For the first time in history, Security Stadium on Saturday for Director of Notre Dame football game. According to Assistant, people were ejected from the stadium. Which rules were violated and information regarding consequences of the snowball throwing and marshmallow fight was not available as of press time. Fourteen people were arrested Saturday on the Notre Dame campus, according to Chapman. "The offenders were transported to the county jail," he said. "One person was transported to the hospital for intoxication." At the Stadium, five people were arrested for public intoxication, two for public intoxication and disorderly conduct, one for resisting law enforcement and assault and one for resisting law enforcement and disorderly conduct. Outside the Stadium, two people were arrested for public intoxication, one for resisting law enforcement and public intoxication and two people were arrested for theft. The 14 arrests and 22 ejections at the Syracuse game compare to 34 arrests on campus and nine ejections from the Stadium for the first home game against San Diego State University. 29 arrests and two ejections for the season-high number of 22 people ejected from football game ResLife preps for returnees. Office says it will try to accommodate wishes. As students return from their Study Abroad experiences next semester, the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH) has been working to ensure students requesting on-campus housing will be able to receive rooms. According to the ORLH Web site, Notre Dame's 28 residence halls have space for over 6,200 students. In any normal year, these dorms are completely full during the fall semester, but are only filled to about 95% capacity during the spring semester. Scott Kachmarik, associate director of ResLife, said there should be no problem accommodating the students returning to campus for the Spring Semester. "Overall, there will be plenty of room," he said. Kachmarik also said there may be issues with overcrowding in specific dorms. "There are a few halls that are experiencing a problem of more residents returning than leaving," he said. ResLife, however, is working to fix this issue to attempt to accommodate students who wish to live in a specific dorm. "Many of those will be resolved by January and the few that cannot be assigned will be able to receive accommodations," he said. CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL Group calls for printers in every residence hall Resolution passes without opposition, will now be presented to Student Senate for consideration. By AARON STEINER News Writer The Campus Life Council finalized a resolution calling for discussions about the installation of printers in residence halls at their meeting Monday. Grant Schmidt, student body vice president and chair of the Task Force on Technology and Study Spaces in Dorms, presented the resolution his group created to the council. The resolution is "encouraging the installation of printers within each residence hall," Schmidt said. The resolution passed with 14 votes, with one council member abstaining. "This exact resolution will now be proposed in Senate and will be voted upon," Schmidt said, who added that the resolution will then be presented to University Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman, who has two weeks to respond. "This has been something the student section of the council. The resolution will then be presented to University Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman, who has two weeks to respond. "This has been something see CLC/page 4 Students hope team can redeem itself at USC Band to travel to Coliseum for first time in history. Supporters would like to see team avoid embarrassing loss. By KATIE KOTARAK News Writer Following Saturday's disappointing loss to Syracuse, supporters hope the Fighting Irish football team will look to rebound and close their regular season with a win over a heavily favored No. 5 USC team. "Even if [Notre Dame] doesn't win, I hope they look better than they did last week by showing some effort," Saint Mary's junior Ashley Peterson said. Band members perform the Irish jig in an attempt to rally the student section in the freezing cold during the Irish's 24-23 loss to Syracuse on Saturday. see GAME/page 6
**INSIDE COLUMN**

I am thankful for

It is that time of year again: the time of year that my mom makes and all of my brothers and sisters (and whoever happens to eat Thanksgiving turkey in our house) write down things that we—re thankful for on slips of paper and put them into a basket. Then, one by one, each piece of paper is read out loud and everybody has to guess who wrote it. Since we are sub-lings and I range in age from five to twenty-two, there is really never too much mystery involved.

I have to admit that this year has been stressful in different ways. As a senior, there are applications to submit, interviews to bear through and decisions to make. Lately, there have been a lot of "last (insert event) ever" moments, such as darting for classes, sitting in the student section, and being in the middle of the first snowfall of the year at Notre Dame. This Thanksgiving, I am finding myself particularly grateful for anything that has helped me put my time at Notre Dame in perspective and for the people and resources that make this school a place that I have come to love.

On Thursday, I will try to fit all of the following onto my "what I'm thankful for" paper:

- Seniors being able to go on the football field and through the tunnel after Saturday's game.
- The silence in the stadium just before Officer Tim McCarty speaks.
- Souvenir mugs of hot chocolate in the Stadium.
- ND Food Services for going out of its way to make meals special, especially Candlelight dinner. 
- ND Food Services for chicken cordon bleu day.
- Realizing that I don't know where I will be next year, and for Professor McKenna's final lecture that helped me understand that that is not necessarily a bad thing.
- Tap dancing class.
- Everybody who works hard to keep our campus beautiful and accessible— at all hours and during all weather conditions.
- People who spend hours laughing at YouTube videos.
- For still being in college and thus somewhat able to rationalize spending hours laughing at YouTube videos.

The Ilon Clark Academy performances of "You Can Vote However You Like" have been both beautiful and accessible— at all hours and during all weather conditions.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you could be a Thanksgiving dish, which would you be?**

- **Cody Borgstrom**
  - **Carol C.**
  - "Turkey so I could have all the stuffing that I wanted."

- **David Zodigian**
  - **Keenan K.**
  - "Pumpkin pie—save the best for last."

- **Paul Schiveter**
  - **Zahn Z.**
  - "Brussell sprouts because I like to save the best for last."

- **Oliver Chmell**
  - **Morrissey M.**
  - "Mashed potatoes so I could get covered in gravy."

- **Katie DeMartini**
  - **Welsh W.**
  - "Thanksgiving leftover sandwich because I like to savor the flavor."

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**OFFBEAT**

Jet pack pilot flies across 1,500-foot-wide canyon

**CANON CITY — A** daredevil wearing a jet pack has flown across a 1,500-foot-wide canyon in southern Colorado.

The sponsoring Go Fast Sports & Beverage says Eric Scott took 21 seconds to cross the Royal Gorge at 75 mph on Monday. It says he didn't use a parachute while flying across the 1,100-foot-deep canyon. He was wearing a jet pack powered by hydrogen peroxide and developed by Jet Pack International. The company developed it for stunts, promotions and other events for Go Fast.

Both companies are based in Denver and were founded by entrepreneur Troy Woldrey.

**Panda attacks man who wanted a cuddle**

**BEIJING — A** panda at a zoo in southern China attacked a student who snuck into its pen hoping for a cuddle with the endangered bear, state media said on Saturday.

The 20-year-old male student surnamed Liu jumped over the fence at the zoo in the tourist city of Guilin, ignoring warning signs not to, Xinhua news agency said.

“The panda, named Yangyang, was wide awake. Apparently scared by the intruder, he bit Liu's arms and legs,” it quoted an unnamed worker as saying after zoo keepers managed to calm the bear and rescue Liu, the report said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**IN BRIEF**

Zhigang Suo, professor of engineering and applied sciences at Harvard University, will present a seminar on the thermodynamics of large deformation in soft active materials on today at 3:30 p.m. The lecture, entitled, "Thermodynamics of Large Deformation in Soft Active Materials," will be held in room 138, DeBartolo Hall. It is sponsored by the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering.

