Seniors disappointed after another loss

Defeat at hands of UConn only part of four lackluster years

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

As spectators filed out of Notre Dame Stadium following the Fighting Irish’s double-overtime 33-30 loss to the Connecticut Huskies, Notre Dame’s senior class stayed in their seats, waiting for the chance to step onto the football field and exit through the tunnel.

Most seniors, like Michelle Maloney, had conflicting emotions about this opportunity to say goodbye to their time in the student section.

“Going onto the field was a really cool experience but definitely bittersweet as well,” Michelle Maloney said. “It just reminded...

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Students travel to SOA protest

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

Several Notre Dame students traveled to Fort Benning, Ga., this weekend to participate in watchdog group School of the Americas Watch’s “Mass Mobilization to Shut Down the School of the Americas” protest.

The School of the Americas (SOA) was a United States Army training facility that was founded in 1946 for Spanish-speaking cadets and officers from Latin American nations.

Many graduates of the school were suspected of human rights violations, which ultimately lead to the renaming of the school to its current name, the Western...

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Ivy Quad offers new housing opportunity

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

The new off-campus residence complex known as Ivy Quad doesn’t just offer its residents a warm community and control over their home design. It gives them the chance to live in one of the region’s first truly “green” multi-family homes.

“Other residential projects around the campus are seeking to obtain this level of sustainability,” Shawn O’Brien, one of the project’s architects, said. O’Brien and his firm, Phase 2 Architects, designed the 10 buildings that will eventually stand on Ivy Quad. Only one building is completed and occupied, but others are under construction.

Ivy Quad is also in the process of becoming “LEED certified,” LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, confirms that a building uses resources efficiently and sustainably.

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Army ROTC hosts Warrior Night

By JIM FERLMANN
News Writer

The Notre Dame Army ROTC battalion hosted Warrior Night — an event that pitted the four platoons that comprise the battalion against each other in contests such as sumo wrestling and tug-of-war — Friday at the Moreau Seminary gym.

Each platoon sported distinctive war paint such as cat-whiskers or mustaches.

“I’m not really sure when Warrior Night began, but we’ve been doing it long enough that it’s a valued battalion tradition,” Cadet-Captain Kailyn Van Beckum said. “Warrior Night is a social tradition for the battalion to bond internally, build spirit-corps, and learn about the history of the battalion. My favorite part of Warrior Night is the mixing of the Grog, and how each ingredient means something to the history of the battalion. ‘The Grog’ is a large drink that is mixed from different things each year. Each ingredient means something different. It’s a bit of a...
Thank you, Mr. Bueller

John Hughes was an 80s movies genius, and through his films he has taught me so many life lessons.

The first time I watched “The Breakfast Club,” I realized that everyone has a different life story, so I should never judge any one by a first impression. Thanks to “Sixteen Candles,” I learned that every girl has the potential to get her ideal Jake Ryan, and after watching “Pretty in Pink” I appreciate that love can form between people no matter what their social status is.

However, the movie that has always been most appealing to me as a student is none other than “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” ... anybody? Anyone? I always picture the stress load I have and the sheer amount of work I have left to do and I long to just say, “Hey, I’m calling in sick today,” and then escape to Chicago where I can spend the day driving one fabulous car, eating in restaurants way too expensive for my budget, and singing Danke Schon on a parade float.

In reality, however, I’m as timid as Ferris’ best friend Cameron — the worrier who always thinks about the consequences instead of living in the moment. It’s so easy for me to give up on spending a night with friends in order to study endlessly for something that could just have easily been done in one or two hours.

So, each time I watch “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off,” I try to learn a little more each time. Thanks to him, I know the perfect way to fake clammy hands, I know how to take miles off a car and create the perfect prank call. Most importantly, I have learned that, as Ferris says, life moves pretty fast, if I don’t stop and look around once in a while, I could miss it. This is a lesson from which we all can learn. Our lives as students are stressful, but we need to remember to take some time for ourselves every once and a while. OK, so maybe I can’t just blow off all my work all together (especially with finals quickly approaching), but we can take a break from our busy schedule to spend a few hours visiting with friends, watching movies, playing board games or even “Sporcle”-ing.

School shouldn’t just be about studying and stress. It should be a time for us to grow, to form lasting friendships and experience new things.

The question shouldn’t be what are we going to do in life, it should be what aren’t we going to do in life. We need to take time to experience as much of college life as we can. Gradually, thanks to Ferris, I’m learning to call in sick for at least an hour or two daily. Ferris Bueller, you truly are my hero.

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What is the strangest thing you’ve ever gotten in trouble for?

- Maddy Peterek, sophomore, Le Mans
- Corey Kownacki, junior, Dillon
- Jessica Puccini, sophomore, Le Mans
- Jorge Ortiz, junior, Zahn
- Scott Matthews, junior, Zahn

When I was little I used to pick flowers from my neighbor’s yard and I would have to apologize for it.

When Trevor Dorn and I tried to steal the Fisher Price with an elaborate system of pulleys.

For taking my shoe back from a kid and throwing it at him.

“Playing beer pong right above our rector’s room.”

“For throwing a sticky marshmallow into a girl’s hair.”

The trumpet section of the Notre Dame Marching Band plays the last Trumpets in the Dome of the 2009 football season on Saturday.

OFFBEAT

Man straps lizards to chest to beat counts, arrested

LOS ANGELES — Federal officials say they arrested a man who strapped 15 live lizards to his chest to get through customs at Los Angeles International Airport.

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Plank has been released on $10,000 bond and will be arraigned in federal court on Dec. 21. Authorities say the lizards’ value totals more than $8,500. All Australian reptiles are strictly regulated and Plank did not have a permit for them.

Police say a man walked into a bank and handed a teller a note that demanded money.

Ford was arrested following a report of a bank robbery in Streetsboro just south of Cleveland on Thursday.

Police say they found money in a bag in Ford’s car, which fit the description of the bank robber’s vehicle, along with a bank debit card that had expired.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

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Police: Ohio robbery suspect may have eaten evidence

STREETSBORO, Ohio — Police say a bank robbery suspect in Ohio may have eaten evidence when he gobbled a piece of paper while handcuffed and lying across the hood of a police cruiser.

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Hunger banquet brings issues home

ND-8 sponsors dinner to emphasize global income disparity

By JILLIAN STINCHCOMB
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To help students conceptualize the hardships that come with being born in one of the world’s poorest countries, ND-8, GreeND and Students for Environmental Action (SEA) will be hosting the third annual Hunger Banquet in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge at 6:30 p.m.

Senior Christina Hannon, who is a member of ND-8, said the banquet is an experience that gets people to interact with world hunger. "With ND-8, we’re committed to these issues of international poverty, hunger, sustainability and global partnership. The banquet is a great way to get people to think about these issues of hunger," she said.

Hannon said students, as they arrive, are given a chance to spin a wheel, which will assign them to a group which represents an income level of the world population. The spin of a wheel will determine what and how the students will be eating — 50 percent will be given a meal of rice while sitting on the ground, 35 percent will be given a meal of rice and beans while sitting on chairs and 15 percent will be given a full meal of meat and vegetables while sitting at tables with silverware.

There are parallels between the experience at this event and what goes on in the world," Hannon said. "The biggest difference is that in the past, students from the upper 15 percent have shared their food with the lower income level groups, but that simply isn’t possible on the global scale.

"At Notre Dame we truly do have all these opportunities at our fingertips, and it’s important to just become aware," said Christina Hannon, ND-8 member.

Hannon said the emphasis is on the format, with each student assigned to their meal by chance. The three tiers represent the lower, middle and upper levels of income.

To deepen the personal aspect of the banquet, Hannon said, each student will be given an “identity card” appropriate to their income level group. Each identity card has the name, age, family, living situation, income level and job of the fictionalized person. "We want it to be fun, interesting and interactive," she said. "Students bring diverse experiences with service and the hunger banquet is a great opportunity to learn from one another. It’s not just a workshop, it’s personal."

GreeND and SEA are co-hosting the event this year because there is an emphasis on climate change and sustainability, Hannon said. "Global warming and a lack of sustainability are interfering and perpetuating global hunger," she said. "Global hunger, climate change and sustainability are interrelated issues."

Students can pre-register for the banquet online in order to help ND-8 have a more accurate assessment of who is coming to the event, but it is not necessary to register. "Students who just show up to the event are also welcome," Hannon said.

To enhance the experience of the banquet, ND-8 suggests fasting for up to 24 hours before the event. The group also requests that students pay one or two Grab-N-Go meals and bring them to the banquet to donate to a local food pantry.

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Dance Marathon sponsors spinoff

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Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon hosted a conference with representatives from Marian High School and Robyn Wood, Saint Mary’s Riley Hospital advisor. Sunday afternoon as a learning experience for Saint Mary’s associate of "mini-marathons."

At the conference, Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon hosted a high school that is supported by a college. Currently, Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon has one mini-marathon connection with Marian H.S., although the club is looking to establish mini-marathons with other local high schools that are interested, Dance Marathon president Kelly Deranek said.

At the conference, Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon committee members presented ideas and resources for funding and recruiting for their mini-marathon counterparts. Some of the ideas that were suggested included selling coupon booklets, having class competitions at the high school and selling apparel at the school.

"We were able to come up with a lot of great ideas for the upcoming year and build a good relationship with the girls in charge of the event from Marian High School," Deranek said. "I think with the work we did today that they are on the right track to having a very fun and successful Marathon this coming spring."

Dance Marathon members also suggested ways to recruit students and promote the event, including creating Facebook groups, having morning announcements and having a presentation at an all-school assembly at the high school.

Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon used their experiences with past Dance Marathons as a foundation for ideas for events the night of the mini-marathon.

Members of Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon suggested popular events from the past for Marian H.S. to incorporate in their Dance Marathon, including games like “Singled Out” and “Fear Factor,” as well as corn hole, refreshments and a DJ.

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By JOHN CAMERON
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The role of smart marketing decisions in the rise of the Rock Band video game phenomena was emphasized by Notre Dame alumna Christina Glorioso during her lecture at the Mendoza College of Business Friday.

Glorioso, now VP of Marketing Partnerships for MTV Networks, has worked with Clear Channel and SXPS events before moving to Viacom and ultimately ending up at MTV Networks Music and Logo Group.

Glorioso spoke primarily about her day-to-day work in the promotion and marketing of the Rock Band franchise, one of MTV’s most recent and successful branding ventures, largely overseen by Glorioso.

