Students serve in volunteer programs
Center for Social Concerns' winter break opportunities attract record numbers of student applicants

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

Several Notre Dame students will spend part of their winter breaks in impoverished urban areas of the U.S.-Mexico border as part of the Center for Social Concerns' winter seminars. The CSC is holding four Experiential Learning Seminars: The Church and Social Action (Urban Plunge), Border Issues, Organizing, Power and Hope and Holy Cross Mission in Education.

Bill Purcell, director of the Urban Plunge and Holy Cross Mission programs, said all the programs had an increase in applicants this year. Five percent of undergraduates applied for Urban Plunge, with over 400 people applying for 280 spots.

Senior Alyson Pishko, an Urban Plunge Task Force Leader, said she was pleased with the student interest in the program but had trouble choosing which applicants to accept.

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INSIDE COLUMN

No scripts? No problem

The writer's strike has been put onto the plug on all the popular network television shows since Nov. 5, False. With "Grey's" and "Gilbert" already going down the drain, there is another brand of television thriving in their absence. You can't fix a reality TV show, but watch "Idol" for its stars and look at "The Hills" for its wannabes. But "Grey's" and "Gilbert" are ridiculous, stupid, heart wrenching, so hard not to watch. Do you really want to be the only person who doesn't know who America's Next Top Model is? Probably not.

The other great thing about reality TV is that it's real — as real as it can get. It's not about chloroform fighting for the affection of one undeserving guy. No regular person can relate to a brain surgeon, but we can relate to someone who is just living the life and looking for love.

There's no telling how long the strike will go on, but even though reality TV has been compensating for the lack of sitcoms, all the same things must come to an end.

In the coming weeks, there will be no more "Kid Nation." No more "Top Model"... and still no network TV.


Five sweet, smooth months of singing, near-sighted judges and audience interaction. Some people watch "Idol" in the beginning to make fun of the William Hung wannabes. But the select few (of us) stick it out to the end, thereby being able to fully appreciate the greatness that is Kelly Clarkson.

Like drama. I like comedy. I like the occasional TV break. Reality TV gives you a chance to satisfy all three of those needs.

Even though the writer's strike has been going on for far too long, it's nothing a bit of reality gold can't fix.

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Belgium ring for charity group
Saint Mary's students collect money for Salvation Army campaign

By MANDI STIRONE
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Saint Mary's students got in the Christmas spirit by volunteering at the University Park Mall this weekend, ringing Salvation Army's famous little bell for the "Red Kettle Campaign." The first "Bells for Belles" took place Dec. 1 and continued this past Saturday. Community members signed up with the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) and took hour-long shifts either alone or with a club or cause.

"This past Saturday we had about twenty people participate in the bell ringing at the UP Mall, in front of Mary's," OCSE director Carrie Call said. As of Wednesday, there were 12 people signed up with one spot still open, she said.

So far the success of "Bells for Belles" has looked promising, Call said. She hopes that with the support she has received from the student body, the program will be able to continue to become an annual event.

"The response was very positive, so I hope to do it every year," Call said.

"Bells for Belles" is run entirely through OCSE, with no student organization, Call said. It is unaffiliated with any club on campus, she added. They are working specifically with the Salvation Army.

"The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination since 1865," according to ringbells.org, the official Web site of the "Red Kettle Campaign." After discovering how easy it is to sign up for the campaign, Call decided to make it available to the Saint Mary's community, she said.

"I thought that it would be an easy, fun way for us to help make a difference. Our students consistently look for ways to give back to the community, and this was a particularly easy one," Call said.

The "Red Kettle Campaign," an important fundraiser for the Saint Mary's community to support, Call said. The campaign, which has been in existence since 1891, is the Salvation Army's "most prominent fundraiser," according to ringbells.org.

"The Red Kettle Christmas Campaign enables the Army to provide food, toys and clothing to over six million people during the Christmas season and helps more than 34 million Americans recovering from all kinds of personal disasters nationwide," the Web site said. It brought in over $100 million in 2004.

"The Salvation Army depends on the Red Kettle campaign for the bulk of their money raised for the year. I think it's important for us to support this as they do wonderful work in the community," Call said.

Another reason for Saint Mary's participation this year is exposure.

"It gets the faces of students, faculty and staff out into the community so people can see that we care about service as a college," she said.

Students participate for a variety of reasons — from clubs to dorm сек­tion events, Call said. Even College staff get involved. Saint Mary's Director of Institutional Research Jessica Rice took a shift along with her husband, Call said.

Resident Assistant Jackie Rodshchild took part of her section in Regis Hall to work an hour shift.

"We wanted to do a service project with the section," she said. "We had five girls come.

For junior Emily Tarnacki, it was a rewarding experience.

"I did it to get into the holiday spirit, and I thought it was for a good cause," she said. "I really enjoyed myself and everyone was friendly and generous. I would definitely do it again next year."

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Foundation awards $500,000 science grant

Special to The Observer

The National Science Foundation has recently acknowledged Notre Dame's growing influence as a resource for high school science teacher enrichment with a $500,000 grant for continuing support of the Research Experience for Teachers (RET) program.

The three-year grant was awarded to Wolfgang Porod, Frank M. Freimann Professor of Electrical Engineering and Alexander Hahn, professor of mathematics and director of the Kroc Center for Teaching and Learning, to support RET@ND.

As RET educators bring their summer experiences back to the classroom, they inspire a new, younger generation of potential scientists. The program addresses "a shortage of teachers and a shortage of students going into science and engineering," Porod said.

"A parallel motivation," Hahn added, "is to enhance the success of faculty in science, engineering and mathematics who seek to respond to the 'broader impact' criteria that so many grant applications include.

Grants from the National Science Foundation, in particular, increasingly demand that projects demonstrate this broader impact. RET@ND establishes a structure of community outreach to educators.

While on campus, RET teachers become both Notre Dame's primary source for science who earn research stipends, and scholar­ship students, who earn tuition-free course credits.

Besides performing research side-by-side with some of Notre Dame's most accomplished scientists and engineers, RET teachers are asked to infuse their experience into their high school curricula.

Nevin Longenecker, a cele­brated Adams High School sci­ence teacher and noted sup­porter of high school-level lab­oratory research, is the liaison between RET@ND and the high school classroom experience.

"Nevin knows how to trans­form discoveries made in the laboratory into classroom enriching elements," Hahn said.

The NSF grant specifically funds engineering RET activi­ties. A parallel set of high school teachers receive stipends and credit for work­ing in College of Science labs and mathematics workshops. Stipends for science and mathematics are supported by such sources as the College of Science, the Siemens Foundation, the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, and Teachers Credit Union.

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mission statement explains that the Catholic identity of the University depends upon, and is nourished by, the presence of a predominant number of Catholic faculty members. The percentage of Notre Dame faculty who identify themselves as Catholics has dropped from approximately 64 percent in 1968 to approximately 53 percent in 2006, Burish told the community.

Father Robert Sullivan, in charge of the committee, said that the steady decrease in those numbers became the cause of widespread concern among the trustees, alumni and administrators charged with preserving the University’s Catholic identity. And if “persons of other faiths and none [within the faculty] contribute decisively to forging and advancing Notre Dame’s identity,” as the report said, then their concerns could be justified, said Sullivan, a history professor. He said the 1968 book “The Academic Revolution,” by sociologist David Riesman and Christopher Jencks, posed the theory that since universities compete for outstanding scholars and professors, the faculty that are in a strategic position to influence policies. In other words, the faculty really steer a university’s course, the book says.

