**Power outage darkens SMC**

*Observer Staff Report*

American Electric Power and security officials continued to investigate the cause of an early morning power outage that touched nearly all of Saint Mary's campus.

All buildings except Regina Hall and Moreau Center for the Arts lost electricity at approximately 1:15 a.m.

For students in residence halls, this meant everything from complete darkness to lack of heat to a non-functioning voice mail system. For one woman, the efforts were far greater.

A student was trapped in the elevator of Holy Cross Hall for more than two hours. Saint Mary's security, repair persons and resident assistants on duty responded to the scene.

Elevator repair persons were called to manually raise or lower the elevator to gain access to the doors. Contact with the student was maintained throughout the work, according to security officials. She suffered no physical harm as a result of the ordeal.

The loss of power inconvenienced students whose studies and activities were disrupted. Computer systems in the buildings with power were also down, cutting students off from this resource campus-wide.

Because of the immediacy of the situation of the woman in the elevator, the investigation into the cause of the power outage was delayed. The local power company had been contacted and was reportedly working on the problem, but at press time the power had not been restored, and no cause for the blackout could be identified.

**AAA takes to the runway Saturday**

*By MARIBEL MOREY*

After three consecutive years of incidents of indecent exposure, Asian Allure is taking steps this year to ensure a glitch-free performance. The show, however, will go on.

Three years ago, a topless student model covered her chest with crossed arms, mimicking a pose once coined by Janet Jackson at their annual fashion show. This year, a ribbon covering a female student’s chest fell off, leaving her breasts completely exposed.

Last year, a female participant removed his pants, to the horror of several students.

**IT’S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS**

Keough Hall residents went all out in decorating their dorm for the holidays. Most dorms on campus have been decorating all week in preparation for the holiday season. However, there is no snow in the forecast. See page 2 for weekend weather.

**WTO protests have mixed aims**

*By BRIDGET O’CONNOR*

Cell phones and gas masks were the weapons of choice in Seattle for protesters at this week’s annual World Trade Organization conference.

An estimated 30,000 activists converged on the city to protest the organization’s record on workers’ rights and environmental issues.

But developing nations, which comprised 100 of the 135 WTO member states, claim they cannot afford the types of changes protesters demand. These claims are not unusual, experts say.

“When international treaties declared slavery to be unfair trade practices over 150 years ago, nations who used slaves rather the business interests that used slaves to raise profits in host nations, complained it would impede economic growth,” countered Teresa Ghilarducci, associate professor of economics at Notre Dame and director of Higgins Labor Research Center.

WTO ministers from some developing countries, including India, claim the United States and other Western countries aim to use reforms as protectionist mechanisms, but Ghilarducci said these claims are
**Inside Column**

**Watch out for strangers**

I talk to strangers. I know, you’re not supposed to — didn’t McGruff the Crime Dog tell that into everyone’s head in grade school? But maybe it’s just where I was raised — a little bit closer in South Dakota that no one besides my closest friends has ever heard of.

At home it’s the norm to greet everyone you meet with a friendly hello — whether you know them or not. When I get in the car to drive back to Notre Dame, I have to break myself of the habit of waving to every car that passes by.

One of my friends is more familiar with “citty life” has attempted to educate me about the error of my ways.

“The first rule is never to make eye contact. Everyone knows that,” he tells me. “Erin, you’re asking to be mugged.”

It’s possible that my life’s line has been too sheltered. The Notre Dame campus isn’t exactly a poor section of the city. We were slightly concerned that a police officer or attempted to help. Are people really not aware of the possibility that a friendly smile can cause harm.

In my psychology class today, our professor told us a Texas woman was murdered in her New York City apartment. Thirty-eight of her neighbors heard her scream for more than half an hour, but not one of them called the police or attempted to help. Are people really so unsure that they wouldn’t help someone they don’t personally — even when that person is in dire distress?

I’d really like to think not.

My family went on a vacation in Denver when I was six. I’ve forgotten every silly tourist attraction that we visited, but one incident stands out in my mind.

It was the end of a long day and we were on a busy Denver freeway that runs through a poor section of the city. We were slightly concerned when our car began to make a funny rattling noise. Although my mom gibely pretended nothing was wrong, my sister and I exchanged worried glances.

“Maybe the car should go no farther. In the days before everyone had a cellular phone, we were in trouble. Cars drastically runched the area in every direction, looking for somewhere to go for help. Nevertheless we were determined he had no choice but to walk towards an exit several miles back.”