The Entrepreneurship Society is having a series of presentations on business entitled Law Study Challenge. The event is Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo.

Men's soccer will be playing in the second round of the NCAA Tournament against Northwestern on today at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

Direct from Buenos Aires, Estampa Pantaloon presents a new, fresh look at tango on Wednesday at 7 p.m. A combination of live music, alluring dances and just pure fun. Tango Fire is an event for everyone who wants to move and shake. This event is held in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center in the DeBartolo Mainstage Theatre. Tickets are $40, $38 for faculty/staff, $36 for seniors, and $15 for all students.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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Tuesday, November 25, 2008
FLEX to create freshmen involvement
New program gives underclassmen opportunity to join class council
By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

As a part of his plan to get more freshmen who didn’t have the opportunity to get involved in student government at Notre Dame, Freshman Class Council involved in student government. Former president Bob Reish has implemented a new program called the Freshman Leadership Experience (FLEX).

FLEX is composed by four committees, the Intercollegiate Committee, the Google Apps Committee, the Freshman Booklet Committee and the FLEX Social Committee. Each committee is made up of 4 students and has its own project to work on for the year, Reish said.

The Intercollegiate Committee is working on bringing together other colleges to discuss how they integrate their student governments.

FLEX member Meghan Donohue, who is on the intercollegiate committee, said they are also working on making "a big flow chart of power from Father Jenkins down" so students know "who’s in charge of what." She said, "In general, it’s really hard to know who to go to if you have an issue.

Donohue joined FLEX student government because she got involved on campus, and had experience with student government on other schools. The Google Apps Committee is working on informing student on what Google Apps do for them, FLEX programmer director Blair Carlin said.

“They’re going to promote all of the things that Google has to offer," she said. "There’s much that the student body doesn’t know that can really help them." Reish said the Freshman Booklet Committee will put together a booklet of advice from upperclassmen for freshmen to read.

Reisch gave examples of the type of advice that would be in the book, such as going to the dining hall at certain times that are less crowded because you can have a game a year. "It’s just advice that you learn throughout the years," he said.

The Legal Services Committee has researched through other universities to gather legal advice for on campus problems.

"They want to produce a know your rights guide type plaflet as well as set up some sort of contact through the legal services," Reish said. In addition to working on these group projects, Reish said, "I am going to try to get more freshmen to get involved in student government to speak to the group, so that the freshmen can get to know more about the different local government to offer to us." Reish wants to expand their project for next year, he said.

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Campus hosts holiday festivities

Students, staff celebrate Thanksgiving over extended break

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Notre Dame students will have one more day to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday, which begins Wednesday, after the University’s Academic Council decided in August to extend the break to allow for easier travel.

Some students will take advantage of the extra day to travel home and visit family.

Freshman Mary Coyne said she is looking forward to going home in Washington, D.C., for the break.

Coyne said she plans to go to a lake with family over the break and to relax at home.

"I'm mostly looking forward to watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade," she said.

Freshman Ryan Solava said he plans to go back home to the Chicago area for Thanksgiving and will be biding time with his friends and family.

"I'm going back home...and a friend of mine is staying with me," Solava said.

Others have decided to stay on campus for the break.

Sophomore Yanning Sun, who is from China, said that she will spend part of her Thanksgiving break exploring Chicago and the rest of it on campus.

"I'm going to Chicago with friends to go shopping, and then I'll come back [to campus] to sleep a lot. If I have time, I'll do homework," Sun said.

Sun also said she plans to take advantage of the Thanksgiving feast that North Dining Hall will host.

"My parents are coming up to celebrate Thanksgiving, so I'll be spending the week in a hotel in South Bend," Jacob Wenger, freshman in Atlantic char.

The Thanksgiving menu will include traditional favorites such as candied sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes and butternut squash.

"I'm going to be bringing a turkey with me from a store in Chicago," Wenger said.

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"I'm looking forward to not going to classes," Wenger said.

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Astronauts finish final spacewalk

Unprecedented clean and lube job completed at international space station

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts successfully carried out one last spacewalk Monday, finishing an unprecedented clean and lube job that they began a week ago in the international space station.

Spacewalker Stephen Bowen wrapped up work on a jammed solar-wing rotary joint as his partner, Shane Kimbrough, squinted some extra grease as a precaution on another joint that is working fine.

When the repairs to the gummed-up joint were deemed officially complete, Mission Control radioed up its applause.


Just before Monday's spacewalk began, NASA added a 16th day to space shuttle Endeavour's mission. Managers wanted to give the astronauts more time to fix a machine that's supposed to turn urine into drinking water. Additional repairs were performed Monday for the fifth day in a row.

The $154 million recycling equipment was delivered by Endeavour along with other home makeover items needed to expand the space station's crew this year.

Monday's spacewalk was the fourth for Endeavour's astronauts. Greasy repair work on the clogged joint consultant cost most of their time.

The rotary joint on the right side of the space station hasn't worked properly for more than a year, preventing the solar wings from opening. One of the main parts for the relay is trying to move, and on Monday, the astronauts went to work on it. Almost all the gritty mess was cleaned up during the first two days of the spacewalk. New bearings were put in. Bowen finished the job Monday, paving the way for a test of the newly repaired joint. Regardless of the outcome, more spacewalks are planned on later missions for a better, longer-term fix.

An identical joint on the left side of the orbiting complex has worked perfectly, but NASA wanted the spacewalkers to grease it up to ensure its longevity. Once they opened up this joint, the astronauts noticed wear on some parts.

The dialogue between the spacewalkers and the astronauts inside was technical and full of numbers denoting the various panels on the joints. "Too many numbers," one of the spacewalkers grumbled.

As they have before, the spacewalkers had to share grease guns 225 miles up. There was one less tool kit after a sack full of grease guns and other items floated away on the first spacewalk last Tuesday.

Inside the space station, meanwhile, skipper Mike Fincke performed more repair work on the new urine processor.

NASA was hoping for a full four-hour test run Monday following Fincke's tinkering.

On Sunday, the urine processor shut down after operating less than three hours; before, it never even made it that far.

When informed more urine might be needed, Fincke said, "Well, we know we have to make sure you've got enough for your coffee to help." Mission Control then joked: "We'll see if we need to add Diet Coke to the plan."

For the record, there is no Diet Coke — or any other soda — up there.

The astronauts have managed to collect samples of the recycled water for return to Earth aboard Endeavour, relying mostly on converted condensation. NASA would prefer more urine in the mix; that's the way the system was designed.

No one can drink the recycled water until tests show it's safe. Additional samples will be returned on the next space shuttle flight in February, to confirm everything is working properly. NASA's goal is to have six people living on the space station by June.

Biden aide to fill his Senate seat

Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — Edward "Ted" Kaufman, a former aide to Sen. Joseph Biden, has been selected Monday by Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner to fill the Senate seat Biden is leaving for the vice presidency.

