Irish fall to Tar Heels 2-1 in Championship

Notre Dame loses to North Carolina in national title game for the second time in three years

Pink Zone to combat deadly disease

Women’s basketball game against DePaul to benefit breast cancer patients

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

At Sunday's women's basketball game against Purdue, the cheerleaders donned pink T-shirts, the Leprechaun wore a pink vest and 150 pink T-shirts were passed out to students. The array of pink replacing the usual blue, gold and green was part of a project to publicize the Pink Zone game, an event to benefit breast cancer patients. The publicity for the event was put together by a management class at Notre Dame, said sophomore Nicole O'Connor, a member of the class and one of the project’s leaders.

"Our class's job was to start promoting the Pink Zone game," she said. "The class is a combination of working on the project and going through the text book."

The Pink Zone is an event put on by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), O’Connor said. Each school involved designates a game to be the Pink Zone game, and they use that game to raise money and awareness for breast cancer.

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Lenz retires after 35 years of service

By PUJA PARIKH
News Writer

Sister Jean Lenz, O.S.F., special assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs at Notre Dame, formally announced her retirement from the Office of Student Affairs on Dec. 3. She will retire at the end of the fall semester after 35 years of service to the University.

"While Sr. Jean has certainly earned the right to enjoy a relaxing retirement, she is a valued and beloved member of the Office of see LENZ/page 4

Students make fleece blankets for cancer patients

Third-annual Aiden Project held in South Dining Hall Saturday

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Notre Dame students made over 250 fleece blankets and cards for cancer patients at the third-annual Aidan Project Saturday. The project began when then-sophomore Aidan Fitzgerald of Knott Hall was diagnosed with cancer three years ago.

"I had to take a year off my sophomore year for chemo," Fitzgerald said. "And when my roommate, who was the Vice-President of Circle K, decided to start this, he asked 'Would it be all right if we called it the Aidan Project?'" His roommate, Chris Esber, and other friends started the project as a means of showing support and raising awareness. The blankets are distributed to various hospitals which treat children with cancer, including Riley Children's Hospital, Memorial Hospital, and St. Joe's Hospital, Fitzgerald said. He receives some interesting responses from the children who receive the blankets.

"I got a huge packet of cards from kids last year, and the little kids are just hilarious," he said.

Esber said the project continues to receive support from Circle K, Kiwanis, Knott Hall, the Class of 2009 and student government.

Meanwhile, the project has grown more popular with students every year.

"It blows our expectations every year," Fitzgerald said. "We had to turn people away last year. This year we doubled the amount of fleece we used from last year, and look, see AIDEN/page 6
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As I continued on my trek to the fifth floor, I saw wrapping paper and ribbons, bells and Nativity scenes. There were some snowmen, stockings, Santas, and snowflakes. As I walked into my room, I realized that something was missing. Although nearly all of the residents had decorated for Christmas, the bright and colorful twinkle of the Christmas lights I had grown to love could not be found within any of the students’ rooms.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

Deck the Halls

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONG?**

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freshman  
Duncan

Brandon Porras  
sophomore  
Duncan

Eric Mark  
sophomore  
Duncan

C.J. Ramsey  
senior  
Duncan

"Joy to the World" — I hate it.

"Jingle Bells" stinks.

"Whichever one's being sung."  
"Feliz Navidad" because it's annoyingly repetitive. And not English.

"Blue Christmas" because Christmas is not a time for whiners.

**OFFBEAT**

MBA graduate posts resume in taxi cab

NEW YORK — Are you talking to me — about a job? A recent MBA graduate who can’t find work in his chosen field has resorted to posting his resume inside the taxi he’s been driving around New York City.

James Williamson earned his master’s degree in business administration at Philadelphia’s La Salle University. Then he spent four months on interviews while looking for work troubleshooting electronics, doing technical sales or writing advertising copy. When none of that panned out, he got his taxi license a month ago to help pay his bills.

The native of Durham, N.C., says he posted his resume in the back seat of his taxi as a last resort, hoping one of his customers might become his employer.

Homework cooking makes students sick

BIRMINGHAM Students at one Birmingham school can honestly say homework made them sick. Nearly half of the students in Smith Middle School language arts class became ill Friday after tasting meals that students had prepared as part of an assignment.

Birmingham schools spokeswoman Michaela Chapman said the students were to write about their favorite dish and how it was prepared. The teacher allowed them to make and bring the dish to class if they wished. Of the 18 students, 16 of them brought in dishes and eight students got sick after tasting them.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

American Red Cross will be having a blood drive today from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of LaFortune. Students who would like to participate are asked to sign up online at www.givelife.org. Walk-ins are welcome however.

A Student Forum on Cultural Difference and Social Change will be held today at 4 p.m. in 649 Flanner Hall. There students will be presenting research that they did during their travels this past summer.

A public talk on "American Politics: A New Era" is taking place Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the International Studies Auditorium of the Hesburgh Center. Dr. William Kristol will be speaking on the impact of the recent election.

The 6th annual Christmas at the CoMo featuring the ND Celebration Choir and Instrumentalists will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center. The event will feature reflections on Christmas traditions by ND international students. A freewill offering will support the Holy Cross Missions in Haiti.

The special lecture “What and When was the Christmas Star? An astrophysics perspective” will be given by Grant Mathews, professor of physics, in the Jordan Hall of Science Digital Visualization Theater. The event, held on Friday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., is sponsored by Department of Physics.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observenews@edu.
SMC athletics hosts holiday craft event

By LIZZIEY BROWN
New/Writer

Saint Mary's hosted its annual holiday Party for Children in the Angela Athletic Facility on Sunday.

The event, hosted by the Student-Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) in conjunction with the Athletic Department, was held for children and families of the Saint Mary's community, according to a College press release.

The children who attended the event made crafts and participated in other events.

Six of the College's athletic teams, about 100 students, participated, decked out in reindeer antlers, Santa hats and jingle bells.

"I really enjoy the holiday every year," said Nicole Beier, soccer basketball player, and committee chair of this year's party, in the College's press release. "It is a great opportunity to give back to the families of Saint Mary's that support us in the classroom, across campus, and on the playing field and courts.

Student-athletes were waiting for the children and their families when they arrived, said senior Ashley Fusaro, a member of the softball team.

"We greeted everyone coming in," she said. "And we had cookies and candy waiting for them.

"Various booths were set up along the walls, each offering a different craft and chocolate treats for the children.

"Each individual team had its own booth with a craft for the students. Fusaro said. Many different crafts were available, including jingle bell bracelets, stockings and ornaments.

The student-athletes, like Fusaro, worked with children on the crafts. She helped six-year-old Sydney Miller create a stocking ornament at the softball team's booth.

"I'm on the softball team and I started with a craft," Fusaro said. "We made ornaments to go on the tree." Fusaro and Miller also were matching sweaters and so they took a picture together, she said.

Another participant, Jade O'Brien, 5-year-old daughter of Gwen O'Brien, director of Media relations at Saint Mary's College, created a snowman that she named "Crystal.

Freshman Arriane Rodriguez even implemented lessons learned from inside the classroom to create her craft. At the bottom of her craft she wrote "Feliz Navidad.

The athletes also played sports with the children. Seniors Cathy Kurczak and Natalie Campbell along with freshman Maddy Peterek were playing volleyball with a few of the athletes, and even lowered the net so four-year-old Nineth Kanieski Koso could play.

Other students, like junior Party fluffy, handed out goody bags to the children.

The event wasn't just about the children, however. Athletes got a chance to bond as well. They danced to the music, made their own crafts along side the children and their families, and were able to learn a little more about the people in their community.

"We entertained them for a while and spread some holiday cheer," Fusaro said.

