Game-day arrests decrease this season
Ad hoc committee established last year examined problems in stadium, on campus

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

The number of arrests on home football Saturdays has gone from 129 last year to approximately 30 this year after six home games.

Director of Game-Day Operations Mike Seamon said Game-Day initiatives have not changed the policy of Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP), but instead have led to a collaborative approach by the various groups working game days and made fans aware of the University's expectations for them. These two factors have helped lower the number of arrests, he said.

Fan furor over alleged abuses by police officers have lead to changes in the University's approach to game days, but Seamon said complaints of unruly fan conduct on campus have decreased.

"A lot of folks thought there was more disruptive behavior on campus than there should have been. A family came and the people around them in the parking lot or Stadium were being overly disruptive," he said. "Someone else's behavior was really offensive or was creating problems for the family."

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Andy Steves talks travel

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

After many years of travel experience in Europe, senior Andy Steves is using his knowledge to help other college students navigate their way around Europe while studying abroad.

As part of a International Education Week, a nation-wide initiative, Steves provided students with international travel tips Thursday night in the Joyce Center.

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Last pep rally set for Irish Green
Event was tentatively scheduled in Purcell Pavilion; students disappointed with change

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Writer

Although the last pep rally of the 2009 football season was tentatively scheduled to be held in the new Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center, it will be held today at Irish Green, Director of Game-Day Operations Mike Seamon said.

This decision has caused frustration and disappointment this week within student government and among members of the student body, student body president Grant Schmidt said.

"A lot of us are very frustrated that it’s not at Purcell Pavilion like we were told," Schmidt said.

"Some people might say that it’s just a pep rally, but I honestly believe that at Notre Dame it is a lot more," Seamon said.

Stadium were being overly disruptive," he said. "Someone else's behavior was really offensive or was creating problems for the family."

"I wanted to live in Chicago and I wanted to make a lot of money," she said.

But three years later, Glorioso changed her mind.

"The position didn’t matter ... the pay didn’t matter," she said.

Now vice president of Marketing Partnerships for MTV Networks, Glorioso will speak Friday about business in the entertainment industry.

The lecture is sponsored by the Notre Dame MBA Entertainment Club and will be at 10:30 a.m. in room 162 of the LaFortune Student Center.

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"Horse shows take up tons of time because they are always on weekends," but we love traveling together and bonding on the bus as a team," she said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Stop LaFun PDA

A terrible catastrophe has been plaguing Notre Dame for quite some time now, and no one is doing anything to stop it. No, this isn’t a column about Charlie Weis. I’m talking about something even worse. Obnoxious couples are taking over Notre Dame’s much-discussed hook-up culture to a whole new level and using the LaFortune Student Center as their own private spot to kiss, make out and cuddle nauseatingly.

I was first made aware of this horrifying phenomenon when I saw a couple kissing, practically horizontal, in the tiny one-bench booth across from Subway. Since then, I’ve seen people leaning across the table to kiss, getting up every five minutes to hug each other and — I am not making this up — a guy motorboating his girlfriend in the LaFun basement. This needs to stop. There are tons of people in LaFun actually trying to study, and unless Notre Dame suddenly made annoying me into a major, I really don’t think these couples are doing that. It’s not like I’m shocked when I see this behavior in other locations. Fever or Finny’s? I’d be more surprised if no one there was making out. Outside of a dorm right after parietals? Understandable. But seriously, in LaFortune?

I’m sure all the PDAers reading this are writing me off as a bitter girl who’s jealous because she doesn’t have a boyfriend. Okay, yeah, maybe I haven’t found my soulmate like you guys obviously have. But let me do, if I ever engage in gross PDA at LaFun, you have my permission to kill me on the spot.

I can’t even imagine that PDAing (yes, it’s a verb) in LaFun would be all that pleasant. You’re in a ridiculously crowded public place with people completely surrounding you. Many of them are probably making fun of you quietly to their friends. But maybe I just don’t know what I’m missing. So the next time you feel the urge to PDA in LaFortune, take these simple steps:

1. Ask the people around you if they would mind watching you kiss your significant other while they try to study or eat or whatever. I bet the results will be overwhelmingly negative. If not, maybe Notre Dame has bigger problems.

2. Try to study without succumbing to these urges. Maybe there really is more to a relationship than the physical stuff.

3. If your hormones do get the best of you, find an alternate location. Dorm room, lounge, bench, behind a bush, wherever. Just, please, not in LaFun. And if you’re really desperate, Charlie Weis’ office will probably be empty pretty soon. You could go there.

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IN BRIEF

Michael Holson, executive vice president and general counsel of Hewlett-Packard, will deliver a lecture today at 10:40 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture is part of the Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series. It is free and open to the public.

The Stadium tunnel will be open today from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for visitors to walk through. The Notre Dame women’s soccer team will play Oregon State in the third round of the NCAA Tournament tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Stadium. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356 or visit the athletic ticket office Web site.

The University Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds will perform their fall concert tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. For ticket information, call 574-631-2800.

The film “Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut” will play Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the Browning Center of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. It is a documentary film about the Notre Dame Bengal Beuts boxing team and their partnership with the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. A question and answer session with director William Donaruma will follow the screening. The event is free, but ticketed. To reserve a ticket, call 574-631-2800.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer.questions@gmail.com

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What are your plans for Thanksgiving?

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

OFFBEAT

Man accused of squeegee attack at gas station

CONWAY, Ark. — A man accused of using a squeegee to hit another man during a fight over who was first in line at a gas pump was due in court on charges. The man, Hector Chavez, 21, was to be arraigned Friday in Faulkner County Circuit Court on a second-degree battery charge.

A Conway police report said the victim told officers that he was waiting in line at a gas pump when Chavez cut in front of him. The victim — who was not identified — said he confronted Chavez with the squeegee and swung at him before Chavez took the squeegee and began beating him with it.

A phone listing could not be found for Chavez and it wasn’t clear whether he had an attorney.

Person in chicken suit disrupts city council meeting

DURANGO, Colo. — A person in a chicken costume ruffled the feathers of Durango’s city council as its members discussed rules for backyard fowl. At a council meeting Tuesday, someone in a chicken costume quietly entered the council chambers just as the mayor was discussing a recently-passed backyard hen ordinance. The costumed chicken took a few turns, flapped its arms, then took a seat in the nearly empty gallery.

Several minutes later, the big bird left — without identifying itself — after laying an egg on the floor. Council members told The Durango Herald they were perplexed by the costumed chicken but found the visit humorous. The council voted 3-2 earlier this month to make it easier to keep backyard chickens.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Farley Hall prepares for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday by displaying an inflatable turkey decoration over the front entrance to the dorm.

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WEATHER
Students look for last home win despite recent losses

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Though storms brew around the future of the football program and signs of winter weather hit campus this week, students say they will be ready to prove they are not fair-weather fans when Notre Dame takes on Connecticut Saturday.

“I think the team is going to want to reestablish themselves for the last home game,” sophomore Katie Carter said.

Carter predicted Saturday’s game will be close but said she thinks the Irish will pull out a win.

“It is going to be close, like every other game this season,” she said. “But with all the debate and controversy, I think they are going to be pumped up about it, and try to restore the faith in the team.”

Carter said she expects cold weather for the game, but that the weather will not dampen her enthusiasm.

“I’m dreading the cold, but I’m excited for everything that goes along with home football games — all the people and the festivities,” she said.

Sophomore Maya Thode also said the cold weather will not deter her from attending the game, but she hopes she will not have to watch Notre Dame lose the overtime.

“I don’t want to wait in vain for the last home game,” Thode said. “I think we can win. We just have to get it together, not just as a team but as a fan base.”

Junior Patrick Toole said he is especially rooting for an Irish win because he has friends who go to school at Connecticut.

“I’m from Connecticut so if we lose I’ll get lots of crap,” he said.

Though Toole said he was concerned about Jimmy Clausen’s ability to play in a cold weather game, he thinks the Irish will end the home season on a high note.

“I think we can win. It’s going to be a good game,” he said.

Junior Tim Castellini said he anticipates a win because the seniors will be excited for their last home game.

“I’m expecting a big win because Connecticut isn’t that good and it’s the seniors’ last home game so there is a lot of hype going into it for them,” he said.

Castellini said the team’s two recent losses and the controversy over Charlie Weis’ position as head coach will not have a negative affect on the game.

“I think they still look at it as just another week to take care of business,” he said.

Toole also said he does not think Saturday’s game will affect the fate of the team or the coaching staff.

“They’ve probably already decided [about Weis’ job],” he said. “If they lose, Charlie’s gone. But I think he’s already gone and Jimmy’s foot is already out the door. If they lose, it could be a nail in the coffin,” he said.

Thode said the atmosphere on campus has been quiet this week.

“I haven’t really felt anything yet. I haven’t felt as much anticipation as I feel there should be,” she said.

Sophomore Kathryn Austin also agreed.

“I think campus is sort of dis-appointed,” she said. “But I don’t think Notre Dame fans are really known for being fair weather fans so I think the student section will show up.”

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Once a Saint Mary's woman, always a Saint Mary's woman

Sr. Miriam Eckenrode discusses life when she was a student at Saint Mary's, reflects on experiences as a Sister of the Holy Cross

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Behind Holy Cross Hall, at the end of the Avenue, is the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Sr. Miriam Eckenrode is one of the retired sisters living at Saint Mary's, where her own college days were spent.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross are the founders of Saint Mary's College and operate the order out of their headquarters on campus. Sr. Miriam lives on a floor of the convent that resembles a hospital or a nursing home, which houses the older retired sisters. She is in a wheelchair, and very frail but still has a vivacious spirit.

Sr. Miriam was born on January 30, 1913 in Lancaster, Pa. and is one of six children. As a little girl in Pennsylvania, she attended a local parochial school and then an Academy run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

“In the third grade my mom saw me in my hair, and said no to going to Sacred Heart Academy run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross,” Sr. Miriam said. “So I went to Sacred Heart Academy when I graduated from high school.” After graduation her plans of becoming a nun were put on the back burner but not entirely out of her mind.

“When I was in school we never had any contact with the young sisters. It would have been a wonderful opportunity,” Sr. Miriam said.

After college, Sr. Miriam was offered a teaching position at a private school in Washington D.C. She went to the Academy of the Holy Cross to teach English, French and coach basketball. It was during her time at the Academy of the Holy Cross that her interest in becoming a nun was rekindled.

“That year as a lay teacher I noticed how contented [the sisters] always spoke so highly of it,” Sr. Miriam said. “1936, that very summer I went to the Academy of the Holy Cross during their relocation, which was the principal of the Academy of the Holy Cross to teach English and French. It was during the time of racial integration in the late 1960’s and was the principal of the Academy of the Holy Cross during their relocation, which she describes as one of her favorite experiences. With a young, excited staff they taught the new freshman class and started a school paper.

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Sr. Miriam also taught and acted as principle in the Boston area for five years and spent time in Austin, Texas and Norfolk, Va. In 1973, she requested to go back to Washington D.C, a “real sister” to teach high school, which was her passion.

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“I never was a good disciplinarian,” she said. “I never was a good disciplinarian.”

Sr. Miriam offered her services reading on a radio station for the blind, teaching older people how to read and running activities at the county home.

“My work at the county home was one of the greatest experiences I ever had. I loved the people and was able to entertain them,” she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexico City improves transit
MEXICO CITY — Cash-strapped Mexico City is pressing ahead with new bus lines and bike lanes in 2010, buoyed by prestige for a world-class transit system that has reduced pollution in one of the globe’s largest cities.

“We hope that this will inspire other cities around the world to embrace environmentally sustainable programs,” said Mauro moro, who wrote the book University this week to accept the Royal Family Award for Environmental Partnership for the city’s 4-year-old Metrobus system.

Muslims seek U.N. blasphemy ban
GENEVA — Four years after cartoons of the prophet Muhammad set off violent protests across the Muslim world, Islamic nations are meeting in Geneva this week to discuss creating an international treaty to protect religious symbols and beliefs from mockery — essentially a ban on blasphemy that would put them on the same offense scale with free speech laws in the West.

Documents obtained by The Associated Press show that Algeria and Pakistan have taken the lead in lobbying to eventually bring their proposals to a vote in the U.N. General Assembly.

