ND Peace Corps service increases

The University rose from No. 17 to No. 13 in the rankings with 26 alumni volunteers

By LAURA MCKENZIE
News Writer

Notre Dame jumped four spots in the Peace Corps rankings this year, moving from No. 17 to No. 13 among medium-sized colleges and universities with the greatest numbers of alumni volunteers. There are currently 26 Notre Dame alumni serving in the Peace Corps. George Washington University holds the No. 1 ranking, with 57 volunteers.

This year marks the sixth consecutive year Notre Dame has been one of the top-25 medium-sized universities to produce Peace Corps volunteers.

The Peace Corps seeks to provide other countries with the assistance of trained volunteers, encourage a better understanding of Americans, and gain awareness of other cultures, according to the organization's Web site.

Sara Snider, Notre Dame '08, is one of 800 Notre Dame graduates to serve in the Peace Corps since the program began in 1961. She began her service in Mali, located in Western Africa, 6 months ago.

"I wanted to do at least two years of international service where I wasn't teaching," she said. "Also, I wanted to live in community with the people with whom I would be serving." Snider has lived in a small, 450-person village in the southern-most region of Mali with a host family for the past four months.

Peace Corps volunteers develop their own projects aimed at helping their communities. As a small enterprise development volunteer, Snider will spend her time in Mali identifying and addressing issues that are important to the local economy.

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The ad hoc committee created by University President Fr. John Jenkins in the fall to address complaints about football game security is preparing to present suggestions for improvement on March 1. Committee chair Stephanie Gallo said.

"We have been reviewing over 200 letters and e-mails from alumni, parents, employees and fans in order to gauge the extent of the issue.

"This may not have allowed us to capture each and every story," Gallo said. "But to the degree possible, it allowed us the chance to sample from the population so that we could arrive at some informed generalizations that will guide our recommendations."

The feedback has been both positive and negative, Gallo said.

"Many people included very helpful suggestions," she said. The Committee also analyzed

SMC fixture, Jones, dies

By ASHLEY CHARNEY
News Writer

Katherine Jones, Holy Cross Hall former front desk worker, died on Jan. 16 after 18 years of dedicated service to the College and the students whom she came to deeply love and care for. She was 59.

"She always tried to make everyone feel comfortable," said Rev. Moyer, co-worker and longtime friend of Katherine: "She always went above and beyond the duty." Katherine worked the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift Sunday through Friday. She fell in love with the residents and the hall was like her home away from home.

Two senior Residents Assistants, Anna Hoefer, and Sarah Dalton recall fond memories of their time in the hall with Katherine.

"We always stopped to talk to Katherine. She was always a friendly face," Hoefer said.

St. Nicholas Day was an especially important day for Katherine. She would go door to door throughout the hall leaving candy for all of the residents, Dalton said.

"She never forgot our birthdays or Christmas. She always sent us cards on our birthday," Dalton said.

Each of the seniors said Katherine always went out of her way to make residents feel at home. In order to help keep Katherine’s memory alive, and uphold the feeling of warmth and caring she spread through the hall, the RA’s said they plan on continuing her holiday traditions.

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

If you are looking for an alternative to crowded dorm parties this weekend, why not show off your athletic skills or simply want to help out a good cause, cancel your plans for Saturday night.

From 6 p.m. on Saturday to 2 a.m. on Sunday, RecSports is sponsoring Late Night Olympics, where teams comprised of members of brother-sister halls
Many forms of chatting

There are many options when it comes to communicating lately: texting, instant messaging, wall posting, Facebook messaging, instant messaging, e-mailing, Google chatting, and of course, good old-fashioned calling. Each one of these keeps us more connected, but sometimes I have a difficult time deciding which to choose in certain situations.

Although I like to think that my main preference is calling, I have definitely noticed myself more frequently sending e-mails instead of picking up the phone.

Calling can be a bit scary or intimidating at times. I used to be pretty opposed to texting because I thought that it was inconvenient to type everything. However, I now have a phone with a keyboard, and this has made me far more inclined to text. I am not close friends because it allows you to read tone and to change the subject before being caught uninformed.

Instant messaging is good for close friends, but it requires you to have extended conversations while also doing something else. I have always felt that instant messages can be a little too weird with people you don’t know very well, mainly because it can be so difficult to read tone and to change the subject.

Google chatting is starting to take over instant messaging for me, but this may be because I check my e-mail constantly. It is very convenient, and tends to be more reliable because the people who show up on the chat list are actually checking their e-mail at that moment.

E-mails always seem formal to me, but they are incredibly convenient.

There is no perfect way to determine which of these methods is most appropriate in any given situation. I have often wondered whether a birthday post is sufficient or whether a text was too lengthy. It is hard to know what subliminal message you may be sending to the recipients just by choosing how to contact them. It is all part of the fun of communicating, though, and of trying to figure out how to form and maintain relationships in the twenty-first century.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Emma Driscoll at edrisc0@nd.edu

CONNECTIONS

A headline on page 4 of the Jan. 29 edition of The Observer mistakenly said the U.S. House and Senate had panelled on economic stimulus package. Only the House panelled the measure.

A headline on page 24 of the Jan. 29 edition of The Observer mistakenly said Matt and Kevin Schipper are brothers; Matt is a junior while Kevin is a senior. The Observer regrets these errors.

IN BRIEF

The film “Baghdad High,” is being played at 7:30 p.m. today at the Browning Cinema in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Filmmakers are scheduled to be present. It is a free but ticketed event. Get tickets at performingarts.nd.edu or call 574-631-2800.

Diavolo will perform Foreign Bodies, an original new work co-commissioned by the University today and tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, 2009 Mainstage Theatre. Tickets for this event are $40, $32 faculty/staff, $30 seniors, and $15 for all students. They can be purchased online, or by visiting or calling the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

"Le plus heureux des trois," a play by Eugene Labiche will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Snite Museum of Art. Although the play will be in French, an English synopsis will be provided. Tickets are $40 and may be bought at the Center for the Study of Language and Culture, 329 DeBartolo Hall or at the door.

The film “Happy Go Lucky,” is being played at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Browning Cinema in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Purchase tickets at performingarts.nd.edu or call 574-631-2800.

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

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Symposium will examine law, war

Special to The Observer

Martin van Creveld, a prominent military historian and strategist from Israel, and John Robb, a former U.S. special operations officer and expert on the future of war, are the lead speakers for "Of War & Law," a symposium and film festival to be held Thursday to Saturday at the University of Notre Dame.

Speakers will focus on the dramatic changes in warfare during the past 60 years and the resulting challenges to international humanitarian law.

"Wars used to be relatively simple — a battle between nations with regular armies," said conference organizer Luc Reydams, an assistant professor in Notre Dame's Department of Political Science and a faculty fellow of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. "But now everything is blurred, and wars can distinguish between war, crime, terrorism, massive human rights violations and even between war and peace itself. In this new context, the laws and treaties designed to protect civilians, wounded and sick prisoners and belligerents of war must be re-examined to make sure that they make sense and can be fully implemented," he said.

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All symposium events are free and open to the public. More information on the films is available on the Web at kroc.nd.edu and for more information on the films. Call 574-631-2800 to reserve tickets.

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Mark Berends, director of the National Center on School Choice (NCSC), has joined the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiative (IEI) as the new director of its Center for Research on Educational Opportunity (CREO).

"Professor Berends will make a singularly important contribution to the mission of the IEI," says Rev. Timothy R. Scully, C.S.C., director of the IEI. "The world-renowned leader in expertise and intellectual leadership he brings to CREO, particularly in the area of school choice, will enable us to make great strides in our work to give children an array of family choices, greater access to excellent schools — especially faith-based schools. He will build ably upon the work of Maureen Hallinan, whose inspired leadership has built a wonderful foundation in the world of high impact educational research." Berends will continue in his role as director of the NCSC, established in 2004 through a $13.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences. The mission of the NCSC is to lead research across multiple disciplines on how school choice affects individuals, communities and systems.

"I'm excited about integrating the work of CREO and NCSC. In fact, CREO provides a broader umbrella for NCSC because of its emphasis on research on educational opportunity," Berends said of his transition to the Notre Dame. "Together the studies that NCSC and Maureen Hallinan have undertaken position CREO to make significant contributions to educational policy and the field of sociology. What's more, they provide a foundation for CREO to bring in additional funding so we can continue this line of research — research that's essential, since issues of educational equity and excellence will be critical for generations to come.

Hallinan served as the first director of CREO and was the first director of the IEI upon its founding in 1996. She also is the William P. and Ilaiz B. White Professor of Sociology, whose research has focused primarily on the sociology of education. Her research examines how students' learning opportunities in Catholic and public schools in Chicago.

