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Pangborn rector told to reconstruct ‘Xmas’ decoration to spell out Christmas

By KAREN LANGLEY
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The events leading to this change began two weeks ago, when Yomke submitted a work order form to have workers from the Maintenance Department hang the sign on the front of Pangborn. Construction of the sign had concluded just a day earlier after months of work by hall president Allie Carrick and a friend from Dillon.

With Thanksgiving just days away, no progress on hanging the sign was made until Nov. 21, when Yomke was supposed to speak with a staff member from Maintenance, she said. They agreed the sign would be hung in front of the dorm.

Hours later, Yomke said, she received a call from Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk.

**Bookstore to add retail, seating space**

**Construction to change book, café areas; completion date scheduled for April 2008**

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

The Harmones Notre Dame Bookstore began renovations earlier this week to add nearly 2,500 square feet of additional retail and seating space to the building. The most noticeable changes will be made to the general books and café areas, said Keith Kirkpatrick, director of retail management for the Bookstore.

“The University wants to have the best bookstore possible,” Kirkpatrick said. “We saw that the areas that could use the most improvement from a quantity and presentation side were the general books and café areas.”

The construction for the project should be completed by April 2008. The cosmetic details, like new carpeting and painting, are expected to be finished by fall 2008. The new plans include several major changes to the store’s floor plan, the

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Common Sense and The Irish Rover provide students articles on different topics and with different styles than The Observer, said staffers at the two publications.

“Common Sense is a place where you can publish research-based articles that are either too long to print in something like The Observer or too liberal for a publication like The Rover,” said senior Jacqueline Collins, a member of Common Sense’s editorial board.

The founder of Common Sense, political science professor Peter Walsh, said The Observer reports on a wide range of current issues.

“But Common Sense has always been more focused on methods of justice, social justice and the common good,” he said. “We have a narrower focus, but one that’s very important for the campus.”

Senior Molly Hayes, Common Sense’s editor-in-chief, said the publication has a circulation of 3,000 copies and published around once a month. Common Sense’s objective, she said, was to “provide a more humanitarian perspective on the news.”

“As ND, sometimes we forget that Catholicism and conservatism aren’t synonymous,” she said.

Common Sense’s articles draw on each of the seven elements of Catholic social teaching, she said, but submissions are not exclusively religious.

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“Giving back to Saint Mary’s is something that has given much to them, said Auxiliary Alums who have boxed, said executive director Whitney Endsley, who joined the club in her sophomore year, has seen Baraka Bouts transform into one of Notre Dame’s premier fundraising events.

This year, the club set a record when 120 girls signed up. On Thursday, 44 women boxed in the exhibition, which lasted from 6 p.m. Until 11 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

“The women participating are part of one of the fastest growing clubs at Notre Dame,” Frey said.

Papers give alternative news sources

Rover, Common Sense take different approach to journalism

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INSIDE COLUMN

Getting into the spirit

Ah, the holiday season. With the fresh layers of snow on the ground and the knowledge that break is just around the corner, my festive mood keeps rising and is on the verge of going off the charts.

For some unexplainable reason, I have more Christmas spirit this year than I have had in a long time. I am pondering this thought over some classic Christmas music the other day when my roommate pointed out to me that all the Christmas carols seem to be much more poignant to her this year now that she is away from home.

It was a light bulb moment. I realized that she is entirely right. As a freshman, this is my first year away from my family during the holiday season. I never before felt a deep connection with my home or family during Christmas. It is filled with an air of family and connection and now is filled with an air of family and connection.

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CLARIFICATION

Free Brady, associate dean of fine arts, now SMAC senior editor personal press, in the Dec. 6th edition of The Observer, Thursday, while she supports the Freedom of Choice Act, she held her press primarily "for women's reproductive freedoms." I believe, she said, was not to advocate a repeal of the ban on partial birth abortions, as stated in the article's subhead. 

OFFBEAT

The First Noel, the police did arrest.

ANDERSON, Ind. — A Salvation Army bell ringer sang "The First Noel" while shoplifting Christmas ornaments on his back, police said. Sean M. Sayers, 23, Anderson, was arrested Wednesday on a misdemeanor charge of conversion.

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Store ad: Hams 'delicious for Chanukah.'

NEW YORK — This was REALLY not kosher. A grocery store in Manhattan made a food faux pas, advertising hams as "Delicious for Chanukah.

Simpatico for Chanukah, an alternate spelling for hanukkah, is the eight-day Jewish holiday that began Tuesday evening, and hams as well as pork and other products from pigs can't be eaten under Jewish dietary laws.

A woman who saw the mistake over the weekend at the Balducci's store on 14th Street took pictures of the signs and posted them on her blog. Jennifer Burton, director of marketing, told The Associated Press on Thursday that the signs were changed as soon as the error was noted. She issued an apology on the company Web site, saying the company would be reviewing its employee training.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

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ND seniors debate possible gifts

Legacy gift could be study abroad scholarship, environmental fund

By JOSEPH McMATHON
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The Notre Dame Senior Class Gift committee is currently deciding how much money raised by the Class of 2008 will help the University in the future.

Each year, the committee, which consists of 10 seniors and one junior, raises money by asking for donations from the graduating class and its parents to help benefit causes such as financial aid and study abroad programs.

"The Senior Class Gift is a fundraising opportunity for the senior class to leave a legacy," said Moira Madden, the assistant director of Notre Dame's Annual Fund, which coordinates the committee.

This year, the committee is considering several causes to benefit with the money it raises.

"The committee gets together and talks about what their class is interested in," Madden said. "We talk about a number of things — a lot of times classes talk about financial aid and how important that is to students and they want other people to have the same experience they've had."

Among the causes being considered is the Environmental and Conservation Operations Fund, which would be used to help Notre Dame improve its environmental record. The fund would be overseen and utilized by the Energy and Environmental Issues committee, the Students for Environmental Action and the Energy Center Student Advisory Board.

"A number of years ago, Notre Dame received a D-minus score for environmental issues on campus," Madden said. "Our environmental grade has changed since then, but this fund would go to help all their initiatives and help with different projects. It is a fund that would be endowed so it's something that would be around forever, and they would be able to use the interest from it to continue on in their mission."

The committee is also considering using the money it raises to provide financial aid to future students, possibly to those hoping to study abroad.

"Money raised might be going to be financial aid, we just haven't figured out any restrictions," Madden said. "It's possible that it would be for the abroad program, but right now it's mostly a financial aid package."

The committee has also spoken to the Career Center about the possibility of creating an internship program. However, the project is still in such a nascent stage that the specifics have yet to really be discussed, Madden said.

The committee hopes this year's Senior Class Gift is as successful as last year's, when 30 percent of the graduating class participated and approximately $90,000 was raised.

Madden said participating by donating to the committee — even if the donation is small — is important to the University and its mission.

"We want students to get involved," she said. "It's important to be involved and to support any way that they can. It's about participation, not a dollar amount."

The committee hopes to have decided upon a cause before winter break. It will send out letters around March inviting seniors to donate to the fund.

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English professor wins book award

Special to The Observer

Kathryn Kerby-Fulton, Notre Dame english professor, recently was awarded the John Ben Snow Prize from the North American Conference on British Studies for "Books Under Suspicion: Censorship and Tolerance of Revelatory Writing in Late Medieval England."

Published last year by Notre Dame Press, "Books Under Suspicion" offers a sharply revisionist account of intellectual freedom in the 14th and 15th centuries and examines the censorship issues that propelled the major writers of the period toward their massive use of visionary genres.

The award citation states: "Through its superb scholarship, "Books Under Suspicion" recasts our understanding of religious heterodoxy in late medieval England. Kathryn Kerby-Fulton challenges traditional historiography that privileges the radicalism of John Wycliffe and his followers. Instead, through close examination of visionary genres and texts, she establishes a significant, alternative intellectual history, one that shows a surprising depth of pluralism and tolerance for unorthodox thought... Kerby-Fulton's scholarship is remarkable, her methodology often ingenious, particularly her use of reception history and codicology. This book rests on rich sources, both literary and theological, vernacular and Latin. It integrates Europe and England in new ways and shows a pluralist culture under constant negotiation and evolution."

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2005, Kerby-Fulton was awarded a 2007-08 fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, for which she is working on a project titled "Medieval Reading Circles and the Rise of English Literature in England and Anglo-Ireland."

Specializing in Middle English literature and related areas of medieval studies, Kerby-Fulton also is the author of "Reformist Apocalypticism and Flers Plowman" (which won the John Nicholas Brown Prize from the Medieval Academy of America in 1994), co-author of "Iconography and the Professional Reader," and co-editor of three collections.

Kerby-Fulton has served as a visiting scholar at Princeton, Yale and Harvard Universities. Her research awards include 13 SSHRC grants, one SSHRC leave, and fellowships at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University and the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society at the University of Victoria, where she recently served as a faculty member.
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Ensign said. "We’ve taken strides in terms of being organized and having really committed people behind us." The main fundraising campaign is called the "Power Hour," where we do as many jump- ups and sit-ups as we can, she said. "Each member raises $100 and some even raise over $700." Fifty partic­ipants raised at least one dollar during the "Power Hour," McCormick said. Additional funds will come from the main event, in the form of ticket sales for $3 and program sales for $40. We raised some money that was left over from last year’s Baraka Bouts fundraiser, she said. The word "baraka" means blessings or good fortune in Swahili. It was picked as the event’s name in 2004. "We wanted to pick a word that encompassed who we are as a club, and because we work with East Africa, Swahili was a good language to pick," McCormick said. With the help of BioSports, the women of Baraka Bouts are beginning to raise the awareness and funds for Baraka Bouts, McCormick said. She hopes the event sometime this year has the prominence of the legal Bouts, the men’s boxing competition — also for charity — that takes place each year. "A lot of the paperwork the guys have to do we started doing last year so that we could be at the same level as them," she said. Endicott student Kristin Burke said. Along with her (inter) captain Nicole Koors, Burke introduced novices to the sport and trained the veterans. "I think that most of the paperwork deals with our opportunities to do something with the charity side of it just makes it that much better," she said.

Considering the club’s growth in recent years, however, as well as members of the Women’s Basketball Club hope enough girls will join so that they can have Baraka Bouts-style tournament, as opposed to just one night with one-on-one pairings. However, just as Holy Cross men are barred from joining Baraka Bouts due to liability issues, Saint Mary’s women are not allowed to participate in Baraka Bouts. McCormick was forced to turn down a number of girls who were interested in competing.