If ratified in countries that endorse freedom of expression as a fundamental right, such a treaty would require them to limit free speech if it risks seriously offending religious believers. The process, though, will take years and no showdown is imminent.

LOCAL NEWS

Corrections employees arrested
NEW CASTLE, Ind. — Two New Castle police officers have been charged with official misconduct and gross neglect of duty.

Police Lt. Jim Heffernan, 39, and Patrolman Matthew Patterson, 38, were suspended without pay after their arrests Wednesday.

Henry County Community Corrections Director Doug Sheets, 57, of Centerville was also charged.

BELGIUM

Belgian-British duo to lead EU

Members select little-known Van Rompuy, Ashton from candidates for top jobs

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — After years of effort the European Union named its first full-time president and powerful foreign policy chief on Thursday — but handed the jobs to two little-known compromise figures instead of global heavy hitters.

The choice by national leaders behind closed doors broke a stalemate in closed-door talks often pained negotiations intended to give Europe a voice on the world stage and commensurate with its economic heft. That hope was apparently dashed by a desire for consensus instead of a potentially divisive figure who could have overshadowed leaders of nations such as France and Germany.

Belgian Premier Herman Van Rompuy (vaht rohm-PYO) — a soft-spoken tech-nocrat who shuns the public eye and has written haikus about European unity — will be the EU’s new president. EU Trade Commissioner Catherine Ashton of Britain, recognized by few in her home country and never elected to public office, was named foreign policy chief.

Van Rompuy and Ashton are meant to give the EU a bigger role on issues such as climate change, terrorism and trade amid the rise of China, Brazil and India. They were chosen from about 10 candidates, some, such as former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, hoping for more eye-catching back- grounds.

Britain’s Labour govern-ment pushed for Blair but France and Germany scotched him and smaller EU nations lauded the idea largely because of his strong support for the Iraq war, a position that angered many Europeans.

The compromise choice of two low-profile figures is “too much” and “sends a bad signal” to Europe’s trade partners, said Marco Incerti, an analyst at the European Policy Studies, a Brussels-based think tank.

“My people in Europe have never even heard of Herman Van Rompuy or Catherine Ashton, yet here they are to represent us in the global arena. Surely Europe can do better than this,” said Lorraine Mulally, director of Open Europe, a British group skeptical of European integration.

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Three waves. Roll into port together. The trio is home,” read the poem, whose subject matter was policy cooperation among Belgium, Spain and Hungary in 2010.

Van Rompuy pledged to be “discreet” in his new job, which will entail organizing the EU’s four or five annual summits and liaise between the EU leaders. He said cli- mate change and Europe’s high unemployment will be key concerns in the years ahead.

Ashton, 53, has barely caused a ripple during her year as EU trade chief and has little foreign experience. She signed a trade pact with South Korea, worked to revive the stalled global negotiations at the World Trade Organization and confronted trade relations with the U.S. after President George W. Bush left office.

She defended her limited international experience and said she was proud that the powerful new post had gone to a woman. The job com-bines two existing ones, giv- ing her more powers than current foreign policy chief Javier Solana. She must still be approved by the European Parliament and will take office next year.

“I am an ego on legs? No. I am not,” she said. “Judge me on what I do and I think you’ll be pleased and you’ll be proud of me.”

The EU president and foreign minister posts were created by an EU reform treaty that takes effect Dec. 1. It is vague on what the EU president is supposed to do, other than encourage more European integration.

UCLA student fees increased despite protests

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The governing board of the University of California approved a $2.50 student fee increase Thursday after two days of tense cam- pus protests across the state.

The 32 percent increase will push the cost of an undergraduate education at California’s premier public schools to over $10,000 a year by fall next year, triple the cost of a decade ago. The fees, the equivalent of tuition, do not include the cost of housing, board and books.

The vote by the Board of Regents in a windowless University of California, Los Angeles, meeting room took place as the drone of protesters could be heard from a plaza outside.

For a second day the room was closed to visitors, after the meeting was repeatedly disrupted by demonstrators’ outbursts.

Hundreds of students and union members gathered at the arched door- ways of the building, waving signs, pounding drums and chanting “We’re fired up, can’t take it no more” and “Shame on you.”

Armed police in riot gear lined up behind steel barricades, watching over scores of protesters. Some police carried beanbag-firing shotguns. Authorities said there was one arrest.

Board members pointed out that stu- dents from households with incomes below $70,000 would be shielded from the fee increase, and financial aid would help others defray the higher cost. But that did little to ease the mood on campus, where some students won- dered if they could afford the jump or quáte for more borrowing.

Ayanna Moody, a second-year prelaw student, said she feared she might have to attend a community college next year.

“I worked so hard to be at one of the most prestigious universities. To have to go back, it’s very depressing,” she said. Administrators “already cut out a lot of our majors and programs. I’d rather they cut some of their salaries.”

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Compiled from The Observer’s wire services
SAB plans ‘Ugly Truth’ movie night

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Need a study break? Ever want to see "The Ugly Truth?" The Student Activities Board (SAB) at Saint Mary's College hopes to remedy these problems by hosting a movie night Sunday.

"SAB likes to provide students with activities and events that give them a time out from homework and studying. Also, movies are one of our most attended events," said senior Michelle Peterson, SAB president.

The movie will be shown in Carroll Auditorium in Madeleva Hall at the College.

This is our first time showing a movie here," Peterson said. "Since we have had issues in the past with an overview of people seeing the movie, we figured a large space could work better."

Peterson said she’s excited for the event.

"It’s always great to see the students of Saint Mary’s taking a break from their studies and just enjoying themselves," she said. "We all put in a lot of time and effort into our studies, and defini-
tely deserve a fun break once in a while."

Movie night is not all that SAB plans to show another movie, but they haven’t decided which one they will show.

Another event the board has planned for December is gingerbread house decorating. Students will join up in teams to adorn a gingerbread house for a prize.

"This year, we are hoping to have the Alumnae Association of South Bend join us for this event," Peterson said.

In the spring, SAB plans on hosting four to five additional movie nights, with one outdoors, weather permitting. Another event that is in the works is a small charity concert benefiting Belles for Africa.

Peterson said the main focus of the spring is the Annual SMC Tostal, an event that consists of a concert and a variety of other “fun activities during the day.”

"SAB has been given a budget that allows us to provide almost all of our events to the students for free. We want to utilize our resources and plan as many events as possible so that students have things to do on campus," Peterson said.

The event is free and open to students from Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross College and Notre Dame. Show times are 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. The event is not ticketed.

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Sociology professor presents discussion paper on minority home ownership

Special to The Observer

On Nov. 20, 1962, President Kennedy signed an executive order prohibiting federally-funded housing agencies from denying mortgages on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin. According to University of Notre Dame sociologist Richard Williams, the dramatic improvement of American family housing security thus begun is now jeopardized both by the current economic crisis and misconceptions of what caused it.

Williams marked the 47th anniversary of President Kennedy’s Executive Order 11063 by presenting a discussion paper titled “One Stroke of the Pen” to the Council on Contemporary Families, a national association of family scholars, mental health and social work practitioners, and clinicians.

In 2005, Williams observed, 56.2 percent of Hispanics and 49.4 percent of blacks owned their own homes. While well below the 76.1 percent home ownership rates for non-Hispanic whites, these rates indicated impressive progress for those historically disadvantaged groups. Williams attributed much of that progress “to heightened use of the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), which encouraged depository institutions to meet the needs of borrowers in all segments of their communities consistent with safe and sound banking practices.”

Acknowledging critics who blame the collapse of the housing market on CRA and other government efforts to promote minority home ownership, Williams argues that “it was not government regulation that paved the way for the current crisis in housing, but government deregulation, which increased the range of products and services that banks and other financial institutions could offer, eliminated interest rate ceilings, and greatly expanded the geographical areas in which individual companies could operate. As a result, the banking industry became far more competitive, attracting new investors, speculators, and financial institutions. There were some positive results of such competition, of course, but there were also some very negative ones. The proportion of loans that were subject to the requirements of the CRA and other regulatory safeguards decreased.”

Assessing the severity of current threats to family housing security, Williams concludes that “it would be tragic if the economic problems caused by irresponsible lending practices caused us to abandon efforts to end discrimination against minorities and to increase residential security for all Americans. New home ownership can still be encouraged by fair interest rates and by programs designed to help people manage their finances. For those who cannot or should not become homeowners, the provision of quality affordable rental housing should be a top priority. Children, families, and communities all fare better when neighborhoods have a stable core of residents who take pride in their homes and have hope for their future.”
**Market Recap**

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**Commodities**

- **Light Crude (SP/B)**: $72.74
- **Gold ($/Oz)**: $1,410.42
- **Pork Bellies (pounds)**: $87.08

**Exchange Rates**

- **Yen**: 89.095
- **Euro**: 1.4893
- **Canadian Dollar**: 1.0651
- **British Pound**: 1.6633

**In Brief**

**Atlantic City, N.J.** — America’s first casino to open outside Nevada got permission Thursday to hand itself over to its lenders because it can’t pay the mortgage.

Resorts Atlantic City hammered out a deal with its lenders to let them own the casino in return for canceling nearly $181 million in debt. The lenders, including Wells Fargo, have formed a new corporation called BAC Atlantic City LLC, which will be led by the state Casino Control Commission as the casino’s new owner with a one-year license.

The casino, Atlantic City’s 31-year history of casino gambling, would be closed in 10 days of November, another sign that the economic recovery is beginning a slow recovery from recession.

**J.C. Penney hopeful in recession**

Department store CEO sees opportunity for growth in overall economic downturn

Mike Ullman, Chairman and CEO of J.C. Penney, rides a Segway through a New York store in October. Ullman predicts good news for the company despite recession.

**Gold edges up as commodities drop**

NEW YORK — Gold and silver recovered from early losses Thursday, but other commodities fell as the dollar strengthened.

Investors sought safety in the U.S. currency Thursday, sending the dollar higher while selling other commodities like copper and oil following a barrage of weak economic data.

Among the day’s disappointing economic news was a report from the Mortgage Bankers Association showing a surge in home foreclosures during the third quarter. The latest report from the Labor Department indicated that the economy is still losing jobs.

The ICE Futures US dollar index, a measure of the dollar against other currencies, rose 0.3 percent in afternoon trading. The dollar has been on a generally downward trajectory since March as U.S. interest rates remain at record lows.

December copper futures shed 2.90 cents to $3.106 a pound as the dollar rose, while oil prices tumbled nearly 3 percent, losing $2.12 to $77.46 a barrel. A stronger dollar makes commodities more expensive to foreign buyers.

Gold and silver managed to hold on to most of their recent gains, a bullish sign for the metals, which have been on a nearly unbroken climb over the past few months. Gold is seen as an alternative investment to the U.S. currency and a hedge against inflation.

Gold futures edged up 70 cents to settle at $1,141.90 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Earlier, the December contract fell as low as $1,130 an ounce.

December silver also rebounded, rising 4 cents to $18.455 an ounce, after dropping as much as 26.5 cents earlier in the session.

Investors have been buying up commodities for much of this year on the belief that the economic recovery was under way and that demand for basic goods and materials would pick up. As investors’ risk appetite grew, the dollar weakened.

However, some investors have begun to question just how much more the commodity rally has to go, considering that evidence continues to suggest the economy’s recovery will be slow.
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inside.

Once that got moved outside and we saw that there was going to be good weather this weekend we decided to have the pep rally outside."  

Notre Dame Leprechaun Dan Collins said he encourages stu- dents to come to the last pep rally of the season at Irish Green, especially to show support for the sen- ior football players.

The rallies for the home opener and Michigan and SC were all really successful because the stu- dents showed up and their spirit really drives the pep rallies," he said. "To honor the seniors would be a good way to show solidarity between all the students and cele- brate the Notre Dame spirit, so I encourage them to do that."  

Schmidt said when he learned of the location of the pep rally earlier this week, he expressed his con- cern and disappointment in an e- mail to Seamon.

"You ask any student, and a pep rally is a key tradition that we’ve had," he said. "But I can tell you that unfortunately, according to what students have told me, is that there will not be a big student response to the Irish Green."  