MTV’s part in the Guitar Hero franchise was initially limited to a promotional role, as the game was produced by a small developer, Harmonix Music and published by Red Octane. But Glorioso said once Guitar Hero was sold to Activision, a major games developer, MTV saw an opportunity to take a more active role in the budding music-based video game industry.

Glorioso said MTV Games’ strategy was to expand upon the Guitar Hero concept by creating a full band platform, which emphasized staying true to the music.

“We created Rock Band to be more authentic, even if you’re playing on plastic instruments,” she said. “We’re, re-engage people with music.”

Within 15 months, the Rock Band franchise had made $1 billion in revenue.

It took MTV 18 years to become a billion-dollar company. Rock Band did it in 15 months. That is astounding,” she said.

A large part of MTV’s marketing strategy is to utilize its existing TV presence to publicize Rock Band.

“We use our networks in the United States to promote our game,” she said.

Glorioso said one of the major television promotions, an animated commercial based on the album cover of the Beatles’ “Abbey Road,” proved a great success in promoting “The Beatles: Rock Band,” which sold over 600,000 copies in its first month.

In addition to commercials, MTV marketed the game by scheduling frequent Beatles-themed programs on its various stations, which include MTV and its affiliates, VH1, BET, CMT, Logo and Nickelodeon.

The Beatles: Rock Band’s huge sales make up only a fraction of the franchise’s total sales, which have surpassed 30 million units in North America alone.

Despite Rock Band’s massive sales figures, Glorioso and MTV Games have even greater aspirations for the franchise. According to Glorioso, various new markets have been explored through the various Rock Band add-ons meant to appeal to niche groups such as country and heavy metal fans (with genre-themed “Track Packs”), bar crowds (with “Rock Band: Bar Night”) and families with children (with “Lego Rock Band”).

In staying true to its emphasis on the music, the Rock Band marketing strategy is now putting more and more center on the sale of additional music titles to players to be used in the game.

“The new experience in our game is the music,” Glorioso said. “We make a lot of money in song sales.”

Glorioso said MTV Games’ latest Rock Band venture, Rock Band Network, is set to revolutionize the music-based video game industry in the first quarter of 2010. The Network will allow players to code, submit and sell their own original music online to be used within the Rock Band games.

Glorioso, who co-founded MTV’s Logo Group, has worked with Clear Channel and SFX sports before moving to the corporate world, and offering assistance to those she’s met at Notre Dame.

Quiros, who attended Notre Dame, said she disagreed with the protests.

“Quiros said she became involved in the protests as a freshman after coming to the school with an interest in social justice.

“I became interested in the politics of Latin America and I met a group of people who talked a lot about this school training students to go back to their countries,” she said.

While only she became involved as a Notre Dame student, she said many of the people she’s met at Notre Dame who are involved in the protests have been involved with the project for a long time.

“Most people would go with their high schools, the people who came to Notre Dame shared with those of us who had never heard that side of it,” Quiros said.

The group had multiple meetings before they left campus on Friday morning to drive to Georgia for the protest.

“We all got together in a couple of different meetings and group discussions where we would talk about what the history is, presence in our country and Latin America, and what they are doing today,” she said.

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instant coffee powder symboliz- ing gunpowder, Red Hot candy symbolizing the anti-military sentiment of the 1960s and sweat wrung from T-shirts symbolizing all the hard work of the battalion over the years.

This wasn’t bad Grog by our standards,” junior Anthony Conklin said. “Drinking from the Grog is meant as a punishment for platoons on Warrior Night. Last year we had fish oil in the Grog. You could sure taste that.”

Another important aspect of Warrior Night is the humorous skits put on by the different classes making fun of themselves and the other military branches. Normally the skits are put on by members of each platoon doing in ascending order of seniority. This year, the sophomore ROTC class filmed a series of skits before the Skits were so good the junior and senior divisions admitted that they couldn’t match the sophomore skits, and gladly accepted drinking the Grog for being out-done.

Warrior Night is the culmination of Warrior Week, in which the battalion participated in various military exercises including a physical training test, a 6-mile run with full rucksacks, obstacle courses and grenade training.

At the end of Warrior Night each platoon that scored the highest in a particular activity that week was awarded with a pennant for their platoon flag. This year, Platoon A-2 was the overall winner of Warrior Week.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Egyptian media stokes soccer anger CAIRO — Angry soccer fans rampaged through a posh diplomatic neighborhood in Cairo over the weekend, smashing shop windows and shouting obscenities in a frenzy fed by venomous headlines that portrayed Algerians as barbaric terrorists with a history of violence. Delusions of grandeur fed by media reports alleging their fans were brutalized by their Algerian rivals after Algeria won a playoff match Tuesday to advance to the World Cup, qualify for the 2010 World Cup.

Egypt’s government — often hemmed in by its people as repressive and indifferent to their suffering under scaring poverty — appears to have seized on the furor to turn the page, even with its citizens. Instead of the usual crackdown on demonstrations, authorities allowed crowds to pour into the streets near the Algerian Embassy and vent their anger in riots overnight between Thursday and Friday.

Iraq PM attacks Baathists before vote BAGHDAD — A stepped-up campaign by Iraq’s prime minister against Saddam Hussein loyalists is alienating Sunni Muslims and stoking tensions between them and the majority Shiites ahead of key national elections.

In a pre-electoral display of force, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki’s Shiite-dominated government put three men on state television Sunday to confess their alleged role in planning suicide attacks in Baghdad last month. The three, all in detention and dressed in orange prison jumpsuits, said the bombings were carried out by Leen, the knife-wielding attacker and his victim until after 8 a.m. Sunday.

No arrests were made, but Burns says the students have been arraigned on the charges as of Sunday, pending a hearing next month.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., and Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., left, debate the Senate health care bill disputed by Democrats on ‘Meet the Press’ this Sunday.

Sen. Democrats disagree over bill Moderate and liberal Party members dispute controversial health care legislation

WASHINGTON Moderate Senate Democrats threatened Sunday to scuttle health-care legislation if their demands aren’t met, as more liberal members warned their party leaders not to bend.

The dispute among Democrats foretells of a rowdy floor debate next month on legislation that would extend health-care coverage to roughly 31 million Americans.

Republicans have already made clear they aren’t supporting the bill.

Final passage is in jeopardy, even after the chamber’s historic 60-39 vote Saturday to begin debate.

“I don’t want a big-government, Washington-run operation that would undermine the ... private insurance that 200 million Americans now have,” said Sen. Ben Nelson, a conservative Nebraska Democrat.

Nelson and three other moderates — Democrat Sens. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas and Connecticut independent Joe Lieberman — opened to debate despite expressing reservations about the measure. Each of them has warned that they might not support the final bill.

One major sticking point is the provision that would allow Americans to buy a federal-run insurance plan if they were uninsured. Liberals say they worry the so-called public option will become a huge and costly entitlement program and that other requirements in the bill could cripple businesses.

“I don’t want to fix the problems in the health care system in a way that creates more of a mess and a crisis,” said Lieberman.

The sway held by such a small group of senators has annoyed their more liberal colleagues, who could vote against a final bill if it becomes too watered down.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, said he didn’t think rank-and-file Democrats would feel compelled to go that far. At the same time, Brown warned Democratic leaders not to make too many concessions.

“I don’t want four Democratic senators dictating to the other 56 of us and to the rest of the country — when the public option has this much support — that (a public option is) not going to be in it,” said Brown.

The Senate bill would require most Americans to carry insurance and provide subsidies to those who couldn’t afford it. Large companies could incur penalties if they didn’t provide coverage to their work force. The insurance industry, thus would come under significant new regulation under the bill, which would first ease and then ban the practice of denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions.

Congressional budget analysts put the legislation’s cost at $979 billion over a decade and say it would reduce deficits over the same period while extending coverage to 94 percent of the eligible population.

The House approved its version of the bill earlier this month on a near party-line vote of 220-215. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, said the health care bill must be passed by the end of the year so that President Barack Obama and law makers can shift their attention to the economy and improving employment rates.

Such a timeline also would enable Obama to claim victory on a major domestic priority when he delivers his State of the Union speech in January.

But with one-third of Senate seats up for election in 2010, politics will factor heavily into the outcome of the debate on health care.

Sen. Michael Bennet, a junior Democrat who will be seeking his first full term next year in Colorado, where many districts lean conservative, said he would support the health care overhaul even if doing so means losing his seat.

LOCAL NEWS

Indy woman hits boyfriend with SUV INDIANAPOLIS — Police are looking for an Indianapolis woman who witnesses say ran over her boyfriend twice with his own sport utility vehicle during an argument. Police say the woman returned moments later and struck 25-year-old Michael Powell a second time before fleeing again.

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MUNBAH — The walls that the rockets blew out have not been repaired, and the plaster is a dense scattering of bullet holes. Decades of war have destroyed the school by grenades, pockmark the linoleum floors.

One year after the terror attack that left 166 people dead, the Chabad House is one of the most popular sites with Jewish travelers where six foreigners were killed — remains scarred, still, and quiet.

In part, that silence is a symptom of how much remains unchanged since 10 militants with assault rifles fanned out across Mumbai last Nov. 26, attacking hotels, a train station and other targets, paralyzing India’s financial capital and shocking the country.

While Mumbai’s large hotels and important business centers have paid handsomely to improve their own security, many worry that the city as a whole remains vulnerable to another assault from Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Pakistan-based group blamed for the attack, or other assailants. While India is trying to liven its survival gunmen, Ajmal Kasab, Lashkar-e-Taiba’s leaders remain free in Pakistan.

“Nothing has changed to alter the vulnerabilities of Mumbai,” said Aijaz Sahni, executive director of the Institute for Conflict Management in New Delhi. “The only institutions that can protect against terrorism are state institutions. They are failing to do so. As a result private institutions are being forced to spend large amounts of money on largely ineffective security.”

He blames the failure to beef up national security on weak-willed politicians, some of whom are corrupt and benefit from lax policing. Despite crucial steps the national government has taken to coordinate intelligence gathering, deterioration on the ground has not increased, he said. Since last year’s attacks, authorities have neutralized 13 Islamist terror cells in India, right in line with the average since 1998, he said.

One year later, Mumbai still vulnerable

Associated Press

Mumbai police say they have not been told when they can visit the site of the Chabad House, a Jewish spiritual center that was among sites attacked by Islamic terrorists in November 2008.

