Dorm Drinks experiences sales spike
Two-year beverage delivery service helps students avoid Huddle Mart’s high prices

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Two years ago, then-sophomore Adam Hansmann and John Jeffrey, both entering business majors, created Dorm Drinks, hoping simply to provide a service to their fellow on-campus students. Dorm Drinks today is arguably the most successful student-run business at Notre Dame.

The drink delivery service sells non-alcoholic beverages and snacks to students through an online ordering system. Hansmann, Dorm Drinks CEO, said Dorm Drinks makes deliveries twice a week, Wednesday and Sunday, and currently employs six students to make deliveries.

Whereas Dorm Drinks previously only provided beverages, it has expanded to selling “everything from candy, gum, pretzels and other bulk items (purchased from Sam’s Club),” Hansmann said.

The service, he says, saves students from the high prices of the Huddle Mart and building vending machines.

“A lot of factors created space for us,” he said. “It’s.

Dorm Drinks sales increase
Spring 2008
Fall 2009

total customers
75
300

revenue
$600
$10,000

Laura Beilman | OBSERVER GRAPHICS

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By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

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Students upset by inclement weather

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

Senior Kathryn Carcoran said the wind and snow was making so much noise outside on Wednesday that it distracted her from the exam she was taking.

“I was not expecting it to be this bad today,” she said. “It makes me never want to go outside again.”

The National Weather Service released a high wind warning, which was effective from 10 a.m. to

Students brave adverse weather conditions to walk across South Quad on Wednesday.

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Campus reflects on study day changes

By JIM FERLMANN
News Writer

Students will have fewer days off at the end of this week than in years past to study for final exams.

Traditionally Thursday and Friday have been set aside as study days, but like last fall, Thursday will be the last day of University classes, reserving just Friday as a study day.

This policy applies only to the Fall Semester and was introduced to the academic calendar last year after a meeting in 2007, University Registrar Dr. Harold Pace said.

“This is the second year that the University had had this policy, and it was the product of compromise between student representatives and the faculty,” Pace said. “Three years ago, we looked at the issue of the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as a travel day for students. The concern was that we were seeing low class enrollments on that day. It would be logical for students to travel the day before so they could be with their families on the holiday itself. We felt that Wednesday should be a travel day.”

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RotC club focuses on helping community

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Members of Notre Dame’s Army ROTC are getting a jump-start on their career of service by participating in a club that promotes volunteer work throughout the greater community.

Members of the battalion recently resurrected the service club Alliance To Lead And To Serve (ATLAS).

The club has been dormant in the past but was recently brought back because of efforts made by Valparaiso University senior Kailyn van Beckum and Notre Dame junior Geralyn Janke.

“We heard that there was this fourth club in ROTC that no one was doing anything with,” ATLAS vice president Janke said. “It’s turned out to be a really good thing.”

“We really want to focus on the South Bend and Elkhart areas because there is such a need there,” ATLAS president Beckum said. “We have a few members that are from those areas so that was also significant.”

The club participates in one volunteer project each month and members try to organize a wide variety of service projects. This semester, Janke said, the club has organized a blood drive, painted the parking lot at the Robinson Community Center, organized a food and

Members of Notre Dame’s Army ROTC ATLAS service club work at the food and clothing drive they organized for the Salvation Army.

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American Christmas

Mariah Carey’s “All I Want for Christmas Is You” is not the best Christmas song. It’s annoying and a cliche ringing around in our heads. I have not listened to Christmas music in two years. Seriously. Ask my sister, Ellen (who is crazy about Nickelback and claims Newsong’s “Christmas Shoes” as The American Christmas song.) Last year, my parents and two sisters came to Spain, where I was studying abroad, for the holidays. My parents went out of their way to make sure Madrid hotel rooms extra special — from the little faux Christmas tree to all the presents from Santa himself. My sisters and I could not, however, listen to Christmas music. That’s for home. That’s for America. It was simply too painful. With this Christmas music comes not only annual holiday cheer but also years of fond memories. My first and foremost plug goes to Kenny G’s Christmas album Miracles. The whole thing, “Winter Wonderland” brings back memories of snow days, gingerbread houses and my parents kibitzing about the cats pooping on the Christmas tree. Number two absolutely is The Frank Sinatra Christmas album. Again, the entire thing. His sexy rendition of “Jingle Bells” is both classic and sexy. It just sounds so right. Bummed I never made it to Chicago this Christmas. How about James Taylor’s “Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas.” It reminds me of our beautiful old house on Wayne and how my mom’s way of decorating the house made it seem like the most special place in the world. This list of classics most obviously also needs to include Brenda Lee’s “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree.”

Who doesn’t just think of Kevin McAllister and booby traps when this song plays? (Huzu’s girlfriend, Wuf) “Talk to the hand” I must mention my latest holiday fetish. Lady Gaga’s “Christmas Tree.” What an innovator. Only she can turn Christmas trees and the phrase falalalala into something totally raunchy. How I made a vow to myself that I would not listen to Christmas music before Thanksgiving this year. As soon as November hit, however, I could not help myself. My sisters and I, in light of last year’s fabulous but un-American Christmas, said we would gustedly and obnoxiously double dose on the holidays this year, which explained why I mightistle Frank and James on my way to class. Sorry I’m not sorry. These holiday tunes, paired with some classic holiday lyrics like “White Christmas,” “It’s a Wonderful Life,” “Home Alone,” “The Grinch” and obviously “Gremlins,” are the perfect recipe to a very Merry Christmas.

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OFFBEAT

Woman arrested for allegedly hitting man with steak

DUNDELION, Fla. — A 33-year-old was arrested after allegedly hitting a man in the head with a raw steak. According to a Marion County Sheriff’s office report, the man told deputies Elois Egan repeatedly hit him with the uncooked meat and slapped his face after he refused a piece of sliced bread. The man said he wanted a bread roll.

Egan denied hitting the man with the steak but did admit to slapping him, saying she did it “so that he could learn.” The man told deputies that Egan was his live-in girlfriend.

He declined medical assistance.

Egan was charged with abuse of a disabled adult. According to online records, she has been released on $2,500 bond and is scheduled to appear in court in January. It’s unclear if she has an attorney.

Man gets year in jail for urinating on police officer

HEBOYGAN, Wis. — A Walsco man accused of urinating on a police officer during his fifth drunken-driving arrest has been sentenced to a year in jail. Court records released Wednesday show 36-year-old Daniel L. Shult Jr. of Waldo was also fined about $3,600 and had his driver’s license revoked for three years.

The Sheboygan Press said according to the criminal complaint, Shults was pulled over in November 2008 in Plymouth after an officer saw his vehicle hit a pole at a gas station. The complaint said Shults failed field-sobriety tests. It said as he was taken to the police station he urinated in the back of the squad car, spraying the back of the officer’s head.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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

IN BRIEF

The film “An Education” will be shown today at the Information Obama of the Dellarto Performing Arts Center at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 for faculty and staff and $4 for students.

The Halltime Co-Ed Acapella Fall Concert will be performed today from 7 to 9 p.m. at Washington Hall. Tickets are $3 and are available at the door.

Tomorrow is a study day.

The opera Turandot will be performed tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Browning Cinema of the Dellarto Performing Arts Center. Ticket information is available at performingarts.nd.edu.

The Undertones Winter Concert will be held Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. at Washington Hall. Tickets are $5 and are available at the LaFortune Box Office.

The women’s basketball team will play Valparaiso Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center. Ticket information is available at 574-631-7356.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will perform its Christmas Concert Saturday at 6 and 7:30 p.m. at the Leighton Concert Hall of the Dellarto Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $6 for faculty and staff and $3 for students.

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

The Umbrella Men”. The set of yesterday’s men’s basketball game against IUPUI at the Purcell Pavilion of the Joyce Center.
Trustee chairman emeritus dies at 94

Among his Notre Dame professors was Rev. Julius Nieuwland, C.S.C., the inventor of the formulae for synthetic rubber, in whose odoriferous laboratory on the second floor of the Chemistry Building Carney later remembered becoming so comfortable that “it convinced me it was not necessary to have oxygen to live.”

After graduation, that comfort level sustained Father Nieuwland’s apprentice through the pursuit of master’s and doctoral degrees in organic chemistry from Pennsylvania State University and post-doctoral research in medicinal chemistry at the University of Wisconsin. From the academy, Carney went to the pharmaceutical industry, working on anabolic phases for Eli Lilly in Indianapolis and G.D. Searle in Chicago.

Before founding Metatch in 1976, he spent more than 35 years in research, development, planning, operations and administration, working in and presiding over laboratories in which numerous patented antibiotics, antibacterials, anticonvulsants, barbiturates and other drugs were developed. He himself held numerous pharmaceutical patents.

He also wrote widely on all dimensions of his chosen field and published three books. “Laboratory Fractional Distillation,” “Instant Evolution” and “False Proofs.”

Throughout his life, Carney was deeply engaged in the affairs of his alma mater.

In addition to being a generous Notre Dame benefactor, he served as president of the Alumni Association, founded the Alumni Senate, led fundraising projects and campaigns and sat on the advisory councils of the Colleges of Science and Engineering. Elected to the University’s Board of Trustees in 1967, he served as its chairman from 1982 to 1986.

Among several other Notre Dame honors, Carney received an honorary degree from the University in 1969, and, with his wife, Mary Elizabeth Carney, was awarded its highest honor, the Laetare Medal, in 1986. Preceded in death by his wife, who died in 2006, Carney is survived by his four children, all Notre Dame graduates, Thomas Jr., of Lake Forest, Ill.; Sheila Hopkins of Bingham, Mass.; James of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; and Janet O’Brien of Glenview, Ill.

Saint Mary’s to host craft show

By CAITLIN HOUSELY

The 12 Days of Christmas Program at Saint Mary’s College is coming to a close this week, and Program coordinators want to end on a high note. Tomorrow the College will host a craft show, with over 60 local and regional vendors participating in the event. Carrie Call, director of the Saint Mary’s office for civic and social engagement, said:

“The show is open to the public and will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in both the Beighleaux Lounge and Stapleton Lounge of Le Mans Hall. Call said vendors will be selling crafts like handmade jewelry, pottery, woodworking, bags, purses, handmade cards, silk floral arrangements, fiber arts, knitting, quilting, furniture and more.

Items are authentic, and the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) approves all vendors ahead of time, said Call.

“We have a woman who raises alpacas and makes yarn from their wool, which is knitted or crocheted into gloves, hats, shawls and mittens,” said Call. “Another artist used antique silver-plated flatware to make pendents, pens, napkin rings and more. His work is gorgeous.”

In addition, some vendors have made crafts with College emblems. “One potter is bringing some Saint Mary’s themed items especially for the show,” Call said.

Some crafts come from all over the world. Call said, but the majority is generated by local artists.

Saint Mary’s students will be facilitating the event by manning Saint Mary’s sponsored tables, by helping vendors unload and set up their items and by shopping at the event.

Students can also contribute homemade items to be sold.

All proceeds, Call said, go directly toward the 12 Days of Christmas Program.

“The money is used to buy food, clothing and gifts for the 25 families we have sponsored this holiday season,” said Call.

Prices of the crafts, she said, range anywhere from less than $1 to over $100 dollars.

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By CAMPUS NEWS

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Students support Economics dept. with uncertain future

By JOHN TIERNY
News Writer

Students concerned about the uncertain future of the Department of Economics and Policy Studies have gathered over 1,000 signatures on an online petition since the department was placed on probation last Wednesday, but have yet to see the committee reappointed by the University Board of Trustees.