Seamon said Irish Green has been a positive atmosphere for pep rallies this season.

"We feel it’s been a really good place," Seamon said. "We’ve had all kinds of rallies. It seems to me, we’ve felt it’s a good spot and the team feels it’s a good spot so we’re all on board with it so we hope the stu- dents come out and support the seniors."  

Schmidt said Seamon and GameDay Operations have made many positive changes this season, such as improving relationships between fans, ushers and police and fans walking through the tunnel on Friday afternoons before the game.

"But I think the pep rallies are another huge part of it and I think they really have faded this year in the eyes of the students," he said. "My job as student body president is to be concerned with what the students want."  

Schmidt said the location of the pep rally is not ultimately in his control.

"At some point we can only do so much," he said. "I at least want to make it clear that we were frus- trated with the fact that it’s not at Purcell Pavilion."  

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"We were anxious to actually fill the role of other HPC co-chairs before us," he said. "It’s kind of sad that we weren’t able to do it, but it’s out of our hands."  

Many of the hall presidents were disappointed to learn that the pep rally would be at Irish Green because they had been looking forward to returning to the Joyce Center, especially because the freshman have never experienced that setting, McQuerey said.

Schmidt said the concern over the location of the pep rally stems from the fact that pep rallies are important to the Notre Dame stu- dent body.

"That’s so unique about Notre Dame is the team is integrated in the student body, and so to me the pep rally is the last opportunity to send off the players into the week- end," he said. "I think it’s just the overall fact that we’re worried that we could be losing a tradition that we want to make sure we keep."  

Seamon said specifics of the rally at Irish Green will be left up to the football team. The band will enter Irish Green at 6:15 p.m. followed by the team at 6:30 p.m., and the rally will last until 7 p.m. this evening.

"I think that Irish Green has allowed us to adapt to this season, and we’re looking forward to it this Friday," he said. "I think it will be a good weekend. The weather’s supposed to be decent and I think [the team is] looking forward to it."  

In addition to the pep rally, Collins said it is important to show support for the football seniors when they are honored at the start of Saturday’s game.

"The seniors will be honored before the football game during the pre-game ceremony so I would encourage the students to get to the game on time so they can honor the seniors before it starts as well," he said.

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The team will participate in a competition at Saint Mary of the Woods College in Terre Haute, Ind., this weekend against schools such as Purdue University, University of Illinois, Indiana University and University of Michigan.

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The team, started in 1987, is one of two schools to be part of Regional and National competitions. The team has had two riders qualify for National and Regional com- petitions and won the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association show last year.

The team has had two good fin- ishes at shows already this year, and we think we can do better this year," said Schmidt.

"A rider at an Intercollegiate Horse Show Association show might draw a horse that is easy and straightforward to ride, but much of the time, the rider and horse may not get along right away, so making the best of the situation is the challenge. It is fun meeting riders from other schools at each show," she said.

The team’s members all come from differ- ent experi- ence levels, from novice to experienced, General said.

"Riders compete against others who have similar ability. The classes themselves are judged on the technical and individual awards are pre- sented, but each rider con- tributes to the team’s points for each show."

General said the team has high hopes for the rest of the season.

"In the past few years, Notre Dame Equestrian has had riders qualifying for Regional and National com- petitions and we’d love to get back there this year if not next," General said. "The team has had two good fin- ishes at shows already this year, and we think we can still improve."

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“Our mission is to provide a well-rounded picture of a particular destination,” Steves said on his travel Web site. “Your time is valuable and I think you should know if you’ll like a place before you book your tickets and commit to it.”

In addition to his experiences while studying abroad, Steves has traveled with his family each of the 22 years of his life, meeting his dad on location during the summer months and more recently working as a tour guide throughout Europe.

“Traveling with my dad was always an interesting experience,” Steves said. “Everything was always theatrical for him and he would push the boundaries as far as he could.”

While drawing on his own travel experiences, Steves also incorporates fellow students’ insights about European destinations to help create collaborative itineraries that highlight the best of each featured city.

“I haven’t been to all the places I have itineraries for, but lots of friends have helped contribute,” Steves said. “The response has been great and I have compiled different opinions.”

“Because money is often one of the main concerns for college students studying abroad, Steves’ itineraries give suggestions for efficient and affordable ways to travel Europe on a small budget.

“One of the great things about traveling on a lower budget is that you have incredible freedom,” Steves said.

“Some of the best traveling experiences out there are the ones you can’t plan.”

While the itineraries provide directions for successful, inexpensive weekend trips or weeklong excursions, Steves encouraged students to be open to new cultural experiences, leaving behind American preconceptions about new places.

“Cultural interchange is so priceless, you have to give it a shot,” Steves said. “Once you show them the respect of trying to learn something about them, you have an instant friend.”

Steves also emphasized the importance of exploring places outside the guidebooks in order to better understand the city and its residents.

“Go down a side alley and try to find the unique, local spots — the mom and pop shops,” Steves said. “You’ll have a better experience.”

More travel tips can be found on Steves’ Web site at andysteves.com.

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lished an ad hoc committee last October to review football weekend safety and security protocol. One of the outcomes of the committee was to appoint Seamon to his current position as part of the implementation of the recommended changes.

This year’s revamped approach, which Seamon said has received positive feedback, is focused on improving coordination among the different groups — police officers, ushering, parking attendants and hospitality ambassadors — employed to run game days. Seamon described the “team building exercise” of bringing these groups together over the summer.

“Right after Commencement, it was just a series of meetings with all these different groups on campus to discuss what [Jenkins] outlined,” he said.

Asked whether NDSP has changed its policy, Seamon said, “same number of police, same structure.”

“I think it’s just working on a more unified front that allows us to be more strategic about how we’re doing it,” he said.

He said fans have improved their behavior in response to the University publicizing expectations for them.

“I would say one thing that has been a pleasant surprise for us is fans … when we stated what we expected of them and they responded,” Seamon said. “The Notre Dame faithful are the same fans who have responded in a very positive manner. When we stated our expectations, guidelines on fan behavior and handle any complaints on fan behavior according- ly, people understand that.”

Seamon said the results of other Game Day initiatives have been positive, pointing out enthusiastic fan reactions to the public parking option on the nine-hole Notre Dame Golf Course, the opening the Student Center to the public on Friday afternoons and the pep rally featuring the Notre Dame Fighting Irish at the Hospital- ity Village Irish Green.

No additional feedback about the new Game Day initiatives has complimented the welcoming atmosphere on campus.

“How we treat everyone, regardless of whether they are the opponent, if we can impress even our opponents, if they can even feel welcomed on campus, I think that’s a good testament that we’re making some good progress.”

The new text messaging system for safety concerns has been particularly successful, Seamon said.

“Text message started last year in the NLI. We’ve heard from the company that did it. We’ve had people text us who’ve had medical problems,” he said. “Now our other schools are starting to come to us and ask us how we do this. They’re asking us about it.”

Seamon said Gameday Operations is looking to the future.

“I want to continue to improve the communication between the administration and our fan base.”

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Mote MTV’s Rock Band game and the critically acclaimed The Beatles: Rock Band.

Glorioso was not always head- ed towards the entertainment industry, but as a Notre Dame undergraduate she was a stu- dent manager of the football team and management of the students’ men’s lacrosse team.

“I knew I had an interest in sports marketing but that’s not what I did,” said Glorioso. “[Notre Dame as an undergrad,] Glorioso said.

Glorioso joined Viacom/MTV Networks in 2003 and was pro- moted to her current position in 2008.

She said students should fol- low their passions because “in the end, it all kind of works out.

“If you can sacrifice when you’re young and work hard, ultimately you’ll be rewarded,” she said.

Glorioso’s job as vice president of Marketing Partnerships for MTV Networks includes meeting with the developers of different games and discussing how to market them, meeting with media outlets and working with a community of fans to build grassroots marketing. She also works with major retailers like Walmart, Target and Best Buy to develop large promotions.

Recently, Glorioso has worked on a number of promotions for Rock Band that have included partnerships with Pepsi, Harrah’s and Energizer.

“We encouraged Rock Band bands to produce a music video … 650 videos were submitted and we nominated five … the one that won was from a group of college students … they came to the awards show and we ran a 30 second vignette showing the band and their music video,” Glorioso said.

The main objective of the Rock Band promotions is to give people who cannot play a music- al instrument the chance to see what it’s like to experience the feeling of playing live music,” she said. “We see that [with Rock Band] people can be in a band in a way they didn’t know they could.”

Even with her busy schedule, Glorioso keeps in touch with the Notre Dame community and is a founding member of Notre Dame’s iNDustry Alliance. She formed iNDustry Alliance in 2007 along with another Notre Dame alumnus to build networking among Notre Dame alumni in the entertain- ment industry.

“Obviously, Notre Dame has a lot of different [alumni] clubs based on your interests … but there hadn’t been, at the time, a list of groups based on career track or industry … I thought wow it would be great to net- work in the entertainment industry with [other Notre Dame] alumni,” she said.

Glorioso said the network’s focus is “to bring together alum- ni with a shared career path.”

“The entertainment industry is very much about networking,” Glorioso said. “Fans have even sent personal letters explaining how Rock Band has renewed their relationships with family members.

“Making a difference of course brings joy to people’s lives,” Glorioso said.

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Oprah to end talk show and begin own cable channel

Associated Press

CHICAGO — “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” an iconic broadcast that grew from a local Chicago talk show into the foundation of a multibillion dollar media empire, will end its run in 2011 after 25 seasons on the air. Winfrey’s production company said Thursday night.

Winfrey, who became one of the most powerful women in entertainment from a seat on the couch of her set in Chicago’s West Loop neighborhood, plans to announce the final date for her show during a live broadcast on Friday. Harpo Productions Inc. said.

A Harpo spokeswoman declined to comment Thursday on Winfrey’s future plans except to say that “The Oprah Winfrey Show” will not be transferred to cable television.

Winfrey is widely expected to begin her own cable channel and her talk show went into syndication, rising to become one of the most successful in the history of broadcasting.

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — A group of volunteer Santa Claus “elves” in Alaska’s frigid interior is determined to save a popular holiday letter service featuring the North Pole’s most beloved icon.

The group is looking to counter a decision by the U.S. Postal Service to discontinue a program begun in 1954 in the small town of North Pole, where volunteers open and respond to thousands of letters addressed to “Santa Claus, North Pole” each year.

Gabby Gaborik, chief elf among several dozen volunteers, said he met with Postal Service officials this week to come up with an alternative.

He’s now working with local government officials to get “101 Santa Claus Lane” as an address for his group, Santa’s Mailbag. That way children will have a specific destination for their letters, allowing volunteers to run their own program and bypass stringent new rules implemented by the Postal Service after security issues arose in a similar program in Maryland last year.

Gaborik believes his town’s name gives the local effort more cachet than other destinations.

The city was founded on the Christmas theme,” he said Thursday. “This is our identity. This is North Pole, Alaska.”

The North Pole program was stymied by a tighter process put in place nationwide by the Postal Service after a postal worker in Maryland recognized a volunteer with the agency’s Operation Santa program as a registered sex offender. The worker intervened before the individual could answer a child’s letter, but the agency viewed the scare as a reason to tighten security.
SAUDI ARABIA

Web spreads al-Qaida’s message in English

Associated Press

RIYADH — Increasing numbers of English-language Web sites are spreading al-Qaida’s message to Muslims in the West.

They translate writings and sermons once largely out of reach of English readers and often feature charismatic clerics like Anwar al-Awlaki, who exchanged dozens of e-mails with the Army psychiatrist accused of the Fort Hood shootings.

The U.S.-born al-Awlaki has been an inspiration to several militants arrested in the United States and Canada in recent years, with his Web-based sermons often turning up on their computers.

―The point is you don’t have to be an official part of al-Qaida to spread hatred and sectarian views,‖ said Evan Kohlmann, a senior investigator for the New York-based NEFA Foundation, which researches Islamic militants.

