a full-scale clay model at the L.A. Auto Show, which ran from Nov. 16-25.

“I had no idea I would win,” McMorrow said.

The competition, aimed at college students, asked participants to imagine the Mazda of 2018 and accepted proposals from Sept. 25 to Oct. 12. McMorrow said they received 400 entries. The Mazda Design Team of North America “voted and handpicked the top 10 ideas,” according to the competition’s official Facebook group. These finalists were announced Oct. 16 and the online voters narrowed them down to five by the end of the month.

McMorrow and the other four designers then worked with the Mazda Design Team to produce a final sketch of the 2018 Mazda3 for the final round of voting. McMorrow’s win was announced Nov. 6.

“The voting was all on Facebook,” she said.

As part of her prize, McMorrow flew to California to attend the L.A. Auto Show, where she worked with Franz von Holzhausen — director of design for Mazda North American Operations — and his team to turn her design into a full-scale clay model.

The model was unveiled Nov. 24.

“This was the first time a

Senior Mallory McMorrow poses with a clay model of her award-winning Mazda3 design at the L.A. Auto Show November 24.

Halls justify different annual fees

Rectors: Dorms’ needs call for tailored deposits

By KATIE PERALTA AND JOHN TIERNEY
News Writers

A Notre Dame education costs more than $45,000 per year, but the hall tax fee included in that bill varies significantly from dorm to dorm.

For example, freshman residents of Badin hall paid $100 before moving in this year, while the men of Surin paid $40.

The taxes vary from dorm to dorm because each residence hall has the freedom to choose the housing deposit that will meet the hall’s needs for the year. Residence halls with higher taxes generally are able to provide more activities and supplies for free during the year.

In the case of Badin, a small dorm population — just 123 women — causes the dorm to ask more from each resident.

“The smaller the number of residents, the [greater] need for a higher tax,” said Badin rector Deaisey Lyon. Badin upperclassmen pay a $75 fee to help cover the hall’s activities and expenses throughout the year, which include dorm dinners, other events, decorations and items for common use.

Badin recently purchased a set of weights using hall tax funds, Lyon said.

As in most dorms, freshmen pay a higher hall tax to cover freshman orientation activities. Though the Office of Student Accounts Web site uses a $50
INSIDE COLUMN

For the love of the game

There are five words in this world more satisfying than the sound of a ping pong ball landing in a solo cup. Ping pong, as it is known for short, requires minute precision and impeccable hand-eye coordination.

It also requires "tactic." The game itself is a two-on-two game and needs both people to pull their weight to accomplish the sought-after "serverkill." The game is a question of "to bounce, or not to bounce," and an unyielding commitment is required, many of the virtues espoused at Notre Dame.

It is for these reasons that I nominate Beer Pong as the National Collegiate Pastime. College football, as we’ve all found out, brings the "drink the beer"—while each as great of a game as it is, doesn’t start until spring and can be rather silly. Beer pong, not so silly, is the beautiful game.

I’ll have none of that flip cup garbage. The game which has a nickname of "Flip Cup" and is played by the cheer of pyramidal girls after a victory has no merit for inclusion in the collegiate pathos.

Furthermore, pong encourages drinking in moderation. That’s right. You see, unlike the flip cup, which has no real points other than going pedal-to-the-metal on the uninitiated, pong has a very simple system of checks and balances designed to curb excessive drinking.

As in any playground system (natural or single elimination), pong carries with it the immediacy of its "win or go home" doctrine.

As with the fine art of initiating dialogue with females, the consumption helps the pong player—up until a point.

I pride courage can help one wax eloquent or make it rain on the pong table, until said player in another game reaches a point I like to call "critical mass," a point of no return after which the game of the person in question takes a sharp turn for the worse.

Quarters, kings, shooting game, the ever-poor "drink the beer"—while each has its own merits, none of these have the same appeal as pong and require no real talent other than a high tolerance.

Furthermore, pong has become a nationwide phenomenon, sweeping across the nation’s college with awesome alacrity. Depending on where you play, the game has different rules and variations, including "Full Contact," a version in which every ball that ricochets off the table becomes “live.” The player who can successfully recover the familiar and emerge from the pile, balls in hand, is the one to best that ball.

Another popular twist is the "NBA Jam" rule, in which a player declares that his or her partner is “heading up” after three consecutive makes, resulting in that player shooting until he or she misses.

Pong is also a gender-inclusive game, providing a common thread for women to contribute by virtue of their ability to blow a ball around the interior of a cup out.

Furthermore, pong does not discriminate against people by virtue of their athletic talent or physical prowess (or lack thereof).

Many Bookstore basketball teams are doomed to an embarrassing failure from the outset by mere virtue of being short or slow. Pong provides a level playing field (literally) for all players of all creeds. It is the great equalizer.

For these reasons, and many more not enumerated here, pong is the sport of kings.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE SONG ON THE RADIO AND WHY?

Javier Soegeard sophomore Carroll
Brandon Boston freshman O’Neill
Claire Lauretus senior Cavanaugh
Jason Wittenbach senior Stanford
Kevin Kimberly freshman O’Neill
Matt McMobler senior off campus

"Dimelo (The Ping Pong Song)" because I like to dance.
"Cyclone" because I like to dance.
"O Holy Night" because it’s the best Christmas song.
"Cupcake Girl" because it was written by the second sweetest musician ever.
"Bartender" by T-Pain because that’s what I want to be when I grow up.
"Mele Kalikimaka" because the beat is easy to spread Christmas cheer by singing loud for all to hear.

BRIEF

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

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

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

As part of the Solidarity film series, there will be a screening of the film “We are Together” in the DeBartolome Performing Arts Center Friday at 10 a.m. The film focuses on the story of the children of the Agape Orphanage as they overcome the adversity of growing up amid Africa’s 12 million AIDS orphans.

The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will perform a fall concert, "Come Back to Your First Love" Saturday at 7 p.m. in Washington Chapel. The habitats for Humanity will host "A Home for the Holidays" Sunday from 3:30 to 8 p.m. in the St. Plan Center. Groups of students can register online to call a gingerbread house. The cost of registration ranges from $30 to $50 per group, depending on size of the house. There will also be performances, entertainment and food to raise money for the organization.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observewnd.com.

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suggested making further revisions to the process in which the exchanges could be conducted if the program were reinstated.

The USC exchange this year had students entering a lottery for a chance to exchange their tickets. But the selected entries were not notified until a week before the game. Such short notice doesn’t give students’ outside friends or relatives enough time to plan a trip to Notre Dame, several COR members said.

“I wanted to exchange a ticket for a friend, but I didn’t find out until a week before that I had won the lottery, so it ended up not working out,” said Kadeja Gaines, treasurer of the Student Union Board and a Georgia native.

Because it is so difficult to find a reasonable plane ticket a few days before the expected departure date, several COR members suggested holding the lottery several weeks in advance.

“The purpose of the program is to get siblings out to games and if you live far away you won’t be able to get them out [here] with too little notice,” senior class vice president Chris Doughty said.

To counter fears that students would use this extra time to sell the tickets for a profit, Doughty suggested that the name of the person the student is buying the ticket for be printed on it.