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Mendoza names new director

Keane appointed head of Executive Education of business college

By CAROLYN O'BRIEN

Sharon E. Keane has been named the director of Executive Education of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame.

Keane will provide strategic direction to the Executive MBA programs in South Bend and Chicago, as well as executive non-degree programs, which include custom, online, international and open-enrollment offerings.

"I'm excited to be carrying forward this tradition." Sharon E. Keane
director of Executive Education of the Mendoza College of Business

Keane's new role, Keane also will be responsible for overseeing the transition to a new Executive Education center. Notre Dame recently received a $20 million gift from alumnus Ralph C. Stayer, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Johnsonville Sausage, for the construction of the new center just south of the business school.

Keane joins the Executive Education department in August 2000, focusing primarily on developing custom programs, which earned a BusinessWeek custom programs worldwide in 2007. Previously, Keane was a vice president and head of Ind.-based Corporate Staffing Resources. She also worked for the federal government for nine years in policy analysis, sales and consulting positions, and served as a legislative assistant to Sen. Hank Brown, R-Golden.

Keane earned a bachelor's degree in the Program of Liberal Studies, a master's degree in public administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School.

"Sharon brings to the position a strong understanding of the challenges faced by executives seeking additional education, particularly in today's complex global business environment," said Carolyn D. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College.

Founded in 1980, Notre Dame Executive Education provides leadership to the ever-evolving management ranks the opportunity to develop and strengthen their leadership skills as well as gain additional academic skills with an emphasis on values-based principles in keeping with the Notre Dame mission.

Today, Executive Education has expanded to include lifelong learning programs as non-degree programs in South Bend and Chicago, awarding around 129 MBA degrees annually and delivering programs and services to the United States and abroad.

Recycling market enters slump

Budgeting at centers becomes tighter with global economic meltdown

Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Norm Steenstra's budget worries mounted with each new load of cardboard, aluminum cans and plastics jugs dumped at West Virginia's largest county recycling center.

Faced with a dramatic slump in the recycling market, the director of the Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority has cut 20 of his 24 employees.

Steenstra said he is trying to cut costs to foot a $20,000-a-month deficit, but he doesn't have that luxury any more.

"It's getting more difficult to find buyers in some markets," Steenstra said.

Just months after riding an incredible high, the recycling market has tanked almost in lockstep with the global economic meltdown. As consumer demand for autos, appliances and new homes dropped, so did the steel, paper and other recyclables that sold for $100.

Cardboard that sold for about $123 a ton in September is now going for $32 a ton.

Plastic bottles have fallen from 25 cents to 2 cents a pound. Aluminum cans dropped nearly half to about 40 cents a pound, and scrap metal tumbled from $252 a gross ton to about $100.

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With few across the country able to take such drastic measures as Steenstra, the recycling market has gotten so bad that haulers in Oregon and Nevada who used to pay for recyclables are now getting nothing or in some cases are having to pay to have their waste unloaded.

In Washington state, what was once a multimillion-dollar revenue source for the city of Seattle may become a liability next year, as the city may have to start paying companies to haul its recyclables.

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Noire Dame’s Pink Zone game will be against DePaul on Feb. 8. The game will be televised on ESPN. A silent auction and other events will raise money for breast cancer research.

The objective of the project was to use management skills taught in class to market the Pink Zone game, O’Connor said. The game was officially announced to fans at yesterday’s game through the efforts of the students in the class, she said.

“Those class teaches the principles of management — planning, organizing, leading, controlling, evaluating,” she said. “So our class was divided into project teams according to those phases.”

The project leaders were given an outline of what was needed to publicize the event from Women’s Basketball office, and the students did the legwork to get the word out about the Pink Zone game, O’Connor said.

“We put up posters, sent e-mails and tried to talk up the event in the dorms,” she said. “Each student [ai the Purdue game] got a T-shirt and a McDonald’s gift card, and at the end of the game we passed out save the date cards for Feb. 8.”

The class also invited Saint Joseph Medical Center, River Road Cancer center, LaPorte hospital and the Secret Sisters Society to set up tables at the game with information about breast cancer research.

“The game was sold out, so it was a pretty exciting opportunity to reach everyone,” she said.

O’Connor said her group was in charge of creating the pink T-shirts. Members of the class submitted design ideas, and they used a local t-shirt company to produce the shirts, she said. Students got free shirts, and the extras were thrown into the crowd.

The management class, taught by Chuck Lennon, Associate Vice President for University Relations, was approved by the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) as a service learning class.

“IT’S THE only management class in the College of Business that was approved for this distinction,” she said.

Prof. Lennon presented the idea to the CSC because the class would use management principles to do a service project for the Pink Zone basketball game, O’Connor said.

“It was approved as a service project because it went beyond the usual requirements of teaching in the textbook,” she said. “[Lennon] thought it was a great opportunity to get us actual real life management experience.”

The posters used to advertise the event were funded by Women’s basketball and the funds for the T-shirts came from the Alumni Association, which is headed by Chuck Lennon, O’Connor said.

“I think this was a great opportunity because we were able to apply what we were learning in class to real life situations,” she said. “It showed us the full range of what management requires.”

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Student Affairs, and I know I speak for the entire senior staff saying that her daily presence in the office will be missed tremendously,” said Father Mark L. Poorman, Vice President of Student Affairs in an e-mail sent to callers within the department.

“Sr. Jean’s dedication, wisdom, and commitment to the University are unparalleled.”

Lenz, however, said her daily presence will be missed.

“My body was saying to me: I don’t want to do this anymore,” Lenz said. “It became very clear to me that it was time to step aside from doing administrative ministry. I knew that once I retire I didn’t have to pick up and make a decision about what I would do in my life and that I would be able to stay on campus and continue doing ministry because of my administrative work.”

Lenz, a Franciscan sister of the Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi, Immaculata, came to Notre Dame from Marquette University where she pursued her master’s degree in Theology. After six years, Lenz, along with 10 other Franciscan sisters, were asked to come back to the University and take part in the University’s transition from a coeducational institution after 30 years in an all-male environment.

“I remember getting the letter from Notre Dame asking me to come help. It was really nice to be in the unknown when I first came here. I only planned to stay a year or two and just to help them get started with their programs,” Lenz said. “I knew that I would go on to become the rector of Farley Hall,” she said. “My time with Farley Hall is an indelible moment because of all of the women I came to know. They were all so wonderful and helpful.”

After serving as rector of Farley Hall, Sr. Jean switched to administrative ministry and entered the Office of Student Affairs in 1984. “I’ve worked with three Notre Dame presidents, and it’s been a great gift,” she said. “I have so many memories from the years. I remember Fr. Jenkins when he was a student here because he had friends in Farley. I remember the confusion process here. What was important it was that Notre Dame opened its doors to women. And we never had big upssets, it was a gradual shift. But those first women, they were real pioneers.”

Lenz plans to continue ministry at the University and assisting youth with a spiritual direction. She will help students who have basic religious questions, are interested in the Catholic faith and wish to figure out what they will do after leaving the University.

University and the Catholic Church are funded by the event. “I think the event was a pastoral teaching to administrative work,” she said.

Administrative work is so different. I just got to a point where it seemed time to bring something kind of administration and the typical stress that goes with it. I have done pastoral teaching before and really enjoy it.”

Father Mark L. Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs said that Lenz will be missed.

“During her tenure at Notre Dame, Sr. Jean has been a consistent spokesperson for the University and she is a pioneer of coeducation at Notre Dame,” Poorman said. “Her compassion, warmth, deep faith, and great humor are an inspiration and a joy to everyone who knows her...”

Sister Jean Lenz, O.S.F. special assistant to president of Student Affairs

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Counting begins in Ghana election

ACCRA — Election officials began counting ballots late Sunday in one of Africa's rare democracies, where voters are painfully aware of the example they are setting on a continent torn by war, coups, rigged elections and one-man rule.