―If you look at the most influential documents in terms of homegrown terrorism cases, it’s not training manuals on building bombs,‖ Kohlmann said. ―The most influential documents are the ones that are written by the theological advisers, some of whom are not even official al-Qaida members.‖

Most of the radical Islamic sites are not run or directed by al-Qaida, but they provide a powerful tool for recruiting sympathetic to its cause of jihad, or holy war, against the United States, experts who track the activity said.

VATICAN

Restoration of 6th-century reliquary cross unveiled

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — One of the gems of the Vatican’s priceless religious art collection — a 6th-century reliquary containing what is revered as fragments of the cross on which Jesus was crucified — has been restored to its Byzantine-era glory.

The Vatican on Thursday unveiled the restored Crucifix Vatianae, a foot-high (40-centimeter) jewel-encrusted gold cross containing what tradition holds are shards of Jesus’ cross inside.

The Associated Press was given an early look at the piece, and Byzantine art experts said the restoration rendered the cross much closer to what it would have looked like at the time the Byzantine Emperor Justin II gave it to the people of Rome.

Most significantly, the restoration corrected a 19th-century restoration that threatened to corrode the piece. And it replaced the brightly colored gems that were added in previous centuries with the large, imperfect pearls that are emblematic of Byzantine-era imperial masterpieces, said restorer Santo Guido.

A circle of 12 pearls now surrounds the relic, and pearls around the cross’ edge now alternate with emeralds and sapphires — the two other gems most often associated with Byzantine emperors, he said.

While there are purported fragments of Christ’s cross in churches around the world — including at Paris’ Notre Dame and even across town at Rome’s Holy Cross basilica, the Vatican, which considers the oldest reliquary of the cross on the cross to be the one in the Vatican’s Exemplary of St. Peter’s collection of religious and historic artifacts.

In addition to the relic inside, the cross itself is an important piece of early Christian art. Measuring 40 centimeters by 31 centimeters (15.75 inches by 12.1 inches), the Crucifix Vatianae features, of an imperial gift and an expression of the emperor’s Christian faith. Across the piece is written in Latin: “With the wood with which Christ conquered man’s enemy, Justin gives his help to Rome and his will to representation.”

“It’s the most important reliquary of the ‘true cross’ that we have,” Guido told the AP. “It’s particularly important because it’s the only reliquary that came from an emperor and it has various levels of religious and historic significances.”

For centuries, the cross was used in the Vatican’s most solemn ceremonies at Christmas and Easter. But 1,500 years of candle wax and smoke had dulled the gems and the cross’ warm golden hue — grim that has been removed following a two-year restoration.

The work was paid for by an anonymous donor who didn’t want the privilege to be made public, officials said.

Joli Kalavrezou, a Byzantine art history professor at Harvard University who has taught classes on the cross, said the restoration clearly rendered the cross closer to what it would’ve looked like when it was presented to Romans sometime between 565-578.

“I can’t say it’s exactly as it would’ve been, but it comes much closer to what that would’ve looked like,‖ she said in a phone interview.

The exact circumstances of why Justin gave Rome the relic are unclear. Guido noted that even the Byzantine Empire gained prominence in Constantinople after the 476 fall of the Roman Empire, Rome remained a religious capital because it was the “city of martyrs” — where Saints Peter and Paul are buried.

Emperor Justin clearly wanted to give the pope and people of Rome “a recognition of Rome as a city of Christianity,” Guido said. At the time, most parts of Christ’s cross were in the hands of the Byzantine emperor in Constantinople after being moved from Jerusalem in the 4th century, Kalavrezou noted.

The cross is one of the earliest examples of this imperial gift, where he (Justin) shows the power he has in his hands — to control the most important relic in Christiandom and to have the luxury to give the pope and people of Rome a gift that was very precious to him,” she said from Washington, where she is a visiting scholar at the Dumbarton Oaks Byzantine research library.

The cross will be on public display inside St. Peter’s Basilica through April 12.

UNITED NATIONS

UNICEF issues report on deprived children

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — UNICEF urged the world to help the 1 billion children still deprived of food, shelter, clean water or health care — and the hundreds of millions more threatened by violence — two decades after the U.N. adopted a treaty guaranteeing children’s rights.

On the eve of the anniversary, the U.N. children’s agency issued a report Thursday on the challenges ahead and the accomplishments since the U.N. General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

UNICEF Executive Director Ann Veneman called a sharp moment,” Veneman told a news conference launching the report. “This relevance remains time- less. The challenge for the next 20 years is to build on the progress already gained together to reach those children still in need who have the right to survival, development, protection and partici- pation.”

The convention has the widest support of any human rights treaty — 193 countries — though Veneman said not all are implementing its require- ments.

States and Somalia, have not ratified it.

Still, much remains to be done. Veneman said it was unacceptable that more than 24,000 children under the age of 5 die every day from preventable causes like pneumonia, malaria, measles and mal- nutrition. Nearly 200 million youngsters are chronically malnourished, nearly 140 million are forced to work, and millions of girls and boys of all ages are subjected to sexual violence.

As the first decade of the 21st century comes to a close, the convention stands at a piv- otal moment,” Veneman told a news conference Thursday.
This week, the 40th anniversary of the ‘Notre Dame 10’ — the now-famous group of students suspended for their demonstration against Dow-CIA recruiting on campus — brings to mind several questions about the present state of student activism at Notre Dame. Specifically: Where is it?

Though conditions on college campuses today are incomparable to those of the Vietnam War era — most notably there is no draft for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — there are still issues that students are passionate about, ones they could and should work for to effect change. The apparent lack of activism today might also be explained in part by the current career-oriented college culture, which positions students on a one-track mindset: take the right classes and land a great job that reflects the value of a Notre Dame degree. Students of the 1960s student revolution were of a different breed, going to college to get an education for education’s sake, not just for the increased earning power of a degree. For many, an education included social change and protest.

In remembering the 1969 protests, it’s important to note the atmosphere at Notre Dame was not like that of, say, Berkeley in the 1960s. The demonstration by the ‘Notre Dame 10’ is perhaps the most well-known protest action to take place on this campus for social and political change — and it’s a far cry from massive riots resulting on arrests and deaths on some college campuses in that era.

Today, the activist spirit at Notre Dame is even weaker than it was in 1969. The lack of visible student activism is lamentable, as is the complacency and apathy of the majority of the student body. Certainly there are numbers of groups and organizations — like the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) and the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) — working for change every day. There are also groups that stand up for what they believe to be right, like ND Response, which formed around last spring’s Commencement controversy.

Notre Dame’s Catholic culture instills the value of community service, both at home and abroad, in its students. Service is a form of activism present but subdued — the work of groups like PSA, Right to Life and CLAP — is another part of the picture, and it shouldn’t be ignored. These students’ efforts may not as visible as the actions of their predecessors. Destructive and violent protests and riots of the past are not called for on today’s campus. But their actions, whether through petitions, marches, rallies, masses or debates, are vital. They are the active few on this campus working for the issues they believe in.

The lack of visible student activism is not their fault. They are doing their part and attempting to raise awareness. But the student body as a whole needs to open its eyes beyond the campus, classes and the job search and appreciate the work of these groups by joining them and supporting the causes that call them to act.

**Activism present but subdued**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another.”

George Eliot

English novelist
Dealing with cancer on Thanksgiving Day

I had planned to write a whimsical yet demonstrative Thanksgiving column about Notre Dame football, one which others should give thanks — like last week’s opposing football teams of Coaches Charlie Weis and Bill Belichick who coincidentally employed similar yet equally unsuccessful “Fourth and Dumb” tactics in losing efforts on the gridiron. I further intended to announce the awarding of what I call my laundry scholarship, an earmarked contribution I make every decade to a new freshman who holds the equivalent of my 90217 laundry number issued 40 years ago at the start of my freshman year. Again coincidentally, this year’s winner also resides in my dormitory, living downstairs and just down the hall from me. It is perhaps fitting to bring into play this issue, and to remind the rest of theetic football fans to follow my lead by ignoring our inept football team, which has yet to set foot on the gridiron. We are again, this year, another coincidental event. All of my voicemails and text messages — such an unusual delay that I had wondered if something was wrong. Early during our conversation my friend eased into the reason for such a call with a harsh sentence, “I have cancer.”

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As most students know, last week a little movie known as “Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day” arrived on campus. Many were surprised at the appearance of a wide release movie coming to campus and being shown for free in the Browning Cinema, one of the nicest theaters in the state of Indiana. But hey, it’s a movie about Irish Catholics. This is an Irish Catholic university, why shouldn’t they be here.

But the “Boondock Saints” premier was actually part of a series that the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) and the Student Union Board (SUB) have decided to play throughout the year. It was DPAC’s attempt to rectify the situation (over a week late, apparently Scene took awhile to pencil myself to attempt to rectify the situation (over a week late, apparently Scene took awhile to pencil myself to attempt to rectify the situation (over a week late, apparently Scene took awhile to pencil myself to attempt to rectify the situation (over a week late, apparently Scene took awhile to pencil myself to attempt to rectify the situation (over a week late, apparently Scene took awhile to pencil myself to attempt to rectify the situation (over a week late, apparently Scene took awhile to pencil myself to attempt to rectify the situation). The event was first set in motion with a screening of “The Fourth Kind” on Nov. 3. Many have seen the sidewalk chalk on the pavement leading to the greatest dining hall on campus, South Dining Hall. The film was well attended, encouraging the head honchos to try for something a little better next week. Apparently, it’s a surprise hit.

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THE UNDERDOGS GET THEIR DAY
Bottom seeds St. Edward’s and Siegfried meet in the Interhall Football Championship this Sunday
Rookie Ramblers look for Siegfried to repeat in Stadium

By JOHN HELMS
Sports Writer

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“Prior to the 2007 season, we hadn’t scored a touchdown in four years,” Aversa said. “It’s been a really cool experience,” Patterson said. “It’s not exactly something you expect to do when you come here.”

The game, however, is first and foremost in the players’ minds. It’s going to be a tough game, said Reed. “We’re excited. The Mohawks is going to be out in force. St. Edward’s and Siegfried battle for interhall supremacy at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in Notre Dame Stadium.

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Bottom seeds meet as underdogs for title

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St. Edward’s (4-2) and Siegfried (4-1-1) square off Sunday for the 2009 Men’s Interhall championship. Though St. Edward’s is the eighth seed and Siegfried the seventh, the teams were both able to pull upsets in the playoff round to reach the final contest of the season.

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“The season’s already a success,” junior wide receiver Sean Reed said. “Prior to the 2007 season, we hadn’t scored a touchdown in four years.

St. Edward’s nevertheless is not satisfied with simply a championship appearance and will hope to use a team effort and reliance on fundamentals to solve the Rambler defense. In addition, Reed said he hopes that the Gentlemen will not be flustered after a bad break and will continue to stick to their game plan.

On the defensive side of the football, the Gentlemen will have to learn to face the option attack, which they have not seen yet this year, as well as stopping the traditionally running game from both the running backs and quarterback.

Junior safety Cole Patterson will be the last line of defense but will also look to make plays.

Both teams are excited to play in Notre Dame Stadium. Siegfried, as defending champions, is familiar with the experience but is going to savor this just as much as the last time.

“Even though we were there last year, it’s a new team and new experience,” Mathews said.

The Gentlemen are also looking forward to playing in the famed venue, and as a sign of their excitement, some players are shaving their hair into mohawks.

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The Ramblers’ championship last year was with a team ripe with seniors. But only seven players from that team remain on this year’s.

In fact, there are 17 new faces.

“The team is completely different. Some of the plays may be the same, but the team has a completely different dynamic to it,” sophomore Colin Moore said.

The Ramblers graduated a total of 12 players last year. The players who are returning knew from the onset that they were in for a different season.

“This is a totally different team than last year with its own identity,” sophomore captain John Aversa said. “Last year we were a senior-laden group. This year we have a younger team.”

Younger is right. With eight new freshmen, they actually outnumber the total amount of players returning from last year.

“Our freshman class is tremendous and has contributed all over the field this year,” Aversa said. “We’re glad to have a young group of guys who have stepped up and played so well this season.”

And the real surprise for the Ramblers is that this year has been the contributions of several sophomores who are playing Interhall football for the first time, a few who have never even played organized football in their lives.

“I think these guys were just excited about the opportunity to play football,” Aversa said. “They thought they could contribute to the team. They have been critical to our success.

