Balkan crisis leaves MBA students cold

Classmates on trip to Bosnia for business course face low temps as natural gas is cut off

By AARON STEINER
Assistant News Editor

Keith Flatley said it was a cold couple of days he and five other Notre Dame MBA students spend in Bosnia at the beginning of the month, as much of eastern Europe was affected by a cutoff of natural gas from Russia that began on Jan. 1.

The MBA students — traveling to Bosnia for a course called "Business on the Frontlines" — arrived in the country on Jan. 2. Shortly after their arrival, they were among the thousands affected by the gas cutoff. The Associated Press reported that tens of thousands of homes and buildings have been left without heat in freezing weather since the disruption started from a dispute over pricing agreements between Ukraine and Gazprom, Russia's state-run monopoly that supplies natural gas to Ukraine and much of Europe.

As temperatures plunged to 6.8 degrees Fahrenheit in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, Flatley said that students braced for the cold nights without heat.

"It was about 10 below Celsius," Flatley said. "We just did what we could." While in the country, the students stayed in an apartment, which is heated by natural gas. Flatley said the group had an electric oven which they tried to use for heat, as well as a heat lamp in the bathroom.

Other than that, the students huddled up on the cold nights, he said, and found as much heat during the day as possible.

"We'd be out all day, doing our work, [and] some of the buildings had heat," he said. But the majority of businesses didn't have heating.

"We found a couple places of heat," he said.

The AP reported that sales of electric heaters soared, something Flatley confirmed in an e-mail from Jan. 7.

"There are lines forming at stores selling electric heaters. The price of an electric heater on Monday was under $100 U.S.; it is now over $200," he wrote in the e-mail. "The heaters sell out within a minute of the store opening.

"The infrastructure in Bosnia varies, Flatley said, but natural gas heating is common, with much of it constructed since the Bosnian conflict that left the country in shambles.

"When [Sarajevo] was rebuilt, because the electric grid was kind of shoddy, they basically redid the city with natural gas," he said. In some cities, where natural gas is less common, there is a mix of firewood and electric heating systems, he said.

Flatley said the mood in the country wasn't too negative.

"They're tough people," he said of Bosnians, noting they've endured far worse during years of bombings and conflict in the region.

"I think it was more an issue for us than for the people there," he said.

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

HONOLULU — Notre Dame seniors Alice Ciciora and Ron LaFalce spent several days touring the beaches and mountains of Oahu, but the highlight of their trip, they said, was watching Notre Dame end its nine-game bowl loss streak with a win against Hawaii.

The Fighting Irish defeated the University of Hawaii Warriors 49-21 in the Christmas Eve Sheraton Hawaii Bowl, and Ciciora and LaFalce were seated in the front row of Aloha Stadium to witness it.

Saint Mary’s installs signpost

New campus landmark points, shows distance to study abroad locations

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students exiting the east doors of the Student Center and St. Leo Hall should now notice new signs pointing towards the eight countries in which Saint Mary's has study abroad programs.

While one might expect the signs to point visitors towards other buildings on campus, they actually point towards the eight countries in which Saint Mary's has study abroad programs. The signs also show how far away the locations are from the College.

The signposts were purchased by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) with funds from the Lilly grant, said Elaine Edelen, CWIL director.

"[The signs] are a visual reminder of the College's many opportunities to study abroad," Edelen said.

Those opportunities include semester and full year programs in Maynooth, Ireland; Dublin, France; Innsbruck, Austria; Seville, Spain; Rome, Italy; and Pieternarlitzburg, South Africa, as well as summer programs in Seoul, South Korea and Beijing, China, all of which are included on the signs.

The College also offers a semester or full year in Fremantle, Australia; Mumbai, India; Cordoba, Argentina and a women's studies semester in Europe.

There are also summer programs in Ecuador, Honduras and Greece, and semester break study programs in Ireland, Spain, and India.

By SARAH GUNN
News Writer

Saint Mary's students who commute to campus returned from break to find they will have a longer walk from the parking lots to the main campus.

The Science Hall parking lot, on the northeast side of campus, has been restricted to students and is only open to faculty and staff.

Students may park in the parking lot on weekends and on weekdays after 5:30 p.m., but many students expressed frustration with the new restrictions.

Senior Kristen Edelen, said the new restrictions are "ridiculous." Since returning from break she has had two warnings and one parking ticket. The two warnings were a result of being "improperly parked" in the newly restricted science lot. Edelen said the
Quiet coverage

I no longer have to take Jerome Holtzman's word for it. There is, in fact, no cheering in the press box.

For the past three and a half years, I've written for the news department and I've been content. My aspirations are more toward Bob Woodward and not as much toward Red Smith or Grantland Rice.

But for a few hours on Christmas Eve, I was nearly a sports reporter.

And although the Notre Dame Fighting Irish defeated the University of Hawaii Warriors 49-21 in the last game I will ever see as an undergraduate, I did not cheer, clap or shout while I was in the Aloha Stadium press box.

I may have smiled.

Prior to Christmas Eve, the closest I'd ever come to covering a sporting event was writing a story about the new water ski club.

But The Observer sent me to Hawaii for the Sheridan Bowl to write an article about students who attended the game and I found myself sitting a few seats down from the stadium announcer and within viewing distance of Charlie Weis in the Notre Dame coaches' box.

My family sent me text messages asking me to take a picture of Charlie with my phone. I refrained, even though No. 1 ranked Ohio State had defeated Notre Dame earlier in the day.

When we walked into the press box, everyone else was already seated, notepads and computers at the ready.

My two Observer colleagues, both veteran Notre Dame football reporters, took their designated seats at the front of the press box. I was given a seat in the second row, right behind them. They took out their laptops and opened up their Word documents and Excel spreadsheets and began entering drive yardage and completion data.

The reporter sitting next to me, whose same setting indicated he worked for a local Hawaiian paper, had his laptop open. He had already written the lede of his story, leaving blanks for the final score.

After every drive, he made notations in his notebook to track the progress of the game. Up and down the rows, the men of the Notre Dame football press corps were quietly watching and recording.

Anthony White, one of them, just watching. I took out a notebook so I could be less conspicuous and started writing down some questions I'd ask of the coaches and managers when I found them.

That took about five minutes. But I couldn't just sit there and watch while everyone else was obviously working. I'm sure no one was assuming I had an extraordinary game play memory.

I made a note each time Notre Dame scored. And again when Hawaii scored. I made a note about the Hawaiian shirts the coaches and managers were wearing.

It wasn't great sports reporting, but at least I didn't cheer.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kaitlynn Riely at kriely@nd.edu

QUESTION OF THE DAY: So, what's the weather like at home?

Alisha Uwilingiyana senior off-campus

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Marcus Gatto senior Dillon

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IN BRIEF

Members of David Dorfman Dance will lead a Master Class with selected students from Clay High School's dance major program from 1-2:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is free. Contact Margot Borger at 574-631-2808 for more information.

University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh will seek his friendship with Dr. Martin Luther King and his own experiences in the civil rights movement Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

Josh Dorfman, the founder and CEO of Viviav, will deliver a lecture titled "Peering into the Green Future: The Trends and Innovations Forging an Abundant Society in Balance with Nature." Friday from 10:40 - 12:10 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

The Student Activities Office will hold the Night Ice Skating Fieldhouse. The event is free to Notre Dame students with an ID.

"Brian" Brushwood: "Bizarre Magic" show, which will take place Saturday from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. in Washington Hall, is free and open to students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

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Research suggests winter babies face socioeconomic struggles

Special to The Observer

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A member of the faculty since 1995, an international scholar, was a professor of Judaism and medieval exegesis, a Jewish history at Hebrew Union College, New York. His scholarship in medieval biblical commentaries to contemporary Jewish-Christian relations. Signer was especially talented at communicating with students, Hart said. He was "someone who could show them different ways in which to enter the vast, complicated, charged and somewhat unfriendly world of modern Jewish thought and writings," Hart said.

Information Session for those interested in the position of Assistant Rector for University Residences

Thursday, January 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Law School Courtroom

Monday, January 19, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Fischer Community Center

Light refreshments served

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When they asked natives about the situation, many commented that it was either Russia flexing its muscles, or Ukraine demonstrating its power.

"Some said it was Ukraine showing the (European Union) how much they depend on them," Flatley said. Ukraine is currently seeking to become a member of the EU.

Flatley said that the heat was finally turned on again the day before they left the country on Jan. 11.

During his time in Bosnia, Flatley and the other students who participated in the course studied the role of business in rebuilding post-conflict societies, according to a Mendoza MBA student.

"If a country has negative GDP growth, they have a certain percent chance of falling into a civil war," Flatley said.

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parameters of the lot were not clearly defined so she parked in multiple places only to be warned or ticketed. The new parking directions "do not clearly identify the first three rows," she said, and that the e-mails sent to explain the rules "just don't cut it."

"Mass e-mails to students are efficient but not the most observed form of communication because we get so many," Edelen said. "I delete most of mine.

Senior Kristin Amram was also frustrated with the new restrictions, and said parking in the Opus or Angela lots means "it's a hike to get to class. She said student parking should not have been eliminated from the science lot because "for the past two days since we've been back, the new lot for faculty hasn't even been half full. They could consolidate the faculty into one lot."

Especially with the winter weather and winter weather warning due to affect, new regulations may bring even more student complaints to a head, Edelen said.

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Recycle
The Observer.

Asaph Schwapp sprays Justin Brown, left, and Pat Kuntz with a water bottle after the game. Temperatures in Hawaii hovered in the 80s during Christmas week.

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The weeklong trip to Hawaii, the first time either of them have visited the state, was a Christmas present for both. Ciciora came to Hawaii with her parents and LaFalce came with his brother.

Neither Ciciora, of Chicago, nor LaFalce, of New Jersey, had a white Christmas, but Ciciora said they were content having a "white Christmas." And since it was negative eight degrees when they left Chicago and 80 degrees when they landed in Honolulu, they said they were fine trading Christmas trees and mittens for palm trees and leis.