A day after a court imposed a moratorium on any work done on the area, Indian authorities were still assessing the site.

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home,” O’Brien said. “That leads to a sizable cost savings and peace of mind knowing you’re living in a healthier environment.”

The location of Ivy Quad, which is across the street from the Notre Dame campus and within walking distance to local restaurants and Main Market, makes it easier for residents to reduce their carbon footprints. Since the homes are being built, residents have a unique opportunity to direct the planning and building of their homes.

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“I am not locked in to our design. We work with owners to determine best for them,” Julie Schwartz said. “The building process is open to undergraduates, graduate students, alumni and professors.”

“The opportunity to purchase a home within walking distance to the university and to create a community that is developing in Ivy Quad, Schwartz said. “Already our residents all know each other and that’s exactly what we want to see happen.”

Ivy Quad is appropriately named. It is built around an actual quadrangle of grass and is located where Ivy Rd. used to run before Twyczenham Dr. was expanded.

“The quadrangle based living environment of the residences wants to re-live their college days,” O’Brien said. “The building style is collegiate gothic, so it imitates buildings on campus.”

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Schwartz, a Notre Dame alumna, said she helped change her mind.” The idea she had made a difference in a woman’s life through her counseling is humbling, Lape said. “It’s humbling to be able to affect someone by doing such a small thing. They say it’s the women themselves who actually do all the work.”

Her summer internship made Lape realize and appreciate the implications of letting pregnant women know they do have someone to talk to and somewhere to turn for support.

“You hear it all the time,” Lape said. “I said that women don’t want abortions. Women are forced to get abortions due to situations. If you support these women, you can save their lives, not just the child, but also of the mother.”

This is the message that has translated into the current Right to Life campaign that is represented by cutouts of pregnant women on Saint Mary’s campus with signs that state “pregnant? we support you.”

“In terms of supporting pregnant women, being a supportive friend and classmate to a pregnant peer can make a difference in their lives. There are so many things you can do,” Schwartz said. “Abortion is everywhere; our ability to talk about it is just as present. Lape said.

Lape acknowledges her ideas of pro-life may differ from the norm. “For me, my concept has changed to be more pro-life than other peoples.” Lape said. “When I think about the pro-life movement, I think of the well-being and the relationship of the child on both sides of the same coin.”

Lape is glad for all of the attention — positive and negative — people have been giving to the current Right to Life campaign. “I think it’s important that people are talking about it,” Lape said. “A lot of people in the pro-life movement have changed their beliefs just as we have. One of the best things we can do is to challenge what the pro-life movement is really about and how we can live out these pro-life values.”

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Rising taxes could hinder hiring

Employers unable to afford increasing unemployment fees, health care costs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As if small businesses needed another reason not to hire, consider their latest financial burden. The cost of rising unemployment itself is imposing another cost. It's forcing higher state taxes on companies to pay for unemployment insurance claims.

Some employers say the extra costs make them less likely to hire. That could be a worrisome sign for the economic recovery, because small businesses create about 60 percent of new jobs. Other employers say they'll cut or freeze hiring.

Chuck Ferrar, who owns a liquor store in Annapolis, Md., expects to pay $9,000 in unemployment taxes next year, up from $3,000 this year. Health care costs for his employees will rise by $8,000, or 17.5 percent.

"When you start adding this up, it turns into real money," he said. "If I lose an employee through attrition, I will not replace him. You can't afford to do it.

"There's a lot of companies are doing layoffs. They're trying to cut costs wherever they can," Ferrar said.

The Associated Press surveyed 1350 households, including 667 who were laid off or fired in the past year, and found the number of new hires fell by 2.1 percent in October compared to the previous month.

The group, which surveyed 1,350 households, said 63 percent believed the current economic difficulties were less likely. Americans may feel more financially secure and be more willing to travel, the report says.

"Thanksgiving travel dropped 25 percent following the economic crisis in the first half of last year and down the heat and buying with an eye toward the,a small decrease in air travel," he said.

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans traveling away from home for Thanksgiving will be up only slightly this year from 2008, according to a report from the AAA auto club.

The group, which surveyed 1,350 households, said 29 percent expect at least 7 million improved travel- ing by car this year — a 2.1 percent increase from last year. But there will be a 6.7 percent decrease in the number of air travelers, totaling 2.3 million this year, continuing a decade-long decline of Thanksgiving air travel.

"The strategies used in more than 50 state buildings include:

- Turning off lights, turning on the lights in offices.
- Reducing the light levels in offices.
- Replacing the human resource staff.
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Presidential candidate for the Social Democracy Party Mieczyslaw flashes victory signs in Bucharest on Sunday. The election will continue in a runoff.

Associated Press

BUCHAREST — A presidential election in Romania emerged from a political and economic crisis failed to produce a winner on Sunday, and the top two candidates will compete in a runoff next month, according to early poll results.

If the exit polls are confirmed by official results on Monday, centrist President Traian Basescu, 57, will face socialist former Foreign Minister Mieczyslaw, 51, in the runoff on Dec. 6.

One exit poll said Basescu won 44.3 percent of the votes, compared to 30.9 percent for Geana. The other said Basescu won 32.8 percent, compared to 31.7 percent for Geana. Conservative opposition leader Cristian Dancila polled about 21 percent, finishing third in an election featuring a dozen candidates.

Romania's government collapsed last month amid squabbling between the two-party coalition of the Social Democratic and the Democratic Liberal party he heads, before a runoff election was used to lead to a meeting at a party convention in October 1997.

The conference had originally been planned to produce a new draft climate-change treaty on limiting emissions of greenhouse gases that would replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. However, hopes for a legally binding agreement have dimmed lately, with leaders saying the summit is more likely to produce a template for future action to cut emissions blamed for global warming.

President Barack Obama, China's Hu Jintao, and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India have not publicly said if they will attend the summit, although U.S. climate delegate Jane Lubchenco has said Obama is "actively considering" it.

However, Obama's advisers say he is working in private to push toward a solution that would yield a binding agreement at a meeting in Mexico next year. Obama waited until the recent Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Singapore.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who is among those heading to Copenhagen, said Sunday in a letter to Rasmussen that the meeting needs national leaders "to make the final decisions necessary to achieve agreement." Brown said, "I am extremely encouraged that so many heads of state and government have now publicly confirmed their intention to go. This is an important signal and I shall continue to encourage others to do so." Brown wrote.

BRITAIN has pushed other nations hard in recent months to commit to a legally binding treaty at the summit, although Brown has acknowledged that a pact may not be sealed until 2010.
Sen. Schumer to review frequent flier complaints

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer is calling for a federal review of complaints by consumers that they are losing millions of frequent flier miles without notice in confusing agreements.

He wants to establish industry rules for frequent flier programs that are billed as a free benefit to help attract and retain customers. There are few restrictions now on how airlines can manage and redeem the miles.

Schumer says he suspects consumers are actually paying for frequent flier programs through air fare and fees. If so, he said rules are needed to protect consumers. He’s asking the Department of Transportation to review the complaints.

“As the holiday travel season approaches, we cannot let airlines and credit card companies continue to fly off with hard-earned frequent flier miles,” Schumer said in an announcement scheduled for Sunday. “When a consumer accumulates valuable frequent flier miles, they should not have to constantly worry that they are going to expire with little or no notification from the airline.”

InsideFlyer magazine finds the lack of consumer protection on frequent flier miles a common concern. Complaints include miles expiring without clear notice and a frequent change in the value of the miles, according to magazine spokeswoman Michelle O’Neill.

Other complaints include confusion over how many miles can be accumulated for certain trips, O’Neill said.

Ten trillion unused frequent-flier miles worth $165 billion are in circulation now. Schumer said. But 20 percent of them may never be redeemed, he said.

Frequent flier model programs began 20 years ago, most with no expiration dates for the benefits. In the last decade, airlines have created three-year windows for consumers to use the miles. Schumer said.

The Air Transport Association, a trade group for airlines, said each air carrier tailors its frequent flier miles programs as they see fit, often based on consumer interest. The group has seen reports of consumer complaints but doesn’t track them. The system hasn’t been targeted by regulators, they point out.

The group says frequent flyer programs remain popular with consumers and airlines try to make their programs as lucrative and consumer friendly as possible to attract and retain customers.

Chicago loses Oprah, money

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Step outside Oprah Winfrey’s Harpo Studios and into the near west side neighborhood that’s been home to her television talk show for two decades, and it’s easy to get a sense of what she’s meant to Chicago.

“I used to live across the street from Harpo and when I moved there it was me and cross-dressing crack addicts and Harpo. And now it’s streetwalkers and little white dogs all over,” said Paul O’Connor, whose job has been to sell the city to businesses looking to relocate and those wondering why they should stay.

Along with the upscale condominiums and pricey restaurants that replaced the rundown apartments, abandoned warehouses and vacant storefronts, it’s a sentiment that helps explain just how nervous people in Chicago are about Winfrey’s announcement that next season, the 25th, will be the last for “The Oprah Winfrey Show.”

“Chicago’s going to find out what a loss Oprah is,” said Joel Nickson, who was at Harpo Studios when he’s not doing the show, “How’s it going to be without her?”

The city’s largest and most celebrated television presence is leaving Chicago as the ratings network that applauses and other creative director Lisa Erspamer is set to debut in January 2011. The Oprah Winfrey Network, which is widely expected to start up a new talk show on OWN, hired “Oprah” co-executive producer Lisa Erspamer for the premiere.

Without Winfrey, some wonder, “What’s this town going to come to?” asked Ann Coddington, 41, of Richmond, Ind., who was at Harpo Studios to see the show Friday morning. “You think of Chicago, you think of Oprah.”

Winfrey hasn’t said she’s leaving Chicago, but there are indications it’s possible. She is expected to move to her television talk show for the third season of her OWN, a spinoff of the Oprah Winfrey Network, which is set to debut in January 2011. OWN hired “Oprah” co-executive producer Lisa Erspamer for the premiere.

Nobody suggests Harpo Studios’ neighborhood will revert to the pre-Winfrey years, when it was all but impossible to catch a cab and there was no place to order a latte much less a nice meal. But the studio stands as a reminder of what has been, and what could be lost.