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Iraq
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said was negative. Diamond cited a recent improvement in safety levels for civilians in the streets of Baghdad, a development he attributed to the recent influx of troops and new military strategies adopted by the American armed forces.

“There is a new sense of hope and possibilities and a return to something approaching normalcy in many communities,” Diamond said.

In addition to these changes in the American military presence, Diamond noted the recent crip­pling of al-Qaeda in the region as a result of the U.S. intervention.

“The Sunni Arab heartland of Iraq has had its fill of the ruthlessness and intimidation of al-Qaeda and wants them gone,” Diamond said. He backed up his assertion with a recent release by Osama bin Laden, where the terrorist leader confirmed the change in sentiment in the region and called about his organization’s “loss of the hearts and minds” of the Iraqi people, Diamond said.

And while Iraq is doing better in that regard, the situation is still precarious, he said.

“I fear that the current surge with all its manifest hope for progress could prove to be ... a brilliant, inspiring moment of possibility that cruelly slips away,” Diamond said. “Only if we capitalize on the military gains in the past few months with a political strategy to settle big political differences ... can we stand a decent chance of avoiding that fate.”

He concluded his lecture by repeating the same piece of advice he once gave Rice, say­

 ling the United States “cannot do it alone” when it comes to Iraq. Allied support from regional neighbors and the European Union, Diamond said, is essential to ending the current conflict.

Diamond also firmly criticized the provi­ sional Iraqi government and called it a barrier to future successes in the country.

“Unless we threaten to pull the rug out from under [the Iraqi representatives] we’ll not agree to [internal] compromises,” he said, referring to the current American financial and military support of what he considers a highly corrupt and partisan parlia­

ment.

Diamond’s lecture was sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

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deposit to project total housing costs for prospective students, it does say the hall tax is subject to change.

At $90, the freshman Carroll Hall residents pay the highest hall tax of any men's residence hall on campus, with upperclassmen in the same dorm paying $10 less every year. The Carroll freshmen, however, receive a hall shirt in return for their tuition payment.

And though other male dorms on campus may have lower hall taxes, Carroll does not require its residents to pay for dances, food for game watches, hall government expenses, receptions or other programs, according to Carroll rector Father Jim Lewis.

The dorm also subsidizes section- and hall-wide programs, such as movies at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and paintingball, Lewis said.

Residents of Alumni and Morrissey Halls also pay $80 to the dorm. Neither hall charges residents for hall events such as dances but in dorms like Keenan and Siegfried, where the hall tax is between $50 and $60, residents have to cover dance fees themselves.

That is also the case for the residents of Sorin College. While Sorin residents enjoy the lowest hall tax of any dorm on campus — $40 every year — they must pay to attend the dorm's dances. The Sorin dance earlier this semester came with a $15 price tag per couple, Sorin rector Father Jim King said.

However, the dorm does pay for food for game watches, study days and a coookout on football Fridays, King said. The dorm has been able to save its residents $20 thanks to financial assistance from residents at its annual alumni reunion, King said.

Lyons Hall also charges its freshmen more than its other residents — $60 for first-year students versus $50 for sophomores, juniors and seniors — to help pay for the events during orientation.

"The extra $10 for the freshmen goes to cover the expenses of Frosh-O, which are considerable," Lyons rector Denise McInerney said.

And the Lyons Hall Council is thinking about raising the freshman rate to $70 next year.

McInerney's funds cover such expenses as the dorm's printing and mailing costs, inter-hall sports fees and exercise equipment.

"While we also charge a nominal fee for dance tickets and hall apparel," McInerney said, "it would be considerably more if we didn't have hall taxes to subsidize the cost of food, music, ballroom space, etc. for the dances and the cost and printing of the T-shirts, sweats, etc."

Most dorms divide housing deposit funds among different committees.

At Pasquerilla East, the residents' $50 fees are spread across the different committees that take care of dances, hall council proceedings, multicultural gatherings and Big Sister/Little Sister events, among other activities.

"Each commission gets a budget to host different events in the [Pasquerilla East] community," Pasquerilla East rector Breyan Tomilson said.

Breen-Phillips tapped into its hall tax fund to purchase a new treadmill last year, said Breen-Phillips rector Rachel Kellogg.

And with the upcoming holiday season, she and other rectors (from both male and female dorms) said hall tax funds will be used to buy gifts for housekeeping personnel and snacks for students during the finals period.

"It's a big deal... I think it will help a lot," McMorrow said.

That career may begin with the internship Mazda offered her following her performance at the I.A. Auto Show.

"They're holding up a spot for me," she said.

But she shared her victory with the entire design department, saying that though Notre Dame is not famous for its achievements in industrial design, she is convinced her liberal arts education prepared her for the challenge.

"I think the liberal arts at Notre Dame really helped me come out first," she said. "Mazda really wanted to get funding ideas rather than just flashy drawing. They wanted substance, not just a kid who can draw."

She said she doesn't think her original sketch of the concept that garnered her the top spot.

"Just based on the 2-D drawing, I didn't think we would have made it," McMorrow said. "That is what made her an outstanding participant, she said, must have been the strength of her design."

And maybe her gender, she said.

"The fact I'm a woman impacted the way a lot of people looked at me... I hadn't really realized it, but there's still a stigma."

Her trip to California showed McMorrow there is a big market for female car designers.

"I felt really cool having these little girls come up to me saying, 'I love drawing cars!' and having a girl say I was her inspiration," McMorrow said.

She said the competition was internationally publicized in places like India and China, getting her the kind of exposure she could not have found at Notre Dame.

"This was a random, open competition, nothing to do with Notre Dame... one thing I learned from this is, take advantage of inside opportunities," McMorrow said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Youth riots cripple Parisian suburb

Third night of restlessness includes violent clashes as rioters begin using firearms

Associated Press

VILLIERS-LE-BEL, France (AP) — Youthful violence in the Paris suburbs reached new proportions Thursday night as rioters began using firearms, throwing firebombs and clashes were the worst in nearly a decade.

The unrest began several hours earlier when about 200 youths rioted near a police station in the town of Villiers-le-Bel, northwest of Paris. The rioters attacked the police station with rocks and motorbikes, and threw firebombs.

More than 1,000 riot police fanned out across the region after the violence erupted Wednesday night in response to the beating of a young black man and a 16-year-old Arab by the police.

The police have arrested more than 500 people in connection with the violence over the past three days.

The unrest follows a month of protests and violence in the Paris region over the police beating of a young black man and a 16-year-old Arab by the police.

Young residents of Villiers-le-Bel, a northern suburb of Paris throw stones at police as a garbage truck burns late Monday. Riots reached a third day Tuesday.}

Israel, Palestine agree to resume peace talks

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Israeli and Palestinian leaders agreed Tuesday to immediately resume long-stalled talks toward a permanent peace, by the end of next year that would create an independent Palestinian state, using a U.S.-hosted Middle East conference to launch their first negotiations in seven years.

A statement read by President Bush, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas pledged to start discussions on the core issues of the conflict next month and accepted the United States as arbiter of interim steps.

"We agree to immediately launch good-faith bilateral negotiations in order to conclude a peace treaty addressing all outstanding issues, including all core issues without exception, as specified in previous agreements," it said.