Surprisingly, however, that at moment another car pulled off the freeway behind us. A man got out and asked, “Can we give you a hand?”

Soon we were at his home. While the man took time to get parts to fix the car, his wife and their children treated us as old friends who had arrived for a long-anticipated visit.

I’m forever grateful they had the courage to reach out to a carload of strangers. And I hope fear won’t keep me from doing the same.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**This Week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s History**

Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame and chairman of the Civil Rights Commission, urged the Senate to kill a House amendment of choice desegregation plans in the South. Hesburgh warned that the amendment would be “an irreversible setback to the overall effort to achieve desegregation and equal opportunity.”

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**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

**Nebraska president defends fetal cell research**

LINCOLN, Neb. University of Nebraska officials are standing behind the use of tissue from aborted fetuses for medical research despite recent controversy.

NU has come under fire from state politicians and Creighton University counterparts for using fetal brain cells for Alzheimer’s disease research.

NU President Dennis Smith said in a letter sent Tuesday to Governor Mike Johanns that he would not cease the studies conducted on brain cells at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

“A Nebraska doctor who performs abortions provides the fetuses free to the Medical Center,” Johanns said.

Johanns had written Smith to request an end to the research, which he called “particularly disturbing.” Smith and other officials said the issue was not about abortion rights but about academic freedom.

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**Texas A&M victim clings to life**

AUSTIN, Texas A 19-year-old Texas A&M student who was injured in the Rouliff collapse remains hospitalized in critical condition as operations to save his life continue. John Comstock, a biomedical engineering freshman from Richardson, underwent two surgeries Wednesday to remove decaying cells on his body which could have become infections, said family friend Reverend Philip Postell.

Doctors at College Station Medical Center amputated part of Comstock’s leg Friday and removed infected tissue from his stomach in an operation Monday, he added. “The fact that they’re keeping him alive this long is reassuring, but it’s tough,” said Postell, president of the Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas, which Comstock had attended.

“There’s only so much upbeat energy you can maintain and after a while you say ‘This is God’s will and it’s OK.’” Postell said Comstock has been unconscious since the Nov. 18 accident that killed 12 students and injured 27 others. He added that Comstock’s legs were badly damaged in the collapse and he also suffered a broken wrist.

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**Va. Tech student missing in Florida**

BLACKSBURG, Va. A Virginia Tech student is missing in Key West, Fla., after she failed to return a cruise ship with her family last week. Rebecca Myers, a junior public and urban affairs major, was on a Royal Caribbean Cruise vacation with her family when she and her sister Sarah took an afternoon to shop during a stopover in the Florida keys.

Twelve-year-old Sarah met her parents, Scott and Elaine, at noon Thanksgiving Day by herself. She told them her older sister had gone in search of a beach to take a nap. The family boarded the ship and discovered about 30 minutes later her parting Myers was not aboard.

Cynthia Edwards, public information officer for the Key West police, said all officers are carrying pictures of Myers. Edwards said Myers’ parents returned to Florida Sunday from Manassas, Va., Sunday to search. Edwards said the parents did not believe Myers would take off without telling them, but believe her to be safe.

She said the police do not suspect foul play. Kira Podrums, Myers’ roommate, said she was afraid something might have happened to Myers, but said Myers talked about trying to get away in the past.

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**Local Weather**

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When Father Steve Newton took the position as Sorin rector 11 years ago, he never anticipated staying long. As for next year, when he leaves the Golden Don, he plans on an extended stay.

"I'll be there for at least three years," Newton said. "However, I suspect this will last the rest of my life.

Specifically, Newton will be expanding treatment options for Africans struggling with addiction, a job similar to the one he now holds as executive director of Life Treatment Center in South Bend. "The problem rates are the same as they are here, but there are no treatment programs," he said, noting that he discovered this during his first visit there. After Newton presented his suggested solutions for the poverty-stricken region and formed a federation to provide such assistance to those who need it most, he still felt as if he could do more.

"I realized the need was strong and I was being called to help," he said. "As a Christian, I am obligated to.

Newton will concentrate his efforts in Uganda and Kenya. He will live "with the Holy Cross Community in Jinja, Uganda" in accommodations that lack "the comforts of my suite at Sorin Hall." On a previous visit to the region, Newton spent five days in Nairobi without running water.