“If Notre Dame is to be a truly Catholic university, the faculty must include … a critical number of devoted followers of the Catholic faith.”

Thomas Burish University Provost

But Sullivan did say he expected many faculty members — especially those who are not Catholic — to be “scratching their heads, thinking, ‘Is there a place for me here?’” after reading the report.

The document, however, through all of its recommendations, reiterated that “it is imperative that the University maintain an environment where faculty of other faiths and none are included as full members of the community.

But some of the report’s recommendations might make achieving that goal complicated. The report, for example, said the University “must of course” appoint leaders who believe in the necessity and value of Catholic hiring, both as deans and chairpersons.

While Sullivan could not comment directly on that recommendation, he did say a person’s religious affiliation “has no bearing in getting tenure or promoted to higher positions.” But the people appointed to these positions, he said, should support the University’s Catholic mission.

The report also expressed fears of misunderstandings and damaging rumors both within the University and outside about any distinctive policy of recruiting Catholics in all departments.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraq prepares crackdown in province

BAGHDAD — Iraq's defense minister promised on Sunday to wage a new crackdown in a volatile province north of Baghdad where militants are trying to regroup after being routed from their urban stronghold there last summer.

Suicide bombers have killed more than 20 people in the last three days in Diyala province, a tribal patchwork of Sunni Arabs, Shiites and Kurds that stretches from Baghdad to the border with Iran.

Defense Minister Abdul-Qader al-Obeidi told The Associated Press that preparations had begun for a fresh military operation in the province's capital, Baqouba, about 35 miles from Baghdad.

Sharif party to participate in elections

ISLAMABAD — The party of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif announced Sunday that it would participate in Pakistan's parliamentary elections next month after failing to convince Ravish Rehman to join a boycott.

Greater participation will make the balloting look more like a campaign, said party chief Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan's democratic credentials, which took a hit over his Nov. 3 declaration of a state of emergency and his dismissal of independent-minded judges.

But having by the opposition in the field also will whipsaw votes and seats from Musharraf's party, weakening the U.S.-backed leader.

While some parties still say they won't participate in the Jan. 8 polls, the prospect of a general opposition boycott has now collapsed with decisions by the two largest opposition groups in field candidates.

NATIONAL NEWS

6 killed in Colorado church shootings

MILLICENT, Colo. — A gunman killed two staff members at a missionary training center early Saturday after being told he couldn't spend the night, and about seven hours later four people were shot at a busy megachurch in Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs police Lt. Fletcher Howard said a suspect had been detained in the shootings at the New Life Church, but a source who was locked down at the church Sunday afternoon said a security guard and shot and killed the gun's owner.

Authorities in Arvada, a Denver suburb about 65 miles north, said no one had been killed in the shootings there.

It was not immediately known whether the shootings were related, but Arvada authorities said there was no crime information with Colorado Springs investigators.

Student arrested for threat of violence

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles police arrested a 16-year-old student in connection with an online threat to shoot people on campus, officials said Saturday.

Police arrested Carlos Huerta, a senior at Los Angeles High School, Friday after a student came to authorities with a threat of making criminal threats.

Huerta was arrested on suspicion of possessing a weapon that he would shoot and kill as many as possible on campus before being arrested himself by police, authorities said. The threat appeared on Juicycampus.com, a chat board that describes itself as having the "simple mission of enabling online anonymous free speech on college campuses ."

LOCAL NEWS

Gary woman faces 10 years in prison

CHOWN POINT, Ind. — A Gary woman was sentenced to 10 years in prison for having sex numerous times with a 14-year-old neighbor boy.

Johanna Marie Kalinowicz, 32, pleaded guilty Nov. 27 to a felony charge of sexual misconduct with a minor under the age of 16, according to Superior Court on Friday by Judge Thomas P. Siefinski Jr.


The boy's father told the court that the crime continues to affect the family. His son, now 16, changed from a typical student to a chronic runaway who now is a ward of the state.

SOUTH KOREA

Thousands help clean up oil spill

Supertanker crash dumps 2.8 million gallons into sea off environmentally-rich beach

Associated Press

MALLIPO BEACH

Thousands of people in South Korea's Coast Guard used shovels and buckets Sunday to clean up a disaster oil spill pollution in the country's scenic and environmentally rich western coat.

About 100 ships, including about 65 military vessels, were stationed in Mallipo, one of South Korea's best-known beaches. The area also includes a national marine park.

On Saturday, tides of dark sea water crashed ashore at Mallipo beach, while the odor reached areas a half-mile away and private fishing boats, were also hit. Many people with families flocked to the beach Sunday to enjoy a day out.

Kim Sun-joon, who works for an ocean clean-up business in South Korea's southeast coast, wore a large chemical mask to cope with the strong smell. "We don't know when we can finish this work," she said.

"We have been shoveling oil since yesterday, but the waves just keep bringing more oil. I feel dizzy."

Nearly 2.8 million gallons of crude gushed into the ocean, more than twice as much as South Korea's worst previous spill in 1995.

Thick, smelly waves of crude washed ashore, turning seagulls black and threatening fish farms along an 11-mile stretch of coast, defying efforts to contain it by dropping oil fences into the ocean and using chemicals to break it up. Mats were placed on the beach to absorb the oil.

The Coast Guard said the last of three leaks in the tanker had been plugged Sunday morning.

"But we have to continue. It will take much more effort," Choi Kyung-hwan, a 58-year-old fisherman, came to the beach Sunday to help, but despaired for the area where he has lived for 30 years.

"I came here because I have to do something," he said. "I don't know when we can finish. But we have to continue."

Cho Yoo-soon, who runs a raw fish restaurant at Mallipo beach, 95 miles southwest of Seoul, said the situation was overwhelming. She said restaurants in the area were closing, and she could not pump fresh sea water into her tanks.

"Without fresh sea water, the fish will start dying again after a week," she said. "We can't even walk around here because the entire beach is covered with oil."

The affected areas include 181 maritime farms that produce abalone, brown seaweed, laver, littleneck clams and sea cucumbers, said Lee Seung-yeop, an official with the Taeon county government, which includes the beach. Aquatic farmers in the area number about 4,000, he said.

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Diocese secedes from Episcopal Church

SAN FRANCISCO — The conservative Diocese of San Joaquin voted Saturday to split from the liberal-leaning Episcopal Church because it believes the first full diocese to secede from the denomination in the debate over the Bible and homosexuality.

Clergy and lay members of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin voted 172-22 to seceding from the church in an extraordinary meeting to remove all references to the national church from the diocese's constitution, said the Rev. Van Calisier, a diocesan spokesman.

The diocese, based in Fresno, plans to align with the like-minded Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, based in South America.

The decision is almost certain to spark a court fight over control of the diocese's multimillion-dollar real estate holdings and other assets.

The Episcopal Church is the U.S. member of the global Anglican Communion, a 77-million-member fellowship that traces its roots to the Church of England.

Anglicans have been moving toward a worldwide schism since 2001, when the Episcopal Church consecrated the first openly gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. San Joaquin is also one of the three Episcopal dioceses that will not ordain women.