The students, who are led by senior economics major Matt Panhans, are prioritizing getting information about the future of the department, which is "surrounded by mystery," Panhans said.

The University currently supports two economics departments — the Department of the Economics and Econometrics and the Department of Economics and Policy Studies. The Observer reported in September that Provost Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, seeing two economics departments in the University’s long-term interest and that Economics and Econometrics faculty were looking for other opportunities.

The College of Arts and Letters has not yet released a formal announcement regarding the future of Economics and Policy Studies.

"The ultimate goal is to have some sort of conversation about this," Panhans said. "The way it’s happening has been very silent, without much input from Policy Studies faculty or from students."

The Economics Club invited McGrevery in to discuss the future of Economics and Policy Studies at a forum earlier this semester. McGrevery declined to participate in the forum, however, citing the sensitivity of the situation and the personnel issues involved. Panhans said he and other students spoke with University President Fr. John Jenkins about Economics and Policy Studies in his office hours this semester.

"He did say he agreed with us," Panhans said. "He wants us to keep talking about this stuff — he wants us to have a discussion with the provost."

Panhans said Jenkins is "kind of aloof" from the decision process.

"It’s mostly the dean and kind of the provost," Panhans said.

Panhans and Dan are continuing discussion about the pluralistic view of economics support by Economists and Policy Studies, even as the department is able to offer fewer classes.

"At least we can keep talking about the stuff we want to learn about," Panhans said. "If we can’t do it in the classroom, we’re still going to do it outside the classroom."

Matt Panhans

STUDENT SENATE

Health advisory board proposed

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Student Senate recommended the creation of a health services advisory board and thanked security guards for their increased willingness to allow students access to campus in two resolutions passed at their final meeting of the semester Wednesday.

The resolution suggesting a health services advisory board was passed unanimously.

The proposed board would be comprised of members of Health Services and students appointed by the student body president.

"It will be a source for students to give their opinions or comments about how health services is running," University Affairs chair Jeff Lukarta said.

The resolution stated that the goal of Health Services is to provide "competent, supported, accessible and cost-effective health care services to minimize the incidence of illness in the academic life of students and provide a valuable medical resource to the campus."

Since students are the primary recipients of the health care resources on campus, the University should seek the evaluation of students so that they can continue to improve their services, the resolution said.

Both students and Health Services’ employees have expressed interest in the creation of the board.

"Numerous members of the student body have expressed an interest in providing input to University Health Services," the resolution said. "The director of Health Services, Ms. Ann Kelly, has been extremely willing and eager to receive student feedback."

Schmidt recognized the enthusiasm for such a resolution on part of both the University and student government.

"Health Services is very eager to see this happen and a recommendation from us will further it along," student body president Grant Schmidt said.

Senate also passed a resolution thanking security gate officers for their efforts and for their willingness to meet with a student government representative.

The resolution recommended that security gate guards continue to understand and recognize legitimate reasons that students need access to campus.

The resolution passed in a 21-1 vote. Schmidt said the resolution was representative of the student body’s concerns.

"This Student Senate has not passed that many resolutions," he said.

This is one thing though that students have consistently asked about — that it be nice if the gate guard understood and had a little bit more leniency about letting students come through the gates. Schmidt also emphasized the power of resolutions.

"When you have the power of Student Senate, you’re surprised," Panhans said. "When Student Senate resolved that they’d like to see X, Y, and Z happen, it’s taken into much more consideration," he said.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber concluded the meeting by thanking senators for their work this semester.

"Our committees have done really substantial work. It really has been an extraordinarily successful year, primarily in the committee work and the discussions we had in Senate."

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STUDY TIME

Building Hours for STUDY DAYS & Finals Week

DeBartolo Hall
December 11, 12, 13: 7am to 3:00am
Finals Week: December 14-18: Rooms available except when scheduled by the Registrar’s office.

December 18: DeBartolo Hall closes at 5:00pm.
See Building Support Personnel if you have specific needs: Room 103 or 104.

Coleman-Morse
*December 12 & 13: Como 1st floor is open 24 hrs*
1st Floor: 7:00am-4:00am
2nd Floor: 7:00am-3:00am
3rd Floor: 7:00am-12am
December 18: Coleman-Morse closes at 5:30 pm
See Building Support Personnel if you have specific needs. Room 101.

Finals Week: Rooms available except when scheduled by the Registrar’s office.

O’Shaughnessey: December 11-13: 7am to 3:00am
Non-Technology Rooms: 204, 206, 207, 208, 209, 241, 328, and 345.
Rooms available except when scheduled by the Registrar’s office.

Good Luck with Finals

Special thanks to Facility Operations and Campus Ministry
First winter weather hits states hard

Heavy snowfall and pounding winds cause problems for Midwest and New England

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A fierce storm left dangerous ice, heavy snow and wind gusts from 60 to 80 mph throughout the Midwest on Wednesday ...

National News

Some abuse medical marijuana card

EUGENE, Ore. — For as long as people have been able to buy and sell medical marijuana pot, pot dealers and growers have gone to great lengths to guard their stock from thieves.

Now police say some Oregon marijuana farmers are taking advantage of a relatively new tool — a state-issued medical marijuana card — to help conceal their criminal activity.

"For some growers, the card adds to a hopeful future. They're hoping that if someone sees their marijuana and checks it out, (they) might reconsider," said Oregon State Police Sgt. Ted Phillipps, who supervises Lane County's Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement Team.

Lawmakers nix govt. impeachment

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina lawmakers voted down a measure to impeach Gov. Aiken Thursday, but recommended a formal rebuke that said his "unlawful" conduct brought the state "ridicule, dishonor, disgrace and shame.

Most of the seven legislative panel members said the Republican should resign, though his affair, use of state planes and a 2008 taxpayer-funded trip to Argentina were not serious misconduct that merited removal from office.

Instead, the lawmakers unanimously approved a resolution saying he has "brought ridicule, dishonor, disgrace, and shame not only upon Governor Sanford but upon this state and its citizens which rises to a level which requires a formal admonishment and censure."

Local News

Dalai Lama to visit Bloomington

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The Dalai Lama will build the "heart of Buddhism" in Bloomington during his sixth visit to Bloomington next May and also present a public talk in Indianapolis.

The Tibetan Buddhist center, founded by the Dalai Lama's brother, will be located on Bloomington, the May schedule on its Web site.

The Dalai Lama, the 14th spiritual leader who has been Nobel Peace Prize laureate will discuss the "heart sutra" during three lessons at the Indiana University Auditorium May 12 and 13. A sutra is a teaching a pledge at Copenhagen to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by around 17 percent from 2005 levels by 2020. It will be the first time the U.S. has committed to a reduction target.

China responded a day later, announcing it would voluntarily reduce the carbon intensity of its industry by up to 45 percent, meaning its emissions would continue to grow but at a rate lower than the economy.

"What they should do is some deep soul-searching," said Yu Qiqigai, China's chief climate negotiator.

The remarks during separate news conferences reflected the heavy lifting that remains in the 10 days before 110 heads of state and government conclude the summit, which aims to create a political framework for a treaty next year to succeed the 1997 Kyoto Protocol.

President Barack Obama helped break the ice in the troubled negotiations last month, saying he would deliver a political framework for a treaty next year to succeed the 1997 Kyoto Protocol.

World & Nation

Thursday, December 10, 2009

International News

Court upholds Gaza student's expulsion

JERUSALEM - Israel's Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld the expulsion of a university student from West Bank to Gaza just before her graduation.

The student, Berlanty Azzam, said she was two months away from completing her degree in business administration at Bethlehem University when she was stopped at an Israeli checkpoint. After presenting her Gaza-issued identity card, Azzam said she was blindfolded and driven in an Israeli army jeep to Gaza.

The ruling could set a precedent for expulsion of other Gazans who live in the West Bank. The Israeli human rights group Gisha estimated their number at 25,000.

Bolivia exports rodent jerky

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Where some see only an amusing rodent, others see economic opportunity.

Indigenous communities from Bolivia's eastern lowlands are planning to export dried meat of the world's largest rodent to Venezuela, where the animal is widely consumed.

The pioneering effort is endorsed by the Friends of Nature Foundation.

Foundation leader Ruth Delgado says plans are expected to break between 200 and 500 cuyas (guinea pigs) a year are environmentally sustainable.

Delgado said Thursday that the product must sell for $4.45 a pound to be profitable.

DENMARK

China urges soul-searching for U.S. on climate
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North Dining Hall will be open from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday to Wednesday, Holler said. "Especially now that it's getting really cold, if somebody all the way down in Duncan doesn't want to walk all the way to the Library, they can just go to South Dining Hall," he said.

Holler said this year is the second year that the dining halls are open to students for studying, and that last year students welcomed the increase in study space. "Last year was a really good turn out and a really good response," he said. "I went to South Dining Hall one night and when I walked in there, there were a good amount of people there. The dining halls are large enough to be used for group and individual studying," Holler said. "The big tables are definitely conducive to big groups being able to come in and since it is hard to find group study space, especially in the library, these dining halls provide that possibility," he said.

"But it's definitely not reserved for group studying," Holler said. "There could be groups in there on one side of the dining hall and then if you want to study there individually, there is definitely room." In addition to the dining halls, the Career Center will open up interview rooms on the first floor of Flanner Hall. The rooms will be open Sunday to Wednesday 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. In total, 24 rooms will be available for both individual and group studying, director of the Career Center Lee Svetve said. Some rooms will have space for up to two people, while others will be able to hold four to eight people, he said. "This is a quiet space that offers students a great place to study. We are excited to help students achieve their academic goals which will translate into exciting career opportunities and internships." Lee Svetve director Career Center

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Salvation Army and have cur- rently adopted a family for the Christmas season. "We're really excited about the mother and daughter that we adopted," Janke said. "We're collect- ing donations to buy presents for the three-year- old girl and a gift card for pro- ceurteries for the mother. Variety of projects is an important aspect of the mission of Army Reserve, as a whole, sophomore ATLAS member Mihail lancu said. "It’s important to learn to work with people in different situations," he said. "We want to show the diversity of the mil- itary and that we’re about more than warfare." ATLAS, which currently has 20 members, is hoping to expand and get more cadets involved so that they can expand on the level of their service projects.

"The more people we have the more we can do," Janke said.

ATLAS's first event of the new semester is the construction of a house for a family in need through the group Rebuilding Together. Van Beckum hopes to increase club membership so that there can be more labor oriented service within the club.

"This is a group where we have the manpower to do labor," she said. "We don’t neces- sarily have the financial resources to raise money for a cause every month." Devotion to service is a familiar value within the ROTC community and mother and Janke and Van Beckum see ATLAS as a means of prep- aration for the cadets’ future careers as mem- ber of the U.S. military.

"Our future is all about serv- ice," Janke said. "It’s all we’re going to be doing." Van Beckum says ATLAS builds on the mission of the mil- itary but community service should never just be about preparation for the future. "It is important for ROTC because the military serves everyday," she said. "But it’s something you should do with- out even thinking. ATLAS’s focus is about trying to do that little extra to make the commu- nity better."
Generals Mills reduce sugar
Growing consumer, regulator scrutiny over nutritional value prompts change

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Oregon — General Mills — the maker of Lucky Charms, Trix and Cocoa Puffs — plans to reduce the amount of sugar in its cereals marketed to children.

The move, announced Wednesday, comes as many food companies alter their products and face growing scrutiny from consumers, regulators and health groups over the nutritional value of their foods.

General Mills said it will cut the sugar in 10 of its cereals to single-digit grams of sugar per serving. It did not provide a timeline for reaching this goal, but it said the reductions the company rolled out two years ago.

