Campus gangs up on Zahm in snow fight

By JAY FITZPATRICK

There on the frozen tundra of North Quad, Zahm stood against the world.

The combined forces of North and South Quad — traditional enemies in the annual snowball fight that accompanies the winter season's first accumulation of snow — numbered an estimated 500 hurlers early Wednesday morning and backed the "Zahmbies" into the corner that separates their dorm from neighboring Cavanaugh Hall.

But the Zahm residents would not fold.

Zahm freshman Scott Wilkenson was confident in his dorm's performance in the early goings of the fight.

"We're taking it, it's not terrible," he said. "It's fine if they want to come and get us — we'll take them anywhere, anywhere. We went over there and started stuff, and they came back here. It's kind of dissipating. We're taking it to them I think."

Students play outside Dillon Hall early Wednesday morning. About 500 students engaged in a campus-wide snowball fight.

Professor discusses sex slavery on NBC

Carr, human trafficking victim talk to MSNBC, 'Today Show' about forced labor in America

By JANE PERALTA

The story of a 20-year-old Ukrainian woman and her months of forced labor at a strip club in Detroit shocked audiences across America.

MSNBC and The Today Show aired reports Monday about slavery in America, featuring the young victim — who assumed the name "Katya" for privacy purposes — and Notre Dame law professor Bridgette Carr.

Katya, her client, told cameras that three years ago Katya and a friend left the Ukraine to study English abroad. The two young women had plans to work as waitresses in Virginia Beach while they learned the language, but instead, two human traffickers — Alex Macksimenko and Michael Aronov — picked them up at the airport and took them to Detroit, Carr said.

The men imprisoned Katya and her friend in a house with 15 other slaves, Katya said. Their captors forced the women to work 12-hour shifts as exotic dancers in Cheetah's, a strip club.

"We would go to work, work 12 hours a day there. And, and the end of the shift, I say at two a.m., (the captors) were waiting for us outside of the club in the car. Sometimes they raped us there," Katya said during the MSNBC documentary "MSNBC Undercover: Sex Slave".

Club 23 up for sale on Craigslist

Owner says shooting of students not a factor

By MARCELA BERRIOS

Club 23 owner Mahmoud Hussein has put the bar he has owned for more than 20 years up for sale — on Craigslist.

The asking price for the bar, located on Notre Dame's South Quad, is $695,000 and will get the buyer the tavern's 2,500 square feet of space, the building itself, the 57-car parking lot, the furniture inside and the establishment's liquor license.

John Veit, a bartender at Club 23, confirmed by phone Tuesday night the listing's legitimacy.

The Observer could not reach Hussein for comment, but he told WNDU that the August 21 shooting of two Notre Dame students outside the establishment had nothing to do with his decision to sell the bar. Hussein said he was tired of the late nights, WNDU reported.

Seniors Matthew Collins and Mitchell Depree were shot by an unidentified man outside the bar's front door while they were waiting for a ride. Depree was shot in the leg, and Collins sustained life-threatening injuries from bullets to the abdomen and leg.

Though both Collins and Depree recovered, Hussein told The Observer in early September he foresaw "no changes" to the main Cort Club's "boozing" Club 23 because they didn't feel safe in the neighborhood anymore.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

'Rock the Vote' campaign planned

Members hope to improve participation in student government elections

By JOSEPH McMAMON

Troubled by apathy and a lack of participation in student government affairs, the Council of Representatives announced Tuesday its plans to launch its own "Rock the Vote" campaign to encourage a bigger turnout in the upcoming student government elections.

The campaign will begin Feb. 4 and last until the primary election day, Feb. 10, representatives said during the Council's meeting Tuesday.

Only 3,492 students voted in the student body elections last year, the lowest number of voters in eight years.

"I think we should have a 'Rock the Vote' campaign to increase the number of student voters during their meeting Tuesday.

'Loyal Daughters' gets male angle in co-writer

By AMBER TRAVIS

A man will be in charge of "Loyal Daughters and Sons" next year when sophomore Devin Preston assumes the role of co-writer of the play, which focuses on sexuality and sexual abuse at Notre Dame, from senior Sarah Van Mill.

"I was really honored and grateful that [Van Mill] thought that I was capable of such an important position," Preston said.

In his role as co-writer — a singular position — Preston will be in charge of any new material included in next year's production. The rest of the program will consist of past stories from original writer Emily Weitzecker and Van Mill, who wrote this year's production.

A physics and film, television and theatre student, Preston will take on Van Mill's duties and conduct a new round of interviews with victims of sexual assault. Using findings from the interviews, he will produce the scripts for any new vignettes that will be added to the program.

Preston, a former Observer staff writer, said he was struck by "Loyal Daughters" and admired its ability to bring to public discourse sexuality, a subject he says is taboo on campus.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Allegory of the dorm

Secretary: And now let me show in a figure how far our nature is enlightened or misunderstood. Behold! Students living in a single sex dorm. Here they have been since their freshman year. They have had their drinking games disbanded, their beer bottles confiscated, and their time and money assigned to fines and community service. All around them are better options; and you will see, if you look, a couple of apartment complexes within walking distance, as well as numerous houses only a short bike ride or drive away.

Glaumn: How low.

Secretary: And do you see the crowded study halls turned residences? Glaumn: You have shown me a strange image, and they are strange prisoners.

Secretary: And now look again, and see what will naturally follow if the prisoners are released and dislodged of their on-campus residency. At first, when any of them are granted and completed and dutifully to buy groceries and clean the bathroom, he will suffer sharp pains; the cheers will disappear, and he will be unable to see the world of which in his former state he had seen only the bubble, and then conceive someone saying to him that what he saw before was okay for public; but to be moved on from what will be his reply? Will he not fancy that the bathroom which he former used was cleaner than the one used now?

Glaumn: Far clearer.

Secretary: And when the police come to break up his party instead of the RA, will he not rejoice? He will not immediately appreciate his additional freedoms.

Glaumn: Not all in a moment.

Secretary: He will require to grow accustomed to the workings of the slightly-more-real world. At first he will see to his duties best, then he may slack a bit, then he will grow upon the light of the ability to be belligerent on his own terms.

Glaumn: Certainly.

Secretary: Last of all he will be able to purchase a keg, and not more cases. He will then proceed to argue that this is what he prepared for the season and the years, and is the guardian of all that is in the visible world, and in a certain way the cause of all things which he used to consider as followed have been accustomed to behold?

Glaumn: Clearly, he would first change his keg and reason about it.

Secretary: And when he remembered his old habitations and the dorm and his fellow-prisoners, do you not suppose that he would federate himself out of his own accord, and play them?

Glaumn: Certainly, he would.

Secretary: And if they were in the habit of conferring honors among themselves on those who had had the best dorm events or had been the half of the year, do you think that he would care for such honors and glories, or envy the possessors of them?

Glaumn: I think that he would rather suffer anything than entertain these false notions and live in this miserable manner. He would be particularly glad not to have endured the conditions of a girl's dorm, especially Pasquerilla West.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joey King at jking7@nd.edu.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Question of the Day: Who will win the BCS National Championship Game?

Michael Eardley
freshman
St. Ed's

Mary Kozelka
sophomore
Parke

Bryce Ramos
junior
off campus

Teresa Hancock
senior
off campus

Sara Schreiber
junior
Parke

"Osu can't win. Because Jim Tressel wears sweater vests and Ugar."

"Saint Mary's Probably."

"Breen-Phillips Interhall Football team. Go Marina!"

"Notre Dame. I like to think positive."

"The University of Oregon, because their mascot beat the crap out of other mascots."

Though it's past 5 p.m., sophomore Dan Coyle, left, and freshman How Eun Lee wait to see their advisors in the Coleman-Morse Center and register for classes next semester.

OFFBEAT

Man allegedly leaves baby to rob store

LEVIGH HIGH, Fla. — Deputies said a man left his three-month-old baby alone for six hours while he robbed a grocery store. Police said Tony Doden and his accomplice, James Schmidt, were arrested after their getaway car was spotted by a witness. A teenage employee told police a man wearing a Halloween style 'Jason' mask robbed them at gunpoint and then took off. Deputies said Doden had left his three-month-old son at home to fend for himself while he and Schmidt robbed the store.

The child's mother was arrested in October. Police say the baby was found with a severe case of diaper rash.

Tweety, Donald Duck summoned to court

HOME — Tweety may get a chance to take the witness stand and sing like a canary. An Animal Farm ordered the animated bird, along with Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and his girlfriend Daisy, to testify in a copyright case.

In what lawyers believe was a clerical error worthy of a Looney Tunes cartoon, a court in Naples sent a summons to the characters ordering them to appear Friday in a trial in the southern Italian city, officials said. The court summons cites TMC, Paperino, Topolino — the Italian names for the characters — as damage parties in the criminal trial of a Chinese man accused of counterfeiting products of Disney and Warner Bros.

Instead of naming only the companies and their legal representatives, clerks also wrote in the witness list the names of the cartoons that decorated the toys and gadgetsthe man had reproduced, said Fiorenza Sorotto, vice president of Disney Company Italia.

Information compiled by The Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Rosary will be said at the Grotto at 6:45 p.m. today. The Rosary is said daily.