"The life of a priest in Africa is just a little better than the life of an ordinary person there," Newton said. Despite his excitement, Newton will miss the life he has established here. "I will miss very much the people," he said. "I've met the best people of my life at Sorin.

Students that live with Newton express similar sentiments. "I think he's leaving stinks from a selfish point of view because he is the closest rector you could have," said sophomore Timothy Fallon.

"But, in the bigger view, he is being put in much better use of where he and what he can do," Newton said. "I think all we will miss him. My roommates and I think he is a great guy," said freshman Mike Croch.

Newton plans on occasional returns to the United States, primarily for fundraising. Despite the distance, Newton said he will maintain strong contact with his friends at Notre Dame. "Now with e-mail it will be easier," he said.

At a past point, Newton does not know who will be the next Sorin rector.

Conference to honor McInerny

By ERIN LARUFFA

Most people do not have the opportunity to attend conferences held in their honor.

Ralph McInerny, however, a Notre Dame professor of philosophy and medieval studies, will do just that.

McInerny will be attending the Father Doweling mystery series, which was made into a television series that ran for three years.

"I have three or four mysteries a year that come out and I do non-mystery fiction as well," McInerny said. McInerny has started two trade books, which Solomon said are "two of the most important Catholic magazines.

In the 1980s, McInerny founded Crisis, which is described as "a journal of Catholic lay opinion." About four years ago, he began the Catholic Dossier as a forum for Catholic doctrine in its correct context.

"McInerny also has tremendous influence through his teaching at Notre Dame. He has taught an entire generation of Ph.D.s," Solomon said. "He is just about the most productive person any of us have ever known," said Solomon. McInerny actually spent two years in a seminary, where he was first exposed to philosophical teaching. Although he decided against continuing to the priesthood, it seemed natural for him to pursue a career as a philosopher.

"Philosophers are always wondering if there is such a thing as philosophy," he said.

Philosophy is an important subject for students because it deals with the larger questions of life, McInerny said.

"It's not some technical thing that you then go out and use," he said. "It is really pondering questions that are inaccessible for everybody.

"He taught for four years at Creighton University before coming to Notre Dame, which he had never visited until after he was hired.

"I love it here. I can't imagine being anywhere else," McInerny said. He also added that it is difficult to age in a setting with so many enthusiastic young people.

"It's hard to grow old in this kind of situation," said McInerny. "You watch generation after generation come in.

All six of McInerny's children attended Notre Dame. He also hopes one of his 15 grandchildren will attend the university. "(Notre Dame) is unique," he said. "It stamps people, usually for the good.

Additionally, McInerny is the director of the Jacques Maritain Center at Notre Dame. The center consists of a library collection dedicated to the work of Maritain, a French philosopher who considered himself a friend of Notre Dame. The conference, which will celebrate McInerny's life and career, coincides with Notre Dame Press' publication of "Recovering Nature: Essays in Natural Philosophy, Ethics, and Rhetoric" and 2000's "The Classical Theology of Thomas Aquinas: Solomon's work.

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Hibbs examines ‘Seinfeld,’ other shows about ‘nothing’

‘Characters must never learn from what they are doing.’

By JOHN HUSTON

The twisted personal lives of Seinfeld and friends are a way of thinking through what nihilism means. Whenever a familiar situation is addressed, it is usually with a feeling of impossibility or unfeasibility.

Shows like "The Simpsons," which Hibbs also classifies as nihilistic, combine family and nihilism through character development. Homer is more a child than a father figure. Homer is "barely rational" and "inarticulate" and demonstrates a "primitive, subhuman state of nature.

While the nihilistic sitcom formula "destroys the possibility of the family," Hibbs said it is secondary to the relationships themselves. "Cold calculations replace love and romance," he said.

The characters on "Seinfeld" deal with trivial things in relationships, said Hibbs. For instance, Jerry breaks up with a woman because she has "man's hands." If not complaining about relationships, the characters display the "sense of being literally trapped. Love becomes sadomasochistic. It becomes a one-up on the other person," said Hibbs.

A state of perpetual adolescence drives the "Seinfeld" characters as well. The goal, Hibbs said, is to attain the advantages of an adult while retaining the responsibilities of a child. The characters can never achieve this, or anything else they want, which leads to the show's overwheleming skepticism about the pursuit of happiness, he said.

These "adolescent power struggles" also aid the "irrational situations" that lead to the destruction of the characters' love relationships.