The sugar in Cocoa Puffs, for example, could drop at least 25 percent from its original level and 18 percent from its current 11 grams per serving.

“This is a significant development across some of our biggest and longest-term brands,” said Jeff Harmening, president of the company’s Big G cereal division.

General Mills, which is based in Minneapolis, said the updated products will begin to roll out in the next year. The timing will vary by product.

“The reduction... doesn’t represent perfection but it represents improvement,” said Kelly Brownell, director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale University.

Several cereal makers have adjusted their products to address the growing concern.

Last year, Kellogg Co. reformulated a number of its U.S. cereal brands, including Froot Loops, Apple Jacks and Corn Pops. The changes varied according to product but decreased the sugar by 3 to 3 grams per serving. Kellogg also added fiber to some of its cereals. Post Foods said it has cut the sugar content in both Fruity Pebbles and Cocoa Puffs by 20 percent. And it increased the vitamin D in Pebbles and Honeycomb cereals this year.

“Even though the cereal companies have really been under a lot of pressure,” Brownell said.

The Food and Drug Administration has been cracking down on food packaging that touts misleading health benefits. That led to one industry organization halt its “Smart Choices” labeling program, which was attacked because sugary cereals like Fruit Loops qualified for the label.

General Mills’ effort won’t change some products — like Franken Berry and Boo Berry, which are generally considered children’s cereals and once had 15 grams of sugar each. General Mills has since reduced that to 12 grams, but the cereals aren’t included in the new effort because they don’t advertise on TV shows or other media aimed at children.

And some of the company’s other cereals, such as Cheerios, already meet the goal with 1 gram of sugar per serving.

The Rudd Center recently published a study that found the least-healthy breakfast cereals are the most frequently and aggressively marketed directly to children. It also found that General Mills markets to children more than any other cereal company, and six of 10 least-healthy cereals in its study were made by the company.

“Children deserve to be marketed products that are healthier to them than what is being marketed now,” Brownell said.

General Mills said the move is a reaction to consumers’ desire for less sugar, rather than a response to criticism. The company said it has taken a number of steps — including increasing whole grain and nutrients in its cereals — to improve their healthfulness.

The company wouldn’t say how the cereal’s formulas would be adjusted except for the sugar reduction but said it would not use artificial sweeteners.

Dollar weakens after five-week steady gain

NEW YORK — The dollar weak- ened against five foreign currencies Wednesday, the first five work days of the week, Wednesday. It’s been gaining steadily since the start of the year.

On Wednesday, the 16-nation euro rose to $1.4714 in late New York trading from $1.4645 late Tuesday. Earlier in the session, the euro fell as low as $1.4670, its weakest point since Oct. 5.

The euro has dropped as much as 4 cents against the dollar so far this month, as investors are locking in the gains they’ve made on the currency. The euro’s rise this year, said Joseph Trevisani, chief market analyst at FXSolutions.

The dollar has also gotten a boost from concerns over European countries’ public finances and higher expectations for the Federal Reserve to hike rates sooner, he said.

Higher interest rates can boost a currency as investors transfer funds to where they expect to earn higher returns.

The British pound dipped to $1.6248 from $1.6261 as U.K. Treasury chief Alistair Darling downgraded his forecast for the British economy in 2009. He also said he expects the British government to borrow slightly more next year than he previously thought. Earlier this week, Moody’s Investors Service said the U.K. must fix its public finances in order to avoid threats to its top triple-A credit rating.

Meanwhile, the dollar dropped to 77.37 Japanese yen from 88.34 yen. Against a basket of six major currencies, the dollar retreated from a 5-week high.

The dollar, which is considered a safe-haven currency, is also getting support from concerns about government finances. Earlier this week, a credit ratings agency downgraded the creditworthiness of Greece’s sovereign debt, while Moody’s cited the U.K.’s deteriorating public finances. It also cut its ratings on six Dubai state-linked companies.

The Greek prime minister is promising to do “everything necessary” to reduce its growing deficit.

“The key questions now being asked is, will the rest of Europe have to help Greece out, and will Greece be the beginning of other debt downgrades across Europe,” said CMC Markets’ Michael Hewson.
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degrees Fahrenheit on Wednesday afternoon at the South Bend Regional Airport, but with wind chill it felt like 10 degrees, according to the National Weather Service website.

The site also reported wind speeds of 41 mph.

When Corcoran left class on Wednesday, she said it was miserable to walk outdoors in the wind and snow.

“The walk from DeBartolo to LaFortune was so brutal, and all I could think about was to get me from one point to the next was a hot cappuccino from Starbucks,” she said.

Corcoran said when she reached LaFortune, the line at Starbucks was exceptionally long, which she attributed to the cold weather.

Freshman Kayla Covill is from Texas and said she was surprised by the snow and cold weather. She began wearing her winter coat several weeks ago because she thought the fall weather was already very cold.

“I have just never experienced anything like this in my life,” she said. “I can’t really imagine it feeling colder.”

Temperatures are predicted to drop even lower during the day today. The National Weather Service forecasts wind chill values as low as -10 degrees and wind gusts as high as 35 mph, although no additional snow is expected during the day.

Kiki Astuno, also a freshman, said she was not looking forward to a cold and snowy winter because college students have to spend so much time walking outside.

“I’m so nervous for the next three months,” she said. “I don’t know how I’m going to handle it. It’s a lot harder for the cold weather because I thought the weather this fall was relatively mild.”

Corcoran said she was happy the weather remained nice through the last volleyball home game at the end of November, but she is not looking forward to the winter months.

“And I think it’s going to be a longer one that normal,” she said.

Senior Ronnie Thompson said he works at Rollins, where Wednesday’s wind gusts were strong enough to blow the front doors open.

Thompson also said winter weather presents additional problems for students who live off campus.

“If I lived on campus I’d be more excited for winter,” he said, “but now just snow and driving on the roads is a huge hassle.”

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to be made up at another time in the semester.

"It was very important that we maintain
the total number of class days for the semes-
ter at 70," Pace said.

Deciding on a day to make up the classes,
he said, required addi-
tional deliberation.

"We originally
suggested making the
finals for Monday be-
fore originally a
class registra-
tion day, as a
school day to make up the
difference. The student
representa-
tives, however, disagreed with
this idea, say-
ing that a day of
acclimation before classes
was beneficial to the
students. We
therefore reached
a compromise that students
would have classes on what
was once one of their study
days.

While some students are unhappy with the
University's new policy, oth-
ers are more accepting of
the change.

"From my experience, I
think that students should
have a full week of studying for
finals," Bipasha Deb, a
graduate student of chem-
istry, said. "Finals are
always intensive, and stu-
ents should have time to study for them accordingly."

Junior Kevin Danchisko said he supports the change.

"I would much rather
have a travel day before
Thanksgiving than an extra
day of studying for the
change," he said.

"It's a really big help in getting
home for Thanksgiving."

Another junior,
Brittany Schmie
er, echoed
Danchisko's
sentiment.

"I'd rather have a
few study days,
and I think
you could get
done on that extra day,
but I still think it's
the best price to pay
for having a travel day
before Thanksgiving. It's
much more convenient this
way."

Bipasha Deb

Dr. Harold Pace
University Registrar

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Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — A Canadian
mining company won initial
federal approval for a plan to
mine cobalt used in hybrid
car batteries and jet engines
from deep beneath the central
Idaho mountains.

Formation Metals Inc., a
Vancouver-based company,
said Wednesday that winning
the U.S. Forest Service's blessing
for the first stage of its operations
plan means workers can log the
mining site and build roads in
January.

Mining is due to start in
Salmon-Challis National
Forest, about 200 miles
northeast of Boise, in 2011
and could continue for 30
years, it said.

Cobalt is used in jet engines,
hybrid vehicle batteries, pro-
thetic knees and hips, even
radio frequency identification
tags that help retailers
including Wal-Mart Stores
Inc. track their products.

Exploration companies are
hunting for cobalt from
Duluth, Minn., to Cuba to rich
deposits in Africa's Zambie
and Congo, where much of
today's cobalt supply is mined.

Canadian Finance and Chief
Executive Officer Mari-Ann
Green said Formation aims to
supply as many as 1,400 tons
annually of 99.9 percent-pure
cobalt to companies like
United Technologies Corp.'s
Pratt and Whitney unit, Rolls
Royce Group Plc and
Portland Ore-based
Precision Castparts Corp.

Green expects to employ
150 at the mine and another
77 people at the company's
existing smelter 200 miles to
the northwest in Kellogg,
where the cobalt will be re-
finned.

Though the price of cobalt
dropped from about $52 per
pound in 2006 to $18 earlier
this year, optimism that the
worst of the recession is over is
again pushing prices higher.
It traded at about $23 this
week, Green said.

Canada's Formation has
been exploring Idaho's Cobalt
belt — the U.S. government
bulldozed trenches here dur-
ing World War II to recover
the chemical element for use
in aircraft engines — for 14
years.

Before this week's mile-
stone, its efforts have been
hampered by a financial crisis
that followed the Sept. 11 ter-
rorist attacks as well as com-
plexed dealings with Xstrata
Plc, a Swiss-based cobalt pro-
ducer that indirectly owns a
defunct mine next door that's
on the federal Superfund pol-
dution cleanup list.

In April, Xstrata lost a fed-
eral appeal aimed at halting
mine operations for three months, Formation
won a separate state court
case in early March, however, for
mine pollution issues.

Its approval this week marks
another significant develop-
ment, even though additional
work, including planning for
mining below the water table
as well as for facilities con-
struction, remains to be com-
pleted, said Forest Service
District Ranger Kimberly
Nelson.

"There's a lot of technical
reporting information that still
needs to be established and
created before they can go
underground," Nelson
said. "But this is a major
step."

So far, Formation has spent
$50 million, including $17
million on permits.

To complete the mine by
2011, it's finalizing a stock-
and-debt deal with investors
to raise another $140 million
by the end of 2009, Green
said.

Formation must put up
reclamation bonds totaling
$29.6 million to address even-
tual impacts of its mine and
has agreed to chip in another
$150,000 annually for the
life of the mine for watershed
improvement projects. In
return, the Idaho Conservation
League, an envi-
ronmental group, agreed in
2008 not to challenge the
mine in court.

The company has also
paid $56 million in property
taxes, including the Shoshone-
Bannock Indian tribes to win
support, Green said.

"We've gone that extra
mile," she said. "We're quite
proud of the fact that none of
those fellows are dreaming up
the project."
Let’s set some things straight

In light of the latest Viewpoints, the significance attached to the content of stolen e-mails from climatologists, the current Copenhagen Climate Change Conference and recent U.S. federal legislation, I think it would benefit and elevate the discussion if we straighten a few things out.

1. The Earth has a natural greenhouse effect which is a product of several gases that naturally exist in the atmosphere including carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and even water vapor. These greenhouse gases trap some infrared radiation and warm the Earth, allowing plants, animals and humans to live here (where as nothing lives on the moon or Venus — the moon due to the lack of the greenhouse effect and Venus due to a very pronounced greenhouse effect). Levels of these greenhouse gases have fluctuated several times over the last 400,000 years; reflecting the ice ages and the interglacial periods. However, the concentrations of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere today have not been seen in the last 400,000 years.

2. However, even since humans began burning wood, coal, oil and natural gas, we have slowly begun to put more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Since the Industrial Revolution, greenhouse gas emissions have greatly increased. We have also created synthetic chemicals like chlorofluorocarbons and hydrofluorocarbons (which did not previously exist, now act as greenhouse gases as well, and do not have a natural sink or process to decrease their presence in the environment.