"We have established CREO as a center of excellence for the study of educational inequality, the organization of schools, and the effects of school sector on student outcomes," said Berends. "I am looking forward to working with the faculty and students at the IEI to bring to CREO a breadth of research that will enhance the IEI's contribution to the field of education in the United States. In particular, CREO is uniquely positioned to answer questions about the impact of education policy, and this is an area of great interest for CREO."
**Squash**

will play in the emerging teams division, against other club-level teams. That makes knowing the strength of their opponent more difficult. So, said, because they could be playing club level players or women who were nationally-ranked in high school but went to a college without a squash team.

So, who went to high school in Canada, started playing squash in seventh grade. She noticed the squash courts at Rockne Memorial Gym, but the club was all men, and she was too intimidated to go to a practice.

So, a junior now, decided last year to just go for it. She grabbed one of her roommates and they joined the club.

Once acclimated, she and her teammates tried to recruit other girls. The team asked women who were part of the RecSports squash club to join the club and talked to girls who had competed in squash in high school, persuading them to cross over to squash.

But, So admits, competing against "the guys is a little intimidating." The team has tried to make learning the game and practicing easier for women.

"They don't have to go out on the court and see if they like the sport with a guy, and then, all of a sudden, you miss the ball five times, and there's a guy who has been playing for two years, and you feel bad you're losing them down or something," she said.

So knew from experience that the first day on the courts can be frustrating, so she and other teammates e-mail and call new players to encourage them so they don't lose new recruits early on.

Squash is a far more popular game in Canada than it is in the United States, So said. Said, "I've learned to say that it's kind of like racquetball in a sense that you hit the ball, there are two people on the court ... and you hit the ball against the wall and return it," she said.

But there are more boundaries in squash than racquetball, and the ball is smaller and doesn't bounce as much.

The squash club practices on The Rock's squash courts three days a week, coached by a volunteer who also teaches the squash class through RecSports.

In the pictures of players from years past on the walls of the courts, there seemed to be, now and then, a woman who would travel with the men's team, So said. Be women have never had an official traveling team, or competed in a female tournament. The Harvard tournament will mark the first time.

So said she is feeling nervous and excited about the championships in three weeks.

"I think we're all really excited to be getting Notre Dame out there and the fact that we have conveled so well, and worked together, and the pointers about their upcoming inaugural meet," she said.

They know the women's team is feeling a little unsure in the weeks leading up to the tournament. The team for you is probably going to make some mistakes, So said, and might struggle as they adjust to a completely new competitive situation. But they will draw on their training and on the pointers they've received from the men's team. So said. "I know we are going to try really hard," she said.

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**Olympics**

will compete in 11 different sports to raise money for St. Joseph County Special Olympics, said John Beven, who supervised the planning of Late Night Olympics this year.

The sports offered include ice hockey, water polo, golf, tennis, kayaking, bags (also known as corn hole), broomball, volleyball, table tennis, and dodgeball.

The men's team, with much more tournament experience, has been giving them pointers about their upcoming inaugural meet, she said, telling them to have fun and try their best.

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Alicia Danto, a freshman from Howard Hall who is going to be on her hall's volleyball team, added, "I'm excited to see all the different events and ... join in on some of them. I'm also ready to cheer on the other girls from Howard Hall.

Beven said this kind of support is very much encouraged because the more spectators each team has, the more points they get.

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Badin Hall freshman Samantha Smith plans to play every sport on Saturday.

"It was something different to do on the weekend [and] it will be a nice way of getting to know the other girls in my dorm," she said.

The winners of each sport will receive medals, which are provided by the Alumni Association, Beven said.

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Blagojevich impeached from office

Illinois governor first in more than twenty years to be removed from position

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - Gov. Rod Blagojevich was booted from office Thursday without a single lawmaker opposing him, ending a nearly two-month crisis that erupted with his arrest on charges he tried to sell Barack Obama's Senate seat.

Blagojevich becomes the first U.S. governor in more than 20 years to be removed by impeachment. After a four-day trial, the Illinois Senate voted 59-0 to convict him of abuse of power, automatically nixing the seven-term Democrat.

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Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, one of Blagojevich’s critics, was promptly sworn in as governor.

I think it’s a shame that with our city and county, everybody thinks we’re all corrupt,” Gene Clemons, 54, said after watching the trial’s conclusion on a TV at Chicago’s beloved Billy Goat Tavern. “To think he would do something like that, it hurts more than anything.”

In a solemn scene, more than 30 lawmakers rose one by one on the Senate floor to accuse Blagojevich of abusing his office and embarrassing the state. They denounced him as a hypocrite, saying he cynically tried to enrich himself and then posed as the brave protector of the poor and “wrapped himself in the constitution.” They sprinkled their remarks with historical references, including Pearl Harbor’s “day of infamy” and “The whole world is watching” chant from the riots that broke out during the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. They cited Abraham Lincoln, the Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesus as they called for the governor’s removal.

“We have this thing called impeachment and it’s bleeping golden and we’ve used it the right way,” Democratic Sen. James Meeks of Chicago said during the debate, mocking Blagojevich’s expletive-laden words as captured by the FBI on a wiretap.

Blagojevich (pronounced blah-GOV-uh-vich) told the lawmakers: “How can you throw a governor out of office with insufficient and incomplete evidence?”

The verdict brought to an end what one lawmaker branded “the freak show” in Illinois. Over the past few weeks, Blagojevich found himself isolated, with almost the entire political establishment lined up against him.

The former polarized government and made Blagojevich and his. met of lush, dark hair a punchline from east to west coast. The ordinary Illinoisans were glad to see him go.

“My guess is the old boys from suburban Chicago. I think they want? There was never a day for him to go. It’s very embarrassing.”

Blagojevich’s troubles are not over. Federal prosecutors are drawing up an indictment against him on corruption charges.

Blagojevich, 52, had boycotted the first three days of the impeachment trial, calling what was happening a kangaroo court. But on Thursday, he went before the Senate to speak for his job, delivering a 47-minute plea that was, by turns, defiant, humble and sentimental.

He argued his legal team had done nothing wrong, and warned that his impeachment would set a “dangerous and chilling precedent.”

“You haven’t proved a crime, and you can’t because it didn’t happen.”

Blagojevich accused the sprawling 219-page perjury case — including 14 counts of lying under oath and eight others related to his dealings with the U.S. Senate and the state Senate — of being a “setup.”

“I know it’s the double trouble,” said Philip K. Kaplan, executive director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. “You have to be naïve to believe that the loss of $50,000 homes and over two million jobs wouldn’t have an impact.”

SWITZERLAND

Turkey prime minister leaves in fury

Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — Turkey’s prime minister stepped off the stage at the World Economic Forum red-carpeted Friday after reproaching the world’s president over the Gaza offensive by saying “you kill people.”

The packed audience, which included Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, were close adviser Valerie Jarrett, appeared stunned as Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres raised their voices and traded accusations.

Peres was passionate in his defense of Israel’s three-week offensive against Hamas militants, launched in reaction to eight years of rocket fire aimed at Israeli territory. As he spoke, Peres often turned toward Erdogan, who in his remarks had criticized the Israeli blockade of Gaza, saying it was an “open air prison, isolated from the rest of the world” and referred to the Palestinian death toll of about 1,300, more than half of those civilians, thirteen Israelis also died.

Peres’ closeness, even if they fire rockets? There was no siege against Gaza,” Peres said, his voice rising in emotion. “Why did they fight us, what did they want? There was never a day of starvation in Gaza.”

The heated debate with Israel and Turkey at the center was significant because of the key role Turkey has played as a moderator between Israel and Syria. Erdogan appeared to express a sense of disappointment when he recounted how he had met with the Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert days before the offensive, and believed they were close to reaching terms for a face-to-face meeting with Syrian leaders.

Obama’s new Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, will be in Turkey for talks Sunday.

Erdogan was angry when a panel moderator cut off his remarks in response to an impassioned monologue by Peres defending Israel’s offensive against the Hamas rulers of Gaza.

“I find it very sad that people who were per side what you said,” Erdogan said. “You killed people. And I think that it is very wrong.”

LOCAL NEWS

Jail inmate captured in South Bend

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Police in South Bend say they have arrested a Newton County Jail inmate who escaped.

Police spokesman Capt. Phil Trent says 36-year-old Anthony Fisher was captured on a nearby street Wednesday after a chase by officers acting on a tip Thursday afternoon.

Another man with Fisher was also arrested. Further details weren’t immediately available.

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Korea declares political agreement with Gaza

Seoul — North Korea declared all military and political agreements it has with Gaza Wednesday, saying it would not honor past pacts if Seoul continues to push the Koreas to the brink of war.

The North’s Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of Korea accused South Korean troops and government officials of provoking a confrontation on the Korean peninsula with its hard-line position on Pyongyang. It warned that Lee’s government would only draw “a heavier turf and shameful destruction.”

“The group of trailers has already reduced all the agreements reached between the north and the south in the past to dead documents,” the committee said in a statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

Mideast hopes U.S. brings change

AMMAN — President Bush said Friday that the U.S. role in cementing the shaky Gaza administration’s Mideast point man said a truce so broader peace efforts can be pushed to the brink of war.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Israel’s bruising offensive was to heal the “open air prison, isolated from the rest of the world” and referred to the Palestinian death toll of about 1,300, more than half of those civilians, thirteen Israelis also died. Another man with Fisher was also arrested. Further details weren’t immediately available.