Cold weather in the Midwest almost prevented Notre Dame student Brandon Frost, who was born and raised in Hawaii, from returning home in time for the game. Wintry weather in Chicago delayed his flight for 10 hours, and then he had to spend the night in Los Angeles before he could get a connecting flight.

While Frost was making his way home, his mom went with friends to the airport to greet the Notre Dame football team with leis.

Frost watched the game from the front row of Aloha Stadium, directly behind the Notre Dame team.

"We couldn't see a whole lot, but that's fine because we were interacting with the whole football team," he said. "We tried to give them our aloha spirit, and they needed it, because they were in Hawaii territory."

Although most of the stadium sported Warriors gear, Notre Dame had plenty of fans at the game, which reported the largest attendance numbers in Hawaii Bowl history, with 45,718 tickets issued. Notre Dame Assistant Athletic Director Josh Berlo told The Observer in a Dec. 20 e-mail that the University had sold about 2,000 tickets to the game.

"There were more people cheering for Notre Dame than I expected. And just that shows that no matter where Notre Dame goes, we have a large following."

Brandon Frost senior

"I'm so pumped about this," he said. "I never thought I'd get to see Notre Dame in my hometown."

The only negative part about the game, Frost said, was that the Notre Dame Marching Band was not present. After the game, to fill the void left by the band, Notre Dame players Pat Kuntz and Brian Smith led the Notre Dame football team and fans in singing the Alma Mater.

Frost was worried the Notre Dame players would have trouble acclimating to the weather, but said the team looked great and played much better than during the regular season. Frost said he was planning on celebrating the victory after the game and also attending Christmas Eve mass.

"I totally forgot tomorrow was Christmas," Frost said, "because I was just so focused on this game and our team."

But the victory was a great Christmas present, he said.

Notre Dame junior Josiah Bautista took some friends from Notre Dame surfing earlier in the week. He said his Christmas would almost be complete with a Notre Dame bowl victory.

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Notre Dame football players Pat Kuntz and Brian Smith lead their teammates in singing the alma mater following their victory over the University of Hawaii Warriors.
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Egypt pushes Hamas to accept truce**

CAIRO — Egyptian mediators pushed the Palestinian group Hamas to accept a truce proposal for the besieged Gaza Strip in talks Tuesday, while the U.N. secretary-general headed to the region to join diplomatic efforts for a cease-fire.

U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon has backed the Egyptian truce proposal in a push to halt the fighting, now in its third week. Before leaving New York for the Egyptian capital on Tuesday, he urged Hamas to accept a U.N. cease-fire resolution and allow humanitarian aid into Gaza.

"To both sides, I say: Just stop now," Ban told a news conference Monday. "Too many people have been killed, many who have been firing rockets into southern Israel "must stop, they must look to the future of the Palestinian people."

**Latvian protesters clash with police**

RIGA — A protest against economic reforms that drew thousands to Latvia's capital turned violent Tuesday as small pockets of rioters clashed with police and attacked government buildings.

Three officers were seriously injured and 126 protesters were detained, Interior Ministry spokeswoman Sigita Pildava told Latvian news agency that 32 protesters were injured.

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Ariz. firefighters arrested for arson**

PHOENIX — Four firefighters have been arrested on suspicion of igniting fires in western Arizona so they could get paid for fighting them, officials said Tuesday.

Authorities also charged two men suspected of setting fires to get money from the firefighters, and were seeking arrest warrants for two former firefighters who have moved out of state.

The firefighters worked at the fire district in Ehrenberg, a town of about 1,200 people and about 140 miles west of Phoenix on the Arizona-California line. They got $10 an hour per fire.

**Father sells daughter into marriage**

SAN FRANCISCO — A California man has been arrested for arranging for his 14-year-old daughter to marry a neighbor in exchange for $10,000, and for not returning her to his custody as required.

Authorities in Greenfield, a farming community on California's central coast, said they learned of the deal after Marcellino de Jesus Martinez, 36, asked them for help getting back his daughter after payment wasn't made.

Martinez was arrested Sunday. He's scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday in Monterey County Superior Court on felony charges of procuring a child under age 16 for wed and lascivious acts, statutory rape and cruelty to a child by endangering health, according to the prosecutor.

The prosecutor's office said Martinez did not have an attorney of record yet.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Daniels warns lawmakers about budget**

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels cautioned lawmakers about Indiana's fiscal challenges during their special session to deal with a budget shortfall.

But Daniels, sworn in to a second term on Jan. 11, said the State of the State address Tuesday night, that Indiana in better shape than many states and in a strong position not only to weather the economic crisis; issues but not emergencies," Daniels told a packed audience at the Indiana Statehouse.

**Gov. Blagojevich to preside over hearing**

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"In an ironic, surreal scene, the governor will briefly stand before the Senate that has passed a bill to impeach him," Blagojevich said in a news conference Tuesday. "We have no idea what the next two weeks are going to bring."

**Israelis fight in Gaza**

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Terrified residents ran for cover Tuesday in a densely populated neighborhood of Gaza City as Israeli troops backed by tanks thrust deeper into the city and sought the last of Hamas fighters in alleyways and cellars.

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Associated Press

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Clinton plans fresh approach to diplomacy

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday that she intends to revitalize the mission of diplomacy in American foreign policy, calling for a "smart power" strategy in the Middle East and implicitly criticizing the Bush administration for having downgraded the role of arms control.

At a daylong confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, President-elect Barack Obama’s choice for secretary of state sailed smoothly through an array of noncontentious questions until two Republican committee members pressed her to take additional steps to ensure that former President Bill Clinton’s global fundraising work does not pose even an appearance of conflict with her role as chief U.S. diplomat.

She balked, saying disclosure rules already in place were carefully crafted and adequate to avoid any conflict.

Clinton appeared headed for easy confirmation. She encountered no challenges to her basic vision for foreign policy.

Clinton, who will relinquish her seat in the Senate when confirmed, spoke confidently of Obama’s intentions to renew American leadership in the world and to strengthen U.S. diplomacy.

"America cannot solve the most pressing problems on our own, and the world cannot solve them without America," she said, her daughter Chelsea seated behind her in the audience. "The best way to advance America’s interest in reducing global threats and seizing global opportunities is to design and implement global solutions. This isn’t a philosophical point. This is our world.”

In laying out a general outlook for American foreign policy under Obama, Clinton spoke in a clear, unburdened voice and looked at ease. She made it plain, citing policy themes that were familiar from Obama’s presidential campaign — and in some cases hinting at the incoming Democratic administration’s desire to elevate the role of diplomacy. She and Obama contended that the Bush administration relied too heavily on the military to carry out foreign policy and that it leaned too much on ideology and too little on pragmatism.

At the request of the Foreign Relations Committee, Clinton planned to vote on Clinton’s nomination on Thursday. If it approves her, she could gain full Senate confirmation as early as Inauguration Day.

The Senate also held confirmation hearings on other Obama choices for Cabinet and top White House positions. Appearing were Peter Orszag, to head the Office of Management and Budget; and Robert Naboris II, for deputy director of OMB; New York housing official Shaun Donovan, to be secretary of housing and urban development; Steven Chu, to head the Energy Department; and Arne Duncan, as education secretary.

Chu promised that if confirmed as energy secretary he will aggressively pursue policies aimed at addressing climate change and achieving greater energy independence by developing clean energy sources. At his hearing, Duncan said that the No Child Left Behind law should stop punishing schools where only a handful of kids are struggling.

Obama’s choice to run the Treasury Department and to lead the economic rescue effort disclosed to senators Tuesday that he failed to pay $34,000 in taxes from 2001 to 2004, a last-minute complication in an otherwise smooth path to confirmation. Timothy Geithner paid most of the past-due taxes before Obama announced his nomination in November, an Obama transition official said. The unpaid taxes were discovered by Obama’s transition team while investigating Geithner’s background, the official said.

"We felt that they could be a useful symbol for the broader internationalization called for in [President Carol Ann Money’s] Strategic Plan for the College," Meyer-Lee said.

"The building and grounds crew installed the signposts shortly before Christmas break," she said.

Senior Deanna Molosky said she was pleasantly surprised to see the signpost outside of the Student Center. She said it reminded her of the Peace Pole which the Sisters of the Holy Cross have in front of the Church of Loreto on campus.

"It also seems like it would be a great memory jogger for those who have been to those fabulous places," she said.

Senior Angela Siler agreed, saying she wasn’t sure why the signposts were installed when she first saw them, but likes that she has the visual reminder of Seville, Spain on campus since she studied abroad there in Fall 2007.

"Whenever I see the sign I think about my wonderful experience in Seville," Siler said. "And even though it says that Seville is 4.126 miles away, seeing the sign makes it seem like it’s not that far."
In Brief

Missing pilot tied to Delta bankruptcy

Atlanta — Missing investment manager Marcia Schreiner’s theft conviction, involvement in securities lawsuits filed against him by past clients and questions about whether he was reporting all of his income to the IRS started to unravel more than two years ago in an unlikely place for the company based on membership, said it has been working with the federal agency over the past six months to resolve issues identified as a result of both internal and government investigations.

"I was a case officer for him — you trusted me," said Mark Franz, one of the retired Delta pilots to allow them to purchase their retirement accounts.

"He had a way about him — you trusted him," David M. Smith, one of the retired pilots, said Tuesday. "He was very credible. He talked a good story. So, we entrusted him with a task he never produced."

WellPoint barred from adding patients

Indianapolis — WellPoint Inc., said Monday the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services suspended the company from enrolling new patients in the health insurance Medicare Advantage plan and the prescription drug benefit, Medicare Part D.

WellPoint, the nation’s largest managed-care company based on membership, said it has been working with the federal agency over the past six months to resolve issues identified as a result of both internal and government investigations.