3. Thousands of scientists have been monitoring and analyzing the Earth’s climate and have seen evidence that we are changing our climate.

Thousands of other scientists have studied the chemistry of the atmosphere and the processes that affect the climate and have written thousands of papers documenting their observations and analyzing the results to understand what makes the climate function as it does, what impacts it, what effects the climate has on natural systems and ecosystems, and what the climate is likely to do in the future.

4. The results of this body of scientific research were summarized by scientists for policy makers in the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Assessment Reports, of which there have been four over the last 20 years. The scientific understanding of global climate change found in the IPCC is based on a wide range of scientific assessments, and therefore is not dependent on one university or England or anywhere else where climate science is studied. Despite recent claims that stolen e-mails in England disprove climate change, the emails do not state that global climate change is not happening or is a conspiracy among scientists. Whether or not the data from the university in England is faulty, a substantial amount of other legitimate climate research exists and proves that global climate change is happening.

5. The hardest thing for the general public to understand about climate science, and any science in general, is uncertainty. If scientists have a degree of uncertainty about something, that does not mean that it is a lie or unscientific. Climate scientists, like doctors, predict that certain processes will happen based on their knowledge and research. For example, if a doctor tells a smoker that he or she is likely to get cancer if that person does not stop smoking, the smoker could still live a long, full life and never develop cancer. That does not mean the doctor lied; it means that based on past evidence and scientific knowledge about the effects of smoking on the body, lung cancer is a highly likely outcome of smoking. Similarly, climatologists can make predictions with high probability about the effects of global climate change and when and what extreme effects could happen. The Earth and its climate are even more complex than the human body, and the effects of climate change will vary across regions (this is why global climate change is a more accurate term than global warming).

6. While I have tried to explain the climate science as I, as a science major, have learned it, I encourage each reader to educate him or herself from the science itself. Get the information from the climate scientists themselves (www.realclimate.org). Even better, go to lectures around campus and meet the scientists themselves. How you value that information, the humans and other creatures affected by it, and what you decide to do about that is your prerogative. As one of my science professors, ecologist Jessica Hellmann has said, “Saying I don’t believe in cancer does not mean it ceases to exist. It just means that I am ignoring reality.” Let us argue about what we do in response to the scientific facts, not whether or not global climate change exists. I challenge you to listen to the sources of scientific knowledge, evaluate the results, and decide what that means for the world you want to live in and leave for future generations.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Dear Ms. Peavey,

You continue to try and spread your extreme ideals through bias and misinformation. The documents you spoke of in your most recent column (“Too much faith in humanity”), Dec. 8, states, “an unknown source leaked more than 1,000 e-mails and technical documents. These e-mails and documents were “leaked” by a source responsible for illegally hacking and stealing this information, which therefore has credibility issues due to the tactics used.” You are still the same individual who continues to spread falsification and is being investigated by the Department of Justice for crimes related to hacking and data theft.

As for the facts of global warming, simple research conducted via the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Web site provides a plethora of still current information. The temperature is known to have increased for the NCDC, evidence that the global climate is changing. The extent to which man is responsible is still under study. While the effects of man are under question, the simple statement that the climate is changing is not. By looking at the average global temperature from the years 1991 to 2000 in comparison to the yearly data from 1880 to 2009, the NCDC found that from 1880 to 1935 the average temperature was below the established, the lowest it was seen was at 4 degrees Celsius below the mean from 1907 to 1912. Then from the years 1935 to 1980 the temperature fluctuated about the mean. Since 1990 there has been a steady increase in the temperature. For the past seven years, this level has been 6 degrees Celsius above the mean. For the past 30 years the upper and lower bounds have not included the mean (since 1980). These are undisputed facts presented by a well-respected and official government institution that has come to operation during political parties terms. The question should not be whether the temperature is rising, but what are the effects of man on it. How can we prevent any damaging effects from being made?

There is only one certainty: The human species developed under very specific geological climate conditions. If those conditions disappear, will we survive?

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Dec. 8

Not definite assertions

After reading the letters in the Viewpoint by Mr. Bangs (“The best from Europe and America,” Dec. 8), Mr. Kabaishi (“It’s wrong that climate change has been predicted before it can be seen,” Dec. 8) and Mr. B. G. (“The climate is cyclical,” Dec. 8), each sought to reaffirm the litany on climate change, I have come to recognize the need for more debate on the subject. Each author, and probably many others, believes that climate change is occurring, is beyond doubt and the effects are catastrophic and cannot be reversed by CO2 levels. While the first point is undisputed by anyone who has done serious research into it, the other three points are highly contentious. Before we spend billions on cutting carbon emissions, we need a real debate as to the practicality of the subject.

That climate change is undoubtedly manmade is a ridiculous assertion. Earth’s climate is a highly complex and non-linear system with literally thousands of variables. To assert that we know for a fact that a 100 ppm increase in a relatively minor greenhouse gas is the primary driver of observed warming is to assume more than can be proven, especially when the impact of variables like cloud cover is as yet underdetermined. This point is further driven home by research showing that the correlation between temperature anomalies and solar variables is much closer than between Arctic temperatures and CO2 emissions. The fact that CO2 driven models of climate change have fared poorly in modeling the last decades seem to show that our knowledge of the link between CO2 and warming is at best incomplete. Before we spend billions on cutting carbon emissions, we need a real debate as to the practicality of the subject.

The third point, that warming will be catastrophic, is based on the second. The models showing drastic warming, while scary, do not predict past weather when run backwards and thus far failed to accurately predict coming weather.

The fourth point, that it would make economic sense to limit CO2 emissions, is indefensible. Bjorn Lomborg, who has commissioned some of the most extensive studies on the possible benefits of cutting CO2, found that the massive (and expensive) cuts mandated by the Kyoto Protocol, if extended to 2100, would have cut warming by 0.06 degrees Celsius by 2100. This is a statistically insignificant benefit of a highly expensive program. His model predictions assumed 10 percent CO2 reduction in warming, which as I have stated earlier does not capture the full picture. When other impacts are taken into effect, the benefit of cutting CO2 would be even smaller.

I know that the authors of the articles to which I am responding would find these points I am making contentious. Therefore I challenge any one of the authors on the subject of climate change sometime in the next semester. We can set a time and place of your choosing. Please respond to ingorellt@edu if you wish to accept this challenge.

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Dec. 9

Disrupting the natural atmosphere

Unfortunately for Mr. Easley (“Global warming skeptic,” Dec. 7), we already know that climate change has been sped up by humans. Wildfires, volcanoes and other natural phenomena that occur annually have been occurring for a long time. But the amount of carbon dioxide released every time they occur has not been enough to cause a significant long term climate change because nature has counter-mechanisms to remove it from the air. Yes, Mt. Pinatubo’s eruption in the Philippines in 1991 did lower global temperatures for a few years. But over time, temperatures returned to levels similar to before the eruption as the greenhouse gases produced by the volcano were removed through the Earth’s natural processes. Let me provide an example. When a wildfire occurs, an entire chunk of a forest could be burned down. What happens afterwards? First primary succession, involving the growth of bacteria, fungi and other photosynthetic microorganisms that extract carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, occurs. Otherwise, we would not be able to live on land lacking living organisms. Then photosynthetic mosses and lichens grow, removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Subsequently, we get more higher-order plant growth and thus start a new circle of life. But starting a new cycle requires a huge carbon source, which most organisms get from the air to large amounts of carbon dioxide had just been added. Thus, the accumulation of carbon dioxide emission is somewhat negated.

However, modern day greenhouse gases such as products and factories release into the air are unnatural and, sadly enough, there is no counter-mechanism to remove our actions. Furthermore, I would argue that saying that we aren’t the only ones who cause a rise in greenhouse gases, but I believe we are the major contributors to it recent rapid accumulation. Glaciers, especially in “polar” times, carbon dioxide emissions have risen by about 25 percent as of 1992 (Gime, William R., The Economics of Global Warming). That is why I would like to push for Climate Change Legislation and look forward to the results from Copenhagen. In addition, I also believe that supporting sustainable and “green” practices are a good idea because that would be our version of a “counter-mechanism” to the carbon dioxide release we contribute.

I would like to express my appreciation to the staff of the Observer, who clearly worked very hard to provide a wonderful Christmas season dinner on Tuesday night. From the cheerful greeters to the people waiting through the sea of students for more food and drinks to the beautiful decorations, everything came together to create a fun, festive atmosphere. Despite the crowds, I saw many of the husky people returning to have dinner in the dining hall with their friends. The food was also delicious. So thank you, everyone, for all the work you do during the year, and especially for giving us such a wonderful meal.

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Thanks dining hall

Ah, the global warming debate: perhaps the most infamous and hotly debated issue of the last century. It saddens me that so many people argue about the climate, using random facts which only jumble up any sense that can be made from such a chaotic, non-scientific issue. Personally, I would personally not support myself if I were to keep meaningless debate with other articles. Actually, never mind. Here goes.

I don’t know you read your “sources” yourself. No citations, just opinion. We must be enlightened by your puerile championing of the facts that the climate has only your piercing truth, but also the sources you got these opinions from. For our sake (and for decent journalism), please cite something.

Now, which foreign, somewhat unknown organization should I use for my position? Hmmm... but there is NASA! An article from the July 28, 2007 Wall Street Journal, says that the hottest year on record was 1998, as previously believed, but 1934, and that six of the 10 hottest years over the past 130 years have been in the past 40 years. The Journal concludes that the extent of Antarctic sea ice has been expanding for years. At least as of February, last winter was the Northern Hemisphere’s coldest in 62 years. Furthermore, the forecast for the world’s temperature is that it will begin rising again in 2020. The world’s climate is cyclical. (We’re doomed.) Finally, a recent article written on Dec. 7, for “The Space Review” notes that “NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) has long been resisting disclosing its data following a U.S. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request made by Chris Horner of the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI), a well-known climate-change skeptic.”

Why should NASA protect its statistics concerning global warming, for any reason? The answer is that this is a political game, nothing else. Long live Al Gore.

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Dec. 9

A most notable debate
### A Rapper’s Tale

**By Shane Steinberg**

| 1 | “Juicy” – Notorious B.I.G |
| 2 | “Hard Knock Life” – Jay Z |
| 3 | “98 Freestyle” – Big L |
| 4 | “Auditorium” – Mos Def |
| 5 | “Dear Mama” – 2 Pac |
| 6 | “Harlem Streets” – Immortal Technique |
| 7 | “Stan” feat. Dido – Eminem |
| 8 | “Ms. Jackson” – Outkast |
| 9 | Last of A Dying Breed feat. Lil Wayne – Ludacris |
| 10 | “I Used to Lover Her” – Common |
| 11 | “Big Brother” – Kanye West |
| 12 | “Welcome Back” – Mase |
| 13 | “Mr. Carter” feat. Jay Z – Lil’ Wayne |
| 14 | “Many Men” – 50 Cent |
| 15 | “One Mic” – Nas |

The name of this game is rap. Rap is all of its glory — from a young Jay-Z standing on a Brooklyn corner boppin’, down to Harlem where a disgruntled rebel known as Immortal Technique exposes the government for its evils, to a Queens high school with sold-out seats to hear Biggie Smalls speak, across the country to a sentimental California tale of mother and son as best told by Tupac, to a crazy fan named Stan and even a letter of apology from Andre 3000 to Ms. Jackson. These are the best rappers of our era, and these are some of their best songs. Let the rhythm get you, the flow move through you, and the lyrics affect you, and feel the best lyricists to ever emerge out of America’s streets.