It was here that celebrities came from all over the world when they had something to say — from Tom Cruise’s declaration of love for Katie Holmes, memorably accompanied by a jump on her couch, to Sarah Palin’s appearance on the show to kick off her book tour.

“Chicago is part of the cultural infrastructure which provides a rich intellectual and cultural life to the city and that is absolutely critical for corporate decision making,” said O’Connor, who now works for the Chicago Metropolis 2020 civic group after leaving World Business Chicago, a not-for-profit economic development corporation that worked to attract and keep businesses in Chicago.

Once the businesses are here, Winfrey has even been part of the effort to persuade employers who might be reluctant to pack up and move their family.
Giving thanks and time

Dear Reader,

Many would argue that gift-giving and shopping get out of hand during the holiday season. However, holiday shopping is a necessary evil. While it might seem like a bad habit, the retail business is necessary for the economy. The holiday season, in particular, is a time when retailers see a large increase in business.

A turnaround for the economy is always arguable. I have a dire feeling that the economy will turn around in the near future, but the question is, will it last? It seems as if our concern is to pursue happiness and monetary gain. But are we truly ever happy with our possessions?

As I was shopping the other day and driving home, I began to think about how the retail business is more than just a way to make money. It is a way to reach out to people with a product or service. It is a way to connect with people and help them.

This Thanksgiving, I plan on giving thanks and time. This year, I plan on giving something else in addition to time. I plan on giving money, but I plan on giving it to a worthy cause. I plan on giving thanks and time.

In the end, I hope we can all give something this year. Whether it be money, time, or just something else, let’s give something this year.

Thanksgiving, everyone. Enjoy it.

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Giving thanks and time

Every Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all the good that has happened in our lives. At times when the economy turns down and there may seem to be less to be thankful for, we have a wonderful opportunity to search for the positives in apparently negative situations. Perhaps we can even use this holiday season toward sharing a piece of our personal wealth with our friends and families instead of part of our consumer worth.

In fact, rather than continue along this vein in vague writer-speak, I am going to make this column direct. Don’t go shopping the day after Thanksgiving. According to numbers from the 2000 U.S. Census, the top three jobs with the largest projected growth from 1999 to 2008 were systems analysts, retail salespersons and cashiers. Cashiers. We buy so much that the third largest growing (and also largest employing) job is one for someone who gets paid to take your money, which simultaneously just raised the price of whatever you just bought to pay that employee.

So why do we continue to support the growth of a sector whose purpose is to clothe us in a way that leaves us “needing” new clothes every season, every year, often by delivering poor-quality clothes manufactured in bulk by small children or grossly underpaid adults in nations where the residents feel they have no other option than to work for oppressive foreign companies?

We have to dig to the root of the issue. It lies, unfortunately, primarily in our insatiable appetite for more. More money, more items, more clothing, more food, more everything. From the 1970s to about 2008, we were unaccountable for many of our actions, content that ever-growing economies and consumer cultures could sustain us for as far as we could see into the future. Actually, maybe that was true and we just weren’t looking far enough.

Now that we have experienced a sobering reality check as to our monetary infallibility, it’s time we realign our values to reflect the fragility of our economic selves. Can we shift the focus away from money? Or at least away from monetary appeals to our loved ones?

Making money is important, undoubtedly. Money makes the world go round, as the often-used, guilt-riding cliché reminds us. But if you make less money, you have less money to spend on things that you don’t really need. Lower salaries are never good, but perhaps not having a job that makes one part of the “labor force” and instead focusing on pursuing practical crafts — gardening as a supplementary form of food supplies, keeping up a home or contributing to the atmosphere of a local community — could help attribute to one’s sense of accomplishment while valuing a skill over money.

I’m not advocating moving to communes and abandoning the use of the U.S. dollar. Rather, I’m trying to reach the more subtle point that we can value things within our lives, and yes, within our economy, without placing a monetary value on them. Bringing homemade food and wine, rather than something bought in the retail sector, to family get-togethers over the holidays means you spent less, and spent the time you would have otherwise been shopping in the store cooking at home with family.

Instead of coddling for cheapness, encourage your loved ones not to buy a present. In lieu of a present, make a card, write a song, paint a picture or bake a cake for (or better yet, with) them. Take the stressful time you would spend in the stores and spend it at home, knowing that even that gift of time is one of the most valuable presents you could ever offer your loved ones.

Don’t go shopping the day after Thanksgiving. Find other ways to reach out to your loved ones by sharing yourself instead of waiting in long lines at the store. Shifting the retail business to another sector might not be that bad of a change for our society, if we always argue against societal change on the account of jobs, how are we ever going to progress and solve problems as a nation, as a culture, as a global and material-driven world? Although economic times might seem like occasions for less giving of thanks than usual, perhaps they are occasions for even greater celebration of what is important to us. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. Enjoy it.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Organization can never be a substitute for initiative.”

Louis D. Brandeis
U.S. Supreme Court Justice

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The test of a vacation is the love of the drudgery it involves.”

Logan Pearsall Smith
U.S. author
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Non-Americans deserve real justice, too**

Dear Mark Eisley,

American values may be reserved for Americans, yet the values of human rights and common human decency are known to all.

I could not agree with you more in your assertions that those terrorists are not Americans and that any terrorist’s actions is abhorrent and should be punished to the fullest extent (“Terrorists are not Americans,” Nov. 19). However, I am rather alarmed at the retaliatory action you advocate. What you fail to comprehend is that acting to punish them without a trial is akin to what they have done in that there exists no basis or justification for the action. If you do not condone baseless and hateful attacks on America, then you cannot in the same breath support punish these individuals without some kind of trial or basis or on which to punish them. Not only does this swiftly carry out your version of “justice” violate numerous international laws, that very same action is exactly the reaction the terrorists are seeking.

By refusing to treat them with the dignity that a trial is akin to what a normal citizen would be granted, you create sympathy for their cause and add to the proliferation of millennial extremism throughout the world. In fact giving these “evil men” a fair trial through our judicial system is the best course of action. Not only does it bring legitimacy to our claims against them, it shows that even amidst the terrible pain and destruction that they brought upon our country, we are steadfast and refuse to abandon the values upon which this great nation was founded — those same values that are taught to us here at Notre Dame.

In closing, Gandhi once said, “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.” Should we take your course of action, a blind world may be the best outcome possible.

Ian Montijo
Freshman
Scarf Hall
Nov. 20

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**Travesty against tradition**

“Divided We Stand.” This was the title of Scholastic Magazine’s Sept. 17 cover story. This article has (as have some of the Viewpoint articles over the last year) characterized our alumni as out-

Perhaps we forget who started our traditions. Who wrote our fight song? Who invented our cheers? Who started the hundreds of clubs and organizations we participate in? Who built our ath-

Perhaps our alumni are the true voice of the University, reminding us of who we are and where we came from. Perhaps the alumni are not out of touch with the University. Perhaps we are out of touch with the University.

We are a nation of escapists.

Matthew Louteau
The Daily Reveille

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**Can’t teach heart**

With respect to our football team, although they are incredible athletes, you guys have no heart. I expect that every student on this campus — most of whom know next to nothing about football — will be reaming head coach Charlie Weis for the loss of the football team to the University of Connecticut.

The thing that none of you students realize is that Coach Weis showed no shortcomings in leading our team. Although our defense lacked preparation, that is not why we lost. We lost because our Fighting Irish lack heart. Heart is not something you can teach; it is something that can be instilled not by words, and rarely by actions; it is something that grows among the team.

Students and fans, our team does not lose because of Coach Weis, it loses because of a lack of heart.

Oliver Cmell
Sophomore
Morrissey Manor
Nov. 21

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**Escapism raises concerns**

We are a nation of escapists. Escapism is the avoidance of reality by absorption of and the obsession with media like movies, video games, and Habbo Hotel.

J.K. Rowling is worth about $7 million (excluding daddy’s gratuitous inheritance). She wrote books about a girl who can cast spell-casting, gnome killing or slam dunking? Who paid for the dorms we live in? Our hall of science? Our performing arts center?

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Sincerely,

Christopher Damian
Dillon Hall
Nov. 18

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**Editorial Cartoon**

This week, we’ll give thanks for all the Letters to the Editor you’re going to send in.
Thursday at midnight, “Twilight” fans of all ages lined up to theaters to be the first to see their favorite vampires and werewolves, and the mortal high school girl they fight for, have their warmest hearts melted by. “New Moon,” the second chapter of the “Twilight Saga,” takes on the love triangle of Bella (Kristen Stewart), a high school senior, Jacob (Taylor Lautner) the resident small town werewolf, and Edward (Robert Pattinson), resident small town vampire, Bella fights off dreamy vampire New Moon and instead sticks to an appropriately blank, dejected expression, oddly akin to her resting face. Despite Bella’s perceived lack of personality, the film is thankfully littered with humorous one-liners that are undeniably lame but somehow manage to keep the film from becoming a painstaking emotional drain. The film is also kept afloat by three other factors—a hip indie soundtrack, a relatively likeable cast of minor characters and shirtless male hotties. It seems that Weitz predicted that anytime the plot slows or gets particularly predictably, the footloose complement is for an attractive male lead to lose his shirt. Based off the sighs and screams emitted from theaters this weekend, Weitz guessed right. And when the abs of Pattinson or Lautner were absent, glimpses into the personalities of minor characters like Alice or Jessica, who were mostly neglected in the first film, provided a happy distraction. Though much of “New Moon” seems to deal in dreamscapes and Bella’s nightmares and hallucinations, the film’s take on the subconscious is nothing remarkable. Floating apparitions of Edward that Bella sees in her ex-boyfriend’s absence intermittently appear throughout the film, but they are less impressive than if not readily available to criticism. Still, on the whole, while the supernatural and the subconscious may be nothing special in the filming of the “Twilight Saga,” the film does an average handling of a fantastic subject material that is admittedly difficult to bring to the screen.

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Editor

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By ALEXANDRA KILPATRICK
Assistant Scene Editor

The cinematic phenomenon that’s had teenagers across the nation talking for months. Stephanie Meyer’s creation of a secret world of mythical beings hidden amidst present-day society has spawned a pop-cultural revolution, with vampire-themed movies, music and TV series popping up everywhere. And the books and movies are not the only true is true / I need every wakin’ hour with you / And my friends cause they’re so beautiful …” The minimalist electronic sound of Radiohead lead singer Thom Yorke’s “Hearing Damage” also provides insightful lyrics that truly portrays Bella’s view of Edward. “And you can do no wrong / in my eyes, in my eyes.”