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The Rover and The Collector — the premier film for seniors claim to desire, and yet it’s the treatment I’ve observed is that diverse elements are being used. The bookstore is now in the process of converting its space to retail. The expansion of the south wall will add 1,000 square feet to the general books section and an additional 60 percent more space to the section’s cur­rent stock to the shelves. The new wall will allow more room for seating areas with comfortable sofas chairs. The new wall includes expanding the cur­rent cafe toward the ceiling, hooking up our windows, and over­look campus, Kirkpatrick said.

He said the northeast cor­ner of the bookstore will be expanded and make more comfortable seating, flat screen TVs, a larger magazine section, and a wireless Internet. Other changes include adding a book information center to the front of the store, adding new kiosks throughout the store where customers can search for books and opening the double doors at the store’s tenth and corner to students, faculty and staff.

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building set to open for the 2008-09 school year in honor of their class," Frey said.

While this year’s gift is still under discussion, the 2008 Senior Gift chair Beth McKevitt said the class will follow traditions set by previous classes, but no decisions will be made until spring.

As of right now, I can promise that a sizable amount will be donated in the form of stu­dent scholarships, as is tradition," McKevitt said.

The goal for the Senior Gift Campaign is 100 percent stu­dent participation.

"Our campaign is more focused on participation rather than the actual dollar amount raised at the end of the year," McKevitt said. "In suc­ceeding in reaching our goal of 100 percent participation among the senior class, we hope improve the College’s sta­tus in national (4) as well as Irish polls and Report and enhance our national reputation.

Students begin raising money as freshmen through each class’s Quarter Campaign, a smaller version of the Senior Gift Campaign. The campaigns are "basically the same thing," Frey said, but the same changes for senior year.

Each class has its own camp­aign and account, Frey said. This ensures that the gift a stu­dent makes during any year at Saint Mary’s goes into his class’s own account and will be there as her senior class makes its gift decision.

"That is the biggest misun­derstanding," Frey said. "When you donate, you’re giving to your own class’s campaign." Both the Senior Gift and Quarter campaigns provide

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Congolese women allegedly raped
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Angolan soldiers routinely and repeatedly raped Congolese women who have crossed the border of work in mining fields, an international aid organization said Wednesday.

Doctors Without Borders said that over two weeks in October one of their teams saw 200 rape victims at the clinic in Watsanwa, a Congolese province bordering Angola. Congolese officials at the Angolan Defense Ministry were not immediately available for comment. Other Angolan government officials contacted by The Associated Press were not aware of the allegations and could not comment until they had seen a detailed report. Congolese officials were not immediately available for comment.

NATO sides with Rice against Iran
BRUSSELS, Belgium — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice won support from European allies Thursday for new U.N. sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program.

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At a working dinner in Brussels, the alliance’s headquarters, the ministers accepted the Bush administration argument that Iran remains a threat and needs to be treated as such, Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht told reporters.

NATIONAL NEWS

Parking garages collapse in N.C., Fla.
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A portion of parking deck at a busy shopping mall collapsed Thursday, and a motorist who may have triggered the accident by crashing into the structure died, police said.

The three-story structure at the mall was reportedly damaged, said Mecklenburg EMS Agency spokesperson Eric Mortman.

The collapse of a portion of the parking garage in Jacksonville, Fla., partially collapsed Thursday, injuring about two dozen people, officials said.

One person was missing, but police did not know whether the worker was trapped or had escaped. Firefighters were on the scene Thursday.

At least 21 people were taken to hospitals, which reported three in fair condition, two in good condition, one in critical condition and one in rest status or released.

Ex-fundraiser arrested for child porn

John F. Krimsky Jr., 68, pleaded not guilty in state court in Danbury on Monday, a day after pleading guilty to possession of child pornography in Connecticut.

The arrest resulted from a 2005 tip from the New York Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which prompted an investigation that found Krimsky had used child pornography images with another person, state police said.

Investigators seized his home computers and found 329 images that appeared to be child pornography.

Local News

Woman leaves newborn in toilet
BOSTON — A Massachusetts woman who gave birth at home and left her newborn daughter in a toilet will be sentenced next month on a charge of willful neglect.

The newborn was found in a toilet, where she was left by her mother's partner.

Oxfam activists wearing polar bear costumes stage a demonstration outside the U.N. climate change conference headquarters in Bonn, Germany.

Several U.S. states have announced plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles.

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Episcopal diocese may split from church

FRESNO, Calif. — Heading into a critical vote, an Episcopal diocese in central California is poised to split with the national denomination over what its bishop sees as the threat of moral decay in the church.

The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin is expected to vote by Saturday to secede from the U.S. church, becoming the first diocese in the country to do so because of a disagreement over gay relations.

A confirmative vote would place San Joaquin under the leadership of a like-minded, conservative Anglican diocese in Argentina. It is almost certain to spark a court fight over control of the diocese’s multi-million dollar real estate holdings and other assets.

"I'm heartbroken for the parishes and clergy who have been active role in battling climate change. It’s one of the things that point the way to having the United States re-engage in the negotiations, and really I think in many ways demonstrates the U.S. leadership on these issues," Wasskow said.

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Dow Jones CEO leaves, Murdoch enters


News Corp. plans to announce Friday that Zannino will be succeeded by Les Hinton, the former chief executive of Murdoch-owned Times of London, who will become publisher of The Wall Street Journal, the Journal reported earlier Thursday.

A News Corp. spokesman declined to comment on the succession.

Dow Jones's deal to acquire Dow Jones for $5.6 billion is expected to close shortly after Dow Jones shareholders vote on it Dec. 13. Murdoch had faced opposition from several members of the family that controls Dow Jones shareholder vote and a union that represents Journal reporters, but he convinced enough members of the Bancroft family to commit to supporting the deal to assure its passage.

The $60-per-share price that Murdoch is paying represented a massive premium of 63 percent over where Dow Jones stock had been trading before his offer became public.

At a time of general competition in the newspaper industry, Murdoch has also said he would invest additional resources in The Journal, expanding its overseas presence, online operations and coverage of Washington.

Zannino became CEO of Dow Jones in early 2006, and was the first non-journalist to hold the company's top post in its history.

Associated Press

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Kirk told her that the sign could not be hung as it was, so not to "take Christ out of Christmas," she said.
Kirk confirmed that he had agreed to have the sign changed for that reason.
Carrick had worked on the sign with the Rev. Mark Clohessy and Yompekse agreed it would be unreasonable for ball resi-
dents to make the changes themselves.
"We were sort of blinded," Carrick said. "We didn't expect there to be backlash.
She expressed frustration because the "X" had been used in the past to allow women to vote, to balance correctness and conserve materials, thus cut-
ing down on cost. After spending more than 40 hours cons-
sidering a variety of possible signs, the sign that she wanted it to be on display for the shortest possible time before winter break.
Kirk said he never believed anyone at the school intended by Pangborn residents or staff and appreciated their desire to dis-
play their decorations but stood by his decision to request a change in the sign.
"When you think about the rectors and students who live in dorms, it's their home," she said. "But when you put public decorations in the public space, it's a part of the broader University community and visitors."
The original sign was taken to the campus car-

depot shop, where it underwent a trimming of four inches and the addition of five more. Though Pangborn and the sign, the cost of the changes was taken on by the Pangborn residence hall.
The sign was displayed in front of Pangborn on Monday evening.
Though saying "keep Christ in Christmas," the use in mainstream Christian circles, the sign's original wording may not be without historical and theological
Father Gary Chamberland, Pangborn chaplain, said the use of the letter X as a shorthand for Christ was a common practice.
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Atlantis shuttle launch postponed

Two faulty engine sensors end NASA shuttle's streak of on-time launches

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA called off Thursday's launch of space shuttle Atlantis after a pair of fuel gauges in its big external tank failed to work properly, a recurring problem ever since the Columbia disaster.

Shuttle managers said the next launch attempt would be no earlier than Saturday. Atlantis is loaded with a European space station lab, Columbus, that has been waiting for years to fly to the international space station.

After meeting well into the evening, shuttle managers decided to forgo a Friday launch attempt to give engineers more time to figure out what was wrong and, quite possibly, work around the problem.

"We want to sleep on it," said LeRoy Cain, chairman of the mission management team. "We want to encourage the engineers and the rest of the team to sleep on it and think about what we might not be thinking about yet." Preliminary indications were that the problem might be with an open circuit rather than the gauges themselves — perhaps a spliced line or bad connector — which would be easier to fix.

Two of the four engine-cutout sensors failed a standard pre-flight test Thursday morning as Atlantis was being fueled with liquid hydrogen; these are required to provide accurate readings in order to proceed with a launch. NASA is considering the possibility of flying with fewer sensors working.

"The sensors are part of a critical backup system to ensure that the shuttle's three main engines don't shut down too soon or too late during liftoff, a potentially disastrous problem. Trouble with the sensors have delayed shuttle launches before, most recently in September 2006. To NASA's puzzlement, the trouble began cropping up following the Columbia disaster. This time, two sensors went out instead of one.

"We really are scratching our heads," said launch director Doug Lyons.

Because the problem is believed to be in wiring between the Atlantis and the external fuel tank, the shuttle's engine compartment remained sealed and no repairs were planned, at least for now.

Thursday's postponement was a keen disappointment for the European Space Agency. The $2 billion lab has been in the works for nearly a quarter-century, and was held up for years by NASA's repeated space station design problems and, more recently, the 2003 Columbia tragedy.

"Of course, we would love to fly on time, but we want to fly when it's safe," said Alan Thakur, the European space station program manager.

The postponement ended NASA's streak of on-time shuttle launches for the year. Each of the year's previous three countdowns ended in on-the-dot departures. Because of poor sun angles and computer concerns, NASA would have to wait until the beginning of January to launch Atlantis if it was flying by next Thursday or Friday.

When the fuel sensors failed, the launch was still more than eight hours away, and shuttle commander Stephen Frick and his six crewmates had yet to climb aboard.

Omaha man received treatment for illness

OMAHA, Neb. — The young man who killed eight people and committed suicide in a shooting rampage at a Nebraska department store spent four years in a series of treatment centers, group homes and foster care after threatening to kill himself in 2002.