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On a regular Tuesday afternoon, the week before finals, we hopped into our car and drove three and a half hours to Pontiac, Mich., to watch a Phoenix concert. The French electro-rock band is on their U.S. tour, and our plan was to leave Notre Dame at 2 p.m., watch the concert and be back before partiers. Yet after a long drive on Michigan’s road infested highways, we arrived at the Clutch Cargos, a church-turned-concert venue, only to wait another two hours for them to actually start playing.

Due to the late start, we left later than expected and were hit with a snow storm. Also, because so many people were smoking at the concert, one of us (the only one with a driver’s license) got an irritated eye and couldn’t see properly, making it impossible to drive. A Holiday Inn Express showed like a beacon of hope in the dark snowy night. We had to drive back in the morning, and go straight to our 10:40 a.m. class with last night’s clothes. In the end, was it worth it? Absolutely.

Phoenix put on such a high energy show that the crowd never took a break from dancing. The band played almost all their songs from their newest album, “Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix,” as well as all their older fan favorites. Lead singer (and Sofia Coppola paramour) Thomas Mars seemingly did not stop to take a breath. The only times he did pause, it was to express his strong gratitude to the crowd.

Opening with one of their most popular songs, “Lisztomania,” Phoenix continued to play another two songs before even addressing the crowd, leading to the show’s fast paced momentum which fed the audience with their energy. This kept the crowd moving, singing and dancing the entire time. One girl even tried to crowd surf but failed horribly as she immediately fell and knocked one of us down.

One of their best performances, “Lasso,” came early — although all of them were incredible. Mars walked up to the audience and sang straight into the front row, which only further excited the crowd. From afar, all we could see were people’s hands touch-
Dear Scene,

In light of your recent advice column on pranksters, I have an important query regarding the ethics of pranking. A good two months ago, some acquaintances initiated a prank war with our room. We spent valuable time, brainpower and Flex points devising our revenge. Fails were shot, middle fingers were raised and friendships were shattered. Currently, we’re up-3,4, and they haven’t responded in a solid month, demonstrating their cowardice.

In my opinion, this is not a fair fight. Pranksters need leadership and discernment of pranking. It’s morally objectionable to prank them again. Let me rephrase that. Should we prank them again?

Sincerely,

Frustrated in Bruin

Dear Frustrated in Bruin,

Your attitude for prankish behavior is to be commended and astounds even us, veterans of several tours of prankethana in the unforgettable conflict of 2004. We wholeheartedly support the furthering of this tactic. We believe you have a right, nay an obligation to continue to take this fight to their proverbial doorstep. However, guard your limbs, as your tamper-proof tutor. I feel I must warn your that this seeming inaction by your foes may be a delaying tactic to fall into a unsuspecting comfort only to strike with a fiery vengeance. After all, America did not create its nuclear arsenal in seven days. When they strike, and they will be they may at all, prepare yourselves for pranking an entirety new level. It may be wise to stockpile several days worth of food and water, as well as duct tape and industrial strength plastic sheeting. Whatever their response, remain calm and take it with good humor and a jolly heart. Any consternation they cause, you cannot hold a candle to the great campaign of terror you have carried out over the intervening months. Personally, we have witnessed pranks in which the planning process took years as well as multiple thousands of dollars. Your act of pranking may only incite their rage, causing them to add nefarious elements to their already devious prank.

We must also warn you about the pitfalls of repudiation and escalating prank. The fall of the Roman Empire can be directly correlated to the large volume of silly string and fake nose imported by Nero in an attempt to get back at his rivals. It’s difficult to get in the mood for the holidays. This is an excellent way to both enjoy the sounds of the season and support the musical talent at Notre Dame.

We realize our advice may offend some of our readership with the delirious feelings of an emotional underdeveloped adolescent girl. Some may even say that we’re advocating licking your opponent while he’s down, weeping in a puddle of his own filth? Our response to these overbearing critics is comprised of two equally important pieces. First, man up. Second, what would you do if you were Jackie Chan who was down? Would you stand there and let him jump up and proceed to beat you with a lemon peel? No. You have to press your advantage and in this case, be positive that their lives never become a monotonous drudgery and surely to wear the soul.

Prank and prank well my children. -Scene

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Eagles Reid agree to three-year extension

Brass shows confidence in 10-year coach; Reid to reportedly earn between $5 and $6 million per year

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — On the day he signed a new contract, Andy Reid joked about his weight.

The usually stoic coach has plenty of reasons to be happy, and it’s not because he can afford his own cheesesteak joint. Despite failing to win a Super Bowl in his first 10 seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles, Reid got a three-year extension through 2013.

“He has all the ingredients: leadership, football knowledge, the ability to gain the respect of everybody that he works with, especially the players, assembling the team,” owner Jeffrey Lurie said Wednesday.

“Every ingredient you could possibly look for, including a phenomenal track record of getting very far and if you don’t get very far you have one chance. I am extremely confident that we have a great opportunity going forward.”

Terms of the deal weren’t disclosed. Reid reportedly will earn between $5 and $6 million per season.

“I’m a piece of the puzzle here, and by my waist size I’m big, but in reality I’m just a piece of the puzzle,” Reid said. “I love Philadelphia. The fans, there is nothing like them. They have an unbelievable ability. They’re fair. If we stink, they let us know stink, if we’re doing OK, they’re letting us know we’re doing OK, but they’re always there. That support is phenomenal, absolutely phenomenal.”

Reid is the winningest coach in team history, leading the Eagles to the playoffs seven times with five trips to the NFC title game and one Super Bowl appearance in 10 seasons. The Eagles are 8-4 heading into Sunday’s game at the New York Giants and in solid position to make another postseason run.

Since joining the team in 1999, Reid has won 115 games and compiled a .611 winning percentage, both best in Eagles history.

Reid took over a franchise that was considered a laughingstock in the NFL a decade ago. He inherited a team that was 3-13 a season earlier and quickly turned it into a perennial contender. Reid selected quarterback Donovan McNabb with the No. 2 overall pick in the 1999 draft, a crucial piece in the rebuilding process.

The Eagles improved to 5-11 in its first season under Reid then went 11-5 a year later and made the playoffs five straight years.

“It’s well-deserved for him,” McNabb said. “I’m happy for him. It was a great move for them. He’s a great coach.”

Though he’s one of the most successful coaches in the NFL, Reid has drawn criticism from fans because the team hasn’t won a Super Bowl. The closest the Eagles got was a 24-21 loss to the New England Patriots following the 2004 season.

“Not every year is going to win a Super Bowl,” Lurie said. “One of the reasons for the track record of success and prioritization of that. He does have that burning desire to take it one more step to win a Super Bowl.”

“I would say very simply that’s what all of my energy goes and the players’ and the coaches’ energy goes,” Reid said of winning a Super Bowl.

Reid took a leave of absence during the offseason in 2007 to undergo open heart surgery, but he’s back following a successful operation.

“I have a lot to burn off, so I have a lot of energy stored in this body,” he said. “I still love what I’m doing. I can’t say I love press conferences, but I love everything else about it, and I so don’t feel I’m at that point. If I ever get to that point, I’ll be the first to raise my hand and stop coaching football.”

NCAA Football

House panel passes bill to establish playoff system

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A House subcommittee approved legislation Wednesday aimed at forcing college football to switch to a playoff system to determine its national champion, over the objections of some lawmakers who said Congress has more pressing targets to tackle.

The bill, which faces steep odds, would ban the promotion of a postseason NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision game as a national championship unless it results from a playoff.

The measure passed by voice vote in the House Education and Commerce Committee subcommittee, with one audible “no,” from Rep. John Barrow, D-Ga.

“With all due respect, I really think we have more important things to spend our time on,” Barrow said before the vote, although he stressed he didn’t like the current Bowl Championship Series, either.

The BCS selections announced last weekend pit two undefeated teams, No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 Texas, in the Jan. 7 national title game. Three other undefeated teams — TCU, Cincinnati and Boise State — will play in a BCS bowl game, but not for the championship.

“What can we say — it’s December and the BCS is in chaos again,” said the bill’s sponsor, Rep. Joe Barton of Texas, the top Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. He said the BCS system is unfair and won’t change until promised by Congress.

The legislation, which goes to the full committee, would make it illegal to promote a national championship game or “make or distribute a similar representation,” unless it results from a playoff.

There is no Senate version, although Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, has pressed for a Justice Department antitrust investigation into the BCS.

Shortly after his election last year, Barack Obama said there should be a playoff system.

In a statement before the vote, BCS executive director Bill Hancock said, “With all the serious matters facing our country, surely Congress has more important issues than spending taxpayer money to dictate how college football is played.”

The subcommittee chairman, Rep. Bobby Rush, an Illinois Democrat who co-sponsored the bill, said, “We can walk and chew gum at the same time.”

But Barrow wasn’t alone in criticizing his colleagues’ priorities. Reps. Zach Space, D-Ohio, and Bart Stupak, D-Mich., made similar arguments. Space said that with people facing tough times, the decision to focus on college football sends the “wrong message.”
CINCINNATI — Bengals receiver Chad Ochocinco is taking the NFL's fine for his latest touchdown celebration as a challenge to do more.

Ochocinco was fined $30,000 for briefly donning a monkey costume and a sombrero next to the bench following his touchdown catch during a 23-13 win over Detroit on Sunday. That's $10,000 more than the fine he got for pretending to bribe an official during a game earlier this season.

The receiver said Wednesday he's not sure why the amount went up so much. "That's OK," he said. "They keep jacking them up. I'll keep jacking up the celebrations." 

Earlier in his career, Ochocinco regularly got fined for his celebrations. Some of his most memorable included doing a river dance, pretending to perform CPR on a football and using the end zone pylon as a golf club. He also donned a mock Hall of Fame jacket on the sideline.

With receivers competing to top each other's celebrations, the league cracked down, making it illegal to use a prop on the field or have a rehearsed celebration with teammates.

Ochocinco scaled back on the celebrations earlier this season. He did a Lambeau Leap — into a section of Bengals fans — during a win at Green Bay, but toned down his act as the team won games and moved into first place in the AFC North.

"There had been no chance to celebrate a touchdown lately," Ochocinco said after Monday's win. "He (the league) may have only been worried about the Super Bowl."

The fine prevented him from taking a dollar bill onto the field as a pretend bribe during a win over Baltimore on Nov. 8. He held the dollar in his right hand as he approached the officials during a review of one of his catches. He kept the dollar after an official motioned for him to stay away.

Ray Anderson, the league's executive vice president of football operations, sent Ochocinco a letter over the pretend bribe that said, "The very appearance of impropriety is not acceptable. Your conduct was unprofessional and unbecoming an NFL player."

Ochocinco said Wednesday that he'll keep doing things that cross the league's line.
Jets sit dissapointed Sanchez

Associated Press

FLORIAN PARK, N. J. — The Sanhice is taking a seat this week, and he’s not happy about it.

New York Jets coach Rex Ryan decided Wednesday that Mark Sanchez will not play at Tampa Bay on Sunday because of a sprained right knee and belllem clothing will start in his place.

“Sitches is a frustrating part of this game,“ a clearly irritated Sanchez said Wednesday. “It’s not like I could at least try to practice (Thursday) and he said. “No way, beat. If you practice tomorrow, then you’re going to play and we don’t want to run any risk of further injury. “It’s difficult to handle.“

Ryan said he consulted with team doctors and made the call. Sanchez, who’s “mad as a hornet” at him.