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data from past football seasons as well as this season and studied game day security procedures, she said.

With this information at hand, the Committee decided to approach the problem of game day security by dividing into three subcommittees that address security, customer service, and communications, Gallo said. The subcommittees will then each present a report that focuses on its own issue.

Gallo said she cannot give any details about the ideas that have been presented in meetings thus far, and she said the Committee is only for advisory purposes. Implementation of any suggestions will be Jenkins' decision.

"Once the report is submitted and any opportunities for change are identified, the University will monitor, evaluate and adjust its practices to ensure the game day experience in the very best it can be," she said.

After reviewing the Committee's proposal, Jenkins will submit a response and create a current game day security plan that was deemed necessary.

"If she could, she would be here," Holy Cross Hall Director Terri Paul said. "She loved working here, loved the residence, loved Holy Cross. It was just such a big part of her life for so many years."

She was also an active member of Little Flower Community, which met on Ironwood Dr. in South Bend. She spent over 25 years assisting at the church with funeral luncheons. She would work all night at Saint Mary's and then turn around the next morning and go to the church to assist with more funeral luncheons, Paul said.

Residents of the hall sent cards to Katherine while she was in hospice. Also, donations were taken from the students to help Katherine's family pay for the expenses. The girls at Holy Cross also raised money to buy mass cards for a year.

"The good that came from this red TV screen experience is that everybody really came together for her," Paul said.

A mass was held in Katherine's memory Wednesday in Le Mans' Holy Spirit Chapel. Katherine will be missed in the halls of Holy Cross. She meant so much not only to the people she worked with, but also to the residents who passed by the front desk late and stopped to chat with her. For many years she was a large part of what made Holy Cross so special. "This is Katherine's hall. It will always be Katherine's hall," Moyer said.

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MARKET Recap

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IN BRIEF

Unemployment reaches 25 year high

WASHINGTON — Week by week, the numbers that measure the economy get worse, heightening unemployment fears.

The Labor Department released figures Thursday showing that the percentage of the workforce unable to find work reached a 25-year high in mid-January. The row of numbers were the highest since the government started keeping records in 1967, although the workforce was much smaller then.

Adding to the grim picture were separate government reports that showed December home sales plunged to their lowest rate since recording began in 1963. And orders for big-ticket manufactured goods dropped more than expected, casting the worst year for manufacturers since 2001.

Obama close to health care win

WASHINGTON — Democratic lawmakers inching closer Thursday to giving President Barack Obama an early health care victory as they considered extending government-sponsored health insurance coverage to about 4 million uninsured children.

The Senate was expected to pass the legislation late Thursday after Democrats spent much of the day fending off Republican amendments. The House plans to take up the same measure next week.

The bill calls for an additional $32 billion over the next 4 1/2 years for the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Even with the added spending, an estimated 5 million children still will be without health insurance.

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Charles Deibel, whose labs conducted tests for Peanut Corp. of America, said they found that some containers were tested and only one or two tests for salmonella, the company should "throw the whole lot out." Federal health officials say Peanut Corp. of America should undertake additional tests from its Blakely, Ga., facility after retesting them and getting a negative result for salmonella.

Peanut butter, peanut paste and other goods from the plant are being blamed for an outbreak that has sicken more than 500 people, triggered a massive international recall and raised doubts about the food industry's safety practices.

Deibel said his company — Deibel Labs Inc. — did not conduct day-to-day testing for the Blakely plant, but was asked on occasion to carry out certain tests. He said the company has turned over bacterial cultures to federal investigators.

Deibel and the president of another lab, J. Leek Associates Inc., have been called to testify Feb. 11 before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Deibel firm has been in existence since the 1960s and has its main lab in Chicago.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the panel conducting a hearing into the outbreak, said the investigation shows "major gaps" in the nation's food safety system.

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More A&L career help needed

On Wednesday, the Career Center sponsored a Winter Career and Internship Fair for undergraduate students with representatives from over 100 employers. In a struggling economy with an unemployment rate of over seven percent, it’s a compliment to the Career Center that students had the opportunity to network with such a large number of companies at all.

But the question of the visibility of these opportunities, and whose opportunities are being emphasized, still remains. The companies attending the January 28 Career Fair ranged from non-profits like Amate House in Chicago, to consulting firms like clarity Consulting, to financial or accounting firms such as Credit Suisse or Deloitte. Aside from the small number of non-profit organizations, most of the representatives at the fair drew from a limited number of industries, focusing mostly on the financial sector, engineering firms, and other similar fields.

At a university whose largest and oldest undergraduate college is the College of Arts and Letters, the job search can be challenging for those among the 2500 Arts and Letters students who come to the Career Fair looking to capitalize on their skills. If the focus of the Fair, however, is on the kinds of jobs and internships that pertain to students in other disciplines, the process feels that much more daunting.

It’s essential that the Career Center avail whatever opportunities it has at its disposal to these students as they continue their job search in the midst of a gripping recession. Where these resources already exist, they must be better and more widely publicized to a greater cross-section of students.

Recently, the Career Center sponsored, along with a number of other universities, a series of career fairs, the Career and Internship Connection fairs, in several large U.S. cities, including New York, Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles. The CIC events were meant to focus on more regionally based employers who need Arts and Letters students.

But if students in these majors were unaware of the CIC events, or were unable to attend one in their geographic area, their needs were still unmet. In order to succeed, these students, like their friends majoring in Accounting or Finance, have to be self-motivated. A career adviser can help students through the process of searching for jobs and internships, no matter their major, but hand-holding is not meant to be part of the Center’s employers’ job descriptions.

But when students in a variety of majors feel neglected by the services that are meant to help them, or are left ignorant and misinformed of whatever resources may already exist, a breakdown in communication will only result in lost opportunities.
We are...

Last Saturday, after many years, change finally came to Notre Dame. What I mean is that for the first time in recent memory, our team lost a major sporting event without having the student section chant “We Are ND” during the waning moments of the game. Yes, the Leprachaun Legion took the Los Angeles Kings to the limit, but the student body collective did not utilize the cheer in its full glory, because it became far more prominent following losses. For once, our fans took the loss with grace, but it did not last long.

By the time Monday rolled around, however, change had abruptly eroded and the student body returned to busyness. Notre Dame fans are renowned for their athletic prowess and their fervor for the team, but one story at a time. Jack, our most beloved former student, did not make the trip to Los Angeles and, as a result, we were left with a love for hockey that was left behind. Matthew, how can I prove my hockey fanhood to you? Well I agree, give this man (and this campus) more hockey. Have an am from Buffalo, NY and we don’t have much else besides hockey, enough said.

Surely you jest

I grab one Observer everyday with lunch, however today I grabbed two. The headline ‘Interhall Ice Hockey is a Joke’ I covered it with regurgitated chocolate dairy milk. With a shorter schedule each game is worth much more. Everyone left the game knowing that they had seen something great. Even though there were no Flying V’s or Knucklepucks, there were lightning saves, dekes that pushed your concept of reality to the brink, and even a brawl.

I agree with the notion that we need more levels of hockey, I believe Matthew, you ask for more levels of hockey, I think that we are better than them despite the outcome of the game. It is the Notre Dame students’ way of saying, “It’s ok that we lost the game because we are smarter than you” or “It’s ok that we lost the game because we have better character than you.” Regardless of who we are a loss is a loss, on this day we are not the best. The cheer is a blatant assertion of our perceived supremacy and when we do it as a student body it says more about what we are than who we are. When we do it in a time of defeat it says that we are cocky and arrogant.

We collectively think that we are better than schools like Marquette and Michigan State because we have been trained to think that way. During Freshmen Orientation, the students are gathered in the AACC and told by several speakers how special we are. As a part of my Fresh O, we were taken to Fr. Sorin’s grave and given a speech about how special we are. “You didn’t choose Notre Dame, Notre Dame chose you” we are told. Notre Dame students act arrogant because from the moment we step foot on campus, we are told that we are special (which makes us think that we are in some way more special than students at other schools).

In doing the ‘we are’ cheer at a time when we are losing, we become no better than our aspirational peers such as Northwestern and Stanford. I once heard Northwestern fans do a cheer that went, “That’s alright, that’s ok, we’ve been to your boss someday” and I instantly despised how much arrogance the cheer contained. However, our ‘we are’ cheer is worse because it doesn’t just assume that we are going to have better jobs than the people from the other school, but it assumes that Notre Dame students are somehow better people than they are. This is unacceptable.

While I cannot stop the student body from doing the cheer any more than I can convince Mike Brey to utilize more of his bench players, I can refuse to do the cheer. When we inevitably lose to Louisville in a couple weeks, I will again contemplate leaving the game early just so I don’t have to sit through the cheer, but I will stay. I hope that more students will join me in silence next time one of our teams loses. That would be change I believe in, and it would show people how special we are.

