Reish helps develop new Web site

Social network collegegovs.com opens lines of communication between 118 student governments

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

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To Chevy, with love

I got the news Thursday morning that one of the longest relationships of my life was coming to an end. A friend sent me the link to the Washington Post article, and my heart sank as I read of your imminent end. Your Own Web Site had no such announcement, and I wonder if the pain is too overwhelming for you to announce yourself that you are leaving me. The article said you could not comment.

The Post's headline — "Capitol One to buy local banking icon Chevy Chase" — broke my heart. Times are tough, I know, but I thought you were going to be okay. When other banks around the country failed, you seemed to remain resolute. I trusted my money with you. I knew you would keep it safe.

But I read that you are unable to survive the current financial crisis, and that within the first three months of next year, Capitol One will buy you, for a sum of $520 million in cash and stock, acquiring the 250 branches that have bordered the highways and byways of my youth.

I read that your branches will be "re-branded under the Capitol One logo." But I'll always remember your beautiful brick buildings, your white-coulned portions, your large red signs and your plentiful ATMs. And I'll never forget our good times together.

The first time I was aware of the concept of banking was at one of your branches. My Girl Scout troop was given our good times, and for First Communion, in my Chevy Chase Bank savings account. Per my parent's rules, I could not take the money out until I went to college, but you kept it safe and my money grew, if only a little, with interest.

My friend's mom worked for you when she was younger, and one time, she took me to one of your branches. I got the money out until I went to college, but I knew you would keep it safe. The community celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will be held at UAW Local 45 at 1256 S. Main St. south of downtown South Bend. The celebration will take place on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Please bring a donation for the Food Bank.

Members of Saint Mary's Women's Choir will perform at the College's 36th annual Madrigal Dinners this weekend. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $40 for evening performances, $35 for matinee performances and $15 for children.

Circle K, Knott Hall and the Class of 2009 will make fleece blankets to donate to cancer patients as part of The Aidan Project. The project will take place Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the East Wing of South Dining Hall.

Notre Dame Women's Basketball team plays Purdue at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Joyce Center. Call 574-631-7356 for tickets or visit the Athletic Ticket Office Web page.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observ@nd.edu.
Madrigal dinner to be held at College
Choir hosts three-night event, renaissance themed performances

By MANDI STRIONE
News Writer

This weekend, the Saint Mary's Madrigal choir, along with students, staff, faculty and community volunteers, will host the 36th annual Madrigal Christmas Dinner.

The three-night event features four separate renaissance-themed performances and meal productions, said the Leighton Chair of Music and director of the Madrigal choir Dr. Nancy Menk.

While the event originally showcased a co-ed choir for two matinees and two evening shows, the program switched over to an all-women choir about four years ago due to trouble finding male volunteers, Menk said.

The 24-member Madrigal choir is composed by Saint Mary's students at all levels and in various fields of study, she said.

There are also student and faculty servers, actors, trumpet players and crew, she said.

Other participants, like the Andrews University Early Music Ensemble, who are playing the part of The Royal Consort, come from outside of Saint Mary's, Menk said.

The menu for the dinner, provided by Saint Mary's Sodexo Dining Services, consists of roast beef au jus at the evening showings, and stuffed Cornish game hen at the matinees.

There are also roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, a winter salad and bread.

"Now they have chicken fingers," Menk said.

The new menu and ticket option were implemented to try and draw more children to the event, Menk said.

"Kids love it," she said.

Though this is the 36th appearance of the dinner at Saint Mary's, it is Menk's 25th performance.

Menk said she enjoys performing, but her favorite part of the dinner is when the boar's head is brought out. The traditional song that is sung during this, The Boar's Head Carol, had to be arranged differently after the choir became all-women, she said, so she asked a composer from Alaska, Grant Cochran, to modify a four-part male vocal arrangement to a four-part female arrangement for the choir.

"It's always fun to watch the people's faces as we pass the boar's head around on a platter," Menk said. "It's a really traditional part of any Madrigal dinner."

The Madrigal Christmas Dinner has become an important part of the Christmas celebration for many South Bend residents, Menk added. Some people bring office parties to the dinner while others make it a family tradition, she said.

"There are people who make it a part of their annual holiday traditions," she said.

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Christopher's coming to SMC

By MEGAN LONEY
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The Christmas Spirit is coming to Saint Mary's Moreau Center for the Arts this weekend when the Werbrouck School of Dance will present Christopher's Christmas in O'Laughlin Auditorium Saturday and Sunday.

"I think it is very important that we host community events at Saint Mary's," Sallak said. "Hosting these events provides the community an opportunity to celebrate Saint Mary's College is a special place and hopefully encourage them to come back for another event or even to attend Saint Mary's as a student."

This is not the first time the Werbrouck School of Dance has worked in cooperation with Saint Mary's to put on performances. The company has been having shows at Saint Mary's for at least 15 years.

"I think that the long term partnership demonstrates the holiday season's importance to our staff, the love of the arts by the College and the desire to assist the community," Sallak said.

Approximately 500 people are expected to attend each performance of Christopher's Christmas this weekend.

"Some Saint Mary's students do attend the event, however the majority of the patrons are from the surrounding community," Sallak said. "Some patrons make this a yearly Christmas tradition while others are coming to see their child or grandchild perform."

Show times will be Saturday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and a matinee performance on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Christmas program helps those in need

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Students and faculty members, as well as churches and organizations at Saint Mary's, can "adopt" a family or an individual as part of the program and purchase Christmas gifts for them as part of the College's 12 Days of Christmas.

During the 12 days, participants also raise money to donate to their families.

The program, run by the Office for Civil and Social Engagement (OCSE), began on Dec. 1 and will continue until Dec. 12.

"We adopted 15 families and 15 individuals," Carrie Call, director of the OCSE, said. "Usually, we take about this number because we've found it's manageable given the number of people at Saint Mary's College involved and the amount of money we can raise."

This year, the College adopted more families than usual, Call said, in order to "try and alleviate some of the pressing need that local agencies are experiencing due to the poor economy."

Families were chosen from the Salvation Army, the College's partner Title I schools and an organization called Grandparents as Parents. Some individuals came from Mental Health America and REAL Services.

Throughout the event, the OCSE is hosting multiple fundraising functions. Each residence hall will participate in a fundraising event called Penny Wars. Candy grams, T-shirts and mugs are also being sold during the 12 days. On Dec. 12, the College will hold a Craft Show and Sale, which will also benefit those in need.

Although the program promotes helping these families during the holiday season, there are also other events on the schedule, Call said.

"The event is not meant to be just about gift giving. It's also meant to be an educational time to learn about traditions like Poinciana and Kwanza and to engage in opportunities for spiritual reflection," she said.

Each day there will be a different event that takes place at the College, such as a holiday dinner where children and residents from the Center for the Homeless will join the students for a meal. Other events include ornament decorating, bell ringing for the Salvation Army and a cookie decorating party.

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There are also student and faculty servers, actors, trumpet players and crew, she said.

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where we will have cookies, but chocolate and cider as well as a chocolate foun­
tain," said Jakopchek. "We will also have Christmas lights and paper snowflakes, which will decorate the dorms in addi­ tion to an eight-foot inflatable Santa. There will also be lots of lights," Jakopchek said.

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with the help of Brellethim, who advised them about student needs. "One of the nicest features about these rooms is that they are able to be reserved up to a week in advance," Brellethim said.

The Observer was given a copy of a letter Wright wrote to the Air Force, expressing his gratitude for its help in the delivery of the clothing. "The Air Force was instrumental in helping take the clothing down," Podolej said.

"We all want thank the students, faculty, staff and alumni who helped donate." Gregory Podolej

Notre Dame students sort the 2,000 pounds of clothing collected in the Stepan Center this November.

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students from the Haiti Working Group. The letter said the clothing drive, the project featured a Dominican Republic and the rest will be sent to Haiti.