In courtyards throughout the capital, election officials put police tape around the plywood tables where they began sorting ballots. Hundreds of onlookers formed walls around the counting stations, standing in chairs to get a view and whooping as the stacks of their candidate of choice grew taller.

The count closed a long day in this humid capital. The election began the night before, as hundreds of workers slept on the pavement outside their polling stations in an effort to be first. Voters spoke of carrying the burden of the continent's numerous failures as they waited to vote.

Authority challenged in Thailand

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said Sunday that the government will take over starting next week, after members of ousted members of his pro-junta political party. "We owe our allegiance to Thaksin, who says he's going to lead Thailand out of political chaos," one member of the party said.

The move comes after protesters recently paralysed the capital Bangkok and shut down its main international airport, standing more than 300,000 travelers and dealing a heavy blow to the country's tourism-dependent economy.

The government was dissolved by a court order Tuesday for election fraud. A number of members of ousted Prime Somchai Wongsawat's People Power Party, who owe their allegiance to Thaksin, regained in a new one, the Phuea Thai Party.

NATIONAL NEWS

New "Meet the Press" host selected

NEW YORK — David Gregory's new job as moderator of "Meet the Press" was made official Sunday with an announcement on the long-running NBC interview program that he will take over starting next week.

The 38-year-old chief White House correspondent was introduced by Matt Lauer, who stepped in as temporary host last June after the death of Tim Russert, the program's moderator for 15 years.

"I've thought a lot about what it means to succeed Tim Russell, and this morning, David Gregory told viewers, "I'm not Tim. But along with this great team, I can just work real hard to make him proud.""

Brain pills demanded by scientists

NEW YORK — Healthy people should have the right to boost their brains with pills, like those prescribed for hyperactive kids or memory-impaired older folks, several scientists contend in a provocative commentary.

"We should welcome this new method of improving our brain function," and doing it with pills is no more morally objectionable than eating right or getting a good night's sleep, the experts wrote in an opinion piece published online Sunday by the Journal of Nature.

LOCAL NEWS

Two victims killed in house fire

Elrod killed two people in a Lawrenceburg, Indiana town of about 5,000, putting the fire there among the nation's deadliest ever.

"We're not immediately identifying the victims," Lawrenceburg Police Chief Ron McQuillan said. "They were in the house for an extended period of time, and we believe the fire had been burning for some time before it was reported."

The victims weren't immediately identified. Autopsies were scheduled for Monday at Dearborn County Hospital in Lawrenceburg.

GRECE

Riot rage over fatal police shooting

ATHENS — Hundreds of youths answered by the fatal police shooting of a teenager rampaged through Greece's two largest cities on Saturday, the second day Sunday in some of the worst rioting the country has seen in years.

Gangs smashed stores, torched cars and erected burning barricades in the streets, as an 18-year-old boy was shot by police in Athens. Riot police clashed with groups of mostly self-styled anarchists throwing Molotov cocktails, rocks and bottles. Clouds of tear gas hung in the air, sending passers-by scurrying for cover.

Rioting in several cities, including Athens in Crete and cities in northern Greece, began within hours of the death Saturday night of a 15-year-old boy shot by police in Esarika. The downtown Athens district of bars, music clubs and restaurants is seen as the anarchists' home base.

Soon stores, banks and cars were ablaze.

The rioting was one of the most severe Greece has seen in years. The last time a teenager was killed in a police shooting — during a demonstration in 1986 — it sparked weeks of rioting. In 1999, a visit to Greece by then-U.S. President Bill Clinton sparked violent demonstrations in Athens that left stores smashed and burned.

The two officers involved in Saturday's shooting have been arrested and charged, one with premeditated manslaughter and the illegal use of a weapon, and the other as an accessory. They are to appear before a court Wednesday. They and the Esarika precinct police chief have been suspended.

Interior Minister Prokopis Pavlopoulos, whose offer to resign was rejected Sunday, has promised a thorough investigation.

"It is inconceivable for them not to be held responsible when a person loses their life, particularly when it is a child," he said. "The taking of life is something that is not excusable in a democracy.
Sit-in of employees' plight

Two hundred Chicago workers demand severance and vacation pay

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago workers in the third day of a sit-in on the floor of their former workplace poured through the windows of a door Sunday, smashed by a mix of supporters, politicians and journalists who packed a foyer outside.

"We never expected this," said Marcella Yelles, an employee and vice president of the local union that represents the workers.

"We're here to raise awareness." The 200 workers demanding severance and vacation pay have become a national symbol for thousands of employees laid off nationwide as the economy continues to sour. They occupied the plant of their former employer, Republic Windows and Doors, after the company abruptly fired them last week.

The bank had said it was a statement about the workers' responsibilities to the company. It has not commented on the sit-in.

"We're here to raise awareness," said Fitzgerald.

"We're not just here to make blankets, we're here to raise awareness." Aiden Fitzgerald project organizer

"We're really happy with the turnout." Annette Esquibel, Kiwanis Chair

"I can't even describe this in words. It's amazing," she said.

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Aiden Harbor commemorates 67th anniversary of attack

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR — While smoke still billowed from the torpedoes rain of the U.S. fleet on Pearl Harbor, Thomas Griffin's crew group took off from its Oregon base to search for Japanese ships or submarines along the West Coast.

They didn't find any, but four months later the group flew from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet and arrived in Tokyo. The raid inflicted little damage but boosted U.S. morale and encouraged the Japanese, who launched the ill-fated attack on Midway Island six weeks later.

recalled Griffin, a retired Army Air Corps major from Green camp, Ohio, Cincinnati. The U.S. military "looked at Japan entirely by surprise," said Griffin, a keynote speaker at a ceremony Sunday commemorating the 67th anniversary of the Japanese raid that marked America's entry into World War II. He was joined by more than 100 World War II veterans and other observers.

The ceremony focuses on the attack on the USS Arizona, Pearl Harbor and several other installations on Oahu. But Sunday's remembrance centered more on the months following the raid and on an American response that helped defeat the Japanese and render the U.S. a military superpower.

At 7:55 a.m., the moment on a Sunday morning in 1941 when hundreds of Japanese planes began raining bombs and torpedoes onto Oahu's U.S. military ships and planes, onlookers across the nation lay silent as the USS Arizona went down.

It was an impossible beginning, said Allan Willard, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, said in his address. "Yet, look up today." He noted that Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard recently celebrated 100 years of service and still maintains the far-reaching U.S. Pacific fleet.

Understanding how far Americans and Japanese have come since Dec. 7, 1941, President-elect Barack Obama in Chicago on Sunday introduced retired Gen. Eric Shinseki, a Japanese American born in Hawaii a year after the attack, as his nominee to head the Veterans Affairs Department.

Sunday's remembrance featured performances by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, morning colors, a Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by the U.S. Marine Corps and a recognition of those who survived the attack.

After the moment of silence, the anniversary of the beginning of the attack, the destroyer USS Chung-Hoon rendered a salute to the Arizona, which still lies in the harbor with its dead.

Nearly 2,400 Americans were killed and almost 1,800 injured in the Japanese fighters bomb and sank 12 naval vessels and heavily damaged nine others.

The Arizona "sank in less than nine minutes after an armor-piercing bomb breached its deck and exploded in the ship's ammunition magazine," lost 4,117 sailors and Marines. About 340 of its crew members survived.

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**In Brief**

Gasoline hits almost five-year low

**CAMARILLO, Calif.** — The average price of U.S. gasoline fell 22 cents a gallon during the past two weeks, bringing it to its lowest level in nearly five years, according to a national survey conducted Sunday.