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THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

Package for our pals

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Of course, this package does need to be implemented. If we do not act quickly and boldly, the problem’s current symptoms, as Gill suggests, will only make it monotonous. With a shorter schedule each game is worth much more. Everyone left the game knowing that they had seen something great. Even though there were no Flying V’s or Knucklepucks, there were lightning saves, dekes that pushed your concept of reality to the brink, and even a brawl.

So Matthew, I agree with the previous writers that a draft or some form of a new “squirrels required” section in the future should be considered. Due to poor scheduling and low interest rates (commonly defined as cold and ice), many students have been subject to recent foreclosures of their homes. The number of squirrelly squirrels in cooler places also has increased. It has been in decades as a result of Notre Dame students’ attempts at “going green” and thus improving their waste disposal techniques.

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By Kaitlyn Conway

Scene Writer

Tonight, the combination of Chicago natives Treaty of Paris and Company of Thieves will fill Legends with their fantastic indie-rock flair. Both bands are just taking off, and the concert promises to be a great one. After tonight, we may very well be able to name Logorns as the point where two incredible bands claimed their initial fame.

Company of Thieves, composed of singer Genevieve Schatz, guitarist Marc Wallach, and drummer Mike Ortiz, is a relatively new group. While known in the Chicago area, the band is still looking to make an impression farther from home. Their CD, "Ordinary Things," was released in February, and has the potential to be an underdog hit. Schatz has a Nicki Minaj-esque quality to her tone, and one initially expects a piano-pop love ballad to emerge in one of the early tracks. But instead, the band rarely uses piano in favor of an edgier, classic combination of drums and guitar, forming a harder indie rock tone. Tracks like "Pressure" and "Oscar Wilde" are sure to make the album popular, at least in some sectors. Their sound is fresh, combining good instrumentation with great lyrics. The band looks to classic things — like the writings of Oscar Wilde - as their inspiration, and has named the album a tribute to their favorite artists. After the performance here, the band will be touring with Thriving Irony.

The better-known band of tonight's performance is Treaty of Paris. This group is popular in Chicago, and the odd video for "Waking Up the Dead" has gained international attention. The band got its beginnings when guitarist Ian Wade and drummer Chris Incisidto met in high school, putting out a CD in 2001 with singer Mike Chorvat joining them. Treaty of Paris as it is now known, with Phil Koch on guitar and Nick Fonzi on bass, formed in 2004 and put out an EP, Behind Our Calm Demeanors, in 2005. The EP sold well in Chicago.

The band's first full length CD, Sweet Dreams, Sucker, was formed in collaboration with Andrew McMahon of Jack's Mannequin and Something Corporate fame. The album was released on McMahon's label this past September. Treaty of Paris will no doubt thrill the audience with great songs like "Here Goes Nothing, "Waking Up the Dead," and "Rollerskates." These songs are fun to listen to, catchy enough that you'll be singing along before the song is done, and fast enough to bop around to. The band has a pop-punk sound, much along the lines of Jack's Mannequin, Motion City Soundtrack and Fall Out Boy.

Treaty of Paris has toured with Yellowcard, Paramore, Jimmy Eat World, and My Chemical Romance. They will soon be on tour with the band Jack's Mannequin and Fun (the band formed by two former members of the folk-band The Format). They were also on the Vans Warped tour this past June.

So really, there's only one thing to do tonight. The show will be enjoyable and full of fresh sounds, something to be enjoyed by both fans of the band and those who are going just because they are curious.

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By MAJIA GUSTIN

Scene Writer

Tonight the Worldview Film Series will be screening "Baghdad High," which will be featured at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 6:30 and 9:30. It is a free but ticketed even.

This documentary tells the moving story of four boys, all close friends, trying to live an ordinary senior year of high school in the center of chaos. These boys were given a video camera and basic instructions in filmmaking to film their lives for an entire year as a video diary. What results is a simple story about four normal boys of differing religions and backgrounds who study, love music, and talk about all the problems plaguing teenage boys. All of this, though takes place amidst explosions and gunfire.

Hayder, Anmar, Ali, and Mohammad face extraordinary challenges in their lives. Their power may go out for days at a time, they often cannot go to school for fear of leaving their home, and every step they take outside may mean injury by a stray bullet or roadside bomb. Every day, their families have to grapple with the decision to stay in Baghdad or to flee and become a part of the millions of refugees who have already made that decision. But even faced with injury, upheaval, or death, the boys still just want to hang out and talk about Britney Spears and their own hairstyles.

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A Look at the Screen Actors Guild Awards
And the Most Entertaining Speeches

By STEPHANIE DEPREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

Last Sunday, Hollywood circled the wagons once more for a night of glitz, champagne, and, contrary to popular belief, real food.

The Screen Actors Guild held their 15th awards show, commonly known as the SAGs, amidst growing discontent with the fact that actors still do not receive residuals for work in New Media (like the internet) and the looming shadow of a possible strike. It was all laugh, though, except for a few pointed comments, including the speech of Tina Fey, who won the first award of the night.

The evening started predictably enough, with Fey taking top honors for Outstanding Female Actor in a Comedy Series (no surprise there) and Kate Winslet winning for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role for "The Reader," a role she had done at the Golden Globes.

Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role
Meryl Streep as Sister Aloysius Beauvier in "Doubt"

"Thank you, everybody. Shh! Well, I didn't even buy a dress! I'm really, really, really shocked! And even though awards mean nothing to me anymore...I'm really happy...Okay." "I want to thank, oh, so many people. Miramax, Daniel Battsek, and especially Scott Rudin, who just goes out of his way to find interesting things for everybody to do, especially the girls. And, oh, can I just say, there is no such thing as the greatest living actress. I am in a position where I have secret information, you know, that I know this to be true. I am so in awe of the work of the women this year, nominated, not nominated. So proud of us girls. And everybody wins when we get parts like this."

Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role
Kate Winslet as Hanna Schmitz in "The Reader"

"Wow. What a year it has been in movies. I just want to say it's really an honor to be included in what I think is such a remarkable year. And to be acknowledged by my peers in this way, I really feel like everybody should be given a medal. I have to say that because I really believe it to be true."

"I'm a bit lost for words. I'm sorry. Playing Hanna Schmitz was such a blessing, and even though it made me completely insane. And I just want to thank the cast and the crew, both in front of the camera and behind it. I just think that hard work deserves to be acknowledged, and these people really gave 100% of themselves to this film. And Harvey Weinstein for his commitment, and Stephen Daldry for his direction and support. And, of course, the late Anthony Minghella and Sydney Pollack."

Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role
Hugh Laurie as Gregory House in "House"

"But things got tricky to predict when Hugh Laurie once again took home the Actor (SAG version of Oscar) for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series. Most would have pegged this one for James Spader of "Mad Men." Hugh Laurie even comment-effeted it after he won on Spader, and had clearly lost the bet.

The best moment of the evening was easily Meryl Streep's win for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role. When her name was announced, she looked beyond shocked and immediately started hugging her designer.

Streep ran through the aisles, arms raised high in the air like a basketball player whose number had just been announced on the court. She raced up to the stage and accepted her role, turned to the mic and explained that she was so sure she wasn't going to win, she didn't even buy a dress. Indeed, she was wearing black slacks and a nice black blouse, something one would have easily assumed to be a dress if it were only seen from the waist up.

The most poignant moment of the evening was Gary Oldman's appropriately understated acceptance of Heath Ledger's award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role.

Top honors went to Slumdog Millionaire, whose charming stars didn't fail to look completely delighted to even be mentioned. Female lead Freida Pinto looked quite beautiful in a hazy blue gown, and the show's lead Dev Patel looked like a normal teenager — too tall and skinny for his own pants.

Good news for the Notre Dame community is that Slumdog Millionaire film will be coming to the Browning Cinema at the beginning of March.

Overall the show was predictable but enjoyable. The air of the evening was general relaxation. No one at the SAGs is trying to prove anything, because it is community of actors only. The voting pool of 100,000 picks who they think is best, free of producers and politics.

Now all eyes turn to February, the Kodak Thetaxer, and the Academy Awards. New co-producers for this year's Oscars promise a show like never before, with a new format and a host who can sing, dance, and spring claws from his knuckles. Hugh Jackman and The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences are gearing up for a great show this year, but for now, the Screen Actors Guild has done just fine.

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Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series
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"That's a complete lie. I had no idea. And this is absolutely amazing to me now to look back on these last six or seven years. It's been an incredible journey, and made more incredible by that idea. But it kind of is a little stroke of luck if it happens.

"And I want to thank Alice for her patience. And some day she'll be old enough to watch '30 Rock' reruns on the Internet, and understand where mommy was going at 6 a.m. every day, for all that time. And she'll look up at me and say, 'What do you mean you don't get residuals for this?'"
Associated Press

DETOUR — Brad Richards had two assists a minute apart on power plays midway through the first period and the Dallas Stars beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 Thursday night.

Steve Sullivan, Jere Lehtinen, Chris Conner and Jussi Jokinen put the Stars ahead 4-0 early in the second period.