Finally, in August 2006, social workers, the courts and his family all agreed. It was time for Robert Hawkins to be released — nine months before he turned 19 and would have been required to remain in custody anyway.

The group homes and treatment centers were for youths with substance abuse, mental or behavioral problems.

If Hawkins should have gotten out sooner, someone would have intervened months earlier, Hawkins' last conversations over the Internet with an Omaha man who killed eight people in a series of treatment centers, group homes and foster care after threatening to kill himself in 2002, was sent to a treatment center in Wayneville, Mo., after threats he made to kill himself.

He spent about $265,000 on Hawkins, officials said.

On Thursday, while some of those who knew Hawkins said they were not surprised, others said they were. Hawkins was set free, nine months before he turned 19 and would have been required to remain in custody anyway.

"He should have gotten help, but I think he needed someone to help him and needed someone to be there when in the past he said he wanted to kill himself," said Katessa Fox, who said she knew Hawkins through a friend. "Someone should have listened to him to." Todd Landry, state director of children and family services, said court records do not show precisely why Hawkins was released. But he clearly planned for everything "sorry here."

"It is my opinion, it was not a failure of the system to provide appropriate services," Landry said. "If that was an issue, any of the participants in the case would have brought that forth." Under state law, Landry said, wards are released to the least restrictive environment. He went through a series of institutions in Nebraska as he progressed through the system: months at a treatment center and group home in Omaha in 2003, time in a foster care program and treatment center in 2004 and 2005; then a release drug-possession charge later in 2005. Landry said the court records do not identify the drug.

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Hawkins and her sons showed up at a police station where she said she thought the gun looked too old to work. Police believe Hawkins was using that AK-47 when he stormed off a shopping center in the store and started shooting.

Police said they have found no connections between the 19-year-old, six employees and two shoppers he killed.

"The shooting victims were randomly selected," was the location of the shooting. Omaha Police Chief Thomas Warren said.

Accomplishments said that Hawkins was a drug user and that he had a history of depression. In 2005 and 2006, according to court records, he underwent psychiatric evaluations, the reasons for which Landry would not disclose, citing privacy rules.

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Basketball deserves support

The night before Notre Dame's March 5, 1977 game against 29-0 San Francisco, coach Digger Phelps spoke to the student section at a pep rally. Phelps suggested the student body replace its traditional "We are," clap clap, "NI," chant with "29" clap, clap, and "1"); clap. The students did as they were told.

From the moment San Francisco entered the Joyce Center, it was greeted with chants of "29 and 1." Throughout the game, the students kept the noise in the Joyce Center at a deafening level. Soon, the rest of the crowd joined in and willed Notre Dame to a 93-82 victory. The crowd had such a big impact on the game that NBC announcers Dick Enberg and Billy Parker awarded the game MVP to the crowd in the Joyce Center.

Over the past few years, the student section at Notre Dame basketball games displayed that same ability to inspire the players to reach new heights. Last year's 99-85 win over No. 4 Alabama, when the student section rushed the floor like a rolling tide, showed that the enthusiasm for Notre Dame basketball did not die in the 70s.

But that enthusiasm has failed to show up on a consistent basis. Unlike football games, when the student section is filled regardless of Notre Dame's record or quality of opponent, basketball games frequently have hundreds of empty seats in the student section. True, there are more basketball games than football, and the academic demands of Notre Dame often prevent students from making every game, but every student should try to attend this weekend's game against Northern Illinois. Northern Illinois may not be 29-0 San Francisco, but Notre Dame has a chance to set a record it probably could not reach without the help of the student section — the record for most consecutive home wins.

Students should show up not only to share this special moment with the team, but also to convince Notre Dame's athletic department that they deserve better seating in the upcoming Joyce Center renovations in 2009.

Coach Mike Brey has repeatedly said he wishes students could sit around the floor like they do at many other major universities around the country, but if the students fail to show up, why shouldn't the athletic department give those prime seats to paying customers who will attend games? In order to convince the athletic department that students deserve this privilege, students need to show an appreciation for the history of the program and the need to show up to so-called "cupcake" games early in the year to demonstrate loyalty. Otherwise, students have nothing to blame but themselves if they're stuck in the nonleagues after 2009.

**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Some people will never learn anything because they understand everything too soon."

— Alexander Pope

English poet
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defining ‘news’

I am a proud Notre Dame student. Recent football seasons aside, I cannot recall one instance in which I was in any way ashamed of my status as a student here. That changed Thursday morning, when I picked up an Observer and read Liz Harper’s front-page article, “SMC senior helps personal protest” (Dec. 6). Its presence on the front page of our student newspaper is an insult not only to the 46 million babies aborted globally each year but to journalism and common sense. If Erin Brady wants to bemoan America’s lack of “abortion facilities” and deficient “choice” advocacy, that is her opinion. I, of course, disagree. But the point is beside the point.

Granting a “personal protest” front-page status and portraying it as news is not. Brady’s “activism in action” professor should be proud. By standing out in the snow, she elevated her personal opinion to the status of a news article. I think The Observer’s editors need to remember that there is a Viewpoint section and that it alone should be the main outlet for personal opinion. That is why Letters to the Editor are printed there.

In conclusion, The Observer needs to reconsider what it classifies as news and what it classifies as one person with an opinion. One person with an opinion — regardless of whether I agree with it — does not constitute a story. If the editors continue the blur those lines, I want them to know that tonight I too am holding a “personal protest” in my tiny Morrissey quarters. I have all sorts of good opinions; can I call front-page?

Adam Hansmann
sophomore
Monastery Manor
Dec. 6

Dining hall menu needs adjusting

I want to elaborate on a serious issue affecting all South Dining Hall visitors. The lack of pie. Pie is an overlooked dessert option and there has not been nearly enough pumpkin pie. Also, what is up with the oriental line? When will pasta stir-fry make a much needed come-back into the weekly menu?

Patrick McHugh
sophomore
Fisher Hall
Dec. 6

U-Wire

Global health on the graying planet

Our planet is graying. In every major society today, there are ever-increasing numbers and proportions of people over the age of 65.

Indeed, the fastest growing segment of most societies is now the “oldest old” — individuals who are 85 and older. This “graying of the planet” will continue for at least the next 50 years — until today’s high school students are senior citizens.

As stated in a recent report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, “No challenge is as certain as global aging and none is likely to have as large and enduring an effect on the size and shape of government budgets, on the future growth in living standards, and the stability of the global economy and the world order.”

The larger proportion of elderly compared to younger generations is the result of two population trends: declining birth rates and increasing life expectancy. These trends affect every part of the globe, although at different rates.

For example, life expectancy has increased by roughly 40 years during the past century in Europe, and birth rates have fallen to below replacement rates, making Europe the continent with the highest proportion of elderly.

Developing societies — primarily in Asia, Africa and South America — are younger, but are aging at a faster rate than was historically true for industrialized societies. China, in particular, is aging rapidly because of its “one-child” policy, which has led to unusually small cohorts of children and young adults.

The aging of society poses a variety of challenges to the younger generations that will support and succeed their elders. Chief among these is how to provide appropriate health care for older citizens. Here in the United States, Medicare costs are projected to account for 9 percent of the gross domestic product by 2050. Payroll taxes for Medicare alone would have to quadruple to maintain current coverage levels.

Will younger generations be willing to pay the price of sustaining Medicare? Worldwide, the vast majority of health care dollars have traditionally been spent on acute illnesses — medical management as these progressive diseases worsen and interventions that address the needs of the disabled. Because of the long-term nature and the disability that often accompanies chronic illness, more than physician care is needed. The disabled chronical-ly ill also need supportive services such as transportation, help with household, assistive devices (such as wheelchairs and walkers) and, for the most dis-abled, full-time custodial care. And, of course, effective and ongoing treatment of chronic illnesses is much more expensive than treatment for acute conditions.

Meeting the needs of an aging population requires a transformation of health care systems designed on acute-care models. An older population is a sicker population. Medical school curricula must be redesigned to focus primarily on chronic illnesses. Health care manpower needs increase — not only the per-capita number of physicians and nurses, but also a wide variety of medical technicians, rehabilitation workers and social workers. Different kinds of equipment are required for hospitals and clinics. Health care financing programs, whether public or private, need to reimburse more, different and likely more expensive services.

Thus, global health is largely an issue of global aging. Improving basic medical care and public health during childhood and early adulthood are important in part because they result in healthier older adults. But preventing and treating chronic illnesses will be the primary global health care priority for decades to come, no matter where in the world you live.

This column first appeared in the Dec. 6 edition of The Chronicle, the daily publication at Duke University.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Phil Donahue bringing **BODY OF WAR** to campus

By CASSIE BELEK

Imagine going to Iraq to serve your country, only to be shot in the spine and paralyzed less than a week into duty without having fired a single bullet. Now imagine having your story told in an award-winning documentary co-directed by Phil Donahue.

"Body of War" follows the story of Woeser Young, a 25-year-old Kansas City native, as he returns home, injured, to start a new life with a disability. Throughout his journey, Young becomes a powerful voice of activism against the war in Iraq. The documentary simultaneously follows Young's story and goes back to the debate in Congress leading up to the invasion of Iraq.

Donahue and Young met while Young was recovering in a hospital in Washington, D.C. Young had asked to meet Ralph Nader, who showed up with long-time friend Donahue. The seeds of the documentary were planted in that first meeting, and the end result was "Body of War."

Donahue will be on campus tonight to introduce both the 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. screenings of the documentary at the Browning Cinema. The 7 p.m. screening also features a question-and-answer session with the former talk show host. Tickets for both screenings are sold out, but Donahue will present at a public reception outside the cinema that starts around 9 p.m.

"Body of War" has already garnered critical attention. It premiered at the Toronto Film Festival in September, winning runner-up for the People's Choice Award. It also received the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the Hamptons International Film Festival in October, and it is currently in consideration for Academy Award nominations.

Donahue, a 1967 Notre Dame grad, co-directed the documentary with the award-winning Ellen Spiro. Spiro teaches film at the University of Texas and has directed several documentaries, including "Are the Kids Alright?" and "Noam Sweet Home." Donahue asked Spiro to join the project because she's a one-woman crew, allowing for a more personal and intimate result. Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam also contributed two original songs to the film, inspired by Young's "Long Nights" and "No More."