The Episcopal rift over theology began decades ago and is now focused on whether the Bible condemns gay relationships.

"We have leadership in the Episcopal Church that has dramatically and radically changed directions," Calisier said. "They have pulled the rug out from under us. They've started teaching something very different, something very new and novel, and it's impossible for us to follow a leadership that has so drastically reinvented itself.

Episcopal and Anglican advocates for accepting gay relationships say they are guided by biblical teachings on social justice and tolerance. Tradicionalists believe that gay relationships violate Scripture.
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sion topic at the Notre Dame Forum on Friday.
"It was three students for every one we could accept," he said.

Despite the shortened winter break, Purcell said it will only affect the Holy Cross Mission in Education Seminar One day was eliminated, so participants will not be as able to spend as much time with Las Cajas, a tutoring program for public school children.

"This year was challenging, so students will have less time with some of the non-profit, after-school programs that offer

grants with public school kids," he said.

In addition to tutoring students on the Holy Cross Mission in Education Seminar, work with children at St. John Vianney Catholic School in Goodfellow Arts and will visit vari-

ous parishes and schools, including St. John Vianney Parish will host the stu-

dents. Students will also do outreach work in Urban Plunge, a 48-

hour experience in various cities throughout the United States. Participants will learn about urban poverty, existing service agencies, such as soup kitchens and halfway houses and the impact of city resid-

dents.

Psho said her Urban Plunge experience in Pittsburgh made her aware of all the help that is needed and how bad it can be. She was especially affected by Owen's Gala, an agency that helps troubled girls in the area. "It really was an eye-opener," she said. "I really know all of the service agencies that exist in Pittsburgh.

While students in Urban Plunge engage in service outreach in various cities, the 10 particip-

ants in Organizing, Power and Hope will meet with community leaders and learn how to organize resources to combat poverty and other social problems.

"We're learning from organi-

zations, pastors and leaders who do community organizing in Chicago," program director Jay Capogna said.

Student Coordinator Stuart More emphasized that this pro-

gram is designed to be an opportunity for students with service experience to learn from community leaders who have been involved with their line of work.

"The whole idea is broad-

cast and disseminated, which means drawing from all kinds of sources and giving them all together to work on common issues," More said.

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mass in the Anglican tradi-

tion, Smoyer said.

"In its most basic form, it consists of a series of seven Scripture readings, along with a variety of liturgical selections and carols for our assembly," she said.

In 2005, the school has adapted that structure to meet our needs and creat-

ed a format for service prayer, readings, carols, choral selections and liturgi-

cal distribution of Holy Communion.

While deeply rooted in the Anglican tradition, "Lessons and Carols" also brings the College community together. "It is a beautiful celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons for Saint Mary's," Smoyer said. "We have the opportunity for shared experiences and a variety of readings both scriptural and sodred texts."

"Lessons and Carols" helps the community, by donning carnelian gowns and gold stoles for the Sr. Maria Brandt Health Clinic on Chapel Street and West Locust.

"We step back and celebrate together the closeness of our community in this time of the busy end of the semester," Smoyer said.

The tradition of "Lessons and Carols" has remained unchanged for over 20 years.

"In the past, the Alumnae also wrote back to music director Mr. Menk and I describe how much they are celebrating the season without Lessons and Carols and how treasured their memories are of that

ritual," she said. "The singing of "Silent Night," the dressing and the candlelight seem to offer a healing energy that sustains well beyond the season.

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counsel for the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I didn't know that this is one of the most coveted positions from the legal perspective in the United States," Hernandez said.

She helped develop

the 1980 Refugee Act, a law designed to aid refugees into the United States for humanitarian rea-

sons that is still in effect today.

"Working in the public policy arena is a very important way to change the rules of the game," Hernandez said.

While she loved her work in law, Hernandez had a newfound desire to work at the grassroots level and implement social change. After serving as president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), Hernandez joined the California Community Foundation from 2002 to 2004 as president and CEO.

"Philanthropy is another tool to change the norms of society for the bet-

ter," she said. "Last year, CEO gave $245 million of that, we control $50 million."

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hopes for the synchronized team this season.

"I hope we do well at Midwesters in February and quality to go to Nationals," Davis said. "We have a very solid group of girls this season."

The synchro-

nized skating team also is part of the club's "plunge" - designed for skaters who have passed the juvenile moves in the field test, according to the stan-

dards of the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA). Some standards include the spin pinwheel and backskate line.

The synchronized team performs in competitions throughout the school year. It placed 11th in its first compe-

tion during the first weekend in December at the Dr. Porter competition.

The Dr. Porter competition allowed the synchro-

nized team to have their performances judged. They were given advice for their future competitions. The Nationals will take place in Providence, R.I., later in the spring.

"Our captains said that students interested in joining the club and possibly compet-

ing on the team didn't need prior experience.

"You do not need previous skiing ability, but it helps," Reinhalter said. "We have two girls this year who just started and they have really excelled. And if you want to be a part of the synchronized team you need to pass the juvenile moves in the field test."

While only composed of women, the club is always on the lookout for male members to join, Davis said.

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Dec 7 to 9 from 7am to 3am

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Good Luck with Finals

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Business Operations, Campus Ministry and the Study in Board

Monday, December 10, 2007
Chavez launches regional bank

Leaders view Bank of the South as a move toward financial independence

In Brief

Trade summit ends with no progress
LONDON — The first summit between Europe and Africa in seven years came to an acrimonious end Sunday with leaders squabbling over human rights and no progress on a looming trade pact deadline.

The World Trade Organization has ruled that the EU’s 30-year-old preferential trade agreement with Africa was unfair to other trading nations and violated international rules. New deals are meant to be finalized by Dec. 31.

Old divisions surfaced at the two-day summit as leaders swapped accusations over the crises in Zimbabwe and Darfur, and postcolonial tensions deepened over free trade deals, known as Economic Partnership Agreements, and that the continent’s poorest. He praised the bank as a new tool to fight poverty and ease inequalities and criticized what he characterized as heavy-handed lending practices of international lenders and demand austerity prescriptions as conditions for extending credits.

“Only strong and united can implement change and occupy its rightful place among nations,’’ Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said. “This will be the first international bank truly controlled by the nations of our continent.’’

Earlier, Chavez said the bank is aimed at freeing us from the chains of dependence and underdevelopment.

The institution is one of several far-reaching proposals under Chavez’s ambitious call to unite Latin American countries in a “confederation of republics.’’ His vision also includes a transcontinental natural gas pipeline and trade alliances.

Critics note much remains to be determined about how the bank will operate and say it might turn out to be a largely symbolic project used by Chavez to spread his oil-financed influence.

But others call it a bold step in creating Latin America’s financial independence.

“What you had in the past decade was the collapse of a very powerful creditors’ cartel headed by the IMF,’’ said Mark Weisbrot of the Washington-based Center for Economic and Policy Research. “This is the first step in creating an alternative.’’

Finance ministers of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela will sit on the bank’s board. Officials say it will dispense loans for projects from road-building to anti-poverty programs and regional integration plans such as cross-border rail lines.

Fed considers another interest rate cut

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Everybody wants something particular for Christmas. There will be millions of people who will not receive a person's holiday just perfect, no matter what happens.