Marian Hossa and Andreeas Lilja scored for the Red Wings during a second period in which they almost scored two more goals, but video review and incidental contact prevented them from tying the game.

Chris Osgood gave up two goals on the first five shots he faced and was benched after giving up six shots in two periods. Ty Conklin replaced him and finished with 10 saves.

Dallas’ Marty Turco had 22 saves.

The Stars have won three straight and are 5-1-1 in their last seven games, continuing a surge up from the bottom of the Western Conference. Since Nov. 30, they are 15-7-3.

Detroit, meanwhile, is 0-3-1 in its last four games after an 8-1-0 stretch padded its lead in the Central Division.

The Red Wings were without Henrik Zetterberg because of a back injury, a day after he signed a 12-year, $73-million contract. Zetterberg is expected to play Saturday at Washington.

Zetterberg’s presence was missing at both ends of the ice as Detroit fell behind 4-0 for the first time this season after a couple of miscues we preripped from Dallas.

Dallas entered the game 30th on the power play on the road and Detroit had the NHL’s best success rate at home on penalty kills, so yet another two penalties, the Stars went ahead 2-0 on goals 1:17 apart.

Ott deflected Richards’ shot past Osgood for the first, and Richards set up Lehtinen on the second. Conner beat Osgood on the short side late in the first period, leading to the goalie getting pulled.

Conklin gave up a goal to Eriksson on the second shot he faced, then didn’t allow another as the Stars held on to tie the lead with a conservative style.

New York 5, Atlanta 4

Kyle Okposo had his first two-goal game in the NHL, and goalie Yanan Danis survived a shaky third period in the New York Islanders’ victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Thursday night.

In a matchup featuring two of the league’s three worst teams, the Islanders snapped a 14-game losing streak on the road (0-13-1) with their first consecutive victories since late November.

The Thrashers, losers of three of four, had won three straight, dropped to 9-14-2 at home.

Beaten 1-0 by the Islanders in New Jersey last weekend, the Thrashers came into this game in need of a win.

Okposo, who has four goals in three games, made 2-0. The NHL’s seventh overall draft pick in 2006, Okposo scored on the Islanders’ first shot on the power play in the previous two games.

New Jersey 4, Boston 3

Jamie Langenbrunner scored his second goal of the game with 1:11 gone in overtime and the New Jersey Devils, who allowed three straight, improved to 16-6-1.

The Devils, who allowed just six goals in five games, moved past Washington and into second place in the Eastern Conference, 11 points behind the Bruins.

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Jere Lehtinen, who faced just 15 shots, just 13:17 into the game, led the Devils 1-0.

With 7:21 remaining, Okposo’s ninth goal, a wrister from the left point of the right circle, gave New York a 5-3 lead and helped Danis compose himself. It also made a tough luck loser out of Johan Hedberg, who stopped 17 of 18 shots, but was saddled with the defeat since Okposo’s second goal proved to be the difference.

Ilya Kovalchuk’s 21st goal, a tip-in with 55 seconds remaining, ended the scoring. Each team gave up four goals in a period, Atlanta in the first and New York in the third.

Langenbrunner lifted the Devils’ first two goals of the game, (that) this is a huge 3D–life deal for us,” Steal said, referring to the Hurricanes’ remaining 32 games. “We’ve got to win to keep our promise to our fans, to bring back our fans and our promise for them to make it 2-0.

The Bruins made it 2-1 with 17-40 to play in the third when Clemmensen went behind the net to play the puck but left it there for Chuck Kobasew, who swept it around and into the net. Kobasew got the rebound into the net, and Clemmensen gloved the puck out of the air, but the replay showed that it had crossed the line.

Savard scored his 18th of season 7-11 into the third, taking a pass from behind the net on the side; sliding it over the goal line, and wristing it between Clemmensen and the post to tie 2-2.

Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 2

So this is what the Carolina Hurricanes are used to on track: A return home, a visit from the team they always seem to beat, and a dramatic goal from their All-Star center.

Eric Staal scored with 1:36 remaining to lift the Hurricanes past the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

Matt Cullen had a goal and an assist, Chad LaFosse also scored and Cam Ward earned his 100th NHL victory for the Hurricanes.

The Hurricanes had lost six of eight, played just its second home game since Jan. 6, an 0-3-1 improvement to 4-0 against the Lightning.

“We talked about it before the game, (that) this is a huge 30–40 something games for us,” Steal said, referring to the Hurricanes’ remaining 32 games. “We’ve got to win to keep our promise to our fans, to bring back our fans and our promise for them to make it.”

“What a huge job tonight of blocking shots — they did good with the sticks, real solid.”

Obviously, Cam was big. We’re going to need him to be the rest of the way.”

Mark Recchi had a goal and an assist, and Ryan Malone also scored for the Lightning, which was denied its first four-game winning streak since November 27-09 and fell nine points behind the Hurricanes in the Southeast Division.

“The margin of error is so small coming into this game, especially, to a team we’re trying to catch, is a huge loss,” Lightning center Jeff Halpern said. “Every loss right now is a big)”

Staal capped the critical flurry of late activity that he started by taking the puck off the stick of Martin St. Louis.

Sergei Samsonov whirled on a slap shot from the slot and couldn’t stuff home the rebound. Neither could Tuomo Ruutu, but Staal was parked to goalie Mike Smith’s left and snapped the puck past him for his team-leading 21st goal.

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NBA

Carmelo Anthony laces his hand after breaking it in a collision with Indiana Pacers center Jeff Foster, on Jan. 5. Anthony was expected to miss about four weeks, but he will play on Friday in Charlotte.

Carmelo returns early from injury

Associated Press

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony still has a tiny fracture in a bone in his right hand.

However, it's nothing a little white athletic tape can't remedy.

The Denver forward has been cleared by his doctor to play Friday night against Charlotte, provided he tape up his two middle fingers to protect the healing hand.

"No tape, no play," Anthony said after a strenuous workout on the court Thursday that lasted around an hour. "That was (the doctor's) quote. Got to listen to that.

Anthony was injured on Jan. 5 when Indiana center Jeff Foster swatted at the ball, catching a good chunk of Anthony's shooting hand. Anthony played through the first half despite numbness.

Afterward, he found out the hand had a fracture and he'd be out around four weeks.

Turns out, he's a fast healer.

"The doc didn't know how well my hand was going to heal," Anthony said. "Today, he was surprised at how well it healed. I healed faster than I thought, faster than he thought." 

He was hoping for even more good news Thursday night, but it didn't arrive as Anthony wasn't among the players selected as a Western Conference reserve.

Instead, teammate Chauncey Billups made the squad, his fourth straight All-Star appearance.

"That's only reason why it's because of the injury," Billups said of Anthony's exclusion. "It's just an unfortunate situation.

Anthony realizes the hand is now an open invitation for even more swipes from opposing players.

"There's nothing I can do to prevent it but sit out," he said. "Hardly an option.

Anthony is sick of sitting on the sideline. He's already missed 10 games because of the fractured hand, the team going 6-4 in his absence.

"I'm so excited to have him back," Billups said. "I need him desperately right now.

The injury did give Anthony a unique vantage point, picking up on the subtleties of the game.

"When you sit on the sideline in games, it becomes clearer to you," Anthony said, who's averaging 21.1 points and 7.7 rebounds this season. "You start seeing things you probably wouldn't even see on the court."

IN BRIEF

Felton fired as Georgia Bulldog basketball coach

ATHENS, Ga. — Dennis Felton led Georgia on a surprising run through the SEC tournament last season, winning four games in four days to capture the title.

He won't get that chance this year.

Felton was fired as coach of the Bulldogs on Thursday, one day after the team dropped to 9-11 and 0-6 in the Southeastern Conference with a 26-point loss to Florida.

"I thought we needed new leadership at this time and that's why I made the change in the middle of the season," athletic director Damon Evans said.

Evans called Felton in Gainesville, Fla., on Wednesday night after an embarrassing 83-57 loss to the Gators, and delivered the news during a meeting in his office Thursday morning.

"I wanted to be patient. I think I've shown patience in the past. It came to a culmination for me. I'm not going to say last night was the thing that triggered it. There were a lot of things," Evans said.

Galaxy expect Beckham to return to L.A. in March

CARSON, Calif. — Galaxy coach Bruce Arena dismissed reports from Italy that David Beckham could stay with AC Milan beyond his current loan.

"No one ever knows the accuracy of anything," Arena said after practice Thursday. "Everything gets distorted, so we don't concern ourselves with those kind of reports." 

Beckham joined AC Milan in December on a loan that ends March 8. He has started four games and scored two goals.

"It's going to be back here March 9," Arena said. "We've entered into a loan agreement with AC Milan (in which the player, his agent, AC Milan, ourselves and Major League Soccer understand the guidelines)."

Beckham was quoted in Corriere della Sera on Wednesday saying he might want to stay with AC Milan beyond March 8. AC Milan vice president Adriano Galliani said Wednesday that club officials will meet with Beckham's representatives to discuss the possibility of retaining him.