Kaufman, co-chair of Biden's transition team and an Obama-Biden campaign advisory board member, plans to serve until the 2010 election, when a new senator will be elected.

"I don't think Delaware's appointed senator should spend the next two years running his own office," Kaufman said. "I will do this job to the fullest of my ability, and spend my days focused on one thing and one thing only: serving Delaware."

Speculation on Biden's successor had centered in recent weeks on his son, Attorney General Beau Biden. But last week the younger Biden announced that he planned to fulfill his National Guard duties and wouldn't accept an appointment to his father's U.S. Senate seat.

Biden is a prosecutor for the 261st Signal Brigade, which left for Iraq last week. The unit is due back in September 2009, in time for Biden to run for his father's Senate seat.

The elder Biden said in a statement, "It is no secret that I believe my son, Attorney General Beau Biden, would make a great United States Senator just as I believe he has been a great attorney general. But Beau has made it clear from the moment he entered public life that any office he sought he would earn on his own."

Just before announcing Kaufman as the appointee, Minner acknowledged speculation about the younger Biden being picked for the post and said she would have strongly considered him.

"The fact that Beau Biden is committed to fulfilling his obligation and not seeking appointment to this office tells us everything we need to know about his character," she said. "Should Beau choose to run for this office in 2010, he will — as will whoever runs — have to earn on his own the trust of the people of Delaware."
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A band's first trip to Los Angeles for the USC game in the band's 154-year history. It's a chance to be the first ones to do it, so it's been one of the focuses of the season for the band," Dye said.

Saint Mary's senior Jessica Sheehan said she is excited to be a part of the band's historic trip.

"I'm really excited to go because it's something we've never gotten to do before," Sheehan said. "We have t-shirts that say 'Making History' because that's what we're doing.

Sheehan said while the she will not be in southern California long, she is looking forward to the trip.

"I'm excited to see friends out there [in Los Angeles] and get away from the snow for a while," she said. Sophomore Courtney McPey also said she is excited to be a part of the band's "monumental" trip to Los Angeles.

"We're definitely all very excited about it. It's totally unprecedented for the marching band to go to the USC game," McPey said.

Small groups of students (from the marching band) have gone in the past, but this is a monumental trip. Our director was telling us what a big landmark this is," Dye said that the trip will cost approximately $250,000 to fly the 350 member band and its staff.

"That's about what it costs to do a flying trip -- airfare, one night of hotel and buses around the L.A. area," he said.

Additionally, Dye said the Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles and Notre Dame Club of Orange County will host the band for a few meals during the game weekend.

"The two [alumni] clubs in L.A. and Orange County are feeding the band a couple of times," he said.

The band will play at Notre Dame High School Sherman Oaks and Crenshaw High School before Saturday night's game.

Sheehan also said she is a group of and members that will be playing at the pep rally on Friday.

According to Dye, the majority of the band members will make the trip to Los Angeles to cheer on the Irish in this historic game, however some students that already had plans for Thanksgiving will not attend the game.

The [band members] that wanted to are, some that had previous plans for Thanksgiving will not going, and we give them that option. But almost everybody is going to try and attend," he said.

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SMC senior band member

"We've seen USC bring their band for the last 35 years [to Notre Dame Stadium]. This is really one of the premier match-ups, and the alumni thought it was historically important for the band to be here," Dye said.

Kenneth Dye
Band director

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to their hall will be accommodated as groups in other halls," he said.

While there are no official numbers yet, Kachmar estimates there will be around 350 students returning from Study Abroad programs. He also said there are around 20 students returning to campus from off-campus venues.

As for freshmen, there are five new freshmen that will be moving into the dorms for the spring semester. Also, there will be an additional 20-30 transfer students who will be welcomed in the dorms as well.

While the majority of the moving in and out of the dorms is attributed to students studying abroad, there is a small number of students who have chosen to move off-campus for the remainder of the school year.

"I believe the last [I heard] was that somewhere between 5 and 7 residents were breaking their contract to move off-campus. That number will grow slightly as we have around 10 or so that will cancel in the spring semester," Kachmar said.

With the addition of Duan cun Hall came 50 new beds for undergraduate male students. While there are over 100 dorm rooms in the dormitory, most of these were used as a way to loosen the congestion in other residence halls.

"The effect of Duncan is that we are able to overcrowding and open up lounges and room configurations that create a ladder-effect whereby students can attain more desirable room set-ups as they progress through to their Senior year," Kachmar said.

Overall, ResLife does not anticipate any problems with the transition to the Spring Semester.

"Right now it appears to be about normal," Kachmar said.

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**B U S I N E S S**

President-elect Barack Obama and Treasury Secretary-designate Timothy Geithner leave a news conference Monday where Obama announced his economic team.

**In Brief**

Obama announces budget director

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama intends to name Peter Orszag as his budget director, Democratic officials said Monday, turning to Congress' chief adviser on spending and taxes if he fills out his economic team.

Orszag, 39, is serving a four-year term as head of the Congressional Budget Office. If confirmed by the Senate, he would head the Office of Management and Budget, the agency that makes sure a president's priorities are translated into spending decisions.

The Democratic officials said Orszag's appointment was scheduled for Tuesday in Chicago, where Obama was holding his second news conference in as many days.

Obama announced members of his economic team on Monday, including Timothy Geithner, currently the president of the New York Federal Reserve, to be treasury secretary.

The officials who described Obama's plans to appoint Orszag did so on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to divulge his selection before the president-elect announced it.

GM balls on Tiger Woods' contract

DETROIT — General Motors is balloting on Tiger Woods, a global icon in sports with his 14 major championships, has been carrying on Tiger Woods, the Buick logo on his golf bag for the last major championships, has been carrying on Tiger Woods, the Buick logo on his golf bag for the last nine years and still had one year left on his contract.

But General Motors Corp. was looking to cut costs and hoard cash while trying to save the U.S. housing market. It was looking to cut costs and hoard cash while trying to save the U.S. housing market. It was looking to cut costs and hoard cash while trying to save the U.S. housing market. It was looking to cut costs and hoard cash while trying to save the U.S. housing market.

"Timing is everything," said Larry Peck, golf marketing manager for Buick. "We've had such a great partnership with Tiger. It's hard for us to walk away from that. But this frees up time for him. And it sure frees up a lot of money for us."

The endorsement deal, believed to be worth at least $7 million a year, was to expire at the end of 2009.

President-elect Barack Obama takes rare pre-inaugural action

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"If home prices overshoot downward, then it can lead to collateral damage to the economy," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist at the Realtors group. "The cost would be very reasonable compared with the billions the government is spending to rescue major banks such as Citigroup, he added.

More aid sought as home prices fall

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Unpaid Internship

The senior class has an existing opportunity available to those next few weeks, voting on what we want to leave behind as our legacy here at Notre Dame when we graduate. The 2009 Senior Class Legacy gives the senior class the chance to make a major difference in the lives of many students to follow us. This year we have the option to vote on a new fund for future students that can benefit students for several years to come. This is the option of the unpaid internship fund.