Campus Ministry is hosting a celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Prayer services are held to obtain special graces are being held in St. Edward's Hall Chapel at 9 p.m. each night through Sunday. The celebration is sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies, La Alianza and OLA.

There will be NASDAQ training sessions tonight from 6 to 7:30 in the Eek Visitors' Center. The event is available to students only. Today's topic is "Defining Your Customer Market and Competition."

The Take Ten program will sponsor local children at the Robinson Community Learning Center in a bookstore recognition ceremony at 6 p.m. tomorrow. Local school children who participated in the Take Ten program will make bookmarks. The Robinson Center is located at 921 North Eddy Street.

The annual football banquet will be held Friday at 5:45 p.m. in the Joyce Center Monogram Room. The featured speaker will be 1993 graduate Aaron Taylor, a two-year All-American Offensive Tackle and Lombardi Award winner. Tickets can be purchased through the Notre Dame Ticket Office at 574-631-7356.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
Snow
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By 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, between 200 and 300 students responded to the fight. Participants said the total numbers had been almost double that in the proceeding hour, though the mounting casualties did not seem to affect the efforts of the snowball throwers.

Wilkinson quipped that Zahn's offensive conditioning program helped his students prepare for Tuesday's showdown against its numerous pursuers.

"We actually worked out in Florida over the summer working with all kinds of sand, working with compacting sand and it worked well. I think it paid off today," he said.

After several minutes of waiting for the snow to stop, the millenial freshman was ready to charge — after a reload of fresh supplies of hot cocoa — the Radcliff Blues launched their attack. As the South Quad denizens sat back complacently, Zahn ran forward, snowballs at the ready, flinging them with wild abandon at the other lines.

"We felt that we had the numbers. Just some tactics we've been working on," Wilkinson said. "You can't sit back. Just like you've got to take it to the terrorists, you've got to take it to the South Quad people.

But it wasn't only South Quad people. On the other side of the courts, another millenial freshman, Carlson said the main difference between this year's matchup and last year's was the nature of the combatants.

"This one is pretty much everyone against Zahn," he said. "Last year was a lot more like North Quad versus South Quad. Pretty much everybody hates Zahn, I guess.

In the fight, Carlson said, he "hit some bros in the face."

"It's pretty much the best feeling you can have in the winter," he said.

But Notre Dame's first snowfall stretched far beyond the battle waging up north. Many students ventured out, the snow on South Quad to play full-contact football without pads — not quite a Notre Dame tradition during the first snowfall.

A matchup between an option-style attack led by Dillon freshman Nyum Patton and a high-flying spread lead by Dillon freshman Matt Scioscia took place on South Quad early Wednesday morning.

Scioscia, who played defensive end for three years in high school in California, never played in the conditions he faced in Wednesday's game. In fact, Scioscia said he never even saw snow before Tuesday — except for on television.

"I did not think it would be this cold," Scioscia said. "It's actually pretty fun, but it's freezing."

Scioscia said his dominoes decided in the spur of the moment to venture outside and start a game of snowball football, although he is excited for the prospects of snow on top of snow.

"If it keeps snowing like this I think we'll be able to have a lot of fun, and a lot of snowballing," he said.

But not everyone outside early Wednesday morning was there for the thrill of battle and competition. Some just like the snow.

Weth freshman Julie Zorb and her friends — some of whom also had snow on their faces before — left the cozy confines of their dorm for the simple reason of being outside.

"We wanted something to do," Zorb said. "The snow is exciting."
Slaves in America, hosted by Meredith Vierra. Catya Nery was also a contributor. They said the men, using a variety of surveillance methods, often maintained control over them through intimidation, threats of violence, and threats to their back home and violence. The women appeared frightened and forced to perform other sexual acts whenever the men decided to do so.

"Emotionally, physically, they could do anything with us. That was every single day in my life for one year," Nery said.

Mackinstein and Aronov also imposed quotas on the women, forcing them to make up to $1,000 per night. The two traffickers used this money to pay for luxury vehicles and other expenses, including rent, clothes, and other things.

"(The women) didn't have money to do anything," Nery said. "We were their property."

If a woman didn't make the quota, she was punished physically or sexually.

"If someone couldn't make it to the quota, they would get raped," Nery said.

In one case, a woman who was unable to make the quota was attacked with a hard object and then forced to watch as her lover was similarly attacked.

Nery said she was able to escape her captor's home because she was not trusted to be left alone.

"I was able to leave because I wasn't trusted," Nery said.

In 2005, Mackinstein and Aronov were sentenced to 20 years in prison, while Weiss and his co-conspirators are still at large.

"We'll never stop looking for Weiss," Nery said. "We're never going to give up."

The documentary "Slaves in America," which was released in 2005, has since been aired on various channels and platforms around the world.

The documentary features interviews with Nery and other former slaves, as well as footage of the brothel where they were held.

The documentary has been praised for its powerful storytelling and for raising awareness about the issue of human trafficking.

"It's important to educate people about the realities of human trafficking," said Nery. "We need to do more to prevent it and to help those who have been victimized."

The documentary has also been used as a tool for training and education for law enforcement and others who work with victims of trafficking.

"We'll never forget the people who were taken from us," Nery said. "We'll never forget what they went through."
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Six Kurds killed in Turkish conflict

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish soldiers killed six Kurdish rebels near the border with Iraq on Tuesday in a clash that also killed a Turkish officer, the military said.

The rebels — four women and two men — were killed on Mount Gabor, in the province of Sirnak, the military said on its Web site. It said the clash erupted after the rebels fired rockets for their surrender and opened fire on the soldiers.

The military said the rebels were among a group of guerrillas who killed 13 soldiers in an ambush in Sirnak on Oct. 7. At the time, the military retaliated by shelling areas near the border to prevent rebels from reaching bases in northern Iraq.

**Kidnappers post video of British victim**

BAHGADHD — Captors holding five Britons demanded Tuesday that Britain pull all its forces from Iraq, posting a video showing a bound, haggard-looking victim more than six months after the group was kidnapped.

The purported hostage, speaking clearly and making no apparent attempt to disguise his identity, was shown as the “Islamic Shiite Resistance in Iraq.”

“My name is Jason. Today is November 18,” he said, alternating at glancing at the camera and downward, perhaps at a piece of paper. “I have been here now for 173 days and I feel we have been forgotten.” No other hostage was shown.

**News national**

Alaskan medical helicopter missing

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Authorities launched a search Tuesday for a medical helicopter that vanished with a patient, pilot, paramedic and nurse aboard.

The LifeGuard Alaska helicopter, which was heading from Cordova to an Anchorage hospital, disappeared after 5:18 p.m., authorities said. The helicopter crew had made a satellite phone call around that time, but it was not a distress call, said Coast Guard Lt. John McWhir.

A patient, pilot, paramedic and nurse were aboard, the hospital’s Alaska Medical Center spokeswoman Becky Hubelik said. The pilot was not on board.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

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**MEXICO**

Not even entertainers immune to violence

MEXICO CITY — A wave of organized crime violence terrorizing many parts of Mexico is driving fear into the hearts of the country’s entertainment business with the murders of several popular musicians, suggesting no one is immune to the frightening brutality.

Most disturbing were the weekend slayings of two singers who had crossed over from the indies to mainstream fame, long, gun shots and your like some “narcocorri­dores” or Mexican country bands.

The murders of Sergio Gomez, lead performer for the top-selling group K-Paz la Sierra, and Zayda Pena of the group Zayda and the Guilty Ones have mainstream singers worrying they may become targets by becoming identified with one or another of Mexico’s warring drug gangs.

What can I say? We are dismayed about this. I mean, we are all in the same boat,” said Javier Diaz, representa­tive of Los Tucanes del Norte, a popular group that often poses with assault rifles to promote its songs and violence-filled videos.

“I was quite known for songs glor­i­fying the drug business, Gomez had reportedly received death threats urg­ing him not to appear in the capital of the western state of Michoacan, a hot bed of the drug trade where he was tortured before being strangulated Sunday.

Pena was killed with similar brutal­ity the previous day. Gunman fired an execution-style gunshot into her at the hospital where she was recovering from surgery for a bullet wound in her neck suffered Friday at a motel in the border city of Matamoros, across from Brownsville, Texas.

Some fear that singers, whether they have any links to drug cartels or not, are routinely “adopted” by drug gangs, which post Internet videos showing their members tutoring and executing rivals to soundtracks of pop­ular tunes.

“It really has people worried, because you never know if you go to a concert, what will happen, whether somebody might get shot,” said Pablo Zucca, press coordinator for Bandamax, a cable TV channel spe­cializing in northern Mexican music.
Canadian ambassador to country ordered to leave

Removal arises after rejection of candidates to represent Islamic republic in Ottawa; Tehran embassy now run by No. 2 diplomat

Associated Press

TORONTO — Iran has ordered its ambassador to the country to leave the embassy, the Canadian foreign minister said, after Canada rejected candidates Tehran had proposed to represent the Islamic republic in Ottawa.

The two countries have tried to come to an agreement on an exchange of ambassadors for some time. “Unfortunately, we have yet to see a decision from Iran to accept the candidate,” said Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier in a statement late Monday.