"We agree to engage in vigorous, continuous and continuous negotiations and shall make every effort to conclude an agreement before the end of 2008," said the document, which was reached after two weeks of intense diplomacy and was uncertain until just before Bush announced it.

The conference at the U.S. Naval Academy has been greeted with heavy skepticism, with many questioning its timing and prospects for success, especially given the weakness of Olmert and Abbas, whose leadership is challenged by the militant Hamas movement.

And the task is complicated by Arab pressure to resolve other long-simmering disputes Israel has with Syria and Lebanon.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, in his remarks to the conference, called for the earliest possible resumption of talks with Lebanon and Syria, which wants the return of the Galil Heights, land seized by Israel during the 1967 war.

Bush, in his address, defended the decision to hold the Annapolis conference, saying it was the right time to launch peace talks and urging representatives of more than 50 participating countries and organizations to support the effort.
After violence slows, Iraqi refugees return home

With decrease in extremist attacks, unstable government says it's safe to come back; many others aren't so sure

Associated Press

DAMASCUS — Hundreds of Iraqi refugees boarded buses for home on Wednesday in the first convoy from an Iraqi-funded effort to speed the return of families that fled the country's violence and insecurity.

Many Iraqis have headed back on their own from Syria and other areas, but now the Iraqi government is hoping to accelerate the flow — and draw more attention to the recent drop in violence — by offering to pay for trips home.

The program also seeks to win favor from neighboring countries such as Syria and Jordan that are struggling with an estimated 2.2 million Iraqi refugees. Syria has tightened visa rules for Iraqis in hopes of forcing people to return home and blocking new refugees.

"Baghdad, you are victorious," chanted some Iraqis as they headed for a line of 20 buses that would carry about 800 refugees to the border. From there, Iraqi buses are scheduled to bring them to Baghdad and beyond, according to Mohammed Ali al-Budairi, a coordinator for displaced Iraqis in Syria.

The entire trip can take about 10 hours without interruptions, but the convoy will be delayed because of security precautions. Details about the protection for the convoy was not immediately disclosed.

"If I go and discover that the situation is not stable, I will return to Baghdad," he chirped. The first bus left by mid-afternoon from al-Syada Zeinab, an area in southern Damascus where thousands of Iraqi refugees have lived since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein's regime. Syrian officials says the country has up to 1.5 million Iraqis refugees, straining its education, health and housing systems. Jordan estimates it has up to 700,000 Iraqis. In addition, the U.N. refugee agency has cited various reports of more than 2.4 million Iraqis displaced inside the country.

Adnan al-Shourifi, the commercial secretary at the Iraqi Embassy in Damascus, described the bus Tuesday as a "test." Thousands of Iraqis in Syria have headed back home in the past weeks.

"If I go and discover that the situation is not stable, I will come back" to Syria, said Ibrahim, with his wife, three sons and two daughters in tow. His elder son Abdullah, 13, looked forward to attending school in Baghdad.

"Explosions don't scare me," he chirped. The Iraqis bus left by mid-afternoon from al-Syada Zeinab, an area in southern Damascus where thousands of Iraqi refugees have lived since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein's regime. Syrian officials says the country has up to 1.5 million Iraqis refugees, straining its education, health and housing systems. Jordan estimates it has up to 700,000 Iraqis. In addition, the U.N. refugee agency has cited various reports of more than 2.4 million Iraqis displaced inside the country.

Adnan al-Shourifi, the commercial secretary at the Iraqi Embassy in Damascus, described the bus Tuesday as a "test." Thousands of Iraqis in Syria have headed back home in the past weeks. The U.S. military says attacks across Iraq have fallen to their lowest level since February 2006, attributing this partly to a surge of nearly 30,000 troops earlier this year and cooperation from local groups fighting extremist groups such as al-Qaida in Iraq.

Earlier this month, the Iraqi embassy in Damascus set up 11 registration centers for Iraqis to apply for the trip home. In Jordan, Iraqi ambassador Saad al-Husayni told The Associated Press that Iraq will give Jordan $8 million to help ease the refugee burden.

In Baghdad, government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the government is eager to have Iraqis return to their country and live a normal, safe life. He said more than 30,000 refugees returned in October and the flow has continued this month. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees could not confirm the figures, but said more Iraqis were leaving Syria than arriving with a daily average of 1,500 departures compared with 500 arrivals.

Sybella Wikes, press officer for the UNHCR in Syria, said the agency doesn't "think it's time" yet for a massive refugee return. "We certainly can't define the situation as being safe in any area of Iraq," she said. But she added the organization still would "support any Iraqis who want to return."

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn., arrived in Damascus to stress U.S. "concern about the welfare of displaced Iraqis in Syria and Jordan" and "review the situation of Iraqi refugees." A U.S. embassy statement said she planned to hold talks with Syrian officials, non-governmental organizations and other agencies.

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Abu Dhabi Investment Cuts Tobacco Ad Campaign

The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority will invest $7.5 billion in Citigroup, offering the nation’s largest bank needed capital to offset big losses from recent mortgage investments.

The cash from the sovereign investment fund of the Gulf Arab state, which has benefited from the oil price surge in oil prices, will be convertible into no more than 4.5 percent of Citigroup Inc.’s equity. Citigroup characterized the investment as passive and said the fund will not be able to name any board members to the bank.

The sovereign fund will receive equity units that pay an 11 percent annual yield — a high price for Citigroup, whose dividend yield is 3 percent. It will then be converted into Citigroup common shares at a price of up to $37.24 a share between March 15, 2010, and Sept. 15, 2013.

The purchase, announced late Monday, would make the Investment Authority one of Citigroup’s largest shareholders.

“We see in Citi a highly respected company with a premier brand and with tremendous opportunities for growth,” said the Investment Authority’s managing director, Sheikh Ahmed bin Zayed Al Nahayan. “This investment reflects our confidence in Citi’s potential to build shareholder value.”

The investment, which was expected to close within the next several days, will be considered in line with regulatory guidelines for regulatory purposes.

That 4.5 percent Citigroup goal of returning to its target capital ratios — essentially, the ratio of cash to debt — in the first half of 2009, the bank said.

Tier 1 capital describes a company’s core cash, which includes stock and disclosed reserves. When a company has a high amount of Tier 1 capital in relation to its debt, the company is regarded as financially strong.

John McDonough, a Banc of America Securities analyst, said the investment will buy Citi some time, but will not fix the bank’s debt troubles.

“Capital infusions do not solve problems overnight,” he wrote in a research note. Investors, however, were relieved by the infusion and Citigroup shares rose 52 cents, or 1.7 percent, to close at $30.32 Tuesday, although shares traded at a new low this year of $29.00 earlier in the day.

Citigroup’s shares have lost about 45 percent of their value since the beginning of this year, wiping away $124 billion in market capitalization, and touched a five-year low Monday as the drimriest of bad news about its investment losses has grown more persistent.

Charles Prince stepped down as Citigroup’s chairman and chief executive Nov. 4, the same day Citi announced that it will likely write down the value of its portfolio by $8 billion to $11 billion in the fourth quarter.

In the third quarter, the bank’s exposure to assets tied to subprime mortgages led to a loss of about $6.5 billion.

Citigroup executives said Monday that a deteriorating business climate could mean a new round of job cuts, even after the bank pared its 12,000 workforce by 17,000 positions earlier this year.