“We wants to play,” Sanchez said Wednesday. “I wants to be out there for a long time. I dont want to play with an injury. “It’s just not going to be this week. “I have a lot of confidence in Kellen’s and I think that is the reason he made the decision, I just make it going to make it now.“

Sanchez sprained the posterior cruciate ligament in the knee during the third quarter of the Jets’ 19-7 win over Buffalo in Toronto last Thursday. He said he’s still not sure if the injury occurred on his first or a previous play. He didn’t appear to be noticeably hobbling around the field Thursday, but he’s been walking down from the podium.

“The players could face up to a one-year maximum sentence or up to 93 days on the other charges. All amounting to a total of assault or assault and battery.

Coach Mark Dantonio has suspends 11 players, up from eight following the Nov. 22 incident. Two days afterward, he dismissed running back Glenn Winston and defensive back Ryan Gordon, who were both charged in the inci-

dent.

The suspensions come as Michigan State (8-4) prepares for Big Ten and Big 12 games.

Michigan State spokesman Terry Donohew said none of the suspended players is allowed in the weight room, study areas or other parts of the foot-

ball building. They will not travel with the team to the game in San Antonio.

“They do not have access to any of the activities,“ he said. “None of them are preparing for the bowl game."

Karl Price of Louisville, Ky., national president of Iota Phi Theta fraternity, has said the dis-


charge is not an indication that Iota Phi Theta is dropping out of any of its other activities. The fraternity has issued a statement saying it will continue its program and support the players involved.

Associated Press

NFL

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9 Mich. St. players charged

LANSING, Mich. — Authorities charged nine Michigan State football players with misde-


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NBA

Josh Howard’s return spurs Mavs past Suns

Associated Press

DALLAS — Josh Howard looked sharp coming off a 13-game break to rehabilitate his surgically repaired left ankle, scoring 18 of his 20 points in the second half and leading the Dallas Mavericks to a 102-101 victory over the reeling Phoenix Suns on Tuesday night.

Howard missed the first five games of the season recovering from the surgery, then lasted just 2½ games. The Mavs put him through some grueling workouts to make sure he’s all the way back, and he sure looked it by scoring 16 points during a stretch late in the third quarter and early in the fourth when Dallas went from being tied at 66 to leading 88-79.

Phoenix made three-pointers in the final 47.9 seconds to make things interesting all the way to the buzzer, but the Suns wound up losing for the fourth time in five games. All those losses are on the road, and they’re all during the first eight days of December. Phoenix lost only three times over the last week of October and all of November.

Dirk Nowitzki had 33 points and eight rebounds, and Shawn Marion had 10 points and seven rebounds in his first game against his longtime team since rejoining the Western Conference.

The Mavericks also ended their first two-game losing streak.

Steve Nash scored eight of his 27 points in the final minute and had eight assists. Jason Richardson scored 25, including a long 3 during the final minute. Amare Stoudemire had 20 points and Jared Dudley 11.

Jason Terry had 10 points and kept the drama to the buzzer by missing a free throw with 3.7 seconds left. He intentionally missed the next one. Stoudemire got the rebound, took a few dribbles then heaved it about 75 feet. It was pretty much a desperation attempt.

J.J. Barea, who had what likely become Howard’s spot in the starting lineup, scored 14. Jason Kidd had 11 assists and seven points.

Howard entered to a nice ovation with 5:07 left in the first quarter. He missed a jumper on a fast break, but before fans could get too worried, he pulled up because he was tentative about the ankle, he proved otherwise by busting back on defense and blocking a shot by Grant Hill. He soon after went over the rim on a fast break and was knocked down but got right up.

Howard was 0 for 2 with two points in the first half. Dallas didn’t have enough going right outside. Nowitzki had the first two plus quarters, yet managed to remain close.

When Howard came in midway through the third quarter, he put up a brick from the outside, then passed up a shot on a fast break and dished to Kris Humphries, who wasn’t expecting the pass and the ball rolled out of bounds.

And with the backing of his wife and family, he had his agent call the Yankees during Thanksgiving weekend.

“Let’s do it another year,” Pettitte said.

Pettitte was 14-8 with a 4.16 ERA in 32 regular-season starts, and 4-0 with a 3.52 ERA in five postseason starts. His 18 postseason victories are a major league record.

A two-time All-Star, Pettitte pitched for the Yankees from 1995-2001, helping them win four World Series titles and six AL pennants, before spending three years with his hometown Houston Astros. He returned to New York in 2007 and signed a three-year, $16 million contract.

Disclaimer: This image includes a placeholder due to a Mayer's absence in the photo.

Mack Brown receives raise from Longhorns

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Coach Mack Brown is a $5 million man, not just this season, but for the life of his contract.

With the Longhorns playing for their second BCS national championship in five years, school officials on Wednesday agreed to raise Brown’s annual salary from $3 million to at least $5 million.

Brown was scheduled to receive a one-time $2 million payout at the end of each year. The University system regents agreed to make that an annual payment for the rest of his contract, which runs through 2016.

The length of the contract has not changed. Brown also will continue to receive an annual $100,000 raise already in his contract. He’ll also get a $450,000 bonus if Texas (13-0) beats Alabama (13-0) on Jan. 7 in Pasadena, Calif.

Brown’s counterpart in that game, Nick Saban, recently signed a one-year extension to his contract with Alabama that pays him $4.7 million annually.

“Mack is the best college football coach in America and this action recognizes him for that,” Texas athletic director DelLoss Dodds said. “He brought new life to our program and he’s done it with great integrity and class.”

He is who we want at Texas for as long as he is willing to serve as our head coach.”

Texas has raised Brown’s salary more than 500 percent since his first $750,000 deal signed in 1997. Texas has given Brown restructured deals with raises in 1999, 2000, 2002, 2005 and 2007. Texas’ second-year defensive coordinator Will Muschamp has been designated as Brown’s replacement when he decides to retire, but Wednesday’s deal seems unlikely to happen anytime soon.

Brown is 56 and just won his second Big 12 championship. Texas won the 2005 national championship and has won at least 10 games for nine consecutive seasons, the second-longest run of 10-win seasons in NCAA history.

The Longhorns also earned their third trip to one of the lucrative BCS bowls in the last five years.

With Brown still reeling in recruiting classes that are consis-tently ranked among the best in the country, he’ll be expected to maintain that run of success.

“Mack has built one of the nation’s premier football programs, and he’s brought credit to our university,” university President William Powers Jr. said.
NBA
Roy scores 29 to lead Portland past Pacers

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Portland Trail Blazers can’t afford to lose any more players — or coaching staff. Despite having only nine active players for Thursday’s game at Indiana, coach Nate McMillan, the Trail Blazers got 29 points from Brandon Roy and beat the Indiana Pacers 102-91 on Wednesday night.

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SPORTS

Eagles’ Westbrook practices, but not game-ready

Associated Press

PHILA — Back for practice for the first time since sustaining two concussions in a three-week span, Brian Westbrook said he wasn’t completely healed the last time he ran the ball for the Eagles.

When the what the doctor said, he said that although some of the symptoms wore off, I was not healed completely. It’s not like an ankle, you can feel it every single day or a knee. A concussion is a different thing for me. It just wasn’t healed completely.

The 30-year-old former All-Pro running back sustained his first career concussion when he hit his head on a defender’s knee during a Monday night win at Washington on Oct. 26. He briefly lost consciousness but was able to walk off the field under his own power.

Westbrook sat out two games and returned against San Diego on Nov. 15, only to sustain another concussion when he got sand-witched between a blocker and a tackle on a screen play.

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despite McMillan’s absence, pile-ups, and Andre Miller scored 15 for Portland (14-9), which snapped a four-game losing streak.

"When you talk about team wins, this is the essence of team," Dempoulos said. "Everyone stepped up, held hands and collectively got it done.

The Pacers, on the other hand, continued their downward spiral. Dahntay Jones had 19 points and rookie Tyler Hansbrough added 13 points and 11 rebounds for Indiana (6-13), losers of six straight.

The Pacers played without injured All-Star Danny Granger, who is expected to miss at least four weeks with a torn right plantar fascia. The team’s leading scorer won’t require surgery.

"It’s back to the drawing board," Jones said. "Losing is not fun."

The Pacers, who trailed by 11 in the first half, tied the score at 83 on Luther Head’s jumper with 8 minutes left in the fourth quarter. Portland used an 8-2 run, capped by Miller’s layup, to take a 105-91 lead. Roy had consecutive baskets to spark the rally.

I think all the signs right now are aiming toward being able to play before the end of the season," he said.

While Westbrook eases his way back, wide receiver DeSean Jackson expects to play against the Giants after missing one game with concussion. The dynamic playmaker was a full participant at Wednesday’s practice.

"I’m pretty much good," Jackson said. "back to normal, back to being DeSean Jackson."

Though he’s eager to help the Eagles (4-8) pursue a Super Bowl, Westbrook is taking a cautious approach.

"I’m more concerned about how things will happen for me in the future, how having concussions now will affect me 20, 30 years from now," he said. "I don’t think I’m scared to play the game of football. I’m concerned that things that are happening now, concussions, head injuries, can affect my life down the road. That really concerns me."

So why risk coming back?

"I still think I can play, still think I can produce," Westbrook said. "And I’ve learned from the doctors that I won’t have a high risk of getting another concussion after healing completely and that’s the No. 1 thing is to heal completely."

NCAA BASKETBALL
‘Cats hold on on top Huskies

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Freshman John Wall scored a season-high 25 points, including 12 of Kentucky’s last 15 in the game, and the fourth-ranked Wildcats beat No. 14 Connecticut 64-61 on Wednesday night in the SEC/BIG East Invitational.

Wall lived up to his billing in his first appearance at Madison Square Garden, overcoming first-half foul trouble and dominating the game over the final 7½ minutes.

The Wildcats (9-0) moved John Calipari closer to one of the icons at the school that has more wins (1,996) than any other program. The only coach to have a better start to his career at Kentucky was Adolph Rupp, who started 10-0 in 1931.

There were two totally different halves played in front of the crowd of 15,474, which seemed split down the middle.

Jerome Dyson had 17 points for the Huskies (6-2), who finished 14 of 24 from the free throw line, including 2 of 4 in the final 3 minutes.

After a first half of runs and big lead changes, neither team had a lead of more than five points over the final 20 minutes.

Wall, the 6-foot-4 guard who has drawn raves in his freshman year as Calipari tries to lead Kentucky back after two disappointing seasons under Billy Gillispie, scored almost every way possible in his game-closing spurt.

His three-point play on a breakaway dunk gave the Wildcats a 54-47 lead with 7.16 left. Stanley Robinson, Connecticut’s skywalking forward, finally became a factor for the Huskies, scoring six straight points. When Gavin Edwards scored on a break dunk with 4:24 to play, Connecticut was within 56-55 with 4:24 to go.

Kemba Walker, who had 12 points and six assists for the Huskies, gave them their final lead of the game on a jumper with 1:12 left.

Wall put Kentucky ahead for good on a three-point play after he drove to the basket that made it 62-61 with 30 seconds left.

Connecticut called two timeouts, then went for the tie as Walker drove and there was a tip by the Huskies as well. But Walker was forced to foul on the rebound, and Ramon Harris made one of two free throws with 13 seconds left.

Kentucky’s DeMarcus Cousins celebrates with John Wall following the conclusion of the first half against the Huskies on Wednesday.
Bryant leads the way as Lakers roll past Jazz

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant scored 27 points, Paul Gasol had 19 points and 12 rebounds and the Los Angeles Lakers rolled off 19 consecutive points in the fourth quarter of their 10th straight victory, 101-77 over the Utah Jazz on Wednesday.

Ron Artest scored 17 points for the Lakers, who improved to an NBA-best 17-3 by holding the Jazz to six points and two field goals in a comically one-sided fourth quarter.