“I believe that the expulsion of our ambassador is an unfortunate and unjustified conclusion of this situation. As always, Canada remains prepared to receive an Iranian ambassador provided a suitable candidate is presented,” he said.

The statement did not explain why the Iranian candidate had been unacceptable to Canada. The Canadian ambassador to the US, John Mundy, had been recently appointed but had not yet had his credentials accepted.

Tehran has been refusing to let our ambassador present his credentials and thereby fully assume his duties. Foreign Affairs spokesman Shaun Tinkler said: “They’ve decided to downgrade our relations. Bernier said the Canadian Embassy in Iran now will be headed by the charge d’affaires, the No. 2 diplomat. Both countries will continue to maintain embassies in the respective capitals and conduct normal operations, the release said. The diplomatic slap came one day after the Iranian charge d’affaires expressed frustration that his country’s overtures to Canada were being ignored by the Canadian government.

Seyed Mahdi Mohbabi said in an interview with The Canadian Press that he has twice asked for a resumption of high-level contacts up to the foreign minister level. Calls to the Iranian Embassy were not immediately returned Monday. Relations between the two countries have been frosty since former Canadian ambassador Ken Taylor helped spirit Americans out of the US Embassy in 1980 before they could be taken hostage shortly after the Iranian revolution.

Recently, Iran’s supreme court ordered a review of the death of Zahra Kazemi, a Canadian photojournalist who died in custody after being arrested while taking photographs outside a Tehran prison in 2003.

After her death, a committee appointed by then-Canadian President Mohammad Khatami, a former charge d’affaires, said he hoped a resolution of the case would lead to a warming of relations.

Canada’s response was not immediately available, as the case remains under review by the US. The embassy remained closed for some time after the diplomat was killed.

In northern Rockies, grizzlies are back attacking humans

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks commissioner calls for population control, federal Fish and Wildlife Service says ‘not yet’

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Nearly extinct last century, grizzly bears are back in a big way in the northern Rockies, with the population spiking in numbers, pushing into new territories and mauining hunters who simply want to enjoy a few hours in the wild.

While state and federal officials had the bear’s comeback, others say the rise in conflicts is a mistake and illegal killings. A string of bad encounters have led to recent grizzly encounters as evidence.

“We’ve got grizzly bears eating people who come here to hunt,” said Vic Workman, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks commissioner, who offered a grizzly during a Nov. 25 hunting trip near Whitefish, Mont. “It’s getting out of whack. We’ve got too many bears.”

The grizzly charged after Workman disturbed it on a hunting trip, Workman said. The bear was shot when it lunged at them.

If hunters could kill some bears, Workman said, “it was the rest of the population would learn to avoid humans.”

The biologist in charge of restoring grizzlies acknowledges they appear to be on track toward recovery in some areas. In central and western Montana, for example, the population has now expanded by more than 2,500 square miles in the last two decades.

But Tanya Drizdowicz, grizzly recovery coordinator with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, said it would take at least five more years of research to show the bear’s progress is not fleeting. Recovery is not just measured by the number of bears, she added. Also important is how widely they are distributed.

Whether females breed at an adequate rate, and how many are killed crossing highways or in other human-related accidents.

Workman’s close call was the latest in a string of bear attacks and near misses this year in Montana and portions of Idaho and Wyoming near Yellowstone National Park. While there is no comprehensive data on grizzly-human conflicts, an Associated Press tally shows at least a dozen grizzly bear attacks reported since April.

Seven people were injured, some severely. At least five grizzlies were killed, either during the attacks or later by wildlife agents. Sources said it was a mistake to link the run-ins to a Human conflict without simply following the lower 48 states to avoid human conflicts without simply following strict wildlife management.”

An estimated 600 grizzlies in and around Yellowstone this spring became the first of its species in the lower 48 states to lose their threatened status. Even then, a hunt is at least a year away and would likely be capped at just a few animals, said Dave Smith, chief of staff for the state wildlife department.

Conservation groups say more could be done to prevent bear-human conflicts without simply culling the grizzlies’ population.

Craig Kenworthy, conservation director for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, noted that spikes in bear attacks generally coincide with a shortage of food or other unfavorable environmental conditions. This year, for example, drought in the Yellowstone area forced bears to roam farther and stay out longer in search of berries, insects and other food before winter.

“What we don’t want to do is have a hunt and knock the numbers down and then find out we’re still having the same number of conflicts,” Kenworthy said.
**Market Recap**

**Stocks**

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| Pork Bellies (cents) | -1.18 | 89.55 |

**Exchange Rates**

| Yen | 109.850 |
| Euro | 0.6778 |
| Canadian Dollar | 1.0135 |
| British Pound | 0.4865 |

**In Brief**

**Toys continue to fail lead testing**

Wednesday by the Michigan-based Ecology

announced Tuesday they will re-examine a demand for electricity rises.

decision to declare a large swath of the mid-Atlantic and two Southwest states a corridors," designed to foster greater power transmission lines.

Pork belly futures are overpaid.

Bush threatens to veto new Medicare bill

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Tuesday threatened to veto any legislation that cuts payments to private insurers as a way to give physicians more money when treating Medicare patients.

Bargaining resumed in Los Angeles after a four-day recess, with a relatively scant agreement.
Restoring the constitutional republic

In today's political discourse, it is popular to treat the concept of "democracy" with a degree of reverence befitting six-pound, eight-ounce baby Jesus. It is as if the bulk of history has taken on a supernatural mystique usually reserved for dart tape, high-definition TV and Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders.

Every president has millions of Americans pay homage at the democratic altar while casting their ballot for the seemingly more moral politician of their choice. It is an American tradition, or at least the great Catholic traditions of old.

Our president is certainly not one to break tradition. No one really knows for certain whether the real reason the U.S.-invaded Iraq was to get rid of Saddam Hussein's apparent stockpile of WMDs as originally claimed, but the president himself knows one thing for sure: We're "spreading democracy" in Iraq, and that's something the U.S. should be damn proud of.

Lost the American public forget this point, the president decided to name our little overseas excursion "Operation Iraqi Freedom." Apparently, he sees absolutely no difference between democracy and freedom. In the United States of the Union Address, the president said, "no one here doubts that democracy is a realistic goal for the greater Middle East, where freedom is rare" and "as democracy takes hold in Iraq, the enemies of freedom will do all in their power to spread violence and fear."

But is democracy freedom, as many maintain without giving it a second thought? What did the founding fathers think about democracy? Does democracy deserve as much praise at it receives?

The founders viewed democracy with outright distrust. President John Adams said, "freemasonry, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

Similarly, James Madison wrote in the Federalist Papers that in a pure democracy, "there is nothing to check the intemperance to sacrifice the weaker party or the obnoxious individual." Edmund Randolph said at the Constitutional Convention that "in tracing these evils in their origin every man had found it in the turbulence and follies of democracy." The word "democracy" is notoriously absent in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution or the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were a number of reasons why the founders feared democracy. Most importantly, the founders viewed freedom and individual rights as the most important political ends. Thomas Jefferson famously wrote in the Declaration of Independence that men "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Similarly, John Adams said that individuals have "rights antecedent to all earthly governments; rights that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; rights derived from the Great Legislator of the Universe."

People should be free to act as long as they don't harm others or their property. They believed that it was the job of government to secure these rights. They knew that individual rights, and therefore freedom, would not be safe within a democracy.

In a democracy, the rights of individuals were not protected but were subject to the whims of the majority, or as Madison said, "there is nothing to check the intemperance to sacrifice the weaker party or the obnoxious individual." If the majority felt like seizing an individual's property or violating his other rights, there was nothing to stop the majority. Without protections in place securing the rights of the people, a democracy would almost certainly end up violating rights of individuals and destroying its freedom. It was with this thought in mind that they created a Constitutional republic.

They knew that democratic majorities acting through the government were likely to try to violate the rights of minorities. Consequently, the founders wrote the Constitution to place well-defined limits on what the newly created federal government could and couldn't do. It guaranteed certain fundamental rights from infringement from the government such as freedom of speech, freedom of the press and the right to bear arms.

Although the people democratically elected representatives to act on their behalf, they were unable to act on certain subject matters and had to respect the rights outlined in the Constitution. Checks and balances further limited the power of majorities. As a wise man once said, in a democracy, two wolves and a sheep take a majority vote on what's for supper, but in a constitutional republic, the wolves are forbidden on voting on what's for supper, and the sheep are well armed.

Unfortunately, the United States is, for all intents and purposes, no longer a Constitutional republic. Congress routinely exceeds its defined constitutional powers listed in the Constitution. It can do nearly anything it wants, from spending money on Social Security or health care (neither of which the Constitution gives Congress the power to do) to spying on people without warrants.

When the government can do anything it wants by majority vote, including tax everything under the sun, it's hardly a wonder that people are much less free to do as they please. Restoring the Constitutional republic by actually enforcing the Constitution as written would go a long way in restoring freedom once again.

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“Sherlock Holmes” would leave me as satisfied as I could possibly get.

It’s easy to pick out who I don’t want. Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards all come to mind. If any of them got elected, I might give up following politics and just go join the circus.

Maybe I should do that now, but that’s beside the point.

Contrary to popular belief, The Observer is not run by yellow-colored people.

Eh. Can I hit “Reset?”