"The amoral tone of 'Seinfeld's doesn't mean there aren't any rules," Hibbs said. "There's a medley of rules with no seeming relation to one another:"

"Characters must never learn from what they are doing — they must remain what they intellectually are," Hibbs said. They are doomed to a life of repetition.

In the show's final episode, "Seinfeld" and his friends are sitting in jail, talking about the buttons on George's sweater. "Haven't we had this conversation before?" George asks, which is a reference to a line from the first "Seinfeld" episode.

"There's no way out for them," Hibbs said. The characters are stuck in a life of eternal recurrence — a situation that Hibbs said the show applies to the real world.

His most recent book, "Shows About Nothing," examines "Seinfeld," "Ally McBeal" and "The Simpsons," along with movies such as "Seven," "LA Confidential" and "Pulp Fiction" to explore the growing nihilism in pop culture.

Hibbs is also the author of "The Practice of Virtue: Aquinas in Popular Culture: Seinfeld, The Practice, and the Amoral Tone of 'Seinfeld'" and "Narrative in Aquinas: An Interpretation of the Summa Contra Gentiles."
**German lawmakers open probe on Kohl**

**BERLIN**

In a growing scandal centered on former Chancellor Helmut Kohl, German lawmakers opened a probe Thursday into secret payments and disclosures of graft that could permanently tarnish his legacy as the leader who reunified his country and pushed for European integration. Kohl, who ran Germany with a firm hand and his conservative party with near-total control, admitted this week that he had managed secret party accounts, but he has repeatedly denied receiving bribes or kickbacks. Testing that assertion, parliament will now examine whether government decisions were influenced by covert payments to Kohl's Christian Democrats while he was in charge. The probe was triggered by recent revelations about a $550,000 payment to the treasurer of the Christian Democrats while Kohl was chancellor and party chairman in 1991.

**China denies detentions**

**BEIJING**

A Chinese official on Thursday denied reports that Beijing authorities have detained more than 35,000 members of the Falun Gong spiritual movement since the government banned the group four months ago. The figure instead represented the number of times followed by police, said Qun Xiaojian, a spokesman for the State Council, China's Cabinet. A Hong Kong-based human rights group, the Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China, reported Monday that 11,400 Falun Gong members had been rounded up in the past four months, with more than 35,000 members of the Falun Gong group, the Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China, reported Monday that 11,400 Falun Gong members had been rounded up in the past four months, with more than 35,000 members of the Falun Gong group.

**Building explodes, traps victims**

**WILHELMSBURG**

An explosion leveled a three-story apartment building Thursday, and rescuers worked into the night searching for victims believed buried in the ruins. At least one person was confirmed dead while about 200 firefighters, soldiers, police and dogs searched through the mound of rubble. One woman was brought out alive after medics amputated both of her legs to free her. The blast in this town 30 miles west of Vienna could have been caused by an ignition of natural gas, authorities said. It was unclear how many people were inside the building, which contained 12 apartments, when the blast occurred about 6:35 p.m. Firemen earlier said two dead had been found but later corrected the report. Officials first estimated that 30 to 40 people may have been buried in the ruins, but Austrian television reported later that many of the residents had been out of the building at the time of the blast. Rescuers said some people who don't live in the building also may have been visiting friends there. The governor of Lower Austria state, Erwin Proell, said on state television that the explosion could have been caused by a hole drilled by mistake into a gas pipe during work to install anti-lightning devices.

**IRELAND**

**New Belfast cabinet makes history**

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**AUSTRIA**

**Train crash kills 11**

**SYDNEY**

Rescuers worked into the night Thursday searching for bodies in the tangled wreckage of two trains that collided in mountains outside Sydney, killing seven passengers and injuring more than 50. A commuter train carrying 450 people rounded a blind bend during the morning rush and slammed into the back of the transcontinental Indian Pacific, which was carrying 159 passengers, state rail authorities said. "Seats went flying, people went flying, people were screaming," said Michael Morris, who was aboard the commuter train. The front of the commuter train was mangled and caromed open by the impact. All of the dead had been riding in the first car. "When I saw the carnage in front on its side and an arm sticking out that was all black and not moving, I knew there was death there and I had to go," said survivor Danielle Diamant.
From butterflies to bombs

While protesters intended their actions to sharpen focus on trade issues, much attention focuses on the violence and ensuing crackdown by Seattle police. Protest organizers aimed to cause large-scale disruption to meetings, but non-violent activism quickly led to destruction. The scene went from one of monarch butterfly costume-clad marchers, clearly, yet peacefully, delaying the start of the conference to widespread destruction of property and businesses.