"Due to a sharp increase in the past twelve weeks in benefit complaints about WellPoint and Wellpoint’s actions regarding beneficiaries being denied prescription drugs, CMS is taking this immediate action to ensure that WellPoint focuses its efforts on correcting its significant compliance problems before further expanding the number of enrollees in its Medicare plans," the agency said in a notice to WellPoint.

The Indianapolis company in a statement said that it had "engaged an independent third party to provide CMS with ongoing assessments regarding our compliance, including verification of systems, processes and procedures."
A simple plea for a creative classification of music

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Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the recent article on product downsizing. As a consumer, I have noticed a trend where companies are reducing the size of products while maintaining the same price. This practice, while it may seem inconsequential at first glance, has significant implications for consumers.

For example, I recently purchased a box of cereal that I had been buying for years. The box was smaller than I remembered, but I paid the same price. Upon closer inspection, I discovered that the box was indeed smaller. This is just one of many instances where I have experienced downsizing in my daily purchases.

The downsizing trend is not limited to cereals. I have also noticed it in other products such as paper towels, toilet paper, and even boxes of apples. In each case, the product was smaller, but the price remained the same.

I believe that this practice is a form of cheating consumers. Companies are using this tactic to maintain their profit margins without increasing the price of their products. This is particularly problematic in the current economic climate, where many consumers are already struggling to make ends meet.

I urge companies to be transparent about product sizes. Consumers have the right to know exactly what they are getting for their money. Companies should also consider the impact of downsizing on their customers. While it may save them money in the short term, it can damage their reputation and alienate consumers in the long run.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Recapping fashion at the Golden Globes

By ADRIANA PRATT
Scene Writer

Cleavage was the name of the game at this year’s Golden Globes. Almost every dress highlighted the actress’ busts by tightening the material around her mid-section and avoiding the usually present necklaces, drawing further attention to the lady’s upper-half, where one would naturally expect to find jewels dangling around the collarbone. Hayden Panettiere, in a deep purple sequined design from Gianfranco Ferré, exhibited this look well. Many others also captured the same feel including Eva Longoria Parker, Anna Paquin, Rumer Willis (who unfortunately looked like an 80’s prom nightmare with her over-teesed hair and far too-pale blue mermaid gown). It almost felt like in the hopes of anti-Hollywood with their lack of over-powering jeweled necklaces, they all commented the look as the ultimate Hollywood trend.

Blake Lively didn’t hit it off with her gown on the red carpet. Was the color fabulous? Yes. Was the sequined beading fabulous? Yes. Were her hair and makeup fabulous? Yes. Then what could possibly be the problem for this fashion icon? Well, it was very difficult to focus on all of those wonderful attributes when Blake Lively’s periwinkle Nina Ricci gown was just a little too tight. Though Blake Lively has a wonderful figure and is a gorgeous girl, all eyes were drawn to her mid-section, which wasn’t flatteringly displayed by the dress she chose. Stars need to take into account the highlights and shadows that will be created when they walk; the red carpet and Lively’s gown turned features that weren’t bad into major faults because of the ill fit of the otherwise beautiful dress. Tips on the proper fit of a gown could have been taken from the beautiful Megan Fox who allured and shimmered in a Ralph Lauren confection of gold and glitter or Beyoncé who always looks fabulous because she chooses gowns that flatter her shape, skin tone, and personality.

Anne Hathaway looked sophisticated and elegant in her navy blue and black hand-pleated bustier gown from Armani Privé, which was accented with cool blue highlights. Though the shape wasn’t the best seen, the gown was definitely a winner because of the color choice and the daring and eye-catching material used. January Jones also picked an extremely beautiful color to compliment her light blue hair and pale complexion and her icy blue Versace gown did just the trick. The classicest act of all Sunday night was Kate Winslet in her black belted Yves Saint Laurent gown, and not just because she has a British accent. Her hair, makeup and dress looked every bit the part of a Golden Globe winner, and that she was, scooping up two Golden Globes in the Best Actress category for “Revolutionary Road” and Best Supporting Actress category for “The Reader.” Winslet was absolutely giddy during her acceptance speech, and seemed genuinely surprised and grateful at both her wins. Overall it seemed, like a good night to be from the United Kingdom as Sally Hawkins, Simon Beaufoy, Danny Boyle and Colin Farrell joined Winslet in winning.

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture — Drama, Best Director, Best Screenplay and Best Original Score. This was a surprising sweep for a semi-indie film originally playing in only select cities, but a well-deserved one. The film is an innovative story of Jamal Malik, from the streets of Mumbai who is accused of cheating on India’s version of “Revolutionary Road.” The big winner at the 66th Annual Golden Globe ceremony on January 17 was Kate Winslet who was originally playing in only select houses, but now on the West Coast missed it due to the 7-second delay). “The Wrestler” was also praised for Best Original Song, which was written and performed by Bruce Springsteen. Springsteen thanked Bourke for inspiring him to write the song, as the two have been lifelong friends. Springsteen also joked that this was the only time he would ever be in competition with Clint Eastwood and it felt pretty good.

On the television side of the things the HBO mini-series “John Adams” dominated with four awards, as did NBC’s “30 Rock” which went home with three. Two actors from “30 Rock” also stole the show with hilarious acceptance speeches. Tracy Morgan garnered laughs when he accepted the Globe for Best Series Musical or Comedy instead of Tina Fey, the show’s producer, writer, creator and co-star. He explained that he made a deal with Fey that if Barack Obama won he would speak for the show from now on. Then he exclaimed, “I am the face of post-racial America. I have the face of America.” Fey took it upon herself in the evening when Tina Fey won herself for Best Actress Musical or Comedy she rocked the house by berating online users that hate her and instead told them to, “...shut up.”

In a touching moment, Christopher Nolan, director of “The Dark Knight,” accepted the Best Supporting Actor award on behalf of the late Heath Ledger. Ledger received a standing ovation from the crowd for his wrenched turn in “The Joker.” Nolan said it best, that, “He will be eternally missed, but he won’t be forgotten.”

A surprising win went to Anna Paquin for her starring role in the new HBO vampire show “True Blood.” Paquin is excellent as Sookie Stackhouse, the southern gal in love with a vampire, but she was up against some stiff competition. On the other hand, it was not surprising at all that Pixar’s “Wall-E” won for Best Animated Film.

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By CAITLIN FERRARO
Scene Writer

The big winner at the 66th Annual Golden Globe ceremony on Sunday night was “Slumdog Millionaire,” the film about an impoverished teenager, Jamal Malik, from the streets of Mumbai who is accused of cheating on India’s version of “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” After the votes were tabulated, the Hollywood Foreign Press honored the film with four awards including Best Motion Picture — Drama, Best Director, Best Screenplay and Best Original Score. This was a surprising sweep for a semi-indie film originally playing in only select cities, but a well-deserved one. The film is an innovative story of Jamal Malik, from the streets of Mumbai who is accused of cheating on India’s version of “Revolutionary Road.” The big winner at the 66th Annual Golden Globe ceremony on January 17 was Kate Winslet who was originally playing in only select houses, but now on the West Coast missed it due to the 7-second delay). “The Wrestler” was also praised for Best Original Song, which was written and performed by Bruce Springsteen. Springsteen thanked Bourke for inspiring him to write the song, as the two have been lifelong friends. Springsteen also joked that this was the only time he would ever be in competition with Clint Eastwood and it felt pretty good.

On the television side of the things the HBO mini-series “John Adams” dominated with four awards, as did NBC’s “30 Rock” which went home with three. Two actors from “30 Rock” also stole the show with hilarious acceptance speeches. Tracy Morgan garnered laughs when he accepted the Globe for Best Series Musical or Comedy instead of Tina Fey, the show’s producer, writer, creator and co-star. He explained that he made a deal with Fey that if Barack Obama won he would speak for the show from now on. Then he exclaimed, “I am the face of post-racial America. I have the face of America.” Fey took it upon herself in the evening when Tina Fey won herself for Best Actress Musical or Comedy she rocked the house by berating online users that hate her and instead told them to, “...shut up.”

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It was a Merry Hawaiian Christmas for the Irish as they rolled to a 49-21 blowout in the Hawai'i Bowl

Senior captains David Bruton, left, David Grimes, center, and Maurice Crum hoist the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl Trophy on Christmas Eve.

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

HONOLULU, HI - Christmas came a day early for the Irish this year, and their stockings were stuffed to the gills with points and records.

Notre Dame ended its 15-year, nine-game bowl win drought with a 49-14 rout over the Rainbow Warriors in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl.

"I think it will be a happy time for our players," Weis said. "It's been a long time since we've won a bowl game." Leading the way for the Irish offensive attack was sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen. Clausen threw for 401 yards and five touchdowns in only two and a half quarters of work.

"It felt great," Clausen said. "The coaches had us very prepared, but I have to give a lot of credit to the offensive line, I think I got hit maybe one time tonight."

Clausen completed 22 of his 26 pass attempts and the four that hit the turf were all catchable passes. Clausen set Notre Dame records in the game for yards per pass attempt (15.42), passer rating in a bowl game (277.63) and passing yards in a bowl game (401). His 84.62 completion percentage was the second highest in NCAA bowl history. Only Georgia's Mike Bobo topped him when he went 26- for-28 in 1998.

"(Clausen) was as accurate as I've ever seen him. He was outstanding," Hawaii coach Greg McMackin said.

The sophomore Southern California native said that a few days relaxing on the beach may have been just what he needed to get back on track.

He threw his first touchdown pass with 10:25 left in the first half. After stiff-arming defensive lineman David Veikune, he hit senior wide receiver David Grimes on the run in the back of the endzone. After that it became the Golden Tate show.

On the third play of Notre Dame's next drive Clausen and his sophomore receiver connected for a 69-yard bomb on a play action pass to put the Irish up 21-7.

"I honestly didn't think I was going to get very many go routes," Tate said. "But Jimmy gave me the signal and I just stuck them inside and he threw it up and made some perfect passes."

With one second remaining in the half Clausen found Tate again for a touchdown from 18 yards out. The play was challenged but upheld by the officials.