This is really the best the Republican Party can come up with? More than 300 million people in the United States, and these are it?

But I suppose disjointed rhetorical questions don’t get us anywhere. The way I see it, we have three options. First, you can latch on to the “most electable” candidate and ride his or her coattails to success. It’s like picking one of the two best teams at the beginning of the football season and celebrating rabidly when they win it all at the end.

All aboard the bandwagon! I’ll admit it: This is by and large, the extent of my support for Giuliani. I’ve been saying it for months, but if I had to vote today, Rudy would get my vote. He can beat Clinton in a general election, and that is (as sad a reflection of the times as it may be) the simple truth of the matter. I even willing to look past scandal and a weak platform, just because I think he is the Republicans’ best chance against Clinton.

I swear I’m not a total partisan hack — I just really don’t like that man.

Option number two may be a little more appealing to most of us. There’s something a bit more dignified in it.

This route involves going with the mainstream candidate that you most agree with, and that most you would agree with in terms of policy. Obviously no candidate is going to be perfect and no candidate is going to have a platform you completely agree with, but some are better than others. Some are, in each voters’ eyes, “more right” than others.

Think back to the SAT (and try not to cry). There were a couple different choices you could pick (and sometimes all the choices seemed wrong), but you still had to go with the “most correct.”

Find which candidate you think is the most correct answer, and proudly fill the bubble in after championing his or her cause to all who will listen. You like the candidate, and he or she has a reasonable chance of success. What a combination.

Unfortunately, though, this strategy, as well as the previous one, tends to only work well in the primaries. By the general election, it’s usually already been narrowed down to two wrong answers, and by then you’re already trapped. So if either of these strategies appeals to you, get involved early.

The first step would probably be to take a field trip to Iowa.

Last but not least, we have the option I’m beginning to seriously consider: this involves going with the underdog, the Appalachian State of the political world. No, I’m not being cast my vote for Sherlock Holmes anytime soon, but I just might go with the next closest thing.

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Let’s be clear: I really don’t think Paul has a chance to win the presidency. In fact, I’m not even sure I would want him to. I’m far from convinced he would be the best choice this country could make. But that doesn’t mean I wouldn’t vote for him.

His stance on several issues, most notably his incessant calls for reduced government spending, intervention and control, are all quite appealing to this libertarian-minded young columnist.

The Republican Party is generally thought to consist of fiscal conservatives, social conservatives and libertarians. Most recently, the rise of social conservatism has dominated the party. The other branches have fallen nearly by the wayside, for reasons I’m not entirely sure of. But Paul speaks forcefully about reviving those legs of the stool on which the Republican Party sits, and I admire him for it. I don’t buy everything he says, but he offers an alternative to the other Republican candidates. He offers a shift in thinking for the Republican Party; a shift that may be necessary to undertake if Republicans hope to win any more elections anytime soon.

Paul may not win the presidency. I doubt he will. But if enough people vote for Paul, future Republican candidates will have to take notice. There is a contingent of conservative voters out there concerned about the other two legs of the stool. This contingent is fearful that with too much hubris of one leg, the whole thing will topple over.

It’s not difficult for us to pick out who we don’t want to vote for. In a world full of negative campaigning and tainted candidates, that’s the easy part.

The challenge is in finding someone you’re willing to support. As citizens of the United States, however, it’s something we all ought to do.

So good luck and happy hunting. November will be here before you know it.

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**U-WIRE**

Green eating habits mean more than just broccoli

Just Food, a nonprofit organization that "works to develop a just and sustainable food system in the New City region," has a series of workshops that focused on "food, farms and health. In the process, I picked up a great deal of green information, all of which Columbia students should know, and most of which some of them probably don’t.

For instance, eating organic produce translates to eating an extra serving of fruits and vegetables due to all the antioxidants and nutrients it has compared to nonorganic produce. Students might also be interested to know that vitamin content in nonorganics is far lower and his or her choice has decreased by 10 to 40 percent over the years.

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Moreover, irradiated food — food exposed to radiation to kill off bacteria — does not have to be labeled as such, even if it’s sold in restaurants, schools and hospitals. This is disturbing, as irradiation destroys vitamins, proteins and essential fatty acids, and produces chemicals that have been linked to DNA damage in brain cells.

However, due to the driving market of the local, healthy food is gradually increasing. Over 15 percent of the world’s food is now grown in cities, New York City alone has 50 farmers’ markets.

Columbia, in response to student groups operating under the Green Umbrella, an umbrella organization for environmental groups on campus, is also taking steps toward serving students nutritional and environmentally-friendly food.

Although they buy the new-familiar fair-trade and organic coffee, the majority of students are unaware of Columbia’s green changes. If more students knew about these options, they’d be prompted to demand even more environmentally forward programs concerning not only food, but also energy and waste issues on our campus.

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This movie is classic. We all grew up loving how Tim Allen explained all the secrets of Santa and answered all our great Christmas questions. How does Santa get around the world in one night? Seconds become minutes, minutes become hours, etc. How does Santa fit down the chimney? He magically shrinks until he fits. Plus, who doesn’t love the idea of waking up to find your dad is Santa Claus? This is a classic movie because it is the ultimate Christmas fantasy of our generation. It’s funny, and we can relate to it. Even now, it’s hard to watch and not wonder if Santa really does exist. And maybe someday we’ll get that Weenie Whistle we always dreamed of.

Many don’t consider “Meet Me In St. Louis” a Christmas movie, but here are two hard facts: one-third of the musical takes place during Christmas, and it features Judy Garland’s mesmerizing performance of “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” which never fails to be emotional.

The premise is simple: it’s about a Midwestern family and the love they have for each other. Their interactions with each other are the heart of the movie. But there really are three reasons to watch it: “The Trolley Song,” “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” and finally, the Christmas dance. Maybe it’s Judy Garland’s red gown or maybe it’s that single moment when all of her character’s dreams unexpectedly come true, but the Christmas dance scene stands out from other holiday films.

This, ladles and gentlemen, is the matter who you are, Charlie Brown. When Linus walks across the stage and explains the real spirit of Christmas, it’s poetic.

The movie was originally made as by a little-known jazz composer’s Christmas gold. Everyone knows how Starbucks released the Vince Guaraldi movie a few years ago, and since, people have appreciated what happens when you combine Christmas and sing Christmas carols with your family.

If you think that nothing says “Christmas” like a crazy song-and-dance numbers, then Michael Caine stars as the cold a whose love of money is only surpassed by Scrooge. Scrooge’s best employee, the hen than Kermit the Frog himself. The Gonzo and Rizzo, his tough-talking slew of classic Muppet characters, Fozzie, Kermit himself, Scrooge’s first employee appearance. The film also shines with songs like “Bless Us All” and “It’s a wonderful life.” This gets you in a Christmas mood, with “Marley and Marley” added to the collection.
as Movie Picks

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Most people I know fall in love with "White Christmas" first, only to discover "Holiday Inn" later, if at all. I didn't see "White Christmas" until middle school, but by that time I was already hopelessly in love with the pairing of crooner Bing Crosby and hoofer Fred Astaire in "Holiday Inn" - the first film featuring Irving Berlin's classic song "White Christmas.

Crosby as Jim Hardy and Astaire as Ted Hanover are perfect comedic foils as they compete for the affection of rising star Linda Mason (Marjorie Reynolds) and sing and dance their way through Jim's Holiday Inn, that is open only on holidays. It's true that "Holiday Inn" can be enjoyed year-round. After all, one of Astaire's most dazzling solo routines in any of his films is the firecracker number for the Fourth of July. However, "Holiday Inn" is especially enjoyable at Christmas time. You'll know why as soon as Bing sings "White Christmas" for the first time on film, and the whole world melts around you.

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Most things have something to teach you. No impossible not to be moved by and asks, "Lights, please." He Christmas in a simple speech that's a television special with music. This animated movie became like frog puppets and you have to have seen this. Dickens classic. It is greedy Ebeneezer Scrooge, and by his lack of compassion. He Bob Cratchit, is none other film is hosted and narrated by rat sidekick, and features a Fozzie Bear plays Old Mr. J, and Animal even makes an with its original soundtrack - feels Like Christmas" definitely funnier songs like "Scrooge" A Muppet holiday spirit.

Maybe it's director Frank Capra's ability to tug at your heart without feeling schmaltzy. Maybe it's Jimmy Stewart's sweet and powerful performance as George Bailey, a man who feels like life has passed him by. Or maybe we all just feel like George Capra sometimes. But whatever it is that keeps us watching, "It's a Wonderful Life" is a classic American film that audiences return to every Christmas season. Watching George grow from a spirited kid, to an optimistic youth, to an older and wiser adult through the eyes of his guardian angel Clarence (Henry Travers) feels like watching bits and pieces of our own lives.

And Clarence's final message to George - "No man is a failure who has friends" - rings as true to us now as it did when the film came out 60 years ago. So lasso the moon for Mary and sing "Auld Lang Syne" with George Bailey this Christmas season. Maybe you'll even find Zuzu's petals in your coat pocket.
Senators lose in shootout, extend losing streak

Lightning lose 3-1 lead in final minutes but win shootout 2-1; Datsyuk scores twice in Wings’ win over Canadiens

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Ottawa Senators are in their longest losing streak in over a decade. However, the latest loss has the team feeling a little better about itself.

