Hesburgh honored with resolution

Congressman Donnelly calls president emeritus a role model for work in civil rights

By JENN METZ
Associate News Editor

Over the years, University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh has been bestowed with many honors—including the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest awards given to civilians.

Now, after the work of Congressman Joe Donnelly from the 2nd District of Indiana, a congressional resolution can be added to the list.

The House resolution—HRES 487—passed on a voice vote with 103 co-sponsors on Oct. 9. According to the Library of Congress Web site, the resolution recognizes "Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. for his contributions to the civil rights movement in the United States, his tireless work to reduce the threat of nuclear conflict and his efforts to secure the peaceful resolution of international conflicts." Hesburgh was a charter member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and served on it from 1957-72. He was Notre Dame's president from 1952-1987.

Donnelly, a 1977 graduate of the University, was a student during the Hesburgh era, decided to sponsor a resolution honoring Hesburgh, who he called a "tremendous role model" and one of his heroes, when he found out he would be honored for his 90th birth- day in Washington. The Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery accepted a portrait of Hesburgh arm-in-arm with Martin Luther King, Jr. into its collection earlier this week. The resolution passed. A copy of the photograph hangs in the see HESBURGH/page 3

Students rally for migrant wages

Crowd gathers to demonstrate against Burger King's refusal to increase worker pay

By JENN METZ
 Associate News Editor

A crowd of about 40 gathered at the Fieldhouse Mall Friday despite freezing temperatures to listen to speakers talk about the plight of migrant tomato farm- ers in Florida and fight to end sub-poverty level wages. Literature distributed at the rally said that Burger King, headquartered in Miami and a major purchaser of Florida tomatoes, has publicly rejected increasing the workers' wages. Per pound of tomatoes picked, a one penny more per pound of tomatoes picked, a code of conduct in the fields and posters, including one that read: "We are a Nation of Immigrants."

"Today, thousands of people are marching in Miami, Florida, in an effort to stop sweatshop conditions and modern day slavery in the fields of South Florida," he said.

A group of workers formed what is called the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to help stop the injustice, he said. Their campaign has succeeded in the case of McDonald's and Taco Bell. But Burger King, which has a branch in the LaFortune Student Center, has not agreed to their three demands: one penny more per pound of tomatoes picked, a code of conduct in the fields and

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Fence blocks part of DeBartolo quad

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Students returning to campus after Thanksgiving break may have noticed a new obstacle they had to maneuver on their way to classes—a fence around the DeBartolo Quad.

Construction of the fence began on Nov. 19, according to an e-mail the Office of the University Architect and Utilities Department sent to the student body. The new fence encloses the construction site for Stinson-Fremick Hall, the planned state-of-the-art engineering building on campus.

Notre Dame is building Stinson-Fremick Hall on the site formerly occupied by the University Club. The University Club, founded in 1958, closed its doors earlier this year amid complaints from club members and employees who were unsure of the Club's future as it is forced to move off campus.

The new engineering building, set to open in 2010, will house a nanotechnology research center, a new energy center, an undergraduate interdisciplinary learning center and a semiconductor processing and device fabrication clean room.

"This new building is just additional space for engineering. They will still continue to occupy the old buildings. It's not replace-

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Travel supplements in-class learning

Professors take students to Europe, but funding proves problematic

By KATE McCLELLAND
News Writer

First it was a day trip to Chicago to see a play. Now, multiple Notre Dame classes are spending a week touring Europe.

Two prominent classes with a travel component this year are Ian Kuijf's Archaeology in Ireland class and Father Kevin Spencer's Holocaus- t class.

During fall break, students in Kuijf's class explored archaeological digs throughout Ireland to see first-hand what they had been studying in the classroom.

"It was amazing; I would recommend it highly," said Jillian Brems, one of 12 students who participated in the class this

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Students in Ian Kuijf's Archaeology of Ireland class sit in front of the Trim Castle located in County Meath, Ireland over fall break.
**Inside Column**

**B.C.'s Isn't BS**

I started this column with every intention of piling-BS into the ground. I had scores of indisputable evidence concluding that the system was flawed and that the only solution was a playoff system in the style of March Madness.

But you've heard it all before. Since its inception, we've all been made aware of the system's shortcomings. How it upsets teams in the national championship. How it takes a degree in computer science to predict bowl winners with any semblance of accuracy. How it doesn't give underdog teams like Hawaii a chance to play in the national championship even though Boise State proved last season that mid-majors can compete.

The more I thought about it, I realized that this is exactly why the BS works.

Theoretical situation: The NCAA institutes a 16-team playoff system, set up like one region of the college basketball tournament so that the No. 1 plays the No. 16 seed, etc. If that were in place this season, No. 3 USC would play No. 9 Oklahoma in the first round. The Trojans' disaster of a loss to Stanford would mean nothing in that scenario. As it is today, it means everything.

If your team loses in a tournament, who do you blame? The players or the coaches. With the BCS, you can blame the computer rankings, the Associated Press and a multitude of other factors for keeping your team out of the championship. Much more fun.

In a crazy season such as this, the BCS is the perfect solution. The great thing about this football season was the parity. LSU's triple-O1 loss, Boston College's last-minute comeback, Central Florida's brief moment in the spotlight, Appalachian State making fans everywhere but Ann Arbor giddy with excitement. West Virginia and Missouri both throwing away their shot at the bayou at the same time — none of this would be nearly as interesting without the BCS in place to intensify the drama. This year, a playoff would not work. Tennessee, at 9-4, would have a chance at the championship in a playoff system completely unacceptable. Also, the BCS is only nine years old. It's a fluid system that continues to evolve.

Hawaii has a BCS bowl this season, following in the footsteps of Utah and Boise. Should it win, it will become even more apparent that mid-majors with perfect records against top teams simply do not make the playoffs.

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**Question of the Day:** *If you had a racehorse, what would you name it?*

**Charley Spear**

"Chris Meister and I would ride him all the time."

**Brittany Perrie**

"The Magic Bullet because it sounds good."

**Gegi Torrisi**

"The Grand Prize because that's what it would win."

**Valerie Cosimano**

"Carmen Sandiego because I can never find the damn thing."

**Rachel Wieshoff**

"Non-carnivorous fish so it can live in the durn."
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LaFortune Student Center. "A few of us got together and said we'd love to present him with a proclamation from Congress at that time. His life work is breathtaking," Donnelly said. "He is one of the Americans that has changed this country in the past century and the beginning of this century. I wanted to make sure everyone in America understood what a tremendous human being Father Hesburgh is." Donnelly said he has spoken with Hesburgh many times, both while he was a student at the University and after. After he presented Hesburgh with the resolution, "I told him what an honor it was to have him as our president at Notre Dame and thank him on behalf of Notre Dame graduates, students and Americans around the country for all he's done for us," Donnelly said. Hesburgh, sitting in his office on the 13th floor of the library named for him, expressed gratitude for Donnelly's work on the resolution. "This is a great honor from the Congress," he said. "Without him, this would have never been. ... I am grateful to the congressmen for his wonderful efforts to produce this resolution and have approved unanimously by the Congress." During his tenure as president of the University of Notre Dame, Father Hesburgh served to redefine the contemporary Catholic university as a place both where the moral and intellectual dimensions of scholarly inquiry are vigorously pursued;...
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seminar. "We could have stayed there all day, and I wouldn't have minded." Kluj's class is offered every other semester to students studying anthropology or Irish Studies. "The students talk about the experience — including air travel, lodging and food — by a private donor. Students' expenses are considerable before the trip studying papers about the experience and ideas they arrived they gave the other students a tour of their home. But Kluj told the experience's benefits were not confined to the academic classroom.