If you're one of those people who have run out of your way to find that gift, this article isn’t for you.

Some of us, however, are just average college students. It’s the thought that counts” is more of a lifeline than a saying when it comes to buying your friends gifts. When you have neither the money to get a sandwich, how about jokes? This is one thing everybody is happy with.

Frequently, people have been dodging the expensive-gift bullet for years, and now their expertise can be passed to you. The macaroni necklace: This is highly useful because if you replace the word “macaroni” with “diamond,” you realize the only difference between noodles and diamonds is light-based carbon.

And aren’t we sick of carbon? Isn’t it part of carbon dioxide? That means the same thing costing $800 to put on a chain and wear on your neck is slowly boiling the Earth. This is a perfect gift for your significant other because it costs about $3 to make, but it shows you really care. Granted, you only cared enough to put some noodles on a string, but if you give it in a really realistic way — or if your significant other is a 3-year-old — then you’ll still get a good response.

If all else fails, you can take the noodles off the string and rook them.

Somebody else’s clothes: Let’s not misce words — clothes from Goodwill. Some of the cool shirts I’ve ever owned were bought for two dollars in the T-shirt section of a Goodwill. It’s to find a wonderful cross-section of retro T-shirts, creepy trench coats and extravagantly cheap dresses. And the best part is the most expensive thing in the store is a coat costing $75.

Just imagine what you could come up with if you look really hard. A DVD costs about $20 anywhere else, but that could buy you 10 awesome T-shirts at Goodwill! And washing a DVD doesn’t mean it’s as good the second time.

This column is incredible easy, and you can even make it up completely off the top of your head. If you already have a long-standing inside joke with somebody, the job is half done. If you find your friend’s room/house/cave right now, make some obscure reference and hope they get it.

Once you have a suitable joke, find a cheap way to repackage it. If it’s about a person or place, find a picture and print it out.

After that, the choice is yours. You could put it on a T-shirt, but buying iron-ons is dangerous expensive behavior. You could simply wrap a $10 gift card in paper made of the picture and call it a day.

If the joke is about an object, it’s even easier. Either find the object in question and box it up, or if it’s too big or expensive, make a scale model. This can be done hastily and poorly, and when you can later blame your lackluster art on fits of giggles because the joke is just so funny, and you know you’re not lying.

Gift cards: This one is fairly self-explanatory. Everyone knows there is maybe one thing in Best Buy that costs less than $10, but everyone is still thrilled to have a $10 gift card from there. Gift cards are great because they pack a lot of meaning into a little bit of effort.

You’re basically giving them money, but because that would be tacky as a Christmas gift, you go further and deny them the option of going anywhere but a place you care. Be it a restaurant or store, you get to choose where they spend it, and that means that you cared enough to choose where they want to go.

If all else fails, there’s more. Used DVDs: Used DVDs are cheap. This also applies to video games, CDs and books. If you can find the right store, you can get an incredible amount of stuff for a small amount of money.

I recommend Acme Comics. One year I went there for my birthday. I bought a movie, a video game and a comic book for $11. I watched the movie more times than he did, stole the comic book and sold the video game to buy an XBox, but that’s beside the point.

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Victory for socialism

With the defeat of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez’s sweeping referendum, many are proclaiming a victory of democracy over socialism in Latin America.

I would like to say that the notion of Chavez’s referendum defeat is actually a victory for socialism, rather than a defeat. This will provide us with several lessons about socialism.

Socialism is meant to introduce the apparatus for communism, which is the most difficult of any modern task because communism is politics without a state. Chavez lost sight of this goal of holding socialism to be a medium for ridiculing politics of the intervention of bureaucracies and states.

Of course, thinking of politics without a state seems to be entirely counterintuitive. I would argue that this is actually the most important aspect of the challenge of socialism and communism: It will necessarily challenge our thinking about our own politics by conceiving of tactical courses to rid politics of the state.

This brings us to our second lesson. Socialism is not opposed to freedom. Socialism, as a concept for communism, is meant to be one particular development or strand of freedom. Usually, in light of its developments in the 20th century, socialism is equated with totalitarianism and a state economy, in contrast to the freedom of democracy and some sort of market economy. This is a mistake, however. Freedom is not limited to one type of regime and one type of economy.

Socialism is not limited to totalitarianism and state economies. To equate socialism with those functions is to simply equate socialism with one aspect of its political threat, and forget that it serves a radical function of moving politics away from capitalism.

Chavez’s defeat is a victory for socialism because it reinforces him from developing economic reforms alongside increased bureaucratic developments, especially term limits.

Socialism should not be equated with totalitarianism, and opposed to freedom, because the tasks of socialism are ultimately separated from the state, and the totality of the state.

Our final lesson? As soon as we make the leap to equating one regime type with freedom and democracy, we will equally find ourselves en route to totalitarianism.

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LETTERS

Fight for underprivileged at Notre Dame

I was shocked to read Donna Bromeling’s Letter to the Editor “Custodial staff deserves fair treatment.” Dec. 4 in which she detailed her plight as a custodial staff employee, who claimed that she has been unfairly compensated and experienced contempt from her supervisors. With her letter, she helped put a face on the working poor among us here at Notre Dame.

Last fall, I was excited to hear influential public officials tackle immigration issues at the annual forum, but now I worry that Americans, and indeed even our Notre Dame community, have not learned to respect legal citizens who work hard and follow the rules. I believe that as Catholics, we have a moral obligation to advocate for justice and help those in need, just as Jesus taught us to “feed the hungry and clothe the naked.” Furthermore, Catholic social teachings have long upheld the value of human dignity, which demands a “fair day’s wage for a fair day’s labor.” This in turn implies that we, as students, faculty, and staff, who fulfill our own job requirements should be paid a “fair day’s wage.” I would argue that a fair day’s wage should at the very least be enough for a laborer to remain above the federal poverty account level or at least be enough to secure the basic necessities of life, including food, shelter, clothing, and health.

Our Notre Dame leaders challenge us with the question “What would you fight for?” After considering recent developments, I’ve decided to focus on the plight of our own working poor and here at Notre Dame.

Christopher Douville
Boardman
Sunset Hall
Dec. 6

U-WIRE

Facebook does not have your back

Facebook’s alarming rise to prominence has already reached mythic proportions. In the world of technology, Facebook’s story is told with a “Captured in the Stone” type of esteem, the same way one might embellish a story about the time they had sex with two roommates in one night. Launched in early 2004, Facebook’s VP of Res Life, whose three roommates, the site had 100,000 users by June of that year and, as of this November, claims to have over 50 million members. Its numbers catapulted when it altered the registration condition: requiring users to enter a high school e-mail address to access the site. Beforehand, having a Facebook account meant having a bit of pride. Users had gotten into college and as a reward they had this online community where they could interact with other sophisticiates devoid of the distraction of those undereducated brutes who plague the web. Facebook’s opening to the public was a source of pride. People could be absolutely sure about who is seeing their ad because they complained.