The duo completed their hat trick midway through the third quarter with another long pass on a 3rd and 20 from the Hawaii 40-yard line. Tate set Irish records for most receiving touchdowns and yards in a bowl game.

Tate also returned a punt for a touchdown in the third quarter that was called back because of a roughing the passer penalty. He and Clausen shared the MVP honors for their work in the game. Both players benefited from Weis calling plays from the press box throughout the game. "It was ten times easier, it was like night and day," Weis said.

It was the first time Weis had not been on the sidelines since 2001 when he was an offensive coordinator with the New England Patriots. He decided to coach from the booth because of the pain he was in from his bad knees. Weis said that the view helped him but he couldn't imagine making a regular habit of not being on the sidelines — despite the fact that it led to five touchdown passes.

Clausen's fifth came on the opening drive of the second half when he marched the Irish 88 yards down the field on six plays.

Freshman running back Robert Hughes started the drive with back-to-back 14 yard runs. Then sophomore running back Armando Allen scrambled 41 yards down the sideline on a screen pass. Two plays later, Weis called almost the exact same play and Allen took it 18 yards for a touchdown.

"Armando has always been a playmaker for us," Weis said. "He got it done in all three facets tonight."

Allen also returned a kickoff for a touchdown late in the third quarter to put Notre Dame up 49-14. The 96-yard return was the first by a Notre Dame player since Vontey Duff ran one back against Navy in 2002.

"We talk about it all the time in meetings, it was one thing we really wanted to accomplish this year. Unfortunately, we had to come to Hawai'i before we got it done but, hey, I can't complain," Allen said.

The return came seconds after Hawai'i quarterback Greg Alexander threw his second touchdown pass of the game to senior wide receiver Aaron Bain. Bain had 109 yards receiving in the game and was named the Warriors' MVP.

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stat of the game

Golden Tate's 18-yard TD catch

With one second remaining in the first half Tate tip-toed the corner of the endzone for his second touchdown of the game.

quote of the game

"I told the team the only thing I wanted for Christmas was a bowl win. It wasn't too much to ask."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

player of the game

Jimmy Clausen
Irish quarterback

Clausen set Notre Dame bowl records for just about every quarterback category in the book on route to a big win.

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Jimmy Clausen's passer rating, which was one of his many Notre Dame records.
Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen drops back for one of his 26 pass attempts. Clausen had clear throwing lanes and open receivers throughout the game and finished with 401 yards passing and five touchdowns.

Irish headed in right direction

Things couldn't have gone much better for the Irish in paradise.

A week spent sunbathing, surfing, shutting down water parks and apparently very few productive practices.

Notre Dame took the field.

The 70 degree temperature and soft Pacific breeze made for plenty nice game conditions. There was even an rainbow on the horizon.

The Irish took advantage by racking up enough records and gaudy stats to make a freewing, bitter loss to Syracuse a month earlier almost seem like a bad dream.

Almost.

As nice as the blowout victory was, the real story of the Irish football season was the struggles in the second half of the year or more importantly how to fix them. The offense certainly looked fixed against Hawaii. It looked good enough to give most of the Irish nation ridiculous expectations for next season. But don't confuse one very good performance against a shaky defense with the kind of offense that wins championships.

There is still plenty of work to be done.

If the Hawaii Bowl proved anything, it was that the program as a whole is headed in the right direction.

That progress starts at the very top. If there is any honeymoon period for an athletic director, Notre Dame's Jack Swarbrick didn't have very long to enjoy his. Before the end of his first semester at the reins he had a very difficult decision to make with what must have seemed like the entire world looking over his shoulder.

The athletic department made a poor decision four years ago when they signed Weis to a contract that is not necessarily that of The Observer.

So. Cal.'s native just needed a little sun and sand to get comfortable. Maybe it was a non-existent Hawaii pass defense. Whatever the cause, the effect was fun to watch and showed that the young gunslinger was moving in the right direction.

Weis attributed Jimmy's big day to a month of slowing down and working on basic fundamentals. Maybe it was the extra practice. Maybe the So. Cal. native just needed a little sun and sand to get comfortable. Maybe it was a non-existent Hawaii pass defense. Whatever the cause, the effect was fun to watch and showed that the young gunslinger was moving in the right direction.

The rest of Clausen's teammates followed suit. Hawaii head coach Greg McMackin said that having freshman wide out Michael Floyd back from injury helped his other receivers, especially Golden Tate. Floyd is obviously a huge asset for the Irish, but Tate didn't need anyone's help on Christmas Eve.

But he was unstoppable. He proved that on his punt return for a touchdown where he single-handedly beat all 11 Rainbow Warriors down the field only to have it called back on a roughing the passer penalty.

Tate and Clausen definitely stood out, but the team also played as a unit with several guys stepping up as role players. Armando Allen and Robert Hughes were both big assets to the offense out of backfield. On the other side of the ball, Ethan Johnson had a huge game with two sacks, almost matching his total for the regular season. Senior linebacker Steve Quinn also had a career day with a sack and five tackles.

From top to bottom Notre Dame was the better team in a postseason matchup for the first time in over a decade, which is clearly moving in the right direction.

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Celebrating the end of a drought

By BILL BRINK

The mix of emotions on the field after Notre Dame's 49-14 win over Hawai'i in the Hawai'i Bowl on Dec. 24 stretched from bewildered to jubilant to comic.

And who can blame them? The players had just ended a nine-bowl game losing streak in a convincing fashion.

The bewildered: Quarterback Jimmy Clausen, whose 401 yards passing and five touchdowns in about three quarters of play electrified Notre Dame's offense. He was named MVP of the Giant Shoyoroku Hawai'i Bowl trophy with a confused look on his face, shouting, "Where do you want me to put the ball?"

Whether he was bewildered by his strong performance or the fact that he got stuck with the heavy trophy was anyone's guess.

The jubilant: pretty much everybody else. As soon as the final whistle sounded, several records of his own. He had no clue that I was in the record books, but I'll take it.

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As soon as the final whistle sounded, Pat Kuntz, signing autographs near the tunnel before heading to the locker room. While signing autographs and his signature to the fans to prove his presence. "These better go or least 50 bucks," he shouted to the fans.

The players' reaction came as no surprise considering the end of Notre Dame's regular season. The Irish lost four of their last five, threw up a goose egg at Boston College, fell in the final minute on senior day to Syracuse and couldn't cover the 31.5 point spread at USC. Coach Charlie Weis' job hung in limbo for a few days, and the Irish, who looked like they had eroded all memories from last year's 3-9 season, slipped closer to their previous personas.

The perception that little had changed stayed with the fans and made Hawai'i a trendy upset pick. Some questioned why Notre Dame should go to a bowl at 6-6, let alone get a week in Honolulu.

But after the game, Weis said Clausen's success stemmed from the bowl bid and the entire team had to take it. "One of the reasons for going to a bowl game at 6-6 in all those extra practices," Weis said. "I think that the bowl schedule was normal of a week, don't have time to focus on, we can work on." Clausen was quoted on the little things, like footwork, during the three weeks Notre Dame had to prepare for the bowl game. It showed: 22-of-26, 401 yards, five touchdowns, and now Notre Dame bowl records for completion percentage, yards and touchdowns.

And the celebrations continued. Weis' Hawaiian-style Notre Dame shirt looked suspiciously damp and red, as if someone had dumped a cooler of Gatorade on him.

Irish fill up the record books in Hawai'i

By BILL BRINK AND DAN MURPHY

Notre Dame set new Hawai'i Bowl records in passing yards, passing touchdowns, completion percentage, player receiving yards and touchdowns, longest pass, total offense and longest kickoff return.

"The game here knowing that Hawaii has good offensive firepower," Weis said. "It's tough to prepare and the pass, and get them out of the pocket." The Irish fans, about 150 of them, stayed well after the final play and watched the celebration. Then they honored the team with an impressive alma mater.

But receiver Golden Tate seemed to want more. Not more celebration, but more success. "I'm going to enjoy Hawaii," said Tate, who had six catches for 177 yards and three touchdowns and shared the MVP with Clausen. "I don't want to come back here for a bowl again."
One shy of a Hawaii 5-0

Notre Dame flew southwest to spend its Christmas in Honolulu with plenty to prove. The Irish were coming off a disappointing end to their season, head coach Charlie Weis needed a chance to prove his critics wrong, and the whole team was trying to snap an NCAA record nine game drought in the postseason.

The Irish accomplished all of their goals and then some. Sophomore quarterback Jimmy Oausen exploded for 401 yards passing and five touchdowns through the air. He and his teammates tore apart the Notre Dame and NCAA record books by hanging 49 points on the clearly overmatched Rainbow Warrior defense. On the other side of the ball, the defense was not to be outdone. They posted eight sacks, five tipped passes, an interception and a fumble recovery against the high-flying Hawaiian offense.

Notre Dame's senior captains all road into the sunset in style. Safety David Bruton had two turnovers and wide receiver David Grimes hauled in a touchdown pass in the second quarter. Coaches Mike Haywood and Jappy Oliver also had sweet goodbyes as they finished their final games on the Irish sidelines.
Hot on the heels of "Brokeback Mountain" and "The Da Vinci Code" comes "Slumdog Millionaire," a tale that enlivens the human spirit while teaching valuable and important lessons about human nature and one's responsibility for his or her own actions. The personalities of each character remain consistent from childhood to adulthood, revealing the concept that actions taken as a child are often good indicators of the type of person someone will grow up to be.

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**Ottawa Senators net first road win over Caps since 1997**

Healey, McAmmond and Fisher each light the lamp helping the Senators end their five-game losing streak

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dwayne Rolson's saves and Steve MacIntyre's first career goal provided an early lift. Then, Erik Cole took command.

Cole scored three goals, Gilbert Brule added a goal and an assist, and the Edmonton Oilers beat Washington 5-2 Tuesday night, handing the Capitals their third consecutive loss.