Think back to your past summers of work. You worked full-time, hours, gained invaluable experiences both in your possible future career and in "real-life." You may have worked side-by-side with the professionals in the firm, sat in on meetings, worked on major projects and gained knowledge and skills that you can't learn in the classroom.

Now imagine this experience without the pay. Some of you had this experience, or maybe some of you were unable to participate in an internship because the firm couldn't pay you. This is actually a very common dilemma, one that I personally experienced the summer before junior year. This happens all across industries in which the experience and ideas of interns are highly valued, yet the funds simply are not available.

The unpaid internship fund can make all the difference in the lives of students. It is a fund that will support students in unpaid summer internships via an award that would go toward paying expenses during the internship. This provides students previously unable to gain this work experience the opportunity to build their resumes and make them a more marketable student upon graduation. I think this program is the right way that our senior class can give back to this University that has given us so much. It was a lasting legacy that can help so many future students fortunate enough to attend our lady's University.

Abby Wilgerbach
Senior off-campus
Nov. 17

Ecofund

In light of Notre Dame's recent efforts to address sustainability on campus, last year's Senior Legacy establishing the Ecofund was appropriate and effective. The point of a Senior Legacy is to create an impact lasting far longer than our four years at this University. That's also what sustainability is all about and why the Class of 2009 should continue to support the Ecofund.

The Ecofund enables students, faculty and staff to take ownership over their original ideas and turn them into projects that contribute substantially to campus sustainability efforts. For example, the Ecofund could support the goals of both of the other Legacy options - pursuing an unpaid internship opportunity or an energy/environmental project, or supporting the sustainability work of the CSC in South Bend or around the world.

One that contributed substantially to sustainability at Notre Dame — and the Ecofund is a wonderful way to leave our final mark. Energy and climate change issues will impact each of us in our personal and professional lives. Let's make the right kind of precedence at Notre Dame.

Loudes Long
Senior off-campus
Nov. 19

Consider train travel

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Chances are good that you, like millions of other Americans, will be going home for the long weekend. Chances are also good that you will be either flying or driving. Unless you live within a couple of miles of your final destination, you will probably be uncomfortable, expensive, and the stress of traveling involves a delay. It will also emit a lot of Carbon Dioxide and other pollutants. In addition to the more aesthetic problems of noise and light pollution that these modes of transportation foster.

It does not have to be like this though; there is a third option; rail travel. Trains are a very comfortable, incredibly efficient mode of transportation, and they can be made extremely fast, reliable and comparatively cheap.

Many Americans have never even ridden on a train. They do not consider trains when making travel plans. Even though I have had experience with commuter rail and subways all my life, I never really considered long-distance rail until this fall, when my CSC Energy Policy Seminar took the Capitol Limited to Washington, DC for Full Break. The trip was quite quick and the weather was beautiful — we had at least three feet of legroom in coach first-class passenger had full sleeper compartmental and access to a full lounge car. My flight for Thanksgiving has been booked for months, but after my Fall Break journey I have been looking at Amtrak timetables for future trips.

America's rail network was once the envy of the world, providing safe, reliable and fast access to virtually every town of any size. Rural areas currently without airports nearby enjoyed regular service, and mail and freight moved at least as quickly today as ever. Electric trains can be powered by renewable sources of power such as wind. Additionally, rail lines take up far less space than a road carrying an equivalent amount of traffic.

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A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

In this 1973 holiday special, Charlie Brown is facing a tricky predicament. Due to a few bumbling mishaps, he finds himself lacking for holiday decorations. He and Sally are already spending the day with their grandmother, but Pop Pop and Patty have invited Marcie, Franklin, and herself to dinner at "Chuck's" house. Chuck has a Thanksgiving wishbone with a paper bag on it, and it is解决方案 to cooking for all of his friends. The pair, along with Jay and Woodward, put together a feast of jellybeans, popcorn, buttered toast and pretzel sticks. Eventually, the group winds their way to his grandmothers house for a traditional Turkey Day meal with all the trimmings. The special was won an Emmy in 1974 after it aired on CBS. Since 2000, A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving, along with The Peanuts Thanksgiving specials. From 2005 to 2007, the network would air one special per Monday before Thanksgiving to compete with its Thursday programming. During the November ratings sweeps, this year however, the special is due to return to its traditional spot on Thanksgiving night. "Tucked between the signs of Linus and the Great Pumpkin on Halloween, and the beauty that is A Charlie Brown Christmas, this Peanuts special is sure to please.

By ANALISE LIPARI

It's officially that time of year again. No, not Christmas time — yet. No matter what retail giants, overzealous kiddies and that one girl down the hall who hasn't stopped playing Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas Is You" may tell you, it isn't Christmas time just yet. It's close, precariously and delightfully close, but not yet.

No, children, this time has come for this nation's annual dose of tryptophan, that day set aside for giving thanks to the Lord and stuffing yourself as silly as possible. It is the day of tasty turkey, burnt mashed potatoes, creamy pumpkin pie and good, old-fashioned backyard football games. It's even the day when popsters like "American Idol" contestant David Archuleta and Hannah Montana herself, Miley Cyrus, are scheduled to ride through New York City on a giant float and stop in front of that old, beloved Macy's on your television.

That day is Thanksgiving, and it is finally here.

One of the great things about Thanksgiving is how quintessentially American it is. It's likely that most other nations would legally set aside a day for giving thanks (our neighbors to the north aside). We hold tightly to the belief that the first Thanksgiving was a moment of community and understanding between two disparate peoples, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Native Americans, a New England melting pot of cuisine and culture cemented, we think, over a mutual love for really dry poultry.

Scholars and historians may tell us that the real celebrations of the first Thanksgiving probably included red, venison and swan, but no matter. We'll have our cranberry sauce and eat it, too.

One of Thanksgiving's heartier offerings won't be found up on your Grandma's dining room table. Instead, you'll find it in the den or the living room, on your television. Thanksgiving TV is another, albeit more recent, tradition. Like your typical array of holiday side dishes, there's a little something for everyone when it comes to Turkey Day TV. Sitcoms will often have Thanksgiving specials which range from zany to heartwarming, football games will abound, and a certain cartoon black sheep and his gang may also appear.

To prepare you for the choices you'll face on Thursday, Scene has compiled a slew of options for you to sample. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

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Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

From the Broadway performances, to the floats with singing kids and famous musicians, to the train of hot-air balloon floats sailing over New York City, to the final arrival of Santa Claus. Few things say Thanksgiving TV more than the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Broadcast by the crew from NBC's "Today Show" and loosely imitating the ever-popular Willard Scott, the televised parade has been a hallmark of the holiday season for a long time.

This year will be no different. We'll have Jetsons and the Great Pumpkin on Halloween, and the beauty that is A Charlie Brown Christmas, this Peanuts special is sure to please.