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“It wasn’t always smooth sailing for the Ramblers, though. With a loss and a tie during the regular season, the team had some growing to do before they were ready for their playoff run.

The team has really jelled with the progression of the season,” Aversa said. “With so many new faces on the team this year it took some time to really find our identities and become a better team.”

Now with just one game to go, these Ramblers have made one thing clear; they aren’t living in the shadow of last year’s team. They are doing things their own way.

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Three seniors look to end careers in the same way they started

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Sports Writer

For some college girls, freshman year includes sorority initiation and learning the tricks of the trade from older girls. Three years ago, three Pasquerilla West freshmen found themselves in a similar situation, but instead of nights of frat house dates, dresses and heels, their experience included free cold peanuts and candy bars sprayed on the balcony while the post-championship game of the season was ongoing. Pasquerilla West remembers this "new" social group as "endless G-mail texts, dinners, parties and what Curley described as some sort of secret society," O’Connell said. "The girls were all smiling and laughing, and I felt as if I had stumbled into a group of friends."

Before that game comes, the girls took a walk down a very satisfying memory lane and reflected on the past three years in the same way as a whole begins with one common memory. That first practice, so long ago when they felt intimidated by the older girls and feared being able to fit in with them. "I felt as if I had stumbled into some sort of secret society," Curley said. "It’s not just that they were all my friends, and they had all these secret inside jokes."

After that first practice, their nerves vanished. They quickly began to fit in with the Purple Weasels. "The three current seniors also referred to as "endless G-mail texts," Curley said. "It began with the three current seniors also referred to as "endless G-mail texts," Curley said. "That first practice just solidified us."

Regardless of the score, this will mark the end of a long string of happy memories for these three seniors, Curley and O’Connell have built a group that could cooperate on the field, but also that could be friends outside the game. It has been the small things like pasta dinners and eating Lucky Charms for good luck that have helped these three women lead their team back to the championship. "We are the veterans of the team, and the Stadium is familiar territory to us," Moya said. "We are going to use the past experience to our advantage, and as seniors, hopefully finish Sunday’s battle the way we started freshman year, as champions." "This has been the perfect season in so many ways," O’Connell said. "When I remember the euphoric feeling of holding that championship trophy, all I want to do is win. This is our year." "Instead of referring to Our Lady’s senior and winning two games to get their team on the same page. Their story is incredible, no matter what year you are or what section you live in."

In addition to remembering their close camaraderie as a team, the three current seniors also remember the seniors who started them on the right path. "We owe so much to those seniors," Curley said. "They are the ones who really built this program and taught us to take pride in it." "Our captain Maureen ‘Mo’ Spring was my idol. I hoped someday I could be half as good as she was," Moya said. Remembering that amazing season and final game only makes them want to repeat the win even more. "Running out of the tunnel in the Stadium remains one of my most cherished memories of college," O’Connell said. "I spent much of that game on the sidelines, but I was never disheartened. I loved cheering on my teammates and when the last second ticked away, I loved being a champion."

As much as O’Connell remembers running out of the tunnel, Moya remembers celebrating later that night. "The post-championship game celebration was the best night of that year," Moya said. "Several bottles of apple juice were sprayed on the balcony while the leftovers were drunk through spirals of straws from the trophy cup." Circumstances have definitely changed for Purple Weasels football and for these girls since 2006. They have grown from the underdogs with mismatched jerseys into a smooth-looking powerhouse. Even with a new team, these girls know down some things never change. "We still have that same fire and swagger that won us that championship in ’06," Curley said. Now these girls have grown to become the ones they admired so many years ago. After two less successful years, they knew coming into this final one, they had to step it up. It certainly doesn’t hurt that these seniors are not only teammates, but friends. "Prior to every single game in our four years, Cynthia and I have done a "pulse" routine that motivates "We want to win," Bishop said. "It would be disappointing to come this far and not win the championship, so we’re going in with the mindset of coming out victorious." Bishop and her supporting cast, including a talented receiving corps led by junior Kaithlin Robinson and freshman Laura Coletti, are focused on sticking to what helped them win their first eight games.

"Playing our game is very important," Bishop said. "We don’t want to be pressured by the stage. We just need to play and have fun." While the Ducks are new to the Stadium, the Purple Weasels will be in attendance with her captain and quarterback Kayla Bishop and her teammates with the mindset of coming out victorious. "We are preparing for Howard specifically," Curley said. "In the playoffs we have actually been really flexible with tweaking our routes and formations based on what they have done in the past."

Bishop is also confident in her team’s ability to handle the environment of Notre Dame Stadium. "We’re doing some special things this week to prepare to play in the Stadium," Curley said. "One of our coaches has a connection so we are actually going to go out on the field beforehand and get used to the surroundings."

Both teams are expecting tons of support, as former Pasquerilla West junior Simone Bigi, from right, pose for a picture Nov. 18.

"It means a lot to [Howard]," Bishop said. "We’re hoping that everybody comes out and sees how far we’ve come this year. If not, the team may never have had the chance to be a part of something like this before." These two teams will meet on the hallowed grounds of Notre Dame Stadium on Sunday, November 22.

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UNSTOPPED, UNDEFEATED

Pasquerilla West and Howard seek one more win in the Interhall Championship Sunday
Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, Children of all ages get pumped! You may not know it yet but your entire lives have been nothing but a precursor to this one moment. The most awesome of awesome things in your lives pale in awesomeness when compared to the next sentence you will read. The Scene section will now be offering advice to any and all who desire a wise word, intelligent interjection, adept advice or sage syllogisms on any aspect of Notre Dame life. You can’t let that guy friend know that you like him? Got it covered. Tired of getting friend-zoned by girls left and right? We feel you and we got the remedy, it is the experience, the dangerous liaison. Even if all you want to know is the best place to get a delicious sandwich, we handle the toughest questions. (P.S. — the answer is a Dagwood sandwich from Martin’s side door deli). Simply e-mail your questions to jshaffe1@nd.edu and we will take care of the rest. For your viewing pleasure here’s how a sample question might go:

Dear Scene,
Long time reader, first time writer, but anyway this kid down the hall from me is a real prankster. Every day I leave my room expecting to see the hallway covered with cups of water, a wall of duct tape, or just to be trapped in my room. I want to join in, it seems like so much fun, but I can’t come up with any good ideas … can you help me Scene?

Dear Reader,
Aha! You have come across one of the great joys of college life, the prank war. Kept light and fun, shenaniganish if you will, these can be the golden years of your time here at Notre Dame. Don’t be intimidated by the veteran status of your jolly adversary. Look at it as an opportunity for personal growth, something to add to graduate school applications. The most important thing to remember is to make sure no lasting damage will be done. Once pranks become mean-spirited, they’re not really shenanigans at all.

For your opening salvo we recommend something that says you’re here to play, have a sense of humor but leaves room for growth as the game evolves. There is no need to make him concede defeat right out of the gate. Here are a few options:

- Post-it noting: Post-it note his desk … all of it. For a personal touch, add a message on each note and if you are feeling ambitious, use the small ones.
- Ye Olde Alarm clock change: Not the greatest but a decent warm-up. Best used in conjunction with other small pranks such as remove the desk light, taking the left shoe of every pair but flip flops — it’s cold out there.
- Newspapering into the room: tape many layers of newspaper across the doorway until a tough barrier is formed. As you advance in complexities you may be able to implement some of our favorites — saran wrap to the bed, duct tape futon and chairs to the ceiling, move everything out of the room and pretend like you have never seen him before, find a squirrel, bucket of ice water over the shower curtain … the possibilities are limitless. Good luck friend and happy pranking!

We will strive to provide sound advice in the most entertaining way possible and we can’t wait to help you, our readers, so send in your questions today! Because at Scene, we care.

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Villanova avoids defeat with buzzer beater

Dayton beats Georgia Tech in match-up of top 25 teams in O’Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—The first bucket was an 18-foot jumper by Sarah Armwood’s college basketball career. The freshman hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 13.3 seconds left, rallying Villanova over Georgia Mason 69-68 Thursday in the O’Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off.

“He was the last one I wanted to take the shot. I’ll be honest,” Villanova coach Jay Wright admitted.

The Wildcats (3-0) trailed by 13 points in the first half and were behind 66-66 with time ticking down.

Armwood hit his only shot, connecting from the top of the arc. He played just four minutes, coming off the bench after Antonio Pena and Taylor King both fouled out.

“Got it going when it left my hand. It felt even better after the game,” Armwood said.

Wright, by the way, said Armwood now “definitely” had the green light to shoot.

The Wildcats never led until late in the second half.

They were down 67-63 in the final minute, then freshman Maalik Wayns hit a 3. After Shermard Wright made one of two free throws for Georgia Mason, Armwood made his 3. The Patriots (2-1) did not get off another shot.

Scottie Reynolds scored 18 points despite relentless pressure from George Mason’s guards, who contributed to his eight turnovers. He said he was eager to improve in the second round of the tournament Friday.

“I’m going to have to watch the film and I’ll come back better tomorrow,” he said.

Wright said he was surprised his team did not handle Georgia Mason’s intensity better.

“They had a great game plan, and they did a great job on our guards,” he said. “We’re going to take this one and learn from it.”

Reynolds jumper with seven minutes left gave Villanova its first lead. Ryan Pearson returned with a basket for the Patriots.

Pearson led the Patriots with 14 points and star guard Corey Stokes added 13 before leaving the game because of cramps. Andre Cornelius had 13.

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Dayton 63, Georgia Tech 59

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Paul Williams’ summer of work paid off for No. 18 Dayton.

The sophomore guard hit the go-ahead 3-pointer and went 4 for 8 from the free throw line in the last minute to seal the Flyers’ comeback win over No. 21 Georgia Tech.

Dayton coach Brian Gregory was not surprised by his reserve guard’s performance.

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Lincecum wins second consecutive Cy Young

NEW YORK — Talk about a freak — Tim Lincecum needed just 15 wins to bag another NL Cy Young Award. Yup, throw out those old baseball cards. Wins and losses don’t mean much anymore when it comes time for voters to pick baseball’s best pitchers. It’s all about WHIP, FIP, BABIP and other lines of alphabet soup.

“It’s turned into a game of complete numbers and statistics and what people do with that,” Lincecum said.

Lincecum won the Cy Young Award on Thursday for the second straight year, emerging from one of the tightest votes in the history of the honor to become the first repeat winner since Randy Johnson.

Only 10 points separated the top three vote-getters. Chris Carpenter was second and St. Louis teammate Adam Wainwright finished third despite getting the most first-place votes.

Lincecum, nicknamed “The Freak” for his giant stride, led NL with 261 strikeouts and tied for the league lead with four complete games and two shutouts.

The wiry right-hander attracts plenty of attention on the mound with his shoulder-length brown hair and twisting delivery. But it was his 15 victories — the fewest for a Cy Young starter over a non-shortened season — that were really noticeable for the award winner.

The 2008 honors for Lincecum and Kansas City Royals ace Zack Greinke reflect a recent shift in how pitchers are evaluated. The focus has changed to more developed statistics, including some that even take into account team defense.

Greinke equaled the previous low of 16 wins for a non-shortened season when he won the AL award on Tuesday. Afterwards, he talked all about FIP, a mathematician’s dream that stands for Fielding Independent Pitching.

Lincecum has his own favorite indicator.

“To say which one I look to the most, I would just say WHIP,” he said, referring to walks plus hits allowed per inning, “just because you just limit the amount of baserunners that can hurt you.”

Lincecum is facing misdemeanor marijuana charges stemming from a traffic stop in his home state of Washington on Oct. 30. No questions were allowed about the incident in his conference call, but he acknowledged making a mistake and apologized in a prepared statement.

“I know that as a professional athlete I have a responsibility to conduct myself appropriately both on and off the field,” he said. “I certainly have learned a valuable lesson through all of this and I promise to do better in the future.”

In Brief

RICHMOND, Texas — Michelle Wie withdrew from the LPGA Tour Championship on Thursday after hobbling through her first round on a sprained left ankle.

The 20-year-old Wie, fresh off her first tour victory last week, shot an even-par 72 on Thursday. She first injured her ankle at the Solheim Cup in August.