"It was an opportunity to get to know the professor and other students, to learn about their culture and experience in Finland." the international meeting," said Jeanne Allbeck-Graves told The Observer in February.

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Workin in Geneva for Proctor and Gamble, Rocío Sandoval '99 was appointed chair of the International Advisory Board in 2007. Her position involves advising the College on the development of global learning opportunities for students.

"For me, being a chair of the International Advisory Board is an opportunity to learn about the world and to understand the needs of students who are interested in pursuing opportunities abroad. It is a great honor to be able to represent St. Mary's to the global community and to promote the College's mission.

The Internship Program at St. Mary's offers students the opportunity to gain practical experience in their chosen field of study and to develop skills that are highly valued by employers. The College is committed to providing high-quality internships that are tailored to the needs of our students and that align with their career goals. I am proud to be a part of this program and to support the students as they prepare for their future careers.

I strongly encourage students to consider participating in the Internship Program and to explore the many opportunities that are available. The College provides excellent support and guidance to help students make the most of their internship experience. The connections that students make during their internships can be invaluable in their future careers."

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Scholar completes series

ND professor publishes final two volumes about theater history

Peter Holland, Meenal Parvej, and Rocio Sandoval have published two additional volumes on the history of British theatre in Shakespearean England. The series, "Players, Playwrights, Playhouses," is currently in its final volume.

The series is a collaboration between the University of Notre Dame and the University of Birmingham, and aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the history of British theatre in Shakespearean England.

The final volume, "The Performance Century," includes a wide range of essays on various aspects of performance history, including the history of playhouses, and the role of the director. The volume also explores the relationship between the theatre and the wider society, and the impact of technological developments on the theatre.

"This marks the end of a seven-year project," said Holland, who served as general editor of the series and co-editor of each volume.

"Each book contains a series of essays by leading scholars in the field, and the final volume is no exception. It includes a range of essays that explore different aspects of performance history, from the role of the director to the impact of technology on the theatre.

The series has been highly regarded in the academic community, and has been instrumental in shaping our understanding of the history of British theatre in Shakespearean England.

I am very grateful to all of the contributors who have worked on this project, and I hope that this final volume will be of interest to scholars and students alike.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel sees peace depends on Palestine

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Sunday that Israel is bound by a December 2008 target for a peace agreement set at last week’s U.S.-hosted Middle East summit, telling his Cabinet that progress still depend on the Palestinians’ ability to live in millenials.

The comments reflected Olmert’s internal political weaknesses. Hardliners have threatened to bring down his coalition government if he makes too many concessions in peace talks with the Palestinians. Olmert spoke a day before Israel was set to release 429 Palestinian prisoners in a gesture to moderate President Mahmoud Abbas, a step that has drawn criticism from the same hard-line members of Olmert’s government.

In a message that could further anger Israeli hawks, Olmert’s defense minister, Ehud Barak, had said he supports a move to give compensation to Jewish settlers in the West Bank who leave their homes voluntarily, according to the Defense Ministry.

Putin’s party takes parliament again

Moscow — Vladimir Putin’s party won a crushing victory in parliamentary elections Sunday, paving the way for the tough, no-nonsense former KGB officer to remain in control even after he steps down as president.

The vote fulfilled a tense Kremlin campaign that relied on a combination of persuasion and intimidation to ensure victory for the United Russia party and for Putin, who ordered a flood of oil revenues to move his country onto a more assertive position on the global stage.

The vote affirmed the main idea, that Vladimir Putin is the national leader, that the people support his course, and this course will continue,” party leader and parliament speaker Boris Gryzlov said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Winter weather hits Midwest, Northeast

DES MOINES, Iowa — highways were still slippery in parts of the Midwest on Sunday as utility crews recovered power knocked out by a snow and ice storm blamed for at least eight traffic deaths.

A few light flurries lingered over Nebraska, Iowa and southwestern Minnesota as much of the snow was cleared through the Northeast.

At least three inches fell in midtown in New Jersey, with little more than a dusting in other areas, but the National Weather Service said a foot of snow was possible in the mountains of northern New England, with up to 20 inches in northern Maine.

The snowfall in New England, along with a changewind to expect later Sunday in places, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority said its roads Saturday and Sunday will be closed. Polling stations with lines open remained open through the evening.

“I’m very sure that everything is going to be very well,” Chavez said after voting, holding his newborn grandson in his arms. “We’re going to accept the results, whatever they be.”

Two pre-Chavez officials told The Associated Press they had been forced out of exit polls show a victory for the reforms, but an opposition campaign official said its polls show Chavez headed for defeat. All spoke on condition of anonymity because of election rules barring the early release of results.

The changes would create new forms of communal property, including land and local authorities that would allow Chavez to seek re-election indefinitely. Otherwise, he cannot run again in 2012.

“He’s going to be an elected dictator,” said 77-year-old voter Ruben Rosenberg.

The retired blue jeans maker, who emigrated from Cuba in 1961, said that Chavez’s decision to remain in power was peaceful compared to that of Fidel Castro, “we’ve been violated all around” by the Venezuelan leader’s progressive consolidation of power.

Across town, in a pre-Chavez slum, Jorge Blanco, a 40-year-old motorcycle taxi driver said, “I’m giving power to the people” through the reforms. “He opened that little door and now we’re free.” Off the wealthy elite, Blanco said: “What they fear is losing power.”

Chavez has warned opponents he will not tolerate attempts to stir up violence, and threatened to cut off oil exports to the U.S. if Washington interferes. The United States is the No. 1 buyer of Venezuelan oil.

Latin America’s most out spoken foe of Washington, Chavez calls those who resist his socialist agenda pawns of President Bush.

While his government touted pre-election polls showing Chavez ahead, surveys cited by the opposition indicated strong resistance — unfamiliar for a leader who easily won re-election last year with 65 percent of the vote.

Chavez has accused the U.S. government of plotting to thwart the legitimate victory he predicted.

Sen. Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat who chairs the Armed Services Committee, denied any U.S. attempts to undermine Chavez.

“We’re not seeking to destabilize him. His policies, his efforts at dictatorship, amendment to the constitution can stay there for life, that is what’s destabilizing, not our policies,” he told CNN.

Castigating the bullet, Chavez called the electronic voting system “one of the most modern in the world, one of the most transparent in the world.”

His opponents have questioned the National Electoral Council’s impartiality, however, especially after Chavez named its former chief Jorge Rodriques, vice president in January.

About 100 electoral observers from 39 countries in Latin America, Europe and the United States were on hand, the electoral council said. Absent were the Organization of American States and the European Union, which have monitored past votes.

N.H. hostage taker had troubled past

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.H. — Leeland Eisenberg was already in trouble before he walked into one of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton’s New Hampshire campaign offices.