The average price of regular gasoline Friday was $1.75 a gallon, oil industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said. The price of mid-grade was $1.90 a gallon and the price of premium was $2.02.

The last time gas was cheaper was on March 20, 2004, Lundberg said, when the national average was $1.74 a gallon. The all-time high was on July 11, 2008, when the price reached $4.11 a gallon.

Of cities surveyed, the nation's lowest price was $1.46 in Cheyenne, Wyo. The highest was $2.24 in Anchorage, Alaska, and the highest in the continental United States was $2.10 on New York's Long Island.

Recession may affect inauguration

WASHINGTON — Unemployment is on the rise. The stock market is in the tank. Is this any time for a party?

For the sake of the masses expected for President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration, let's hope so. While Obama must be sensitive to the nation's time of war and recession, there still is reason to expect a rollicking time.

"We're mindful of the fact that people in this country are hurting, that they're going through hard times," said Linda Douglass, spokeswoman for the Presidential Inaugural Committee. "On the other hand, we see this not just as a celebration of an election, but as a celebration of people who come together and celebrate their common values and shared aspirations and goals."

The committee has disclosed few details of the celebration, but it surely won't come cheap. President-elect George W. Bush raised $20 million to help finance his second inauguration. Millions more were spent by the government on security.

Though costly, an inauguration helps set the tone for a presidency, said Gil Troy, a visiting scholar at the Bipartisan Policy Center who has written extensively on presidents and first ladies.

Legal counsel threatened by economy

Associated Press

**SEATTLE** — The day before Maria Nunes fled Florida for Seattle, her abusive husband beat her unconscious. She had already divorced him, which made the Jamaica native vulnerable to domestication because she depended on her marriage for her legal residency in the United States.

At a women's shelter in Seattle, Nunes was told she could still become a permanent resident, but that the law required women in her plight to prove they had been abused.

"IOLTA programs — the acronym stands for interest on lawyers trust accounts. In many cases, it's the double whammy, not only have the lawyers plummeted, many states are seeing smaller trust balances."

In Ohio, revenue from IOLTA is expected to drop 50 percent this year to $11 million from $22 million in 2007. Projections for 2008 look even grimmer with incoming revenue dropping to $4 million.

Washington state revenue for grants is expected to drop from $9 million in 2008 to $6 million next year. Texas initially projected $28 million for 2007, but interest rate cuts chopped the figure to $20 million. The shortfall in Texas is exacerbated by Hurricane Ike's destruction, an advocate there said.
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The endangered book

You might want to ask Santa for a book this year, since the book might be on its way out.

The news from the publishing industry (or at least the trade publish­
ing industry; aca­
demic presses are still doing relatively well, so those of you who are hoping to say goodbye to texts are out of luck.) is grim. Major publishers — Random House, HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster, to name a few — are freezing salaries, laying off staff members and, worst of all, no longer acquiring new titles. This makes about as much sense as having a TV channel refuse to create new shows; after all, who really enjoys watching TV Land or My Michiana? And it all comes down to old-fashioned demand. Publishers are doing badly because book sellers are finding it harder and harder to sell books because, in all likelihood, people are not reading for pleasure as much anymore.

But the economic turmoil, then technology might spell the end of the poor codex. Amazon’s Kindle, for example, is far from perfect in either price tag or the quality of the read, which is about as visually appealing as the display screen of a first-gener­
ation iPod. It does, however, repre­sent the first generation of devices that will someday allow us to access all the world’s literature (read: Google Books, probably) on demand. No more needing a second hand to turn the page, no more herniating your inter­
vertebral discs when moving out of your dorm room; the portable digital reader will do it all.

Yet there are more than a few reac­tions to the end of print — Luddites, if you like, and more often than not authors or pro­
fessional literary critics — who feel an inexplicable horror at the prospect of replacing books with electronic downloads. J.K. Rowling, for example, has stipulated in her con­
tract that Harry Potter will never appear in electronic format, though one wonders whether this is as unbreakable a vow as it seems. Those who, for instance, insist that the ase­
tic experience of reading a book is absolutely unparalleled on the one hand might be surprised at how well technology can recreate the book­
reading experience, and on the other appear more than a bit dilletante. Practicality issues, which is to say the apparent inability of anyone to come up with a durable standard for data storage in anything, ever (.doc? .txt? .pdf? .epub?) will hopefully improve, as we issues with battery life, portability, and hard drive size. In short, are not looking good for print.

But the book might not be an entire­ly lost cause yet. I don’t know whether anyone has studied the psy­
chology of reading on a printed page versus a computer monitor. From per­
sonal experience, however, I know that whenever I see an electronic screen, I am seized by a sort of intel­
lectual psychosis that prevents me from reading more than 50 words or typing more than a dozen before I feel the urge to multis­

task; check e-mail, pull up another website, shuffle through my i­

Tunes list. I find it nearly impossible to read an entire essay, let alone a whole book, on the computer; doing so requires so little investment of energy and effort — a click here, a click there and stop — that I can neither prevent my eyes from sliding past entire para­
graphs at a time, nor make myself feel bad when I declare my efforts a failure. Reading a book, meanwhile, requires preparation, picking out a comfortable seat, shutting myself off from distractions and setting aside huge blocks of time just to read — a sort of temporary cloistering. Maybe it won’t happen with dedicated digital readers, but it seems that reading something that doesn’t in some way inconvenience the reader makes it harder to invest the time and effort to do so. That is, the e-book might be harder to read well because it will be so easy to read.

Of course, there is one last point worth mentioning. Books are also hard to replicate, which, in Steve Jobs’ Bend, is probably a compelling enough reason to hope that they don’t disappear just yet.

Darryl Campbell

Speak Up, Please

EDITORIAL CARTOON

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Patience serves as a protection against storms as clothes do against cold. For if you put on more clothes as the cold increases, it will have no power to hurt you. So in like manner you must guard in patience when you meet with great wrongs, and they will then be powerless to vex your mind."

Leonardo da Vinci

ITALIAN POLYMATH

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Those in possession of absolute power can not only prophesy and make their prophecies come true, but they can also lie and make their lies come true."

Eric Hoffer

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHER

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Spygate, Cassel's success prove Weis can't coach

Perhaps this is just the bitter Steelers fan inside of me speaking after having two AFC Championship games in a row. Spygate involved Patriots' video coordinator Matt Walsh filming the opposing team's defensive coordinator as well as pre-game warm-ups with the goal of knowing which play the defense was going to run on each down. Subsequently, Weis and the Patriots' offense would call the play they felt would be most effective against that defense.

Sure, there is the school of thought that the Patriots' signal calling was crafty and just part of the game, but when Notre Dame, a school with no knowledge of this alleged scandal, hires you solely because of your past success at picking plays, this becomes tantamount to fraud — fraud that the school wouldn't tolerate when they hired George O'Leary and fired the school, when considering its Catholic roots and strict honor code, shouldn't tolerate now. After watching the Irish play their final regular season football game (if you even want to call it that), it became apparent that Weis, without knowing what the defense is running, is far from an offensive genius.

In fact, when considering the Patriots' continued success without him and Notre Dame's ineptitude with him at the helm, you'd have to say he's the exact opposite — an obese, foul-mouthed, uninspiring leader who appears more desperate than Bob Saget's character in the movie Half Baked.

Aside from his supposed genius on offense, Weis was brought in to develop young talent, since he was responsible for making Tom Brady what he is today. Was he? This season, Belichick has moldered Matt Cassel, a perennial backup who hasn't seen the field since high school, into a 400-yard-per-game fantasy football stud. Meanwhile, Clausen's decision making seemed to only get worse and worse as the season progressed. This is obviously the result of Charlie never having played football and therefore being unable to teach the fundamentals and intricacies of the game.