Wie went for treatment after her round and withdrew about an hour later.

“I wanted to do everything I could to fight through the injury,” Wie said in a statement after dropping out of the tournament. “I bothered me last week in Mexico, but I was able to play through the pain. I realized today that I wouldn’t be able to continue to play through it.”

Wie was 3 under through 12 holes. Her ankle gave way on the 13th tee, and she stumbled backward, sliced her shot into the rough and took her first bogey. She bent over in apparent pain on No. 14, then slipped again hitting her tee shot on No. 17.

Tony Dungy leads advisory forum for all NFL players

NEW YORK — Tony Dungy is taking a lead role in improving communication between the NFL and its players.

Dungy will lead a new NFL player advisory forum that will meet with players about league politics, programs and issues that affect their lives on and off the field. Those subjects will include player health and safety, personal conduct, game rules and procedures, career transition and player development.

Dungy, who retired as coach of the Indianapolis Colts after last season, is a special adviser to commissioner Roger Goodell.

“When I worked on the competition committee we always had meetings with players at the NFL combine to talk about issues important to them,” Dungy said, “and then the committee reported back to the commissioner and the league office. I thought that communication always was important and commissioner Goodell wanted to broaden that.”
GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Kampman says the Green Bay training staff won't need to keep a sharp eye on him when he returns to the field for Sunday's game against the San Francisco 49ers.

If he learned anything after playing through a concussion, it's that a cautious approach is the best one to head injuries.

"The great thing about the medical side here is they're always going to err on the side of making sure the player is taken care of," Kampman said. "You hear horror stories of guys being thrust out there, and that's not the case here."

Kampman is back at practice this week after sustaining a concussion on the fourth play of the game in the Packers' 13-10 loss at Tampa Bay. The outside linebacker played into the fourth quarter before realizing he had a significant injury and telling his coaches, who took him out.

The Packers held Kampman out of practice all last week and through Sunday's victory over Dallas, the first time he has missed a game for health reasons since 2003. While Kampman says it was tough to start practicing againsts him of playing in the Packers' biggest victory of the season, he appreciates the team's cautious approach.

And while Kampman has been open with reporters about his injury and recovery — especially after the Packers missed practice after reporting concussions in the last week — he has increased awareness about the dangers of head injuries in football — he hopes he never has to stand in front of his locker and talk about concussions again.

"This is the last time we have to talk about this," Kampman said. But it was also the last time the Packers deal with the aftermath of a head injury — notably this week.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy said Thursday that center Eric Mangold and tight end Donald Lee are expected to practice Wednesday because they have passed their post-concussion testing.

"Hope to get them cleared," McCarthy said. "So we're obviously being smart with him."

One of Kampman's backup, Brad Jones, was limited in practice Wednesday because of a concussion. He was listed as a full participant in Thursday's practice.

Head injuries are becoming a major issue around the league, fueled in part by a recent study conducted for the NFL that found retired professional football players may have a higher rate than normal of Alzheimer's disease or other memory problems.

The concern has filtered down to today's players. According to a survey of 160 NFL players conducted by The Associated Press, 48% said they have hidden or played down the effects of a concussion. Half said they've had at least one concussion playing football, 61% said they missed playing time because of the injury.

"I don't take that approach," Kampman said. "I wouldn't have tried to say I was ready to go if I wasn't.""Amid increasing scrutiny of the NFL's policies on concussions, Kampman has gone out of his way to absolve the Packers' coaches and medical staff of any responsibility for him playing with a concussion at Tampa.

Kampman said it's a player's responsibility to tell coaches when he's hurt, but acknowledged that can be difficult for the player to figure out when he isn't thinking clearly.

McCarthy and defensive coordinator Dom Capers said last week that they didn't know anything was wrong with Kampman until he told someone.

"We all understand the priority of player safety, and once again, that is at the forefront of all these medical decisions," McCarthy said last week. "But it's also the game of football. When you're dealing with head injuries, it's hard to decipher sometimes — did you get dinged or do you have a concussion? There's lines in everything in life, and no difference with levels of injuries.""McCarthy said Kampman was taken out of the game immediately after it became clear that something was wrong.

Kampman was given medical clearance Monday and was able to resume lifting weights, then returned to practice Wednesday. While Kampman said it felt strange to sit out Sunday's game, a few fans didn't seem to notice he was missing.

"I think he (Clark) has a great appreciation for who John Mackey was before he got drafted by the Colts. I know he has more now," Manning said. "Whether they played in Baltimore or we play in Indianapolis, you still have a great appreciation for great football players. That would be a tremendous accomplishment and a great credit to Dallas. I think it would be special for him because he knows what a great player Mackey was."

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Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Chad Tomko scored 21 points and North Florida, which is 10-0, made a 10-0 run between the first and second halves to knock off Penn State 80-69 on Thursday.

The Seahawks (2-1) held the Nittany Lions to 32.3 percent from the field (21-65) in the first round of the Charleston Classic. Penn State (2-1) got 29 points from Talor Battle, who made 11 of 12 free throws.

The Nittany Lions were 22-27 from the foul line for the game.

The Seahawks led 40-31 at halftime after shooting 61.3 percent from the field, including 7-for-11 from 3-point range.

Six players had at least one 3-pointer for UNC-Wilmington and eight scored in the first half.

Penn State, meanwhile, struggled against the Seahawks' defense, shooting 35.5 percent from the field in the first half, including 2-for-10 from 3-point range.

Williams was the only other UNC-Wilmington player in double figures with 12 points.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

UNCW upsets Penn State

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Roberto Alomar has career numbers that compare favorably with many of baseball's greatest second basemen. The question is how will one memorable lapse impact his bid to make the Hall of Fame.

On the ballot for the first time, the 12-time All-Star's resume is impressive. He was a two-time World Series champion with Toronto, and hit 300 with 210 home runs, 1,134 RBIs and 474 stolen bases.

He hit .300 with 210 homers, a .347 on-base percentage and .446 slugging percentage through 19 years in the majors, and if the voters believe him, he will play the game just to play the game.

Alomar, relaxed and looking fit, visited with former big league players and other participants at the New York Yankees' fantasy camp. He has six sons, and they are building a home in the Tampa area.

"I'm married, raising a child, just happy and enjoying life," Alomar said.

One of Alomar's biggest Hall of Fame supporters is Hirschbeck.

"It's a real special because I got to know not only him. I got to know his family," Alomar said. "I got to spend more time with him."

Away from the spotlight, Alomar has been teaching at youth baseball camps and helped raise funds for adrenoleukodystrophy, a disease that impacted two of Hirschbeck's sons.

Alomar was involved in an explosive lawsuit earlier this year in which his ex-girlfriend alleged he made her have unprotected sex even though he had AIDS.

The lawsuit was settled in May, and allegations against Alomar were never corroborated. Alomar's attorney, Charlie Halsand, said his client was withdrawn voluntarily, but wouldn't say if his client paid any money involved in the lawsuit.

Coming from a baseball family — his father, Sandy Sr., played 15 years in the majors, and brother Sandy Jr. was a six-time All-Star during a 20-year career — makes the Hall of Fame consideration extra special.

"A goal for ballplayers, it's real tough to accomplish," Alomar said. "It would mean a lot. We, as ballplayers, when they mention your name, that you can be talked about being in the Hall of Fame, if I get there it will be the real thrill of my life."

The greatest feeling of my life, "I consider this a team effort if I make it because I didn't do it by myself," he added. "I did it with the support of my family, my Little League managers, everyone. All of the dreams from Day One when you start playing the game of baseball."

After a five-year break, Alomar would like to get back into the game.

"I would love to be involved," Alomar said. "When I left the game it was tough. At the same time, I'm not the kind of player to go back and take the game of baseball and just play the game of baseball. I have too much respect for this game. When I saw I was inca- pazable of playing the game, I could play, then I decided to retire."

Bill's owner promises changes are coming

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Buffalo coach Dick Jauron was merely the start of a major overhaul Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson is prepared to conduct this offseason in order to make his team a contender again.

Outlining his plans in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Wilson said he's open to going after a high-profile coach, is willing to hire a general manager with a football background, and wanted that no position on his team is safe.

"I tell you, we have a lot of work to do," Wilson said from his home in suburban Detroit. "We've got to revamp and take a look at the whole operation and that's what we're going to do."

A thorough evaluation of the entire organization will begin at the end of the season, he said.

"We're going to sit down and see what is going on here in the organization, and we want to be fresh, we want to be strong, and the general manager is one of the key positions that will help us, that will be one of the key positions that will help us as well as the head coach to do the job."

Wilson was referring to the situation of coach Terrell Owens to a one-year, $6.5 million contract in March after he was let go by Chicago.

Anybody that says I'm cheap is looking down the wrong side of the street," he said.

Though the Bills have been competitive in going after high-profile free agents and re-signing their own star players, Wilson has been criticized for not spending to money to hire an experienced general manager.

Jauron, who was making about $3 million a season, was hired as a former rookie coach in team history. But some believe spending more than double that amount.

Wilson discounted reports the team is interested in interviewing Mike Shanahan, the former Denver Broncos coach.

"I don't know anything about him," he said.

On Thursday, the Bills issued a statement downplaying speculation regarding their search for a new coach as the team is focused on the final seven games of the season and "moving forward" with their current coaching staff and players.

"We have made lots of changes this season and we'll continue to evaluate our entire organization," said assistant general manager Russ Brandon.

"Getting to the playoffs is the goal," Wilson said. "I tell you, we have a lot of work to do."
Iverson, Knicks not meant for each other

Associated Press

It’s painfully clear to everyone but the management of the New York Knicks that there’s only one question to which Allen Iverson remains “The Answer.”

That is: “What could be worse than spending 40 years in the NBA wilderness with Isaiah Thomas, Larry Brown and Stephon Marbury?”

So let’s be clear: Iverson and the Knicks deserve better than what they’re going to get by tying their fates together.

No matter what you think about Iverson, few guys are actually more worthy of a championship. There’s no way to appreciate the depth of his effort unless you’ve waited so long before throwing up your hands and letting somebody else try to solve the problem.

But acquiring Iverson would be like doubling down. He won’t be building a bridge to the future so much as burning it. The Nuggets, Pistons and Grizzlies all tried that route. No one in New York wants to see a return of the three-ring circus that played out at Madison Square Garden when Thomas, Brown and Marbury tried their hands at calling the shots. But those could seem like harmonious days once Iverson shows up.

He’s not about to lessen his demands for playing time, shots and most of the oxygen in the locker room the moment he shows up, no matter what he says beforehand. When George Karl gave up trying to fit Iverson into an up-tempo Nuggets team in Denver, he showed up in Detroit promising “to sacrifice what I have to sacrifice to get it done. I got to look in the mirror at myself and think of things that I can do to help us win a championship.”

But nothing changed and after a while, the Pistons were so grateful for any excuse to keep him off the bench — the official reason was a back injury — they effectively paid him to stay away. Then the experiment in Memphis — Iverson actually said God had chosen the place for him to play — lasted all of three games.

He asked out by requesting an indefinite leave of absence to handle some personal matters. No sooner was he gone than the Grizzlies decided to make it permanent.

The real shame in all this is that Iverson’s skills wore down before his pride did. Look at what he’s accomplished during his career — sixth-best scoring average in NBA history, fourth-most minutes played, 10 All-Star games, four scoring titles, and an MVP award — and the only thing missing is a ring.

Iverson might have one of those, too, if only he had been willing to contribute something instead of always demanding more than his share. There’s a reason all those contending clubs and every bottom-dweller but Memphis passed on him last summer. What makes New York an even worse choice is that there’s already too few minutes, shots and wins to go around.

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City extends Vikings’ lease at Metrodome

Associated Press

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ND Women’s Swimming
Irish head to IU for invitational meet
By Molly Sammon
Sports Writer

The Irish will test their early-season training this weekend at the Hoosierland Invitational in Bloomington, Ind.

“I think this meet will provide a good benchmark for us right now,” senior freestyler Megan Farrell said. “Indiana is currently a top 10 team so they will provide us with some great competition at their home pool.”

Aside from the No. 9 Hoosiers, the Irish (0-2) will also be up against the Cincinnati Bearcats at this weekend’s three-day event.