Fanned out by billions in writedowns, Citigroup is reviewing its cost structure to bring it in line with “economic realities,” the company said.

Oil executive sentenced after guilty plea

NEW YORK — Texas oilman Oscar Wyatt Jr. was sentenced to a year in prison Tuesday for conspiring to violate sanctions against Saddam Hussein’s regime.

Wyatt, 63, pleaded guilty last month and agreed to be sentenced to 18 to 24 months in prison. He also agreed to pay $6 million, conceding that he approved a $200 million illegal payment directly to an Iraqi bank account in December 2001.

U.S. District Judge Denny Chin, citing Wyatt’s guilty plea during World War II and the many letters written to the court on his behalf, handed him a maximum seven-year sentence, but noted: “There’s little doubt in my mind that he broke the law.”

Wyatt cried as he addressed the judge, apologizing to his family and friends and saying, “I would never do anything to hurt my country.”

Before pleading guilty on the 12th day of his trial, Wyatt had insisted he never paid an illegal surcharge to the Iraqi government to win oil contracts.

Prosecutors contended he paid millions of dollars to Iraqi officials to get an unfair share of contracts connected to the oil-for-food program, which ran from 1996 to 2003.

The program permitted the Iraqi government to sell oil primarily to buy food and medicine for suffering Iraqis. It was meant to help Iraqis cope with U.N. sanctions, but authorities said the program was corrupted when Iraqi officials began demanding illegal surcharges in return for contracts to buy Iraqi oil. During the trial, the government introduced evidence that Wyatt used an energy company he founded, Coastal Corp., to buy crude oil from Iraq in the decades leading up to the 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

After the invasion, Wyatt maintained a close relationship with Saddam Hussein to guarantee his continued access to Iraqi oil, prosecutors said.

In court papers filed prior to sentencing, prosecutors argued against leniency for Wyatt, criticizing his “breathkably immoral” actions.

They said the government claimed that Wyatt was in a unique position to dissuade Iraq from reversing the scheme. He played a tape for the jury of a 1990 conversation in which Wyatt is heard telling Saddam that he had visited Iraq as many as 40 times in the previous 15 years and that he was “absolutely responsible” for a lot of the transactions in which Iraqis sold one-third of their oil exports to the United States.

Wyatt’s lawyers described their client as an American hero. They said he tried to play a peaceful role in resolving conflict between the two countries, even helping to fly Americans out of Iraq when Hussein was threatening to keep them there in the event of a U.S. invasion.

Pedestrians pass a CitiBank branch in Chicago earlier this month. The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority announced a large investment in the company late Monday.

Broadway negotiations at stalemate

NEW YORK — No negotiations between striking Broadway stagehands and theater producers have put run as long as “Cats.” It only seems that way.

Two days of back-to-back marathon sessions have not produced a settlement between Local 1 and the League of American Theatres and Producers, and similar sessions will return to the bargaining table Wednesday to try again.

Progress reportedly has been slow in solving the thorny dispute that has shut down most of Broadway since Nov. 10, although some headway has been made in lengthy discussions held Sunday, Monday and into Tuesday.

“Today ended this morning (Tuesday) at 7:30 a.m. without a deal after 13 hours of hard bargaining in what I can only describe as a ‘rain delay’ in the ninth inning of the seventh game of the World Series,” Bruce Cohen, a union spokesman said. “The rainy weather that should clear up when talks resume Wednesday.”
A 1659 law of the Massachusetts Bay Colony levied a fine of fifty shillings on anyone who shall be found observing any such day as Christmas. Cristmas, to them, was a "popish" trivility at best.

We don't fine people anymore for celebrating Christmas, a legal holiday. But some governments can go to courts to purge the observance of win­ter holidays, Winter Solstice or whichever occupation of the Christmas reality that gave rise to the "holidays" in the first place. This year, in Fort Collins, Colo., a "Holiday Display Task Force" recommended using white lights in a "Stand of red and green." The objective was to recognize the diversity of "a variety of winter holidays, such as Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, Birth of Bahá'í, Bháë Day, the Winter Solstice, Kwanzaa and more."

"Throughout history," the task force said, "the most common theme of win­ter celebration is light at a time of dark­ness." The "holiday displays" can include "Symbols of Winter: snowflakes, snowmen, snow balls, ice skates, skis, penguins, polar bears, white lights, etc." Christmas was singled out for special depreciation by the exclusion of red and green lights which could remind people of something. Presumably, that exclusion would not apply to traffic sig­nals. On Nov. 20, sans controversy, the City Council rejected the proposal.

Such controversy over Christmas reflects changes in the posture of gov­ernment toward religion dictated by Supreme Court decisions which lack coherency as well as fidelity to the meaning of the Constitution. Those decisions affect all Christmas.

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Dining Hall rule unreasonable

I am writing in regard to the new signs posted by the trays and silverware in South Dining Hall. As I walked into South Dining Hall this morning, I was met by the same rude man as usual and his direction to this new sign. I’m not sure about North Dining Hall, but South Dining Hall has posted signs stating that no beverage containers are allowed in the dining hall. Regardless of whether this was a rule that was always thrown under the shelf and has become renewed or whether it is now, it is all together ridiculous. The majority of dining hall patrons never bring one in to begin with. For those that do, is it really that much of a deal for us to take something to drink in a container? I’m not one to complain about it being nice but choose to late in a “beverage container” while walking through windy South Quad. Is that too much to ask?

Kevin Kimberly
freshman
O’Neill Hall
Nov. 27

U-WIRE

Dear Hollywood: Keep it the same

Amid a holiday trailer blitz featuring fighting polar bears, an icy Nicole Kidman and more talking animals than a Dr. Dolittle film, “The Golden Compass,” has found an enemy—Christian groups. Based on the trilogy of books by Philip Pullman, “The Golden Compass” is the first in a trilogy developed after a complaint of an authoritative church and its battle with a child who possesses a compass that reveals truth. Through many fictitious and symbolic happenings the main character journeys through different worlds to bring down the corrupt church. The novels have an anti-religious theme and people are protesting them being turned into film — so what? This isn’t the first time Christian groups have spoken out against films and novels. Recently the Harry Potter series as well as “The Da Vinci Code” have seen protests against their subject matter. People have the right to believe what they want to believe; see and read what they want to see and read; and protest what they choose to protest. It isn’t the protesting that is offensive. Religion is obviously a touchy subject as beliefs are the heart and drive of people. It is human nature to protect what we believe in and we should be respectful of everyone’s beliefs and give each the opportunity to speak in defense of views. This is what bothers me is the notion that Hollywood — more specifically New Line and studio attachments to the “Compass” project — is attempting to water down the themes integral to the original text, especially when the first installment of the “His Dark Materials” series is the least provocative in dealing with religion.