To his credit, he never lied about his athletic accomplishments as O'Leary did. So, maybe the University is to blame for wrongfully attributing the Patriots and Tom Brady's success to Weis, and maybe calling his superbowl fraud is a bit of a stretch, and maybe Swarbrick should be fired for relaying one mistake, but since Charlie Weis is staying I'd like to offer him one piece of advice. Try not to fall too hard off of Bill Belichick's coattails, or you may just re-injure that knee, and teach what little remains of your coaching career in the process.

Ryan Shestak
junior
Dillon Hall
Dec. 6

Use money for good

I'm an avid alum and fan of football at Notre Dame (ask any of my former students, some of whom even write for The Observer now). I have posters of Notre Dame in my classroom and every Monday, somebody brings up the topic of the game, and I even suffer through watching Petr Carroll gloat as he trounces us! But how much money is it really worth to win a few more games each year? More than football, which I love, Notre Dame taught me to love helping other people. Use the buyout money for something more altruistic and dignified of the University. If they want to get rid of somebody, look for the guy who gave the contract extension to an untested head coach!

Dave Henner
alum
class of 1973
Dec. 6

Carefully consider buyout

I read with dismay some recent letters from students urging the university to buy out Charlie Weis' contract. Some students even volunteered to chip in a little for the fund. If Notre Dame buys out Weis' contract, they had better never contact me for a donation again. Any university that chooses to use its resources this way and still expects families to pay $50,000 a year for their children to attend has no sense of proportion at all and does not deserve my financial support. Students and alumni are not "owed" a winning program, much less a national championship. They should expect a program with integrity, nothing more or less.

Michele Thomas
alum
class of 1983
Dec. 3

Look at this.
This is an awful lot of empty space.

(That's your cue to fill it with a Letter to the Editor.)

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One would be surprised to learn the self-categorization of the duo that make up The Knux considering their criminal past and the company they continue to keep. Despite their arrests for involvement in an I.D.-forging and auto theft ring, the brothers from New Orleans cite artists such as Radiohead, Led Zeppelin and the Strokes as some of their strongest influences.

“We spent our youth thuggin’,” Kintrell ‘Krispy Kream’ Lindsey told “Blender” magazine in their December issue. “I know the same people back home [Lil’] Wayne does. The dudes he calls to get someone knocked off? Same dudes I’m gonna call.”

The flannel clad duo of Krispy Kream and his brother, Alvin ‘Bah Almillo’, recently released their debut album: “Remind Me in 3 Days...”

Growing up in the tough environment of New Orleans’s Ninth Ward, the Lindsey brothers were made to practice the trumpet, trombone, and French horn by a domineering mother. While their peers notched legal altercations all over the streets of New Orleans, Kintrell and Alvin excelled in their school’s marching band.

Their mother’s tough love eventually generated the critical acclaim that they have enjoyed of late. The Knux have garnered mass recognition and have established themselves as contenders in the developing “hipster rap” genre.

Though the band recognizes their gangster rap influences, The Knux are more than just repetitive beats and arrogant lyrics.

“We want to bend rules in our music,” Krispy explained to “Blender.” “Hip-hop is just the lens we run all our influences through.” That is just what the brothers Lindsey have done with their initial mainstream effort.

Though their lyrics channel the likes of fellow rappers such as Big Boi of Outkast and The Roots, it is the instrumental styling on display in “Remind Me in 3 Days...” that distinguishes The Knux from most hip-hop regulars. Krispy Kream and Rah Almillo combine original and exploratory beats with crunchy guitar riffs that are both simple and memorable.

In the sixteen-song album, The Knux explore a broad range of subject matter including the typical topics of sex and money. However, the duo also delves into their troubled past and ongoing redemption from their previous legal conflicts.

Other tracks celebrate the illustrious party lives that the brothers now enjoy. In fact, the album’s initial track opens with a dialogue featuring Krispy with the background ambience of a nightclub.

Most of the tracks are creatively distinct from each other, providing a brand new experience for every successive track.

One of the few negative observations of the album may be attributed to the album’s length. Because of the rookies released a high quantity of tracks, some pieces seem to lack key instrumental participation, as if the songs were hastily tossed together. It is almost as if The Knux had some leftover lyrics that they just couldn’t leave on the back burner, but no significant accompaniment to accent the vocals. Thankfully, these monotonous songs are few and far between, and there are still plenty of quality tracks.

For a band only several years removed from serious legal ramifications, The Knux have proven to be a musical force with a promising future.
Deck the halls with boughs of holly — it's officially time for Christmas music. I always find myself not only playing all of my holiday tunes before Thanksgiving, but also listening to them on repeat throughout the season, and have a very merry, music-filled Christmas.

1. "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing": I couldn't keep any Christmas song count down entirely secular, especially as a Catholic girl at a Catholic university. 

2. "Cool Runnings," By Bing Crosby: if you ever find yourself celebrating Christmas on the white, sandy beaches of Maui, you'll need this till and ukulele-singled hit by one of the business's best crooners. If you think your celebration is lacking some hula-themed spirit, then look no further.

3. "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing": Could's no keep any Christmas song count down entirely secular, especially as a Catholic girl at a Catholic university. While I have other liturgical Christmas favorites, particularly "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Joy to the World." "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" remains at the top of my list. Plus, on a less holy note, it closes one of my all-time favorite holiday specials. "A Charlie Brown Christmas." So what's on your holiday playlist? Keep those tunes pumping throughout the Christmas season, and have a very merry, music-filled Christmas.

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WHAT'S ON YOUR Christmas playlist?

Analise Lipari
Scene Editor

Jump — Love Actually
Arguably the movie's best scene.

Charlie Brown Christmas
That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.

12 Days of Christmas — Muppets & John Denver
Classic tune, classic Muppets.

Bing Crosby "White Christmas"
A true holiday standard.
Tennessee clutches AFC South with route of hapless Browns

Eagles deal Giants second loss of the year with ball control, stout defense; stay in the hunt in the NFC East

Associated Press

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans have a ball. And they like it.

And they're not afraid to show it.

The Titans outgained Cleveland 290-178, intercepted Dorsey once and found the two most important keys to victory in the second half: a balanced offense and ball control.

"I thought we did a real good job," said Titans coach Jeff Fisher, whose team moved into first place in the AFC South for the first time since 2002. "We played at a different level tonight.".

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Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb finished 19-of-30 for 243 yards and two touchdowns.

The game was a Super Bowl champi- ons came up empty on offense and defense after a week of scrutinizing and media hype following the sus- pension of Burress for the rest of the season in a wake of nightfalling shooting.

It also didn't help that there is an ongoing investigation into the role of middle linebacker Antonie Pierce in the aftermath of the inci- dent in which Burress shot himself.

"It's a great story," defensive end Mathias Kiwanuka said. "I'm glad you can't have a first game with us.".

Giants coach Tom Coughlin also downplayed the distraction theory.

"We didn't play well," he said. "We didn't play the way we had been playing. We're a better foot- ball team than that. As far as all those other things, that's all nonsense."

Pierce, who talked to investiga- tors in the office of the Manhattan district attorney Friday, was picked up by the West- brook's 20-yard run. He also was three steps behind on a cross- ing pattern on the clinching TD in the fourth quarter.

"It was just a bad game," said Pierce, who had a game-high 15 tackles.

It didn't help that Eli Manning didn't have Burress as a target.

In his place, Domenik Hixon dropped a 50-yard pass right in his hands with New York trailing 3-1 in the first half.

"I should have caught the ball," said Hixon, who had three catches for 30 yards.