Three days earlier, his wife had filed for divorce, a move that was due to a court with her for a domestic violence hearing in about half an hour.

The 30-year-old father of two gray-haired man piled open his jacket to reveal what looked like dynamite strapped to his chest, authorities said, and things got much worse.

Police say Eisenberg went to the office Friday demanding to talk to Clinton about helping him get mental health care and ended up taking at least five people, including an infant, hostage. Night would fall before the last one walked free and the hostage-taker peacefully surrendered.

In the meantime, downtown shops, restaurants and homes were evacuated, and nearby schools were placed on lockdown until students could be rushed away to buses.

Authorities said a state police negotiator spoke to the hostages, and then to Eisenberg, eventually persuading him to give up. Shortly after 6 p.m., the suspect walked out of the storefront office, put down a package and was immediately surrounded by SWAT team officers with guns drawn. They put him on the ground and handcuffed him.

The package was not dynamite, but rather road flares duct-taped to Eisenberg’s body that were made to look even more realistic by a separate decora tor, said Col. Frederick Booth, command er of the New Hampshire State Police.

Clinton, in the White House area during the day, traveled to New Hampshire Friday night to meet with the hostages, their families and police.

The confrontation brought her campaign to a standstill just five weeks before the New Hampshire primary, one of the first tests of the presidential campaign season. She appeared a few appearances, Friday, as did her husband, former President Bill Clinton, but she planned to campaign as scheduled in Iowa on Saturday.

A Venezuelan man waves a red hat to show his support for Hugo Chavez during the elections Sunday. Venezuelans are split on the issue of the reforms.
Diplomat urges Iraqis to consider legislation
U.S. says political progress needed to stabilize country, warns that Sunni and Shiite extremists still pose serious threat

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A diplomat pressed leaders of Iraq’s religious and ethnic factions Sunday to take advantage of recent security gains to push through legislation aimed at cementing national reconciliation and reducing the risk to return to greater violence.

The warning came as the main Sunni bloc agreed to return to parliament after officially ignoring a virtual boycott arrest of its leaders, heading to an end that had threatened to tear apart the anti-rejectionist’s own government; instead, the anti-rejectionist bloc is now in a minority.

The Sunni bloc had been among the main opposition to the anti-rejectionist government, which had sought to forge a national coalition that would include the Sunni-dominated party. But with the Security Council now dominated by the anti-rejectionist bloc, the Sunni bloc is now in the minority and has been forced to negotiate with the anti-rejectionist government.

The Sunni bloc had been one of the main obstacles to the anti-rejectionist government’s efforts to forge a national coalition, and its decision to return to parliament is seen as a positive step in the ongoing reconciliation process.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte speaks at a conference Sunday, encouraging Iraq in its political progress.

Associated Press

MIAMI — Kimberly Lindsey marveled on Tuesday how much Merrick doesn’t need to take the drugs.

Two years ago, Merrick’s liver suddenly shut down. Naïve about the potential, Merrick’s doctors had meant to perform a full liver transplant, and a lifetime of drugs to keep his body from rejecting the new organ.

The medication suppressing his immune system would have raised his risk for infection and possibly damaged his own liver. Instead, Merrick underwent a rare and once virtually abandoned operation, in which a partial donor liver was attached temporarily to his failing liver.

His own liver partially regenerated, and the transplanted liver is shrinking and may eventually waste away. He has been off the anti-rejection medication.

Seven children have had the operation at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital — the only U.S. facility believed to be regularly performing the surgery. Four of them are now off anti-rejection drugs and a fifth is on the verge of being weaned off.

The procedure was first tried in the late 1980s, but U.S. doctors thought the chance of death or complications was too high. Only last year did the surgery at the Miami hospital in 1995 remain unreported for three months because complications. Ultimately, his liver function was so bad he was taken off the anti-rejection medications.

Surgery in England, France and Japan continued to do the procedure, and in several cases had favorable results. Jackson’s Dr. Tomoaki Kato was encouraged by reports of success in Europe. Since 2005, he has performed six partial transplants, all have survived.

It’s “time to revisit the procedure,” said Kato, the hospital’s director of pediatric liver and gastrointestinal transplant programs. “There’s a great need for children and the technology has developed so much.”

Null, some surgeons say they will stick with the traditional transplant until they see how the partial transplant is used.

“Toward a great benefit for the children and the technology has developed so much.”

Dr. Tomoaki Kato, surgeon

Toddler undergoes rare partial transplant surgery
Uncommon, controversial liver operation in Miami hospital saves 3-year-old boy from life of treatment, medication

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Democrats support fuel efficiency

Congress set to demand 40 percent increase in vehicle mileage standards by 2020

WASHINGTON — An agreement among U.S. Capitol Hill Democrats — including those from auto industry states — would boost fuel economy standards as much as 40 percent by 2020, a sharp increase in ethanol use as a motor fuel and require nonpublic electric utilities to produce 15 percent of their power from renewable energy sources such as wind or solar energy.

The amount of ethanol required to be used as a motor fuel would be ramped up to 36 billion gallons a year by 2022, a sevenfold increase over today's production.

Dingell's support for the new CAFE requirements avoids what otherwise was almost certain to have been a contentious — some say "bloody" — floor debate over energy next week. Dingell, the longest-serving member of the House and chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, likely would have been joined by a number of other Democrats in opposing the bill.

Instead, the legislation, criticized by many Republicans, is expected to have smooth sailing.

Dingell's support for the new CAFE requirements is likely to be the tonic needed to push energy legislation through Congress before Christmas.

Bush Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), a recent target of the auto industry, settled their differences in an agreement late Friday on the new fuel economy, or CAFE, issue, clearing the way for a House vote on a broader energy bill, probably on Wednesday.

Automakers would be required to meet an industry-wide average of 35 miles per gallon for cars and light trucks, including SUVs, by 2020, the first increase by Congress in car fuel efficiency in 32 years.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada called the compromise "good news" and said he hoped to take up the legislation quickly after the House acts.

The Congressional compromise is "both aggressive and meaningful, and includes provisions that give manufacturers the needed flexibility to bring SUVs and small trucks under compliance and to avoid job losses."

We have achieved consensus on several provisions that provide critical environmental protections without jeopadizing American jobs," said Dingell in a statement. "Pelosi, D-Calif., said in a statement that the tougher CAFE requirements "will serve as the cornerstone" of the legislation. He also is expected to require senators who have long opposed increased fuel economy legislation, and whose support is viewed by Democratic leaders as essential if the energy bill is to get the 60 votes needed to overcome an almost certain GOP filibuster.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who strongly opposed the 25 mpg requirement when he passed the Senate in June, announced his support of the compromise.

"It will be challenging for auto manufacturers," he said. "But we got concessions on some of the most important issues."
To Bush administration officials, a good slogan is synonymous with a good strategy. The realities behind the intrusive names and acronyms of the laws and operations touted by the Bush White House, however, tell a different story than their grandiose titles.

The No Child Left Behind Act is one example of a policy that, despite its grandstanding title, is increasingly controversial and, by many accounts, is losing children behind.