Wright himself will travel to Santo Domingo Dec. 7, and remain in the Dominican Republic to develop a medical clinic to serve the poor. Podolej, one of the many students from the Haiti Working Group and student government who worked together on the project, expressed his gratitude to all of the members of the Notre Dame community who made a contribution to the drive. "We all want thank the students, faculty, staff and alumni who helped donate," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Prime minister closes government over tax
A Canadian Prime Minister,
Stephen Harper shut down Parliament on
Thursday in an unprecedented attempt to kl
his government in power, finding of a no-c
confidence vote he was all but certain to lose.
Leads a week after winning re-elect
on, Harper successfully asked the unelected
representative of the head of state for the
permission to close down Parliament until Jan. 21, hoping to buy enough time to develop a stimu
lus package that could prop up the economy.
"Today's decision will give us an opportunity
-I'm talking about all the parties - to focus
on what we need to do," Harper said after the private meeting.
Governor General Michaelle Jean, who rep
resents Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as head of
state, granted the unusual request to suspend
Parliament. Had she refused, Harper would have had two choices: step down or face a no-
certainty vote Monday he was sure to lose.

Cholera epidemic strikes Zimbabwe
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The southern African nation's health care system is one of the most devastating effects of the country's overall economic col
lapse. Facing the highest inflation in the world, Zimbabweans are struggling just to eat and find clean drinking water. The United Nations says
the number of suspected cholera cases in Zimbabwe since August has climbed above 125,000, with 570 deaths, because of a lack of water treatment and broken sewage pipes.

NATIONAL NEWS
Teenage workers charged with abuse
- Albert Lea, Minn. - Two teenage girls who worked at a nursing home have been charged with abuse, accused of taunting, spitting
on and groping the breasts and genitals of residents who suffered from Alzheimer's dis
ease and other dementia disorders.

According to the criminal complaint, filed Monday, 19-year-old Brianna Brotzman and 18-year-old Ashton Larson laughed earlier this month as a 17-year-old boy police say they sometimes kept
shackled in their home.

Kelly Lane Lau and her husband, Michael Schumacher, both of Tracy, are charged with 13
counts related to the alleged abuse. The former

guardian, Caren Ramirez, is charged with 10
counts.

LOCAL NEWS
Man sentenced 17 years for tax crimes
INDIANAPOLIS - A Chesterman man has been
sentenced to 17 years in prison for federal tax crimes.

A federal judge sentenced Timothy Shawn
Dunn to 17 years and 6 months in prison. Dunn
will also be liable for about $315,000
unpaid taxes, penalties and interest.

Dunn owned a Highland financial advisory
business called Moneyfacts. Authorities say
Dunn and five other defendants were part of a
scheme to market and sell sham trusts through
the Aegis Company. The Aegis Company was
based in Palos Hills, Ill., but is now defunct.

Iraq
Two soldiers killed by suicide bombs

Baghdad - Suicide bombers killed 17 people including two American soldiers and wounded more than
100 in a string of blasts in two Iraqi cities.

The attacks underscored the fragility of Iraq's recent security gains, adding new urgency to U.S.

efforts to train and equip an Iraqi security force capable of maintaining order after American troops have gone
home.

The Americans were killed when a suicide driver detonated an explosive-laden car near an Iraqi
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Iraq's three-member presidential council signed on the pact Thursday, removing the last legal bar
rier so that the agreement can take effect Jan. 1.

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Hampden County district attorney William M. Bennett speaks at a news conference on Thursday, in Springfield, Mass.

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - Three men, including a small-time gun dealer and two
were indicted Thursday on involuntary manslaughter counts in the gun-fair death of an 8-year-old who ac-ci

dently fired a Uzi at a Massachusetts gun show.

"A Micro Uzi is made by

for and Israel's Armed Forces is intended to meet the operational needs of Israeli Special Forces," Bennett said, noting that

the weapon has a rate of free of 20 to 25 rounds per second. "It is not a hunting

weapon.

Thomas Drechsler, an attorney for the club, said it continues to extend its "deepest sympathy" to the Bizilj family, but denies any wrongdoing.

"All legal & fun - No

permits or licenses required!!" reads the ad, posted on the club's Web site.

"You will be accompanied by the firing line with a

Certified Instructor to guide you. But You Are In Control "FULL AUTO ROCK & ROLL," the ad said.

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is going to take a long time to figure out completely. It’s going to take months and years to fully understand the ramifications, the factors and the forces of Waller.

But to begin to understand what happened, Waller went all the way back in time to before the Great Depression, referring to timing support.

"It’s a Wonderful Life,"

Paul Reish of the 1990s, if someone wanted to buy a house, he would go to a bank, and the bank would lend him $0,000 to $0,000. The person receiving the loan would pay back 1% of the principal and 1% of the interest off the principal. At the end of the five years, the person would ask for a new five-year period, and the bank would roll the loan over.

This works well if everything is stable, Waller said. But if the markets become unstable, a bank might be unwise to make a loan. If one bank goes under, it can inspire a run on other banks. The financial system is unique to financial firms, Waller said. "It works under, nobody says, ‘I’m not going to eat at Burger King anymore.’"

A systemic collapse in the financial ecosystem can lead to a social housing disaster, and so in the Great Depression, 40 million people were homeless.

In the United States currently, only about three percent of homes are foreclosed on, Waller said.

After the 1930s financial crisis, the government asked banks to give people a loan of 1% to 30 years. To help the banks do this, the government said it will buy mortgages from banks in a credit creation. When the government became a "buyer of last resort.

And so Fannie Mae was created.

"They created a very well-functioning secondary mortgage market, meaning you are buying and using mortgaged," Waller said. But this created a moral hazard, said. Banks now have a lot of money to lend, and they don’t need to worry about make a profit.

"If you really wanted to get the people to drive safely, you put a big metal spike in the middle of the steering wheel," Waller said. "That’s how you get people to drive safely.

"If you think the incentive to dump bad loans on FannieMae, so FannieMae said they would only buy bad loans with interest rates and credit scores over 650, with a low 200,000. At the time, below 650 was thought to be risky.

The secondary mortgage market emerged in the 1960s, but the government was always going to be a monopoly, so they created Freddie Mac. Both were priva-

ized to run, but they were never classified as government-sponsored enterprises.

"It basically meant that we have a special relationship with these two companies and we want to car-

The first loan that Freddie Mac paid was $1,000,000,000, and Waller said that Waller was not the one in charge of creating the loan.

Student body vice president Grant Schmidt, left, and student body president Bob Reish discuss collegegovs.com in LaFortune.

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made the decision to work together on the initiative," Weinstein said.

The social networking site had several problems initially, Reish said. They did not have a web master to manage the site and it was not being utilized by stu-

ents, he said.

"We had the site, but no one was using it," he said.

In order to jumpstart usage of the site, Reish and Weinstein moved the discussions from collegegovs.com to Google Groups, an application offered by Google, allowing members to create groups for online communica-

Reish said they found contact information for student body presidents, invited them to the group, and now the group mem-

bers receive e-mails when people post discussion topics.

"In the last few days, we have gotten a crazy amount of bits," he said. "Now we are starting to see the fruits of our labor."

Weiselles College, Wesleyan University, University of Wisconsin, Dartmouth College and Clemson University are just a few of the schools involved.

Weinstein said the group is already creating discussion, and student leaders are sharing ideas.

"The listserv has already allowed for great communication, and it is really picking up steam, now with 118 members," he said.

Reish said he recently used the discussion board in the group to see if other schools have implemented Good Samaritan clauses, which protect students from punishment for alcohol violations when they seek out help for a friend.

This recently became an issue because the recent student was

very indicated 72.8 percent of students consider possible disciplinary consequences before calling Notre Dame Security Police (NDSN) or residence hall staff for help, he said.

"I think the site will help us provide a Good Samaritan policy. That’s an issue we are facing now," he said.

Reish said several study body presidents have detailed their experiences with a Good Samaritan policy.

"Disgruntled student presidents at high profile colleges are saying, ‘We’ve done it and it’s been successful,’” he said.

Other topics that have been discussed in the online forum are compensation for student government members, sustain-

ability and student activity fees, he said.