Rolson made 34 saves and MacIntyre got his first NHL goal for the Oilers, who won their second straight game. It was Edmonton's first victory over the Capitals since Jan. 26, 1997 at USAirways Arena in Landover, Md.

"Once Mac scored, I knew it was one of those rare games where you could get away with a few things," Oilers coach Craig MacTavish said.

"Rollie was super-sharp early when he needed to be. We mismanaged the puck early — a little ratty, I think, by the threat and the skill."

But the Capitals never flexed their offensive muscle, despite outshooting Edmonton 36-23.

MacIntyre one-timed a shot past Capitals goalie Jan. 26, 1997 at USAirways Center.

"I closed my eyes, shot the puck and fortunately it went," MacIntyre said. "You grow up dreaming about playing in the NHL and you go out there and land score against some pretty good players. It feels pretty good.

MacTavish sensed MacIntyre had delivered the pick-me-up the Oilers desperately needed.

"I've seen a lot of things happen in games, but this is," MacTavish said, his voice trailing off as he shook his head in disbelief. "Their skill guys had four or five point-blank opportunities and then Mac burns his first. I figured it was going to be a good night. Everybody was energized by that."

In the first period, the Capitals struggled.

"When it gets to the point where everyone wants to be the scorer and nobody wants to be the mucker, you are not going to do anything," Washington coach Bruce Boudreau said.

"Everybody's waiting and when you put a skilled lineup together, everybody needs to do the grunt job. Until we get that happening, we're not going to score a lot of goals," Boudreau said.

Brule made it 3-0: 2:15 into the second period, splitting two defensemen between the circles and knocking a right-wing feed from Kyle Brolidzak past Jose Theodore.

The Capitals finally got on the board thanks to a strong effort by Fleischmann, who netted his career-high 14th goal.

Fleischmann wheeled through four defenders in the Oilers zone before flicking the puck over Rolson.

Ottawa 5, Carolina 1

OTTAWA — The Ottawa Senators got much-needed offensive production from some struggling sources to end their most recent skid.

Dany Heatley, Dean McAmmond and Mike Fisher scored and Ottawa stopped the Oilers desperately needed win in the first game following their 5-2 loss to the Senators, who lost 2-0 to the New York Rangers on Saturday in their first home game following a 1-6-1 trip.

"I don't know, I think the guys are confident in themselves," said Elliott, who was called up from Bishopgton of the AHL, on Friday. "It's a good team in there and it's kind of a mystery why we're at the bottom of the standings, but we're keeping playing games like that I don't think we'll be there for long.

Joe Corvo scored on a power play in the second for Carolina, which has lost three straight.

Cam Ward, pulled after allowing three goals in his previous 15 games in the first game of the season, surrendered 33 shots in his ninth start for the Hurricanes.

"He obviously does the best he can every night and things fall squarely on our shoulders, the guys who are playing in front of him right now," Corvo said.

Jarkko Ruutu returned to the Senators' lineup after a two-game suspension for hitting Sabres forward Andrew Peters' gloved hand in a 4-2 loss in Buffalo one week earlier.

Healey had not faced the back of the net since Dec. 23, when he scored twice — the only two goals in his previous 15 games — in a 4-3 loss in Philadelphia.

MacIntyre ended a 21-game drought to put Ottawa up by 1 at 11:09 as the Hurricanes' defense let down Ward once again.

Carolina defenseman Niclas Wallin turned over the puck to McAmmond in the neutral zone and the Ottawa center drove in on a breakaway and beat Ward for his second goal of the season.

Corvo drew the Hurricanes within 2-1 when he drew a slap shot past Elliott from the left point at 8:57.

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**NCAA Basketball**

**Knoxville, Tenn. — Jodie Meeks was just trying to get a victory. He didn't fastbreak having a chance at earning a spot among Kentucky's greatest players.**

Meeks scored a school-record 54 points to help Kentucky cruise to a 90-72 win over No. 24 Tennessee on Tuesday night.

"It means a lot to be in the same sentence as Dan Issel. It's mind-boggling," he said. "I was just out there playing to win."

Meeks, who broke Issel's 29-year-old record of 53 points set at Mississippi, was mobbed by his Kentucky teammates in the middle of the Thompson-Boling Arena court, where the Wildcats (13-4, 2-0 SEC) handed the Volunteers their third loss in January.

Southeastern Conference's leading scorer surpassed his previous high of 46 points, which he set Dec. 20 against Appalachian State, with 4:50 left as he hit an open 3, one of 10 3-pointers he would make for the night.

He set the record with free throws with 1:31 left. Meeks entered the game ranked fourth in the nation in scoring with an average 24.2 points per game.

"I have never seen anything like it," Kentucky coach Billy Gillispie said. "Jodie Meeks had 46 against Appalachian State, and they are a nice team, but not near a team the quality of Tennessee and on the home court."

The 54 points was also the biggest individual SEC performance since Chris Jackson's 55 for LSU against Mississippi in 1989.

"There have been so many great players this is the greatest basketball tradition in the world at the collegiate level — and to be able to put your name up there with some of those greats is quite an accomplishment," Gillispie said.

Down by 6 at the half, Tennessee (10-5, 1-1) cut Kentucky's lead to 43-41 on a fastbreak basket by Wayne Chism a minute and a half into the second half.

But the Vols' spotty defense couldn't contain Meeks, who hit a layup and two 3-pointers to help the Wildcats on a 10-0 run that gave them a 53-41 lead. Even contested shots sank perfectly through the net.

"Defensively we tried to guard him as a team," Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said.

**Meeks drops 54 in Kansas rout**

**In Brief**

**Atlanta reaches preliminary deal with Lowe ATLANTA — The Braves bounced right back from the disappointment of losing John Smoltz.**

Determined to rebuild a once-proud pitching staff that fell into disarray, Atlanta reached a preliminary agreement Tuesday on a $60 million, four-year contract with Derek Lowe and finalized a deal with Japanese all-star pitcher Kenshin Kawakami.

Just like that, the Braves' rotation — once the most dominant in baseball — suddenly looks a whole lot weaker with spring training just a month away.

"You've got to have pitching," manager Bobby Cox said. "You could have the best hitting team in the history of baseball and you still may not get it working. We will see confident now that whoever toes the mound on any particular night, we've got a good chance of winning."

Boston College hires Spaziani as head coach BOSTON — Frank Spaziani stayed at Boston College, even though he was disappointed when he was passed over for the head coaching job in 2006.

That loyalty paid off Tuesday when the longtime assistant was promoted to the top spot.

The 61-year-old who built top defenses during his 10 years as coordinator succeeds Jeff Jagodzinski, who was fired last Wednesday when 10 days after he interviewed for the New York Jets coaching job after being told he would be dismissed if he did so.

"The fact that he (Spaziani) really wants to be here at Boston College and bleeds maroon and gold, that was extremely important," athletic director Gene DeFilippo said. "But it wasn't the most important factor."

**Trial about Burress' car lease to begin today LEBANON, Pa. — Plaxico Burress is in court again today.**

A civil trial is scheduled to begin Wednesday in Pennsylvania to determine how much the New York Giants wide receiver will have to pay in damages over a car he leased that ended up being impounded by New York City police.

New York police said Tuesday that they impounded the car in August 2005 in connection with a shooting in the Bronx. Arrests were made, but the records were sealed and police gave no other details about the incident.

Court papers in Pennsylvania say a Lebanon County car dealer allowed Burress to borrow a 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche worth more than $36,000 in exchange for Burress agreeing to sign autographs at promotional events.
Changing of the guard takes place in Seattle

Exuberant, intense and defense-oriented, Mora takes over for Holmgren bringing a different look to the Seahawks

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Jim Mora threw his hands above his head. He punched the air. He made sharp, slicing motions with his hands for emphasis.

He talked of running at 5:30 a.m., wearing a headlamp, up his favorite mountain outside Seattle. No switchbacks, straight up. Like most of his coaching career.

"I'll be there Friday morning. If anyone wants to come," Mora said, a smile flashing across the 47-year-old's boyish face.

Then he nearly hyperventilated talking about defense, the side of the ball that has been a relative afterthought for the head coach in Seattle for the last quarter century. No, this is definitely not Mike Holmgren.

The Seahawks officially transitioned on Tuesday away from a grandfatherly guru of quarterbacks — who never ran on the practice field, let alone up mountains before dawn — to a defensive mind with seemingly endless energy when they introduced Mora as their seventh coach.

The team announced this move 11 months ago, after Holmgren decided 2008 would be his 10th and last leading Seattle.

Mora is Seattle's first head coach with a background on defense since its original one from 1976-82, Jack Patera.

Mora, the former defensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers (1999-2003), will likely call Seattle's defense with the help of defensive coordinator Casey Bradley, whom Mora hired from Tampa Bay this week.

That means Seattle's defensive backs coach the last two years is getting close to $5 million per season, about double what the Falcons were paying him when they fired him as head coach on New Year's Day 2007. In Mora's three seasons in Atlanta, the Falcons were 26-22 and played in the 2008 NFC championship game before he was fired on Jan. 1, 2007.

The 2008 Seahawks limped through a lifeless, injury-filled season to finish 4-12 and out of the playoffs for the first time in six years. Mora stayed silent because he didn't want to upstage Holmgren's farewell.

No one will associate Mora with "silent" or "lifeless" in 2009. "We believe we are going to get it right. We are going to regain our winning ways. The excitement is real," Seahawks chief executive Tod Leiweke said. "At the core of our optimism is Jimmy Mora.

Yes, even though everyone knew it was coming. Day One of the change was a job Mora talked of Seattle, where he went to high school and college while his father was an assistant at the University of Washington, hosting a championship-winning parade starting at the Space Needle and ending at Qwest Field.

So what that the only man a professional team in Seattle to have one was the recently departed SuperSkins of the NBA — in 1979 — or that Holmgren got to the Super Bowl only to lose three years ago?