The killers’ “White Demon Love Song” begins with a graceful piano riff and quickly leads into Brandon Flower’s distinctive low-pitched falsetto vocals. The breathey rasp of Anna Martina’s “Satellite Heart” gives a sense of security yet is an obvious attack at Edward’s character, with the lyrics, “So pretty, so smart / Such a waste of a young heart / What a pity, what a shame / What’s the matter with you, man?”

“I Belong to You (New Moon Remix)” by Muse, reportedly one of Meyer’s favorite bands, provides the typically angst-y orchestral sound for which the English alt rock band is known, with its foliage and whisper lead vocals. Ron Iver & St. Vincent’s “Roslyn” contains singer-songwriter Justin Vernon’s distinctive high-pitched lead vocals and provides insight with the lyrics, “Up with your turret / Aren’t we just terrified? / Skale, screen your worry / From what you won’t ever find.”

The “Editors’ “No Sound But The Wind” has the same orchestral piano sound and deep, low vocals as The National and contains the level of emotion necessary to portray Bella’s adolescent heartache, seen throughout the sequel. The soft musings of soundtrack producer Alexandre Desplat on piano with “New Moon (The Meadow)” gives a sense of finality to the album and to the movie itself. It’s a very classical-sounding orchestral arrangement but in spite of the lack of lyrics, the shifts in dynamics throughout appropriately parallel a change in emotion. Overall, the soundtrack is a well-produced eclectic mix of indie and all rock songs that not only sound fantastic but also help to portray the movie’s themes and further the character and plot development.

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Editor

The stellar soundtrack is certainly tied to the movie’s plot and character development, but after just one listen, it’s clear that it could stand on its own as an eclectic indie rock album. It’s an excellent mix of original songs exclusively recorded for the soundtrack from popular alternative rock bands like the Killers, Muse and Ok Go and such lesser-known indie rock acts as Band of Skulls and Hurricane Bells. The album begins with a love song from the endlessly emotionally Washington State-based indie rock band Death Cab for Cutie, entitled “Meet Me on the Equinox.”

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Edward PROS:
- He can read minds. This comes in handy when he needs to save Bella from whatever predicament she clumsily gets herself into.
- Will never acquire wrinkles.
- He has excellent taste in music and has the charming ability to play the piano like a virtuoso. He has an enormous and eclectic music collection, and prefers indie rock to mainstream, but equally appreciates rock and classical music.
- Loyal boyfriend with great hair. All the time.
- Like all vampires, he’s impossibly beautiful. His facial features are perfect and angular, with high cheekbones, a strong jaw line, a straight nose and full lips. He’s 6-foot-2, with a slender yet muscular body.
- You’ll never have to diet or exercise to rival your vampire boyfriend’s hot beach body, because he can’t go out in the sunlight publicly anyway.
- No matter how hot it gets, his marbled, chilled body can always provide a cool relief. And what if it’s cold out? We’ll that’s what coats and blankets are for.
- He never sleeps, so there is always someone you can call, no matter the hour, to be emotionally and physically available.
- Immortal soul mate, what really is there to argue about?

Edward CONS:
- He’s a vampire. No matter how much he loves you, he still wants, on some level, to suck your blood.
- He leaves. No matter his good intentions, he still left when you needed him.
- Despite taking off like that, he’s still needy and clingy.
- Constantly plays “woe is me” card. What’s the appeal in someone who’s so serious and brooding all the time? It’s boring and exhausting to watch.
- When he gets jealous of your werewolf best friend, he doesn’t just get mopey. He takes the engine of your car so you can’t go visit your werewolf best friend.
- He uses more hair product than his girlfriend.
- His family dinners consist of drinking blood.
- His body’s too cold for snuggling.
- He let Bella name their daughter “Renesmee.” Renesmee?
- Father knows best — even Charlie doesn’t like him.
- He sparkles. Who wants a man that sparkles?
- The “dazzling.” It’s kind of sickening to watch.

Jacob PROS:
- He can fix up that old motorcycle of yours so that you can indulge your inner adrenaline junkie.
- He does not sparkle (thank goodness).
- Lots of man muscle.
- He’s a bro.
- He is a werewolf, but at least he’s not the living dead.
- Can make jorts work.
- Quick to defend the people he loves.
- Jacob’s fun, and protects Bella without controlling her. Or lurking outside her window at night. Creepy.
- He’s got the “wounded puppy” look down, as opposed to Edward’s “sorrowful brooding” glare.
- Jacob and Bella won’t have demon children.
- He is just way, way hotter, and isn’t a century older than Bella.
- He literally never wears a shirt.

Jacob CONS:
- Irrational and temperamental, and he’s a werewolf (a little dangerous, maybe).
- He and Bella just are not meant to be (Edward imprinted on her so it is just fate).
- Can get creepily forceful when he wants something. What’s appealing about a guy who just doesn’t understand the meaning of “no”?
- The haircuts provide a style whiplash. Not knowing if your boyfriend’s going to have a shaved head or locks longer than yours is too much unpredictability to handle.
- Controlling “pack” of friends that just cannot butt out of your relationship or your boyfriend’s inner thoughts. Creepy. Let’s have some privacy please.
- Something about a 16-year-old with that much muscle is plain alarming. Can anyone say “juicing”?

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Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — When the last player drafted in 2009 trotted onto the field, the best team of 2008 was doomed.

A few minutes after Ben Roethlisberger wobbled off the field Sunday with a possible concussion, Ryan Succop kicked a 22-yard field goal with 8:28 left to tie the game and the Kansas City Chiefs snapped a team-record losing streak by coming from behind in overtime to win a 22-yard field goal with 8:28 left to tie the game and the Kansas City Chiefs snapped a team-record losing streak by coming from behind in overtime to win 27-24.

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The Buckeyes (10-2, 7-1) were without their starting quarterback, Terrelle Pryor, who has been sidelined since last week with a concussion.

In regulation, the Steelers (6-4) had the ball for 19 seconds in the fourth quarter and 27 seconds in the third quarter of the Chiefs’ 27-24 win. The Chiefs played in the third quarter with all the turnovers and stuff like that,” said Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward, who had 10 catches for 128 yards, including an 8-yard touchdown, and three receptions on screen passes.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, lead trail of fame stars at HOF**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Larry Bird and Magic Johnson have been linked since their epic 1979 NCAA title game. Now they're going into college basketball's hall of fame together.

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Travis Grant, college basketball's career scoring leader, longtime coach Gene Bartow, former NCAA executive director Walter Byers and USA Basketball executive director Bill Wall also will be inducted.

**Holmgren interested in helping struggling Browns**

CLEVELAND — Former Seattle and Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren is interested in working for the struggling Cleveland Browns.

Holmgren said on his weekly radio show on Seattle's KJR that he has not yet spoken to Browns owner Randy Lerner, who is looking for a "serious, credible leader" football authority to run his struggling team. However, Holmgren did indicate he would welcome the chance to take on a rebuilding project like the 1-8 Browns.

"It takes a tremendous amount of energy, but there is a certain appeal there," the 61-year-old Holmgren. "There's something in my personality, too, that taking on those types of projects, that kind of gets me going. But there's a lot of work to do."

**Jimmi Johnson celebrates his fourth straight NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship after finishing fifth last night in the last race of the season. Johnson is the first driver to accomplish this feat.**

**Johnson wins fourth straight championship**

**Associated Press**

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — All Jimmie Johnson ever wanted was a chance to race with the best in NASCAR. Maybe even win a race or two.

Johnson bulldozed his way into the record books by becoming the first driver in NASCAR history to win four consecutive championships, finishing fifth in Sunday's season-finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

He joins Richard Petty (7), Dale Earnhardt (7) and teammate Jeff Gordon (4) as the only three drivers to win more than four titles in NASCAR history to win four championships in eight seasons.

Johnson's title gave a nod to both Hendrick Motorsports and Hendrick Motorsports, much like Tiger Woods, Roger Federer and Lance Armstrong in their respective sports.

"They haven't been feted under a blizzard of confetti by himself. His mighty Hendrick Motor-sports team rules NASCAR the way UCLA once dominated the hardwood or Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls reigned supreme.

Johnson's title gave a record 12th overall championship to team owner Rick Hendrick, who was in North Carolina with a niece who's awaiting an emergency liver transplant. In his absence, the team took the top three spots in the final standings.

"I feel really, really blessed to have had a chance," Martin said.

"To do something that's never been done in the sport, and love the sport like I do and respect it like I do and the greats — Petty, Earnhardt, Gordon — to do something they have never done is so awesome," Johnson said. "And to win four championships in eight years, what this team has done — this is unbelievable."

"Yes, it is. Now Johnson now stands atop NASCAR as a one-man dynasty, much like Tiger Woods, Roger Federer and Lance Armstrong in their sports."

Hendrick Motorsports is one of the most successful teams in NASCAR history, having won 12 championships since 1999.

"Johnson never let up in pursuit of the championship, even though he needed only to finish 25th or better to get it Sunday. But he pushed for all 400 miles and even threatened to try to run down the leaders to better his eventual fifth-place finish."

**Ku Klux Klan members protest at Ole Miss game**

OXFORD, Miss. — About a dozen hooded Ku Klux Klan members rallied briefly at the University of Mississippi before Saturday's football game with No. 10 LSU.

The members of the Mississippi White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan spent about 10 minutes waving flags, displaying Nazi-style salutes and occasionally gesturing at a group of about 250 hecklers that included young children. They were protesting the school's decision to drop a pep song that included " Dixie."

Some fans had been ending the song by chanting, "The South will rise again." Chancellor Dan Jones asked the band to stop playing the song after fans ignored a request to drop the chant.

The Klan said it was protesting over lost Southern symbolism at Ole Miss, which has been rocked by racial strife before.
Oregon tops Arizona, Rose Bowl now in sight

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Oregon quarterback Jeremiah Masoli watched as red-clad Arizona students ringed the sidelines as time ticked down, ready to rush the field.

“I saw it and I actually smirked,” Masoli said. “It was kind of funny. I wasn’t really worried about it.”

The Ducks’ gifted quarterback ruined the celebration in Arizona Stadium and started another one in Eugene.