Thanksgiving Sitcom Episodes

One of the Thanksgiving season's unsung traditions is the special Thanksgiving episode of your favorite network television shows. While most of these episodes haven't aired on the actual holiday, they'll often address different aspects of this most American of holidays.

NBC's "Friends" is famous for its series of Thanksgiving episodes and the lasting legacy that has cemented the cultural lexicon. There's a classic episode where Chandler describes his world-renowned Thanksgiving day to his parents, divorced, and Monica tries to cheer him up by dancing with a turkey and singing "Happy Birthday" (complete with a hat and sunglasses). There's also a classic episode on "How I Met Your Mother" where Marshall gave his fiancé the wrong word for "slapstick food fight" and she had eaten as the loser of their "Slap Bet." And in a classic episode of "Cheers," Diane's attempts to bring decorum to the Cheers gang's version of the holiday day results in a slapstick food fight, complete with a flying bowl of mashed potatoes.
Tonight at 7:30 in Washington Hall, the Music Department's Opera Workshop class will perform Francis Poulenc's 1957 work "Dialogues of the Carmelites." The performance will feature selections from Poulenc's 20th century opera about an order of nuns attempting to survive during the Reign of Terror in France.

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Opéra ND performs Gounod's "Faust" in April. The fall Opera Workshop class will present "Dialogue of the Carmelites" tomorrow night at Washington Hall.

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Wizards fire Jordan after worst start in franchise history

Injuries to All-Star guard Gilbert Arenas and center Brendan Haywood have contributed to Washington's 1-10 record

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Even without Gilbert Arenas and another injured starter, the Washington Wizards never imagined they would be as bad as the franchise ever has been.

So after opening 1-10 to match the worst start in team history, the Wizards fired coach Flip Saunders and his top assistant, Mike Dunleavy, who was at the helm for his first NBA head coaching job.

"That's an unacceptable record, obviously. We thought the change needed to be made. We needed to do things a little bit different," Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld said.

Ed Tapscott, who was at the arena watching tape and preparing to help Jordan at practice, wound up running the session. "Surprise," he said.

The coach at American University in the 1990s, and an NBA front-office employee for seven years, Tapscott will take over as an interim coach Tuesday night against the visiting Golden State Warriors.

"We're better than 1-10. We know it. But we're all responsible," Tapscott said at a news conference, a whistle dangling from a string around his neck. He was given the title of interim coach and will run the Wizards until the end of the season, when Grunfeld said he plans to "evaluate everything." Associate head coach Mike O'Keen also was fired Monday; Randy Ayers will be Tapscott's top assistant.

Jord an, the Eastern Conference's coach of the 2007 All-Star game, was in his sixth season with the Wizards. He led the team to the playoffs each of the past four — the longest unbeaten streak for a Washington coach since Dick Motta did it from 1976-80.

Under Jordan, the team made it past the first round only once. In September, shortly before the start of training camp, the Wizards picked up an one-year option to keep Jordan under contract through the 2009-10 season. That, along with the key injuries to Arenas and center Brendan Haywood, were reasons Jordan's job was thought to be safe — and why Monday's move came as something of a surprise to the team's record.

"I don't think any of us saw it coming," Haywood said. "Jordan leaves as the Eastern Conference's longest-tenured coach and No. 3 in the NBA behind Jerry Sloan of the Utah Jazz and Gregg Popovich of the San Antonio Spurs.

Asked if he was shocked by the firing, co-captain Antawn Jamison bristled and replied, "Why wouldn't I be shocked?" The team is 1-10, not the coach. Next question."

The Wizards have struggled to even be competitive at times this season, as was mentioned by Arenas recruiting from his third operation on his left knee in 1/2 years, and with Haywood hurting for perhaps the entire season after surgery on his shooting wrist.

"Other teams in the league also have injuries," Grunfeld said.

Washington opened 0-5, then beat the Jazz at home to avoid the first 0-6 start in franchise history.

That victory, though, was followed by another five-game losing streak. The Wizards' record matches the worst start in franchise history; the only other time the team was 1-10 was in 1966, when it was called the Baltimore Bullets.

"It just felt like we were going in the wrong direction," Grunfeld said.

"It felt a little bit stale and we needed to freshen it up," guard Nick Young said.

The final straw for Jordan appears to have been a 122-117 loss Saturday night to the undermanned New York Knicks, who had only seven players available.

"We lost games we were supposed to win — especially that one," second-year guard Nick Young said.

Tapscott vowed to emphasize defense and rebuilding, and he wants his team to push the ball up the court on offense.

"That isn't very different from what we did before," Tapscott said.

Antawn Jamison Wizards forward

"We need to guard the rim, guard the lane, be a more physical team. It doesn't mean I think we're going to try to turn greyhounds into Clydesdales.

Ed Tapscott Wizards coach

"We've been a little sieve-like," Tapscott said.

"We need to fix that," Jordan said.

"That's the biggest need," Tapscott said. "We have to get defensive-minded."

"We've never had a head coach in the pros, Tapscott said.

Putting plenty of front-office experience, including as president and chief operating officer of the Charlotte Bobcats and, before that, as vice president of player personnel and basketball operations for the Knicks in the 1990s, he joined the Wizards' front office in August 2007 after spending a year as an analyst for the team's television broadcast team.

Tapscott was an assistant to current Maryland coach Gary Williams at American University in the 1970s and came up as head coach in 1982.

In eight seasons at AU, Tapscott finished with 119 victories.

"We all respect him," Jamison said. "We know he has a great basketball IQ."

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Washington Wizards interim head coach Ed Tapscott, center, works with JaVale McGee, right, during Tapscott's first practice as an NBA head coach Monday afternoon.
**Whipper with a bad grip on the ball**

Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb, left, and coach Andy Reid watch from the sidelines against the Baltimore Ravens in the second half of Sunday's game in Baltimore. Baltimore won 36-7.

Associated Press

**In Brief**

**Three perjury charges dropped against Bonds**

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Three perjury charges against Barry Bonds were dismissed Monday by a federal judge who left intact most of the indictment alleging he lied to a grand jury when he denied knowingly taking performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds, baseball's home run king, is scheduled for a March 2 trial. He had faced 14 counts of making false declarations to a grand jury investigating steroid use in sports and one count of obstruction of justice.

His lawyers had asked U.S. District Judge Susan Illston to dismiss 10 of the lying charges, claiming he was asked unclear questions in front of the grand jury in 2003. Illston ruled Monday to dismiss three charges and consolidate or rewrite another two.

Bonds has pleaded not guilty to all charges. Bonds' lawyer, Allen Ruby, didn't immediately comment, saying he had not yet read the ruling.

**Snyder takes up reins again at Kansas State**

MANHATTAN, Kan. — After a restless off-season, coach Bill Snyder is ready to turn Kansas State into a winner again.

Three years after handing off a successful Wildcat program to Ron Prince, the 69-year-old and wispy-haired Snyder was hired to take charge of the school he transformed from college football's biggest losers to national championship contenders. Prince was fired this month but is completing the season.