Donahue is widely considered to be the father of the modern television talk show, paving the way for talk show hosts like Oprah Winfrey. His talk show, "Donahue," ended in 1996 after a 26-year run in national syndication. Donahue wasn't afraid to tackle controversial issues such as abortion, gay rights and AIDS. He also introduced a great deal of the nation to hip-hop and breakdancing in a 1984 episode. The television legend has interviewed leaders from all over the world, including U.S. presidents, Nelson Mandela and Henry Kissinger.

Browning Cinema Director Jon Vickers said Donahue's documentary "makes no bones about its anti-war message," but even if they don't agree with its politics, students should still come to learn more about a man who has had such an influence on the television landscape.

"I think just coming out for that reason should be a little bit enlightening," Vickers said.

With tickets for tonight already sold out, it is clear that there is not only an interest in Donahue the talk show host, but in Donahue the director as well. Young's story is both heartbreaking and controversial, but it tells a strong message about the ongoing effects of the war in Iraq and gives a face to a debate that has no clear end in sight.

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**BRAND NEW EXCELS WITH LATEST ALBUM**

By JAMES COSTA

It's been awhile since Brand New came out with an album. Ever since the 2003 release of "Deja Entendu," fans have waited with next, wondering if it could match the lyrical and musical levels reached in the band's three previous indie-label albums. After a few listens it is clear there is nothing to worry about. "The Devil and God Are Raging Inside Me" is a strong, introspective and pulsing record full of every lyrical twist and scream we've come to expect from Brand New, coupled with a more mature and nuanced look on the world. The sound only serves to make the album the band's strongest yet.

What makes the album so good and appealing is the different approaches to music making and songwriting heard on each track. For example, "Degasusser" uses an eerie and slightly creepy choir sound to back frontman and lead singer Jesse Lacey's vocals. In "Archers," the listener is treated to a power-pop explosion typical to Brand New, but quite original nonetheless.

On track three, "Jesus Christ," the experiences of life on the road and the torments that plague Lacey first appear on the record. At first, it's hard to tell whether he's using the phrase "Jesus Christ" as a curse or a prayer. But it becomes clear that the song is a four-minute prayer wrapped in a polished rock ballad, emo expression unique to Brand New. The song is riveting because it is sexy yet fragile, hopeful yet bold. Similar to "Me Vs Madonna Vs Elvis," it's the type of song that made "Deja Entendu" so appealing, yet it makes the embittered life perspective seem fresh again.

It's important to note that it's not like Brand New has turned a completely new corner. But it's not like the band has to, or needs to, either. It's making the same music it has for years, full of tear dripped and sweating textures, anguished appeals to lost lovers and friends, and faux intellectualism laced with achingly dramatic drama.

What is best about the album is that not every song digresses into screaming and yelling after a minute and a half. So many similar bands go from soft to mad screaming, and after about seven years of hearing it, listeners have begun to appreciate bands that start songs soft and keep them soft until the next track begins. Yes, "The Devil and God Are Raging Inside Me" does employ the same tried technique. However, many tracks stay slow, and it's a treat to aging ears to not have to ring in pain just to get through the songs.

"The Devil and God" brings Brand New to new heights. It improves upon the benchmarks set in the band's three previous and very good albums, delivering the listener to a realm that is distinctly Brand New, and yet still innovative. This rocking album will add depth to Brand New's current tour.

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Ashworth's "Downtown" needs refinement and direction.

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

If the Indianapolis-based band Ashworth was trying to choose between rock and acoustic guitar on its latest album, "Downtown," it seems to be suffering from a crisis of indecision.

"Downtown" is an album that teeters between a low-key, almost Dispatch-esque acoustic style and an angrier, rock 'n' roll sound. For a stronger band, these differences might have led to a successful, unified album. Unfortunately for Ashworth, "Downtown" is neither. While some of the album's acoustic tracks are decent, they feel incompatible with the other, rougher songs. The two styles could use some refinements to mesh better on Ashworth's next release.

The album is not without its merits, however. Several songs are catchy and well written. It is too bad that the rest of "Downtown" does not follow suit.

Drummer Brian Meyers, bassist Cory Carleton and violinist Nathan Klatt join lead singer Adam Nevins to form the Indy-based band Ashworth. The vocals vary between that hoarse kind of whine nor­ mally characteristic of Nickelback or Daughtry, and a softer sound on tracks like "So Aware." It is true that "Downtown" suffers from stylistic overextension. Where there is violence in one track, there is a weird tech­ no-type noise in another. Both the title track and "Fine and Sultry" feel too much like Dave Matthews Band to make sense with anything else.

What makes it an interesting album from a Billboard standpoint, though, is when it toys with Christian themes. If you are vehemently opposed to the words "Christian" and "rock" being next to each other in a sentence, skip over "Downtown." At times Ashworth feels like a watered-down Mercy Me or Casting Crowns, but without either of those bands' level of craftsmanship. While it is far from being an overtly worship and praise album, songs like "My Ring," which talks about marriage and prayer are definitely not mainstream pop-rock.

"This I know, I know to be true! When I was twelve, I was wishing for you," it's exactly Britney Spears' "Gimme More." If, like George Michael, "you gotta have faith," you might like Ashworth's occasion­ al affinity for the Almighty.

The album opens with "I Miss You," one of Ashworth's more rock 'n' roll-style tracks. It's taken well and perfectly surveyed. I know, I know to be true! When I was twelve, I was wishing for you.

Ashworth's brand of straightforward songwriting borders on the original, in particular on "I Miss You." "Tell Me All" is an innocuous little ditty that wisely plays up Ashworth's acoustic tendencies with just a hint of electric gui­ tar. The bridge consists of Nevins singing "love, come down." and here, the Christian themes work well. If "Downtown" kept this up with the rest of its tracks, it would be a much more solid album that it actually is.

The strongest song on the album is "So Aware," which gets Nevins' vocal style and the guitar work just right. Even if lines like "She dropped into my life like a happiness bomb" are borderline ridicu­ lous, they are more excusable once you hear the song's sweet and catchy chorus.

"So Aware" is definitely a product of the Myspace generation of music artists. While the band doesn't have an actual Myspace page, its White Hot website functions like one. On its site, the band emphasizes its desire to stay at a grassroots level and not buy into the corporate music machine. This is an admirable aim in a time when artists can seem more pre-packaged than Span, but it's up to Ashworth to refine its strengths on whatever comes after the mediocre "Downtown." Contact Analise Lipari at alipari@iu.edu

Downtown
Ashworth
Label: Demir Records
Recommended Tracks: "So Aware," "Refine Me," "Tell Me All"

The Hives are the world's biggest rock and roll band. Or so lead singer Howlin Pelle Almqvist has claimed the past several years, his bravado backed by fired-up garage rock. Their biggest hit came five years ago with "Veni Vidi Vicious" and the impossibly catchy single "Hate To Say I Told You So," but since then the Hives have seen any­ where near that kind of success.

2004's "Tyromnassus Hives" was an excellent album, but lacked the immediacy of "Veni;" album sales reflected that. So in 2007, the Hives are in an odd place: pressured by their label to make the new album a hit at the risk of fading into obscurity. In other words, things haven't gone according to plan, because the Hives aren't the world's biggest rock band.

If there is any justice in the world, The Black and White Album" will change the Hives fortunes. The ambition that was always present for the band is still here — look only to the title, which references both the Beatles and Metallica. Better yet, the music backs up the ambition, presenting the group's most melodic and catchy effort yet. First single "Tick Tick Boom" kicks the album off in an explosive manner; you may have heard it in a recent Nike commercial.

The album doesn't let up from there, staying fast paced and loud, but with newfound melodic sensibilities. Nearly every song on this album could be a single, with the exception of the instru­ mental "A Stroll Through Hive Manor." It's that catchy. Between the speedy "You Got It All," the hilariously written "Return the Favour," and the bouncy "You Dress Up For Armageddon," it will be unfair if this album sells less than a million copies.

The Hives have always been a band that know not to take their signature sound too much. As a group that plays garage rock, a genre that essen­ tially has not changed since its inception in the 1960s, a huge departure in sound would leave a lot of fans scratch­ ing their heads. Not a lot of things can be done with the formula, but the Hives stretch their sound to its absolute limit. The production is cleaned up and given a pop sheen, keyboards make appearances, and there are shades of disco-esque dance beats on "Woll All Right!" and "T.H.E. I.V.E.S." Thank co-producer Pharrell Williams for the intriguing glimpse of what would hap­ pen if the Hives suddenly decided to become Franz Ferdinand.

The weakest song here is "Giddy Up!" which offers advice to couples with relationship problems in a rather repetitive manner (hint: the horse rid­ ing theme is a metaphor). Even this song is still good. It just happens to be only good, while the other songs all range from very good to stellar.

The lyrics are a notch better than usual; this may be the best writing of the Hives' career. Whether it's refer­ encing Pavlov's Dog, Samson and Delilah, Muhammad Ali or simply declaring the outright greatness of the Hives, the lyrics combine thought-prov­ oking and uproarious. For a rock band in today's scene, that's a pretty big accomplishment.

All the Hives want is your ear for 48 minutes. So when Pelle Almqvist announces, "Look out!" at the begin­ ning of album closer "Bigger Hole To Fill." it's a warning that comes far too late. If the Hives had been warned earlier, he would have known to expect an amazing and memorable rock 'n' roll album with near-brilliant lyrics that also never for­ gets to be fun. The Hives have blindered everyone with a truly great record and, for once, getting caught unaware is a good thing.

The Black and White Album
The Hives
Label: Universal
Recommended Tracks: "You Got It All," "Hey, Little World!" "Return the Favour," "You Dress Up for Armageddon"

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Freshman Cara Norton upsets senior captain

“Squegee” Low takes bout with unanimous ruling; Cimino beats Elizondo; Erinn Muller wins shootout in last fight of night

By Pat STYNES
Sports Writer

Cara “Boomer” Norton def. Emily Bunting, Raging Rhino

Rhatican
Freshman Cara “Boomer” Norton from Norton, defeated senior Emily “The Raging Rhino” Bunting in a 2-0 split decision. While Rhatican was older and more experienced as a whole, the young lady had the senior’s blows, and responded, hurting Norton from the second round on. Norton and her strong defense proved to be too much for Rhatican.