New York scored late in each half, with Kevin Borrone returning a blocked field goal 71 yards for a touchdown on the final play of the first half, and Daunte Wright (13-249 for 123) found Barry Johnson for a 1-yard TD pass with 15 seconds to go.

The loss opened up the NFC East race again. Until Sunday, the Giants were the dominant team. The Eagles gave everyone hope, beating the Giants at their own game: defense and ball control.

"It was one of those days where their defense didn't play as well as they had in the past and we played very well," Westbrook said.

The Giants, who had won five of their last six games despite being a turnover-prone team, avoided some potentially devastating injuries.

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The Giants, who had overcome the retirement of Michael Strahan a season-ending preseason knee injury to Osi Umenyiora and a sus- pended and hamstring injuries to Burress earlier this season in going 11-1, did almost nothing right in the first half.

The one play they got right was a 3-yard field goal at mid- field after the first half with Philadelphia looking around a 10-4 lead.

With David Akers kicking into a swirling stiff wind, defensive end Ian Simoneau stopped a third-and-10 and knocking it toward midfield. Dockery picked the ball up, stumbled forward in breaking a tackle by Eagles guard Todd Herremans, repaired his balance and scooted into the end zone for a score that prevented the Giants from being shut out in the first half for the first time since 2004 against Washington.

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Associated Press

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Florida was an up-and-coming power and Oklahoma was a declining one when Bob Stoops made his move. He left his post as Gardens defensive coordinator to take his first head-coaching job with the Sooners.

Ten years later, both programs are on top. On Sunday, they earned their invitations to play for the BCS national championship on Jan. 8 in Miami.

As expected, the final BCS standings had Oklahoma at No. 1 and Florida at No. 2 — the reverse order of their rankings in the Associated Press poll — setting up the first meeting between these storied programs.

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Irish run away in Blue and Gold meet

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

"The Irish running is working quite hard this year, and she deserves it," coach Joe Piane said. "I'll be anxious to see how high she goes. That's just the beginning for her." The Irish also qualified for the Big East Championships in 50 events based on Friday's marks.

"That was our objective, to get as many people qualified as we could," said Piane. "They've got a great way to end the season, with 50 kids all set and not having to worry about qualifying for the Big East any longer."

Notre Dame had an athlete in five of the nine in five of the events at the meet, which was against Big East rivals DePaul, Pittsburgh, Marquette as well as Detroit Mercy.

In the men's pole vault, senior Matt Schipper came in first in the meet with a vault of 4.95 meters, and his brother, freshman Kevin Schipper, finished second in the event with a vault of 4.87 meters. Both Schippers qualified for the Big East tournament, as did senior Tristan Hoy (4.50 m) and sophomore Justin Schneider (4.35 m). Schneider also placed first in the men's 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.48 and seventh in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.58 meters.

Senior Anna Weber qualified for the conference meet in the women's weight throw, winning the event in dominating fashion with a throw of 18.31 meters. The second place finisher, Detroit Mercy's Brittany Ihorne, had a throw of 15.75 meters. Weber also won the women's shot put with a toss of 14.47 meters.

Notre Dame did well in the distance events. The women took eight of the top 10 spots in the 3000-meter race, with senior Heidi Rocha winning the event in the time of 10:00.31. The men took the top three spots in the 3000-meter race, and six of the top seven in the 5000-meter. Senior Daniel Clark finished first in the 3000-meter, his time of 8:14.26. Senior Patrick Smith finished second in that event and first in the 5000, with times of 14:28.47 and 14:10.99, respectively.

Piane said the team will continue to work on fitness over the winter break. But will not be coming back early for practice.

"We'll train this week, and then take a break once classes end and return Thursday," he said. "A few kids will come back a day or two early, but mostly it will be a full break. Our schedule for the winter break, so there's really no reason to bring people back early to train."

The team will be back in action at the Indiana Opener in Bloomington on Jan. 10. and will have their next home meet at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener on Jan. 16.

"We hope to pick up right where we left off," Piane said.

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SMC SWIMMING
Belles finish fourth in TYR Invite

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's ended up with a fourth place finish in this weekend's TYR Invitational hosted by Carthage College in Kenosha, WI.

The meet was won by a favorite in Division II — No. 3 St. Cloud State University. The Belles also finished behind Carthage and Hilbert.

The Belles did have several strong individual performances in the weekend.

Freshman Audrey Dairymple pulled off a solid finish in the 200-yard breaststroke finals with her season best time of 2:28.76 seconds. The time was just .23 seconds away from the Saint Mary's all-time record.

Dairymple was also within one second of breaking another school record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:19.45 seconds.

Freshman Eav Cavadini pitched in with a pair of top 10 results, finishing in 10th place in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:51.62 and a ninth place finish in the 100 butterfly in 1:07.42 seconds.

Sophomore Maggie Williams finished sixth in the 200 backstroke with a 2:16.95 time, as well as a seventh-place finish in the 100 backstroke in 1:04.65 seconds.

In the long distance races, senior Melissa Gereth had two second place finishes in 5.26.30 seconds and in the 100 freestyle with a time of 19.11 seconds.

The Belles will next head on their winter training trip from Jan. 2 to 9.
ND Women's Basketball

Freshman leads Irish over Purdue

By BILL BRINK
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Freshman forward Kellie Watson said she didn't want to play like a freshman when she stepped on the court against Purdue.

"She had cooled off the court against Purdue," Watson said. "I thought Kellie was maybe the player of the game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Purdue coach Sharon Versyp said the game plan was to keep Watson from getting an open shot.

"We were not supposed to help off of her at all," Versyp said.

Watson finished with 13 points. Guard Lindsay Schrader had her second straight double-double, finishing with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Guard Melissa Lechlitner had a career-high 19 points on 7-of-13 shooting. While always in the driver's seat of the offense, she asserted herself in the paint and created shots for herself in the second half.

"I thought Melissa played maybe the best game of her career," McGraw said. "She was in command of the game." Lechlitner had 11 of her 19 points in the second half.

"She just keeps getting better and better and better as she's been here," Versyp said of Lechlitner.

Boilermakers forward Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton led Purdue with 18 points and 10 rebounds, but she made only 8-of-19 field goal attempts. Forward Lakisha Freeman added 12 points.

Notre Dame held its lead after halftime, but again the offense struggled. Almost three minutes passed after Lechlitner's 3-pointer at 16:33 before the Irish scored again, but once they did, they didn't stop. Lech's 3 started a 14-4 run that put Notre Dame ahead 41-27 with 8:48 to go.

At that point, Lechlitner took over. She drove the lane for a layup on a give-and-go to Schrader, then hit a jumper with the shot clock winding down. She hit another jumper at the top of the lane to put Notre Dame ahead 49-40 with 2:09 to go.

"Since Barlow was out I knew coming in I had to take a little more offensive mindset," Lechlitner said.

The Purdue zone defense spread out to cover the outside, Lechlitner said, which opens the middle of the floor for drivers to the basket.

Purdue started pressing the Irish in the final 10 minutes and produced turnovers, but the Irish defense kept them from capitalizing. Lechlitner stole the ball as Purdue ran the fast break after one turnover, and Watson blocked a shot after another steal.

The press came back to bite the Boilermakers with two minutes remaining. Williamson rebounded a missed Purdue shot and started a passing chain that snaked through the press and found Schrader by herself under the basket for an open layup to put the Irish ahead 53-42.

Foul trouble hurt the Irish in the second half. Brzuszek fouled out with 2:55 remaining and Williamson picked up her fourth foul with four minutes to go.

Foul trouble hampered the Boilermakers down the stretch as well. Malone fouled out with 1:07 remaining and center Danielle Campbell picked up her fourth foul with two minutes to go. Malone's fifth foul also put the Irish in the double bonus.