The former walk-on linebacker at Washington appeared composed and said he was "incredibly humbled" as he talked about replacing the 10th winningest coach in NFL history. Under Holmgren, Mora said he learned patience. He learned compassion with players while maintaining an appropriate authority. He said he passed up other opportunities to be a head coach in the last two years because he was absorbing lessons that will make him a better coach than he was for the Falcons.

But when he was asked about defense — "my passion," he called it — Mora suddenly looked as if he was about to burst out of his blue suit and matching tie. He looked like he was ready, eight months early, to take the field for his first game leading the team he grew up watching.

"Not to coach. To play in."

"We're not going to rebuild! We're not going to reload! Every single year is about winning the Super Bowl championship!" Mora said. "Number one, we've got to take back the dang NFC West!"

Seattle finished last in pass defense and 30th in total defense in 2008. An understated, weak and injured pass rush left smallish defensive backs vulnerable.

Mora said his defense would attack until it hurt them as much as the opponents.

"I've been telling guys, 'Be in great shape. Be ready to run and chase the ball for a long time.!'" said Seahawks defensive end Patrick Kerney, who went to his first Pro Bowl with Mora coaching him in Atlanta.

Holmgren compiled results worthy of the Hall of Fame with a meticulous, controlled passing game. Mora talked of a "change in emphasis," to a run-first approach of new offensive coordinator Greg Knapp.

Knapp was Mora's offensive coordinator in Atlanta. Knapp's offenses have ranked in the league's top 10 in rushing in all eight seasons he has been a coordinator.

"I believe in playing with a bit of sizzle," Mora said.

"Not that he needed to. His charged, debut appearance as the Seahawks' head man had already said that.

Jim Mora talks to reporters about the intensity of Seattle fans during a press conference Tuesday. The press conference was held to introduce Mora as the new coach of the Seahawks replacing Mike Holmgren who retired after the season.
Men's Basketball

'09 Gators' bite not as sharp

Associated Press
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The Florida Gators won the last six national championships, but that doesn't mean they aren't going to be a threat to win another.

It's unlikely they can make it five of seven.

Although Florida (14-2, 10-0 Southeastern Conference) has won eight in a row heading into Wednesday's game at Auburn, coach Billy Donovan realizes that keeping the Gators out of the NCAA tournament last year for the first time in a decade.

Florida has struggled rebounding, defending the paint and the 3-point line, and matching up against athletic teams. Donovan has tried to camouflage those weaknesses with an occasional press, some traps and an up-and-down tempo designed to force opponents into ill-advised shots.

So far, so good. The Gators have won 11 of 12 and even beat Mississippi last weekend despite getting outrebounded 46-22. But Donovan believes things have to change for his team to have sustained success this season.

"We've got to work on some deficiencies and things we have," Donovan said. "Every team has it. There's no pure team that has no weaknesses. But the good teams I've been a part of, their weaknesses are what their problems are and what they've got to do is mask them or overcome them or really confront them in a way that they say, 'There's a commitment where we're not going to let this happen.'"

"Some of the things on our team have been exposed," Donovan said. "But now we do really confront those things. We've got to do a way to confront them."

Florida won consecutive championships with one of the most complete teams in recent years. The Gators could score inside or out, run the floor with anybody, slow it down and create open shots. Corey Brewer and Lee Humphrey were solid perimeter defenders, and Al Horford and Joakim Noah forced teams to recompute drive the lane.

Florida's best attribute this season? "I think we move the ball really well," forward Chandler Parsons said. "We've got a whole bunch of unsselfish guys that really like to pass and will find the open guy." And when have a guy open, he's going to knock the shot down.

The Gators lead the league in assists (8.3 per game) and rank second in turnover margin. But they're 10th in rebounding, and last in blocked shots and 3-point defense.

"We've definitely got to be better at other things," Parsons said. "Our defense's got to shoot the ball more consist- ent, we've got to block a better, we've got to defend better. There's a lot of things we need to work on. We're definitely a team in progress."

Donovan expects improvement, but he might have to live with the limitations that stem from playing 6-foot-8 forward Alex Tyus playing point guard. The athletic big men Dan Werner and Chandler Parsons lin בנגנשבגנברוגג in the frontcourt.

The Gators, who lost cen- ter Marreese Speights to the NBA last summer, had hoped to get the year started without his presence from 6-10 centers Kenny Kadji and Hoy Vargas as well as fresh metal Allan Cheaney. But Donovan said they have other shortcomings pre- venting them from logging many minutes.

It could get better next season with the addition of 6-10 Georgetown transfer Vernon Macklin, but Donovan cautioned against considering Macklin the answer to the team's post problems.

"Believe me, he's not our problem-solver in that area," Donovan said. "Sometimes when a guy's got a sitting out, it looks like a guy. When this guy gets there, I believe me, he's not. But I think he can help."

In the meantime, the Gators might have to keep finding ways to win despite their problems. They will win three of their last six games — against Georgia Southern, Stetson and Ole Miss — despite giving up a combined 5-6 to Florida State."

We've got to get tougher as a team, definitely," guard Nick Calathes said. "That's not one our main things we've got to work on. Obviously defense and rebounding is what goes to toughness. We've just got to bring it, Blue. That's how we get better things, and really, for games."

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Chandler Parsons
Florida forward

"There's definitely some deficiencies and things we have."

Billy Donovan
Florida coach

NFL
Pioli latest piece of Patriots' tree branch

Associated Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Scott Pioli is out of his element, and leading the NFL in his dynasty in New England, is now in charge of a Kansas City franchise that's hasn't won a playoff game in 14 years.

The highly regarded Pioli will be introduced on Wednesday as General Manager, replac- ing Carl Peterson.

"He will have complete charge of football operations," Ryan Pekoff, a spokesman for Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt, told The Associated Press. "He will report only to Clark."

The fate of coach Herm Edwards and his staff was immediately known.

Pioli, who became vice president of player personnel for the Patriots in 2002 and spent nine years working with head coach Bill Belichick, also interviewed for the general manager vacancy in Cleveland. He inherited a young team coming off a 2-14 season, but is stepping into a situation that seems ripe for a quick turn- around.

The fan base is loyal, though, and the team will be playing in a virtually new stadium. Arrowhead, which opened in 1972 and is notorious for being loud and rough on vis- iting teams, is undergoing a $125 million renovation, which includes new luxury boxes, wider concourses and enhanced amenities in addition to practice facilities, an enlarged indoor field and a brand new state-of-the-art headquarters building.

In addition, the Chiefs are about $32 million under the salary cap, extra money that will come in handy because of the overall No. 3 pick in the draft. But there that, there are a number of promising young players who Edwards was counting on as the foundation of his rebuilding project. Pioli, the son-in-law of Miami Dolphins chairman Stephen Ross, has been honored many times for his contributions to the Patriots' three Super Bowl championship- ships. With Pioli working with Belichick, there's expected to be an effective mix-and-match of trades, free agent signings and selections in this week's NFL draft. In 2007, six players drafted by Pioli and Belichick made the Pro Bowl.

"We are very excited to wel- come a great evaluator of talent," Kraft said. "He is a virtual expert in building a championship organi- zation and to me personally would be difficult."

Bill Belichick
Patriots coach

"To sum up in words everything Scott Pioli has meant to this organization and to me personally would be impossible," said Belichick. "From his day I met him, he has demonstrated a passion for football and respect for the game that is second to none."

A club spokesman confirmed there had been no determina- tion made on the leadership of the Patriots. That may have been a point of discussion between Pioli and Hunt when they negotiated their deal.

Hunt signed off on the rebuilding project that market launched this year and said in training camp he would know it was working.

And it certainly was. Betsey by injury, including season-ending major to the top two quarter- backs, the Chiefs beat only two teams all seasons and lost a bunch of team records for defensive futility. Their 10 sacks were the fewest by an NFL single-strength defense in a season since 1989.

But the 43-year-old Pioli has the resignation on Dec. 15 of presi- dent, CEO and general manager Peter Karikas. The hiring of Pioli, who played tight end in the NFL, was best for the Chiefs program going for- ward. But he also said the new general manager would have "significant input" into the final decision.
**Men's Swimming**

**ND opens spring season ice cold**

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

For its annual winter break training trip, Notre Dame spent time in San Juan, Puerto Rico for rigorous training. When the Irish returned, a loss to Louisville brought them back to reality. In an open-air, 10-lane lap pool, the swimmers and divers trained twice a day, then lifted weights and did other dry-land workouts for all-around training.

"The practices brought our team closer because it was necessary to rely on each other to reach the level or training we desired," sophomore Pat Augustyn said. To depart from the normal practices, they participated in an informal meet against both Southern Illinois University and LaSalle University while in Puerto Rico on a different part of the island.

On the way back to South Bend, the team made a stop at Louisville, currently ranked No. 16, for a conference meet, but a 178-117 Cardinal victory dropped the Irish conference record to 3-4.

"We saw to our potential, although we came up a little bit short in the end," Augustyn said.

In the 200-free, John Lyle (1:40.51) came in a close second, and Andrew Hoffman (1:43.51) came in fourth.

The 200-medley relay team, composed of Mitchell Sherman, Marshall Sherman, Patrick Augustyn and David Anderson, finished in third place (1:37.06), unable to keep up with two accomplished Cardinal backstrokers.

Irish swimmers Michael Sullivan and Bill Bauman finished first and second respectively in the 200-individual medley.

In the three-meter diving event, Caleb Domenichay took first with 369.80 points, followed by Irish divers Eric Lax in second place and Wesley Villafbor in third.

The season picks up again on Jan. 16 for a home meet against Northwestern.

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**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

**Barnes heaps praise on squad**

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

Heading into the second half of the season, the No. 25 Irish looks to build on major individual successes as the post-season nears.

First-year head coach Brian Barnes said he hopes team leaders such as sophomores Samantha Maxwell and Amy Miller and senior Christa Riggins can lead the young squad to a 13th consecutive Big East Championship and an impressive showing at the National Championships.