Clig “The Squegee” Low def. Lauren “Strong Island” Cummings
Senior southpaw Clig “The Squegee” Low proved he was], and took control of the fight early, as ferocious combos, featuring quick right jabs and hook shots kept Cummings on the ropes. Low was most impressive with his left hook, which was well placed and solid. Because of the gap he gave, Bunting was able to use her right jabs and jabs and keep Cummings at bay. In the second round, Bunting was able to score around the ring, avoiding many jabs. However, beginning of the second round proved to be the difference.

“I knew that it was going to be a really good fight. We’re really good fighters and we’ve sparred a lot against each other.”

Nicole Koors Irish Junior

Kaya “The Texan Terror” Bickel def. Kristin “Burkasilicious” Burke
Freshman Kaya “The Texan Terror” Bickel defeated sophomore Kristin “Burkasilicious” Burke in an even match. Both Burke’s and Bickel’s feet were quick, and both women maneuvered around the ring well. However, beginning of the second round proved to be the difference.

“As I came out in the second, I just tried to be a lot more aggressive.”

Bishop said.

“...I made sure my defense stayed up, and not too overaggressive.”

Nicole Cimino defs. Maria Paula “Tequila Hummingbird” Elizondo
Both fighters showed talent and moved well, with everything, bobbing and weaving, constantly looking for opportunities. The second round proved to be too much for Elizondo. While Elizabeth made strides in the second round, over the first fight her timidity that held her back in the first. Cimino’s stamina eliminated any chances as a come back as she threw as many punches, as fast, until the last bell of the second round. The senior’s tenacity was rewarded with a unanimous victory.

“It was fun,” Cimino said. “I didn’t really have a plan, I just wanted to go in there and do my best.”

Kaya “The Texan Terror” Bickel def. Kristin “Burkasilicious” Burke

Nicole “The Silver Bullet” Koors def. Rebecca “The Claw” Neville
Fight 20: The 20th match of the night featured junior Nicole “The Silver Bullet” Koors and sophomore Rebecca “The Claw” Neville. The bout proved to be a back and forth battle, as junior Nicole “The Silver Bullet” Koors started off strong, using her reach and keeping her distance while maintaining pressure on sophomore Rebecca “The Claw” Neville. However, Neville finished the first round strong, unleashing a barrage of jabs and hooks before the bell sounded, evening up the score.

“I knew that it was going to be a really good fight. We’re really good fighters and we’ve sparred a lot against each other,” Koors said. “And coming out in the second round and third rounds I knew I had to be the first one to throw a punch or I wasn’t going to win the fight.”

“The Silver Bullet” stood by those words, and came out swaying in the final two rounds. She danced effectively around the ring, avoiding many of the sophomore’s punches, and attacked fiercely when the opportunities presented themselves. Despite Neville’s strong showing to close the third round, Koors’ effort culminated in a split decision victory.

Sarah “Sunshine” Davidson def. Jen “And Juice” Malherbek
Senior Sarah “Sunshine” Davidson came out of the gate on the attack, and put on a clinic for the three rounds. Her quick moving feet, perpetually moving head, and body, and fierce punch power simply overmatched anything sophomore Jen “And Juice” Malherbek could muster in defense.

“I just wanted to keep hitting until the fight ended,” Davidson said. “I wanted to win, I didn’t want to get tired in the middle of the flight, and I wanted to finish strong.”

Malherbek could not keep her punches straight and kept wandering to the outside, as Davidson’s lefty position seemed to throw her off. She was ready to go in the third and could not keep her hands up effectively, it was all over as Evinn went on the attack, packing heat until the very end.

“Yeah... I Sting Like a Bee” Muller def. Elyse “2 on 1” Hoffman
In what proved to be one of the most exciting bouts of the night, junior southpaw Erinn “Yeah... I Sting Like a Bee” Muller pulled off a victory in a mesmerizing shootout with sophomore Elyse “2 on 1” Hoffman. From the minute the opening bell sounded, the fight was all on the feet as both fighters shook each other ferociously combos, neither of them backing down for one second. Early on, Hoffman turned her opponent around a few times, causing stoppages in the match and garnering a small edge at the end of the 1st.

“I had absolutely no idea it was going to be like that,” Muller said. “I really had to work for it. I had everyone in my corner cheering for me, and gave me the pick-me-up I needed in the middle of the match.”

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**In Brief**

**Bonds to make first court appearance today**

SAN FRANCISCO — From Patty Hearst to the Jonestown Massacre, the Phillip Burton Federal Building here has hosted its share of high-profile trials over the years. But they may all pale in comparison to the spectacle of the Barry Bonds perjury case.

More than 300 journalists and members of the public are expected to crowd the courtroom and a second overflow room Friday for a brief hearing that marks the home run king’s first public appearance since he was indicted Nov. 15 on four counts of perjury and one of obstruction of justice.

The charges could mean prison time if Bonds is convicted.

In an attempt to corral the horde, the court has taken the rare step of bringing the judges to Bonds rather than have them appear in two courtrooms, as is often the case with routine initial appearances by criminal defendants.

**NFL**

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots have their own guarantee: They’ll never guarantee a victory like Pittsburgh’s Anthony Smith did.

"Some of them can’t even guarantee they’re going to win," he said.

"I know Aaron Smith," Patriots defensive end Ty Warren said Thursday. "I don’t know Anthony Smith."

Aaron Smith is in his ninth season with the Steelers, a standout defensive end who made the 2005 Pro Bowl and will be pressuring Tom Brady on Sunday when the NFL’s best team faces the league’s top-rated defense.

Anthony Smith is a free safety in his second pro season and starting only because Ryan Clark’s season ended in late October with an inflamed spleen that was removed last month.

"I didn’t know who he was until we started preparing for them," Tom Brady said.

Some background:

Smith is a third-round draft choice from Syracuse. He started four of the 16 games he played last season and had two interceptions. This year he’s started 18 games and six interceptions.

That’s all we do. We’re all going to win," he said.

"We’ve got to do is just work every day and build for tomorrow. That’s all we do."

He knows teams could use such pronouncements as bulletin-board material to provide extra motivation.

He better believe that wasn’t part of his pre-game plan.

"We can sit around and put a bunch of stuff up on a board and write stuff down on paper and all of a sudden, it’s not working," he said. "I think in the end it comes down to whether you can outplay the other team on Sunday or not outplay them. On a priority basis, that’s what our priority is, to try to prepare well and play well."

As usual, his attitude was the players’ attitude. They reacted calmly to Smith’s remarks.

Linebacker Mike Vrabel: "I don’t think that prediction’s going to have much bearing on the outcome."

Running back Heath Evans: "I don’t see why anyone’s comments outside our locker room would affect how we do things."

**Patriots ignore guarantee from Steelers’ DB**

Q: How many points will the Patriots score against the Steelers?

A: The game will have an average of 35 points. The Patriots are the stronger team and are expected to win by a margin of at least 10 points.

Q: Will the Patriots win the Super Bowl?

A: It is highly unlikely that the Patriots will win the Super Bowl this year. The team has had consistent success in previous years, but other teams have emerged as strong competitors.

Q: What is the current state of the Patriots’ offense?

A: The Patriots’ offense is one of the best in the league. They have a balanced attack with a strong running game and an efficient passing game. The team has a talented quarterback and a solid group of receivers.

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A: The Patriots’ defense is also strong,particularly against the run. They have a tough secondary and an experienced defensive line.

Q: What is the current state of the Patriots’ special teams?

A: The Patriots’ special teams are strong, with a reliable punter and a strong return game. They have a solid placekicker and a capable kicker on the field goal team.

Q: How does the Patriots’ coaching staff rate compared to other teams in the league?

A: The Patriots’ coaching staff is highly regarded in the league. They have a good system in place and are known for their attention to detail and their ability to adapt to different situations on the field.

Q: What are some of the key areas the Patriots need to focus on in order to improve their team?

A: The Patriots will need to focus on continue to improve their defense, especially against the pass. They will also need to work on their special teams to ensure they are as strong as possible.
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Associated Press

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NCAA Football

Miles signs five-year extension, stays at LSU

Associated Press

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Notre Dame prepares for Purdue
Coach McGraw doesn’t want to overlook struggling Boilermakers

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Purdue’s advance to last year’s Elite 8 is now a distant memory for the struggling Boilermakers, but it doesn’t foreshadow an easy win, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said Saturday’s road matchup.

“I think that if you look at their losses, they’ve lost to some high quality teams,” McGraw said.

“So I don’t you can look at their record and say that they’re struggling because they’re only losing to teams in the top 25.”

The Boilermakers (4-4), who fell to North Carolina in the Elite 8 of the 2007 NCAA Tournament, have had a tough start to the season. After two wins, Purdue dropped its next four, including a 0-3 performance at the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam tournament.

McGraw said the Boilermakers present some tough matchup problems defensively for the No. 16 Irish, especially Purdue’s top two scorers — guard Lauren Freeman and center Danielle Campbell.

Freeman leads the Boilermakers with 14.1 of her team’s 56.9 points per game. "Freeman’s been playing really well. She’s kind of a tough matchup for us. She’s a really athletic player, scores a lot in transition. She’s going to give us problems," McGraw said.

But Freeman’s game suffers in some aspects. The redshirt junior has only four assists to go with her 21 turnovers and only 3.7 rebounds per game.

Campbell has been a dominant presence in the paint for Purdue and averages 17.4 points and 8.6 boards per game and 2 blocks so far this season.

"Campbell is very good on the block. She’s a little quicker than we thought," McGraw said.

"There’s probably one person on everyone on their team that concerns me, but those are the main two.

Going into the matchup with Purdue, McGraw said her team needs to improve its defense significantly from its 86-40 loss in the MIAA game against Tri-State on Monday night.

McGraw said she was "not too happy with the defense against Tri-State, but that much of the problem stemmed from inexperience.

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

Irish senior guard Tuliyah Gaines drives through the Michigan defense in a 77-46 win over the Wolverines Sunday.

"I think a lot of it was freshman mistakes," Freeman said.

"I think we just have to see it on film and show them what they have to do."}

One positive McGraw took from the Bowling Green win was the confidence it gave her team.