The first half started slowly for both teams, but the Boilermakers took a 12-5 lead with 12:13 left in the first half. After three offensive rebounds and three missed put-back attempts, Schrader put the fourth home, and two free throws from Novosel brought the Irish within three. Notre Dame out-rebounded Purdue 47-35 and had 17 offensive rebounds.

"We knew this game would be won on the boards," McGraw said.

Purdue got an easy layup and a jump shot from forward Natasha Bagdanova. Two free throws from guard FahKara Malone put Purdue up by nine with 7:04 to go in the first half.

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HOCKEY

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Two more games, four more CCHA points for the top-ranked Irish.

Notre Dame (12-2-3, 8-2-2-2) (CCHA) extended its unbeaten streak to 12 games this weekend, taking 3-1 and 1-0 decisions over Ferris State. Irish senior goalie Jordan Pearce stopped 30 of 31 Bulldog shots Friday night, and made 25 saves Saturday to earn the shutout.

"I thought he played well both nights," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said. "I thought Friday night they were definitely trying to shoot at bad angles on him and create rebounds. Our team did a good job of coming back and not allowing any of those rebounds shots to be taken," (Saturday, I think he was in much better control of the puck coming off his body.

Ferris State got on the board first Friday, when Blair Riley knocked in a rebound at the tall end of a 5-on-3 Bulldog advantage just 53 seconds into the second period.

Notre Dame stayed positive, though, and equalized on a Ben Ryan goal. The sophomore tucked in an Erik Condra rebound at 8:29 of the second period.

"It seemed like the second period we started coming on," Jackson said. "And when we scored I think we were dictating the tempo of the game."

The Irish took the lead just 1:12 into the second period of the first of two power-play goals of the night when sophomore Calle Ridderwall redirected a Christian Hanson feed past Ferris State goalie Tyler Nelson.

Hanson gave Notre Dame an insurance goal on the power play at 16:02 of the final period with his team-high 10th score of the season. Jackson said the Irish power play, which leads the CCHA with a 23.9 percent success rate, has done well because of the selflessness of the players on the unit.

"They're sharing the puck," he said. "No one player has been trying to do too much." Jackson also said, though, that the squad would have to adapt to maintain its effectiveness.

"Teams are going to find ways to try and shut it down," he said. "And we're going to have to try to find ways to give it a different look."

The Bulldogs shut down the Irish power play Saturday night, holding the unit scoreless in five chances. It didn't matter, though, as a second period goal from Dan Kissel was all the scoring Pearce needed. Kissel knocked in a Hanson pass at 17:55 of the second period for the game-winner.

Even though the score was tighter, Jackson said he felt his team played better Saturday night against Ferriss State's unique defensive trap style.

"I feel we had to see it live to get accustomed to what we were going to face," Jackson said.

Jackson also said the ability to win tight, low-scoring games is an important part of any championship contender.

"Having the ability to close out games is extremely important," he said. "Our team has to know how to buckle down. They have to know how to play smarter with the puck. It's all about turnovers, and it's about making sure you don't get beat up the ice by extra people."

With only two games remaining in the first half of the season, Notre Dame currently sits in second place in the CCHA, three points behind leader Miami. The Irish, though, have two games in hand against the RedHawks.

"We want to get to the CCHA championship this weekend," Jackson said. "The night game for us is making sure that we finish in the top four. Every game makes a difference, and we have to just play each league game with that in mind."

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ND SWIMMING

Maxwell’s records headline at OSU

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Sophomore Samantha Maxwell’s two school records highlighted Notre Dame’s third-place finish at the Ohio State Invitational this weekend.

Maxwell, Notre Dame’s top breaststroke, broke her own school record Sunday in the 200-yard breaststroke record with a time of 2:12.46 at Ohio State’s McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion. Maxwell’s record-setting swim in the 200 came less than 24 hours after she broke another of her own school records Saturday in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:04.57. Maxwell had previously set both records during the 2008 Big East Conference championships.

As a team, the No. 24 Irish finished with a total of 458 points, finishing in third place behind Minnesota and Penn State in the 11-team field. Notre Dame’s 458 points was just enough to edge out the host Buckeyes, who came in fourth with a total of 434 points.

Sophomore Lauren Sylvester finished ninth in the 1600-freestyle with a time of 16:57.46. Junior Maggie Behrens finished 10th in the 200-backstroke with a team-best time of 2:01.66. Sophomore Amywren Miller set a team-best mark with her 10th place finish in the 200-fly after shadowing in at 20:52. Fellow sophomore Kate Casey also recorded a season-best time with a time of 2:04.36 in the 200-fly.

The Notre Dame men’s team wrapped up its performance with six season-best times in each of Sunday’s six events. The Irish placed fourth overall out of 12 teams with 398 points, finishing behind Ohio State, Minnesota, and Penn State. However, the Irish finished two spots ahead of sixth-place Purdue, who had previously defeated Notre Dame on Nov. 8.

Notre Dame’s season-best performances began with junior Andrew Deters’ 11th place finish in the 1600-freestyle. His time of 15:54.5 was the fastest time of any Irish swimmer this season. Sophomore Michael Sullivan set a season-best time in the 200-backstroke with a time of 1:49.98, which was also good for 11th overall.

In the 100 free, junior John Lytle finished sixth overall with a time of 44.78. Senior Daniel Base finished seventh in the 200-breaststroke with a time of 2:13.09 and sophomore Markenzie LeBlanc’s sixth place finish in the 200-fly with a time of 1:49.02.

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Turner leads Buckeyes past Irish in Indianapolis

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

All week Luke Harangody was the main topic of conversation, but it was Evan Turner that had everyone talking by the end of Saturday afternoon.

Turner had 28 points, 10 rebounds, five assists and two clutch free throws to help seal Ohio State's 67-62 upset over No. 7 Notre Dame.

After Tony Jackson made his third 3-pointer of the second half to cut the Buckeyes lead to one with 26 seconds remaining, Turner was put on a free-throw line with 21 seconds to go. The sophomore nailed both free throws and left the Irish needing a three-pointer to send the game to overtime.

Kyle McAlarney attempted to dial up a shot reminiscent of his 3-pointer against North Carolina in Maui, but his long-range attempts against Ohio State were all off the rim and ended Notre Dame's comeback effort.

McAlarney missing a three-pointer was an all too common occurrence for the Irish Saturday. After hitting 10, nine and seven three-pointers in Notre Dame's last three games, McAlarney missed all six of his attempts against Ohio State. That statistic was testament to the Buckeyes defensive play put on by the Buckeyes who, through Nov. 30, were ranked second in the country in defensive field goal percentage — they allowed their opponents to shoot 32 percent from the field.

Ohio State put all that defensive ability to work in an effort to negate Notre Dame's 3-point shooting. The Buckeyes employed a 2-3 full-court press to force the Irish into a slower half-court offensive game, and they stalled McAlarney and fellow sharpshooter Ryan Ayers around the three-point line.

The result was that Ayers and McAlarney couldn't find an uncontested 3-point shot, and the two finished the game a combined 3-for-13 from behind the arc. "They got us out of our offensive rhythm," McAlarney said to the Associated Press. "We weren't in a good flow, weren't scoring well.

The Buckeyes' defensive strategy did leave open spaces inside the lane and forced the Irish to utilize the low-post much more than they're accustomed to. Harangody was the primary beneficiary. The junior big man, who reportedly has lost 12 pounds since contracting pneumonia in Maui, showed no ill effects in scoring the game with 25 points on 10-for-23 shooting and 16 rebounds. "I felt good in practice," Harangody told the AP after the game. "Once I got out there, it was easy to forget about everything else. Toward the end of the game I felt tired, but overall I felt pretty good out there."