While the Google Group format is working right now, Reish said he and Weinstein want to eventually move the discussion back to the CollegeGovs Web site.

"It literally is trying to solve a business problem," he said. "We’re using trial and error.

Reish said he is working to make sure the site continues developing in the future. He said they are trying to expand the scope of the site to include aspects like buddy lists, school directory and database searches, all of which would only be available to student body presidents.

"Basically we want to be exclusive, but at the same time, not elitist," Reish said.

He said the site will lead into his bigger goal of creating an intercollegiate college council, which was part of his campaign platform.

"We are talking about continuing relationships outside of Notre Dame," he said. "Personal connections make a difference."

Weinstein said he should the site can really benefit the schools involved, especially as it progresses in the future.

"We hope to encourage the participating schools in the listers to encourage their student government officers to use CollegeGovs and begin populat-

ing it with the critical information about their universityColleges and respective student governments," he said. "That will make it such an invaluable tool.

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Market Recap

**Market move:**

**Dow Jones** 8,376.24 -215.45

**Up:** Same: Dow Jones Industrial Average.

**Down:** Dow Jones Transportation Average.

**Composite Volume:** 1,059 77 2,776 2,413,008,456

**AMEX** 1,241.28 -72.55

**NASDAQ** 1,456.55 -46.82

**NYSE** 5,232.26 -173.29

**S&P 500** 845.22 -25.52

**Nikkei 225** (Tokyo) 7,957.45 +53.07

**FTSE 100** (London) 4,163.61 -6.35

**Company** | **Change** | **Gain/Price**
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SPDR S&P 500 (SPY) | -2.31 | -0.20 85.30
CITIGROUP INC (C) | -5.37 | -0.42 74.40
POWERSHARES QQQQ (QQQQ) | -2.83 | -0.03 27.81
FINISH SPDR (XLF) | -1.08 | -0.13 11.87

**Treasury**

10-yr Note | 3.96 | 0.10 3.70
13-Week Bill | 66.67 | 0.01 0.05
10-year Bond | 3.14 | 0.10 3.04
5-year Note | 6.00 | 0.09 6.34

**Commodities**

Light Crude (NYM) | -3.79 | -0.48 43.67
Gold (Emalterk) | 450.00 | 7.50 765.50
Pork Bellies (cent/lb.) | 0.00 | 0.10 11.10

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Yen | 92.4900
Euro | 0.7838
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**IN BRIEF**

**Banks borrow less, firms borrow more**

WASHINGTON — Commercial banks borowed slightly less from the Federal Reserve’s emergency lending program over the past week, while investment firms stepped up their loans.

The Fed’s report, released Thursday, showed commercial banks averaged $90.3 billion in daily borrowing over the week ending Wednesday. That was down from $93.6 billion in average daily borrowing logged over the week of Nov. 26.

Investment firms drew $57.2 billion over the past week, up from $54.2 billion for the previous week. This category was recently broadened to include any loans that banks made to finance short-term sales or to broker-dealer subsidiaries of Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley or Merrill Lynch.

The Fed report also showed that its net holdings of “commercial paper” averaged $270.6 billion over the week ending Wednesday, an increase of $15.4 billion from the previous week. Under the first of its kind program started Oct. 27, the Fed is buying mounds of the crucial short-term debt that companies use to pay everyday expenses. The Fed has said about $13 trillion worth of commercial paper would qualify.

**Market wary of employment report**

NEW YORK — A period of relative calm on Wall Street ended Thursday as stocks tumbled in the final hour of trading on growing investor anxiety ahead of the government’s November employment report.

The major indexes each slid more than 2.5 percent, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which dropped 216 points, after rising in seven of the last eight sessions.

Investors are worried that Friday’s employment report would show a further deterioration in the job market, even though they have already cut 1.2 million jobs in the first 10 months of the year, leaving the unemployment rate at a 14-year high of 6.2 percent. Economists expect the Labor Department will report that the jobless rate rose to 6.8 percent in November and that companies cut another 200,000 jobs.

**Treasury considering lowering rates**

WASHINGTON — The head of the government’s financial system rescue effort said Thursday the Treasury Department is considering a program to encourage banks to make mortgage loans at lower rates to help revitalize the battered housing market.

Under the proposal being pushed by the federal finance minister, the Treasury would seek to lower the rate on a 30-year mortgage to 4.5 percent by purchasing mortgage securities from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. It’s unclear exactly how much the plan would cost.

Asked about the proposal during his testimony on a Senate Appropriations subcommittee, Neal Kashkari said that it was one of the options the administration had under review.

Treasury is striving to use the “right tools for the right job” in an effort to help as many homeowners as possible, said Kashkari, the department official in charge of the $700 billion rescue effort.

The goal of the industry’s proposal would be to take advantage of the unusually large difference, or spread, between mortgage rates and yields on government debt. On Thursday, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note yield sank to a record low of 2.56 percent, while the national average rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage was 5.54 percent, according to financial publisher HSIL Associates.

In recent years, there has been about a 1.8 percentage point difference between the yield on a 10-year Treasury note and a 30-year mortgage rate, but that spread currently hovers around 3 percentage points. Analysts said that the government could use its ability to borrow money at low rates to in essence flood the market for mortgage-backed securities. This increased demand would tend to push down the yield on mortgage securities sold by Fannie and Freddie, which now average about 5.3 percent because of investor concerns about default risks. Once those yields fall, the theory goes, lower mortgage rates should follow.

That would have two benefits for the economy: Immediately adding money to the pockets of homeowners who can refinance their mortgages and reduce their monthly payments, and eventually help arrest the slide in home prices since much lower mortgage rates would allow more potential buyers to qualify for loans.

Randall Stephenson, president, chief executive officer and chairman of AT&T Inc., speaks to employees in Goldsboro, N.C. on Sept. 30.

**Amidst recession, AT&T cuts 12,000 jobs**

Telecom giant to lose 4 percent of workforce as it loses traditional revenues.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pressured by the economic turmoil and the mounting costs of financial phone customers, AT&T Inc. is cutting 12,000 jobs, about 4 percent of its work force.

The Dallas-based telecommunications company, the nation’s largest, said the job cuts will begin this week and run throughout 2009.

The company also plans to lower its capital spending next year, and one analyst estimates that reduction could be as much as $2 billion.

The 300,000-person company has announced layoffs several times over the past few years, including in April, when it said it would eliminate 4,600 jobs, but it has been hiring at the same time.

This is the first time since the company bought SBC Corp. in 2006 that it said overall staffing would decline.

The new cuts were part of a parade of layoffs tied to the recession. In addition Thursday, chemicals company DuPont announced plans to lose 2,500 jobs, Credit Suisse Group slashed 5,300 and media conglomerate Viacom Inc. jettisoned 850.

Yet AT&T, which provides local phone coverage in California, Texas and 20 other states, is also being pulled by another current: the long-term trend of defections from landline phones to wireless services or phone service from the cable company.

In the last quarter, AT&T’s basic voice lines in service dropped 11 percent. Its wireless customer base, meanwhile, grew 14 percent.

Reflecting that “changing business mix,” the company said it plans still some hiring in 2009 in the area of “newness” that offer cell phone service and broadband Internet access.

The shift away from landlines has accelerated because of the economic turmoil, said Christopher King, an analyst with Sufli Nicolaus.

Fewer homes bought means fewer landlines getting installed or transferred. And more are getting disconnected as people look to save money and rely only on their cell phones.

AT&T spokesman Walt Shay said the layoffs will be “across the company and across the country,” but would not specify what departments and cities would be most affected.

King expects most of the last jobs to come from the company’s landline business. But he said some might also come from the unit of the company that serves large businesses and accounts for about 30 percent of AT&T’s sales. Companies have been cutting back spending because of the recession, and this, King said, will “certainly pinch” AT&T’s revenue growth.