At their last meet, the Irish fell to the Purdue Boilermakers, a loss the girls hope to make up for this weekend.

“We have focused in on a variety of race details, starts, turns, and breaststrokes,” Farrell said. “I believe we are going to come out of this meet with several lifetime best swims.”

In terms of preparing themselves physically for the meet, some have decided to push themselves harder and others are resting with hopes of bringing their best for their respective races.

“Some of the girls have been resting up for the meet and others have been training throughout,” Farrell said. “Despite the differences I think all of us are ready for the meet and return this weekend.”

A major difference between this event in particular and the rest of the meets the girls have participated in this season provides a potential benefit for the Irish.

“Because this is a championship-style meet featuring both preliminary and final rounds, most girls will have the opportunity to race each of their events two times this weekend,” Farrell said. “This allows the coaches to critique our preliminary swims so that we can make corrections and change up our race plans for our finals swims, which is of great benefit to each individual on the team.”

The meet will begin with preliminary events Friday at Indiana University’s Gouslin-Billingly Aquatic Center and will last until Saturday evening.

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NFL
Childress signs contract extension with Vikings

Associated Press
EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The man who brought Brett Favre to the Minnesota Vikings will be sticking around for a while.

The Vikings signed Brad Childress to a contract extension on Thursday, nine games into what is shaping up as a promising season for the man in purple. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. ESPN.com cited anonymous sources in reporting that the extension will carry through the 2013 season.

“Brad has done a tremendous job leading this football team and we value the positive environment he has created for the Minnesota Vikings on and off the field,” Vikings owner Zygi Wilf said in a statement issued by the team. “He has continued to positively impact this team and create a strong foundation for future success.”

Childress, in the fourth year of his original five-year, $10 million deal, was hired in 2006 to take over a team in turmoil. The Vikings had become a national punchline for a string of incidents under the loose regime of Mike Tice, including the infamous “Love Boat” scandal and

Tice’s admission to scalping Super Bowl tickets that prompted Will in Institute to a code of con-duct for the organization.

Childress has restored order and dignity to the franchise, and has done plenty of winning of late, as well. The Vikings have improved each year under his watch. They went 6-10 in 2006, 8-8 in 2007 and 10-6 with an NFC North title last season.

This season, he convinced Favre to come out of retirement one more time to join the Vikings, even going so far as to pick up the quarterback at the airport on the day of his arrival in August.

Favre leads the NFL in quar-terback rating, has thrown 17 touchdown passes and 10 interception, and has helped put the Vikings (6-1) in position to com- pete for the top seed in the NFC.

“I am grateful for the oppor-tunity I was given at Childress,” Favre said. “I’ve got a good group of guys in the locker room, which I’m proud of and we’ve got a great ownership group. Not only am I grateful for them, they’ve been good owners from a standpoint of empowering us and listening. There’s a good dialogue.”
**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Belles ready to travel to Ohio tournament**

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles will travel to Bluffton University this weekend to play two non-conference games in the Bluffton University Tournament.

The tournament features four teams with the winners of the first two games going on to play for the championship on Saturday, Nov. 21, and the losers facing off in the consolation game on the same day at 1 p.m.

The Belles-Tigers matchup will be Wheaton College, a team that went 16-10 last year and is off to an 0-1 start this year after losing to the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse 57-65.

Wheaton is a very well-coached team, according to head coach Jenn Henley. "They are very disciplined all the way around."

The Belles beat the Thunder last year 91-75 in a game where Wheaton rallied from 13 points down at halftime to tie the game at 66 before the Belles pulled away in the last minute.

Junior Kathleen Fidelia’s three-point attempt to tie the game at the buzzer was off the mark, leaving her team salivating for a rematch this year [Wheaton] graduated a lot last season so we’re focused on us,” said Henley. “I think we match up very well with them — I am expecting it to be a very competitive game."

The other side of the tournament bracket has two Ohio teams, Oberlin College and Bluffton University.

The Yeowomen have yet to play a game this season and the Beavers took their season opener 79-67 over Hiram.

The Beavers are coming off a decisive 72-33 win against Anderson. The 39-point margin of victory was the largest since 2007 for the Belles. Furthermore, the 33 points given up was the fewest total since 2003.

"I thought we played very well on Tuesday defensively, but we certainly understand that we also impressed past anyone regardless of how we played the previous game,” said Henley. “We take one game at a time."

The games this weekend don’t carry the same significance as the MIAA matches that will begin in December, but they still go on the team’s official record and have ramifications down the line.

"Early wins in the season can definitely help set the tone as we enter into conference play — and tournaments like this give us a great opportunity to prove what we are capable of doing,” said Henley.

No matter the outcome on Friday, the loser will get a rematch later this season as the two teams square off again on Feb. 11 at Wheaton.

The first game of the tournament is scheduled for 6 p.m. Following the tournament, the Belles will have a week off before they take on North Central on Nov. 28.

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**NFL**

**Obama to appear in PSA with NFL players**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dallas Cowboys’ linebacker DeMarcus Ware has played in dozens of important games and hung out with some of the biggest stars in sports.

Still, he was nervous when he met President Barack Obama. "It’s something like no other,” Ware said Thursday. “Being able to meet the most important guy in the United States, the guy with the most power, it was unbelievable.”

Ware and fellow NFL players Drew Brees and Troy Polamalu filmed a public service announcement with Obama that will air during the league’s Thanksgiving games.

The 90-second spot shows Obama and the NFL stars playing touch football with local children on the White House lawn. The PSA promotes the league’s Play 60 campaign, which encourages physical activity to combat childhood obesity, and the president’s community service initiative United We Serve.

"Thanksgiving is a time when families come together, and it is also a perfect time to focus on the importance of keeping kids healthy and active,” New Orleans quarterback Brees said in a statement released by the league. “I was honored to spend time with the president on an issue that is clearly important to him. I was also impressed by his wide receiver skills.”

Obama wears a Chicago Bears jacket as he plays football with Brees, Pittsburgh Steelers safety Polamalu and Ware. A shorter version of the spot will air throughout the season.

"I was like ‘Ohh! my God,'” when Obama came out in a Bears pullover, Ware said in a telephone interview. “It was me, Polamalu and Drew Brees there, so you know how we felt about the Chicago Bears. But he’s a big Chicago Bears fan. He greeted each one of us, and he knew everything about our teams.”

"We are Dallas’ representative for the Play 60 team, which began in 2007. The NFL estimates it has committed $200 million worth of programming, grants, and time for PSAs to the initiative,” Ware said. "If the players are getting involved in it, Obama, a lot of important people getting involved in it, sometimes it encourages kids to get out and do those type of activities and show them just how important it is.”

**SPORTS**

**FENCING**

**Irish set to take on defending champs**

By CHRIS MASOUD

Regardless of where the Irish compete, fencing on the intercollegiate stage always brings out the best in the talented players.

But when the Irish travel to State College, Pa. for the Penn State Open, a growing rivalry between the two programs should fuel the desire to win even further.

Notre Dame and Penn State have combined to win five of the last eight NCAA Fencing Championships. The Nittany Lions have won 11 titles since the tournament began in 2001, their most recent coming last year over the second-place Irish.

"It’s usually one of the strongest tournaments in the country, probably the strongest one,” Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It’s a team that fenced for first place last year, and we lost, and they remember that we will be trying still to play with them. So we are going to the lion’s cave, and we will see how we will fence." Bednarski and the coaching staff will be paying particular attention to one the squad’s rising stars, freshman Lian Oder, who recently earned a gold medal in the sabre at the USFA North American Cup. Oder and others will have their work cut out for them as they aim to raise their individual junior rankings.

"In Penn State it will be harder for her because she will meet top Penn State competition, who is pretty strong too,” Bednarski said. "The kids are very, very emotional — taken by this trip because they know that they are going to the best team in the nation.

With so many good fencers, they want to show their strength and skills." Facing their first true test of the preseason, the Irish look to send a message against the reigning national champions when they hit the strip this Saturday and Sunday.

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NEW YORK — There was so much to talk about after No. 6 North Carolina held on for 77-73 victory over No. 15 Ohio State on Friday, November 20, 2009 page 23

There was the Tar Heels’ big early lead that dwindled to two points in the final minute, something that can happen even to a sixth-ranked team early in the season. There was the exceptional defensive job by Marcus Ginyard on Ohio State’s Evan Turner, something that has become common for a player considered one of the top stoppers in the country. There was coach Roy Williams’ halftime rant directed at Ginyard, something that never happens.

“I chewed his rear end out probably the hardest I’ve ever got on him.” Williams said of the fifth-year senior. “If I’m going to chew him out, it scares the dickens out of the rest of the team. He’s one of my pets.”

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“That was the worst I can remember,” Ginyard said of Williams’ yelling session. “But he was right. If I’m going to be a leader of this team I have to play better, and I did in the second half.”

Ginyard finished with 13 points and was 3 of 5 from 3-point range. But it was his defense on Turner that made the difference in the win that sent the Tar Heels (4-0) into Friday night’s championship game against Syracuse, which beat No. 13 California 95-73 in the tournament the benefits Goaches vs. Cancer.

“No question, I take challenges like tonight very personally, and I get really excited about facing players like him,” Ginyard said of Turner, who had 17 rebounds in each of the first two games, couldn’t go anywhere on the court without Ginyard, who missed most of last season with a stress fracture in his left foot.

Turner’s time was limited as well by foul trouble, and his second personal was an offensive draw by Ginyard.

“It was a rough night, obviously,” Turner said. “I’m bumped and bruised and I’ll be back tomorrow.”

“It was a rough first half, rough first 30 minutes of the game. They did a great job, and we just got to bounce back.”

Deon Thompson had 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Tar Heels, who led by 19 points with 10:23 to play.

The Buckeyes (2-1) finally started hitting from the outside at the same time the Tar Heels started missing free throws, and Ohio State was within 73-70 on a 3-point jumper by Jon Diebler with 11 seconds left.

Larry Drew II, who missed four of his previous six free throws in the final minute, then made two from the line with 11 seconds left for the final margin.

“I wanted the ball in my hands, especially for the last two free throws,” Drew said. “You have to go through bad times to enjoy the highs, and I enjoyed making those last two free throws.”

Ohio State chipped away at the lead and was finally within single digits when David Lighty scored on a drive that made it 68-60 with 2:09 to go. Ginyard hit a 3 with the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s.

Will Graves had 14 points for North Carolina, the defending national champions, who got only one starter back from the tournament team that beat out West Virginia to win their opener with a loss to Cal State Bakersfield on Tuesday, fell behind 38-24 at the half.

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The Tar Heels had the lead to 10 points within the first 6 minutes, and it reached 16 points sooner than it’s coming. It was 6 of 10 from the line.

“We obviously made a great comeback,” Ohio State coach Thad Matta said. “I thought the first half we couldn’t get the ball in the basket. We had some decent looks, the shots weren’t falling for us. We had a stretch when we didn’t look for a good layup. They were able to get it to a double-digit lead. … Hopefully we learned that we are a team that get ourselves ready to go right from the start.

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MINNEAPOLIS — Freshman Rodney Williams had 17 points, six rebounds and four steals in his first career start, helping 24th-ranked Minnesota pull away from Utah Valley in the second half of a 76-51 victory on Thursday.

Missing senior leader and top scorer Lawrence Westbrooks to a stomach virus, the Gophers (3-0) finished 5 for 19 from 3-point range and were outrebounded 34-29 by a team in its first year as a full-fledged Division I program.

Damin Johnson had 15 points, six rebounds, three blocks and two steals, though, to lead another strong defensive effort. Minnesota had 39 points off 26 Utah Valley turnovers, and five Gophers turned down the Wolverines (1-2) two points.

Jordan Swarbrick led Utah Valley with 18 points and Tyray Petty had eight points and nine rebounds, giving Minnesota plenty to work on before playing 11th-ranked Butler next week.

The Wolverines, who followed a win over North Dakota State in their opener with a loss to Cal State Bakersfield on Tuesday, fell behind 41-26 early in the second half when the Gophers appeared poised to run away with the game. Utah Valley didn’t wilt, though, with peppy point guard Eric Darden pushing to the rim for layups and Petty and Swarbrick muscling for position underneath.