"To be in that situation I thought was great experience," she said. "Just to be in a game like that on the road with a great crowd, loud, everything you could see you really learn a lot about your team.

"We learned a couple things defensively. We’re not good at defending, how can we get better and offensively did great things."}

Notre Dame finishes its two-game road trip Saturday when it takes on Purdue at 4 p.m.

Notes

"Despite its 7-1 record, Notre Dame has had only the third best start in the Big East this season. No. 2 Connecticut and No. 15 DePaul are both 7-0, and No. 13 West Virginia and Villanova are also 7-1.

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SMC BASKETBALL
Tri-State looms next for Saint Mary’s in MIAA

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After a home-opening loss Wednesday night to rival Calvin, Saint Mary’s travels to Tri-State University on Saturday to play the Thunder (3-4) in their second MIAA conference game.

The Belles (2-4) beat Tri-State twice last season, 83-79 and 83-66, with junior Erin Newsom scoring 30 points and 11 rebounds in their second matchup.

"We have really stopped thinking about the game against Calvin and we are now focusing on Tri-State. We are excited to play again against another good opponent and really step up our performance. As a team, we need to become more consistent to be a top team in the conference. Tri-State is a good team, and we are expecting to face a challenge."

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The Belles will have to be wary of Tri-State’s 5-foot-9 guard Sarah Howe. Last season Howe averaged 13.6 points and 7.0 rebounds per game to lead her team. This year, she averages 19.5 points per game. Howe, however, was not able to lead her team to a winning season last winter as Tri-State ended with a 6-19 record.

Tri-State is averaging 66.9 points per game compared to the Belles’ 64.2 per game. Saint Mary’s has averaged 39.9 percent from the floor, giving the Belles an advantage over Tri-State’s 35.4 percent. The Belles have also shot 71.4 percent in their free throw attempts and posted 27.8 percent from beyond the arc.

Kessler is averaging 15.5 points per game with 5.5 rebounds.

Newsom is second behind Kessler, averaging 11.5 points with 9.8 rebounds, while sophomore Anna Kamrath tallies 10.5 points and 7.7 rebounds per game.

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ND Women's Track

Beltran brought in to aid Irish throws

Irish assistant coach Tim Connelly, whose Notre Dame team finished second in last year's Big East Indoor meet and won in 2002 and 2006, brought in a new assistant this year to help the Irish regain the crown — throws coach Adam Beltran. Beltran, who came to Notre Dame from St. Francis University in Pennsylvania, will help coach the Irish in their annual Blue and Gold Indoor Invitational against DePaul and Marquette today. Threwers under Beltran at St. Francis won 20 Northeast Conference titles in throws events.

"He is a great teacher. The kids respond really well to him," Connelly said. "The results have been very positive with him, and the kids are excited to have him here."

Junior Anna Weber is the top returning thrower for Notre Dame. Last year, she set two school records, one in the weight throw at the Big East Indoor championships, and one in the hammer throw in the Outdoor championships. For the distance races, two-time cross country All-American senior Sunni Olding will lead the Irish after sitting out the 2007 season with an injury. She will try to fill the void left by 10-time All-America Molly Huddle.

"Amaris Treece is a talented kid who had an outstanding senior high school season," Tim Connolly Irish coach

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Tim Connolly
Irish coach

"I think we’re going to have a very solid track team across the board."

Joe Plane
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ND Men's Track

Season kicks off with invitational

Head coach looks to build on past successes

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

After a 2006-07 campaign that saw Notre Dame capture its third Big East Indoor title in the past five years, the Irish start their new season tonight at the Blue and Gold Invitational in the Loftus Center.

Head coach Joe Plane is hopeful his team can perform at the same level this season. "I think we should be equally as good. We lost a few kids but we brought a few in," he said. "I think we’re going to have a very solid track team across the board."

The Irish have bigger goals for the future, Connelly said. "They have been training since September, and it will be nice to see where they are at before they leave for finals and take a break from training."

No matter what happens Friday, however, the Irish have bigger goals for the future, Connelly said. "They are three months until the Big East meet and that is what we are most concerned about."

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Laura "Lil" Laura Okonkwo def. Sarah "Make it Rain" Layne In the opening bout, sophomore Laura "Lil" Laura Okonkwo defeated senior Sarah "Make it Rain" Layne in a unanimous decision.

From the opening bell, it was obvious that the two fighters had very different strategies in mind. Layne employed mostly jabs and body shots, though she did land a few critical blows to the head. Okonkwo, on the other hand, seemed more focused on Layne's head. This paid divi­dends as the second round the fight had to be stopped because Layne's nose began to bleed.

Toward the end of the second round, after suffering numerous hooks to the head, Layne took an eight count from the referee before continuing the fight. After the restart, the fight continued its previous pattern, with Okonkwo continuing to blow to the head until the judges ruled unanimously in her favor.

Anna Dwyer def. Jackie "The Black Knight" Sheridan Freshman Anna Dwyer won the second fight of the evening, defeating her twin sister, sophomore Jackie "The Black Knight" Sheridan unanimous.

Sheridan came out in the first round employing a combination of quick jabs and sweeping hooks. But Dwyer went entirely on the offensive, landing several hard shots to the head. After a few rounds in the first round, Sheridan entered the second round with a change of strategy, preferring to box with a flurry of punches very early in the round. Dwyer took advantage of Sheridan's lack of defense by continuing to unload hooks to her opponent. Sheridan's nose started bleeding just a few seconds before the end of the second round.

About a minute into the third round, Sheridan knocked Dwyer to the floor, and looked to be making a late rally. After a brief fumble however, Dwyer forced a second wind and hit Sheridan with a flurry to the head, securing her unanimous victory.

Jenna "The Hebrew Hammer" Zigmam def. Lauren "The Polacca Punishment" Kopsky This fight was a battle of the season's freshest freshmen. Jenna "The Hebrew Hammer" Zigmam started the fight with a flurry of punches, hoping to knock out her opponent, Lauren "The Polacca Punishment" Kopsky. Kopsky too many punches early and fell to a junior from Walsh Hall, Jenna "The Hebrew Hammer" Zigmam in a unanimous decision.

Sarah "This is My First Time" Burch def. Keaton "The Beast" Van Beveren It may have been her first bout, but Blountwater, Kansas' daughter of the year "This is My First Time" Burch fought her way to a win over Pasquerilla West's Keaton "The Beast" Van Beveren. Burch showed the moxie of a veteran, taking punches and responding with a flurry of her own.

Alyssa "Fists of Fury" Hartsville def. Mavee "The Mauler" Maher Freshman Alyssa "Fists of Fury" Hartsville defeated freshman Mavee "The Mauler" Maher also by unanimous decision. Both fighters were freshmen fighting in their first career bout, but that didn't hurt their enthusiasm as both were aggressive right from the beginning. Hartsville began landing punches late and came away with the victory.

Sarah "Awesome" Fossum def. Sarah "The Mean Cuss from the C-Bus" Angle Sophomore Sarah "Awesome" Fossum proved she didn't need an "b" in her name to take down freshman Sarah "The Mean Cuss from the C-Bus" Angle. Angle put up a keen fight, but she couldn't stand up to the older fighter.

Whitney "Double Fistin" Endsley def. Kyle "R.I.P." Rocca As a freshman, Whitney "Double Fistin" Endsley showed the poise and precision of a veteran in defeating her opponent.

Jen "Heartbreaker" Leong def. Laura "The Machine" Sefton In a battle of two seniors, senior Jen "Heartbreaker" Leong beat senior Catherine Crawford. Both fighter showed good discipline and deflected blows, showing their experience in the ring.

Ezine "The Nigerian Nightmare" Ndukwe def. Jackie "Ace" Spengler In one of the closest fights of the night, sophomore Ezine "The Nigerian Nightmare" Ndukwe took down sophomore Jackie "Ace" Spengler. The two traded blows for most of the contest before Ndukwe finally won in a split decision.

Ndukwe is the sister of former Notre Dame and current Cincinnati Bengals safety Chinadun Ndukwe.

Tara "The Terrible-tizer" Brown def. "The Taste You Trust" McCormick In another battle of seniors, senior Tara "The Terrible-tizer" Brown defeated senior Colleen "The Taste You Trust" McCormick. As with the other all-senior fights, this one featured good fundamentals and a close battle. In the end, however, Brown came out on top.

Carolyn Hersh def. Maureen "The Machine" Sefston Sophomore Carolyn Hersh didn't need a nickname to take down sophomore Maureen "The Machine" Sefston with a combination of solid technique and quick punches. Sefston was bloodied with flurries of her own, but her aggressiveness couldn't overcome the judges decision. Hersh declared the winner.

Villanova overcomes 21-point deficit to knock off LSU

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Villanova was down. No one on the other side could remember a comeback — or a collapse — like this one.

Malcolm Grant scored a four-point play and scored 13 points in the final three minutes as the Wildcats rallied from a 21-point deficit to stun LSU 64-62 on Thursday night in the Big East/SIC Invitational.

Villanova’s only lead came on the court and their stirring comeback didn’t faze LSU.

Wildcats guard Corey Fisher goes up for a layup as Tigers forward Garrett Green defends in Villanova’s 68-67 comeback win over LSU on Thursday.

"We had the game in our hands to win it," Brady said.

"We didn’t do the things that we’ve been used to doing to win. That was obvious tonight." Certainly, it wasn’t obvious earlier.

Villanova played fast and loose with the ball, four turnovers in the first four minutes, seven in the half — and missed 15 of its first 20 shots. The guard play that has long been a strength under Wright wasn’t the same. The Wildcats got 12 straight points in one stretch out of the frontcourt and their defense left LSU’s 3-point shot open.

Martin had already hit two 3s and no Wildcat was anywhere near him when he nailed one from the left side for a 32-18 lead. The Tigers led 35-24 at halftime.

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Brazillian-born director Katia Lund will be present to discuss the film and her segment, *Bilu e João*. Lund’s work in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro has raised social consciousness in Brazil and around the world. Her most notable work has been as co-director of *City of God*. Joining her will be writer and actor Eduardo Gutemberg dos Reis, who co-wrote *Bilu e João*. Born in Rocinha, one of the largest favelas in South America, Gutemberg dos Reis most recently co-wrote a feature film titled *Rice and Beans*, which will be directed by Lund.