In the film version of “The Golden Compass,” the church is referenced as the “Magisterium,” and New Line confirmed to MTV News that some religious references were relaxed. While it is clear filmmakers can’t put every nuance from a novel into a film, themes shouldn’t be changed just to appease a perceived backlash. The bottom line is people will go see the film if they want to, not because “the Church” was changed to “the Magisterium.” Hollywood should honor its source material and protect the integrity of the original work and vision of the author. Of course some books make great movies, others don’t. But the editing causes the work to lose its original message, then it is distorted the composition of the author and disrespectful to his creativity. “Compass” director Chris Weitz told MTV there is no intention of softening religious tones in the sequel to the film and should only be applauded for his decision. The single wish one could have is that New Line hadn’t watered anything down at all. Audiences will choose what they want to see and whether it conflicts with their beliefs. It shouldn’t be Hollywood’s call to change the themes from literature to get a couple more bucks at the box office. Protect the work’s integrity, Hollywood, and fans of the text will flock to the theaters and thank you for it.

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The original songs are written by blockbuster Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz. The pair worked on "Pocahontas," "Aladdin," "Beauty and the Beast," "Hunchback of Notre Dame." Menken also worked on "Aladdin," "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Little Mermaid," among others. "True Love's Kiss" is Edward and Giselle's opening duet, and "Happy Working Song" pays homage to "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" with Giselle's "Whistle While You Work" mantra. Where "Enchanted" gets much of its charm is in how it playfully toys with Disney conventions. When Giselle sings the "Happy Working Song," for example, she opens Robert's penthouse window to call the animals to help her. But instead of deer, rabbits and frogs, Giselle gets rats, pigeons and bees to clean Robert and Morgan's apartment. When Edward arrives in New York to rescue his damsel, he stabs a city bus with his princely rapier and, in a clip narrowly seen in the film's trailer, thinks his tale is a magic mirror.

The cast members - Sarandon, Adams and Manden in particular — seem to be having nothing but fun with their roles, and Dempsey is a solid real world foil for Giselle's animated world antics. Timothy Spall is ridiculously wily as Sarandon's henchman, and Pip, a CG chipmunk, steals every scene he's in. "Enchanted" is so much fun that it's hard to remember you're watching something remotely as clever as "Ice Age." For any critics or cynics out there, "Enchanted" — you'll feel the Disney magic in no time.

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DISNEY TO RETURN TO TWO-DIMENSIONAL ANIMATION

"Enchanted" may feature only 14 minutes of traditional two-dimensional animation, but those few minutes are only a baby step into dimensional animation, but those few minutes are only a baby step before Walt Disney Animation Studios takes a giant leap back into the world of feature-length 2-D animation with "The Princess and the Frog" in 2009.

It may seem odd that producing a 2-D animated film would be something unusual for Disney, but when the studio announced that 2004's easily forgettable "Home on the Range" would be its last 2-D animated feature, the art form that Walt Disney built his empire on appeared dead to the House of Mouse.

"The Princess and the Frog" may be just what the studio needs to usher in a third golden age of animation that composer Alan Menken would tackle the music for the film, it has since been decided that Pixar-favorite Randy Newman will take over the job. Menken is the composer behind "Beauty and the Beast," and with lyricist Howard Ashman they won multiple Academy Awards for their work with Disney.

Although it was original-ly announced that composer Alan Menken would tackle the music for the film, it has since been decided that Pixar-favorite Randy Newman will take over the job. Menken is the composer behind "Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast," and with lyricist Howard Ashman they won multiple Academy Awards for their work with Disney. Ashman, who died in 1991 of AIDS, and Menken have also been credited with helping to revive Disney animation in the early 1990s. It was Ashman who came up with the idea to make Ursula an overweight, voluptuous drag queen character and Sebastian a Trinidadian "Under the Sea"-singing crab.

Therefore, the choice of Newman is an interesting one, but not too surprising — the musician is a New Orleans native. One speculation is that Menken was taken off of the project because he wrote the music for "Enchanted" and the studio did not want to seem repetitive.

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After Disney purchased Pixar in 2006, John Lasseter, a former Disney animator and Pixar founding member, became the chief creative officer for both Disney Animation and Pixar. Lasseter has made it clear that the Disney studio will not revert back to 2-D animation alone, but he has still paved the way for traditional 2-D animated films to be possible again.

In addition to discontinuing the production of straight-to-DVD Disney sequels, Lasseter has announced a return to the production of theatrical animated shorts. "How to Hook Up Your Home Theater," starring Goofy, will premiere before "National Treasure: Book of Secrets," which is set to be released on Dec. 21. "Home Theater" is the first Goofy theatrical cartoon since 1961's "Aquanania."

With all the changes happening at Disney in the post-Michael Eisner regime, it appears that traditional 2-D animated features are on the brink of another renaissance. "Enchanted" is the first step as it lovingly pokes fun at its predecessors and points out the glaring passive stereotypes of the earlier princess films.

There is no doubt that Tiana will build on the active roles of Ariel and Belle and set a new standard for Disney princesses. And after a five year break from 2-D animation, it will be time for Disney to reclaim its roots and find a better balance between commerce and art.

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Duke picks up tempo, blows out Wisconsin

Gordon's 29 points help Indiana hold off Georgia Tech; Pittsburgh, Memphis win easily over Boston U, Austin Peay

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke fig-
ured out how to make up for its
disadvantage against Wiscon-
sin — turn up the tempo.

Greeg Paulus scored 13 of his 18 points during the decisive first half, and No. 7 Duke ran No. 20 Wisconsin right out of Cameron Indoor Stadium in an 82-58 rout Tuesday night.

Freshman Thomas King added

15 points in his second straight
strong game off the bench for
the Blue Devils (7-0), who entered wondering how they’d contain a Wisconsin front line that featured three players who are 6-foot-10 or taller.

Vellow freshman Kyle Singler had 13 points. Gerald Henderson added 11 and Jon Scheyer scored 10 for the Blue Devils.

Duke’s up-tempo offense and
swarming, aggressive defense
dominated from the opening tip,
helping the Blue Devils improve
to 9-0 in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge and remain the only team with a perfect record in the annual event.

Duke, which didn’t start a player taller than 6-8, held its own on the glass — Wisconsin had just a 42-40 rebounding advantage — and that helped turn the Blue Devils’ first legitimate test at home into a blowout, their NCAA-best 55th straight non-conference home-court victory.

The Blue Devils capped a decisive 19-7 first-half run with a spectacular 15-second sequence that had the volume at the always-noisy arena at its loudest decibel level all season.

Henderson got things going when he blocked a layup by Leuer to start a fast break, and Paulus buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key to extend Duke’s lead to 22-14.

Then, DeMarcus Nelson stole
the ball from Michael Flowers
and found Paulus in the left cor-
ner. The point guard swished
another 3 from the 11:50 mark to give the Blue Devils their first double-figure lead of the game at 25-14, sending the Cameron Crazies into earsplitting deliri-

um.

Indiana freshman guard Eric Gordon went up for a layup in the Hoosiers’ 83-79 win over Georgia Tech Tuesday night.

Wisconsin (5-1), which was

beaten a ranked opponent in 38 years — since a 1959 NCAA tournament upset against Notre Dame in the Final Four.

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Redskins’ Taylor dies one day after shooting

MIA m — Pro Bowl safety Sean Taylor died Tuesday after he was shot in his home by an apparent intruder. The 24-year-old player died at Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he had been airlifted after the shooting early Monday.