AT&T, whose shares are down about 38 percent this year — while the Dow Jones industrial average is off 35 percent — remains profitable, and benefits from being the sole U.S. wireless carrier for Apple Inc.’s popular iPhone. This is in sharp contrast to rival Sprint Nextel Corp., which has been hemorrhaging wireless subscribers and has seen its shares lose 80 percent of their value this year. Last month, Sprint said it is offering voluntary buyout packages to an unspecified number of its 57,000 workers.

Verizon Communications Inc., the nation’s second-largest phone company, has fared better than AT&T so far. Its landline business is concentrated in the Northeast, which hasn’t been as battered by the housing crisis as some of the markets AT&T serves, like Florida and California. However, Verizon figures are to be more affected by a slowdown in business spending and the fallout from the financial sector’s crisis.
After back-to-back disappointing seasons, Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick and University President Fr. John Jenkins decided to retain Charlie Weis as the head football coach. And they made the right call doing so.

The University has had its name dragged through the mud over the last five years regarding its treatment of Weis, especially after the early firing of Tyrone Willingham (the first coach not to finish five years as coach since Hunk Anderson from 1931-1933). The athletic department is returning to the stability it had before Willingham’s dismissal, thereby avoiding major problems with rebuilding the program from scratch for the second time in five years.

One of the biggest criticisms from the media has been a racial one, that Willingham was fired because he is black and Weis was kept because he is white. The different treatment of the two men has nothing to do with their skin color, but with their abilities. Willingham was a mediocre coach and inept recruiter with Notre Dame’s prestige, money and facilities behind him. He has shown his inability to produce on the field at Washington, resigning midway through a wireless season.

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We seniors have seen a lot of things happen in the four seasons we have been here, and we have cheered for Notre Dame Football as students. It seems that few classes have sat through more tumultuous and disappointing spates of our team's existence than us. We have experienced the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Notre Dame Football in four years, and now we are finally going to leave. I know many of you over I'd like to use this space to therapeutically reminisce on all that has happened, and what could still happen. The Good:

Now I've learned quite a bit of everything, about what would happen, and then winning the first game against Pitt by a huge margin. - Outpacing a top five Michigan team on the road the following week. - Pass Right. - The Stadium Pep Rally before the USC game. - College GameDay on Library Quad. - Green Jerseys (in 2005 against Pitt). - The game where the scoreboard backed up with the go-ahead points with under 2:00 to play against USC. - The instant where Senior Day is the start. - A Fiesta Bowl victory. - Winning at USC. - Senior Night.

And what could still happen.

THE Universal Declaration of Human Rights, for those who are not aware, is a declaration adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948. It is the first international bill of rights and is the most translated public international document in the world. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights sets out, for the first time, fundamental human rights and freedoms. It establishes the inherent dignity and worth of every human being, regardless of race, color, sex, or religion. It calls for the protection of human rights and freedoms, and the promotion of social and economic progress. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been adopted by all United Nations member states, and is now considered by many to be a cornerstone of international law. It is the basis for the rights and freedoms that are enshrined in the constitutions of many countries around the world.

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The Killers' first two albums, "Hot Fuss" and "Sam's Town," were well-received and set the band on the path to success. However, the band's third album, "Between the Lines: Live at the Fillmore," was met with mixed reviews. The album featured a combination of classic and glam rock influences, but it was not as experimental as some fans had hoped.

The band's sound had evolved from the upbeat and innovative pop of their earlier works to a more mature and mellow tone. This change was evident in tracks such as "My Name Is Yours," which featured a stripped-down arrangement and a more introspective vibe. The Killers' frontman, Brandon Flowers, also admitted that the band was trying to write a "Spaceman," a group that probably drew influences from The Killers to enhance their sound for every album. However, the band simply went in the wrong direction this time.

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**The Killers Pick the Wrong Day & Age**

By Alexandra Kilpatrick

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**Between the Lines:** Sara Bareilles Live at the Fillmore

By Jess Shaffer

Many may remember Grammy nominee Sara Bareilles' appearance at Legend's Nightclub in Fall 2007 before her successful emergence on the popular music scene. Others may have seen her in her 2008 Summer Tour with Counting Crows and Maroon 5. Either way, seeing Sara Bareilles live is not an experience easily forgotten. Unfortunately, her concert, will stay with you for a long time.

In "Joy Ride," the Las Vegas group abandons its usual sound and opts to mimic the likes of the Strokes and Modest Mouse, with an unexpected saxophone riff that doesn't fit into the context of the song at all. "This is Your Life" is boring, due to a lack of new material this time around.

Beginning with "Geek in the Front," a second single that has the potential to stick, her concert will stay with you for a long time.

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The Final Task

The seniors get their third crack at a championship—with perfection on the line.
Weekend should give fans glimpse of the future

The last time I remember being this excited was the 1999 World Cup — that was my Super Bowl, my Olympics. And, I’m sure the College Cup will feel the same for any 12-year-old girl there this weekend.

Mia Hamm, Michelle Akers, Julie Foudy, and my personal favorite, Kristine Lilly, were my idols — I was just a No. 13. Kristine Lilly to sign my jersey at a WUSA game, I’m pretty sure my dad had to drag me off the field. I was too young and unable to talk. I remember going to dinner and overhearing an on-air interview at the next table discussing America’s win over China. I was terrified that Brandi Chastain had even thought to tear off her shirt in victory. I couldn’t have been prouder.

But from those days following the first women’s soccer tournament to glory in America, something has been simmering — it’s fallen off the radar. Copies of Sports Illustrated with Chastain celebrating in her sports bra on the cover are probably buried in the corner of some 20-something girl’s room now, forgotten and unimportant. With good reason. That was the last time the United States won a World Cup, showed hope for a nation dominated by male sports of football and basketball.

And even though the U.S. took gold at the Olympics this summer, it just didn’t feel the same, maybe because I wasn’t 12 or wearing a Lilly jersey at the time, but I don’t think that was it. It just wasn’t as exciting. These weren’t faces I had come to know and cheer for. They were just co-captains.

But the 2008 College Cup gives my hope that that’s about to change. Call it a hunch, but I feel history in the making here. Notre Dame, UCLA, North Carolina, and Stanford all have something to do with it.

Take a look at the Irish roster. Kerri Hanks passed Mia Hamm on the career assist list, she’s not too far behind to goals either. Hanks, along with Carrie Dew, Brittany Bock, Michelle Weisenthal and Elise Weber are all members of the U-23 National team. Notre Dame is a microcosm of the future of women’s soccer.

But take a look at the Final Four and the list of individuals that likely have future household names. UCLA boasts Lauren Cheney and Tina DiMartino, both of whom have suited up for the National Team, alongside stars like Shannon Boxx, North Carolina’s Tobin Heath has also donned the red, white and blue. And Irish members of the U-23 team have played alongside Stanford’s Marissa Abegg.

They’re not all leading scorers or offensive stars either, they’re a group of young women who will compose a team that features both goal-scorers and players who will prevent goals. These players are what American soccer will look like in years to come.

Names like Hamm and Chastain aren’t likely to be forgotten and Lilly is still playing, as a matter of fact. But there’s a new generation waiting to take the turf — but first they have to take the field this weekend in Cary, N.C.

Regardless of who takes the title this weekend, fans are in for a good show. They’ll be able to say “I saw Kerri Hanks when she was still at Notre Dame.”

And when the players leave the field — many of them for their final college game — it won’t be the last game they play. They’ll go on to train with the national team and take up a role in the newly-formed Women’s Professional Soccer league. Hopefully this league can survive longer than three years, and I have hope that these players will help that happen.

So don’t be surprised if you see some of those facesscrolling across your TV screen during the 2011 World Cup, and that you actually know who they are.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Bock returns to field, will try to help team to championship

Irish senior forward has battled injuries since preseason play

By DEIRDRE KRASULA Associate Managing Editor

There’s nothing more frustrating than getting hurt right before tournament time, just as Brittany Bock did.

Bock injured her knee in Notre Dame’s 2-0 win over Marquette in the Big East semifinals and there was a chance that it could have been the last game of her Irish career. But the Irish co-captain is no stranger to injury and overcoming it both mentally and physically.