"We do have several potential All-Americans swimming over at Rolfs Aquatic Center," Barnes said. "We are about to begin the championship portion of our season with the Big East Championships in February and the NCAA Championships in March."

Last Saturday the Irish improved their dual-meet record to 3-1. They pounded Toledo 268-83 and fell to No. 2 Notre Dame 178-173. The Wildcats edged the Irish by less than four-tenths of a second in the final event.

Maxwell, who set school records in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke events earlier this season, won two individual events and had a hand in the victorious 400-medley relay team.

Sophomore Heidi Grossman and junior Natalie Stilt led the diving squad to take the top spots in both the three- and one-meter dives respectively.

Another key matchup is on the horizon for the Irish as they travel to Louisville for a Big East meet this weekend.

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**ND TRACK AND FIELD**

**Incomplete Irish squad impresses**

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Senior Billy Buzaid followed freshmen Jordan Rincon in taking the top two spots in the men's 600 at the Indiana Open in Bloomington, Ind. Saturday.

The meet at Indiana University was the team's first since the Blue-Gold Meet before Christmas Break, and only its second meet this season.

Rincon's time of 1:20.46 bespeaks Buzaid by only 0.4 seconds.

In the women's 600-meter dash, sophomores Kelly Lafferty and Natalie Johnson also finished first and second, ranking times of 1:53.47 and 1:53.65, respectively.

Most of the team was allowed to enjoy the excess of their holiday break, and thus only 23 athletes competed Saturday, yet the list of positive starts to the season continues.

Senior Anna Weber qualified for the NCAA Championships in the women's weight throw with a throw of 19.18 meters, finishing only a half-meter out of the evening earning throw. Weber also placed seventh in the shot put at 14.83 meters.

Sophomore Justin Schneider took third in the weight throw with a time of 1:56.81.

Coach Joe Paine described Schneider's performance as "pretty good, since he's a freshman."

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**MLB**

**Padres to give Prior yet another chance**

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Right-hander Mark Prior, who has missed more than two full seasons because of shoulder problems, and infielder Chris Burke agreed to minor league contracts with the San Diego Padres on Tuesday and were invited to spring training.

Prior signed with the Padres as a free agent prior to the 2005 season but missed the entire year after undergoing surgery on his right shoulder on June 4, the latest medical setback to a once-promising career.

Prior also missed the 2007 season after undergoing surgery on the same shoulder that he had surgery on.

He last pitched in the big leagues on Aug. 7, 2000, with the Chicago Cubs. He was 1-6 with a 7.21 ERA that season.

Padres general manager Kevin Towers said Prior threw off a mound on Friday for the first time since surgery, and the report from Colorado Rockies pitching coach Todd Hutcheson was good.

"The last surgery benefited him a great deal," Towers said. "It looks like his mechanics are back in line again and he has good carries on his throws when he's doing long tosses."

"He's had quite a few surgeries, and we were hoping this one certainly fixed any issues he had," Towers said. "I hate to say it, but we hope he's pitching competitively at the start of the season. If it's not in the big leagues, then maybe a few starts in the minor leagues."

Prior will make $1 million if he's on the big league roster. His salary is not guaranteed.

Prior was once thought to be the Cubs' ace of the future. In 2003, he finished third in the NL Cy Young Award voting, was 18-6 with a 2.43 ERA and struck out 245 in 211 1/3 innings.

That October, he was on the mound for Game 6 of the NL Championship series against Florida with the Cubs leading the series 3-2. Chicago led by three runs in the eighth inning before the Marlins, perhaps helped by Ian Stewart Bartman's play on a foul would yield an error on the World Series.

Prior has won just 18 games since then.

He grew up in San Diego and was the second pick overall in the 2001 amateur draft.
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that two days later with a home win over DePaul, then ranked No. 10 in the country. Washington didn't go down without a fight, scoring off a pesky Seton Hall team, but Jackson's fast break layup with 2.2 seconds left put the Hoyas up 68-67, winning the second of five ranked games this season.

Tuesday, January 14, 2021

La Salle, No. 12 Notre Dame 73 (OT)

Notre Dame's dynamic and multi-faceted offense could only muster two points over the final 10.55 against the Cardinals Monday night and Louisville in the Big East. The Irish couldn't score either, and Georgia came back to tie a layup from Samardo Samuels with 3:22 remaining.

The rest of regulation, Notre Dame tightened the screws on Louisville defensively, and didn't allow the Cardinals to score, but Louisville came back to tie it at 73. With 15:17 left in the second half and Notre Dame up by six points, Harangody picked up his fourth foul. Brey would sit the junior for less than four minutes before Harangody returned to lead the Irish to victory, scoring 10 points and grabbing five rebounds down the stretch.

"When you're an older player, a veteran player, my feeling is sometimes coaches sit you for a foul or two. Luke has a lot of basketball," Brey said. "I talked with him when I took him out, I told him, 'I need you to be smart.'" Guard Kyle McAlarney also found his shooting touch against the Hoyas. After making only one of five 3-pointers in Notre Dame's loss to St. John's, the senior sharpshooter connected on five of 11 treys and finished with 17 points.

By beating Georgetown, Notre Dame defeated one of the only two Big East teams that haven't fallen to the Irish during their current home winning streak, breaking a 14-game run by Rutgers, who visits the Joyce Center on Feb. 12. Now, it's only the team remaining.

St. John's 71, No. 13 Notre Dame 65

A near blowout stunned the Irish with a 71-65 upset. Harangody recorded 28 points and 14 boards but DePaul's four-game win streak came to a surprising end. Red Storm guard D.J. Kennedy had 20 points and 10 rebounds, rounding out this team's biggest win in years.

No. 13 Notre Dame 92, DePaul 82

The Irish opened up conference play on New Year's Eve with a 92-82 win over DePaul. All five Notre Dame starters finished with double-digit scoring totals and senior Zach Auguste dropped a career-high 17 points. Luke Harangody recorded the Big East player of the year, finished with 26 points and 16 rebounds.

Irish senior guard Lindsay Schrader ties to block Krystal Ellis' shot during Notre Dame's 75-65 loss to Marquette Tuesday. Schrader had seven points in the game.

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Holl, DePaul and Georgetown to open conference play, and got a large contribution from center Eric Williamson. Williamson scored a career-high 20 points in Notre Dame's 86-62 win over DePaul, then broke it the next game. She dropped 21 in 78-63 win over DePaul.

In their final conference game of the break the Belles pulled out a win over Alma. 69-47. Every Belle saw action in the game which created a balanced attack that left the Scotts at bay in the victory which improved the Belles to 4-0 in conference play this season.

Beier again racked up 14 points in the victory and Newsom added 12 points and two steals.

The Belles will host Albion College today at 7:30 p.m.

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Check out The Observer's sports blog, Observersportsblog21crinfo, for more information about your favorite Irish teams.
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released by the athletic department. "I will always
remember the friendships I made at Notre Dame and will
carry those memories with me
forever."
Hanks led the Irish to the National Championship game against North Carolina, where
the Irish lost 2-1
on Dec. 7. Before that, the
Irish had not lost a season.
Hanks beat out
North Carolina's Casey Nogueira and
UCLA's
Christina DiMartino. She holds 67 school
records and was
a four-year All-America selec­
tion. She ranked fifth in the
country in 2008 with 29 goals,
third in assists with 15 and
second in points with 55.
"I'm just so proud of her
and all that she's accomplished
during her four years at
Notre Dame," Irish coach Randy
Waldrum said in the state-
ment. "She's evolved into a
complete player on the field
and a complete person off of
it. The caring, compassion
and generosity she shows, not
only to her teammates, but to
everyone she comes in contact
with, is second to none. She is
someone that has set a stan­
dard that others will be com­
pared to for years to come."
She was the Big East Offensive Player of the Year, a
four-time conference O f f e n s i v e
Player of the Week and was
a first-team all-conference
selection.
Hanks also
won the 2008
Lowes's Senior CLASS Award, presented to
the senior ath­
te. She com­
 combined on-field performance
with service.
Hanks is the fourth Irish
women's soccer player to win
the Hermann Trophy, present­
ed annually by the Missouri
Athletic Club in St. Louis, Mo.
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I don't think the team played
great as a whole," he said. "We
were definitely a little rusty."
Against Minnesota-Duluth, the
Irish started hot, with two goals in the
opening period from senior
Garrett Regan. Senior Erik Cordes
added an empty-net goal with one
second left in the game to give
Notre Dame a 3-1 win and the
Shibell Tagham Tournament title. Irish
goalie Jordan Pearce was named
the tournament's most outstanding
player.
"I give them a lot of credit
because it looks like we came back in
good shape," Notre Dame coach
Jeff Jackson said. "I thought we
played really well against Duluth
Saturday night."
Jackson said he was pleased with
the outcome of a tournament as a
whole, and credited Associate
Athletic Director Tom Nevala for
organizing it.
"He did an outstanding job
in making it a first-class event," Jackson said. "I thought it was a
huge success and I know that we're
looking at doing it again next year.
With a full year to actually market it
and sell it, it would be an outstand­
ing tradition."
The Irish continued their winning
ways last weekend against Alaska,
exiting 2-0 and 3-0 wins in games
that entered the third period scoreless. In the first game, junior
Ryan Thang notched a goal at
11:46 of the final period, and
Cordes added and empty-netter to
clinch the game. In the second
game, Hansen snapped the dead­
lock at 5:53 of the third period with
his team-leading 14th goal of the
season. Ryan added another at
12:28, and Thang notched an
empty-net goal to finish the scoring.
Jackson said his team's ability to
wait for the right chance was cru­
cial in the wins over the Nanooks.
"When you're playing against
teams that stress a lot of defense, it's
tough to generate scoring chances," he
said. "So you're going to have to
be patient."
Hansen echoed his coach, saying
that it was important that the team
remained calm, even if they weren't
scoring goals.
"If we got ahead of ourselves or
just a little panicky, they definitely had the abil­
ty to capitalize and then just pack it in
for the rest of the game," he said.
Jackson also praised Pearce for
his back-to-back shutouts.
"He's been a rock all season," he
said. "And I think this weekend was
just a culmination of it."
The wins maintained Notre
Dame's hold on the top spot in the
OCHA, giving the Irish a five-point
cushion over Miami (OH).
The four wins to start the second
half are a stark contrast to last year
when Irish, but going into the
break, went 2-5-1 and struggled for
much of the second half before
rebounding in the NCAA
Tourament.
"Going through that last year,
I think it really gave us a lot of experi­
ence," Hansen said. "Before Christmas break we had a team
meeting where we really stressed the
importance of guys staying in
shape over break."
The Irish haven't lost an
Oct. 22 defeat to the hands of Miami (OH), but Hansen said while
winning
was obviously a good thing, the
team wouldn't rest on their laurels.
"It's something to be proud of," he
said. "But it's also something that
we can't get caught up in."
Jackson was more frank with his
evaluation of the team's success.
"We're not going to win every
game the rest of the way," he said.
"We just have to be prepared so
that when we do lose, we bounce
back well the next game."
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Crossword