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Saturday, December 8 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
Katia Lund and Eduardo Gutemberg do Reis will present and answer questions from the audience at 9 p.m.

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This time, however, Clark says his team will be ready. "The only way to become comfortable playing in big games is to play in big games," Clark said. "This group of players has played in a lot of big games, so they should be ready."
Experience isn't the only thing the Irish gained from last year's Elite 8 game that's going to serve them well this season. Wake Forest's potent defense, the Demon Deacons average 2.56 goals per game this season, and they have scored three or more goals in each of their last 12 contests. Compare that to Notre Dame's 1.49 goals per game and four matches with three goals or more.
Although Wake Forest has three players with eight or more goals, its top scoring threat is undoubtedly sophomore forward Cory Arnaud, who second scored in the game. Arnaud scored 2 goals in the Demon Deacons 3-1 win over West Virginia in the Sweet 16. Arnaud leads the team in goals (15) and points (21).
Clark said the Irish must try to keep possession of the ball to prevent the Demon Deacons from scoring. "I've said all along that it's not just the defense," Clark said. "We have to play the game in their half of the field. You've got to get back there and defend and hope the defense hangs on."
Miller said that "take the entire team defending" to prevent unwanted goals. "We pride ourselves on team defense, not just the backline," he said. "We need to play team defense to full potential."
Miller added that "Luckily for Notre Dame, even if the defense falters, the Irish have great forwards. The senior keeper has been exception- al for Notre Dame in NCAA tournament games, recording four shutouts -- an Irish program record. Cahill's latest shutout came in last weekend's 2-0 win over Santa Clara. The winner of Saturday's contest will play the winner of No. 3 Connecticut vs. No. 11 Virginia Tech on Dec. 3.
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Irish guard Tory Jackson drives to the bucket during Notre Dame's 76-65 win over Eastern Michigan on Dec. 1.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Digger gives blessing for ND to smash record

Irish can break home win-streak mark set in '74

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Notre Dame began "the streak" with a 66-61 win over DePaul on March 4, 2006, and continued it with victories over then-No. 4 Alabama, Louisville and Marquette last season. Saturday night, the Irish have a chance to make history if they can beat Northern Illinois to post their 25th consecutive win at the Joyce Center.

A win would break the previous record of 24 consecutive wins set between February of 1973 and December 1974, a streak that included one of the most famous wins in Notre Dame basketball history — a 71-70 triumph over No. 1 UCLA, which snapped the Bruins' NCAA-record 88-game unbeaten streak. Notre Dame's coach from 1971-91, Digger Phelps, said he's pulling for this year's team to break that record.

"All streaks are made to be broken and (Coach Mike Brey's) a great guy and these kids are good kids, so go for it," Phelps said in a phone interview.

MEN'S SOCCER

Shaking their Demons

Men tackle No. 2 Wake Forest in Elite 8 scrum

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

One year ago, Notre Dame was in uncharted territory when it reached the program's first-ever Elite 8, and it showed in its game against No. 4 Virginia. By halftime, the Irish had dug themselves a 2-0 first-half hole that they were unable to climb out of in their 3-2 loss to the Cavaliers.

"People take stage fright sometimes, and we panicked a little bit at Virginia last year," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said. "There were 6,000 people in the stands. (Virginia) was a good team, but we found out in the second half that we were as good if not a little bit better."

One year later, the Irish are back in the NCAA quarterfinals as they prepare to take on No. 2 seed Wake Forest on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

HOCKEY

No. 6 Irish head to Hobey's house

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame travels to Hobey Baker's alma mater tonight to take on Princeton in both teams' final series before the winter break.

The No. 6 Irish, who took over first place in the CCIAA last weekend, will make the trip to the school made famous by college hockey legend Baker for the first time since late 2001.

"You always worry about the last series before break and final exams," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "It's important for us to continue playing full, sixty-minute hockey games."

After this weekend, the team will have three weeks off before beginning the second half of the year at the Lightning College Hockey Classic on Dec. 29.

The Irish (14-4) head to the east coast with a seven-game winning streak that dates back to their 4-1 Nov. 16 win over Western Michigan. They have outscored their opponents 29-11 during that stretch, including back-to-back five goal games against Nebraska-Omaha last weekend.

Princeton (5-5) started the year with four straight wins but has since slowed down and dropped below .500 after a 4-3 loss to No. 18 Minnesota last week.

BARAKA BOUTS

Women duke it out for charity

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI and KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writers

Forty-four women fought Thursday night in front of a packed auxiliary gymnasium in the Joyce Center to raise money for eastern African schools in the annual Baraka Bouts.

"These girls have come a long way," Baraka Bouts president Whitney Endlesey said.

Senior Catherine Crawford, right, tangles with senior Jen Leong during the Baraka Bouts on Thursday.
Amanda Cinelli and the Irish head to the warmer air of Texas for the College Cup.

A LEADER FOR ALL SEASONS

Photo Illustration by WU YUE and MADELINE NIES
For opponents, weaknesses are hard to find

Deep midfield keeps players fresh and defenses guessing

Irish replace Krivacek and Buczkowski with interchangeable options

By FRAN TOLON

Sports Writer

An adidas advertisement featuring former French superstar Zinedine Zidane once proclaimed, "If you own the midfield, you own the game."

In their run to the College Cup semifinals this season, the Irish have certainly owned the midfield, albeit somewhat unconventionally. The unit includes six players that play regularly even though only three are usually on the field at any one time.

"Since we play three centrally, it's great to have five or six players that can interchange in there and keep things a little bit more fresh," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

In Friday's 3-2 loss to Duke, the Irish shut down one of the most formidable midfield units in the nation and controlled the possession slowdown in the central third of the field.

"That's the one part of Duke we were really concerned about coming in," Waldrum said. "They're quick in the midfield.

Waldrum said. "We really felt like we had to win the battle in the midfield and I thought we did a good job of that."

The Irish have not replaced Krivacek and Buczkowski with other superstars. Instead, they have employed an effective platoon that allows them to exploit matchups against their opponents.

Waldrum said the versatility of senior Ashley Jones, junior Rebecca Mendoza and sophomore Courtney Rosen allows the Irish to constantly create mismatches.

"Those three players are very interchangeable," Waldrum said. "It gives us a chance to see what the opponent has to try to match up.

Waldrum said sophomore defensive midfielder Amanda Clark allows the other midfielders to use their creativity on offense.

"She's such a good ball-winner for us in the midfield defensively so that you can allow other players to use their creative play," Waldrum said.

But despite the midfielders' playmaking prowess, the Irish forward unit garners most of the attention from opponents and fans. The defenders, meanwhile, have been lauded for their rapid improvement since the beginning of the season. But the midfielders do not mind the lack of praise.

"I don't feel like we get lost in the mix. I think all of us just want to win and we're all out there for the team," Jones said. "I don't think it has hindered us but we're not really mentioned very much in the papers or that kind of thing.

An appearance in the Duke game put Jones in second place in NCAA history with 104 consecutive games played. Jones said she is simply happy to be part of a winning team.

"The streak is exciting but it's not something I really focus on."

Jones said her current team is different from previous teams.

"I know we'd all give up minutes if our team could win the national championship," Jones said.

Waldrum said he appreciates the unselfishness of the midfielders.

"Sometimes I know they don't play as much as they'd like in a certain game because they all want 90 minutes and that's great," Waldrum said. "But I also think they understand and buy into the fact that in this moment, at this game, because of that matchup, this one works best."

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It's Nov. 30, and it's 13 degrees below zero. It's a good part of my body is frozen solid except for my mouth, which is my second cup of hot chocolate miraculously scalded.

My knee joints are frozen in the best possible way. But the cold didn't bother the Irish -- judging by the way Notre Dame is playing against Duke, it could have been July.

The Irish ran all over the Blue Devils and made a good Duke team look ineffective and slow. Watching the Irish play, they brought one phrase to mind: These girls are good.

Let's not get too carried away, however. They allowed Duke to score twice in the second half -- once after Notre Dame failed to clear a kick and once on a long shot after Karas gave Duke the left wide open. The Irish aren't lights-out. But finding and exploiting their opponents' weaknesses is a tough thing for opposing teams to do, and in that regard, the Irish are solid.

There are no glaring deficiencies for opponents to attack. For example, teams may have focused on the goalkeeping. Opponents would have been wise to pressuring in the offensive third and take shots after shots, hoping one would slip through. Senior keeper Lauren Karas, however, threw out any hints of weakness in the past two games. She made multiple saves against North Carolina in the round of 16 and stopped a Duke breakaway in the first five minutes of the quarterfinal game with a diving save to her right.

Karas looked right at home stopping the shot. She approached the ball calmly and fluidly, reacting on instinct to the direction of the shot. She looked comfortable between the posts.

Earlier in the season, teams may have tried to exploit the Irish back line. Center back Carrie Dew still was not 100 percent after an ACL injury last season and the defense started two freshmen, Julie Scheidler and Lauree Fowlkes.

Fowlkes, especially, would have been a soft spot, considering she moved from midfield to the back line in the beginning of the season.

Now, the defense keeps Karas from seeing much action and allows the offense to control the ball for much of the game. Dew is healthy and has returned to her previous form. Fowlkes has settled in at the center back position, as has Scheidler at right back. At left back, Elise Weber not only plays good defense but uses her experience at midfield, where she played for two years at Wisconsin before transferring to Notre Dame, to her advantage.

Against Duke, Weber made numerous trips up the left sideline and at times became a de facto fourth midfielder, giving the potent Irish forwards a catalyst. Break off a midfielder and cover Weber, and Duke had to leave one less defender on forwards Brittany Bock, Michele Weisenhofer and Kerri Hanks, an unfavorable proposition. Allow Weber to roam the left sideline and she had all day to set up crosses into the box for the forwards to attack.

The midfield has seen many faces this season; the Irish have great depth at the position. Ashley Jones, Amanda Cinalli and Courtney Rosen all have great feet and, against Duke, they deflected pass after pass from their defenders to the forwards. Cinalli had injury problems earlier this season, but of late has played better than ever.