"The Kansas State family is in flux right now," Snyder said at a news conference Monday. "I want to be able to help. I want to be able to soothe the waters. I've learned some lessons and there are some things I will do to encompass my family."

Snyder signed a five-year contract for a base salary of $250,000 and a total compensation of about $1.45 million annually, athletic director Bob leisure said. Krause said he had made no offers to anyone else.

**Cowboys' Jones returns to practice after suspension**

IRVING, Texas — Suspended corner- back Adam "Pacman" Jones was back at work with the Dallas Cowboys on Monday, going to meetings and a practice even though he can't suit up until Dec. 7 against Pittsburgh.

Jones is allowed to do everything but play in the next game — Thursday against Seattle — as he works his way back from his latest suspension, a six-game penalty for violating the league's player conduct policy. He previously was suspended for the entire 2007 season and coach Wade Phillips said Monday it's reasonable to believe another slip-up would get him permanently banned from the NFL.

"We've got to hope, for his sake really, that he has cleared all that up," Phillips said. "All the pressure is on him, really, to do the right thing."

Jones did not come into the locker room during the 45 minutes it was open to reporters. A team meeting followed, then an extended walkthrough that was closed to media.

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**Men's Basketball**

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Harris, Flynn lead Syracuse victory over No. 18 Florida
Ahrens leads Texas past St. Joe's in NCAA; Longhorns to face Hardaway, Irish in semis

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Paul Harris had 18 points and 11 rebounds. Jonny Flynn scored 18 points and Syracuse beat No. 17 Florida 89-83 Monday night in the semifinals of the CBE Classic.

Syracuse 44-69 opened the ses­sion with easy wins over La Moune, Richmond and Oakland, shooting over 50 percent while scoring over 82 points a game. The Orangemen had similar success against a much formidable oppo­nent, picking apart Florida's zone with dribble drives and spot-up shooting from the perimeter.

Syracuse shot 51 percent from the field and had 19 assists on 31 field goals, taking control with a big run early in the second half. Andy Rautins hit five 3-pointers and had 15 points — all in the first half — Arinze Onuaku added 13 points and 12 rebounds, and Kris Joseph had 10 points for the Orangemen.

Syracuse will face the winner between No. 22 Kansas and Washington Thursday night in the championship game of a tourna­ment that features four of the last six NCAA champions.

Alex Tyus finished with a career-best 24 points on 11-of-14 shooting and 5-of-6 free throws, but had 19 points for Florida (3-1), which lost despite getting 12 steals.

The Gators made defense a priority in the offseason after finishing 16-17 and losing to Ole Miss at the Southeastern Conference in sev­eral categories. Florida defended well in its first three games this season, forcing 23 turnovers a game, holding each opponent under 60 points. But after beating up on Toledo, Bradley and Southern Utah, the Gators had a little more trouble with the bigger, faster Orange.

Syracuse repeatedly beat Florida off the dribble, pressur­izing the lane for easy lay-ups or kickouts to shooters at the 3- point line.

The Orange had 11 assists on 16 field goals in the first half, more than half of those coming on dribble penetrations by Harris, Flynn and Eric Devendorf.

Onuaku had a pair of dunks on drive-and-dishes and Joseph had a couple of easy baskets inside to help Syracuse take command early.

Rautins took it from there, doing most of his damage by spotting up at the arc.

Syracuse's best perimeter shooter had yet to find his stroke this season, scoring 20 total points on 6-of-24 shooting, including 4-for-20 on 3-pointers.

He came out firing against Florida, hitting five 3-pointers in the first half despite Florida's coaches, repeatedly yelling "shooter!" each time he touched the ball.

Rautins couldn't keep it going in the second half, though, finishing 5-for-9 from the 3-point line.

It didn't matter the way the Orange were shooting.

Syracuse was 16-fo-32 in the first half and even better in the second, using a 10-2 run early in the second half to go up 56-44. Florida came close a few times, but couldn't get closer than four.

Texas 68, St. Joe's 50

Texas' latest outstanding defensive effort left coach Rick Barnes complaining about the Longhorns' offense.

Alex Abrams had 17 points to lead No. 6 Texas to a victory over Saint Joseph's on Monday in the opening round of the EA Sports Maui Invitational, but the Longhorns committed 16 turnovers and that's what Barnes wanted to talk about.

"We turned it over way too many times. We have to cut that down," he said. "Defensively we gave the effort we wanted and we got good play off the bench, but the turnovers were just careless mistakes. We have to get to value the basketball. We're too good a team to score 68 points and we can fix that."

The Longhorns (3-0) will meet No. 8 Notre Dame, which beat Indiana 88-50, in the semifinals on Tuesday.

Abrams was 4-for-7 from 3-point range, extending his streak start from beyond the arc as he was 8-for-17 in Texas' first two games.

The Longhorns had allowed 44.5 points and 28.7 percent field goal shooting while forcing an average of 22 turnovers in their first two wins. No. 3 looked very familiar.

Ahmad Nivins had 14 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Hawks (3-0), who finished 17-58 from the field (29.3 per­cent), including 4-for-21 from 3-point range, and turned it over 18 times.

"This team has been really focused on playing defense, try­ing to get stops, and that's a good thing," Abrams said. "On offense we just have to slow down and not play at 100 miles an hour. We have to get efficient and get wide-open shots."

Saint Joseph's scored six of the final eight points in the first half to pull within nine, but Damion James had seven points in Texas' 11-2 run to start the second half.

Saint Joseph's missed three of its first four shots in the half and had three turnovers in the opening 1:40.

The Hawks scored seven straight to make it 48-37, but they came up empty on their next eight possessions and Texas had its first 20-point lead, 57-37, on a layup by Gary Johnson with 8:55 to play.

“We fanned it up and stood toe to toe with a team that in my estimation can be in Detroit in March," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said, referring to the site of this season's Final Four. "We had too many turnovers from our older guys and the pri­mary ballhandlers and we have to do a better job as we go for­ward. We weren't good enough and that's all right for today.""James and Johnson both had 14 points for Texas. Johnson led the Longhorns with 10 rebounds.

Darris Godden added 12 points for the Hawks, who used a matchup zone to try and handle Abrams.

"We recognized it and that made it better for us," Abrams said. "We were playing too fast and guys weren't ready for it. We have to get down to 70, 75 miles per hour and read what the defense is giving us."

This is the Longhorns' third appearance in Maui with their best finish a third in 2004.
NBA

Yao's dominating performance spells doom for Heat

Jefferson's 25 not enough as Howard, Orlando turn back Miami in a match-up between injury-plagued teams

Associated Press

MIAMI — Ron Artest is difficult to please.

"You see Yao Ming shake off waves of defenders in a 28-point, 12-rebound effort that helped the Rockets beat the Miami Heat 107-98 on Monday night, someone asked Artest to assess his center's performance.

"I thought he could have played better," Artest said.

The Heat surely wouldn't have wanted to see that.