The Patriot Act has been one of the administration’s successes, not only for how quickly it was pushed through and passed by Congress back in 2001, but also for its acronym: Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism, of which the USA PATRIOT Act is a part. It’s hard to tell if the continuation of the “good name makes good policy” mantra is a cause or a symptom of troubled American operations in Iraq. Operation Iraqi Freedom was originally called Operation Iraq Liberation, but perhaps renamed to sidestep the unfortunate acronym, OIL.

The war in Iraq is part of a larger operation that has undergone its own share of White House identity crises. In May 2005, the Bush administration changed the name of this military operations against terrorist organizations and the governments that support them. The War on Terror became the Global Struggle Against Violent Extremism.

GWOT became GSAVE. An upbeat shift. The global war on terror transformed into our struggle to save the world. The change came at an appropriate time. As Bush and his administration ignored reality and promoted new catchphrases, the more dismayed Americans became.

What is needed now is a shift that prioritizes and unites the administration’s two goals: — both Americans and Iraqis; a change in the reality rather than the perception of the way we are in the world.

Admittedly, public support is crucial to winning a war, but the administration must realize that when a decline in insurgency and street violence is our victory after four years of troop deployments, civilian and military casualties and billions of dollars, the American people want more than a new image for the war.

As reports of decreasing violence are flaunted by leading Republicans, we must remember that our mission in Iraq is twofold. We cannot claim victory because of a reduction in violence alone, but have to continue to look toward true Iraqi independence and political agency.

Putting more American soldiers in Iraq to police violence led to a decrease in violence. Does this mean the surge succeeded? Is this a sustainable formula for stability? We cannot allow another flawed "Mission Accomplished" message to overshadow the tragedies and the short-term gains of the "Long War" that remain and the lack of political and social reconciliation in Iraq.

The recent hopeful headlines out of Iraq include a 25-30 percent reduction in foreign insurgent attacks in Iraq and the lowest death toll since February 2006. The devastating attacks include the Naomi Bloch walkout of Parliament in protest on Saturday — 44 MP's out of the 275 members voting to keep this assembly until their leader is restored to Parliament.

This level of political turmoil coupled with the fact that the notable low death toll for November still surpassed 600 is cause for not necessarily a new name, but for new strategic efforts in Iraq. We need to make diplomatic choices that leave room for and encourage political reconciliation in the country. And as the American electorate, with much more invested in Iraq than perhaps we expected in 2003, we should demand nothing less from our leaders and president.

Andrew Laidman is a senior political science student. He co- penset and peace studies major. Her column's title recalls advice given to John Adams by his wife, Abigail: "We have too many high sounding words, and too few actions, that these words can be contacted at alassman49@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
I've done everything I can to get into the spirit of the holiday season. I rose before the sun on Black Friday — Christmas list and coupons in hand. I stood for a half hour in the checkout line that wrapped around the store. I bounced down the aisles in sync with the Christmas carols projecting from the stores' speakers. I decorated my miniature Christmas tree and placed it on my nightstand underneath my window adorned with multicolored lights. I helped my mom hang garland and red bows on the pillars outside our house.

I changed the wallpaper on my cell phone and computer to white falling snowflakes. I changed my ring tone to "NSYNC's "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays," and I have been jamming in Clay Aiken's "Merry Christmas With Love" in my car. I sang Christmas carols with my friends downtown at Vaillette Peoria.

But despite the effort I've put forward to welcome the holiday season, I still can't seem to get into the mood. Part of the problem is that Thanksgiving came earlier this year and the weather just recently became cold to match the season. Instead of having a list of classes and then a few days of finals before Winter Break, we aren't officially finished until Dec. 19.

But even the calendar makers for making Thanksgiving come early, and I can't blame school officials for letting us out later because of it. It's just recently become cold to match the season. But that's not really it because I already know the true meaning of Christmas. That's not reality because I already know the true meaning of Christmas. It's about the birth of Jesus Christ, being charitable to our fellow man, celebrating the gift of giving and spending time with friends and family.

So now what? Do I accuse myself and other American shoppers for getting wrapped up in the materialism of holiday shopping? Do I blame the people who look past Jesus and venerate inflatable Santas instead?

I can't point fingers at anyone because Christmas shopping and Santa are almost as important to my holiday season as Jesus and family are. But I think I've found the answer. The holiday season isn't what it used to be because it's growing up. Christmas gets further away from how I remember it as a child, and I haven't wanted to accept that Santa isn't going to eat my chocolate chip cookies I put by the tree and Rudolph isn't going to eat the carrots I throw in the yard.

Instead of studying for final exams and putting out a newspaper, I want to go back to the times when my mom Saran-wrapped my feet to keep them warm during the Festival of Lights parade in East Peoria. I want the adrenaline I got when I snuck into the living room to see if Santa had come yet. I want to watch "Prancer" and still believe it's a true story. But that's not happening, and I need to come to terms with it. Everybody wants to be 10 years old again, including me, but it's not realistic. And I'm hoping that because I finally figured that out this year, I can enjoy the holiday season and be thankful for the Christmas I have.

But I can't promise I won't cry during "Prancer" or sneak downstairs to see what Santa brought.

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By MICHELLE FORDICE
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Somewhere between practicing in the garage and making it big, bands have to struggle through that in-between stage when they are not quite yet defined and only semi-popular. Some make it, many don’t. Four Finger Five is on its way up that hill, and while it looks like it has a few obstacles to overcome, it might make its way over.

Four Finger Five is made up of guitarist and vocalist Joe Sturgill, bassist Mike Phillips and percussionist Steve Harris. The band just signed its first deal, which promises three records, with Terrestrial Records this spring. Its first album, the self-titled Four Finger Five, is scheduled to be released on Dec. 11. It will be accompanied by a year long tour throughout 2008. The Michigan band has recently been featured in regional venues and on local radio stations, playing both its originals and covers. Four Finger Five concentrates on rock and soul, but have experimented with many other musical genres.

The wide range of genres Four Finger Five presents manages to become both its greatest strength and weakness. One track will have elements like those found in the music of Led Zeppelin, the next will have a swaying jazz feel, the one after appears to Al Green, and when the listener least expects it suddenly he is exposed to rap or what sounds like reggae. This is no surprise considering that between the three musicians in the band, they have been trained in everything from classical, to jazz, funk and hip-hop. Its list of covers includes artists ranging from the Beatles to Stevie Wonder and Soulful. While it is refreshing to listen to an album with a diverse set of sounds, in the end it feels like the band is still looking for a style that is uniquely its own. There is no question that Four Finger Five can do a lot, but the listener is left wondering what it is the band really wants to do.

The extreme mixture of genres is revealed in songs such as “Bubble.” The song starts off with work from the electrical guitar that seems catchy, moves into some soulful lyrics including “the rubber is lost” and the trust breakdown. But really, what sounds through the inaccessibility of love, however, it is somehow clear that while she is sensitive she is not vulnerable. Indeed, her remarkable confidence as a woman and an artist flows through each note and word. Of course, the song is only powerful because it so truly embodies the full moments of human heartbreak. Yet the heartbreak is only as much as heartbreak can be; it is not a song of obsessive desperation. She is heartbroken at what could not be, yet she is not obsessed with what will not be.