Several members of an anarchist group called Black Owl Messengers admitted to taking part in the uprising. They focused their destructive efforts on major national retailers in Seattle's commercial downtown area. This generated a response from thousands of police officers and nearly 200 National Guard members. While the original group of protesters realized what was taking place, many attempted to defend property and condemned violent behavior. While condemning the violence, President Bill Clinton joined protesters in calling for sanctions on countries that would not conform to certain workers' rights and environmental provisions.

President Clinton mentioned that clean technologies promote growth — he could have mentioned high road labor practices that stimulate productive growth based on innovation rather than competition based on who can lower wages faster.
Gingrich won't party with GOP

WASHINGTON

Amid private GOP grumbling that he should be invited, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich says he does not plan to attend a celebration next year to mark the fifth anniversary of the Republican takeover of Congress. He engineered.

In a letter published Thursday in the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call, Gingrich said he was both amused and amazed at recent reports that House GOP leaders were debating whether to invite him.

"No one called to ask if I was interested or would even consider attending such an event," Gingrich wrote. "I am not and would not."

Gingrich, widely credited with helping to win the first House GOP majority in 40 years, stepped down as speaker and resigned Congress a letter for the Republican House seat in New Hampshire. But nothing yet in Boston.

"In a twist, McCain also is expected to account for some of the television ads he runs on New Hampshire's main television station in the run-up to the primary as if they were intended for viewers in Massachusetts. But Massachusetts doesn't hold its primary until March 7, and the last month of the state's Feb. 1 primary. But the spending rules for candidates would allow the candidate to charge about $800,000 against the state's $660,000 limit for television in New Hampshire.

"We will dispute what we're spending everywhere, when we file our report," said McCain spokesman Howard Quinney. "It will be available at that time, but we're following the letter of the law in an all of our expenditures."

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Gene therapy results in death

* Treatment for a rare disease leads to first gene therapy-related death

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA In a setback for one of the most exciting fields of medical research, investigators confirmed on Thursday a young man who died during a gene therapy experiment in September was killed by the treatment.

The preliminary report on the death of Jesse Gelsinger, 18, found that an infusion of corrective genes, encased in a weakened cold virus, triggered an extreme immune-system reaction that caused multiple organ failure, said James Wilson, director of the University of Pennsylvania Institute for Human Gene Therapy.

Gelsinger, 18, is believed to be the first person to die as a direct result of gene therapy. The case has stirred debate over using patients in gene-therapy experiments who are not close to death. Gelsinger had a severe genetic disorder called ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency, a genetic disorder that leaves the body unable to produce enzymes that remove ammonia from the body. Ammonia is a byproduct of protein processing.

Most victims of the rare disorder die as infants. Gelsinger had a mild form that he kept in check with medications and low-protein foods.

Researchers said they still do not understand exactly why Gelsinger died. Seventeen other patients had been through the procedure without ill effects; and none of the studies on animals indicated that there would be an immune reaction such as the one that killed Gelsinger, Wilson said.

The preliminary investigation suggests that the cold virus should not be injected into the bloodstream or liver where it was done in Gelsinger's case, Wilson said. But it is causing no problems in other patients.

Gelsinger's father, Paul, has said his son knew there was a chance he could die from participating in the study, but he accepted the odds because he wanted to help himself and others.

In gene therapy, working genes are inserted to compensate for genetic flaws. It is a growing field of research that holds promise in curing ailments from heart disease to cancer.

After Gelsinger's death, the university study was stopped and the Food and Drug Administration ordered a halt in the enrollment of new patients in two experiments by Schering-Plough to use gene therapy to treat liver cancer and colorectal cancer. Those studies, like the Penn experiment, used relatively high doses of the cold virus to pass new genes into the liver.

Several clinical trials are also under way that directly inject corrected genes into a person's liver — so-called liver DNA infusions. Naked DNA does not carry the added risks of using a virus.

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**PASADENA, Calif.**

After two NASA missions to Mars over the past six years ended in sudden failure, the stakes are especially high Friday for the Mars Polar Lander, and the list of things that can go wrong is long:

"It's about as do-or-die an event as they come," flight operations manager Sam Thurman said.