“It’s definitely frustrating,” Bock said. “I was injured last spring and then I hurt my ankle in the preseason this year and now I have this. This one was a little different. I was getting better in a way, because I didn’t know how long I’d be out. But I’ve worked hard to get back. And this team is a super close group and my teammates have been telling me, ‘We’re not going to let you sit on the bench for your last game.’

As it turned out, the Marquette game wasn’t the last time Bock would wear her No. 10 Irish jersey. Bock took the field again last Friday to help Notre Dame defeat Florida State 5-0 and secure a spot in the College Cup.

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Just one thing left to do

After compiling countless individual honors, senior Kerri Hanks looks to add a national title

Irish senior forward Kerri Hanks carries the ball during Notre Dame’s 5-0 win over Cincinnati in the Big East semifinals on Nov. 2. The Irish went on to win the Big East championship and will head to Cary, N.C., this weekend for the College Cup.

By FRAN TOLAN

Irish coach Randy Waldrum first saw senior forward Kerri Hanks play when she was just 10 years old. Apparently, Hanks — who has 83 goals and 73 assists in her Notre Dame career — was a natural.

"She was just a shorter ver­sion of everything she sees now," Waldrum said. "She was always very competitive and from a very young age, you could see she had some special ability."

Waldrum, who like Hanks hails from Texas, said the state's soccer community is very tight-knit and he met Hanks through his family.

"Our friends were friends with her parents and I roamed in camps with her brother," Waldrum said. "It's just a small world out there but that's how we got our eyes on her."

Hanks said she was not even completely sure how she came to know her future coach.

"It was just a family connec­tion, one family to another to another," she said. "It's kind of hard to explain."

Regardless of how the two met, though, they head to the College Cup in Cary, N.C., this weekend with a chance to finish off one of the best seasons in Notre Dame history.

Just Missed

Hanks played just two years of soccer at Allen High School before deciding to compete exclusively on United States national teams. She was recruited to come to Notre Dame by Fredimson in 2004, the year the Irish lost their most recent national championship. But Hanks said she elected not to join the team that fall because she was busy "travelling."

"Kerri's actually very modest," Waldrum said. "What she was actually doing after high school was playing with the U.S. Under-19 national team when they won it all."

Hanks arrived at Notre Dame in the spring of 2005 but only after the Irish put the finishing touches on a 24-1-1 championship season. Hanks has not yet won a national title since arriving on campus.

"I was glad for the [2004] team but I just wished I was with that team," Hanks said. "Hopefully, this year I can come out with a win."

Individual Accolades

Since joining the Irish, Hanks has had an almost unparalleled career.

She was a second-team All-America selection as a freshman before becoming the youngest-ever Hermann Trophy winner as the top player in the country as a sophomore. That season, she joined former North Carolina great Mia Hamm as the only players to lead the nation in both goals and assists.

This season, Hanks has reached a new milestone virtually every week. When she recorded two assists in an NCAA quarterfinal win over Florida State last Friday, Hanks moved past Hamm into a tie for second place on the all-time assist list.

"I actually haven't thought about all of [the honors] yet," Hanks said. "The records have obviously been great and I'm speechless about it still ... it hasn't really set in yet."

Hanks is only the third player ever to notch 70 career goals and 70 assists. And after being nominated Sunday as one of 15 Hermann Trophy semifinalists, Hanks could become just the fourth player ever to win the award twice.

Still, Hanks said she would rather have a national championship trophy than any individual honor. And she said she wants to leave a legacy as a good teammate rather than a top statistical performer.

"I would rather win than have the records," she said. "I just want the younger players to look up to me."

Besides, Hanks said, it would have been much more difficult to put up such gaudy statistics if she did not play for a premier team like Notre Dame. "It would be impossible without my teammates to finish off those assists and set up those free kicks for me to take," she said. "Without my teammates and [Waldrum] I wouldn't be able to get those records."

The Missing Piece to the Puzzle

Hanks and her classmates have garnered virtually every team and individual honor except the national championship. The team has made it to the College Cup the past three seasons but has lost once in the semifinals and once in the championship.

"It would be unbelievable if we win," Hanks said. "It would sum up my career here."

Waldrum said Hanks is the right person to lead the team this weekend.

"She [has] what separates the great players from the great ones," Waldrum said. "Great players have that constant mentality to win at all costs."

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Kerri Hanks
Irish forward

Hanks' competitiveness can frequently be seen in her emotional, demonstrative on-field nature.

"She's highly competitive," Waldrum said. "What [Hanks] see a little trace of on the field, we see every day in training."

Waldrum said Hanks is serious even during daily scrimmages.

"Kerri will always let me know what the score is in practice," Waldrum said. "If I have the wrong score, she'll let me know if I'm wrong."

Hanks said she knows she might rub some people the wrong way during games but said her attitude simply reflects her will to win.

"I'll be the first to tell you I'm not very nice out there," she said. "I tell everyone on the team, whether it's the reserves or even fellow senior Brittany Bock if they're doing something wrong."

But Hanks said she is critical of herself, as well.

"I expect my teammates to do the same to me, if I'm not doing my best," she said. "Once I step off the field it's completely different. But if I do anything wrong, I'd expect my teammates to step up and yell at me."

For Hanks, this weekend is especially critical since it will include her final NCAA game. She said she even has high expectations for Waldrum on the sidelines.

"Soccer is everything to me right now, especially heading into the Final Four," Hanks said. "I want everyone to leave it on the field, even Randy ... We [potentially] have one game left so we better bring it."

Hanks said despite all she has accomplished, her career will not be complete without adding two more victories to Notre Dame's undefeated record.

"I'm just focused on winning right now," she said. "All that other stuff doesn't mean anything to me yet."

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Irish head to Cary, N.C., in pursuit of perfection

Team looks to put finishing touches on undefeated campaign

By FRAN TOLAN
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame travels to the College Cup in Cary, N.C., this weekend with a lofty goal — to finish off the best season in program history. The top-ranked Irish are 25-0-0 and will have to defeat two other No. 1 seeds to bring home the National Championship trophy.

"We have 25 wins going into the Final Four and that is just so hard to do in this day and age," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "...If this team goes on and finishes out undefeated, this team is clearly the best in program history because the record shows it. If they win it all, then there's not much of an argument."

Waldrum said that the 2004 Irish are the current Notre Dame gold standard — for now.

"We have to continue to keep these players motivated because until we win it all, the '04 team is in one of — if not the best — team here," he said.

Waldrum said he is especially excited for this weekend because the Notre Dame seniors will have one more chance at winning a title. The class has travelled to the College Cup the past two seasons before going home empty-handed.

"I am really, really happy," Waldrum said. "I'm most happy for our senior class to get one more shot at it."

Senior co-captain Brittany Bock, who missed four games due to a leg injury, returned to the field last Friday in a 2-0 win over Florida State. The forward said this year's squad is better than the two that came up short in recent years.

"This year, we're going in with an amazing record and I think this is the best team I've been on," she said.

The Irish will open play at 4:30 p.m. against Stanford at WakeMed Soccer Park. The Cardinal, who boast a 21-1-1 record, are one of the four No. 1 seeds in the College Cup. The other semifinal will pit North Carolina against undefeated UCLA.

"All four No. 1 seeds made it and I can't remember the last time that happened," Waldrum said. "Between the four teams, there are only two losses (in their combined records). Any of the four is capable of winning it all."

Notre Dame dealt North Carolina its only loss of the season and Stanford's only setback came against UCLA.

Waldrum said he is not concerned with a possible matchup with the Tar Heels in their home state. The Irish defeated North Carolina 1-0 on Sept. 5 in Chapel Hill.

"Carolina has been a good place for us to play over the years," the coach said. "Plus, our kids kind of get motivated to play in North Carolina's backyard."

Notre Dame has gotten a goal from 19 different players this season, but Waldrum said he is most happy with the recent play of the Irish back line.

"We've always had a team that could score goals and create offensive opportunities but the thing I'm most proud of has been the really good defense."