The first change that threw the Facebook community into turmoil was the introduction of the vaunted news feed. This feature compiled all moves made by its users and announced them for all to see on their friends’ homepages. People reacted like Facebook had started typing up their diary and sending it to their friends. It felt like Facebook was trying to teach a course in Stalking 101. The problem was that Zuckerburg didn’t phase in this new development properly. He just threw up the new feature. This resulted in a backlash that was, presumably, unexpected. Or maybe it was expected. Maybe he was going for the same approach that the landlords did when we moved into our apartment and found that our rug smelled like dogs and had been used as a toilet paper transfer station. Sure, they knew about the smell — I think people three towns over knew about it — but they didn’t replace it until we complained.

When Facebookers complained, Zuckerburg quickly made the needed changes, installing a privacy control and issuing a swift and genuine-sounding apology. He defended the news feed as a tool with endless beneficial possibilities, but said that users should have the ability to control what was displayed. Everyone accepted his apology and actually quickly accepted the news feed because, well, everyone kind of likes to stalk their friends.

Facebook apparently learned from its mistakes, and its privacy policy for the most part. When a user visits a website that uses Facebook’s cookies, they are given the option to opt-out. If they choose to opt-out, Facebook will not track their movements (purchases, tastes, preferences) on about 40 other partner sites, and sends that information back to Facebook — which uses this data to tailor its advertisement — and not learn how to max our time. (FYI, Facebook does not have your back)

Now it seems Facebook is back to its old tricks, although this time it was much more subtle. At the beginning of November, Facebook launched a new feature called Beacon. Many probably haven’t heard of it because it was not an optional application, nor was it a visible one.

When a computer visits a webpage it downloads “cookies” from that particular site. Facebook’s cookies are not warm and soft. Rather, they communicate with a third-party site that tracks all of the members’ personal online movements (purchases, tastes, preferences) on about 40 other partner sites, and puts that information on the Beacon — which uses this data to tailor its advertisement — and not learn how to max our time. (FYI, Facebook does not have your back)

The reason Facebook is such a progressive and influential site is not because of its advancements in social networking but because of it’s advancements in the field of marketing. One of marketing’s main hurdles is reaching the target audience, it is a constant struggle and there is always collateral damage. Anti-marijuana ads aimed at dis-sussing current smokers inevitably cause some curious children to ask their parents what this weird, forbidden, Mexican-sounding substance is. With Facebook, a company can be absolutely sure about who is seeing their ad because of the individual nature of the site.

Most people didn’t even know the Beacon controversy was occurring. Obviously, it caused a minor outrage among those in the know. A petition was started, letters were written and finally Zuckerburg issued an apology, making the necessary changes; he switched Beacon to an opt-in program rather than an opt-out service.

While the Senate has again quelled the mob, the bravado with which Zuckerberg has marched around Silicon Valley is hardly convincing. For now it appears to be one of arrogantly confident risk. The site has become such an addiction that people are primed to forgive it, no matter how far it pushes the limits — as long as Facebook rectifies the mistake.

Facebook, like most other websites, is designed so people will spend as much time as possible on the site. It really is an advertiser’s dream. The concern with Facebook, and the thing to keep in mind, is that it does not have its user’s interests at heart. It doesn’t. It is truly and utterly motivat-ed by the bottom of the Internet. It’s the same reason that companies can pay a fee to look at prospective employees profiles and check their Facebook history. If it was really a network devoted to college students then this would not occur. I’m not saying this is necessarily a bad thing. For lack of a better expression, this is just how the world works. Just remember, Facebook is not your friend.

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In the land of Mordor, in the fires of Mount Doom, the Dark Lord Sauron forged in secret, a master ring, to control all others. And into this ring he poured all his crueltys, his malice and his will to dominate all life. One ring to rule them all. One by one, the free peoples of Middle-earth fell to the power of the Ring. But there were some who resisted.

Watching this year's NFL season has been very much akin to watching the critically-acclaimed "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. The New England Patriots head coach, like the Dark Lord Sauron, has consumed himself with a burning need for a ring. Perhaps not the One Ring of Power, but some might argue, an even more important piece of hardware: the NFL Championship ring. He's had it before. And now he wants it back.

Belichick's Gollum-like obsession for that most coveted of rings, yet another Super Bowl Championship, has spurred the Patriots to a perfect 13-0 record and restored their status as the bullies of the NFL. With each touchdown they score, the FOX NFL theme swells, and we see Tom Brady, Randy Moss and Co. high-fiving, trash-talking and generally putting down the rest of the league. It's not just that they've won; it's how they've won. The Patriots have destroyed nearly everyone on the slant, running up the score, the game over on four down with massive leads and generally disrespecting every hapless squad they've encountered, leaving a wake of battered and broken football teams. The Patriots have won with swagger and sneer. Their sheer hate factor is off the charts.

Unlike the true patriots from which New England derives its name, who spent much of the Revolutionary War using guerilla tactics to defeat the greater numbers of the imperial British, these modern-day Patriots are the decided favorites in every game they play. In the past offseason, they paired all-world quarterback Tom Brady with all-universe wide receiver Randy Moss, a combination that has led to an offensive juggernaut of epic proportions. Having the Brady-Moss aerial bomb seems about as fair as having the dreaded Nine Riders — the Nazgul — hop aboard their dragon-like steeds and plunge down upon their hapless foes, leaving them only death and despair.

Then again, fair has nothing to do with it. The outcome of next week's game against my beloved Jets already looks grim, due to the fact that the Cameratafate scandal took place in week one during the New York-New England matchup. Can you say, "revenge game?"

League officials caught the Patriots using cameras to tape opposing teams' signals. The Patriots paid a heavy price for their indiscretion (to the tune of a half-million dollar fine for Belichick alone and another $250,000 for the team), plus the loss of its first-round draft pick in this year's draft, but the rest of the NFL may have paid a price far greater. By imposing the penalties on the Pats, the league incurred the wrath of the Beasts of the Northeast.

The Patriots have three remaining games in their pursuit of season-long perfection against the New York Jets, Miami Dolphins and New York Giants, all decidedly Hobbit-sized underdogs. Of the three contests, two take place within the frigid (and therefore cozy) confines of Gillette Stadium, New England's home turf. Unfortunately, no matter how hard it is to watch, it appears as though Bill Belichick and his hand-picked band of bullies will strut their way to yet another NFL Championship and an undefeated sea-

New England Patriots' coach Bill Belichick has dominated this season.

BET BLACKBUSTER series draws new viewers

Imagine this: You're in a dorm room and you're flipping through the school's provided cable channels (sorry, no HBO here). In continuing the full sweep, you pass channel No. 75.

For most people that means passing VHS tapes and old movies, some other low-budget the full title of which is almost indicative of the student body here, channel number 75 is either skipped or stopped on as a source of amusement. The channel in question is none other than Black Entertainment Television, or BET.

BET is the destination for people looking to see a collection of misogynistic rap music, rehashed MTV rejects shows with all-black casts — "College Hill," I'm looking at you — and dating shows featuring midget devils. I'm convinced that Keenan Ivory Wayans owns stock in the channel, because it's one-stop shopping for both "In Living Color" and "The Wayans Bros.

Other staples of the channel include "106 & Park," "Rap City" and former UPN shows that have been canceled or are currently available in syndication. And yes, I'm crossing my fingers in hopes that "Malcolm & Eddie" is added to the rotation.

However, I haven't seen the true "diamond in the rough" of BET. That, my friends, is the BET Blackbuster Movie of the Week. Yes, you read me right: "Black" buster.