Cancer strikes Eagles' coordinator Jim Johnson

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Johnson has had a recurrence of cancer, this time in his spine, team officials said Thursday.

Eagles trainer Rick Burkholder told The Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News that Johnson on Monday was diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer that has formed a tumor in his back. Johnson has been undergoing radiation treatments at Bryn Mawr Hospital, the trainer said.

The tumor is in the same area where Johnson's skin cancer was diagnosed in 2001, Burkholder told the newspapers. Johnson also has cancer in other areas of his body, Burkholder said, but he declined to elaborate. The team did not offer a prognosis.

"Who knows where it tracked to from there, but his symptoms came from the spine," Burkholder told The Inquirer. "Now there are some other areas in his body that have cancer, but I'm not going to try to get into where else some other stuff it. They will all be treated together."
Shaq back in All-Star game

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shaq is back in the All-Star game.

After being left out of the NBA's midseason gala for first time in his career last season, Shaquille O'Neal received his 15th All-Star selection Thursday night when the reserves were announced for the Feb. 15 game in Phoenix. O'Neal and Suns teammate Amar'e Stoudemire give the host team two Western Conference All-Stars.

New Orleans, San Antonio and the Los Angeles Lakers also had multiple players on the West roster, which will be coached by the Lakers' Phil Jackson.

The Orlando Magic made out best in the East, with Jameer Nelson and Rashard Lewis picked as reserves by the conference's coaches alongside starter Dwight Howard, it's the first time Orlando has had three All-Stars.

"I was just anxious to find out," Nelson said. "I honestly didn't get that way. But me hearing everywhere, 'You're an All-Star, you should be an All-Star.' So you just want to see if people will give you the respect that other people think you deserve."

But for the second year in a row, only two of the Boston Celtics' Big Three made the initial roster: Paul Pierce was voted in with starter Kevin Garnett, while Ray Allen was left out.

Tied to the Suns at last season's deadline, O'Neal endured the worst season of his career and had his record-tying streak of 14 consecutive All-Star appearances end. Now he's back in the showcase game, and trails only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar with 19 for most appearances.

Amar'e Stoudemire, a Knicks forward, will help coach the West team. The 36-year-old O'Neal was averaging 18.2 points and 9.1 rebounds entering Thursday night's showdown against the Spurs. He needs five more points to catch Hakeem Olajuwon for seventh on the NBA's career scoring list.

O'Neal isn't the only veteran on a roster flush with experience. The Spurs' Tim Duncan and the Lakers' Kobe Bryant are each making their 13th appearances, while Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki was picked for the eighth time and Houston center Yao Ming for the seventh time.

Carmelo Anthony, who's missed the last 10 games with a broken bone in his right hand, was left off the roster even though he's been cleared to play Friday night at Charlotte. That leaves point guard Chauncey Billups as the lone selection from the division-leading Nuggets.

"We're definitely excited," Granger said. "It's really dedicated him, as a basketball player," Indiana coach Jim O'Brien said. "Danny really stumped onto the scene and improved at a level that was astounding.

Said Stoudemire, Yao Bryant, Duncan and Chris Paul of the Hornets were voted by fans to start for the West. The East starters are Garnett, Howard, Dwyane Wade, Allen Iverson of the Pistons and Lebron James of the Cavaliers.

Coaches were then required to vote for two guards, two forwards, a center and two at-large reserves. The other picks for the West were Pau Gasol of the Lakers Tony Parker of the Spurs, Brandon Roy of the Trail Blazers and David West of the Hornets.

Filling out the East roster are Raptors forward Chris Bosh and Hawks guard Joe Johnson.

There was little controversy in fan voting — besides Stoudemire beating out Spurs reserve Bruce Bowen by just 26,800 votes — but the ballot turn-in by the league's coaches left a bunch of deserving players with a gripe.

Allen was passed over despite averaging 18.0 points and helping Boston to a 38-9 record. The eight-time All-Star was skipped over last year, too, but was later added by commissioner David Stern as an injury replacement for Carmelo Anthony.

Deron Williams and Paul Millsap of the Jazz also were left off the rosters. So were the Suns' Steve Nash, a six-time All-Star, Mo Williams of the East-leading Cavaliers, Antawn Jamison of the Wizards and Amare Stoudemire of the Timberwolves.

Players' union quells talk of NFL lockout

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The NFL players' union plans to pick a successor for the late Gene Upshaw early this year, and team sources say they won't expect a lockout in two years.

Owners are opting out of the current labor deal after the 2010 season, however, and the union says it didn't anticipate trouble.

"This is a good thing we have going on between the players and owners," president Kevin Mawae said Thursday in the NFL Players Association's first news conference since Upshaw died in August.

"The players don't feel we have to get to that point.

"The five finalists to replace Upshaw, as reported last week by The Associated Press, are former NFLPA presidents Troy Vincent and Trace Armstrong; former Bears tackle Jim Covert; Ben Ute, who played for Baltimore and Indianapolis; and Washington-based attorney DeMaurice Smith.

"Mawae, the All-Pro center for the Tennessee Titans, said three candidates will be presented to the union's executive board at its annual meeting in Hawaii in March. An election is scheduled to follow, and serious negotiating with the league won't take place before then.

"What Gene would have wanted most was for us to carry on with what he was leaving behind," Mawae said, "so I'm definitely excited. My mission is to not only retain the partnership we have with NFL owners, but improve on it.

"We have seen unprecedented labor peace in our sport and unprecedented prosperity without owners. We think we have a pretty good thing going," he said.

It will end, however, after an un scrapped 2010 season if the two sides don't come to an collective bargaining agreement. Bertheilnsen presented the union that the league believes con firm just how prosperous the 32 teams are.

A union-commissioned study showed the average value of the teams has grown from $288 million to $1.04 billion over 10 years, an increase of about 14 percent per year. Bertheilnsen said the average gain in the last year alone was $82.6 million, and be challenged anyone to find an industry "with similar numbers in this economy."

Noting that 95 percent of the Miami Dolphins sold for $1.1 billion earlier this month — "pretty amazing," he said — Bertheilnsen added that the average profit was $24.7 million in the last year. That would make for $100 million in average annual return, "or something like that," he said.

With those numbers, the union questions why the owners would be dissatisfied with the CBA — let alone consider the elimination of a salary cap. Mawae said the cap has worked well for all con trols, but that the players won't accept one again if it dis appears next year.
Tennis

Federer closing in on Sampras

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick was right there when Pete Sampras won his 14th Grand Slam title. And he will think about it again when Roger Federer moved within one victory of matching Sampras’ record.

After a scorching day in which temperatures hit 111 degrees, Federer beat Roddick 6-2, 7-5, 7-3 in more manageable 91-degree heat Thursday night in the Australian Open semifinals.

The Swiss star will be playing in his 15th Grand Slam final but won’t know his opponent until Friday night, when Spanish left-handers Rafael Nadal and Fernando Verdasco meet in the other semifinal.

Federer will be going for a fourth Australian title. Serena Williams will be doing likewise, and also going for a 10th Grand Slam singles title.

She ended the 15-match winning streak of Olympic champion Elena Dementieva, winning 6-3, 6-4 to set up a final against Olympic silver medalist Dinara Safina.

It was Federer’s seventh straight win over Roddick in a major and put his overall record in this matchup at 16-2. His loss to Roddick in Miami last year was the only time he seemed like an aberration.

Roddick lost to Sampras in straight sets in the quarterfinals at the 2002 U.S. Open when he was a 20-year-old emerging talent. Sampras, then 31 and in his 22nd major, retired after beating Andre Agassi two matches later to win the U.S. Open.

Roddick won the next year at Flushing Meadows and held the No. 1 ranking into 2003. Federer was about to embark on an astonishing run.

That didn’t happen this time. Federer did it — I was a part of that one, too — everyone was saying how kind of lofty of an achievement it was,” Roddick said. “I don’t know if we thought we would see it any time soon. Little did we know.

Roger Federer stretches to make a return to Andy Roddick during their semifinal match at the Australian Open. Federer is trying to tie Pete Sampras’s record of 14 Grand Slam titles.

By RICK DREW

AP Sports Writer

After a convincing 6-1 rout of No. 32 Ohio State last weekend, the No. 17 ranked Irish head to Fayetteville, Ark., for this weekend’s National Team Indoor qualifying tournament.

“The competition should be very good this weekend,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “Arkansas and Pepperdine are both strong and are always very experienced teams.”

The winner of this weekend’s tournament will travel to Madison, Wis. next month to participate in the National Team Indoor championships with 15 other teams from across the country.

Louderback really likes the way his team is coming together so far this season.

“We’ve doubled teams and have looked very good in practice and the doubles point is always a key in dual matches,” he said. “Our lineup is deep in the singles and doubles competitions with a good mix of upper and underclassmen.”