Despite his 16 rebounds, neither Harangody nor any other Notre Dame player was able to do anything to deny Ohio State on the boards during a key second half stretch.

Between the 13:45 and 8:51 mark in the second half, the Buckeyes grabbed five offensive rebounds and allowed Ohio State to score on seven consecutive offensive possessions. Before that stretch, the largest Ohio State lead had been six points. But in that five-minute stretch the Buckeyes turned a one-point lead into a nine-point advantage that Notre Dame would never overcome.

Ohio State out-rebounded Notre Dame 43-36 on the game, and the Buckeyes grabbed 11 offensive rebounds — eight of which came in the second half — to Notre Dame's nine.

"Their second shots really hurt us," Irish coach Mike Brey said to the AP. "We probably didn't deserve to win. Ohio State outplayed us and deserved to win."

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Nogueira

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corner of the not, Irish goalie Kelsey Lysander had hardly any time to react on the shot.

"I just hit it as hard as I could, and thank goodness it went in," Nogueira said.

Her second goal proved to be the game-winner. With 2:06 remaining in the game, the right-footed Nogueira hit a lofty shot from just outside the box. The ball was deflected and sailed over Lysander's head.

"On the greatest platform we have, which is the national championship final, she scored two of the most phenomenal goals I've ever seen," said Dorrance, who has coached North Carolina for 30 years.

"I'm talking about, if both of those were struck in a Premieriership game, you'd be seeing both of those goals on a highlight reel at the end of the week.

Nogueira said she came to North Carolina with considerable raw skills but little idea of how to use them. She said, somewhat jokingly, that her coaches even had to teach her how to sprint.

"When I came in here my freshman year, there was a lot I had to learn and (Dorrance) has taught me a lot," Nogueira said. "I never really knew the difference between playing and competing. I just liked to play so I did."

Dorrance agreed and said that his star forward is still a work in progress. But he also claimed that "the sky is the limit" for Nogueira.

"I think Casey has the potential, if she puts all the pieces together, to be one of the greatest players in the world," Dorrance said.

Dorrance said Nogueira has the skill set to be among the best players in the game. But the coach added that he hopes she continues to improve.

"You could be the greatest juggler and still be totally ineffective on the field," Dorrance said. "So her evolution as a player is to take all these remarkable tools she has and figure out how and when to use them."

Nogueira certainly knew how and when to use them Sunday against Notre Dame.

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Fickle

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planned to alter the game plan for her.

I wasn't worried about Casey Dorrance, I mean any more than any other player Carolina had," Waldrum said. "She's a great player along with a lot of great players, we didn't make any special arrangements for her, we didn't do anything different than we would do with anybody else on their team.

Neither team seemed to change its game plan, knowing either could have notched a win. Notre Dame and North Carolina could arguably be the two best programs in the country — unfortunately for the Irish, soccer isn't a seven-game series sport.

The Irish were understandably unhappy with the outcome, especially after a debated foul in the box late.

In the final 30 seconds Hanks made a run down the left flank and fell to the turf. Hanks felt she was fouled.

"I was running and I know she didn't mean to trip me but she did," she said. "It's in the box and she's the last player. It should have been a call."

Waldrum declined comment on the possible foul, but told fans to watch replays and make the decision for themselves.

A call in the box and the Irish could have been right back in the game with a shot at overtime. But the luck just didn't swing their way.

Notes:

1. Courtney Bargas, Kelsey Lysander and Kerri Hanks were named to the All Tournament team.
2. Carrie Dew was named the defensive MVP of the tournament.

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Finals

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the seniors, surely felt the same way as the crowd counted down the final seconds of the season. The Irish had defeated North Carolina in the teams' last two meetings but came up just short on Sunday.

Most of the Notre Dame players look up soccer when they were barely kindergarten graduates. For the most part, the sport treated them well and that's why they have given so much of their time to it.

But on Sunday, the Irish surely felt like soccer packed up its bags and moved out on them.

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Hawaii

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on a good note."

The Hawaii bowl is Notre Dame's 29th in school history and fourth in the past five seasons. The Irish have not won a bowl game since 1994, when it defeated Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl 24-21. Notre Dame is 13-15 all-time in bowl games.

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Left, Irish forward Michele Weissenhofer battles for the ball with two Tar Heel defenders during Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to North Carolina Sunday. Right, Irish forward Brittany Bock stands with the runner-up trophy after the game. Bock and the other seniors have been to the College Cup three times in their four years.
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Soccer’s erratic nature kills

By FRAN TOLAN
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CARY, N.C. — Soccer is more fickle than an on-off again significant other.

After his team defeated Notre Dame 2-1 in the national title game, North Carolina coach Anson Dorrance articulated that fact to highlight the moments in his team that had just completed.

"The trouble with a game like ours is it’s a roll of the dice," Dorrance said.

"There’s no guarantee even on your best day, even on a day you dominate, that you’re going in win." The nature of soccer, as Dorrance described it, came back to haunt Notre Dame.

After beginning the season 26-0-0, the Irish finished on one-game losing streak. And that loss is what matters right now.

Notre Dame trailed just twice all season. Unfortunately for them, one of those instances was the final two minutes of the national title game.

Which is why it hurts so much. There’s no way around it. And the Irish didn’t try to disguise the pain they felt. In the team’s press conference after the game, Irish coach Randy Waldrum gave his shortest post-game statement of the season.

"I am just really proud of our girls. That’s it," the normally gregarious coach said.

Notre Dame had an opportunity to go down as one of the best teams in the history of college soccer. Instead, the senior class will leave with three College Cup appearances and no meaningful hardware. At least not the most meaningful trophy.

"The season has been phenomenal," Waldrum said. "I told the girls they’ll look back in a few weeks and recognize how great of a

Nogueira’s great skill set could still improve

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CARY, N.C. — Not even an undefeated season and a goal within the first 17 seconds of the title game could secure Notre Dame a National Championship.

With two nearly unteachable shots by Casey Nogueira, North Carolina ended the perfect Irish season.

In the 87th minute, Nogueira tested her luck one last time. Standing near the left side of the Irish 18, Nogueira sent a shot that deflected off an Irish defender into the top right corner of the Irish net. The goal was a final surprising blow in a game the Irish thought was theirs from the start.

Kerri Hanks and Notre Dame fought North Carolina flat-footed in the first 17 seconds. Hanks took a long ball from Courtney Rosen and buried a ball in the right corner or the goal, giving North Carolina a head start. Their hat trick always came in the 48th minute, Notre Dame committed a foul at the top of its own 18-yard box, giving North Carolina a chance to tie it at 1-1. And that’s just what Nogueira did.

The Tar Heels junior drilled the free kick into the bottom left of the Irish net, evening the score at one and deflating the Irish sails.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said Notre Dame seemed to fall off its rhythm early in the second half, but he felt that his team turned it back around.

"I actually thought we were better after about 15 minutes," Waldrum said. "I thought it early in the second half we were still working, finding our way to get our rhythm back to out. But I actually thought after the first five minutes I thought we started to get our rhythm back and create some opportunities."

The Tar Heels continued to outshoot the Irish 11-5 in the second half, but the game looked like it was headed for overtime. With five minutes of regulation time remaining, both teams seemed to show their pace and realize their opportunity. That never happened.

And even though Nogueira had both goals for North Carolina, Notre Dame never

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Irish get Hawaii bowl bid

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Notre Dame accepted an invitation to face Hawaii in Honolulu on Dec. 24, the University said in a press release.


"We’re very excited about heading out west to play in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl," Irish coach Charlie Weis said in the release. "This is a great opportunity for our team to face a quality opponent in their backyard and we’ll need to be ready.

"I know the extra practices this month will really benefit our team and we look forward to ending this season on a high note against a quality opponent."