It is with deep regret that a young man had to come to his end so soon,’ father Pedro Taylor said in a statement on behalf of the family. ‘Many of his fans loved him because the way he played football. Many of his opponents feared him because he approached the game, Others misunderstood him, many appreciated him and his family loved him.’

A string of mourners, including Taylor’s father, visited the player’s home and embraced outside. Authorities entered the home, but it was unclear what they were doing.

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In Brief

Bucky is suspended 50 games for failed drug test

NEW YORK — Former Colorado Rockies pitcher Dan Serafini was sus­ pended for 50 games Tuesday, the sec­ ond player to fail a test for a performance-enhancing drug this season under Major League Baseball’s testing program.

The 33-year-old left-bander played in three games and allowed two earned runs in one-third of an inning with the Rockies last season. Currently a free agent, Serafini has played for Minnesota, the Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh, San Diego and Cincinnati.

Serafini blamed the positive result on substances prescribed by a doctor in Japan, where he was limited to a total of 16 games in 2006 and 2007, because of what he described as “significant injuries.”

“This was to try and assist me in the healing process of these injuries, I took substances that were pre­scribed for me by a doctor in Japan,” Serafini said in a statement.

ormer Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams has returned to the NFL. The running back played last season for the Miami Dolphins, but he missed the entire 2006 season because of an infection that developed in high school after surgery.

Williams’ NFL comeback cut short by injury

MIAMI — Ricky Williams’ latest comeback lasted one game.

The Miami Dolphins running back will miss the rest of the season with a torn chest muscle, according to his agent, Leigh Steinberg.

Williams was hurt Monday at Pittsburgh, when he played in his first game in nearly two years. He returned following a 1-year sus­ pension for his latest violation of the NFL drug policy.

Steinberg said the arm will be in a sling from four to six weeks and the rehab will take five months.

But Steinberg said Williams expects to be ready for next season.

“It’s sad given how hopeful Ricky had been about his return to foot­ ball and given the amount of effort Ricky had put into his rehabilita­ tion. But he’s optimistic and hope­ ful for the future,” Steinberg said.

Purdue’s Howell to have sec­ ond surgery on shoulder

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue guard Jodi Howell will have another operation on her left shoulder and will apply for a medical redshirt to gain an extra year of basketball eligibility.

Howell, a 5-foot-11 junior, had recon­ structive surgery for a sprain in the shoulder in September. She will under­ go another operation Thursday because of an infection that developed in the shoulder, coach Sharon Versyp said Tuesday.

Howell, the 2005 Indiana Miss Basketball from Alexandria High School, started all but one game last season, averaging 6.8 points and leading the Boilermakers in 3-point percentage. She averaged 3.4 points as a freshman but missed the final 12 games of that season with a broken foot.

She also missed most of her junior season in high school after surgery on a torn ligament in her right knee.
MLB

Beckham scores but LA loses Down Under

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — With David Beckham bent over clutching his ankle, the Galaxy’s first exhibition outside North America seemed doomed to go down as a failed marketing exercise.

When the England midfielder bent a trademark free kick into the goal 18 minutes later and 80,295 people rose to their feet cheering, it suddenly was an unqualified success.

Brand Beckham certainly enhanced its status in Australia, despite the Galaxy’s 5-3 loss to Sydney FC in an exhibition at the Olympic Stadium on Tuesday night.

As second-half scorer Landon Donovan later said, if Beckham had not come down with the ankle injury he picked up in his last game for Real Madrid that contributed to him missing all but five games in his debut MLS season for Los Angeles, Beckham quickly regained his composure and his touch.

The Galaxy were trailing 3-0 a minute before halftime when it was awarded a free kick 24 yards out following a foul on Carlos Pavon. Enter Beckham.

He calmly curled it into the top left corner of the net.

The 32-year-old former England captain raised his arm to celebrate and then swapped high-fives with teammate Kevin Harrme before walking off for halftime, giving Sydney’s Brazilian import Juninho a hug on the way to the tunnel.

“In that sort of situation there’s always a certain amount of pressure on me to score, because I think people expect you to do it every time there’s a free kick given in that position,” Beckham said.

“I was really happy to score tonight because of the amount of fans and the attention that there has been on myself and this game tonight, so I was really pleased.”

Sports Drinks

Inventor of Gatorade dies

Cade helped design drink for Florida football team in 1965

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Dr. Robert Cade, who invented the sports drink Gatorade and launched a multibillion-dollar industry that the beverage continues to dominate, died Tuesday of kidney failure. He was 80.

His death was announced by the University of Florida, where he and other researchers created Gatorade in 1965 to help the school’s football players replace carbohydrates and electrolytes lost through sweat while playing in swamp-like heat.

“This is a huge blow to the University of Florida lost a legend, lost one of its best friends and lost a creative genius,” said Dr. Edward Block, chairman of the department of medicine in the College of Medicine. "Lossing any one of those is huge. When you lose all three in one person, it’s something you cannot recoup."

Now sold in 80 countries in dozens of flavors, Gatorade was born thanks to a question from former Gators Coach Dwayne Douglas, Cade said in a 2005 interview with The Associated Press.

He asked, “Doctor, why don’t football players wee- wee after a game?”

“That question changed our lives,” Cade said.

Cade’s researchers determined a football player could lose as much as 18 pounds — 90 to 95 percent of it water — during the three hours it takes to play a game. Players sweat ed away sodium and chloride and lost plasma volume and blood volume.

Using their research, and about $43 in supplies, they concocted a brew for players to drink while playing football. The first batch was not exactly a hit.

“IT sort of tasted like toilet bowl cleaner," said Dana Shires, one of the researchers.

“I guzzled it and I vomited,” Cade said.

The researchers added some sugar and some lemon juice to improve the taste. It was first tested on freshmen because Coach Ray Graves didn’t want to hurt the varsity team. Eventually, however, the use of the sports beverage spread to the Gators, who enjoyed a winning record and were known as a “second-half team” by outlasting opponents.

After the Gators beat Georgia Tech 27-12 in the Orange Bowl in 1967, Tech coach Bobby Dodd told reporters his team lost because, “We didn’t have Gatorade... that made the difference.”

Stokely-Van Camp obtained the licensing rights for Gatorade and began marketing it as the “beverage of champions.” PepsiCo Inc. now owns the brand, which has brought the university more than $150 million in royalties since 1973.

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Only hours after resigning in Fayetteville, Houston Nutt accepts Rebels post vacated by Ed Orgeron

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Jackson, Miss. — One day, Nutt was leaving Arkansas. The next, he was heading to Mississippi. Ole Miss will introduce Nutt as its new coach Wednesday, ending a whirlwind hiring that began when he resigned at Arkansas on Monday and agreed to become the Rebels’ coach about four hours later. Mississippi was without a coach for less than three days. Ed Orgeron was fired on Saturday after three losing seasons.

Rebels athletic director Pete Boone said Tuesday he contacted Nutt on Sunday after hearing a rumor the coach would be resigning. Nutt didn’t really want to talk then “because he had a job,” Boone said. That soon changed.

“This all happened overnight with me,” Boone said.

Nutt agreed to a contract Monday night, a four-year deal that will pay him $1.7 million to start and increase by $100,000 each year. He has an option for three more seasons as well, with the opportunity to earn more money with incentives.