After leading by just two points entering the fourth, Los Angeles held the Jazz scoreless for more than six minutes while getting points from five players.

Deron Williams scored 17 points for the Jazz, who couldn’t manage a field goal in the final 7:25 of the final period of their 13th consecutive loss to the Lakers at Staples Center, counting six losses in the past two outings.

Mehmet Okur and C.J. Miles scored 14 points apiece for Utah, which managed just two field goals in the fourth quarter on 2-for-18 shooting.

Andray Blatt scored 14 points for Los Angeles, which forced two shot clock violations by the Jazz during that fourth quarter stretch, while getting eight points from Jordan Farmar, the inconsistent backup guard. Williams’ jumper with 4:35 to play was the Jazz’s first field goal of the period, and they didn’t get another until Miles’ basket in the final minute.

Carlos Boozer had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Jazz, giving him a career-best score of at least 21 points for the first time in nine games which hasn’t beaten the Lakers at Staples Center since Jan. 1, 2006, rebounded from a loss to lowly Minnesota with a win over San Antonio on Monday, but its fourth-quarter woes in Los Angeles led to just the Jazz’s third loss in 11 games.

Los Angeles’ winning streak is its longest in a single season since winning 10 straight in February 2008.

Bryant played after skipping the morning shootaround, telling the Lakers he was shaken up after a home-invasion robbery occurred in his family’s gated community in Orange County last night, leading to a police standoff.

The Lakers are one game away from completing an undated six-game homestand, which concludes Friday with a visit from Minnesota. Los Angeles’ lofty record is little surprise after an exceptionally genus schedule featuring 17 of its first 21 games at home, but the Lakers are on the road for all but nine of the following 28 contests.

Most of the Lakers’ victories have come with the notable exception of last Friday’s one-point win over Miami in Bryant’s self-acknowledged lucky 3-point-er at the buzzer. Coach Phil Jackson felt a few close games would help his team’s late-game execution later on, and they got another test of their tenacity against Utah — until the fourth quarter, that is.

Los Angeles had been out in the middle two periods during its winning streak, repeatedly pulling away from its opponents to render the fourth quarter fairly meaningless. But Utah took the lead in the second half for the first time this season and never threatened.

The finger didn’t stop him from throwing a 58-yard touchdown pass to Moss on the first series of last Sunday’s 22-21 loss at the Miami Dolphins. The Patriots fell to 7-5 and suffered their third loss in four games for the first time in seven seasons.

“We didn’t change much,” said Tom Brady. “They haven’t been giving us the kind of coverage we’ve been used to. It’s just getting better every week.”

Tom Brady, Patriots QB

“It’s not about playing hard on Sundays. I mean, we do that.”

Tom Brady, Patriots QB

Bilicich disciplines Moss

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady wants his teammates to prepare harder to keep a playoff berth from slipping away. On Wednesday, Randy Moss and three key defensive players didn’t even make it to practice.

Coach Bill Bilicich declined to elaborate on their absence from the first practice since the New England Patriots’ lead in the AFC East dropped to one game.

Moss and linebackers Adalius Thomas, Gary Guyton and Derrick Burgess were sent home after showing up late for an 8 a.m. team meeting, according to the Web site of the Providence Journal.

“That’s coach’s decision,” said Brady, who made it to work despite a moderate snowfall that caused traffic snarls. “I’ve got to do my job. I’ve got plenty of things to do. Like I said, I’ve got to show up every day and bring whatever I have — the energy and the leadership that I have — to this team, because that’s what all those guys (do). That’s what our job is.”

Bryant went to work the day after his wife, supermodel Gisele Bundchen, gave birth to their son. He said he had nothing to do with the baby being born early.

Said Brady: “I didn’t change much.”

“I didn’t change much” because of the injury, Bilicich said. He probably won’t change much for Sunday’s home game against the Carolina Panthers (5-7) just because Moss and the linebackers missed practice.

All were listed on the practice report as missing the session for reasons not related to injury. Moss has been listed on the Wednesday report several times this season with that designation.

Bilicich declined to discuss their absence.

“Anything that happens with discipline on the team stays between me and the players on the team,” he said.

After the latest loss, Brady said the Patriots don’t always show enough fight.

“It’s not about playing hard on Sundays. I mean, we do that,” he said Wednesday. “That’s three hours a week that you have to show up and really commit yourself to. I don’t think that’s too much to ask of anybody and guys do that. It’s not like we think we’re not fighting out there in the game.”

I think what coach tells us and what I was alluding to was probably more of just the other six days of the week. We’ve got to make the commitment to each other.

I think at times we all feel a little bit sorry for ourselves but we’re so tired and you’re tired and you’re sore and it’s the end of the year and you go. Why is (Belichick) doing this?”

But, in the end, you’re either gaining ground on a team or you’re losing ground, and I always prefer to be gaining ground.

As a team leader, Brady’s comments carry weight with other players, but he was saying what some of them already knew.

“It’s dead-on. We need to respond to adversity better,” running back Sammy Morris said. “I think we all either know it or felt it and I think him just saying it kind of just put a little more emphasis on it.”

Carolina coach John Fox said players must be disciplined.

“I’m not likening players to children,” he said, but “everybody has rules and jobs and needs to be held accountable and needs to be detailed and get the job done. As a head coach, that’s what you have to do. Sometimes, it’s not easy.”

Players who did practice Wednesday gave their opinions about how Belichick handled the situation regarding Moss and the three linebackers.
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On five scoring going and maybe get some shorthanded goals,” Thang said.

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Boxing

Pavlik to defend title versus Espino

Associated Press

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Middleweight champion Kelly Pavlik says his left hand is finally recovered from a staph infection and he feels great heading into a Dec. 19 title defense against Miguel Espino.

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Jack Loew, Pavlik’s trainer, has heard all the criticism — even from fans in Pavlik’s hometown. His camp addressed rumors that Pavlik had entered rehab for alcohol abuse and was dealing with personal problems. All the rumors, they say, are false.

“I don’t understand it,” Loew said. “Here’s a kid that has done more for charities in this town than any other boxer — any other athlete — ever has. Because he’s turned down two fights and then schedules this fight, everything kind of blew up and went the opposite direction we thought it was going to go. So many people have turned on him. It hurts me because I’ve known him since he was 9 years old.”

The fight against Espino is mandatory — Pavlik would have lost his WBC and WBO belts had he again refused. Still, he wasn’t healthy when he agreed to the fight in October. He didn’t begin hitting a heavy bag until about two weeks ago, forcing him to cram a typical eight-week training camp into about five weeks. His hand has responded better than anyone could have hoped, coming off needing two sur-
ergies and still couldn’t make a fist with his left hand in late October, prompting the second cancellation of the Williams fight. “I’m glad they forced it on us. We needed to get back in the ring,” Loew said.

“Even two weeks ago, we weren’t 100 percent . . . I was worried. We had our work cut out for us.”

NBA

Crawford leads Hawks victory

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jamal Crawford and Atlanta’s other backups gave the Hawks the lift they needed Saturday. Crawford scored a season-high 29 points and the Hawks opened the second half with a 20-4 run and beat the Bulls 118-83 on Wednesday night.

The Hawks led by 14 before pulling away with the big run.

“At halftime we told ourselves ‘no letdown,’” said Atlanta’s Josh Smith, who capped the decisive run with an alley-oop jam to lead the team to 30 points at 76-46 with 3:35 remaining in the third period.

“We didn’t want them to come back and get some momentum,” said Smith, who had 18 points.

Maurice Evans had 18 points as Atlanta’s reserves outscored Chicago’s backups 66-32. Rookie Jeff Teague had eight points and eight assists as 12 Atlanta players scored.

“We came out and took control of business from beginning to end,” Hawks coach Mike Woodson said. “Everybody got a chance to play. It was a total team effort.

The Bulls, who have lost four straight and nine of 10, remained close only in the first period. Atlanta pushed its lead to double digits for good on a jam by Smith with 5:17 remaining in the first half.

Joakim Noah said he has “no idea” why the Bulls are struggling after winning four of their first six games.

“The way we started the sea-

Son I thought there was defi-
nitely some optimism,” said Noah, who had only two points

but led the Bulls with 11

rebounds. “But I think we’re definitely going through it right now as a team. We’ve just got to find a way to snap out of it.”

Derrick Rose, who led Chicago with 19 points, said the loss “really hurts.”

“Either you want it or you don’t,” Rose said. “Hustle, if you want it. Rebound. The score tonight speaks for itself. We’re just not playing hard.”

Taj Gibson, who had 11 points, was Chicago’s only reserve to score in the first three periods. Each team played backups through most of the fourth period.

Backup forward James Johnson had 17 — all in the final period — and John Salmons added 16 for Chicago.

“They jumped on us early in the third quarter, and then we ended up playing catch-up,” said Bulls coach Vinny Del Negro. “We didn’t score well enough to play catch-up like that.”

The Bulls shot a season-low 36.4 percent (28 for 77) from the field.

“It’s not good. It’s not good,” Del Negro said. “But you know, the guys are working. … It’s frustrating but you’ve got to battle through it.”

Noah said the Bulls “are not competing together at all.”

“We really need to stick together,” Noah said. “I think there’s enough character on this team for us to turn this around. We’ve got to turn this around. We will.”

Joe Johnson and Marvin Williams each had 12 points for Atlanta.

The Hawks have won two straight for the first time since a seven-game winning streak from Nov. 7-20.

The Bulls scored only two points off the Hawks’ eight turnovers. Atlanta scored 22 points off Chicago’s 19 turnovers.

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he’s a good shooter."

Hunter cited Hansbrough’s effect on how the defense guards the rest of the Irish as important.

"He will make (senior forward Luke) Harangody’s life a lot easier because you can’t double on him," he said.

IPUI fell in 8-3 with the loss.

Junior forward Tim Abromaitis scored 16 points in his second straight start. In his first start, a 90-72 win at home over Central Florida Sunday, he scored 31 points on 10-of-17 shooting and made eight of his nine free throw attempts.

Abromaitis started over guard Jonathan Peoples, who came in off the bench.

"I’ve been comfortable — all year out there, I think," Abromaitis said. "It’s just confidence from coaches and other players on the team just translating to me being a little bit more loose out there and ready to go."

Hansbrough called Abromaitis the best backdoor cutter he’d ever seen. Brey said he liked the production from Abromaitis but still rode him about some of the finer points.

"I thought he was a little tentative with the ball against their zone," he said, but noted that he was "thrilled" with Abromaitis.

Harangody scored 16 points and had 11 rebounds. His reduced scoring was partly a function of the Jaguars’ match-up zone defense, but Harangody handled it well, Brey said.

"We couldn’t get (Harangody) as many touches in the zone," Brey said. "He didn’t panic because he wasn’t getting touches."

Harangody was fine with being the third-scoring scorer, an unusual role for him.

"It’s a great thing to have these weapons around us," he said. "That never happened a lot last year. It takes a lot of pressure off myself."

The Irish moved the ball well and looked comfortable playing with another. They had 22 assists as a team, a season high, and out-rebounded the Jaguars 41-32.

"We’re a great passing team," junior forward Tyrone Nash said. "From the one to the five we can all pass."

The starters, plus Peoples and junior forward Carleton Scott, have begun to mesh into a group used to playing together, Brey said.

"I thought this was another night starting with the Saint Louis game ... where the seven guys all complemented each other, and knew who they were," he said. "You want to keep building the seven-man group."

The Irish jumped ahead 11-2 and led by seven for most of the first half. Abromaitis dunk and 3-pointer gave the Irish a 33-17 lead with 7:15 left in the half.