Masoli tied it with a touchdown pass to Ed Dickson with six seconds left, then won it with a 1-yard run in the second overtime as No. 11 Oregon defeated Arizona 44-41 on overtime as No. 11 Oregon

A touchdown would win it for Oregon, and Masoli quickly produced it. He hit Dickson for 22 yards, and three plays later Masoli bullied over from a yard out.

“That was a real tough loss, especially for the kids,” said Arizona coach Mike Stoops, whose team lost for the first time at home. “We did really well tonight with getting Oregon out of their comfort zone. They’ve got a very good quarterback, and that is definitely what makes the difference.”

Facing relentless pressure from the Wildcats, Masoli struggled at times, fumbling twice and throwing an interception that led to Arizona’s first score. But Masoli was there when the Ducks needed him most. He was unstoppable late in the game, then took over in overtime.

After Masoli hit Jeff Maehl for a 4-yard score on Oregon’s first overtime possession, Foles hit Juron Criner with a 3-yard strike to tie it at 38-38. In the second OT, Oregon forced Arizona to settle for a 41-yard field goal by Alex Bannister. In the second OT, Oregon

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**Maple Leafs top Caps in shootout**

Associated Press

TORONTO — Phil Kessel, Niklas Hagman and a couple of good bounces helped pull the Toronto Maple Leafs out of another first-period slide.

The Toronto forwards scored shootout goals in a 2-1 victory over the Washington Capitals on Saturday night, giving the Maple Leafs their first victory in six games.

It’s the first time Toronto has won a game in extra time all season.

Hagman also scored in regulation for the Maple Leafs (4-11-6).

Alex Ovechkin replied for Washington (13-5-5) with his 16th of the season.

The Maple Leafs were fortunate to be facing a team that was not only playing for the second straight night, but also missing seven players due to injury.

Toronto also got some badly needed bounces.

Capitals forward Eric Fehr had a shot break during his shootout attempt, Washington hit a couple posts late in the third period, and Hagman’s goal beat Vesa Toskala with the kind of goal a team would be capable of unleashing.

The Maple Leafs were actually unfortunate to find themselves trailing after carrying much of the play, highlighted by a pair of solid penalty kills.

Toronto fought back to tie it with the kind of goal a team hard on its luck needs. Hagman was skating hard to the goal when Jason Blake’s shot banked off a Caps defender and hit Hagman before getting past Toskala at 16:49 of the second period.

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The Maple Leafs scored for the first time in six games after Ovechkin opened the scoring at 17:11 of the first period. The goal gave the Leafs the win — something they’ve held at some point in all 23 games this season — and marked the 18th time in 21 games the Leafs have surrendered the first goal.

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The Maple Leafs raced to a 35-0 shutout since last year’s 36-0 win over Auburn.

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Instead, it’ll be forgotten quickly with the Iron Bowl awaiting six days later.

This was the sixth time the Tide’s defense had held an opponent to seven points or less this season, but the first since Alabama raced to a 35-0 shutout since last year’s 36-0 win over Auburn.

“We played a good football team and I don’t know if there was much we could have done to be better than this,” said first-year Mocs coach Russ Humes, who led a turnaround after a 1-11 season.

It only seemed like a pressure-free day when a fan warned his team of the repercussions of a huge upset, even beyond their national title hopes.

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Alabama running back Mark Ingram ran for 120 yards as the Crimson Tide moved to 11-0 after crushing Chattanooga 45-0.

“I’m sure we could have left him in today and he could have had a huge day,” Saban said. “He gained 100 yards. That’s a good day’s work when you come out with 30 minutes to go in the second quarter.”

McElroy was 6-of-11 passing for 80 yards, including that 19-yard touchdown pass to Jones, before giving way to backup Star Jackson in the second half.

Jones caught three passes for 65 yards, all in the first half.

Alabama attempted only five passes, content to control the ball against the SEC Southern Conference team and let the clock wind toward bigger games. It was the finale at Bryant-Denny Stadium for 27 Alabama seniors.

“Just about every senior on our team got to play in the game,” Saban said. “It was good that the players came out and played Alabama football so those guys got a chance to play.”

Arenas wasn’t the only Bama special teamer in record territory. Leigh Tiffin kicked a 41-yard field goal, tying the school records for kicks made in a season (25) and career (78). Arenas sat out the second half and only got halfway to his ideal final home performance of scoring “a couple of touchdowns” that he stated early in the week.

“Till settle for one,” Arenas said.

He is 37 yards shy of the Lee Nailly of Vanderbilt SEC career punt return record of 1,695 yards, and 103 yards from the NCAA mark set by Texas Tech’s Wes Welker.

Trent Richardson and Roy Upchurch also rushed for touchdowns.

Chattanooga twice drove into Alabama territory in the first half, both times failing to convert on fourth-and-long. The first ended with four straight incompletions from the 38, and the second on an interception from the 22.

“I didn’t feel like bringing about kicking a field goal and having three points on the board,” Huesman said. “You kick field goals to put yourself in position to win games. You don’t kick field goals just because you’re at Alabama trying to put three points on the board.”

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**ND CROSS COUNTRY**

**Seniors look to make statement in final race**

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The women of the Notre Dame cross country team and senior Jake Walker from the men’s team have one final chance to race this season against the nation’s fastest collegiate runners at the NCAA national meet Monday at Indiana State University.

“It’s an honor to be here competing against some of the best individuals and teams,” sophomore Rachel Velarde said. “We’ve put in all the miles, workouts, and strength training we can and just have to show all of our hard work tomorrow.”

After receiving an at-large bid to nationals in 2008, the women finished in 27th place and are hoping to improve that placement in this season’s final meet against the nation’s top 31 teams.

“Last year, we were just really excited to be here, but this year we mean business,” senior Beth Tacl said. “We’re here not just to participate, but want to re-establish Notre Dame as one of the better teams in the country.”

A first-place finish for the No. 24 Irish women is unlikely, but the team’s goal this weekend are simply focused on overall improvement for each of the seven women competing.

“We need to focus more on ourselves, rather than any other team,” women’s coach Tim Connolly said. “We’re not a team that’s going to have a chance to win the whole thing, so the thing we have to do is focus on ourselves more than saying we need to beat certain teams.”

Since their first place finish at the Great Lakes Regional last weekend, the Irish have been making sure they are physically prepared for Monday’s event.

“Our big focus in practice this week was to make sure that we had recovered from the race last week where we raced on a really tough course,” Connolly said. “We took a couple of days to do some easy runs and more stretching. At this point, they’re not going to get any more fit, but I wanted to make sure they were feeling sharp. The runners have been at Indiana State since Friday and ran the course to get a feel for how Monday will go.”

“The kids need to just be confident that they’re ready to run well,” Connolly said. “When they get in that point in the race where things begin to hurt, they need to feel like they’re capable of doing it.”

Though the Notre Dame men did not qualify for Monday’s meet, senior Jake Walker earned the ability to participate as an individual competitor based on his ninth place finish at the Great Lakes Regional meet last weekend.

“Walker has had steady improvement since the Notre Dame Invitational, and he will represent us well,” men’s coach Joe Plaine said.

Walker placed 76th at last year’s national championship meet and is hoping to improve on that place in order to be awarded All-American status in his final year as a collegiate runner.

“Walker has had two of the best weeks of training in the weeks prior to the regional meet and this week,” Plaine said. “He’s as ready as he’s ever going to be.”

The men’s race begins at 12:08 p.m. and the women’s begins at 12:58 p.m. at Indiana State’s home course in Terre Haute, Ind.

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**ND FENCING**

**Juniors lead Irish to victory at Penn State**

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Individual-based fencing tournaments can produce the same excitement seen in regular season intercollegiate action, but following an impressive performance at this year’s Penn State collegiate invitation, the Irish at full strength will continue to be a source of strength for the Irish fence against other colleges.

Bednarski believes his squad “has the most depth. Junior Eileen Hassett also entered the tournament seeded fourth but managed to overcome the odds to improve upon her form in the fall. Junior Eileen Hassett also entered the tournament seeded fourth but managed to overtake the odds to improve upon her form in the fall.”

Junior Hayley Reese fell to Doris Willette of Penn State in a quarterfinal. Hassett was defeated Nathaniel Botwinick of Yale. Bednarski said. “It was important to show that we still have ambitions to fence against other colleges.”

The foil also proved to be a source of strength for the Irish and a weapon in which Bednarski believes his squad features the most depth. Junior Hayley Reese fell to Doris Willette of Penn State in a quarterfinal. Hassett was defeated Nathaniel Botwinick of Yale.

“Making it to the final 16 is very difficult,” Bednarski said. “It’s a very good performance in one of the toughest individual tournaments in the country.”

Medaling without two of their top fencers, the Irish at full strength look to be a leading contender for the national title when intercollegiate fencing commences in the spring.

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**MLB**

**McNabb, Eagles edge Bears**

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Donovan McNabb and the Philadelphia Eagles found a way to pull out a close win. They also hurt the Chicago Bears in the process.

McNabb threw for 244 yards against his hometown team. LeSean McCoy scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 10-yard run following Antonio Dixon’s block of a field goal attempt, and Philadelphia came away with a 24-20 victory over struggling Chicago on Sunday night after a 3-1 start.

The Eagles were leading 20-17 when Dixon blocked a 48-yard field goal by Robbie Gould with 11 minutes left. McNabb then led the Eagles (6-4) on a 62-yard touchdown drive that McCoy capped with a neat 10-yard run, sending Chicago in its fifth loss in six games and delivering another big hit to its playoff hopes.

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Individuals shine at unscored meet

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish swam well and gained confidence over the weekend, ending in the Hoosierland Invite, an unscored meet that gives an opportunity for teams to look at their individual performances. Notre Dame won 21 out of the meet’s 21 events and posting two NCAA B-cut times.

Top to bottom, I’m just pleased with the program,” Irish coach Brian Barnes said. “We came out here with the intention to really have fun, and that’s what happened. We came out of this meet with some NCAA ‘B’ times, so it’s just a confidence moment. Our team is gaining confidence and we’re improving and it’s a lot of fun.

Junior Katie Casey and freshman Kim Holden each posted times on the final day of the meet. Casey posted her time in the 200-yard butterfly, a race in which she finished second with a time of 1:59.46, and Holden was victorious in 200-yard breaststroke, posting her best time of 1:57.98.

The Irish entered the meet with the goal of improving individually, and did just that, as most of the swimmers improved or stayed consistent with their times so far this season.