“I think we were thorough in our discussions and covered all the things we needed to cover, but I felt like let’s get this thing done,” Boone said.

Nutt will be introduced at a news conference on campus in Oxford, ending a frenetic 48 hours for the school and its new coach.

“It’s human nature not to like change, but I think in this case, change is going to be a good thing,” fullback Jason Cook said. “Especially as a player, you get excited when a guy gets hired like coach Nutt. He’s more than proven in the SEC and proven as a coach that he can take talent and work with it. We’re very excited.”

Nutt led Arkansas to an 8-4 record and a likely Cotton Bowl berth while the Rebels stumbled to a 3-9 finish under Orgeron and were wireless in the SEC for the first time since 1982.

Ole Miss was searching for a proven winner after years of mediocrity. Nutt neatly fits the description.

He is 111-70 in 15 years as a head coach at Arkansas, Boise State and Murray State, and he’s been a winner in the SEC. The Little Rock, Ark., native revived the Arkansas program, going 75-48 since he replaced Danny Ford in 1997. Nutt was 42-38 in conference with one of his biggest wins coming last week when the Razorbacks beat then-No. 1 LSU, 21-17.

While the Razorbacks head into the postseason, Nutt will be going to the homes of recruits attempting to hold together the promising class Orgeron was assembling.

The 50-year-old Nutt said Monday he left Arkansas to help mend a split among fans after off-the-field problems were compounded by a difficult season. The Razorbacks started the year ranked and were expected to contend for the SEC West title.

Arkansas lost its first three SEC games and dropped out of the poll in September. Fueling fan discontent over last year’s transfer of quarterback Mitch Mustain and the loss of offensive coordinator Guss Malzahn, who left for Tulsa.

Calls to Nutt’s agent, Jimmy Sexton, were not immediately returned.

Arkansas officials said they would not comment until after Wednesday’s formal announcement.

Nutt takes over a program that finished 7-5 last year but has been fired after five games a season since 2003’s 10-win effort under David Cutcliffe. The Rebels won a share of the SEC West that season with Eli Manning at quarterback.

Since the Rebels are 14-32 in Steve Sloan's five seasons and 27-54 in six seasons under Orgeron, Sloan never made the SEC and had no major recruiting success.

He had hoped Orgeron, who helped build two national title teams at Southern California as Pete Carroll’s recruiting coordinator, would bring the kind of energy needed to compete in the tough SEC.

Orgeron finished 10-25 and was routinely the target of fan discontent.

Boone and Chancellors Robert Khayat endorsed Orgeron midway through the season, but decided to go in a new direction after the Rebels lost five of six to end the year.

The Rebels have been looking for a coach who can produce championships since Johnny Vaught retired in 1970. Vaught won three national titles and six SEC championships between 1947-63.

The school has fired six of the eight coaches who have come since and a seventh, Steve Sloan, likely would have been fired after five losing seasons had he not left for Duke.

The last three coaches were assistants in their first job as leading man. Orgeron, Cutcliffe and Tommy Tuberville went 73-69 over the last 12 years.

Only Tuberville left on his own, taking the job at Auburn in 1998.
The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, David Solomon, W.P. & H.B. White Director, announces its 8th annual fall conference:

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All sessions are open to the public.

All events are in McKenna Hall unless otherwise noted.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

- 7:30 p.m. Welcoming Remarks - Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., President, University of Notre Dame
- 7:45 p.m. The Josef Pieper Keynote Lecture: "The Role of Religions in Promoting Dialogue" by The Most Reverend Elias Chacour, Archbishop Metropolitan of the Melkite
- 9:45 p.m. Film: "Holy Land: Common Ground" in ETS Theater (Lower Level)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30**


**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**


- 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Invited Speakers: Session 1: "Pandit and St. Thomas: A Model for the Meeting of Cultures?" Ralph McInerny, University of Notre Dame Session 2: "Why Is Benedict XVI Wary of Incurableness? "Mystological Reflections." Rev. Paul V. Kollman, University of Notre Dame Session 3: "Iqaad, NEopa and Dialogue: Bridging the Gap between Reason and Reality" Wael Farouq, Coptic Catholic Faculty of Zakaki


- 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Latin Mass (Novus Ordo) for the Feast of Saint Andrew

- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. "Reading Regensburg Right" George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center

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control the ball and the Irish deflected passes and put back offensive rebounds for easy lay-ins.

But the Golden Griffins battled back. Two lay-ups from center Laura Buetow and a three-pointer from guard Amanda Cavo helped Canisius take an 11-10 lead. At this point, the Irish

In the beginning of the second half, Schrader took the ball into the lane until the defense collapsed towards her. She then hit a wide-open Melissa D’Amico, who laid the ball in. Schrader lived in the paint all game and either found the open man when she drew extra defenders or made the defense pay by hitting the 10-foot jumper.

“She is really our best zone offensive player in the high post,” McGraw said. “She’s strong, the guards aren’t afraid to throw the ball to her because she’ll catch it, and she’s really good at seeing the floor and finding someone in there and pushing to make the shots. She’s really hard to guard in there.”

The Griffins had to deal with foul trouble. Point guard Brittane Russell had three fouls in the first half and guard Micayla Drysdale had four.

“Our foul trouble killed us because we really, really have no depth at all with the injuries we have,” Zeh said.

Notre Dame forced two timeouts in the first five minutes of the second half—one on an inbounds play and another in play — due to their tough defense.

McGraw said the Irish can do better.

“Overall I think we haven’t really scratched the surface of our potential yet,” McGraw said. “We can be a really formidable team when we have everybody going on all cylinders.”

Irish guard Melissa Lechlitner passes in Tuesday’s 92-47 win over Canisius. Lechlitner tallied seven points and two assists in the victory.

Irish guard Kyle McAlarney dribbles around a Colgate defender on Nov. 11. McAlarney scored 25 points in the 94-63 victory.

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shot. In short, he needs to be more like Falls.

"I’m going to try to mimic him in certain situations, although I am a different player," McAlarney said.

Notre Dame has had plenty of inside scoring this season, with forwards Rob Kurz and Luke Harangody averaging 15.2 and 17.0 points per game, respectively.

But until McAlarney’s recent hot streak, Notre Dame was lacking in sufficient scoring from its guards — something it will need against No. 25 Kansas State next week and once the Big East season starts.

Point guard Tory Jackson, while averaging more than five assists per game, has compiled only six points per contest and has hit a single three-pointer this season.

Forwards Ryan Ayers and Luke Zeller have some jump shooting ability, but their height often necessitates them setting up closer to the basket. So most of the outside shooting responsibility falls on McAlarney — and in the last two games, he’s started to meet that pressure.

"I feel like I need to be the gun-slinger," he said. "If the other team makes a run, and then I hit a three, that can be a dagger.”
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Irish midfielder Justin Morrow dribbles past a defender in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over the Red Storm on Nov. 11 at Alumni Field.

Irish getting a win over East Lansing this year. Michigan State came away with a 1-0 shutout victory on College Field when the two teams met on Oct. 10.

"Oakland's gone somewhere we weren't able to go to this year," Clark said. "They went to East Lansing and came out with a win. They're a solid team and it was a good game, it went back and forth but I was impressed with several very good players."