Currently, the Irish’s No. 1 doubles squad of senior Kelsey Tefft and freshman Kristi Frilling is the top ranked doubles team in the nation. The pair had a very strong fall season finishing with a record of 13-1 and got out to good start this season against Ohio State winning their match 8-3.

The Irish are really excited about the serving the No. 1 team of and, after the early-winter fall layoffs, are glad to be playing real matches again.

“We were really excited to start playing again,” senior Reid Carleton said. “That’s a team that just really enjoys competing.”

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Irish ready for National Indoor Championships

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SMC Swimming

SMC set to face Kalamazoo

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles swimming and diving team will take on Kalamazoo today at Rolfs Aquatic Center at 7 p.m. This meet, the second-to-last dual meet of the season, will be used to prepare for the MIAA conference championships February 19-21. According to captain Melissa Gerbeth, the team is not quite ready for the awaiting challenges in the championships, but the girls are working hard to get there.

"Right now we are still somewhat broken down coming off of a really intense training trip and continuous hard practices," Gerbeth said. "I think that our team will be ready for Conference at the end of February.”

The Belles are coming off a 167-64 loss to a tough Division II opponent in Hillsdale College, but will look to right the ship and avenge last year’s heartbreaking 145-149 loss to Kalamazoo. As part of the preparation for the championships, the Belles (4-5) took a winter training trip to Florida. Captain Mary Kate Daday felt this trip was crucial in the team’s development so far this season.

"After our winter training trip in Florida our team really came together physically and mentally," Daday said. "We pushed each other in the water and have become closer as a team.”

The trip has produced results on paper, too, as personal best times are being achieved on a regular basis. Swimmer Audrey Dalrymple, who set the school record in the 200-yard breaststroke, and diver Leish Boelunky, who set a season best on the 1-meter dive, have been performing especially well of late.

Daday hopes this will continue against Kalamazoo, against Olivet next week, and especially into the MIAA championships.

"I am confident everyone will work hard, have positive attitudes, and get pumped to finish the season successfully,” she said.

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ND Track & Field

Notre Dame ready to compete in two meets

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Irish track and field team is in for a busy few days this weekend, with two meets taking place in two different states.

The first, the Indiana Invitational, will take place in the Gladstein Fieldhouse in Bloomington, Indiana. Most of the team will compete at this Friday/Saturday event. Notre Dame is devoted mostly to preliminaries, with the women’s 60-meter hurdles heats starting things off at 3 p.m., followed by the field events with the weight throw and the long jump at 4 p.m. The finals will take place on Saturday morning, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the weight throw and the triple jump. At the same time, some Irish athletes will compete in Findlay, Ohio in the Findlay Invitational. The Irish are coming off an impressive performance at the Notre Dame Invitational where both the men and women defeated Michigan State, Marquette, and Wisconsin. Once again, a number of athletes achieved Big East qualifying marks, including junior Joanna Shultz and freshman Natalie Geliger with times of 24.42 and 24.96 in the 200-meter, freshmen Jordan Rincon and Alex Korenstra with times of 47.65 and 49.69 in the 400-meters, and brother Kevin and Matt Schiper in the pole vault.

Furthermore, senior Anna Weber’s throw of 19.07 meters achieved her not only a victory in the weight throw, but also an NCAA-provisional qualifying mark. She joins classmate Mary Saxer in the pole vault as the two athletes with NCAA marks.

In the Indiana Invitational, the Irish will compete against major programs such as Indiana, Michigan, and Purdue. The athletes going to the Findlay Invitation will face tough competitors from smaller, Division II schools such as the University of Toronto, the University of Findlay, and Ashland University.

The entire Irish team will return home next weekend for Meyo Invitational, which will feature Big Ten schools such as Iowa and Illinois and is the last home meet before the Big East Championships.

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The Irish struggled mightily against Rutgers on both ends of the court Tuesday night. Rutgers shot four straight free throws, the Irish were held scoreless until the 10:22 mark in the first half while the Scarlet Knights raced out to a 17-point lead. That trend was continued throughout the game, and the Irish could never find their way at either end.

As for the Cincinnati game, McGraw said she is more concerned with fixing the defense. "I think we can win scoring 60, but over the last few games it's been creeping up towards 70."

During Notre Dame's current funk, the Irish have allowed 75 to Marquette, 67 in the win over St. Johns, 55 to Villanova and 78 most recently against Rutgers.

The defense will not have any rest going into Saturday's game as it plays one of the most prolific offensive teams in the conference in the Bearcats. Cincinnati has already taken 411 shots from beyond the arc (making 129 of a .314 percentage), compared to only 77-for-226 for the Irish.

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The Irish hold a slight advantage over the Bearcats in height — the tallest players to receive significant minutes for Cincinnati this season are forwards Shaunna Jacques and Val Schuster. McGraw said that Cincinnati makes up for this lack of height with athleticism.

"I don't think [size] is going to be a factor because [the Cincinnati roster are so physical]," McGraw said. "They're a good match, they're strong, but they can also step back and shoot threes.

McGraw said she expects No. 15 senior guard Kiah Roudabush to be the Bearcats' most potent offensive weapon. Roudabush leads the team with 16 points, in addition to tallying 4.4 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game this season.

"Roudabush is a veteran, experienced player," McGraw said. "She'll step up and play well."

Cincinnati has also added talented freshman guard Shanaa Sanders, who is averaging 7.2 points (third best on the team) and 3.7 rebounds per game. Sanders was named the Big East Freshman of the Week on Jan. 19.

"There are a very different team than last year," McGraw said.

The Bearcats are nursing a two-game losing streak of their own, but that is nothing to take too seriously based on their recent opponents. McGraw said on Jan. 20 Cincinnati lost 66-50 at No. 6 Louisville and on Jan. 24 it lost 63-34 against top-ranked and undefeated Connecticut.

Tipoff Saturday is at 2 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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Bobby Bayliss said. "Neither [Tulsa], nor anyone else, has yet had the opportunity to prove us wrong."

The Irish have lost every dual match they have played against ranked teams so far this sea­son. Two of those losses — Jan. 16 against No. 14 Pepperdine and Wednesday's against No. 11 Florida State — were by a score of 4-3 that easily could have gone the other way.

"I am proud of the way we are fighting in these close matches and confident that if this continues it will result in wins," Bayliss said. "We are two breakers from being 3-1 with two top-15 wins, so we know we can play with most of the better teams in the coun­try."

Tulsa (5-1) brings two ranked singles players, including No. 10 Arnao Bragues. He will face senior Brett Helgeson, ranked 20th, in No. 1 singles.

"Bragues is one of the more talented players in college tennis, but we believe that [Helgeson] is also in that elite group," Bayliss said.

"Helgeson and Golden have also contribute to the depth and doubles cushion we have," Bayliss said. "We have one ranked pair, the No. 37 duo of Helgeson and sophomore Tyler Davis. "Tulsa has historically played great doubles and I expect that to be the case this season," Bayliss said. "The reason that they have no ranked teams is that they have several new players who have just arrived this semester and have no colle­ge record. Winning the dou­bles point will be a challenge for us."

The winner of the match between Notre Dame and Tulsa will go on to face the winner between No. 19 LSU and No. 21 Texas Tech. The losers of that match will play in a consolation bracket.

I have no preference as to whom we will play on Sunday," Bayliss said. "Both teams are very good and ranked much higher than we. For us it will simply be the fifth top-20 team we have faced in our six matches and another opportu­nity to prove ourselves."

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SMMC BASKETBALL

SMC to face Flying Dutch

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

For the Saint Mary's basket­ball team, this weekend's game arguably carries more weight than any other they have played up until this point.

With only six games left in the MIAA regular season, the Belles will travel to Holland, Mich., this Saturday for a con­ference match against the nationally-ranked Flying Dutch of Hope College. Since both teams are tied with MIAA best 9-1 conference records, the outcome of Saturday's conference will have major ramifications in determining which of the two will end the regular season as champions.

Fatigue could be an issue for Saint Mary's (11-7, 9-1), which, despite winning its last three games, is playing its fourth game in a row away from home. One of those games was a thrilling over­time win against Calvin Wednesday night (Hope 151-1, 9-1) is coming off of a 79-42 win against Alna last Wednesday.

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Marquette, they really guard­
ed me," McAlarney said. "It was really tough. I thought I had maybe two good looks all game.

McAlarney said he expects the added attention because teams figure that if he's going to succeed, the Irish if they are able to con­tain him.

"That's what I've earned, I guess. I'm expecting teams to kind of try and hang their hat on. We've got to shut down Kyle on the perimeter and that's been their plan," McAlarney said. "But I disagree with that because I think Ryan [Ayers] is going to go out, 'We've got to shut down Kyle on the perimeter and that's been their plan,'"

Ayers still shoots 42 percent from the field, a slumping like that isn't bound to have been. In Ayers's case, somebody must've stolen his shots at such a high percent­age (despite these last two games, Ayers still shoots 42 percent from the field), a slump that isn't bound to last long. Ayers said he iden­tified what he needs to fix with his shot.