Senior co-captain Carrie Dew leads the unit, which has given up an average of .40 goals per game. Dew is the reigning Top Drawer Soccer national player of the week. The center back played last season with a knee brace but Waldrum said she has fully recovered from the injury.

"Carrie Dew is finally healthy, but because people love stats she's just not talked about as much (as the Irish forwards)," Waldrum said. "Defense is where we made the biggest upgrade this year."

The Irish back line will have to be stout today because goals should be hard to come by against Stanford goalie Kira Macher and the Cardinal defense. The unit has posted shutouts in 14 of its 21 wins.

Notre Dame and Stanford will take the field today at 4:30 p.m. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN2 and ESPNU.

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Learn more about the Irish here with the IRISH INSIDER page located in Ryan Hall.
By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

Starting tonight in the Washington Hall Lab Theater, Sorin’s Theater for Charity will present its production of Eric Coble’s “Bright Ideas,” a dark comedy version of Shakespeare’s classic tragedy, “Macbeth.” I view it as a critique of our current educational system. Nowadays, every Notre Dame student could relate to how stressful it is to try and gain acceptance to a selective university. Eric Coble, the playwright, turns that idea on its head, by allowing to new parents, Joshua and Genevra Bradley, to get caught up in the same high-pressure attitudes about getting the perfect child in the right school, the right neighborhood.

“Bright Ideas” is actually a highly selective pre-school, and after reading a few too many parenting guidebooks, Josh and Gen get it in their heads that if Mac doesn’t go to the right preschool, he will be ruined for life. In a desperate attempt to get him in off the waiting list, the parents decide that the only way to give Mac “a shot in life” is murdering the mother of the boy who got in ahead of him.

After plotting the perfect crime, Josh and Gen decide that the only way they can kill the [mother] and make it look like an accident is to invite her for dinner and poison the pesto. “Bright Ideas” is a hilarious tale about how most times, the grass is not greener on the other side. As Josh and Gen deal with new-found power, conflicting desires, and their own insecurities, chaos ensues.

Scene: Why did you choose this play?

Maltese: I chose the play because I thought that the high-pressure attitudes about getting the “best opportunities” and ensuring success through education were reflective of issues most students at Notre Dame can relate to today. The play also has all sorts of comedic elements that I thought would make for an entertaining hour and 45 minutes for student audiences. The minimalist staging was also convenient, since we try to keep a low budget to allow for the maximum amount of proceeds to go towards our charity.

Scene: What are some highlights from the performance?

Maltese: Sorin’s rector, Father Jim King, C.S.C., plays two parts — a nerdy, “Office Space”-esque boss and a crusty old athletic director, Coach Angus. He does amazingly well in both parts in his theatrical debut. He steals the show. Also, Shay Thornton and Matt Goodrich, seasoned FIT students, drive the show as Josh and Gen, appearing in almost every scene. In the short two-week rehearsal period they each memorized a full length play and have created characters that you can see developing as they [grow] from concerned parents to psychotic killers.

“Bright Ideas” is cast of 10 performers conveying nearly 20 different characters. Each character is quirky and unique, from Miss Caithness, the over-the-top drama teacher, to Mrs. Lennox, who can only speak to other parents using hand puppets, to the flamboyant airline steward who engages in an in-flight confrontation with Genevra over her cell phone use.

“Bright Ideas” represents every current class at Notre Dame, and also includes students from Saint Mary’s.

The biggest highlight is the good cause that this play is all about. My number one goal is selling out every night and raising over $6,000 for St. Jude’s Primary School.

Scene: Can you tell us more about Sorin Theater for Charity and St. Jude’s? Have you put on any previous plays for the same cause?

Maltese: I started Sorin Theatre for Charity last year in our inaugural showing of “Rumors” by Neil Simon. The play involved constructing the largest set that has ever been used in the Lab Theatre, a two-story set with five doors. The play ran two nights in the Lab theatre and sold out each night. We were turning people away at the door because of fire codes. This year we are back with seven nights of performances to avoid that problem.

I took an interest in Sorin’s sponsorship of St. Jude’s when I was selected to teach their last summer through the International Summer Service Learning Program through the Center for Social Concerns.

I wanted to show I was serious about my decision to teach at St. Jude’s — Sorin sends one fitter there every summer — and I wanted to use my knowledge and love of theatre and my degree in Theatre/Philosophy major, to do some good in a personal way. I assistant directed — alongside Cheeba Moore, who is acting in “Bright Ideas” and acted in “Rumors” — and this year I am directing “Bright Ideas.”

St. Jude’s is a primary school that needs a lot of help. It is located in Bugembe, which is a rural, poor community in eastern Uganda. Walking around to various schools, one of the hardest things to hear when talking to principals of schools was their answer to my question: “What is your greatest need? What could help your school out the most?” One administrator responded: “Money, so we can feed our students.” He didn’t ask for food. That blew me away, and proved that we need to keep working for the people there. Many students are simply sent home because their parents cannot afford to pay their school fees.

Our number one priority is to fill those seats in the audience so we can give St. Jude’s the tools they need to make their good school even better.

Tonight’s performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Lab Theater of Washington Hall, and will continue through Thursday, Dec. 11. Tickets cost $7 for students at Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross. The theater is located on the third floor of Washington Hall.

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**GOLF**

Tie for lead after second round

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The neon was Spells for the lead after two rounds of the season-opening Evian Masters, which were held in late May that saw the field together at the 36-hole mark in the 60's — at least officially. Wie had all three straight scores in the first round at the PGA State Farm Classic in July when she was disqualified for leaving the scoring area without signing her card after the second round, so the only first round is in the books.

Without that disqualification, Wie might have earned enough money to avoid $0 earlier this week.

But she is here with no other choice to lead. She said a card and seeing the most of it. She had the first two rounds were strong indicators that a teenager who once had unlimited potential is closer than ever to recovering from injuries, shoddy condition and humbling performance.

After hitting only four drivers on the Legends course put her in a tie for the lead, more punishing track — Wie was far more aggressive in the second round and holeed enough putting for her lowest score on the Legends Tour since a 65 at the Samsung World International in 2005, the week of her pro debut (which also ended in disqualification.)

Swing coach David Leadbetter wasn't around, but Wie said she couldn't avoid mistakes and big numbers. There was nothing close to the 13-stroke blowout that knocked her out of the U.S. Women's Open this year, and every shot was missed in the second round over 17 holes.

The longest putt she had for par came on No. 11, her second hole, when she ran a 25-foot birdie attempt 4 feet past a 75-foot putt. Wie also stayed conservative on the par 5s by laying up instead of common 360 yards, but played a short iron and then stuffed a wedge to 3 feet.

That began the late run of birdies, the hitter to move to 7 feet on the 145-yard sixth, holed another 7-foot birdie with a putt and closed out her birdie string with an 8-foot putt.

Wie had four birdies on each course. Wie's only mistake has become a three-putt bogey from 25 feet Wednesday.

**NCAA FOOTBALL**

Washington still looking for coach

Associated Press

Mike Leach has removed himself from consideration for the University of Washington's coaching position, a person close to the Texas Tech coach said Thursday night.

"I don't feel like the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because it was not authorized to speak about the move. The news came on the same day as the coach expanded his list of new coaching candidates, including former Washington's Tyrone Willingham, who was fired and will coach his last game Saturday.

Tommy Tuberville's resignation as coach of Ole Miss' football program began another round of college football's season-ending coaching carousel.

A day after Tuberville surprised the school by resigning, two schools came up with new coaches. Friday, Utah State hired Utah defensive coordinator Gary Andersen and Toledo hired Oklahoma State defensive coordinator Randy Edsall. Texas Tech was working on a contract extension for Mike Leach, a person said Friday that had met with Washington officials about the Huskies' opening.