There's no chance of opponents stopping the forwards -- all they can do is hope to slow them down. Bock and Hanks have combined for 30 goals and 24 assists this year, and Hanks presents teams with a deadly threat on corner kicks, penalty kicks and set-play situations. Weisenhofer only has eight goals because an ankle injury slowed her down this season, but four of them have come in the NCAA tournament. Without a weak spot to penetrate, opponents will have to react to Notre Dame's quick attack and unyielding defense.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Bill Brink at whistleblower@nd.edu

Irish forward Kerri Hanks pushes the ball upfield during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14.
Playing with passion

Senior captain Amanda Cinalli's enthusiasm has given her an edge on the field her whole life

Irish midfielder Amanda Cinalli slides for a ball in Notre Dame's 0-0 draw with Michigan on Aug. 31 at home. The tie was part of a 3-4-1 start the Irish have since overcome to land in the NCAA semifinals.

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

"Amanda Cinalli spoke deliberately, answering questions with a measured demeanor. Her voice stayed even as she described her experience at the University of Notre Dame, her high school, her fellow teammates and this season's rocky start.

"It's when she started talking about soccer that she got excited.

"Her eyes lit up and her face widened into a smile when she told of the hours she spent outside as a kid — juggling and working on her footwork, learning her brother's 'secret moves' and taking lessons with a foot skills coach named Kiko.

"He was so much fun, a little short foreign guy but I loved being around him," Cinalli said. "I practiced practically every day and found doing it so easy it was to do every day.

"That love of the sport has carried her from childhood to high school to Notre Dame, where she won a national championship as a freshman and has the opportunity to win another this weekend when the Irish travel to College Station, Texas, for the College Cup — soccer's equivalent of the Final Four.

"Cinalli had played soccer all her life, but she said she became serious about playing in college when the recruiting process began at Laurel High School in Maple Heights, Ohio.

"I loved high school soccer. We weren't the best team around," Cinalli said of her soccer days at Laurel. "We played in a small private school league; the competition wasn't always that great.

"Cinalli said the small size of Laurel, an all-girls school, fostered a bond between her and her teammates.

"Being at a small all girls school, we were really close," Cinalli said. "It was just something that was really fun.

"Cinalli went from one close-knit community to another when she chose Notre Dame. She said that aspect of life on campus, along with the University's religious values, enticed her to come here. Cinalli also liked the dynamic campus and the classes enjoyed as well as the school's academic reputation.

"Just being able to be around the team and the coaching staff, it felt like a family," she said. "I just really fell in love with it. You get a great education and come out with a wonderful degree."}

"Coming from an all-girls school to Notre Dame, Cinalli said, took some getting used to.

"You're with people that you're not as comfortable with, so they teach you to be very outspoken and speak your mind,

"It's interesting coming because there's guys around, and I'm just like, "I Cinalli had another eye-opening experience her freshman season when the Irish went 24-1-1 and defeated UCLA in penalty kicks to win the national championship. Cinalli started 24 games and offered 10 goals during the championship season and earned first-team all-Big East honors.

"We're coming in as a freshman, it's so kind of, overwhelming and just so exciting that you're actually in the national championship game," Cinalli said. "It's so much fun and it's an experience that we'll never forget."

"Cinalli also had the chance to take her game overseas as a member of the U.S. U-21 national team. Along with fellow Notre Dame players Brittany Bock, Kerri Hanks and Michele Weissenhofer, Cinalli played in Manchester, England, over that spring break. She and Weissenhofer also played on the 2007 U-21 team that went to the Nordic Cup against international teams.

"It's always very beneficial to play internationally," Cinalli said. "You get great experience, great competition. Obviously you're getting different players from around the world and you're in a different culture and a different country. It's very fun, it's a good experience and a lot."}

"Cinalli said the style of international soccer differed slightly from that in the U.S. Internationally teams are very good too, and they're getting more and more athletic, Cinalli said. "The thing about the girls internationally is sometimes they can be very technically, very skillful. They bring different types of games.

"Though Irish coaches named Cinalli the third solo captain in the team's history before this season, she said the team's upperclassmen combine to form the true leading unit.

"Yes, I am the captain by title, but I think all the upperclassmen are great leaders and they all bring something unique to the team," Cinalli said. "It's not just me leading the team, it's several players.

"This season, the Irish faced something they hadn't often had to deal with — losing.

"We had never really experienced something like that," Cinalli said. "We'd never really lost that many in a season."

"Notre Dame started 3-4-1. In that span, it lost 7-1 to Santa Clara and lost twice at home, to Oklahoma State and Penn State. Since then, it has won 16 games and lost only once — to West Virginia in penalty kicks in the Big East championship.

"It's truly unbelievable. This team has come so far," Cinalli said. "It takes a lot of character to go from such a difficult time at the beginning of the season to grow so much and have the success we've been having. It just shows the character and the heart that we have for the game and for each other.

"Cinalli's role in the Irish offense shifted this season. After scoring double-digit goals in each of the past three seasons, she currently ranks fifth on the team with only three. Still, she said the change made no difference to how she plays.

"It doesn't bother me at all. As long as our team's doing well, coach can put me wherever he wants me," Cinalli said. "If we're on top at the end of the season, I think that's the important thing.

"Irish coach Randy Waldrum said earlier in the season that Cinalli's versatility and skill anchored the midfield for her to find a role, no matter where she played.

"She's the one that has that ability to be creative with it, she's got probably the most overall skill level of the three forwards, she's more technical, she's more clean with the ball, she can beat you off the dribble," Waldrum said.

"Shea," back when Cinalli spent some time in the forward position. "She's relentless in the way she attacks and continues to chase and continues to work.

"Since then, Bock has performed notably and cinically joined Weissenhofer and blanks up front, and Cinalli has anchored the midfield just as much.

"No matter where she is on the field, Cinalli said, "she can make subtle direction changes can leave defenders behind. In the Nov. 30 Women's College Cup final game against Duke, Cinalli kept the ball out of the reach of the Blue Devils defenders, at one point spinning between two of them in the middle of the field to mount an offensive charge. Later in the game, she slid to the ball in front of two defend- ers and tapped it to flakes, who took it downfield and scored the game-winning goal.

"Cinalli kind of epitomizes the day," Waldrum said of the play.

"Hanks couldn't say enough about her teammate's abilities, both as a player and as a leader.

"Every time Amanda Cinalli steps on the field she is going to give you her best game ever," Hanks said after the Duke game. "She is going to be so positive and encouraging and cheer us up. She is amazing, and on and off the field. She is one of the best leaders I've ever seen."

"If the Irish beat Florida State Friday in the semifinal game they face the winner of the Southern California-UCLA match. The chance to begin and end her collegiate career with a national championship has Cinalli and her teammates excited.

"To be able to send the seniors off with winning positive thing," Cinalli said. "It's the only time all the players on our team will be able to experience a national championship, just to get that it's something you'll never forget.

"But Cinalli didn't sound as if she was caught up in the championship hype. She said she was just happy to be playing.

"I've always wanted to play soccer for as long as I can. If it's possible, I'd like to play until I was 80. It's just being able to play a sport that you're so passionate about and that you love so much, it's an honor."

Amanda Cinalli
Irish midfielder

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"I've always wanted to play soccer for as long as I can. If it's possible, I'd like to play until I was 80. It's just being able to play a sport that you're so passionate about and that you love so much, it's an honor."

Senior captain Amanda Cinalli tries to stay warm during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Duke in the NCAA quarterfinals on Nov. 30.
Irish face Seminoles in repeat of 2006 semifinals

Coaches discount last year’s contest, make new game plan

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Notre Dame will head to College Station, Texas Friday to once again face Florida State in the College Cup semifinals. The Irish defeated the Seminoles 2-1 in last season’s tournament but will treat Florida State like a team they have never seen before.

Irish assistant coach Ben Waldrum, who designs specific game plans for the team before every contest, said he will not take last year’s game into consideration when coming up with a strategy to beat the Seminoles (17-5-3).

"To be honest, we won’t look at last year’s tape; last year is done and gone," Ben Waldrum said. "We’ll take a peek at their body of work throughout this season and some of their bigger games... We’ll take a good look at that and come up with something."

The winner of the Notre Dame-Florida State matchup will move on to the national championship game Sunday to take on the winner of the other semifinal between USC and UCLA. The Irish (19-4-2), who are riding a 17-game unbeaten streak, believe if they play to their potential, they will come out of the weekend with their second national title in four years.

"We have the capability to beat anyone if we all come together," midfielder Amanda Clark said. "I think that’s kind of special about our team."

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum echoed Clark’s sentiments, saying his team controls its own destiny.

"I don’t think we change anything we’ve done," Waldrum said. "Our program is in a point where we should dictate the way the game is played... I think we can impose the way we want to play on them."

When asked to pick a favorite to win the national championship, the head coach gave a narrow edge to No. 1 UCLA but said the title will probably be won by the team that attacks the most.

"You’ve got four really special teams; they all have their own strengths," Waldrum said. "It’s going to be a battle in those first two games. Who’s going to be able to impose their will on the opposition?"

The Irish have a three-pronged forward attack that is as good as any unit in the country at imposing its will on an opponent, Waldrum said. Juniors Brittany Bock and Kerri Flaherty and sophomore Michele Weissenhofer all scored in Notre Dame’s 3-2 win over Duke in the quarterfinals. Weissenhofer’s goal came after she netted two and notched an assist against North Carolina in the round of 16. The forwards have combined for 130 goals and 97 assists in their careers.

"When you’ve got all three of them playing the way they are right now, it’s a handful for anybody," the head coach said. "I wouldn’t want to deal with that... I wouldn’t want to be on the other side trying to devise some way to shut that down."

Waldrum said the Irish defense will focus on shutting down Florida State’s dangerous attacking trio of senior midfielder Kirsten van de Ven, junior midfielder Mami Yamaguchi, and freshman forward Sanna Talonen. The three players, who all hail from foreign countries, have combined for 47 goals this season. Talonen recorded a hat trick in the Seminoles’ 3-2 quarterfinals win over UConn last Friday.

“They’re a very talented team and I think when Ben [Waldrum] gets dissecting how they’re going to play, we’ll know a little bit more how we want to attack it," Randy Waldrum said.

Notre Dame’s semifinal game will air live at 5 p.m. eastern time Friday on ESPNU.

Even though the Irish will treat Florida State as a different opponent than the squad they took on last season, the teams are not entirely unfamiliar with each other.

"There’s not a lot we love lost between us and Florida State so it’s going to be a great Final Four," Waldrum said.

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