Indeed, like experienced in “Almost Over,” many of the album’s tracks contain a truce of resignation that is trumped by sudol’s stirring vow to herself to rise above the sadness and move on — a bit bruised, but not broken — to something unseen yet beautiful nonetheless. The vocals are clear, powerful, and stunningly beautiful. With the piano and accompanying orchestrations, Sudol constructs some of the most gorgeous songs being produced today. Sure, Sudol sings a few songs that border on overly sappy and melodramatic. But really, what can you expect from the debut album of a girl who has so much to sing about and with so much emotion? Nothing much different at all. What she does, she does well. Plus, she’s been designed done, but not yet memorable.

Four Finger Five has a lot of potential that just hasn’t been quite realized. With so much skill and material to draw upon, the band has the ability to create something intriguing. Don’t turn your back on the Five, even if you shouldn’t expect to be overwhelmed just yet.

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A FINE FRENZY
One Cell in the Sea

As Sudol’s debut album, “One Cell in the Sea” incorporates fresh and subtle themes from her life, such as her parents’ divorce and the breakdown of various relationships, to produce hauntingly moving songs. While most of the songs stay hushed and low key, a few pick up the rhythm and keep the album’s theme of being too depressing. Two in particular, “You Picked Me” and “Almost Over,” incorporate sweeping orchestrations and swing arrangements to keep the listener from drifting into a sad and depressed stupor from all the heartbreak songs. With the inclinations of the upbeat piano and string sections, these poignantly buoyant songs add an almost ethereal element to the album, making it interesting for the listener to ponder. Perhaps the most fascinating element of the album is its Alice in Wonderland appeal. There are all the colors and wonders of Alice, coupled with the mature and confined insight into love and experience that Alice always seemed to somehow hold deep within her soul.

The album’s clearest and most hauntingly poetic is reached in the track “Almost Love.” It is a song about a relationship that is not to be, but is struggling to come from its happiest moments. You can sense that Sudol is sensitive to the hurt inflicted by the inaccessibility of love, however, it is somehow clear that while she is sensitive she is not vulnerable. Indeed, her remarkable confidence as a woman and an artist flows through each note and word. Of course, the song is only powerful because it so truly embodies the full moments of human heartbreak. Yet the heartbreak is only as much as heartbreak can be; it is not a song of obsessive desperation. She is heartbroken at what could not be, yet she is not obsessed with what will not be.

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The Format singer Nate Ruess entertains onstage during a performance.

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Writer

Though the combination of water bottles and coronas on a place in The Format’s backstage hangout, there were no hordes of groupies to be found. Instead, some comfy couches, an Apple computer and college football set the scene. The Format’s personality is about as upfront and sincere as any fan would expect. The best way to describe the band’s members is refreshingly down to earth.

The group’s founders, Nate Ruess and Sam Means, are currently taking time off from full band performances, using the free time to relax and work on new material while intermittently playing at university venues. They cited favorite shows at schools in Irvine, Phoenix and Memphis. But they haven’t all been easy; low maintenance appearances. Under previous conditions of obnoxiously early slots or equipment lost in poor flight connections, the band did admit to not always being on its A-game.

Its talent doesn’t seem to be too threatened by flukes. The band has received critical praise for its unique sound. It must have something going for it to draw hundreds of fans to Legends Saturday, despite sleet storms and campus wind tunnels. Perhaps The Format’s commitment to creating complete, cohesive albums, rather than CIs of singles surrounded byfillers, keeps fans wanting more.

Musical purity of this type reflects the band’s appreciation for 1960s and 1970 music. When asked about its interest in rock’s golden age, the band cited the admiration for the quality of work and the experience of that time but also valued the merits of the current music scene. Though Means did admit to not knowing what fans were doing the first time he saw lighted cell phones wave in the air, don’t look to this band to preach about returning to the integrity of lighters.

This intelligent balance of respect for the past and contentment with the present explains The Format’s all-time favorite bands, the Beatles and Lindsey Buckingham. It also accounts for its gratitude for being compared to bands like Jellyfish. Overall The Format isn’t too concerned with rivalry.

When asked who its biggest competition was, The Format answered Steel Train. But not for the reasons you might think. Ruess grumbled that touring companions always beat them in bowling and dodge ball matches. Maybe The Format would have a better chance against Fleetwood Mac, the act the band said it would most like to tour with.

The Format’s unassuming vibe speaks well to its ideas on the progress of its style, leaving it free of pretension. The group wants to make each record better than the next, and it looks forward most to playing its new material at concerts. It was most excited to sample its new song, Bends and Hedges.

While the band conceded that “money is awesome,” it also maintained that being satisfied with its work is paramount. The Format isn’t about to sacrifice the veracity of its talent for a larger fan base or more profit.

While band members said they value fan interest, they’re not concerned with catering to their fan base. Luckily for them, they earn enough that they don’t have to work — a luxury that grants them more time to work on their music.

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Reporter goes backstage at Legends with The Format
Manning's 4 TDs lead Colts over rival Jaguars

Tatupu intercepts Feeley three times as Eagles edge Eagles; Chargers take out Chiefs in AFC West showdown

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning is adjusting to being without Marvin Harrison. Tony Dungy is really adjusting to instant replay.

So the Indianapolis Colts are on the right tip of their fifth straight AFC South title.

Manning, hampered by a lack of receivers for the past six weeks, threw four touchdown passes in the Colts' 28-24 victory Sunday and went one game ahead of Pittsburgh for the Super Bowl because of the two-game lead with four games to go.

It was the second victory by the Colts (10-2) over Jacksonville (8-4) this season, essentially giving them a three-game lead with four games left in a division they've controlled since Tennessee won it the first year of the current configuration.

"I feel great about where we are right now," said Dungy, who during the early years of the challenge system couldn't win any, let alone two, as he did in a bizarre first quarter Sunday that included three challenges. "Getting into the fourth quarter of the season, we've got a good lead in the division and we're second in the conference. If we'd lost, we'd have felt we'd have won all four of our last games."

Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio all but conceded the title.

"In all likelihood, they'll win the division," said Del Rio, whose team still leads the AFC South by two games. "They still have to play it out, but they deserve it. We didn't quite get it done today, but I saw a lot of good things."

Jacksonville's loss to unbeaten New England, the Colts have almost no chance to get home-field advantage against AFC playoff foes.

To get a first-round bye, they have to lose those final two conference and went into Sunday a game ahead of Pittsburgh for that spot.

The Colts' first two TDs came after challenges.

The first one came on the Jaguars' opening possession when Robert Mathis sacked David Garrard and knocked the ball free. Officials first ruled Jacksonville at its 11, but Dungy appealed and referee Tony McAulay ruled the Jaguars' Raheem Brock recovered.

"I never thought there was a question," Dungy said. "I saw Raheem get the ball. He was down. Someone knocked into him and knocked it loose."

Two plays later, Manning threw a 3-yard TD pass to Dallas Clark.

On the Colts' next possession, officials ruled Ben Utecht fum­ bled. Dungy appealed, McAulay ruled it an incomplete pass, and on the next play, Manning threw a 40-yard TD pass to Reggie Wayne, who finished with 8 catches for 158 yards.

Manning, who was 19-for-28 for 288 yards, also threw a 14-yard TD pass to Aaron Bruce. 

Bruce, who led the 1-yard shovel pass to running back Tony Richardson for the 14th TD of the season, has 23 TD passes for the season, tying him with Marino for the league lead. 