Al Nolen’s steal and wraparound pass to Williams for a fast-break dunk over the pursuing defender got the crowd going a little. Five minutes later, Williams was fouled trying to use the baseline for a slam and fell hard on his right shoulder a few seconds to get up. He made both free throws, though, and on his next two drives he chose layups instead of the Gophers began to pull away.

Williams had one more dunk in him, of course, at the end of another fastbreak fueled by this active defensive coach Tubby Smith’s gameplan to force turnovers. That pushed Minnesota’s lead to 73-51 with 2½ minutes left.

Swarbrick, a transfer from junior college to Division I was finalized this summer after six years playing under the NCAA’s provisonal status, which made him ineligible for post-season play. After previous itera- tions as a technical and a community college, the school officially gained university status last year.

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He hasn’t forced things, he’s anchored us defensively, and he’s really a great voice in the huddles out there when I can’t be in them. We have to keep doing that, and that’s really important for us, but I sure like the rhythm he’s in.”

Long Beach State struggled to shoot the ball consistently throughout the game, shooting 41 percent from field goal range on the night. The 49ers’ two top long scorers, sophomores Larry Anderson and T.J. Robinson, paced the team with 20 and 16 points, respectively, but the rest of the team shot just 26 percent for the game, which kept them at a distance from Notre Dame in the second half.

The difference in the game was them coming out in the second half and turning up the pressure, and us not being able to handle it,” 49ers’ coach Dan Monson said. “I’m disappointed in how we responded at half-time. In the locker room, I said, ‘You’re going to have to stand up to them because they’re coming to get you,’ and to let them score the first six times to start the second half and just take control of the game that easily was the most disappoint-thing.”

Junior Tim Abromaitis also stood up for the Irish scoring 11 points off the bench in 22 minutes of play. He has scored double-digits in each of Notre Dame’s first three games this season.

“Abromaitis continues to be big for us,” Brey said. “He had some big, in-traffic rebounds, and he continues to make big shots and we need him to do that. His teammates, especially the seniors, started the process this summer. They knew how much we needed him and they stayed on him.”

Notre Dame will look to keep their momentum with two games against a Liberty team that is 3-17 and one game against a black Oklahoma State team that is 2-17.

The 49ers were down 56-51 before the Irish surged back in front with an 8-0 run with just under nine minutes to play. Despite giving up a big size advantage to the Spartan front court, the Irish held their own on the boards and were outrebounded by a slim margin, 54-47.

Schrader was a big reason for that, pulling down a game-high 14 rebounds to go along with his 17 points.

“Schrader and Barlow did a nice job rebounding for us,” McGraw said. “But I wasn’t happy with the rest of the team. We missed a lot of box-outs tonight and we should have done better.”

Notre Dame had a much better night in the turnover department, improving upon its performance in the first game of the season. The Irish turned the ball over just 17 times after committing 27 against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, while forcing 21 Spartan turnovers.

“When we cut down on the turnovers a little bit, we still have some really bad ones,” McGraw said.

OSU, despite facing a number of Irish double teams throughout the night, led the Spartans with 20 points, eight rebounds and four blocks. Lykendra Johnson added 14 points and 12 rebounds for Michigan State in the loss.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Third-string QB leads Oklahoma State rally to beat Colorado

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STILLWATER, Okla. — Third-string quarterback Daniel Thomas led Oklahoma State to a 37-34 victory over Colorado Saturday. Thomas, who had not started a game in his college career, threw for 260 yards and three touchdowns.

His 28-yard touchdown pass to Justin Blackmon with 8:11 remaining in regulation lifted OSU (6-3) to a 34-31 lead. Big 12 officials gave the play to the Oklahoma State bench.

Colorado (9-2, 3-1 Big 12) had answered with a nine-yard touchdown pass to Scotty Bryan with 1:18 left. But the Buffaloes’ two-point conversion attempt was blocked.

Derek Anderson’s touchdown catch from Thomas with 41 seconds left gave OSU the breathing room it needed. The Buffaloes had one final drive to tie, but were stopped on a fourth-and-goal.

Oklahoma State running back Kendall Hunter had 125 yards and TDs on 14 carries.

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“Coach thought I could give the team what we needed,” Thomas said. “We were 7-1 before the game. It was my job to go in and get the job done.”

Oklahoma State started the game on a 12-0 run and never trailed. Just how did Thomas become the starting quarterback for OSU? It had been a long wait.

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45 Setting for C. S. Lewis’s "The Last Battle" (7,7)
46 It has four bases (12)
47 Chaise longue in accompanying, often (12)
48 "You win" (10)
49 Detox population (8)
50 Kids in funny shorts (9)
51 Recipients of dollars for quarters? (6)
52 Fuss (6)
53 Reader’s digest (10)
54 Cut off (12)
55 Familial title (4)
56 Vote in der Bundestag (12)
57 Modern way to request participation (12)
58 Male protagonist in William Inge's "Good Luck, Miss Wysocki" (7)
59 "Nuts" (1,12)
60 Start over, in a way (12)

Down

1 Film composer Clasen and others (6)
2 Unlike doves (4)
3 Gauge (11)
4 "You win" (12)
5 Court figure: Abbr. (5)
6 More than merely meat (7)
7 Part of, of (5)
8 Popular aquatic performer (9)
9 Its skeleton may be used to make jewelry (5,3)
10 List for a reading (10)
11 Emperor’s relative (6)
12 Guide (6)
13 Typical taxis (4)
14 Sound (11)
15 On one end of (7)
16 Abbr. (5)
17 "JAG" (10)
18 Sound (11)
19 Like some displays, briefly (8)
20 Sonny (7)
21 Longtime name (10)
22 Spinoff of CBS's "JAG" (11)
23 "Where people go to dance the night away," in William Inge’s "Good Luck, Miss Wysocki" (9)
24 "Golly!" (5)
25 Sonny (7)
26 Limnological (9)
27 Coastal island colonies (8)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DAIA NABW TRU EA SM UT ACHER HED ASHELL E TEO ELL HARE A ELTKYF M MRAE T

SCHAD & FREUDE

WILL GUAPPONE & BRI KRAFCIK

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

JULY

ILDOUI

CHABER

ARBS

WHAT A PINK SLIP WILL GIVE YOU.

Answer here:

Yesterday's Jumble: BUTTY VIXEN BENIGN PARSON
Answer: This can be a good piece of advice — DON'T GIVE ANY

THE MOBILE PARTY

JAY WADE, COLIN HOFMAN & LAUREN ROSEMeyer

The Observer apologizes for the absence of the Mobile Party

They were attacked by a pack of gingers last night and haven’t been heard from since. The ginger epidemic is real.

THE OBSERVER

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FRIDAYS WITH FRAN 2.0

Aries- Going home? You know what that means... Verdict: booty booty booty booty rockin’ everywhere!

Taurus- This weekend, you will throw up on your Recker’s pizza. Again. Yeah, Fran saw it.

Gemini- The reasons you will have a terrible weekend are threefold: one, balls; two, it will be lame as balls; and three, balls.

Cancer- That kid across the hall from you? Stay off his futon.

Leo- Happy No Shave November. Go for Beardy. Trust Fran.

Virgo- Tittle yourself, Tim Schumair.

Libra- Candy grans this week! And none for Gretchen Weiners.

Scorpio- Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights in 1789. 220 years later, Fran still hates Jersey.

Sagittarius- Repeat steps 1 through 3. Five, I’ll make ya fall in love with me.

Capricorn- Woman go to dinner?

Aquarius- yes!

Pisces- Any joke about Connecticut would be inapprop. So, just enjoy the one you have secretly in your head.

HOROSCOPE

JEEF KNUREK

MIKE ARGIRION
MEN’S BASKETBALL

Second-half surge propels squad to win over Long Beach St.

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

After a close first half that saw 12 lead changes and the Irish clinging to the two-point lead, Notre Dame came out hot in the second half and was able to overcome an athletic Long Beach State 82-62.

“It was kind of like a Big East game in the first half,” senior forward Luke Harangody said. “They were hitting shots and getting in the lane. In the second half we came out, and we were aware that we were the better team, and when we needed to put them away, we did.”

Harangody led the Irish with 29 points and 12 rebounds over a team-high 37 minutes, but it was senior Ben Hansbrough that sparked the Irish out of the break, scoring seven points and adding two assists during Notre Dame’s 17-6 to start the second half, a lead which they held throughout the rest of the game.

“I told [Hansbrough] at halftime,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “I said, ‘We’re going to run the first thing for you. I want you to cut it up and get to the hookey right away.’ We just wanted to see if we could get him going. Luckily he gets in there and gets a bucket and now he’s starting to feel part of it. His drives are really important for us; that’s an important thing in our offense now.”

Hansbrough finished the game with 11 points and a team-high seven assists, and was one of five Irish players to record double-digit points. He went down twice during the game, first after a hard fall while going up for a rebound, and then later after rolling his ankle, but was able to recover, playing 34 minutes for the Irish.

“Hansbrough is like one of the hybrid Cadillac trucks — he brings it all,” senior point guard Tory Jackson said. “He can drive, but also he’s a guy that can spread the floor, when I drive, I can kick it out to him and get my assists. He’s a great shooter, so having him to be in that attack mode early like he was today, and kind of get me into a rhythm to take shots, it keeps my confidence going. He set the bar today, driving to the hole, getting fouled, getting rebounds. He set the bar high, and having him as that other guide is very good for me.”

Jackson scored 13 for the Irish and added three steals, but it is his role as orchestrator of the offense that will make him so crucial for Notre Dame as the season progresses.

“I talked to [Jackson] about just keeping it really simple,” Brey said. “He doesn’t have to make high degree of difficulty plays, just orchestrate the team. When he’s playing like that, he’s really a key for us, and I’ve tried to reinforce that for him.”

Irish edge Green Bay in first round of NCAAs

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Seven hundred thirty minutes and 57 seconds. That’s how long the Irish had played without a lead before senior forward Bright Dike scored a goal Thursday in the 25th minute of the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The goal, off an assist from freshman midfielder Dillon Powers, put Notre Dame (11-7-4) up 1-0 over Green Bay (14-3-3), as the Irish went on to defeat the Phoenix 2-1 at Alumni Stadium. They now advance to the second round and will play No. 9-seed Northwestern (10-4-4) Sunday.

“It’s nice to have a lead,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “But it’s also every bit as nerve

MEN’S SOCCER

Sent packing

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

After advancing to the round of 16 in the College Cup for the sixth year in a row and 14th time in program history, No. 5 Notre Dame is hoping that their title hopes aren’t dammed up by the Oregon State Beavers.

The Beavers (14-7-1, 4-5-0) enter their third-round game against the Irish after pulling off consecutive upsets in the first round against host Ohio State and second-seeded Florida in the second round.

The Beavers 3-1 win over the Buckeyes last Friday was the program’s first victory in NCAA Tournament history. Their 1-0 win against the Gators came on a golden goal in the 99th minute.

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Team faces Beavers in Sweet 16

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

The Irish fought red-hot Michigan State to a 1-1 tie Thursday night, and Notre Dame picked up an extra OHA point by winning the shootout 2-1. Freshman winger Kyle Palmieri scored the only goal for Notre Dame when he found the back of the net 15:36 into the second peri.

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After a scoreless overtime period, the teams moved to a shootout. Both teams scored once in the first half, and overtime, after six rounds, the shootout to sudden death. Irish senior left wing Dan Kissel beat Palmaiens, and Johnson stopped Spartan Nick Suriarski to give the Irish the extra point.

The teams meet again in Fort Wayne, Ind., Sunday at 4:05 p.m.

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

ND beats Michigan State

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

With the game tied and just seconds to play, the Irish had three chances to take the lead and the third time proved to be the charm.

Senior guard Ashley Barlow’s free throw with just 10 seconds remaining put No. 5 Notre Dame in front, and the Irish held on for a narrow 68-67 victory over No. 17 Michigan State in overtime Thursday night in East Lansing, Mich.

“It was just a huge, smart play and [Barlow] came up big for us there,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “She

HOCKEY

Notre Dame downs Spartans in shootout

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