Across
1 Cavern
6 Famous
9 Bone: Prefix
13 Mimicked some
14 Application
15 "... to please"
17 Longtime
20 Book, for one
22 "From my perspective..."
23 Remote mail service: Abbr.
24 "And the... goes to...
26 Ranch extension?
27 Award place for a green ribbon
29 Discern
31 Stratched much too far, as language
34 Invite for
35 Invite for
36 Pop
37 Slip... (come)
38 "Yes"
39 Soviet military
42 A, as in
43 Part of U.N.C.F.
45 Hors
47 Mesopotamia, today
50 Luxury
51 Call letters?
53 Fat
54 Lots of carrots, e.g., for short
55 Relative of a
59 Had dinner at a restaurant
60 Be idle
64 Rubbish
65 Query at a poke table
66 E-mail sufffix

Down
1 Band boosters
2 Condition in outer space
3 Ingredient in a crossword
4 Check again, as the books
5 "End and end" (pandemonium)
6 Judge
7 "Fix" (jig)
8 Intimates
9 Mice catchers
10 Congers
11 Kraut motorists
12 Kid's song refrain
15 Farm animals
16 Mohawked actor of 1980s TV
18 Hors
19 Invite, or may be rotated
21 Dame
22 Lose hair
25 Lose hair
30 Enter two-person
31 Common alloy component
32 Literature class reading
33 Pop
34 Out of whack
36 Liaison
37 Slip... (come)
40 It must be cast
61 Actress Daly
62 Sainmarys' dogs.
41 Stiller's partner
44 Wallstreet rival
46 Reject, as an incumbent in an election
48 Memo start
49 Gearshift sequence
50 Lines
51 Language
52 Prepare for a dive
53 Professional
54 Make aware
55 Home
56 Galileo circle of 1899-90
57 Over
58 River through Piano
59 Wills
63 Husband and- sequence
67 Expected
68 From coil
69 ... oitch
70 "Pretty Girl" composer

Answer to previous puzzle

Across
1 A lone
2 A short subject
3 A word for a moment
4 A gem
11 A herald
14 A holler
15 A type of flower
18 A房屋
22 A relic
26 A folk song
28 A type of fish
31 A type of candy
32 A type of tissue
33 A type of place
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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Orlando Bloom, 32; Stephen Hendry, 43; John Lithgow, 73; Richard Moll, 66

Happy Birthday: You must be strong this year, if you want to maintain your status quo. Unexpected changes regarding work will take you on an adventure that, in the end, will have positive results. Keep your calm and your plans on a small scale for now. It's time to expand than the wisdom of today. Your numbers are 9, 13, 18, 24, 31, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't spar any excuses when it comes to what you really want. You can budget carefully. You can make a great impression by doing a fine job in both your personal and professional life. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do things you enjoy instead of picking on what others request you do. You will meet people who influence you and who make better friends and contacts. Physical activity may be your first desire but it will get you moving and standard your senses. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's time to revitalize your situation and do something about it. If your relationships are dragging you down, do the problems you are experiencing and if you do not get any cooperation, it is probably time to move on. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be big when there is no smoke to be done. A change of work will be to your benefit in the end, so do not make a hasty. Getting involved with someone unusual will give you a new lease on life. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of responsibilities and you will be praised for your ability to get things done. Once you get your fingers behind you, you can enjoy a pasture that will do you well and make easy your life and your future. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A personal message can be sent by a partner and focused on getting what you want. Honesty and integrity will be what your secret will create in the court. Love is in the picture and social evening will pay off emotionally. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you mix business with pleasure or share your thoughts, you may be taking advantage of or view someone else's help. Focus only on your work until you are in a position to take a piece of the action. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be very reserve about your plans. If someone gets what you are doing, he or she will steal your ideas and run with them. Protect your interests and your future. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll have to face the fact that many things that are about to happen will be influenced by a decision you made in a previous position. You can be machining but it is not necessary this time around. 9 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't rely on what you are told. Dishonesty is prevalent. Do your own research and you will avoid an unpleasant situation. It's best that you take on a partner if you can get a job done alone. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not weigh in on any way. You will be required to correspond, compromise and make immediate pressure. Be off before you let your emotions take over and lead you into difficult situations. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do not get involved in something you aren't ready to handle. The time is now to put your best foot forward. If you are not prepared to make a decision, someone will be likely to be honest with you. 3 stars

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**ND Women's Soccer**

Two for the show

Hanks brings home second Hermann Trophy, one of four players ever to win two

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

It may not ease the pain of losing a National Championship, but being named the best player in the country can't hurt.

Irish senior forward Kerri Hanks won the MAC Hermann Trophy, awarded to the best Div. 1 player, for the second time in four years, becoming the fourth player ever to win the award twice. She joins Mia Hamm and Cindy Parlow from North Carolina and Christine Sinclair from Portland State, the other two-time recipients.

"I'm grateful to everyone at Notre Dame — my teammates, coaches, staff and our fans who are the greatest in the country — for all of their support, not only this year but throughout my career," Hanks said in a statement.

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**ND Women's Basketball**

Marquette hands Irish first conference loss, snaps ND win streak

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

A sweet winter break came to a bitter end in Milwaukee Tuesday night. Angel Robinson scored 19 points and led Marquette to a 75-65 upset of No. 10 Notre Dame at the Al McGuire Center, snapping Notre Dame's seven-game win streak.

Krystal Ellis contributed 18 points on 7-of-13 shooting, and the Golden Eagles outscored Notre Dame 14-2, 3-1 Big East 45-31 in the second half. The game was tied at 52-52 with 10:18 left in the second half, but Marquette (11-6, 2-1) went on a 23-13 run to take control.

"We missed some shots and they made some big plays," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in a telephone interview after the game. "We fouled a little bit, and they made their free throws.

Notre Dame shot only 38.8 percent from the field and 47.3 percent from the foul line. This season, Notre Dame has made 69.5 percent of its foul shots, 10th out of 16 Big East teams.

Guards Ashley Barlow and Melanie LeChlirer each scored 15 points for the Irish. "Barlow played well, I was happy with her game," McGraw said. "She got a lot of steals, she made three threes, she had a good game. Lech is a fighter. She's doing everything she can to win the game.

Forward Becca Bruszewski scored 15 on 6-of-11 shooting and Natalie Novosel had 10. Robinson also pulled down nine rebounds in the game. McGraw said Robinson improved her performance from previous games.

"She made her shots," McGraw said. "She played probably a little better than she's been playing lately. Marquette out-rebounded Notre Dame 42-35 and scored 24 fast-break points to Notre Dame's 12.

The Irish led by as many as eight in the opening minutes of the second half, but Robinson hit a game-tying 3-pointer with 12:47 remaining. Notre Dame kept it close once Marquette took the lead, but the Golden Eagles hit their foul shots; they made 17 of 22, or 77.3 percent.

McGraw said 17-8 with 10 minutes left in the first half, but Bruszewski sank a layup to bring Notre Dame within three.

Watson hit a 3-pointer to give Notre Dame its first lead since the opening minutes, and 4:36 left in the first half. Notre Dame led 34-30 at the half.

Notes:

- With the Irish losing to No. 10 Notre Dame, lost two regular contributors to torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tears. Tuesday's defeat was the first since an overtime loss to Michigan on Dec. 10 and the first conference loss after the team started Big East play 10-0.

- Notre Dame defeated Seton Hall 70-49 in their unbeaten streak to 18 games.

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**Men's Basketball**

Cards stuff Irish in overtime

By CHRIS HINE, GREG ARBOGAST and FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

It was no secret heading into this season that the Big East was going to be the most grueling conference in the country.

Through five Big East games, Notre Dame (12-4, 2-2 Big East) has already experienced a season's worth of emotions. After beating DePaul in the experience opener, Notre Dame felt the unexpected and disappointing loss of losing to the bottom-dwelling St. John's in Madison Square Garden, only to follow that up with a bitter end in Milwaukee.

Irish guard Kyle McAlarney drives to the hoop during Notre Dame's 88-79 win over Seton Hall Saturday.

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**SMC Basketball**

Belles beat first ranked team since going D-III

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Bellies broke new ground over the break and accomplished something they've never done.

Saint Mary's bounced back from an early deficit to defeat No. 1 Hope College 91-84, winning the first game over a ranked opponent since joining Div. III over 10 years ago.

"Our team never gave up in the Hope game," head coach Jen Henley said. "We were down 10 points with 6:15 left to go. We did a nice job on the boards down the stretch and our bench gave us a lift on the offensive end."

Senior Nicole Beier had a breakout year and has led the Belles in scoring for the game, scoring a career-high 25 points, 17 of those coming in the second half of the game.

Freshman Patsy Mahoney also stepped up for the Belles, scoring 18 points and 11 in the second half.

"I think our freshmen have adapted well to their first season of college basketball," Henley said. "I believe they understand how to play as a team."

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