“We went in there with good energy and great attitude and great teamwork,” Barnes said. “Really it’s about individual performance and individual improvement and monitoring our own improvement within our own team. As a result, we kind of gained some momentum and had a pretty good weekend.”

The Irish got off to a good start on the first day of the three-day meet, winning four of the six events on day one. Junior Ashlee Edgell and senior Megan Farrell, led a one-two-three finish in the 100-yard freestyle. It was Casey and Holden who stole the show on the final day, however, by posting their NCAA B-cut performances.

“I just think the girls are realizing that this is November and we’re going to peak in February and March,” Barnes said. “If this team is really going to see this kind of improvement now, I really believe they’re hungry for more. I think they have a glimpse of the potential of this team.”

The Irish next head to Hawaii after Christmas for a winter training trip before competing again on Jan. 9 in a dual meet against Northwestern, which will take place in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

“I was really happy with our senior class and their leadership,” Barnes said. “If this team was motivated and stayed confident and comes into it and works hard, I should get out of their way and allow them to be successful.”

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish extinguish Flames with ease

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associated Press

Senior Luke Harangody had a season-high 32 points including all ten free throws attempted to lead Notre Dame over Liberty 91-72 Sunday night at Purcell Pavilion.

The Flames kept the game close early, and trailed by only nine points at halftime. The Irish offense ran through Harangody, who had 20 in the first period and was able to draw contact and fouls underneath.

Harangody was 10-for-14 from the field in the game.

“The thing about Tory [Jackson] and Luke is they’re great role models for the young guys in our program,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “They play every game the same way, and every practice the same way, and every game the same way, and every practice the same way, and some of our less experienced guys can learn a lot from that.”

Notre Dame made only six three-pointers in the game, using their size advantage in the post to get to the line and score.

Tyrone Nash also had his best offensive performance of the young season, scoring 12 points.

Brey said that he was pleased with Nash’s scoring effort, but wanted to see more.

Senior guard Tory Jackson scored nine and junior forward Tim Abromaitis scored 12 from the bench for the Irish, who also out-rebounded the Flames 36-21.

“I’m really happy with Tim where he’s at,” Brey said. “I told him the other day it’s like we have six starters, he’s really confident and he should be.”

The Irish put together a 9-0 run to begin pulling away early in the second half, led by three straight buckets by Harangody. Liberty then trailed 56-40 and the Notre Dame lead was never seriously threatened.

The Notre Dame lead then rose as high as 28, as two Tory Jackson free throws made the score 77-49.

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NBA

Kobe, Lakers rout Thunder

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — More than two decades ago, after Larry Bird made a shot from behind the backboard that didn’t count in a preseason game, the NBA changed the rule on plays like that. Kobe Bryant was glad they did.

Bryant duplicated Bird’s memorable shot and finished with 26 points, leading the Los Angeles Lakers to a 101-85 rout of the Oklahoma City Thunder on Sunday night and adding yet another clip to his 14-year NBA highlight reel.

“You see him do things just fool- ing around with all kinds of shots in practice that you wouldn’t normal- ly see,” teammate Lamar Odom said. “But you expect the impossi- ble, because he’s not scared to take any shot from anywhere on the court. So that’s why that’s the result. It’s never a bad shot to him. That’s his mentality. He’s not afraid to shoot it. He understands touch, getting the ball up and staying focused. His concentration is incredible.”

Bryant thrilled the sellout crowd late in the first quarter when he drove the baseline against rookie guard James Harden, ran out of room and made a desperation fadeaway jumper over the top of the back- board while hanging in the air as his momentum carried him out of bounds near the Lakers’ bench.

“I was aware that the rule was changed and that you could do that,” said the 11-time All-Star and 2008 MVP, acknowledging that even he was amused when it went in. “It was just lucky. We had a rabbit’s foot on. I thought I was going to get a three-point play. It seemed like an obvious call to me — when the guy just hip-checks you to try to push you out of bounds. I just tried to get enough height on it so that it cleared the board. It was like a putt.”

The defending NBA champions, who squeaked out a 101-98 over- time win at Oklahoma City on Nov. 3, had this one in control throughout with help from Andrew Bynum’s 25 points and nine rebounds. Bryant also had seven assists and six rebounds.

The Lakers forced 19 turnovers and converted them into 25 points.

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more midfielder Peter O’Neill assisting. That goal put Northwestern up 2-0.

“Always beat them in the second half of the field,” Clark said. “It was one of those games we have lost all year where we thought we could win but weren’t able to do it.”

According to Clark, the Irish were eager to get another crack at Northwestern next year, as they have tentatively scheduled a regular season matchup against them.

Clark said he believes that the Notre Dame players did not disappoint anybody and that they should be proud of the way they played.

“They certainly did not let me down, and they did not let them selves down,” Clark said. “There is always disappointment when you lose, but I am very proud of the way these players played.”

Clark also wanted to thank the fans for what he said was the best year of fan support in his tenure at Notre Dame.

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SMC BASKETBALL
Irish fall to Cardinals in Big East Tourney

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
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Saint Mary’s moved its record to 2-1 this weekend as it traveled to the Hilton University Tip-Off Tournament, losing Friday to Wheaton College and defeating Oberlin in the consolation final Saturday.

“We struggled our first game because we could not hold our lead during crucial possessions,” sophomore forward Kelley Murphy said. “However, we improved as a team the next game by our aggressive defense, and smart offensive conversions by attacking them with our inside game.”

Friday saw the Belles fight the Thunder up until the last minute, when Wheaton went on a 5-0 scoring run to win the game 78-73. The two teams traded the lead 13 times and were tied on 12 occa-
sions.

Four different Belles players scored in double digits. Sophomore forward Jessica Centa led Saint Mary’s with 14 points. Sophomore guards Maggie Ronan and Paty Mahoney each put in 12 points, while Murphy added 11. Senior forward Ana Kammarath led the Belles for rebounds with nine, fol-
lowed by Murphy with eight.

Junior guard Liz Wade led in assists with six.

Saint Mary’s and Wheaton were tied at 42 at halftime, but the Belles were able to hold on to the lead for most of the second half before the Thunder tied it again with 2.57 left with a three-pointer. Kammarath took back the lead at 2.30 with a layup, but it wasn’t enough to hold onto for a win. The Thunder outscored the Belles by seven points in the final 1:37 of the game.

“We hope to continue improving our defense and communication in every game and every practice,” Murphy said.

Saturday afternoon saw a change in pace for the Belles as they defeated Oberlin 74-37.

Taking control early in the game with a 10-0 run, Saint Mary’s never looked back. The Yeowomen gained on the Belles within five points, but fell behind as the Belles pushed their lead to 37-16 at the half. Saint Mary’s outscored Oberlin 54-8 in the paint and 37-9 off turnovers as they shot over 40 percent from the floor.

Murphy led the Belles with a career-high 19 points and 10 rebounds for her first double-dou-
ble. She was also named to the All-
Tournament Team for her perfor-
mance throughout the week-
end. Kammarath had eight points and a game-high 13 rebounds to add to the Belles win.

Every member of the Belles team scored in the win.

Up next for Saint Mary’s is North Central College in Naperville, Ill. The Belles will take on the Cardinals at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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western half of the field for most of the second half. The trouble was that when the Wildcat’s
broke out of their defensive half, they made the most of their chances.

Eight minutes into the second half, the Wildcats began to add
cushion to their lead. They
countered an Irish attack and
got the ball into a good position
to cross. The goal again came off
the boot of Hillgard, with sopho-
more midfielder Peter O’Neill
assisting. That goal put Northwestern up 2-0.

“The great thing about coach-

ing college sports is that you

whenever you lose, but I am very proud of
the way these players played.”

Clark also wanted to thank the
fans for what he said was the best
year of fan support in his tenure at Notre Dame.

“It was the best student sup-
port I have ever seen all year,”
Clark said. “It was a really fun
year.”

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chances," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said of the goal. "I thought Henderson did that at the right time for us tonight."

The Beavers dominated play in the first half, keeping up constant pressure on the Irish end, but failing to breakthrough with a go-ahead goal. "I think in the first half they were clearly the better team," Waldrum said. "They dominated play because we
really struggled to match up
for them on both sides," Waldrum continued from page 24

We knew we had to pick up our strength and determination," Augustin said. "If we didn't come out better in the second half, we weren't going to win.

After a few personnel changes, Notre Dame flipped the momentum by forcing the issue on offense. Henderson had a field day down the right side, creating a number of chances, including a set up of the game-winner. "Henderson was a handful for them on both sides," Waldrum said. "Her pace was just too much for them to handle. She was the player of the match for us tonight."

Irish goalkeeper Nikki Weiss was solid again in net, turning away four shots including one from close range with just minutes remaining to conserve her first career solo shutout in the NCAA tournament. "I thought we did a better job controlling the game after the goal," Waldrum said. "They threw everything at us trying to get a goal and we dodged some bullets at the end."

The final opportunity of the game for Oregon State came off a free-kick from near midfield that ricocheted around the penalty area before finding its way to an open Beaver player. With the defense closing in, the shot was hurried and didn't have enough power to sneak by Weiss, who tracked it the whole way.

With the win, the Irish advance to face top-seeded Florida State in the regional final Nov. 27 in Tallahassee, Fla. The Seminoles knocked off a feisty Texas A&M squad 2-1 in double overtime Friday night. Next weekend’s matchup with the Seminoles will mark the fourth consecutive year the two teams have met in the NCAA tournament. The Irish are 2-1 in those matches, including last year’s 2-0 victory in the quarterfinals.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish fall to Cardinals at tourney

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Top-seeded Notre Dame fell for the fifth time in as many years this weekend to fourth-seeded Louisville in the Big East Tournament after sweeping Seton Hall Friday. The Irish's loss snapped their 15-game winning streak and ended their unbeaten conference season.

In the quarterfinals, Notre Dame defeated Seton Hall 3-0 (23-15, 25-15, 25-19) for their 11th sweep of the season. Senior outside hitters Christina Kaelin and Serenity Phillips each recorded 12 kills in the win, while seven other Irish players recorded kills as well.

Kaelin recorded three digs and two blocks, while Phillips put in five digs and five blocks. Junior Kelly Sciacca and sophomore Kristen Deaky each recorded seven kills. Sciacca also had three aces. Serenity played the first match of her career without an error as she added in a team-high 11 digs and two aces. Senior setter Jamie Nichols had a match-high 40 assists.