Yao shot 9-for-15 from the floor and scored 19 points in 19 second-half minutes, more than doing his part in keeping the undersized Heat at bay. Miami primarily used 6-9 Udonis Haslem — far, by the smallest starting center in the NBA — against the 7-foot-6 Yao, along with center Erick Dampier's help from the weak side to get in the Chinese center's face.

"We did all right, but Yao's the best," Heat forward Michael Beasley said. "He's the best. Ain't much we can do." .

Luke Ridnour and Rafer Alston added 14 points each for Orlando, which finished with six players in double figures and outrebounded Miami 51-35. Luis Scola added 22 points and 10 rebounds, while Carl Landry and Aaron Brooks each scored 11 for the Heat, who finished off a 3-0 road trip against East teams.

Dwyane Wade scored 23 points off the bench, doing so on 12-of-23 shooting, which prompted another tirade from Artest.

"He played really bad tonight," Artest said. "He didn't play like I'm used to seeing him play."

Mario Chalmers added a career-best 23 points, including five 3-pointers, for the Heat, who also got 17 points from Shawn Marion and 14 from Artest.

By now, the Heat are used to dealing with some major lack-of-size advantages.

But facing Yao clearly exacerbated the issue; something the Rockets highly exploited. Miami would always have someone hovering against Yao, even two people dropping into the lane at times, so the Rockets' center often took it to the Heat defense gave and found someone who was open.

It wasn't coincidence: With Yao on the floor in the first half, the Rockets were 14-for-27 on 3-point tries, 2-for-4 with him on the bench.

"He really does create a matchup problem down there," Heat guard Dwyane Wade said. "He's so efficient. You can't foul him. It's tough to play in front of him, it's tough to play in front of him. But in the first half, we kind of got away from the 3-point showing. We didn't close out quite as drastic as we have to in the past. They have a 58-47 halftime lead."

Another solid win for us," Magic coach Rick Adelman said. "For the most part, we followed the game plan on Wade. Ron did a great job just making him work."

Orlando 108, Milwaukee 101

Dwight Howard was still standing, and that's all that mattered for the Orlando Magic.

Howard had 24 points and 13 rebounds as the Orlando Magic outlasted the Milwaukee Bucks 108-101 Monday night in a matchup of injury-depleted teams.

Richard Jefferson scored 25 points to lead Milwaukee, which was without Andrew Bogut to a knee bruise in the third quarter. The Bucks were already missing Michael Redd and Luke Ridnour, their starting backcourt, to injury.

Hedo Turkoglu, forced to play some point guard when Jameer Nelson went out with a groin pull, and Rashard Lewis each added 22 points for the Magic.

Howard picked up his fourth foul halfway through the third quarter, but played eight minutes in the final quarter, scoring 7 points but making only 5 of 11 free throws.

"It was a war of attrition, that's what it was," Adelman said. "They came in here missing guys and we came in missing one, then lost one and played a load in foul trouble. Neither team was playing with the guys that we really wanted to play with most of the night."

Orlando (10-4-0) by 12 with just under two minutes left, but free poor free throw shooting and Jefferson almost brought the Bucks back.

Short his jumper with 24 seconds left cut the lead to 103-100, but free throw shooting by Turkoglu and Lewis sealed the win.

Some games we just come out through the second quarter, but another basket by Turkoglu gave Orlando a 58-47 halftime lead.

Both teams have already been hit hard by injuries. The Magic lost center Marcin Gortat earlier Monday that sixth man Keith Bogans would miss at least a month with a broken thumb.

Redd, out since Nov. 5 with a high ankle sprain, was joined in the inactive list by point guard Ridnour, who suffered a scraped and bruised knee against the Bobcats.

Ridnour had missed two games earlier this year with lower back spasms.

Redd was averaging 21.3 in four games before his injury.

"People are saying to us, "You're coming close to beating good teams, what would take you over the edge?"" Jefferson said. "Those guys might be able to take you over the edge, but that being said, you can't go out there and walk."

Orlando's early-season schedule was littered with teams that finished last in their divisions, and three of the Magic's losses early wins were against the four teams they've played with a winning record.

Atlanta Hawks center Yao Ming left, makes a pass around Miami Heat forward Udonis Haslem in their game Monday night.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Smyth earns third All-American honor

Men finish 19th at NCAA championships

BY LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Patrick Smyth earned his third All-American honor Monday with a 10-kilometer place at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

This was Smyth's fourth trip to the national meet and his highest place. He finished the 10-kilometer race in 29:48.

"It was a tough kid and that really showed today," said Joe Piane, head coach of the Irish.

Smyth led Notre Dame to a 19th place overall finish among 33 teams. The Irish, who came into the race ranked No. 27 and had earned the last bid out of regionals, finished significantly higher than expected.

"Top 20 in the country, that's not too bad," he said. "It was a pretty good show ing.

Both Smyth and the Irish improved upon their 2007 NCAA Championships performance, when Smyth finished 15th and the team finished 21st.

Sophomore Dan Jackson finished second among the Irish and 74th overall with a time of 30:52, and junior Jake Walker finished right behind him, crossing the line 76th in 30:54.

Smyth didn't slow them down and finished 122nd in 21:24, in the 6k race, sophomore Marissa Trence followed and finished 122nd in 21:38. Senior Heidi Rocha finished 129th in 21:42.

"On a grade scale, I'd give the season a B. And you're always trying to get A's," said Joe Piane, Irish coach.

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Belles open season at home against Wheaton

By ALEX BARKER  Sports Writer

Coming off a one-point loss in the finals of the Anderson University Tip-Off tournament to Robert Morris, Saint Mary’s (1-1) looks to rebound in its home opener against Wheaton College Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Senior forward Erin Newsum who cracked up a game-high 26 points to go along with eight rebounds in the loss to Robert Morris leads the Belles’ season opener. Newsum was named to the tournament team for her performance.

Junior center Anna Werner has scored 12 points in each of the first two games and stakeholders short of another in the first game against Ohio Wesleyan. Much of Saint Mary’s early success thus far has hinged on its domination under the basket.

The Belles have out-rebounded their opponents by a combined 43-22 through the first two games.

Freshman forward Maggie Bonan is already beginning to contribute for the Belles having to step into the starting role in just her first season. In her career first game against Ohio Wesleyan, the freshman scored 15 points on 5-of-7 shooting, 3-of-4 behind the arc.

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Hot offense ready for Eagles

**By BILL BRINK**

Sports Editor

Successful breeds inspiration, and with a hot start this season the players were hyped about playing another game, McGraw said.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

One last match, nothing at stake

**By SAM WERNER**

Sports Writer

Even though Notre Dame came up just short against Louisville in the Big East tournament, the Irish still have one more regular season match remaining before packing it in for the offseason.

With an at-large NCAA Tournament bid out of the question, the Irish (16-14, 9-5 Big East) will take the court one last time on Friday night in what will be the final match for seniors outside hitter Mallorie Croal and middle blocker Justine Stremick.

“We know it’s the last match of the season and we know we’re just going to make the best of it,” coach Debbie Brown said. “We want to go out, obviously, finishing the year on a high note.”