Once a week, preferably late at night on the weekends, the program directors over at headquarters dig through a cache of bootleg tapes and find a different movie to show. These vary from cinematic classics like "Poetic Justice" and "Holiday Heart," to gangsta flicks like "Boyz N Da Hood," and "Menace To Society," to spoofs like "I'm Gonna Git You, Sucks," and "Be A Menace To South Central While Drinking Your Juice In The Hood" — yes, that's the full title — and even the "straight to VHS" smash "3 Strikes" and "I Got The Hook Up."

For those of you who have never had the pleasure of watching one of the movies that I've listed, I strongly urge you to do yourself the favor.

"Baller Blockin'," serious film that it is, is only 50 minutes long and ends with the classic "To Be Continued" motif. Needless to say, seven years later there still hasn't been a sequel, but I will be first in line to buy a ticket when there is.

The newest Blackbuster movie is "The American Dream," starring the one and only Mike Jones. The movie is about an aspiring Houston rapper and the trials and tribulations that occur during his quest for fame and stardom. Sound familiar to anybody?

During the movie, which was obviously filmed at the rapper's house or some other low-budget locale, the viewer is drawn in for the same reason most people watch trashy TV because the girls look good. But I haven't derogates.

For those of you who have never had the pleasure of watching one of the movies that I've listed, I strongly urge you to do yourself the favor. Although not all will be "Radio Or Die" starring Duane Martin and Jadakiss, occasional-ly you'll have an enjoyable, fulfilling film experience. And remember, all of these big name actors have to start some-

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In the new film "The Golden Compass," the power of the evil Magisterium is rising. Only the holder of the golden compass can save humanity from its crushing grasp.

Lyra Belacqua (13-year old newcomer Dakota Blue Richards) examines the mysterious golden compass. Lyra uncovers the mystery of the Dust, the source of man's original sin, while encountering Mrs. Coulter (Nicole Kidman) and the underlings of the oppressive Magisterium.

In a world inhabited by shape-shifting soul creatures called daemons, armored beasts and even James Bond — both Daniel Craig and his leading lady, Eva Green, appear in the film — Lyra must resist the Magisterium and fight for the freedom of the world.

Written as something of a response to C.S. Lewis' Christian book series "The Chronicles of Narnia," Pullman's trilogy has garnered much praise from critics who cite the books' philosophical underpinnings as more sophisticated fare than the usual young adult novel. Secular groups and die-hard fans of the fantasy novels discuss complex philosophies, and yes, they also criticize organized religion and the historic abuses of the Church.

With the rise of fantasy filmmaking in recent years, it seems likely that that trend will continue with director Chris Weitz' new fantasy epic.

Lyra Belacqua (Dakota Blue Richards) examines the mysterious golden compass in New Line's new film. "The Golden Compass" has faced criticism for its content.
The Patriots have a 1-0 lead over the Lions at halftime. The Lions are driving for a touchdown, but their last possession resulted in a field goal.

The Lions will need to score a touchdown to tie the game.

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Patriots receiver Randy Moss leads for a catch over Steelers cornerback Ike Taylor on Sunday in New England's 34-13 victory over Pittsburgh.
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 Vick faces sentencing in dogfighting case

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — How much, if any, will Michael Vick's role as financier of a brutal dogfighting ring hurt him? What about his use of drugs while awaiting sentencing? Or will he benefit from his public apology? His cooperation? His voluntary early start on his prison term?

Answers to these questions, among others, will determine how much time the suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback will serve in prison for his role in a federal dogfighting conspiracy.

And the only man who knows the answers is U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson, who will sentence Vick in a packed courtroom Monday while the disgraced NFL star's supporters and animal-rights activists rally outside.

Vick faces a maximum of five years in prison. Hudson is not bound by sentencing guidelines that suggest a year to 18 months, or prosecutors' recommendation.

Hudson already has sentenced two of Vick's co-defendants to 18 months and 21 months — slightly more than prosecutors recommended, but still within the guidelines.

Legal experts said Hudson's willingness to stick to the guidelines in those cases is a positive sign for Vick, but by no means a guarantee he will get similar treatment because so many factors could work against him.

For example, Vick admitted he bankrolled the "Bad Newz Kennels" dog-fighting enterprise on a 15-acre property he owned in rural southeastern Virginia. He also gave his associates money to bet on the fights but said he did not share in any winnings.

"The judge could say that but for the money, this might not have happened — or might not have happened on the scale that it did," said Linda Malone, a law professor at the College of William & Mary. Richmond attorney Steve Benjamin, secretary of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, noted the plea agreement Vick negotiated with prosecutors did not include any sentencing enhancement for a leadership role in the conspiracy. But that does not preclude Hudson from considering that role, Benjamin said.

Perhaps a bigger concern for Vick, according to Malone, is the extent of his involvement in executing dogs. Vick admitted helping kill six to eight pit bulls. Any details the judge learns about exactly what Vick did could weigh heavily in his decision, Malone said.

She said Hudson also likely will take a dim view of Vick's positive test for marijuana in September — a violation of the conditions set for Vick's release after he pleaded guilty, that increase time in prison. Hudson to impose a curfew and electronic monitoring.

IN BRIEF

Pacers' Tinsley unhurt in shooting

INDIANAPOLIS — More late night trouble for Jamaal Tinsley could prevent more problems for the Indiana Pacers.

Tinsley and several companions were targeted in a shooting Sunday morning that wounded one person. Tinsley was not injured, but he did not practice on Sunday, the team said.

It was the third time since last October that Tinsley has been involved in a disturbance stemming from trips to nightclubs.

"I really didn't know what to think about it," team president Larry Bird told Pacers.com. "I was just hoping everybody was all right. You feel bad any time your players are in some trouble for Jamaal Tinsley could mean a guarantee he will receive up to five years in prison for his involvement in a dogfighting ring.

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**BOXING**

Mayweather stays unbeaten with KO

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Floyd Mayweather Jr. didn’t need to dance to beat Ricky Hatton. His fists proved a lot more potent than his feet.

Mayweather remained unbeaten Tuesday night and retained his claim to being the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world by stopping Hatton in the 10th round of a brawl that featured some of the most remarkable rounds this year. Mayweather has now won the American record of going for their third straight off’nnsive catalyst.

The Associated Press

**MLB**

Rangers agree to terms with Bradley for 1 year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Outfielder Milton Bradley and the Texas Rangers reached a preliminary agreement Sunday on a one-year contract worth just over $5 million.

Bradley, who also had considered re-signing with the San Diego Padres, could play outfield or be designated hitter with the Rangers. His deal also contains performance bonuses.

Associated Press

**NBC**

Wade helps Riley reach 1,200 wins

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Pat Riley felt a whole lot better after his 1,200th regular-season victory as an NBA coach than he did Sunday morning when he brought the Miami Heat into Staples Center with a five-game losing streak.

Dwyane Wade helped improve his coach’s disposition considerably, getting 35 points and 10 assists in a 100-94 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Wade was 11 for 15 from the floor in association with what no other coach has done, the challenger for his 147-round crown Hatton kept trying to get into side and score points, but Mayweather had an answer for every punch he threw.