Vini Prospal scored in the fourth round of a shootout and the Tampa Bay Lightning extended Ottawa’s losing streak to seven games with a 4-3 victory Tuesday night.

The Lightning blew a 3-1 lead in the final two minutes but won the shootout 2-1.

Daniel Alfredsson scored twice during a three-goal third, helping the Senators tie it at 3. Alfredsson (1.57 remaining) and Wade Redden (1.21) completed the comeback scoring 36 seconds apart late in the period.

“I think we tried hard all game long, worked it pretty good, tried to create chances,” said Alfredsson. “It’s obviously very nice to see that we got rewarded. We would have loved to have won it in the shootout, but we’re happy with getting a point.”

The Senators have lost seven consecutive games for the first time since Feb. 22-March 9, 1996. Ottawa has a two-point lead over Carolina for in the Eastern Conference.

Mathieu Darche, Chris Gratton and Filip Kuba scored for the Lightning. Tampa Bay has won seven consecutive games following a six-game losing skid.

“I’m not talking any negatives,” Lightning coach John Tortorella said. “We won a big hockey game against a pretty good hockey team. Mistakes were made. They will be addressed.”

Alfredsson’s power-play goal at 7:05 of the third pulled Ottawa within 2-1. Tampa Bay got the goal back just over two minutes later when Kuba scored at 9:48.

Ottawa’s Ray Emery made 25 saves, including an in-close chance by Martin St. Louis in overtime. He finished with 25 saves.

In the first period, Dany Heatley failed to score on a breakaway. Brian McGrattan couldn’t handle a pass through the slot that could have resulted in a goal.

Tampa Bay goalie Johan Holmqvist made a glove save on Jason Spezza’s shot from the left circle. Holmqvist had 26 saves.

Meanwhile, Bedden played a key role in the Lightning’s two goals during the first. His defensive zone pass into the slot was intercepted by Jan Hlavac, who then found Darche alone in close for a 1-0 lead at 3:43.

Just as Redden completed a two-minute holding penalty, Gratton scored his second goal in 21 games from the low slot off a pass from St. Louis to put Tampa Bay up 2-0 with 8:26 left in the period.

Ottawa’s woes continued in the second. Chris Kelly lost possession of the puck while making a stick-handling move during a 2-on-1 midway through the period. The Senators caught a break when Tampa Bay was penalized for having too many men on the ice at 13:21, but Ottawa took just one shot during the power-play opportunity.

“It’s pro sports and winning is the only thing that matters, but we’re kind of a slump,” Alfredsson said. “As a team, when you see everybody working and you see everybody really pulling together, that’s a good sign. That’s a sign of better things to come, I believe.”

Red Wings 4, Canadiens 1

When Pavel Datsyuk was healthy, the puck on his stick Tuesday night, his only thought was to shoot it.

That mind-set paid off for the Detroit center as Datsyuk scored two unassisted goals off turnovers to lead the Red Wings to a win over the Montreal Canadiens.

Datsyuk’s second goal of the game and 11th of the season put Detroit in the lead for the second and to redeem Detroit’s one-goal lead at 2-1. He also scored 16:49 in.

“Before my goal, we had good chances and we didn’t score,” said Datsyuk, who has scored seven times over the course of a five-game goals streak. “Every shot is dangerous.”

Dominik Hasek stopped 15 shots and Niklas Kronwall and Henrik Zetterberg also scored for the Red Wings, who extended their winning streak to four.

Detroit, first overall in the NHL, with a 19-6-2 record, outshot Montreal 34-15 overall, including a 16-5 margin in the second.

Christopher Higgins scored his 11th goal for Montreal, which has lost three straight and five of six.

“If you look at the first 15 games that we played, we played as a team,” Canadiens coach Guy Carbonneau said. “Now players were there, we stayed fresh on the ice, our passes were crisp. We received the pass well, if we had no play we put it in somewhere — we looked like a fast team. Now, the confidence is not there, there is a lot of hesitation in our game.”

Canadiens rookie Carey Price stopped 30 shots.

While Carbonneau said he needed a stronger performance from his goalies than he has been getting recently, he went even farther with defensivemen Andrei Markov, who currently leads Eastern Conference defensemen in all Star voting.

“Maybe he sees himself at the All-Star game too quick,” Carbonneau said. “I don’t think he’s injured but his play on the ice is not where it should be. We’ve talked to him about it. We need him to get back to where he was earlier in the year. We need him to be our best defenceman and right now he’s not.”

Hockey legend Gordie Howe was accompanied by Ted Lindsay, Alex Delvecchio, Marcel Pronovost and Marcel Dionne as the Canadiens honored their long-standing rivalry with Detroit in a pre-game ceremony.

Jean Beliveau, Dickie Moore, Jean-Guy Talbot, Stephane Bure and Paul Coffey represented Montreal, which also honored its centennial in 2009.

Current Red Wings defensemen Kris Draper and Nicklas Lidstrom both began their career with Montreal in 1982-83. They also took part in the ceremony along with Carbonneau.

Toothless Chelios was given a standing ovation by the sold-out crowd of 21,273 when he was announced as the third star following the game.

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**NFL**

17-year-old indicted for Taylor's murder

MIAMI — The 17-year-old suspect in the death of Sean Taylor was accused Tuesday of firing the shot that killed the Washington Redskins safety. A Miami-Dade grand jury identified Eric Rivera as the gunman in its indictment. Rivera and his three co-defendants were indicted by the grand jury on charges of first-degree felony murder and armed burglary.

Charles Wardlow, 18; Jason Mitchell, 19; and Venjah Hunte, 20; were ordered held without bail during brief court appearances via a videoconference from Miami-Dade County Jail. The three, who stood silently during the hearing, will remain at the jail until suicide watch after Judge John Thornton Jr.'s ruling. Rivera, still in custody in Fort Myers, was expected to be transported to Miami-Dade on Tuesday night and make a court appearance Wednesday. One of his attorneys said the grand jury's identification of Rivera as the gunman was expected. "I don't come as a surprise," said Sawyer Smith, who represents Rivera along with his father Wilbur.

The 24-year-old Taylor died Nov. 27, a day after he was shot in the bedroom of his home. Police have said he was a victim of a botched burglary. "I think he's in disbelief over what occurred," said Wilbur Smith. "His expression to me was that 'I can't believe this kind of thing happened.'" Asked how he would defend his client, Wilbur Smith said simply: "Stay tuned." Attorneys said the four young men were agitated. "He's very distraught," said Hunte's attorney, Michael Hornung. "He's scared." Hornung offered glimpses of his client's possible involvement. He said Hunte was the only suspect with a gun. "Hunte is cooperating with the police, his attorney said, and would tell them everything he knows. Probable cause affidavits for Mitchell and Rivera said the two confided to participating in armed burglary. According to the reports, Mitchell and Rivera admitted entering the home and said someone had a gun and shot Taylor, but they didn't identify who.

**IN BRIEF**

**Broncos' Henry avoids drug suspension**

DENVER — Broncos running back Travis Henry won his appeal of a one-year suspension over a failed drug test Tuesday. The NFL informed Henry in September he had failed a test for marijuana. He disputed the results and sued the NFL to avoid a suspension. He contended the league violated its substance abuse policy by not allowing an expert of Henry's choosing to be present for the testing. Henry's lawyer Harvey Steinberg told The Associated Press that he wasn't surprised by the decision. "I'm thrilled," Steinberg said. "I always thought we should prevail. I knew that if we got a fair shake, based on the evidence, we'd win. Travis knows and he's absolutely thrilled and relieved and very happy." The Broncos issued a statement that said they were "pleased with this outcome and happy that Travis has been absolved of any wrongdoing with respect to this matter.

**Guillen signs three-year, $36-million deal with Royals**

NASHVILLE—Power-hitting outfielder Joe Guillen and the Kansas City Royals reached an agreement on a $36 million, three-year contract. The 31-year-old outfielder batted .290 with 23 home runs and 99 RBIs for the Seattle Mariners this year. Seattle declined its $5 million option and Guillen turned down a $5 million player option, receiving a $500,000 buyout. The agreement was subject to him passing a physical, a person familiar with the negotiations said Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made. His deal was first reported by ESPNdeportes.com and foxsports.com.

**We have the obvious need of adding right-handed power to our lineup,** new Royals manager Trey Hillman said.

**Sports illustrated names Favre sportsman of the year**

NEW YORK — Brett Favre's standout season for the resurgent Green Bay Packers has earned him the title of 2007 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year, making him the fourth quarterback to win the award in its 53-year history. The 38-year-old Favre joins fellow quarterbacks Terry Bradshaw (1979), Joe Montana (1990) and Tom Brady (2003) as recipients of the award, given to an athlete who symbolizes the ideals of sportsmanship.

Favre, a three-time NFL MVP, said in the cover story of the magazine's Dec. 10th issue that leadership is about finding ways to raise his team's level of play.

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**Around the Dial**

**NBA**

Lakers at Nuggets

9 p.m., ESPN
Without James, Cavaliers can’t handle Nets

Pistons win fourth straight with Billups’ double-double; Stoudemire’s 42 points, Nash’s 17 assists lead Suns over Pacers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cavaliers looked lost without LeBron James, and Richard Jefferson took advantage.