While Stremick will make her contributions on the court Sunday, Croal is expected to lend a hand to the sidelines.

“Because she’s such a good leader, even though she wasn’t on the court, she really helped the team mature and grow throughout the year,” Brown said.

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Irish guard Kyle Alarney dribbles during Notre Dame's 88-50 win over Indiana Monday. Alarney had 18 points and hit six 3-pointers in the game.

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when they're double guarded, I just got to the open spot and I happened to be open and they fell in. I will not be taking 17 shots this year. It just happened, I was feeling it today."

The Hoosiers kept it close in the opening minutes, but Jackson, senior forwards Ryan Ayers and Luke Zeller were two of the players that benefited from Indiana's focus on Harangody. Ayers scored 13 points, seven rebounds while Zeller chipped in 10 points and 11 rebounds.

"My teammates have really been on me, so has coach, just (to keep) being aggressive, playing my game," Ayers said.

"My teammates were able to find me, set good screens. We share the ball so well, it's really easy to play in this system," Alarney, who scored 18 points, said. Harangody's screens allowed him to get open shots throughout the game.

"I think I hit one and then I started feeling pretty good. I got credit my teammates a lot. They've been screening much better lately...I give them a lotta credit," he said.

Notre Dame was also effective shooting as a team on the defensive end, limiting Indiana to 50 points on 39.6 percent shooting.

"I thought our possession defense was excellent," Brey said. "You held them to 50 points and 39 percent field shooting, that's something we've been trying to get better at."

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received for leading the nation in assists last season. After the victory over the Hoosiers, he again brought up Notre Dame's unselfishness.

"We can pass the ball, we led the nation in assists," he said.

"This group really knows how to find each other."

Indiana first-year coach Tom Crean, who frequently coached against Notre Dame while he was at Marquette, said he hopes his young team can eventually adopt a similar style to the one Notre Dame uses.

"There's no question they're a very, very, very young team and they've done a great job building it up," Crean said. "Something down the road, there may be something for us to learn from this game in terms of the togetherness they have."

"The Hoosiers often concentrated their defense on Irish forward Luke Harangody, who did not put up his typically gaudy statistics. But Brey said the junior's unselfishness helped the Irish cruise to an easy win.

"We can kind of take advantage of what the defense gives us and I thought we did a good job of that," Brey said. "I thought Luke Harangody, they were aware of him, doubling him a little bit. He didn't get 25 (points) and 15 (rebounds) but he set up a lot of these guys, there was just a lot of attention on him."

In addition to leading scorer Tommy MeAharney, then raced a small gym at Loyola. They played in 17-0 Notre Dame run midway through the first half that put Notre Dame ahead for good. Jackson hit two jumpers and assisted on a Mike Brey said.

"They're very talented. That's Big East athletic ability coming at us," Brey said of Texas. "We see that a lot in our leagues, so you're concerned about you rebound the basketball and get it through some bigger screens. Some of those guys could play for Mack Brown setting those screens. But, they're a really good team. I think it's two good teams going at it."

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Men's Basketball

Jackson scores 21 and gets five boards in win

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

MAUI — His fellow players and coaches often refer to him as Notre Dame’s heartbeats, and how he performs dictates how the rest of the Irish usually play. So Monday, when junior point guard Tory Jackson scored 21 points, grabbed five rebounds and had six assists, it was no surprise that Notre Dame defeated Indiana 88-50 in the first round of the Maui Invitational.

Jackson, who led all scorers, was one of five Notre Dame players in double figures. And in a rare occurrence for Jackson, he took the most shots of any body on the floor — Jackson shot 10-for-17 from the field goal range.

“I just took those shots because they came in the flow of the offense,” Jackson said. “A lot of teams focus on Kyle, a lot of teams focus on Luke Harangody, so most of the time

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ND Women’s Soccer

Seminoles travel to colder climate to face undefeated ND

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

For the first time in this NCAA Tournament, the Irish will take on a team not vested in the cold and snow. But No. 6 Florida State is also the highest-ranked opponent Notre Dame has faced yet. And even with a southern team treading to Alumni Field — the No. 1 Irish Friday, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he knows the team will be challenged.

“Florida (home field advan­tage) really factors in. I’m not really sure,” Waldrum said. “But I think that’s why you try to win as many games as you can to secure home field.”

And there’s a reason the Irish earned the No. 1 seed in their bracket and home field advan­tage through Monday’s night game — they’re the No. 1 team in the nation with a perfect record. The Irish defense sits at the backbone of that success. The Irish have allowed only two goals in the Tournament, both of which came in their 2-2 win over Toledo in the first round.

“We’ve been really good throughout the Tournament defensively… I just think defensively we’ve really been on the last month,” Waldrum said.

With senior offensive star Keiri Hans getting all the attention, it’s easy to forget the other senior who shares her first name (be it slightly varied), senior Carrie Dew. Dew sits at the center of the Irish four-man zone, directing and preventing opponents from getting shots on goal.

“She’s just gotten better and better as the year’s gone on, her presence, she’s taken on now more of a leadership role than she did even earlier in the year… she just elevated it to another level,” Waldrum said.

Coming from a club in San Diego that taught her the impor­tance of a zone defense, Dew needed little instruction, but Notre Dame wasn’t just a place for Dew to play four years before hitting the national scene.

“When we get kids here as freshman, we hope when they graduate they’re not just four years older, they’re four years better,” Waldrum said.

It’s that experience and knowl­edge that has built a defense where in addition to Dew, defenders Elise Weber, Julie Schwindel and Jessica Schwindel work together in perfect unison.

Hockey

Upset-happy Broncos present tough challenge

By MATT GAMBER
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If the Irish want to hang on to the No. 2 national ranking they earned in this week’s polls, they’ll have to take care of business this weekend against a Western Michigan squad looking to upset a top-10 team on the road for the second straight week.

The Broncos (2-7-3, 1-4-3-1 CCHA) got their first conference win of the year Friday by beating No. 8 Michigan 2-1 at the Wolverines’ Yost Arena, consid­ered one of the toughest places to play in college hockey.

“Any team that can go into Yost and beat Michigan has to be doing something right,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “We have to be conscious of that and go into the game understanding they’re a good enough team to beat anybody.”

Notre Dame (9-3-1, 5-2-1-1 CCHA) has seen its stock rise 10 spots in the polls over the last three weeks on the heels of an eight-game unbeaten streak.

The Irish have scored at least three goals in each of those games and have tallied four or more in six of those contests — including at least five goals in

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Men's Soccer

Irish host Wildcats in NCAAs

By MATT GAMBER
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After an 11-day layoff, their longest of the season, the No. 12-seed Irish open NCAA tournament play with a home game tonight at 7 against a Northwestern squad that was the No. 2 team in the country earlier this season.

“That's all a concern,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said of the extra time off. “I think we’ve handled the time well — we’ve given them sufficient time off, varied the practices, varied the venues... We’ve done a lot of things to get them ready, but you’ll have to

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