The Irish hit at a .333 average, holding the Pirates to an average of .094 and ending their first championship appearance since 1994.

Saturday saw the Irish fall 3-2 (24-26, 25-16, 18-25, 25-16, 15-13) in the semifinals, the first match of the tournament that went into five sets.

Deaky led the team with 23 kills, and Louisville native Kaelin added 17. Sophomore libero Frenchy Silva had 17 kills as well. Phillips put in 10 kills and six digs, while Sciacca had nine kills and Nicholas had 54 kills and 14 digs.

Big East Freshman of the Year Lola Arslanbekova posted 21 kill and 16 digs for Louisville.

Louisville led early in the first set, but an ace from junior outside hitter Stephanie Slatt, an Irish scoring rally, and an error from the Cardinals at set point gave Notre Dame the first set.

The Cardinals dominated the second set from start to finish, building a 9-1 run and never looking back. They took advantage at 17-8, and continued their hitting success to take the second set 25-16. The Irish hit at an only .031 percentage in the set.

The third set saw the Irish take back the court, started off by a pair of digs from Silva at 6-5 to give them another point. The Irish hit .342 in the third.

Arslanbekova gave Louisville the lead at 10-5 in the fourth set with three quick kills, later adding four more. Sciacca had a kill at 15-13 and was as close as Notre Dame got to a win. Louisville closed the frame with a 10-3 scoring run.

In the final set, the two teams traded points seven times, but the Irish weren’t able to come out on top as Louisville took the win.

Notre Dame will next face Florida Saturday, Nov. 28, in Florida before the NCAA championships.

Note:
* Irish coach Debbie Brown was named Big East Coach of the Year at the Big East awards banquet held Friday.

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Howard

wide receiver Laura Coletti jumped above everyone around the put to pull Bishop's pass for an early 7-0 lead.

"I came in from a basketball background, which is all about having good hands," Coletti said. "I did the best I could on that play. I just wanted to contribute in whatever situation [coach Kyle Carter] put me in. On that play I just did what I was told." 

The Howard defense built upon the team's momentum as it stuffed Pasquerilla West (4-1) junior quarterback Simone Bigi on an attempted fourth-down run, giving the ball back to Bishop and the Ducks' offense. 

Bishop wasted no time adding to her team's early lead, hitting sophomore wide receiver Jenny Gassner on a deep corner route to put Howard in front 13-0 after a missed conversion.

"Getting the big lead early clearly customizes our game," Bishop said. "It was important because we didn't score in the second half. We were able to maintain our lead with our defense.

As the first half wound down, the Purple Weasels showed no offense in executing a two-minute drill that went the length of the field as Bigi hit junior wide receiver Maia Coletti for a touchdown with 12 seconds left in the half to make the score 13-7.

The second half was a defensive effort, as Pasquerilla West tirelessly attempted to get the second touchdown it desperate-ly needed against the stout Howard defense. Bigi and her receiving corps had a hard time getting past the Howard secondary, led by two-way stars Bishop and Robinson. The Purple Weasels' offensive line also gave up a number of sacks in addition to committing a false start penalty on a key drive.

When four last Hall Mary passes passed the ground, the Ducks completed their biggest victory in hall history and the "team of destiny" cele-brated at midfield of Notre Dame Stadium.

"It's inexplicable, how amazing this is," Carter said. "I woke up four years ago. It's been best at all season is the Siegfried pounding the ball with the Gentlemen did not help themselves with multi-ple dropped passes. They held nothing back, running multiple-trick plays, including a double reverse.

The Ramblers, however, continued to pile on points with multiple runners, including Meinert, sophomore Mike Isaacs and Cure. When the game finally ended, the scoreboard read 41-12 in favor of the defending champions. The Rambler cheering section rushed the field, celebrating their second interhall football championship in as many years.

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Hockey

Irish take two wins from Spartans

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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No. 14 Notre Dame improved on a 1-1 shoot out victory at Michigan State Thursday night with a 4-1 rout of the No. 6 Spartans Sunday.

The Irish (6-5-3, 3-2-2 CCHA) gained five points in the conference standings over the weekend, the most in a weekend this year.

"It's the first time we've gotten five points in a weekend," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "So that is a positive step for us.

Thursday's shoot out was Notre Dame's third on the sea-son, and second in a row. Ohio State topped the Irish in a shoot out on Halloween, earning an extra point in the CCHA stand-ings, and the Irish gained a point in the same manner by beating Northern Michigan in a shoot out Nov. 12.

"The shoot out points are cer-tainly beneficial in the confer-ence," Jackson said. "That is what we are playing for right now, getting as many points in the conference as we can.

Freshman goalie Mike Johnson kept the game tied at one despite facing 12 shots in the final 25 minutes of play as Notre Dame committed two major penalties in the third peri od, earning five minutes of penalty box apiece.

Our penalty killers and Mike played extremely well for us to preserve the tie going into over-time," Jackson said. "The tough thing is we have been trying multiple goalies," Jackson said. "If you start writing Sports now, you won't have to cover interhall football.

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Senior center Kevin Deeth takes a faceoff against Northern Michigan in the Irish's 3-2 loss Nov. 14.

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open on a wild touchdown in the Ramblers favor. Meinert threw a quick pass to his left that was twice deflected by St. Edward's defenders before a Purple Weasel pulled in Bishop's pass for an easy touchdown, giving the Ramblers a 20-0 lead. The Gentlemen did not risk a shoot out. The four goal offensive outburst set a new season high for goals in one game.

"I think we played with more urgency in these last two games," Jackson said of the offensive surge. "We played extremely well in Munn Arena [in East Lansing, Mich.] Thursday night for the first two periods, and then [Sunday] was probably our best 60-minute performance of the season."

Three of the Irish goals were in even-strength play, a scenario where Notre Dame has struggled to score in all season.

Junior Calle Ridderwall and Palmieri both got the Irish the board in the first period, and freshman Riley Sheahan added another goal in the second. Senior Kevin Deeth sealed the win with a goal on an empty net in the final minute.

Junior netminder Brad Phillips started for Notre Dame Sunday, and held the Spartans (9-2-1, 6-1-2-0) to one goal on 28 shots. [Phillips] played well last weekend against Northern Michigan which allowed us to get that shoot out victory," Jackson said. "Because of that he deserved to come back out."

In splitting starts between Johnson and Phillips this week-end, Jackson continued a trend of not clearly picking one as his go-to guy this season.

"As long as they are both play-ing well I’ll keep using two different goalies," Jackson said. "If somebody emerges as the go-to guy you’ll know it when it happens.

The game was played in Fort Wayne, Ind., as the Irish wanted to get some playing time in at the site of this year's NCAA Regional, Jackson said.

"It was a good opportunity for us to play in the venue that is hosting the NCAA Regional this year," he said. "At the host institu-tion, I'm hoping we're there. We have a lot of work to do before we get there."

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**INTERHALL FOOTBALL**

**Champs crowned**

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Siegfried successfully defended its interhall championship from last season with a 41-12 rout of St. Edward's Sunday.

On its first possession, Siegfried (5-1-1) used its power running game to drive down the field, capping the drive with a 17-yard touchdown run by junior quarterback Matt Mehner.

The Ramblers' defense quickly intercepted St. Edward's quarterback, and only a few minutes into the game Siegfried led 14-0 after another rushing touchdown.

The Gentlemen (4-3) lost nearly all semblance of hope when the game broke wide open during the second half. Former bottom-feeder Ducks now champions

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Howard completed its run from worst to first with a 13-7 victory over Pasquerilla West in Notre Dame Stadium Sunday.

With almost the entire population of Howard Hall (9-0) lining the sidelines, the Ducks opened the game quickly. Junior quarterback Kayla Bishop led the team down the field on the game's first drive, hitting junior wide receiver Kaitlin Robinson on a series of key conversions.

Facing a third down near the goal line, Bishop was flushed out of the pocket to her left and heaved the ball across her body into traffic. Freshman quarterback Anna McClean followed through on the play and connected with McClean sprinting for the score after catching the pass, giving the Ducks a 68-67 win Thursday against the Beavers and setting up next week's home date with No. 15/16 Michigan State, the Irish were

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Despite a dominating statistical second half and a myriad of scoring opportunities, Notre Dame lost to Northwestern 3-1 Sunday in a repeat of last year's NCAA tournament loss to the Wildcats. The loss marks the end of the Irish's season and the beginning of preparations for next year.

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Notre Dame (11-8-4) fell behind Northwestern (11-4-4) early and was never able to dig itself out of that hole. The Irish outshot the Wildcats 21-8 and held a 10-2 advantage in corner kicks.

In the 18th minute, a corner was sent into the box that got caught up in the mass of players in the box. Wildcat midfielder Jack Hillgard emerged with the ball and sent it into the back of the net past senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn. The score remained 1-0 throughout the first half.

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**Women's Soccer**

**Augustin helps Irish advance**

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame offense couldn't get much going Friday night against a tough Oregon State defense, but junior Rose Augustin's blast in the 62nd minute was all they would need. Sophomore Melissa Henderson slid a pass into the penalty box that found a wide-open Augustin who calmly one-touched a shot past the Beavers' keeper, giving the No. 9/6 Irish (20-3-1) a 1-0 victory over the Beavers (14-8-1) at Alumni Stadium.

"In games like these, you either play afraid of losing or someone has to step up to the plate and take all the what we wanted to do," senior forward Becca Brunzewski set the pace early as the Irish got off to an 11-2 lead to start the game. She finished with 14 points and three rebounds.

"I thought Becca was the key defender in that game," Brunzewski's point total was second on the team behind that of freshman guard Skylar Diggins, who scored 17 points off the bench. She also grabbed four rebounds.

The Irish never relinquished their early lead and did not let the Gaels within six for the rest of the game while continuing to widen their lead.

However, this was due more to Notre Dame's defensive pressure on Iona than on actual offensive success. The Irish made just 42.4 percent of their shots, but held the Gaels to 35.7 percent shooting.

"I thought we were a little complacent," McGraw said. "We weren't as sharp as we needed to be. I thought we were a little lackadaisical."

Senior guard Ashley Barlow and sophomore guard Natalie Novosel each had five steals on the afternoon as the Irish placed continued pressure on their early lead and did not let the Gaels within six for the rest of the game while continuing to widen their lead.

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