Jefferson scored a season-high 36 points, Vince Carter added 19 and the New Jersey Nets beat Cleveland 100-79 Thursday night.

James missed his third straight game because of a sprained left index finger.

"Whenever you get an opport­unity to play, you take advantage of it, regardless of who’s in front of you, you have to make sure you go out there and do it," Jefferson said.

He and Carter led the Nets on a 20-5 run to start the third quarter, opening a lead that the Cavaliers were incapable of challenging.

"Richard obviously was real­ly, really good tonight," Nets coach Lawrence Frank said.

Jason Kidd didn’t even play the fourth quarter, finishing his night early with seven points, six assists and 10 rebounds.

Cavaliers coach Mike Brown, who rarely jumps on his team publicly, expressed disgust with its performance.

"I want to see them fight," Brown said. "I didn’t see any fight or any grit as a team out there tonight.

The Cavaliers have lost four straight and are 0-3 without James this season.

"We’re not just sitting back and waiting for him to get back and say we will all right when he gets back," Brown said. "We have to get it done now.

Brown wouldn’t commit before the game on whether James’ injury is taking longer to heal than anticipated.

He was hurt Wednesday in a loss to Detroit, when Nazr Mohammed slapped at the ball as James began to shoot.

New Jersey mounted back from a 118-95 loss at Detroit on Sunday and improved to 5-3 on the road behind Jefferson, who shot 11-for-18 from the field and 13-for-15 from the line.

Jefferson downplayed his scoring output.

"I’m not too concerned about that. I’m more concerned about us being consistent as a team," he said. "We had a nice win tonight, but 48 hours ago we played poorly.

Carter, who was 7-for-13 including 3-of-5 from 3-point range, hurt his lower right leg in the third quarter, but returned. He didn’t think it was serious.

The Nets shot 51.5 percent and even got some offensive production from Jason Collins, who had a season-high seven points.

Shannon Brown got the start in place of James and sparked the Cavaliers early with some hustle.

He drove to the rim on a fast break, scored and took a hard foul, bringing James, wearing a light gray three-piece suit, to his feet courtside.

Brown finished with a career-high 20 points and four assists.

He replaced Devin Brown, who was ineffective starting in James’ place the last two games, going scoreless in 21 minutes in Sunday’s loss at Boston.

However, the result was the same for Cleveland.

The Cavaliers took a seven-point lead in the first half behind Daniel Gibson’s 17-point midway through the second quarter. But they couldn’t keep it up with the Nets and fell behind 47-43 at halftime.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas was a non-factor, shooting 1-for-6 with seven rebounds.

Sasha Pavlovic was 1-for-9 as Cleveland shot 36.4 percent.

The Cavaliers could soon get some help from high-energy big man Anderson Varejao if they elect to match a three-year offer sheet the restricted free agent signed with the Charlotte Bobcats on Tuesday.

Varejao has held out all season waiting for a new deal.

Pistons 106, Hawks 95

The Detroit Pistons are playing like a dominant team, even when the final score is deceptively close.

The Hawks couldn’t come close to matching the Pistons’ scoring depth. When Johnson was shut down, the Hawks had no backup plan. Josh Smith, who was held to 13 points, four below his average.

"That’s the way the cards fell," Hawks coach Mike Woodson said. "There are nights like that in the NBA. I just hope we don’t have too many more nights like that.

Cavaliers center Zydrunas Ilgauskas drives through the Nets defense during New Jersey’s 100-79 win over Cleveland Tuesday.

Brown scored 18 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter.

"It was just a relief that we could make the plays down the stretch and get the stops when it counted, but not a very gratifying win," Woodson said.

The Hawks rallied in the final minutes. Nash made two free throws with 1.11 left to cut Indiana’s lead to 117-115, then made a 3-pointer with 42.2 seconds remaining to give the Suns a 118-117 lead.

Indiana’s Danny Granger missed a 3-pointer that could have tied the game, and the Suns rebounded to clinch the victory.

Phoenix’s quick shots gave the Pacers the chance to over­come a 12-point deficit in the second half.

The up-tempo style the Suns have helped popularize in recent years worked against them in the second half. The Pacers entered the game ranked in the top 10 in the league in scoring, so were equipped to make the comeback.

"You go up 15, and the way you got up there is also the way they’re going to get it back," Phoenix coach Mike D’Antoni said. "So you just have to kind of keep baling your back and ride through it.

D’Antoni bailed the Suns out, but he almost didn’t get the chance. He committed his fifth foul with 6.6 minutes left, but D’Antoni kept him in the game.

"He did a good job," D’Antoni said. "That’s kind of why I keep him in there. Normally, we would take him out if it was a playoff game, but he has to learn how to do that.

D’Antoni shot 15-for-24 from the field and 12-for-23 from the free throw line. He also had 13 rebounds, a career high.

"It’s been a great dose," he said. "I just played my game, led by example, and that’s the best defense we gave, whether it was a jump shot or an easy lay in. It’s a style of game, and the team did a great job of playing Phoenix Suns basketball.

Shawn Marion added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Suns (14-4), who have won three straight.

Indiana nearly made the Suns another of their top point lead on Daniel Gibson’s 13-point second quarter.

The Pacers already had beaten Dallas, Utah, Denver and New Orleans.

Jermaine O’Neal scored 20 points on 9-of-17 shooting to help the Suns take a 69-64 lead at halftime. The Suns led 70-60 going into the final period, but the Pacers closed the half on a 13-3 run.
Sixers hire Stefanski as GM

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ed Stefanski is trading a difficult commute for a much tougher job: trying to turn a fallen franchise into a winner.

Stefanski was chosen president and general manager of the 76ers on Tuesday, hours after Billy King was fired after 10 seasons in Philadelphia. Stefanski left his job as GM of the New Jersey Nets and made the daily commute from the Philadelphia suburb of Wayne to northern New Jersey.

The move keeps Stefanski in the familiar Atlantic Division and returns the Philly-area native to his roots with the daunting task of making the dismal 76ers into winners.

"I feel more than ready to be the caretaker for the 76ers," Stefanski said.

For the second straight year, the Sixers (5-12) are off to a daunting start. Despite playing in the NBA finals a year ago when they'll support Billy King was fired after winning the Sixers chairman Ed Snider's 76ers chairman.

"It's a tough day for Billy," said Brown, now a consultant. "King, who had been with the Sixers since 1997, declined comment when reached on his cell phone.

Snider did say he hoped the Sixers would have built more off their 30-29 finish last season, during which Andre Iguodala and Andre Miller emerge as part of a solid foundation. Instead, they have collapsed under third-year coach Maurice Cheeks and the team's 88-79 loss to Atlanta on Monday was its seventh in 10 games.

"We may have been delusional at the end of the last season," Snider said. "The Sixers hope the surprising move sends a signal to a dwindling fan base that the team is committed to winning. Few have turned out this season, as the team's average attendance of 11,960 ranks 29th out of 30 teams.

"Hopefully they'll see we're making the right moves, they believe in what we're doing and they'll support us," Snider said.

The team believes hiring Stefanski was the right move, that he'll support Billy King made his decision a year ago when he wavered in his support for King rather than having him leave his job as GM of the Nets. Stefanski said the 76ers will support him in the decision to hire Stefanski rather than King.

"We'll see we're making the right moves," Snider said. "We believe in what we're doing and we'll support him." Stefanski said.

The team believes hiring Stefanski was the right move, that he's come to the conclusion that the 76ers are a team that can win.

"We've had public support and I've had confidence in Ed," said Brown. "I know there's a lot of speculation about where he'll go next. But I know he's still committed to turning this franchise around."

Stefanski's first order of business will be to find a No. 2 to play with Iverson. Regardless, the timing of the move is crucial.

"We're committed to winning," Snider said. "It's time to win."

It's time to win, and the 76ers have a new GM in Stefanski who's determined to make the Sixers a winner again.
MLB

Yankees nix talks for Minnesota’s Santana

New York — Hank Steinbrenner said Wednesday that the New York Yankees ended their pursuit of Johan Santana on Tuesday because the Twins are the favorite to land the two-time All-Star Young Award winner.

"A deadline is a deadline. It was pretty much done as of the news conference," Steinbrenner said. "It's a fine line, there's a lot of things that go into that. This isn't fantasy base ball.

Steinbrenner, a senior vice president and son of owner George Steinbrenner, set the deadline. Steinbrenner said he wouldn't allow Minnesota to play the Yankees against the rival Red Sox in talks.

New York had proposed pitcher Phil Hughes and center fielder Melky Cabrera. On Monday, the Twins dropped that offer, but Kennedy was included, but the sides couldn't agree on a third player.

"For a while, there was no question, they asked for too much," Steinbrenner said. "To tell you the truth, toward the end, Minnesota negotiated in good faith. They really did, I have no problem with them. It was something we just couldn't do."

Boston has offered the Twins packages built around pitcher Jon Lester or outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury, but not both. The Red Sox have come the free agent to acquire Santana, who would join a rotation that already has Josh Beckett, Daisuke Matsuzaka, Curt Schilling and Tim Wakefield.