"I'm really pleased at being 7-5," said Turner, who beat the Chiefs for the first time in seven tries as a head coach. "I know there were some weeks that they didn't show up."

It was just the second victory in 11 games in Kansas City for the Chargers (5-6, 7-5) 17 games ahead in the AFC West, peeling Denver's facade.

The Chiefs (4-8) lost their fifth in a row and 13th in 14 starts for their worst season in about 20 years.

"It's flat-out embarrassing," said tight end Tony Gonzalez, who had 10 catches for 140 yards. "I don't think I've lost five games in a row as a Chief. It's frustrating, because I feel like we're a lot better team than what we're playing right now."

Since the Chiefs beat the Chargers 30-16 and plunged in the AFC West standings, the Chargers have been breathing easier, said quarterback Philip Rivers, who had 38 of his 38-yard touchdown pass to Vincent Jackson. "We're still not pleased at being 7-5. It is certainly better to be where we are than looking up at someone.

By the middle of the fourth quarter, normally loud and packed Arrowhead Stadium was quiet and about half-empty.

"We just can't seem to score any points in the fourth quarter coming down the stretch," said Chiefs coach ierris Edwards.

Tomlinson had only 60 yards on 13 carries in the first half, but came on after intermittent with scoring runs of 31 and 28 yards. Tomlinson's second touchdown was No. 111 in his career and moved him past Walter Payton's 110, 14th on the all-time list for touchdowns rushing.

"You've got to understand, the whole reason I wanted to every football was avoiding him," said Tomlinson. "I remember watching everything he did, even off the field, the way he talked to kids, the way he carried himself."

Shawn Merriman had three of the eight sacks, which broke the Chiefs' record of seven allowed in a game.
Ohio State, LSU to battle for BCS title

Associated Press

LSU has a ticket to the title game. Everyone else has a pretty good grip.

The latest chapter in this crazy, unpredictable college football season was written Sunday as LSU won the BCS version of the lottery, being picked to play Ohio State for the championship and leaving two losses, which were left out of the BCS altogether.

Why did LSU, which was seventh in the BCS standings heading into the final weekend, make the jump to No. 2 and into the big game, while Oklahoma, Southern California, Georgia and a number of others were left behind?

The 174 poll voters and handful of computer nerds whose calculations make up the BCS rankings probably all have their own reasons. Among the best is that LSU was rewarded for winning the Southeastern Conference, which is traditionally viewed as one of the toughest leagues in the nation.

There's also the argument coach Les Miles and athletic director Skip Bertman offered up Saturday night: The Tigers went undefeated in regulation this season - their two losses both coming in triple overtime.

Paper-thin as that line of reasoning may sound, it's as good as any in this topsy-turvy season during which the top-ranked team lost six times since October and Nos. 1 and 2 lost on the same week three times in the last two months.

The rest of the BCS teams are filled with teams that had every bit as good an argument as LSU for a spot in the title game.

In the Sugar Bowl, Georgia will play Hawaii. The Bulldogs (16-2) were fourth and idle coming into the final weekend - behind Missouri, West Virginia and Ohio State - but didn't automatically rise two spots the way coach Mark Richt thought they should. Hawaii (12-0), meanwhile, is the nation's only undefeated team, but is penalized for playing a weak schedule in the Western Athletic Conference.

IN BRIEF

Hawaii to face Georgia in New Orleans for Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS — Coach Tabb and high-scoring Hawaii are perfectly thrilled to play in the Sugar Bowl, Georgia hoped to reach the Superdome, too - only not for LSU.

In the year of the upset, Georgia was indeed upset. The Bulldogs bloomed into one of the best teams in the country with six straight wins, and believed they should've been picked for the BCS championship game.

Instead, LSU jumped the Bulldogs in the standings and will play Ohio State for the title.

"We feel like we got shafted a little bit," Georgia safety Kelvin Johnson said. "The numbers don't add up. The numbers don't add up. The numbers don't add up. That's what is confusing. I don't know what's going on."

"I do think we were officially disqualified for not winning our conference," Richt said.

Spurs beat Portland, lose Duncan to knee injury

SAN ANTONIO — Timmy Parker saw teammate Tim Duncan on the court clutching his knee, two things went through his mind.

First, he hoped it wasn't as bad as it looked. Second, the team had to maintain its form, even though it didn't know how bad the damage was to the star player.

As it turned out, Duncan's injury doesn't appear to be season-ending and Parker and the Spurs kept their mind on the game, coasting to a 100-79 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday.

"It looked bad at first," said Parker, who scored 37 points and dished out eight assists. "There were still like eight minutes left in the second quarter, so we just had to keep playing, keep playing and then whatever happens, happens."

Duncan bruised his right knee and sprained his right ankle in the first half and did not return to the game. The team said all of Duncan's ligaments appeared stable but that he'd undergo an MRI exam Monday.

NCAA Football

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Around the Dial

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Patriots at Ravens
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**Men's Swimming**

Irish place fourth at OSU

By CHRIS DOYEN
Spoon Writer

In a competitive 13-team field in Columbus, Ohio, Notre Dame compiled 233 points to place in fourth in this weekend in its last meet of the fall semester. The squad entered day one of the Ohio State Invitational in fourth and finished there after two more days of competition.

High points from day one included a fifth-place finish for the Irish in the 200-yard freestyle relay, a top-10 finish in the 100-yard breaststroke, and a top-10 finish in the 100-yard backstroke.

On day two, senior Andrew MacKenzie-Leitch took fourth place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.68. Daniel Rave swam the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:09.32. Lytle turned in another strong performance in the 100-yard breaststroke, recording a time of 1:47.48. Moore again marked his third day of competition, breaking school records in the 200-yard breaststroke while posting a time of 2:09.47.

**Women's Swimming**

Miller takes first place as team finishes in third

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Spoon Writer

The Irish placed third out of 12 teams at the Husky Invitational in Federal Way, Wash., over the weekend. During the three-day competition, the Irish finished with 907 points. The host school, Washington, took first place with 1,159 points. USC finished in second place with 1,225 points. The Irish now move on to the Trojans twice this season.

The Irish had an impressive showing, with 16 swimmers making it past the preliminaries. The top swimmer for the Irish was freshman Amyreyn Miller, who claimed a first-place finish in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Miller notched a season-best time of 3:57.37, and shatnered her previous best of 3:57.37.

And Miller was not the only swimmer to record a season best this weekend. Junior Christa Riggins tied for second place in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 50.53, topping her previous best of 50.53.

Freshman Lauren Parisi placed a second-place finish in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:09.83. This time also marked a season best for the freshman. The Irish will next compete in a dual meet against LSU on Jan. 2.

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**Nfl**

Peterson runs through Lions in Vikings rout

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Wearing a black brace on his right knee and playing for the first time in three weeks, Viking Adrian Peterson was a bit hesitant on the first few plays of the game. "I was a bit nervous to go out and get that first hit and see how it felt," Peterson said Sunday.

Once he took a few shots from the Detroit Lions, some of which he felt were cheap, Peterson was off and running. So were the Minnesota Vikings, 42-10.

The star rookie rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns in less than three quarters of work and quarterback Terrence Haynes in the backfield of the NFL playoff picture, thanks in large part to a 27-yard touchdown by James, who was second with 1,074 points and Denver third with 429 points.