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As for the third struggling senior, Hillesland, he knows he has it better basketball in him than what he's shown in Notre Dame's losing streak. In Notre Dame's last seven games, Hillesland has scored a combined 19 points. His mechanics are fine, it's just getting his legs underneath him and being more smooth. I felt like the rattling in and out means I need more of an arc on my shot," Ayers said.

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Across
1. Where to get a good view of a hit and run (6)
15. Gives last rites to, e.g. (5)
16. Lightly and quickly, in music (4)
17. Dr. Ruth, e.g. (8)
18. Prepare to ship (4, 1)
19. Member of the family extensa (7)
20. Pop superstar's informal name since 1997 (9)
22. Way to ... in the summer (4)
23. "Listen, man" band (4, 5)
25. They may be greased (9)
26. Chapter 137 (2)
27. Missouri relatives (7)

1. Baltimore (4)
2. Rassen messe (6)
3. Linear on a table (4)
4. At the head of the line (6)
5. It's unreal (4)
6. Has a 3:5 (4)
7. Acrobatics, say (6)
8. Standing standard with the lyric (4)
9. Can't see you (6)
10. 36% of a middle watch (6)
11. Crossword forbiddance (9)
12. Food similar to a banana (7)
13. Attractive to a driving booth (6)
14. Responded contemptuously (7)
15. Food parts, perhaps (7, 12)
16. Strong defenses (7)
17. Pretty poor chances (7)
18. Love letters? (5)
19. A leading manufacturer of cars (5)
20. Hydrocarbon cars (7)
21. Just off the bottom, numerically (9)
22. Sandy variety (5)
23. Anchor often fails (9)
24. Falcon-headed god (9)
25. A company whose slogan is "Home away from home" (9)
26. We reserve at a home store (9)
27. Weak (9)
28. Dark pad (9)
29. Didn't strike (9)
30. Move slowly (9)
31. Unknown quantity (9)
32. Wing of a book and film (9)
33. New Jersey shopping mecca (9)
34. Got married (6)
35. Food similar to a banana (7)
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jenny Lang, 21, Heather Graham, 38; Oprah Winfrey, 54; Tom Selleck, 63

Happy Birthday! This year you must nurture your home, family and financial situation and also find something to do that makes you happy. Try a hobby, a form of recreation that is different from the way you will do it. You will have contacts from outside the job market. This is an important situation that will affect you financially and career-wise. Good time for negotiation. You will have contacts from outside the job market. This is an important situation that will affect you financially and career-wise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get things going, especially if it will influence your work. You can't have anything to change or make anything for granted today. It is important to choose your words carefully when communicating about personal matters.

TWIN (May 21-June 20): You can make a life-changing, professional move. Look for the perfect position. This is the day to set yourself short but instead do the things that you really consider very important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can take files that you've no longer need to read at the end of the day. Concentrate on your form and will you will be big with someone you meet with the person you are currently engaged with. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can set your way to accept changes you will end up in a far better position by the end of the day. Concentrate on your form and will you will be big with someone you meet with the person you are currently engaged with. 5 stars

LION (July 23-Aug. 22): Today you may have to spell the house and go to the questions being asked. If you do, your environment will quicken again, you'll look hard and knock at the door, after at least 2 ears.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Go to the need to enjoy and have fun because there is a dream in you to participate in an enjoyable and entertaining moment. Make plans to do something special with your partner and attend an event where you can meet new persons if you are single. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't waste time trying to fix problems you have with family or the people you live with. Nothing will be achieved and arguments will lead to more trouble. Instead, get out and do something you enjoy and you'll meet new friends. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Nothing will go right at home if you are furious. Focus on working to make things work comfortably because there is the expense of getting along with someone you care about. Put your efforts into what will please the people who you can charm. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be feeling the U.S. annual budget you have a dream, you are going through it. Telling your present course is really what you want. A new direction will stall and it becomes very important to grow. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You get everyone's attention as you explain how you see things occurring. You may make great financial decisions that will help you money wise. You can clear debts, take care of any issues concerning loved ones or signs of concealed matters. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not be two-timeing someone who wants to help you. You are cut off from this cash. You are cut off from this cash if you don't. Your friends are finally the most important thing is and what is involved. A personal matter may continue if you do not ask the right questions. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Being optimistic will work against you but taking action or speaking your mind. If you can do the right things you will prove to be a leader. You have an impression that will lead to success. 5 stars

Birthday Party: You are a good friend and helper and will always do your best to please those around you. You will never stand by watching — you are an active participant.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Stuck in the Pitts
Cold-shooting Irish squad will try to get back on track against third-ranked Panthers

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

It’s been a four days since Notre Dame’s lost its fourth straight to Marquette on Monday, losses marked by the struggles of three of Notre Dame’s captains.

Four days can seem like an eternity when you’re struggling and that next chance to right yourself seems like it’ll never come. That day will finally arrive Saturday when Notre Dame (12-2, 3-5 Big East) travels to take on No. 3 Pittsburgh (18-2, 6-2).

First there’s Kyle McAlarney, who has shot 0-for-27 (22 percent) in Notre Dame’s (12-2, 3-5 Big East) last two games, we below his 43 percent average from the field for the season.

“I think against Connecticut, I had some great looks,” McAlarney said. “I think see PittT/page 22

Notre Dame guard Kyle McAlarney drives against Connecticut’s Kemba Walker during Connecticut’s 69-65 win Saturday, in which McAlarney scored nine points.

FENCING

No. 1 ranking on the line in Northwestern Dual meet

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Standing alone atop the mountain of fencing rankings is no easy task in the NCAA, but the Irish have the opportunity to do just that as they compete in the Northwestern Duals in Evanston, Illinois this weekend.

The men’s fencing team currently shares a first-place ranking with Penn State, while the second-ranked women trampled the Nittany Lions in the USFCA Coaches Poll.

“It will be the first encounter with them before we go for a national championship,” Irish fencing coach Janusz Bednarski said. “It will be interesting to see how strong we can compete against them. We will see.”

The Irish are coming off a hugely successful weekend at the St. John’s University Duals and the New York University Invitational, where the fencers competed without the help of Olympian Gerek Meinhardt. The combination of a talented cast of freshmen and sophomores and an experienced senior line helped the women’s team emerge with a record of 5-2 and the men’s squad a perfect 7-0.

According to Bednarski, luck played no part in the young teams’ successes early in the season.

“I think that there are several reasons for the success,” Bednarski said. “We work very hard during the fall, and there was a lot of enthusiasm from the new student-athletes. The creation of this atmosphere helped a lot because they were giving much more.”

Although the Irish find themselves pitted against Penn State for the title of undisputed No. 1, Notre Dame will also have to contend with some of the best teams in the country, Temple, Cleveland State, Johns Hopkins, North Carolina, Wayne State, and a bitter Ohio State are expected to be in attendance. The men’s team beat the Buckeyes last weekend, while the Irish women fell in a hard-fought battle.

“We will fence Ohio State once again because of NCAA competition, so they will try to get revenge,” Bednarski said.

But a victory over Penn State this weekend is no guarantee for the Irish to win a national championship. Because of newly instated NCAA regulations, the championships will limit the roster size from years past.

“We are a little bit more talented and we have a bigger bench than Penn State,” Bednarski said. “But it will play for them because their first two fencers are from the national team and are very good.”

Nevertheless, Bednarski believes the talented fencers have a great opportunity to make a statement this weekend if they can keep their focus.

“I think it will come down to the last minute of the last throw, the last bout.”

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Game key, but not ‘must-win’

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

Even though Notre Dame has lost three of its last four games — and most recently was embarrassed at home against Rutgers — Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she is reluctant to call Saturday’s game against Cincinnati a “must-win.”

“I think it’s important that we play better, at least execute the defense better,” she said. “I don’t want to call anything ‘must-win’ this early in the season, but certainly a win would be a welcome change. We just want to feel good about how we are playing.”

FOOTBALL

Former 49er Young officially joins staff

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Nothing seems to be going Notre Dame’s way lately, but the squad will try to change that this weekend.

The No. 32 Irish (11-3) will travel to Tulsa Saturday to take part in one of 15 ITA National Team Indoors Regional matches across the country.

Each regional has four of the nation’s top-60 teams, and the winner of each will advance to the ITA National Team Indoor Championships in Chicago.

The fourth-seeded Irish will begin play Saturday against No. 12 Iowa State, the top seed.

“This early in the season I doubt if anyone feels their ranking makes them a favorite or an underdog,” Irish coach Bill Dooley said. “We’re not just adding a future NCAA Hall of Famer to our program, we’re adding a Hall of Fame person.”

Young is replacing Patrick Kelly, who was an Irish staff for the past two seasons, but became the defensive line coach at the University of Toledo earlier in the month.

During his 1993 senior season, Young was named a team captain and elected to the first team All-American team.

“I’m very excited that Bryant has decided to return here to Notre Dame,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said on und.com.

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During his time with the Irish, Young led Notre Dame to an astounding 40-8-1 record over four years.