The Grizzlies have been led this year by center midfielder Piotr Nowak, who has nine assists and five goals on the season. The 5-foot-10 junior also scored Oakland's first goal against the Spartans in its first round victory.

Senior Michael Frye and sophomore Sebastian Harris are currently tied for the team lead in goals scored, with six each.

Irish senior keeper Chris Cahill, who holds a Notre Dame record with three tournament shutouts, will have his hands full keeping the Grizzlies out of the net.

"They don't have a lot of weaknesses, it will require full focus from our guys," Clark said.

Notre Dame and Oakland have not faced each other in a regular game since 1979, but the two teams scrimmaged regularly in the spring. Last year's scrimmage, which lasted 50 minutes, ended in a tie.

Clark said the combination of a shorter game and the fact that both teams empty out their benches prevented either team from really seeing their opponent's strength.

The Irish spent four days last week practicing outside to prepare for whatever weather awaits them tonight.

"I always say to them, 'Don't complain about playing in the cold, because that means you're doing well.' This time of year it is just something you have to play through," Clark said.

The game is at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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**Horoscope**

**EUGENIA LAST**

**Celebrities Born on This Day:**

- **Jared White** (31), Broadus Lang, (35), Fisher Khadhow, (50),快递员, (50)

Happy Birthday: Gifts can be made, trips planned and new beginnings developed and put into action. Change is good and should be the start of a new lifestyle, direction or in some cases, a new you. Remember the stars: 4, 11, 25, 32.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Don't take chances with emotional matters. You may find slight changes in your values or be forced to confront a consequence. Chance are you are feeling insecure for reasons that have nothing to do with what others are doing or saying. 2 stars

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Do things that broaden the base that will make your life taller and more secure. A return will be put in place if you help a cause you believe in. Your passionate actions will secure you a prestigious position. 4 stars

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): If you've been thinking about changing your occupation, sticking in a move or starting your own business, you should do something about it today. 3 stars

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You have a good handle on what's happening around you. You have to make the changes that will help control some of the problems you have been facing. Marking off or ignoring them will only make matters worse. 3 stars

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Success must be kept if you want to get ahead. Mingle with people in your industry or those with similar interests. You can make or receive a proposal that can change your direction or help you follow your own path. 5 stars

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do for others and you will avoid complaints. Someone you are close to may be a brain drain because of surrounding, compromising or taking up too much of your time. 3 stars

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have a handle on just about everything today; however, you should be prepared if someone tries to blame you for something or take credit for your work. Explain the situation practically and precisely. Put time aside for your one and only 2 stars

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have everything working in your favor at the moment, but you are making moves that will change your life forever. 5 stars

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A little love may seem harmless enough. It is with someone you work with or someone involved with another, you have a problem. Money can be made. Problems with institutions can be solved and Libra affected and paid off. 4 stars

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't mess it up something because you are being played with emotionally. You have to share the line and stop anyone who is taking advantage of you. A contract has to be put into place before you forego further 5 stars

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do a little good for someone else. You can make an impact by setting a trend or doing something special for someone you love. New is not the time to make decisions or to lie about your emotions. 3 stars

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Do something fun, playful and inspirational. By letting go and enjoying yourself, you will discover solutions to some of the things that have been troubling you. Turtles will lead to meeting old friends. 5 stars

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

Irish host Oakland in second round of NCAA Tournament

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Last year Notre Dame advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history. This August, the team made it one of their season's goals to top that mark.

The Irish will take the first step towards reaching that goal tonight when they face Oakland in the second round of the tournament.

"Certainly one of our goals is to take it as far as we can," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It's very important that we don't look beyond each step along the way. It's one step at a time and Oakland is the first step.

No. 10 Notre Dame earned a first round bye following their run to the Big East Finals where they lost 2-0 to Connecticut at the Huskies' home turf Nov. 18.

Clark thinks the ten days off has prepared the team for action against the Golden Grizzlies tonight.

"We've been playing so many games, we were able to top up in our fitness," he said. "I think it will make us hungry to play.

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**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Team finds goalkeeper with Karas

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Three months ago, Notre Dame did not have an established starting goalkeeper.

Returning starter Lauren Karas, sophomore Keoby Lyons and freshman Nikki Weiss each auditioned daily for the right to stand between the pipes for the Irish.

But now, after Karas led the team to a 3-2 upset victory of No. 4 North Carolina in the NCAA Round of 16 Sunday, hardly a question remains.

Karas, who has been the unquestioned starter since Sept. 28, made clutch save after clutch save against the Tar Heels and displayed the poise she has gained since winning the permanent starter job.

"We made that decision to start Karas around the Louisville game to just let her go and let her run with it," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "It seems to have really helped her confidence. It just built and built and she hasn't let us down."

Since a 1-0 win over

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

McAlarney's shot heating up at home

By CHRIS KHOEY
Sports Editor

Kyle McAlarney wanted the ball.

Actually, that's an understatement.

"I was dying to get the ball," he said.

That's how "in the zone" the junior guard was Monday against Colgate. He shot 7-for-10 from behind the arc against the Raiders, scoring a career-high 25 points.

McAlarney said he was so confident in his shot that he knew he was going to score "before I even got the ball."

"Once you hit one, then you hit another one, then you're just kind of getting that one off," he said.

The Colgate game was the second in a row in which McAlarney has caught fire from long range. Against Youngstown State on Saturday, he was 5-for-10 from 3-point range and scored 23 points.

But McAlarney's shooting hasn't always been sharp.

Before the Youngstown State game, he was 6-for-20 from long range on the season and was coming off a seven-point performance in Notre Dame's 70-69 loss to Georgia Tech at the Paradise Jam tournament in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

McAlarney said part of the reason for his improvement is that the last two games have been at the Joyce Center, after Notre Dame played three games in the Virgin Islands.

"This is our home floor," he said. "We play here every day. It's a lot easier to get into a rhythm here than anywhere else."

McAlarney also has been adjusting to his role as Notre Dame's primary outside shooter. Last season, before his suspension in January, McAlarney was the starting point guard. His main responsibility was to find his fellow guards, especially then-senior Colin Falls, for open shots.

"But this year, McAlarney is the starting shooting guard for the Irish — and his team needs him to look for his own

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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Tenacious defense leads to blowout

Squad forces Canisius into 29 turnovers with swarming full-court pressure

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Guard Ashley Barlow scored 18 points and had six assists and guard Charel Allen added 17 points as Notre Dame beat Canisius 93-47 Tuesday at the Joyce Center.

The Irish (5-1) kept the Golden Griffins offense from creating momentum with a tenacious full-court press that helped it create 29 turnovers, 18 of which came in the first half.

"We like the press. We're pretty good at it," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "That's how we score a lot of points in transition. We like to play that way, we're more comfortable playing this way."

Canisius coach Terry Zeh said Notre Dame's size and athleticism prevented the Griffins (3-2) from establishing their offense.

"We really struggled with their pressure as you could see," Zeh said. "Our point guard is small and you have [Irish forward] Devereaux Peters at the top of that press, or any of their athletic players at the top of that press, and we couldn't see over that at all. And when we

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Irish guard Brittany Mallory passes over a Canisius defender in Tuesday's 93-47 Notre Dame win over the Golden Griffins.