Notre Dame will return to Grant Pavilion in a few weeks to face Wisconsin, a major rival, on Jan. 13. That game promises to be another test of how far Miller and the Irish will go.
ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ND beats Michigan in fourth straight blowout

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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With 13:05 remaining in the second half, Notre Dame guard Ashley Dowling stole the ball from Michigan guard Jessica Minnillo and passed it up court toward Doughty, who then dished it back to point guard Tylyah Gaines for a layup.

It was just that easy Sunday night as the Irish pulled away from the Wolverines in the second half and eventually won 77-46, their fourth straight victory of at least 30 points.

Gaines finished the game with 15 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Schrader had 11 points, and forward Devereaux Peters tallied 10 points and three steals.

McGraw said her team's depth was one of the reasons she's always had an advantage in the game's closing minutes.

"Because of the depth, we can sub more," McGraw said. "So we're just going to continue to bring the team in and out and do our best."

In the first period, Michigan put up 18 points to make the score 24-9. The Wolverines' starters put an end to that early on, scoring 21 points.

"I thought D'Amore picked it up very well tonight. We worked on them when they were switching out, she would go down and take the guard down low and she did a good job of that early on," McGraw said. "Both of them defensively were a big presence in [the game]. The shots she made didn't even always come against them."

Notre Dame pulled away for good in the second half, especially when Phillips was on the bench. But the Irish played sluggishly late in the game, giving up open shots and lacking the defensive intensity they had displayed earlier.

"[Michigan had] 15 turnovers at halftime and they only had seven in the second half. And I think when we watch the film we'll see that we weren't quite as intense on the defensive end as we needed to be," McGraw said.

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NFL

Redskins honor Taylor with 10 men on 1st play

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For all of the No. 21 jerseys, swirling white towels and hand-written signs in the stands Sunday, for all of the red-and-yellow flowers and burning candles at a makeshift memorial outside the stadium, for all of the roarin' crowd, for all of the pregame tributes to the Pro Bowl safety, the most stark reminder of Taylors that night was assistant coach Gregg Williams said his defense couldn't do anything to stop him.

"We were going to let him ride with us one more time," said Williams, who has described Taylor as being like a son to him.

The 24-year-old Taylor died Tuesday, a day after being shot at his home in Florida during a bar fight.

The shock has yet to dissipate for his teammates and the Redskins fans, and the grieving process continued on game day. At least six days had already passed since the tragedy.

"It's starting to sink in," Taylor's wife Krista said.

Blake defeated Dmitry Tursunov 7-6, 6-3, 7-5, and the U.S. beat Russia 4-1 to win the Davis Cup title.

Igor Andreev gave the Russians their only win in the final by defeating Bob Bryan 3-6, 7-6 (4) earlier in the day, after United States had already clinched the title for the first time in 12 years.

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"We were just happy to win," said Blake. "I think it's definitely set in that these guys did it."--McGraw said.

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American James Blake hits a forehand against Russian Dmitry Tursunov Sunday in the United States' 4-1 Davis Cup victory.

U.S. defeats Russia 4-1 for title

POINTEL, Ore. — James Blake smiled his way through an ultimately meaningless loss Sunday, still reveling in the victorious Americans' victory over the Russians in the Davis Cup final.

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McAlarney scores 21
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Joyce Center record

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Kyle McAlarney scored more than 20 points for the third straight game and Notre Dame tied a program-best Joyce Center winning streak in a 76-65 victory over Eastern Michigan Saturday.

"My confidence is real high and I'm learning as the games go on how to move without the ball better," McAlarney said. "My teammates have been doing a great job finding me. I have to credit my teammates for getting me those open shots.'"

After pouring in 25 points against Colgate last Monday, McAlarney dropped 21 on 8-of-10 shooting in the triumph over Eastern Michigan.

"I'm very proud of that, I thought we did a heck of a job tonight," Brey said. "But we're very proud of that, like play- ers are very proud of that, they should be very proud of it. I'm very happy for them."

Irish junior guard Ryan Ayers dribbles toward the basket in Notre Dame's 76-65 victory over Eastern Michigan Saturday.

SMC SWIMMING

Team finishes in fifth place in DePauw meet

By MARIE BUGNITZ
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finished in fifth place this weekend in the DePauw Swimming Invitational, the best the Belles have ever done at the meet.

"Mostly everyone had either their best times of the season or close to their best times," Belles junior captain Selina Herbst said. "Attitudes were positive and it's encouraging to get some reward from all the hard work we have been putting in."

This meet differed from the Belles' previous meets of the season because it was an invitational that included both preliminary races and finals. Swimmers had to qualify in the top 16 in prelims in order to make it to the finals.

Irish guard L.uke Harangody nailed a three-pointer to give the Irish a 43-32 lead going into halftime.

"The shot before right half-time was a big-time shot," Brey said. "That really gave us great momentum."

After the break, the Irish continued their run and poured in six more points before Eastern Michigan scored again.

"We ended the first half and started the second half really well, which I thought was the key to the game," Brey said. "Eastern Michigan never pulled within 10 points for the remainder of the contest."

Brey said he was especially happy with his team's defense against the Eagles' perimeter threats, especially senior guard Jesse Bunkley.

The key for us was to not let them get going from the 3-point line and I think we did a good job," Brey said.

The coach commended Ayers for locking down Bunkley, who came into the contest shooting 44.7 percent from beyond the arc and averaging 15.4 points per game. The Eagles star did not attempt a long-range shot against the Irish and finished with only six points.

"That's maybe the thing I'm maybe most excited about — [Ayers] on Bunkley, absolutely taking Bunkley away," Brey said. "Bunkley's the guy that makes them confident and really gets them going."

Eastern Michigan guard Carles Medlock made an uncontested lay-up.

The Irish then went on a 7-0 run to take a lead they would not relinquish. Sophomore forward Luke Harangody nailed a 15-foot jumper to give the Irish a 31-22 edge. After Eastern Michigan turned the ball over on its next possession, Irish guard Ryan Ayers drilled a 3-pointer, Harangody, who finished with 18 points and seven rebounds, then jumped the next time down the floor to make the score 27-21.

Eastern Michigan pulled within three points of the Irish with 4:35 left in the opening half but the Irish closed the period with eight unanswered points. With the clock running down in the half, Notre Dame guard Tory Jackson rebound a missed 3-pointer by Medlock and started a three-on-two break for the Irish. Jackson eventually found Ayers, who spotted up and made a 3-pointer to give the Irish a 43-32 lead going into halftime.

"The shot right before halftime was a big-time shot," Brey said. "That really gave us great momentum."

DePauw, which shot 46.3 percent from the field, was outrebounded 32-25.

With 6:54 left to cap a 75-yard drive, Manning hit David Tyree with a 100-yard touchdown pass to Amani Toomer, which landed among that 400-yard individual medley with a time of 5:01.20.

Other key contributors for the Belles included freshman Jamie Smith, who finished with 18 points and seven rebounds, in the 100-yard backstroke. Freshman Caroline Arness drilled a 200-yard butterfly.

The 400-yard "A" Free relay placed sixth overall.

Gerbeth was very pleased with his team's defense.