The Associated Press

### Heat guard Dwyane Wade attempts a shot over Clippers guard Cuttino Mobley in a 100-94 Miami Victory Sunday.

Kaman, an early favorite for the league’s most improved player, won the statistical matchup between the 7-foot centers with 14 points and 12 rebounds. It was his 15th double-double, one more than he had in 75 games last season. He is averaging 18.5 points and 13.6 boards.

“We came into the league in the same draft class, I knew he was good then, but he’s even better now,” Wade said. “Every year he’s getting better and bet­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­
ND Women's Track & Field

Runners post positive results in Blue and Gold Invitational

By ALEX BARKER AND ANDY ZICCArellI
Sport Writers

Notre Dame got off to a solid start on Friday when it hosted the annual Blue and Gold Invitational against DePaul, Marquette and Detroit Mercy.

Sophomore Joanna Schultz captured the 200 and 400-meters and many of her team members posted Big East qualifying times at the meet.

"It gives our team an opportunity to compete before going home for Christmas break. They have been training since September and this gives us a chance to evaluate our team," Irish coach Tim Connelly said. "Connelly said there were not yet at full strength and probably would not be fit until February.

"There are a lot of terrific teams in our division, so we really have to do well to have a chance of winning the Big East."

"The Irish throwers performed well under new coach Adam Beltran. Anna Weber qualified for the Big East meet in the weight throw with a toss of 17.54 meters. Weber and sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza finished first and second, respectively, in the shot put.

"There are a lot of talented players but I am optimistic with what the young athletes are doing." Notre Dame head coach Joe Piane said. "It is good to see the underclassmen stepping up and helping us succeed."

"The freshmen are doing very well. We lost a lot of talented players but I am optimistic with what the young athletes are doing." Notre Dame head coach Joe Piane said. "It is good to see the underclassmen stepping up and helping us succeed."

"The men's and women's teams combined to pick up 40 Big East qualifying marks on Friday. However, even for those that didn't qualify for the championships, the meet was an opportunity to gain some meaningful experience before the end of the fall semester."

 Irish junior Mary Saxer became a conference qualifier in the pole vault with a mark of 4.4 meters. Sophomore Jaime Minor finished in first place in the triple jump with a mark of 11.34 meters.

The team will be off until returning from winter break. Their next meet will be the Notre Dame Indoor Opener on January 18.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Career game brings Irish win

Barlow nets 19 points in second half to halt Purdue in West Lafayette

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associated Press

Ashley Barlow had the best game of her college career when Notre Dame needed it most.

The sophomore guard finished Saturday's 61-48 win over Purdue with a career-high 22 points — 19 of which came in the second half.

With Notre Dame down 36-32 with 12:40 left in the game, Barlow nailed a 3-point jumper to bring the Irish within one. After a turnover from Boilermakers guard Fakhura Malone, Irish guard Brittany Mallory found Barlow open for another 3-point basket 35 seconds later. Barlow's 3-point surge was the Irish's two-point lead.

Barlow would add two steals and another jumper in the next minute to put even more space between Notre Dame and Purdue.

"I thought that [Barlow] took over the game in the second half," McGraw said. "Back-to-back 3s ... points, her defense was exceptional, she got some steals. She really just made things happen in a stretch in the second half and really put the game firmly in control in the second half by us."

Barlow's performance was especially important because Notre Dame's leading scorer — guard All'Allen — was limited because of foul trouble.

Barlow was limited to 5-of-13 from the floor for the game, but her second-half performance picked up the slack and propelled the Irish to the win. McGraw said Allen does not always have to be the team's top scorer, as was the case last season.

"I think that's the great thing about this team is our balance and our depth. And we have so many different weapons and everybody is out there every night trying to contribute in some way," McGraw said. "You try when you have different players to do different kind of talent and Ashley steps up, it takes the pressure off everybody."

The coach added that she felt Allen's defensive performance and her eight rebounds and six assists were incredibly important to the Irish effort.

The Irish sank into Purdue's zone defense in the first half and decided to play the intermission. Early in the second half, the Boilermakers stretched their lead to eight points — the largest Purdue lead of the game.

But the Irish offense came alive in the second half, outscoring Purdue 41-23. The 49 points allowed against the Boilermakers was the lowest score ever in a conference win for the Irish and the teams play in their zone defense, McGraw said.

To hold them under 50, I thought it was a great thing to do. And our zone was really, really good. I was pleased because we played about 39 minutes of zone," she said.

"And we've worked on it quite a bit, and so I was happy to see it work really good."

One key part of the zone was to shut down Boilermakers forward Lakisha Freeman. Freeman entered Saturday's game scoring 14.1 points per game, but the Irish zone held her to 1-of-9 from the floor with her only basket coming from beyond the arc.

"I thought the zone was really where she was," McGraw said. "We kept her on the perimeter and didn't really give her the driving lanes, and I thought that worked well for us."

The player the Irish struggled against was Boilermakers center Danielle Campbell. Campbell finished with 13 points, seven rebounds and six blocks but failed to score in the paint because of the Irish zone.

The win was Notre Dame's sixth straight since falling to Maryland 75-59 on Nov. 16. In nine previous trips to Mackey Arena in West Lafayette, Notre Dame has failed to come out with a victory. But now McGraw knows what it feels like to get the win.

"It was great. It feels good to finally know that I can go home and win," she said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles defeat Tri-State behind Kessler, Howe

Senior guard Allison Kessler puts up a shot over an Alma defender in a 66-54 Belles win last February.

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

After winning the battles in the post and at the free throw line, Saint Mary's got its first conference win of the season, beating MIAA rival Tri-State 82-68 on Friday.

Senior guard Allison Kessler, who finished the game with 23 points, seven assists and five steals, continued to fill her role as the Belles' key performer.

With the win, the team improved its overall record to 3-4 and its conference record to 1-1.

Looking at the box score, the game appeared relatively even. Saint Mary's was 28-for-64 on field goals (44 percent), while Tri-State shot 27-for-63 (43 percent). Each team made seven 3-point field goals.

The difference, however, was at the charity stripe, where the Belles went 19-for-22 while the Thunder shot 10-for-19.

While many of Saint Mary's free throws came as a result of Tri-State trying to extend the game by fouling, it was apparent from early in the contest that the Belles' game had worked well in hand. They led the game for all but 5:18 and never trailed after taking a 15-14 lead at 11:55 left in the first half.

To the Belles' credit, the dominance was a team effort. Three of Kessler's fellow starters scored in double digits. Junior guard Kelly Raddad finished with 17 points and juniors Erin Newson and Meghan Conaty each netted 12 apiece. The Thunder had two scorers in double figures, led by sophomore guard Sarah Howe's 23 points.

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Irish defender Carrie Drew, right, and forward Michele Weissenhofer celebrate a goal in Notre Dame's 3-2 loss on Friday.

Irish forward

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twice before DaCosta put Florida State ahead near the end of the second half.  

Forward Samantha Talonen started the Florida State attack from the field outside the box and passed through three Notre Dame players to find DaCosta, who blew past Irish midfielder Amanda Cinialli and put the ball under keeper Lauren Karus for the game-winner.  

"I knew if I told Talonen got through that," DaCosta said, "I just made a run, I guess it got through."  

Seminole coaches Mark Krikorian and Jenny Zeigler knew their team could find openings in Notre Dame's defense.  