Meanwhile, Auburn's wish-list to replace Tuberville knows. Auburn's Dennis Doyley, Arkansas' Bobby Petrino and Jimbo Fisher at Florida State and Will Muschamp at Texas. Hill's 124th season at Fresno State, interviewed for the Washington job Saturday and said he had talked to school for an answer Wednesday. On Thursday, he said: "I don't think there is a better league in the country than the National League. It's my type of league. I like to play a game. The American League is different—you have to go on home run and wait for hitting. That's no excuse for what happened in the American League. That's why we're still going there. It's a great city to play baseball.""Renteria's SEC reign over, change in mind.

**MLB**

Renteria rejoin National League

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Edgar Renteria is back in the National League, where he thinks he belongs.

Renteria became the second free agent to join the San Francisco Giants in two days, receiving an $18.5 million, two-year contract Wednesday, a day after Vizquel signed with Cleveland.

A five-time NL All-Star, Renteria has spent 11 of his 13 major league seasons in the National League. He won a World Series ring with the 1997 Florida Marlins and is a pennant in 2004 with St. Louis, but struggled during a pair of one-season stints in the AL, with Boston in 2005 and Detroit this year.

"I played good in the National League, I feel real comfortable," Renteria said on a conference call. "Maybe I can take that leadership at the University of Washington and I have a great deal of respect for them and their vision. Because of that, I think they turned this down... it's apparent that I'm not their top candidate. I appreciate what they did for me."

Tuberville became the third Southeastern Conference coach to depart this season. The others are Sylvester Croom at Mississippi State and Phillip Fulmer at Tennessee. Lane Kiffin replaced Fulmer on Sunday. Earlier this week, Missouri offensive coordinator Dave Christensen was hired because it might be why I'm so excited to get back to the National League.

Renteria gets a $2 million signing bonus, $7 million next year and $9 million in 2010. The Giants have a $9.5 million option for 2011 with a $500,000 buyout.

Giants general manager Brian Sabean has had a busy week, signing right-handed reliever Bobby Howey to a one-year contract Wednesday, and following that up by securing Renteria. The sides had all but finalized a deal during a meeting Wednesday. Renteria, a career 290 hitter, was back in Miami on Thursday after a quick visit to the Florida Marlins.

"We really appreciate his interest and look forward to another fine player that's going to be fruitful on both sides. I don't think Edgar needs any introduction," Sabean said.

"We're just thrilled to pilot him in our No. 2 spot in the lineup and at shortstop and move on to other business. The Tigers declined to offer Renteria salary arbitration Monday. While he was being pursued by three or four teams, Renteria said the Giants' strong interest meant a lot to him in making the decision."

"I want to go where the people want me to go. I don't go where the house calls me, I want to," he said. "The Giants were interested in signing me. That's a great city to play baseball."

Renteria will be looking to have a better year in 2009. He batted .270 with 10 home runs and 55 RBIs this season for the Tigers, who after-

ward declined their $11 million option and gave him a $3 million buyout.

Sabean isn't concerned about Renteria, especially considering he had a better second half. "We have no reservations of him being a shortstop and a good offensive player," the GM said. "It's an upgrade."

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## NFL

*Antonio Pierce addresses the media after the New York Giants' Thursday practice. Pierce is expected to play Sunday against the Eagles, despite his involvement in the Plaxico Burress controversy.*

### Pierce to meet with investigators

Antonio Pierce caught off guard early Saturday when Burress somehow fumbled his gun - a 40-caliber Glock - in the VIP section of a Manhattan nightclub and it discharged, hitting his right thigh.

"He had no idea Plaxico had a weapon," attorney Michael Bachner said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

And Bachner stressed the linebacker would cooperate with authorities and testify before a Manhattan grand jury about the incident if asked to testify, which has yet to happen.

"Antonio has always taken a position that he will be cooperative in the investigation with law enforcement," Bachner said. "Should Antonio be subpoenaed to the grand jury, and we have no idea that is going to happen, but if he is, he is going to abide by his obligations as a citizen."

Bachner did not immediately return a telephone message Thursday evening, seeking comment on Pierce's meeting with investigators.

Pierce was in no mood to discuss the shooting incident, after practice at Giants Stadium.

"I am focused on the Giants game on Sunday against the Philadelphia Eagles. He insisted he won't be distracted with the Giants (11-1) on the verge of clinching the NFC East title and a first-round bye in the playoffs.

### BRIEF

Federal judge to decide fate of five suspended players

MENLO PARK - A federal judge will be asked to decide Friday whether five suspended NFL players deserve a chance to play this weekend.

At issue is whether the league had a duty to notify its players and their union that a dietary supplement they took contained a banned ingredient. The NFL Players Association argues in a lawsuit filed Thursday that the NFL knew about the tainted supplement but failed to share that information with players whose careers were on the line.

The union filed the lawsuit to block the suspension of five of the six players who were b roughn this week for violating the league's anti-doping policy. The union wants Kevin Williams and Pat Williams of the Minnesota Vikings; and Charles Grant, Deuce McAllister and Will Smith of the New Orleans Saints, to be eligible to play Sunday.

Union attorneys will go before U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson at 10:30 a.m. in St. Paul on Friday to ask for a preliminary injunction. They said in filings Thursday that the players are critical to their teams' playoff hopes.

Four counts dropped against Bonds, 10 charges remain

SAN FRANCISCO - Federal prosecutors dropped four counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice plus an additional obstruction of justice charge.

Bonds faces the same potential sentence range - probation to roughly two years in prison - if convicted. His sentence Friday, seeking comment on Pierce's meeting with investigators.

Avery meets with Bettman about length of suspension

NEW YORK - Sean Avery surged past camera crews and reporters Thursday, choosing to save his comments for NHL commissioner Gary Bettman during a three-hour disciplinary hearing.

The Dallas Stars forward was sus­pended indefinitely on Tuesday just hours after he used a crude expression to describe former girlfriend now dat­ing others while speaking to reporters.

Hockey's most notorious pest came to league headquarters in midtown Manhattan to give his version of the lat­est events that landed him in big trou­ble. Now it's up to Bettman to deter­mine just how long Avery will be kept off the ice.

The NHL said that announcement would be made Friday. "I haven't made a decision yet," Bettman said Thursday during his weekly radio show broadcast on NHL.com. "I want to take the opportu­nity to spend a little time thinking about what transpired at the hearing and everything that I was told and that needs to be considered."
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SWIMMING

Swimmer returns after surgery

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Eric Shanteau looks as healthy as any other.

Just learning to deal with, and what I'm still learning to deal with, and what I'm still learning to deal with, and what I'm still learning to deal with. What if the doctors didn't get it all? What if the dreaded disease is hiding somewhere in his body, waiting to strike again?

Shanteau, one of the most inspiring athletes of the Beijing Olympics, is competing this week for the first time since his surgery for testicular cancer. He hopes he will thrive in the pool. He hopes the team will overcome: What is your dreams.

He has been outspoken about his plight leading up to the trials, Shanteau didn't tell anyone except those closest to him. He is normally shy and reserved, keeping his personal life private. Shanteau went public with his thinking, 'What if it comes back? Is it going to come back?'

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SMC BASKETBALL

Squad enters MIAA play with confidence

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Fresh off its first conference victory of the season against Trine, Saint Mary’s will try to stay undefeated in the MIAA when it hosts Calvin Saturday at the Angela Athletic Center. Wednesday, the Belles knocked off Trine 80-72 in the opening game of MIAA conference play. Senior forward Nicole Beier said, “It was frustrating to lose another game in Wisconsin, but I think that the team is moving in the right direction.”

The Belles knocked off Wheaton for the first time in 10 tries before dropping two games in the Saint Mary’s Thanksgiving Classic. Saint Mary’s fell to eventual tournament champion Otterbein by three points in the first game and dropped another against No. 21 Chicago in the second.

“The games over break have prepared us well for our upcoming conference games,” Beier said. Looking ahead to the MIAA competition that awaits the Belles this season, Beier and the team have two important goals heading forward. “Our ultimate goal is to win conference this season and reach the finals of the postseason conference tournament,” Beier said.

Saint Mary’s has performed well in the paint this season, dominating the boards by an average margin of six rebounds per game.

Junior forward Anna Kammrath leads the team this season with 10.8 rebounds per game, just in front of Newsom’s 9.2 boards per game.