Near the end of the half, Hansbrough sank two free throws and a transition layup off of a long pass from Abromaitis to make the score 44-21.

IUPUI struggled to make shots in the first half. The Jaguars, who shot 51.1 percent from field goal range prior to Wednesday’s game, made only 25.9 percent of their shots in the first half.

The Irish made 53 percent of their first-half shots. Hansbrough had 15 first-half points and made 3-of-4 3-point attempts.

Notre Dame led by 27 in the second half, but eight straight points from Glenn and a 3-pointer from Young cut the lead to 16.

When asked if he was worried about giving up 48 second-half points, Brey said, "Not really. Not if we can score 50."

"I told the team we got 20 minutes to get better," he said of his halftime speech. "Ignore the score."

Abromaitis’ 3-pointer and senior guard Tony Jackson’s layup edged the lead back to 21, and Scott tipped in a missed free throw to give Notre Dame a 64-40 lead with 13:04 remaining.

Notre Dame plays Loyola-Marymount Saturday, and then has a week off before UCLA visits South Bend on Dec. 19.

Note:

• Harangody’s 16 points moved him into fifth place on Notre Dame’s all-time scoring list with 2,070 points. He passed Troy Murphy, who had 2,058, and has Pat Garrity (2,085) in his sights.

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McGraw said, "It’s a nice trip to Florida, too. But when you come around finals, you really don’t want to travel."

Notre Dame had been sluggish in two close wins over Iona and Eastern Michigan. "It’s a lackluster start to rout IPFW 96-60 Tuesday," McGraw said the game might have acted as a spark for the team.

"I think they liked the way they played defensively. They played really well," she said. "We get home before Practice I thought we looked good, we turned them over a lot. I think they’re ready to get better.

Vanderbilt (3-4) is coming off of a 77-52 loss to No. 15/15 Pittsburgh. The Crusaders will enter the Purcell Pavilion in its second of three straight road games against Big Ten team.

The Crusaders bring a challenge in the back court and in the paint. Betsey Adams leads the team with 17.1 points per game. Vanderbuilt forwards Kenney is right behind her with 16. Kenney is 40-47. shooting (52 percent) in seven games this season.

"Our intensity’s good right now," McGraw said. "I think we’re pretty focused, despite the finals looming. I think they’ve done a really good job of putting that aside for now and hopefully we’ll be ready to play."

The game begins at 2 p.m. Charlotte will come to South Bend on Dec. 20 for a 1 p.m. game. Then (4-5) have three straight after a rough start to the season and will play one more game before traveling to Notre Dame.

After that game, the Irish will have over a week off for Christmas, and will head to Orlando on Dec. 29 to play Central Florida. It will be the fourth straight home game for the Knights, who lost 62-59 heartbreaker to Washington in their last contest.

The game will begin at noon.

The Irish will play No. 14/16 Vanderbilt just two days later in South Bend in a 2 p.m. start. The Commodores (8-1) will present a significant challenge to the Irish offense, who need to recover quickly. So far in the season, Vanderbilt has allowed just 59 points per game, while scoring 76-4. Their defense averages 10.1 steals and 23.6 forced turnovers per game.

Notre Dame’s first game of 2010 will be Jan. 4 against Purdue and will be nationally televised on ESPN.

The Hoosiers (3-5) began the season ranked at No. 23 but have had a disappointing start, including recent losses to then-No. 14/15 Virginia and Northwestern. The game, which begins at 7 p.m., will be the first straight home game for Purdue. It will also be both teams’ last game on the non-conference schedule.

Upon returning to South Bend for the beginning of the spring semester, the Irish will take on their first Big East game at Villanova on Jan. 9.

"We’re trying to get through the non-conference part of the schedule and then head into Big East," he said.

"We look at it as three different seasons, the non-conference, the Big East and then the ACC. We want to finish strong in the non-conference so we can get ready for Big East."

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Cincinnati coach Brian Kelly points as he works the sideline during the Bears’ 45-44 win over Pittsburgh on Dec. 5.

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since its opening. Over the last few years, coaches have been quick to withdraw themselves from the discussion. Urban Meyer was the first to do so, followed by Iowa’s Kirk Ferentz and finally Bob Stoops. After a week of rumors that Stoops was interested, the Oklahoma coach issued a firm denial, leaving Swarbrick and Notre Dame fans with their focus on Kelly. The Bears coach has been the hot name for good reason. Kelly led Cincinnati to a 12-0 season this year, along with a second consecutive Big East Championship and BCS bowl berth.

Critics will doubt his ability to recruit, or that he can translate what he’s done with his team. They’ll point to his similarities with Weis — a strong offensive scheme with a struggling defense.

But in reality, Kelly is extremely different from Weis in all the right ways. He has motivated and coached his less-talented players to wins over ranked opponents. Defensively his teams have been underrated, letting up just over 20 points per game in 2009 and ranking in the top 10 nationally in sacks and tackles for a loss despite losing 10 starters from last year. Kelly’s offensive abilities are unquestioned. The Bears’ offense has been one of the most potent in college football, and when first-year starting quarterback Tate Pike went down, backup Zach Collaros and the offense didn’t skip a beat.

His teams have been disciplined and overachieved for their level of talent, a sign of coaching ability rarely, if ever, seen at Notre Dame since the Holtz era. And unlike Weis, Kelly is a proven winner at the college level, with just one losing record in 19 seasons as a head coach.

Kelly has won at every stop, and is as good a hire as any one could expect. The arrogance and ludicrous expectations of some fans will leave them dissatisfied with anyone that isn’t a coaching star like Meyer, Stoops or Saban, but no coaches just pack up and leave top programs, not even for tempestuous destinations with the tradition of Notre Dame.

Thankfully, it appears there have been serious talks between Swarbrick and Kelly. There appears to be mutual interest, although in this clandestine coaching search it seems every nearly report is contradicted or denied the next day (sorry Adam Schefter and Joe Schad). If Kelly isn’t hired though, which should be completed by the end of the week if it will ever happen, it will be time to panic. After three consecutive failed coaching hires, Notre Dame badly needs to nail it one.

And if not Kelly, there’s no one left. That’s not to say there is no other available coach who couldn’t turn the program around, but there is no coach with the winning history and talent of Kelly that can immediately stabilize the program.

Randy Edsall is by all accounts a great guy and good coach, but Notre Dame needs a great one. And if people think Kelly will struggle with recruiting, how many current commits do you think know who Edsall is?

If Kelly is not the answer, it means that again Notre Dame has botched the coaching search. Maybe they should have reached out to candidates earlier, or compromised with other coaches supposed demands, but whatever the case, anything less than Kelly will send the message that once again, Notre Dame has made a faulty hire.

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FOOTBALL

Akron names Ianello head coach

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame interim coach Bob Ianello will be the next head coach at Akron, the school announced late Wednesday.

Ianello will replace the fired J.D. Brookhart, who had a disappointing 3-9 record with the Zips last season.

During the Charlie Weis era, Ianello served as the wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator, helping Notre Dame land four top-15 national recruiting classes.

Ianello is expected to be officially introduced at a press conference at noon today.

Ianello had served as the interim head coach for the short period after Weis’ firing.

“Bob is a skilled coach and has played a central role in coordinating our recruiting, and I know he will provide us with the leadership we need going forward between this period of time and when we have a new coach in place,” director of athletics Jack Swarbrick said at last Monday’s press conference.

As a receivers coach, Ianello has coached some of the great receivers in program history, including Jeff Samardzija, Maurice Stovall, Golden Tate and Michael Floyd.

Ianello described his role as interim coach at last week’s press conference.

“Well it’s a three-fold thing right now,” Ianello said. “First of all, to supply the support to our current student-athletes that they need during this current transition.

“The second thing is to help secure the recruiting that we have so far and to have for our coaches and our support staff and our administrative staff during this time (of transition). So that’s how I see it breaking down.”

Ianello spent the past week and a half coordinating work on recruits despite his uncertain future.

“There are great resources that the University has and these things won’t change,” Ianello said. “I think the message is clear to the guys we’re dealing with at this time, and that will be what we go throughout the country and be on the forefront here in the next few weeks.

Ianello also said at the press conference that while recruiting he would look to “reach out to some other people to secure my future.”
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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Ending it early

Hot first half shooting leads ND over Jaguars

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

IU/PUI coach Ron Hunter knew he was in trouble quickly Wednesday night.

“When you see the ball going in early it makes a difference,” he said. “The ball was going in early for them.”

Especially for senior guard Ben Hansbrough, who scored 22 points during Notre Dame’s 93-70 win over the Purcell Pavilion Wednesday.

Hansbrough made 6-of-8 field goals and 8-of-5 free throws, although the Irish (9-1) made only 63.2 percent of their foul shot attempts.

“I like the fact that (Hansbrough) took jump shots he had,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “When he’s got an open look, he’s got to take it because he gets to the foul line. That’s what he’s always been known for.”

Michigan (4-6-0 CCHA, 8-8 overall) has slid all the way to 10th in the conference. After two wins over Lake Superior State — in which the Wolverines scored 11 total goals — Michigan dropped five straight games against Miami (Ohio), Michigan State and Bowling Green.

Red Berenson’s squad has rebounded to take three of its last four, but the Wolverines need a prolonged winning streak to break back into the CCHA’s elite ranks.

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FOOTBALL COMMENTARY

Kelly the right pick for ND job

Ten days after the announcement of the dismissal of Charlie Weis, and still no one knows who will be Notre Dame’s next coach.

What is clear now, however, is that Director of Athletics Jack Vaughn and the Irish have only two possible searches:

Brian Kelly or bust.

The Cincinnati coach has been the hot name for the job ever since the crushing loss to Navy, and has been the odds-on favorite to win the job.

Irish look to get back in CCHA race against Michigan

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish have some work to do to get back to the top of the CCHA standings, and there’s no better weekend to start than this one.

Notre Dame (4-4-2 CCHA, 7-7-4 overall) sits tied for fifth in the conference, 10 points behind leaders Miami (Ohio). The Irish aren’t the only traditional power underperforming this season, though.

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HOCKEY

Team busy over winter break

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will be home for Christmas — for the most part, anyway.

The No. 3/4 Irish will host Valparaiso Saturday and, after a break for finals week, will play five games over Winter Break. Three of those games — against Charlotte, Vardere/Still and Villanova — will be played at the Purcell Pavilion.

Another, against Purdue, will be in West Lafayette, Ind. The team will leave the state for just one game, against Central Florida in Orlando.

“IT’s always great to be home with our crowd, they really give us energy,” Irish coach Mullet said.

SMC BASKETBALL

Weather postpones Belles and Knights

SMC's Pavilion

Observer Staff Report

Tuesday’s scheduled game between MIAA rivals Saint Mary’s and Calvin was postponed due to inclement weather. The game has been rescheduled for Friday at 5 p.m. at Calvin's Van Noord Arena.

The away game is scheduled to be the Belles (4-2, 1-0) second game of the MIAA season after they defeated Trine at home in their opener 60-56.

The Knights (7-1) are ranked No. 19 in Division III, and should be Saint Mary’s toughest test so far in the early season.

The game is a rematch of last season’s MIAA semifinal, which was won by the Belles 67-58.

Saint Mary’s also won both regular season games against Calvin last year, including a 72-68 overtime win on the road.

The Belles lost four valuable seniors from last season’s team, and will be the underdog against the Knights, who are the favorites to win the MIAA, this season.

Saint Mary’s will look to forward Kelley Murphy to lead them against the Knights. The sophomore is averaging 13.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.