"You can't worry about that. It's just the way it is. It will be what it is," Steinbrenner said. "Everybody has got to do what they think is best for their own team over all."

Steinbrenner said the Yankees also had spoken to Oakland general manager Billy Beane, but not recently. The A's are exploring possible trades involving Santana.

"That was preliminary and that was a week ago," Steinbrenner said.

Twins general manager Bill Smith didn't discuss the talks specifically. He also reported he had spoken with Santana, who was upset with Steinbrenner's repeated public comments about Minnesota.

When asked about Steinbrenner, Smith responded with praise for Yankees general manager Brian Cashman.

"I have the greatest respect for Brian Cashman. He's a gentleman. He's a classy pro-

fessional in this game," Smith said. "I don't have any problems with the Yankees. They've been good to the Twins. They've been good to the Twins for a lot of years."

He wouldn't say whether Steinbrenner's remarks were out of place during a negotia-

tion.

"Not my position to judge. I have enough trou gles doing my own job," he said.

Steinbrenner was pleased that the Yankees retained their four key free agents: third baseman Alex Rodriguez, clos-

er Mariano Rivera, catcher Jorge Posada and pitcher Andy Pettitte.

"A deadline is a deadline. It was pretty much done this morning," Steinbrenner said.

Hank Steinbrenner
Yankees senior
vice president

"We went to Boston," he said. "Obviously, I'm really happy about getting the four pieces to the puzzle."

New York's current rotation projects to include Hughes, Pettitte, Mike Mussina, Phil Hughes and John Smoltz. With Jarrett" Steinbrenner and Kelo Igawa among those in reserve. While there will be pitch and inning lim-

its on the young pitchers, a six-man rota-

tion isn't planned.

Pettitte's decision last weekend to return was key.

"Personally, I think it means a lot because I know what Andy is all about," new manager Joe Girardi said. "It gives you a guy that you can pencil in for 32 starts, and you know that he can handle the workload ...

When you have a lot of young players, you have to be a lot more careful about their work-

load and how many starts and how many innings they throw."

The 35-year-old left-hander could stay with the Yankees beyond 2008.

"If I'm healthy and if my family wanted to sup-

port it again, we would con-

sider it," Pettitte told Houston television station KTRK. "The Yankees are going to have a new stadium. I know down the road when we get through this season that will be in the back of my head also. That would be awfully nice to play in that new stadium."

Steinbrenner said the team will turn its attention to the bullpen. At times during the Santana talks, it appeared the Yankees were uncomfortable with trading Hughes. They also made Chamberlain untouch-

able.

"I'm kind of pleased what we've got," Steinbrenner said. Cashman said the Yankees will remain in contact with the other 29 clubs. "Well, perhaps 29."

"I don't see us talking to Boston too much," he said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles start MIAA schedule

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After a 2-3 start to the sea-

son, Saint Mary's will play its first MIAA game tonight at home against Calvin.

"We are excited to open up conference play and be playing at home at tomorrow night," Belles coach Jenn Henley said. "We will have our hands full with Calvin. They are a good team. We play in a very competitive conference, so we have to be ready all the time.

The Belles recently went 1-

1 in the Trinity University Thanksgiving Classic, taking second in the four-team tour-

nament. They cruised past the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, 92-44, in the first round but lost in the champi-

onship to nationally-ranked George Fox 69-58. Calvin lost its last two games in the MIAA/CWC Classic at Hope College in Holland, Mich., this past weekend.

"I think Calvin is off to a good start to the season," Henley said. "However, they are coming off two losses against Wheaton and Carthage College. I am sure they will be ready for us on Wednesday.

Calvin has played Saint Mary's in the past, but the Belles have shown them-

selves a capable team so far.

this season. Belles senior guard Alison Kessler has racked up 78 points in five games. Meanwhile, Calvin junior Marcia Harris has posted 95 points in six games.

With four Belles averaging more than 10 points per game — in addition to the strong rebounding of Erin Newsom and Anna Kammrath — the Belles will try to test Calvin's defense once again.

"I feel we have played some very good games thus far, but we still need to improve defensively," Henley said. "That has been our focus." Defense has been the Belles' weakness so far this season. They are able to score, but when the ball is on their side of the court, Saint Mary's has had trouble.

"We are still focusing on defending the paint," Henley said.

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Belles guard Alison Kessler shoots during a game against Alma on Feb. 20, 2007. Kessler averages 13.6 points per game this season.

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to use his blazing speed. The problem is, that's the only pass route Tate could run properly all season. Weis has always said you have to design an offense for the personnel you have and not force them into a system. But Tate, who converted to wideout after paying off the personnel you have and not force them into a running back in high school, barely saw the field because his skill set didn't mesh with the offensive system.

Hopefully, one of two things happens here. 1) After one season, Tate becomes more comfortable in Weis' offense and not cost his routes shorter or make them longer. 2) Weis simplifies his offense to allow Tate to get the ball in the open field in ways he feels comfortable in. Weis learned this lesson this year. He has to teach fundamentals to his young squad before they start to learn a complicated offensive scheme.

♦ Lastly, and most importantly, develop an edge. Head into this offseason mad. Put Mark May's picture on the wall of the weight room and curse him out as you fight through the pain of getting that last rep. Do something, any thing, to get fired up. Without a bowl to prepare for, you get an extra month of workouts. That must be fun. But with proper self-motivation, it doesn't have to be that bad. This way when you play San Diego State on Sept. 6, 2008, you're ready to run through a wall.

So, that's it. Just a few things on the Christmas list this year. Notice it doesn't say a bowl win. Hopefully, that'll be on next year's list.

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McGraw also said the margin of victory may be inflated because of the opponents Notre Dame has faced. She is more concerned with how many points her team allows, she said.

"I'm perfectly content with giving up a game in the 60s," McGraw said. "What I'm looking for is for us to hold them below their average."

McGraw said she enjoys coaching the defense because it is a game of their desire to learn and improve. "They're looking at each game and saying, 'What do we have to do to get better?' How can we keep getting better?'" she said. "We worked on our defense a lot yesterday, and I think we've had a good feeling coming out that we're improving defensively."

That defense has held opponents to 23.7 points per game and forced 24.3 turnovers per game. The tight Irish press has also helped force 12.7 sacks per game, which in turn helps fuel their transition offense.

Rowling's Greenest tailplayer, center Chebe Albert, is 6-6, 202. Irish freshman forward Devereaux

Irish guard Brittany Mallory controls the ball in the lane during Notre Dame's 77-46 win over Michigan Sunday.
Peters, at 6-foot-2 as well, and 6-foot-5 center Melissa D'Amico and Erica Williamson give Notre Dame a size advantage down low. McGraw said Peters and freshman forward Erieca Brunzowski can guard the smaller Falcon players.

Notes
♦ McGraw said Williamson was probable for the game after hurting her back, which was still sore Tuesday, against Michigan. "She didn't practice yesterday, she's going to practice today," she said.

♦ McGraw will celebrate her birthday May Wednesday night. The Irish are 3-1 on McGraw's birthday during her 21-year tenure at Notre Dame, with their last victory coming against Liberty, 85-68, on Dec. 2, 1999 in the championship game of the Wachovia Women's Basketball Invitational in Richmond, Va.

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FOOTBALL
Weis: Clausen could be 'something special'

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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After a year closely evaluating freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis said he has seen early signs of "it" — the indefinable quality that makes quarterbacks great.

"Let's not rush this, but I think, when you see the evidence that this kid could be something special," Weis said in a news conference Monday.

Clausen played in 10 games this season for the Irish, starting nine of them, and finished with 1,254 yards, seven touchdowns and six interceptions. But during Notre Dame's final three games against Air Force, Duke and Stanford — both wins — Clausen started to improve in play. In those games, the freshman had six touchdowns, one interception and a 55.8 percent completion percentage. These performances came after Clausen rode the bench for Notre Dame's two losses to USC on Oct. 20 and Navy on Nov. 3.

Weis said Clausen's break in playing time midway through the season was just a part of the quarterback's learning process and the two halves were not two separate entities.

"I look at it when he get here last year right on through," Weis said. "You know, how it progressed. All I can tell you is he would like things to have turned out a lot better, so would have I. But I definitely like the direction where this is going." 

After Clausen showed considerable on-the-field improvement in the end of the season, Weis said the most important thing for his freshman quarterback is this offseason will be to hit the weights and gain some muscle strength.

"I think that the kid has a very good mind. He has a very good arm. He has a pretty good understanding about the basis of our system that we're going to be able to expand into this offseason," Weis said. "But I think for him, more than mentally, I think that his biggest task is going to be to get himself fully healthy and physically ready to go and add some muscle."

Because Notre Dame failed to qualify for a bowl game, it cannot practice again until the spring season begins, but its strength and conditioning program started this week.

Weis said the only other aspect Clausen needs to work on is becoming a leader.

"I think that any time you're a freshman, it's tough to be a leader or show leadership abilities when you're a freshman because it's tough for a fifth-year senior in a huddle to look at a freshman and say, 'okay, I'm going to listen to everything,'" he said. "It's a little tough just naturally doing it that way, although he got a lot of help from guys like [center John Sullivan] and [tight end] John Carlson to make sure that the way things went was around here."