The Belles will have their hands full this weekend with Calvin, who finished third in the conference last season, one spot ahead of Saint Mary’s. In two matchups last season, the Knights claimed victory both times.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles head to TYR meet in Wisconsin

Observer Staff Report

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geographic proximity.
We both have a lot of players from the Midwest, so I think that makes it a bigger rivalry, especially for the players from Indiana," she said.
This season, both teams come into the game ranked. The Irish are No. 11 in the AP poll and No. 8 in the coaches' poll. Purdue is No. 17 and No. 20, respectively.
McGraw said both teams' ranking will not affect the level of play on Saturday, because it is always a hard-fought game.

"It's a great game to play every year. I would say the majority of the years, at least one of us was ranked. Not both of us. So, I think it would be just as intense if we neither team were ranked. It's just that kind of game," she said.
The last time out, Notre Dame beat Eastern Michigan 83-64 in Ypsilanti, Mich. Although the Irish pulled out the win, they didn't shoot particularly well, going only 38.9 percent from the floor. Sophomore forward Becca Bruesewitz had a particularly disappointing night, making only one of her 10 shots in 27 minutes. But McGraw said Bruesewitz and the rest of the Irish just had an off night that night.
"I think that was an anomaly. I think that when you look at our team's shooting percentages overall, individually Becca is shooting 54 percent from the field and Erica Solomon 64 percent from the field," McGraw said. "Everybody's shooting the ball a lot better than they did in that particular game. I'm not worried about that, and we're going to play at home, so we are definitely going to shoot the ball a little bit better."
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McGraw said the Boilermaker bigs will be a test for her own post players, and that forward Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton is the best player her team has seen to date.
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Up for grabs for the game is at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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Although tickets are gone for fans, there are still 300 student tickets available for the game. The first 300 arriving students will also receive a free T-shirt and a McDonald's gift certificate.
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season, they're going to come back toiling hard. "The scoring of the Bulldogs is not putting as much of a threat from the perimeter. And they are going to have a chance to win in prelims and finals in the same event on the same day — a similar format to the Big Ten Ten Challenge and NCAA Championships."
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Brey said he isn’t going to try to rush Harangody back into the lineup. “I’m going to be really cautious with this, because it is a big game, but it isn’t a big game either,” Brey said. “I told Luke in the Los Angeles airport as he was in misty flying back, ‘Worst case, if we have you 100 percent as we’re going over to play DePaul on New Year’s Eve, that’s when I need you’.”

So far, Notre Dame has played just fine in Harangody’s absences, though it hasn’t played anyone on the same level competitively as Ohio State, who is receiving votes in both polls and defeated No. 25/22 Miami 73-68 Tuesday. The Irish defeated Furman and South Dakota by wide margins without Harangody. During those games, senior guard Kyle McKinney continued his hot shooting from the outside. In Notre Dame’s last three games, McKinney has hit 26-46-48 (54 percent) from three-point range — he buried 10 against North Carolina in the finals of the Maui Invitational, nine against Furman and seven against South Dakota.

“I was coaching against Kyle. I might pull the old Stephens Carry trick with a triangle-and-two on him,” senior forward Zach Hillesland said, referring to the Davidson’s 78-48 win over Loyola-Maryland, in which Loyola held the Davidson star to zero points by double-teaming him the entire game. “But the way he’s been shooting has been amazing.”

McAlarney added: “I credit my teammates, but I’m not expecting to be hot like this the whole season. So there’s other things that I feel like I’m bringing to the table that I need to be consistent with, like leadership.”

McAlarney, however, isn’t the only one on a hot streak. Senior forward Ryan Ayers has stepped up while Harangody has been out. Ayers scored 19 against Furman and had 25 points in the first half against South Dakota on his way to a career-high 35 for the game. “That’s one of the things we talked about when we got back from Maui,” Brey said. “I thought we might’ve been a little more aggressive out there and we need him to be, because they’re going to take away Kyle or take away ‘Gudy and he is going to get those open looks and we don’t want him to be bashful or turn anything down.”

McAlarney and Ayers see a lot of open looks when the Irish come down the floor in transition, and against Ohio State, if Notre Dame can break the Buckeyes’ full-court press, the Irish could get some open looks for their shooters. “They have a 2-3-1 press every made basket, every made free throw, and then go back to a zone,” Brey said. “That takes a kind of mental toughness and concentration to attack both defenses; when to attack the press to score, and when to attack it and then attack their zone.”

The Buckeyes, coached by Thad Matta, average 65.8 points per game to Notre Dame’s 79.2. But Ohio State only allows 47.3 points per game to Notre Dame’s 68.7. They spread their scoring around their lineup, with guard Evan Turner as Ohio State’s leading scorer with 12.8 points per game.

Note: uMcAlarney, who is no fan of shaving, has been on his hot streak while sporting his on-air, off-air beard. “I know he rotary in and out of the barbershop, but whatever he’s doing with his facial hair does change right now,” Brey said. “I don’t want him to change.”

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The Observer apologizes for the absence of The Dome Piece.

David had a Fever last night.

FRIDAYS WITH FRAN

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Are you a Cranker or a Yankee?
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Antonio Pierce was just being a good friend when he tried to hide Plax’s gun.
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You’ve been drinking more than Gordon Bombay lately.
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ND Basketball

Top 10s vs. Big Tens

Harangody may sit out against Ohio St.

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

On Saturday, the Irish will try to pick up another resume-building win when they take on Ohio State at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, but they may have to do it without junior forward Luke Harangody.

Harangody, who missed No. 27 Notre Dame’s 86-73 last two games because of pneumonia he contracted during the Maui Invitational last week, planned on participating in practice Thursday and Friday, but said it will be a game time decision as to whether or not he will play against the Buckeyes (4-0).

“I talked to coach Mike (McGraw) about how we need to play this safe, because you don’t want a relapse coming back in the Big East season when you’ve got a big game every other day,” Harangody said before practice Thursday.

ND Track and Field

Indoor season begins with Blue-Gold Meet

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish begin their indoor season Friday with a meet that will have big implications.

Notre Dame hosts Big East rivals DePaul and Marquette as well as Detroit-Mercy in the Blue and Gold Meet at the Loftus Center.

It is the only meet in December for the Irish, giving it added meaning heading into winter break.

The real purpose of this meet is to have something before the semester ends,” coach Joe Flane said. “Most of these kids have been working since September, and it’s nice to get an early start.”

Along with being the team’s first test, times gained today can help individuals qualify for the Big East championship meet in February.

“We use this meet as a motivator,” Flane said. “If the athletes do qualify, we can use those times as a starting point. If they don’t qualify, we can use it as a motivation to really work hard over break and at the next meet.”

At the 2007 Blue and Gold Meet, more than 40 Big East qualifying times were reached.

The field events open with women’s high jump and men’s pole vault at 5 p.m.

Hockey

Irish travel to face Ferris State

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

On March 14, Ferris State skated away with a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three CCHA quarterfinal series against the Irish. Notre Dame came back, though, and won the next two do-or-die games to advance to the CCHA semifinals and, eventually, the NCAA championship game.

Tonight, the Irish will head to Big Rapids, Mich., in the first meeting between the two teams since a 6-3 Irish win shut the door on the Bulldogs’ 2007-2008 campaign.

“Anytime you end a team’s season, it’s a pretty good rivalry,” McGraw said.

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Purdue visits, causes a Joyce Center sellout

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

On Sunday, Notre Dame renewed its rivalry with Purdue, who Irish coach Muffet McGraw said will be her squad’s biggest non-conference test of the season.

The two Indiana schools have met 21 times before, with Purdue holding the edge 14-7. But that trend has been reversed in recent years, with the Irish having won three of the last four games in the series, including McGraw’s first-ever win in West Lafayette, Ind., last season.

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Left, Irish forward Luke Harangody dunks during Notre Dame’s 94-58 win over USC. Right, Irish guard Melissa Lechlitner runs the offense during Notre Dame’s 78-72 win over MSU.

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