"I think that's one of our strengths, the combination of play and finding seams," Krikorian said. "I think that each of our goals were somewhat similar, with the quick combination and the through-ball opportunity."  

Waldrum was surprised the Irish allowed the goal and that the ball was cleared back into play rather than his team's play. limited their chance to tie the game.  

"I think we'd give the third goal up," Waldrum said. "Now the clock's your enemy. I wouldn't have wanted to see that fall apart. I wouldn't want to see that run out of time."  

Florida State forward MimmEa a g u c h i I h a b a to the right, opening kick-off 15 seconds into the game. The Seminoles took the kick and made a quick pass to DaCosta, who found Yamaguchi behind the defense. Karas charged, but Yamaguchi slipped the ball into the right side of the goal. Yamaguchi's, she's just so good with the ball," Waldrum said. "If you don't keep her out, she'll have her way with you all the time, she can really make some things happen."

The Irish showed a lack of depth after the quick goal, but eventually found their form. Forward Kerr Hanks said the team could recover because the players knew they had to come back.  

"We're not a team that's going to hurdle it up and talk about what we need to do and what we need to do to "We worked hard, we fought hard, Credit our teammates for coming back."  
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"We're a team of players, we already know what we need to do."

The Irish evened the score in the 15th minute when Hanks, who had been the right found defender Carrie Drew by the left post, deflected the kick off a No-line, charting forward and into the near corner.  

In the 33rd minute, Talonen came free and ran onto a pass from Yamaguchi in the box. She shot around Karus and just inside the right post to make the score 2-1.  

"Talonen is very good with her runs off the ball," Waldrum said. "She'd got good size, she knows how to put the ball where Florida State kept up with Notre Dame in the first half, but little teams have done against the Irish this season. As a result of trying to slow Florida State, Notre Dame committed 12 fouls in the first half to Florida State's six.  

Waldrum said the game had its ups and downs, but he felt his team handled itself well.  

"There was some ebb and flow to it," he said. "Outside of the goal 15 seconds in, once we got that past us, I thought we had a good 20 to 30 minutes, maybe, of really controlling the game. I thought that the last 15 of the first half, we made a few changes and started to get in rhythm."

As you don't all goal.  

"As the Irish sensed the running out on their season, they did everything they could to make sure Weissenhofer and forward Brittany Bock flew all over the field, repeatedly diving into passing lanes in attempts to gain possession. Defender Carrie Drew put constant pressure on Florida State's hanging out on their season, and the team was not awarded a penalty kick, the Irish could have resigned themselves to the fact that they weren't destined to win. They could have mailed it in after falling behind 2-1.  

But that's how the game of soccer goes. Sometimes all it takes to win is a few lucky breaks and an opportunistic mindset. Florida State got those breaks and had that momentary Friday.  

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**ND Women's Soccer**

**No easy way down**

Irish season ends with disappointment in semis

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Notre Dame fought hard to reach the national championship game on Friday, but did not have quite enough to gain the upper hand on Florida State. Seminoles midfielder Amanda DaCosta’s goal in the 72nd minute gave her team a 3-2 victory over Notre Dame in the College Cup semifinals.

The loss ended the season for the Irish.

“I’m certainly disappointed for our team,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “I thought we had every opportunity to win today.”

The Seminoles lead 1-0 and 2-1, but the Irish evened the score

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Home win streak reaches 25 with defeat of N. Illinois

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Notre Dame junior forward Zach Hillesland dribbled the ball in front of the scorers’ table and attracted the attention of every Northern Illinois defender. Hillesland, meanwhile, had his eye behind the defender on freshman forward Tim Abromaitis, who was cutting toward the basket.

Hillesland lofted the ball toward the right side of the rim. Abromaitis jumped and slammed the ball home, completing an electrifying alley-oop on a night when Notre Dame could do little wrong in capturing its school-record 25th consecutive victory at the Joyce Center with a 108-62 drubbing of Northern Illinois on Saturday.

“It feels really good to be a part of history,” said junior forward Ryan Ayers, who finished with 12 points. “You can always mark that down when you come back in 20 years and say, ‘Hey, I was a part of that team.’”

Junior guard Kyle McAlarney and senior forward Rob Kurz each had 17 points while a leaping, diving and dunking Luke Harangody added 14 points and 12 rebounds. The Irish shot 36-for-58 (62 percent) from the field and 14-for-25 (56 percent) from 3-point land. From the opening tip, the Irish were seemingly flawless.

McAlarney spurred Notre Dame early on, draining four straight 3-pointers in the first four minutes of the game. Notre Dame had 22 points on its board before the first media timeout with 14:35 left in the half.

“The first six minutes of the game, have you ever seen anything like that?” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “I mean, are you kidding me? That was a clinic. I’m hitting (assistant coach Sean) Kearney and going, ‘This is fun.’ See I would’ve bought a bunch of tickets for tonight if I knew that was going to happen. You get your money’s worth.”

Despite Notre Dame’s fast start, Northern Illinois fought hard to keep the game close, scoring nine in a row midway through the second half. Notre Dame, however, capitalized just twice.

Waldrum knew Notre Dame dominated the game a whole lot and seemed to realize his team had control. The Irish made shots and continued to keep Northern Illinois from scoring.

“Hey, it’s just basketball,” Waldrum said. “I was a part of a game where my team played 40 minutes and it was almost 100-0, you know. And we have a game like this. I mean, we’re all going, ‘This is fun.’”

Waldrum also picked up another assistant coach for the game. Junior forward Jonathan Krikorian, who has had an up-and-down collegiate tenure, went out playing Seminoles

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

Golden goal ends season

Wake Forest downs men 1-0 in overtime

By DAN MURPHY
Assistant Sports Editor

Wake Forest sophomore Austin da Luz ended a scoreless tie — and Notre Dame’s season — with a goal seven minutes into overtime in Winston-Salem, N.C. on Saturday.

Junior forward Marcus Tracy carried the ball up the right side and cut it back to Da Luz just outside of the goalie box. The 160-pound midfielder ripped a low shot that snuck under Irish keeper Chris Cahill into the bottom left corner of the net.

“It was a great shot. It was a funny goal because it didn’t

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**HOCKEY**

Irish make it nine in a row with road victories

By DAN MURPHY
Assistant Sports Editor

No. 6 Notre Dame extended its winning streak to nine games with a pair of wins against Princeton on the road this weekend, and defenseman Dan VeNard had the first multi-goal game of his career, continuing the offensive success of a senior who has had an up-and-down collegiate tenure.

After falling behind early Friday night, the Irish scored three straight goals and later added an insurance goal from freshman Ben Ryan to win 4-2. The following night, the Irish dominated from start to finish, winning 7-0.

“I thought that our guys were ready to play, and I didn’t think Princeton was as energetic as

on Friday night and our guys capitalized on it,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said about the second game.

VeNard scored the game-winning goal in Saturday’s game, and assisted on the second goal with 10 minutes into the first period. VeNard also picked up another goal and an assist later in the game for the first multi-goal game of his career.

“I think he’s playing with confidence,” Jackson said. “He really has never been allowed to establish himself or build the confidence before this year.”

VeNard has racked up eight points so far this year in Notre Dame’s first 20 games, which matches his total for the previous three years.

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