But after this season, Weis feels that his quarterback has gone through the "ritue of passing" and now needs to become the head of the offense.

One of the main things Weis was most impressed with this season was Clausen's "nasty" attitude — something the coach hoped to instill in the Irish since he joined the program in 2005.

Weis said attitude helped Clausen adapt to being the starting quarterback as a freshman, despite that he didn't have the team experience Notre Dame's other quarterback had.

Overall, Weis is confident in the quarterback situation going into the spring, a difference from the previous year's summer's four-way quarterback battle, which featured three different quarterbacks taking snaps in the same game of the fall.

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In those games, no one on the Irish stepped up and made a big shot to kill the other team’s run. On Tuesday, McAlarney made that clutch shot, and gave his team a huge win. Still, while McAlarney won the game at the end, the Irish wouldn’t have even been in that position if it wasn’t for the play of several other players, most notably Luke Harangody.

The sophomore forward scored 19 points and grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds despite being repeatedly bucketed under the basket while the referees turned a blind eye. He also played solid defense on Wildcats superstar freshman Michael Beasley. Zach Hillesland and Ivan Ayers complemented Harangody with strong play at the small forward position. They hustled for rebounds and always had their hands in the passing lanes — especially Ayers, who forced a turnover with a deflection of an in-bounds pass on one of Kansas State’s final possessions.

No one had expected Kansas State to have that much success and experience on both ends of the floor. The Irish used a zone to grind the Wildcats down, and the Irish defense was the difference in the game.

The Irish led most of the initial 20 minutes, though their perimeter game struggled — Notre Dame shot just 1-for-12 from the arc in the first half. Irish guard Tory Jackson, at a 3-for-12 clip, drained two buckets for Kansas forward Luis Colon to give Notre Dame its biggest lead of the half at 28-16.

Luke Harangody Irish forward

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"That was our biggest point of emphasis coming into the game," Hillesland said by phone. "... So it was just really big team awareness in terms of blocking out every guy and trying to get every rebound. We hadn’t done as good a job of that in previous games and I thought that extra attention to that area really paid off tonight."

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It was a great victory for us. I think mentally, it gives us a lot of confidence," Harangody said by phone. "It was pretty much just like a road game. It was a hostile environment. A lot of people weren’t rooting for us."

Notre Dame shot two close games to power-conference schools Baylor and Georgia Tech — at the Paradise Jam Tournament in the Virgin Islands in November. Tuesday’s game against Kansas State represented Notre Dame’s last chance to defeat a power-conference opponent before beginning Big East play on Jan. 3 against West Virginia. Irish coach Mike Brey said he was pleased with how his team responded to the pressure of the game.

"I thought we were a lot more mentally tough than we were in the Virgin Islands," Brey told ESPN after the game.

With the Irish ahead 39-37 and just over two minutes left to play, Harangody drove along the baseline and hit a runner to put the Irish up by four. Kansas State freshman forward Michael Beasley hit a pair of free throws on the Wildcats next possession to pull the Wildcats back within two. Beasley scored the contest averaged 26.7 points and 15 rebounds per game, finished with 19 points on 4-for-21 shooting and 14 rebounds, but only had four points in the second half.

After junior forward Zach Hillesland grabbed one of his nine rebounds on Notre Dame’s next trip down the floor, he swung the ball to Jackson, who passed to McAlarney at the top of the key. A confident McAlarney, who had scored more than 20 points in his last three games, drained the open shot from just inside the NCA 3-point line, giving Notre Dame a five-point lead. It was a broken play, and I knew once that ball was swinging, I had a good look and if that went in, that was going to be a huge dagger for us," McAlarney said.

"So I have to step up and take that. Luckily, I made it," McAlarney said.

Following a Beasley miss, Irish forward Luke Harangody knocked a loose ball out of bounds in front of the Wildcat bench. Long-armed Irish forward Ryan Ayers got a hand on the ball in the in-bounds pass, which then went out of bounds off Kansas State forward Bill Walker.

"He has really good instincts on both ends of the floor," Hillesland said of Ayers. "He has a lot of length for a 12-foot man, even that two man defender. He provides that extra length other players don’t have. His instincts in just reading plays really helps us out on the defensive end of the floor."

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Irish forward Luke Harangody drives during Notre Dame’s 68-59 win over Kansas State Tuesday. Harangody had 19 points in the game.

-- By Chris Hine
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RICH PROTTA & ANDY SPANDLER

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Did you hear the band that re-tour their thrill? Their theme song's "Mission in the endzone." Is either one serious? Do your writers strike too?

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**Men's Basketball**

**Teamwork over talent**

Haranogody's 19 points, 14 boards keep team from blowing late lead

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

More than 200 friends and family members went to Madison Square Garden Tuesday to see Kyle McAlarney's homecoming, and McAlarney didn't let them down.

The Staten Island native scored Notre Dame's final nine points, including a clutch 3-pointer with 1:32 remaining, to lift Notre Dame (6-2) to a 68-59 victory over Kansas State (5-3) in the Jimmy V Classic.

McAlarney finished with 18 points in his first game in New York since his semester-long suspension following a January arrest on charges of marijuana possession.

"I was a great feeling," McAlarney said in a phone interview after the game. "Those were all the people that were behind me through the tough times, and it just feels so good that I could come back and play in front of them and just give them a good show."

Forward Luke Harangody added 19 points and a career-high 14 rebounds for the Irish.

Irish guard Kyle McAlarney fights for a loose ball with Wildcats guard Jacob Pullen during the first half of Notre Dame's 68-59 win Tuesday over Kansas State in the Jimmy V Classic.

**Football Commentary**

**A Christmas list for the Irish**

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The biting wind whistled down South Quad, the early morning fog on the sidewalks adds an exciting tinge of danger on your walk to class, Frostbite is in the air and the music of Mariah Carey and Darlene Love is in heavy rotation in the dining halls.

That’s right, it’s yuletide at Notre Dame.

And in the Christmas spirit, I’ve prepared a small wish list for Notre Dame this off-season.

Fix special teams.

Notre Dame’s special teams need work. The Irish gave up too many yards on kickoffs and didn’t pin opponents deep enough. This hidden yardage can win games, but that hidden yardage is harder for the Irish to find than the toys my party ... or, Santa Claus bought me each year.

Before the season, Weis said he and every assistant coach had a role in special teams. That system, however it worked, didn’t. Luckily, Christmas came a little early on this one. Weis said at a news conference Monday that he will re-evaluate the special teams and do things a little differently in 2008. That can only help, if only because they can’t get much worse.

Get Golden Tate the ball.

The freshman wide out nearly swung Notre Dame’s 33-19 loss to Purdue in Notre Dame’s favor. Tate had 104 yards on three go-routes, which only require the receiver to run as fast as he can down the field. There are no cuts, slants, posts — nothing like that. It just requires Tate to give them a little over two minutes remaining Tuesday night, Notre Dame was hanging on to a tenuous lead. The Irish were up 59-57, but they hadn’t scored in nearly five minutes.

The situation was all too reminiscent of the end of the ‘89 and ‘92 seasons, when Notre Dame struggled to score down the stretch and blew big leads.

But McAlarney made sure that wouldn’t happen again. He took the ball on the wing, drove baseline, and threw in a runner to put the Irish up by six.

**ND Women’s Basketball**

**ND faces tough defense against Bowling Green**

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will face its toughest opposing defense since it played No. 3 Maryland when it travels to Bowling Green tonight to face the Falcons at 7 at Anderson Arena.

Last season, it took an overtime period for Notre Dame to beat Bowling Green, 85-81. Notre Dame is 3-0 in the all-time series. The Irish, ranked No. 16 in this week’s Associated Press poll, will travel for the first time since Nov. 20, when they lost 75-59 at then-No. 3 Maryland.

The Falcons hold opponents to 56.5 points per game, despite losing six seniors from a 2006-07 team that reached the Sweet 16.

"They’re an experienced team in some ways because their point guard [Kate] Achter has sweet sixteen experience," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She was great last year, and she’s running the team really well this year. She’s their leading scorer, she’s playing really well."

The Falcons defeated Cornell in the championship game of the Cornell Classic on Saturday. They have won their games this season by an average of 14.2 points.

Achter leads the team in scoring with 17.2 points per game. Lauren Prochaska is second with 14.3 points and three steals per game and averaged 15.5 points in two games during the Cornell Classic.

McGraw isn’t worried about her team’s ball control, however, saying she has faith in the team’s point guards, Tulyah Gaines and Melissa Lechlitner.

"I think Tulyah is experienced, and she’s playing really well. She’s got a pretty good assist to turnover ratio," McGraw said. "I think she’ll handle herself well, as well Lech. I’m confident in our point guards."

But McGraw said Bowling Green has the toughest defense the Irish will face since Maryland and that they need to take care of the ball.

The Bowling Green defense has held opponents without a field goal for five-minute stretches in each of its first six games.

After its loss to Maryland in the semifinals of the preseason WNIT, Notre Dame blew out its next four opponents. Even though the team has five wins by 30 points or more, McGraw said the Irish never took games easy.

"They don’t look at last year," McGraw said. "They don’t say, well, last year was an easy game, this year will be a tough game or view versa."