"Everyone swam their hearts out and were encouraging and positive to their teammates," Gerbeth said. "The team definitely bonded after this meet."

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ed its production early in the season.

"It's tough when you've been unseeded for the first part of the season," said Todd Clark. "Now, (Lapira) is fit, this confidence is getting higher every time, and that's great because this is the part of the season you want your top striker to have confi­dence.

Lapira opened the scoring in the 65th minute when fellow senior forward Chris Quick was tripped over from the right side and fed Lapira, who found the back of the net with a well-placed shot to tie the game in the final minutes before halftime. In that game, Lapira was the distributor and Yoshinaga was the trigger.

Lapira helped Notre Dame double its lead in the 72nd minute when his cross found sophomore Dave Donahue. Donahue deposited the ball for a goal that was nearly identi­cal to the one Lapira set up for Yoshinaga against Oakland.

Both Irish goals came against Santa Clara's back-up keeper, Joseph Butitta, who entered in the 47th minute after starter Kevin Klasila left with an injury. Klasila made two saves in the first half, but Butitta didn't record a stop.

"To be honest with you, we were pretty sad when the first goal went out," Clark said. "We thought he was looking really shaky, and our bench was hoping he would stay in the game."

Irish senior keeper Chris Quick was named the Tournament Most Valuable Player after making five saves to record his 11th shutout of the season. Quick had his usual steady performance behind the Irish defense.

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goals behind to win late for the Irish. Notre Dame erased a 3-0 deficit to pull even with 24-3 in 14:32.

I'm concerned about how we are starting," Irish coach Jeff Jacobs said. "That's two games in a row where we spurned a couple of goals and I don't think we were emo­tionally or physically sharp at all that first half.

Nebraska-Omaha freshman Justin Jackson had just two goals of his career to give the Mavericks a 2-0 lead. Senior forward Alukonis then found his linemate J.J. Koehler in the box and Koehler sneaked it through Irish goalie Jordan Pearo's pads.

When you down 3-0, you're looking to do something. Whether it's scoring a goal, get­ting a shot on net or starting some trouble after the whistle you have to go for whatever you can to try to get everybody going," Irish sophomore center Kevin Deeth said.

Deeth picked up a coinciden­tial goal against Nebraska-Omaha's third goal when he was caught mining it up in the corner of the个股人的 in the second period.

The Irish weren't done yet. The point and Deeth was able to get a stick on it in front.

"I was just glad to step back in the lineup and keep the edge on," Jacobs said.

Regan returned to action Friday night after being sidelined with an ankle injury for several games.

"Don't know if he is at 100 per­cent yet, but he's a great energy guy and it's good to see him back on the ice," Jackson said. "I didn't see as much of him from the left point, but I changed ports after it deflected off Hanson's skate and slid untouched into the open right side of the net.

The Irish had the comfortable lead Nebraska-Omaha held the night before. That's when the Irish, who are not in fear of being seeded or selected into the NCAA Tournament, were selected into the Sweet 16 over Nebraska-Omaha Friday.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Britney Spears, 26; Nelly Furtado, 25; Monica Bellucci, 34; Howie Phillips, 42.

Happy Birthday: Keep things in perspective. You have a tendency to overreact and, if that means changing locations, friends or even your vocational direction, start the ball rolling. Your rulers are 11, 19, 32, 42, 66.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Not everyone will agree with the personal or resid­

ual changes you want to make. Do what's best for you. There is money to be

made if you pick up new ones or new skills or are willing to change your geo­

graphic location for a better position. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are better off not getting involved in joint

money ventures or lending anyone money. A change in one of your friendships

may leave you questioning some of your other relationships. A good deal will

bring about stability and welcome change. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let someone dictate what you cannot do. Someone from your past may appear enticing but take a closer look. Don't forget why you just lost touch in the first place. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you want to keep the peace at home, don't spend the day working by yourself. Visiting friends, relatives and neighbors will lead to interesting information. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are doing something challenging, exciting or exciting. Someone from your past will want to hook up again. Be the one to make the first

move. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Bring in the one everyone relies on can be taxing. It's time for you to implement some changes that will help the people who depend on you to find for themselves. Put your skills to work for yourself in such a way that you make money. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel and get involved in something that you find challenging and inspiring. Don't limit what you do because someone wants your undivided attention. Explore new avenues in order to plan for the future. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): With a quick decision or a phone call or visit, you can change the course of your life. An unexpected encounter will lead to a pros­

perous change. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can work through and don't say too much about what you are up to. You will face opposition and experience problems with authority figures. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): You may be attracted to someone unavailable. Don't even consider going there. You have way more going for you today, espec­

ially where settlements, deals, money and profit are concerned. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Good news regarding a settlement or legal matter is on the way. Getting involved in something that is helpful will pay off in the people you meet. Don't choose cash over love today, and expect postponements. 5 stars

PICTURES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will be emotionally up and down and this can easily lead you to impulsive actions that leave you in a vulnerable situation. Don't burn bridges, especially when so much rides on keeping the peace. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, emotional and quick to react. You are studious, reflective and determined.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Still kicking

Squad downs Duke, moves on to College Cup

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Irish forwards hit the trifecta Friday.
Sophomore Michele Weissenhofer, junior Brittany Rock and senior Kerri Hanks all scored, and Hanks' goal in the 78th minute gave Notre Dame a 3-2 victory over Duke at Miami Field in the NCAA quarterfinals.

The Irish move on to face Florida State Friday in the NCAA semifinals at Texas A&M in College Station. The game is a rematch of last year's semifinal match, which the Irish won 2-1. Florida State beat Connecticut 3-2 in overtime to advance to the semifinals.

Hanks' decisive scoring sequence began with senior midfielder Amanda Cinalli winning control of the ball from two Duke defenders. Cinalli passed to an open Hanks on the right side. The reigning Hermann Trophy winner dribbled closer and scored on a low shot past Blue Devils goalkeeper Allison Lipsher into the left side of the net.

"Kerri did a great job of cutting it in and creating a great angle for herself," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "She is the best finisher in the county if you give her chances like that." Hanks said the trust between her and her teammates helped in the buildup to the winning goal.

"We went in at halftime and knew that one or two goals would not do it," Hanks said. "It was amazing how we came back to get the final goal. I believe in our team and everybody just trusts each other and we did it."

Notre Dame took a 1-0 lead into halftime and scored again in the first seven minutes of the second half, but the Blue Devils fought hard in the second half and at the end of the game, the Blue Devils had a chance to score, but the Blue Devils did not score.

Irish junior midfielder Rebecca Mendoza looks for the ball during Notre Dame's victory Friday.

Irish sink Nebraska-Omaha twice

Icers come from behind Friday, get blowout win Saturday

By KYLE CASSELL and DAN MURPHY
Sports Writers

No. 7 Notre Dame swept Nebraska-Omaha in a two-game series at home this weekend to leapfrog both No. 1 Miami and No. 2 Michigan into first place of the CCHA.

The Irish (14-4, 10-2 CCHA) defeated the Mavericks 5-0 Saturday and 5-0 Friday to win their sixth and seventh straight games and bypass an idle Miami and a Michigan team that split two games with Ohio State.

In Friday's series opener, Notre Dame came from three