The Polar Lander is set to touch down Friday afternoon roughly 500 miles from the Red Planet's south pole. Scientists hope to learn about Mars' climate by studying layers of dust and possibly ice during the 90-day mission. Instruments will measure vapor in the atmosphere, while a claw on the spacecraft will collect samples to be cooked and analyzed for water.

But there are many mission-ending scenarios. The spacecraft's parachute or descent thrusters could fail. It could land on a rock that causes it to tip over. Or it could touch down into the quicksand-like permafrost in the never-explored south polar region.

In September, NASA's $125 million Mars Climate Orbiter vanished as it approached the Red Planet. Investigators blamed the loss on scientists' failure to realize that English-style units of measurement — feet and inches — had not been converted to the metric system.

And in 1993, the Mars Observer, a $1 billion NASA spacecraft, disappeared just before going into orbit around the Red Planet. It is believed to have exploded as its fuel lines were being pressurized.

"The tension on the team is up by several factors because of what happened," said Richard Cook, spacecraft operations manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

In the weeks since the Mars Climate Orbiter's failure, controllers for the $165 million Polar Lander mission have reviewed and revised plans to deal with the myriad of things that could go wrong at the end of the 157-million-mile voyage. They have put together hundreds of contingency plans for nearly every possible glitch.

"When we're working on contingency plans, we're thinking gory details about everything that can go wrong," Thurman said.

The Polar Lander will deploy a parachute and fire a dozen retro-rockets, slowing from about 15,000 mph to 5 mph as it lands on the surface.

A few minutes before landing, it will break off communication with Earth. The highest priority is making sure the probe can re-establish contact.

NASA said there is a 50 percent chance that even if the spacecraft lands safely and deploys its camera, weather mast and antenna, it will fail in its first attempt to contact home.

Communications will also be complicated by the loss of the Mars Orbiter, which was to have relayed scientific data between Earth and Mars.

NASA hopes instead to relay data through the Mars Global Surveyor, which has been orbiting Mars since 1997.

If the first signal from the Polar Lander doesn't arrive as expected about 38 minutes after the 12:01 a.m. PST landing on Friday, controllers will use the Deep Space Network, a collection of giant antennas on Earth.

They will listen Friday and Saturday for signals at predetermined times.

And if by Sunday the Polar Lander hasn't yet contacted Earth, it is programmed to send data at a higher frequency that can be received and relayed by the Mars Global Surveyor.

"It goes through a series of steps," said operations project manager Richard Cook. "We just need to wait for the spacecraft to try those different things.

Once communication is established and the science begins, backup plans are available for everything from a less-than-desired landing position and power problems to computer shutdowns and malfunctioning sensors.

And just to be certain, the scientists at JPL have their good luck charm. For more than 35 years, jars of peanuts appeared on desks before launches.

The tradition had faded in recent years, but for the Polar Lander, the nuts will be back.

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**The ND Hoby Giving Tree**

Hoby has set up trees in North-South dining halls and LaFortune with ornaments that have a child's name and age on it. Please take an ornament and buy an appropriate gift for the less fortunate. The names have been provided by Catholic Charities.

Any gift will be greatly appreciated.

**The Giving tree will end Wed. Dec. 8th.**

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The BCAC welcomes any person interested in becoming a model for the fashion show to attend the clinics and tryout. Anyone with modeling experience is welcome, but no previous experience is required. All interested students, regardless of ethnicity or gender, are encouraged to attend.

**MODEL TRYOUT INFORMATION:**

CLINICS: SUNDAY & MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 & 6
7:00-8:30 PM
THE ROCK, ROOM 301

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8:00-10:00 PM
THE ROCK, ROOM 219
A silent but deadly war is being waged against the people of Iraq. Since Aug. 6, 1990, millions of Iraqis have been the innocent victims of economic warfare waged by the U.S. government in the form of economic sanctions. Once dependent on imports for 70 percent of its food and medical supplies, Iraq, a country of 22 million, is now essentially cut off from the rest of the world. Sanctions deny the Iraqi people access to the basic necessities of life, including food, medicine, education, employment and clean water. Importation of adequate chlorine and spare parts to repair water treatment and sewage plants destroyed during the Gulf War is banned under the sanctions, consequently tap water is unsafe and raw sewage runs through many streets and is dumped into the rivers. Children, the weakest and most vulnerable, suffer the most. According to UNICEF, 4,500 Iraqi children under the age of 5 die each month, primarily from preventable and treatable diseases. This situation is well beyond a state of emergency and demands our immediate attention.

As a mother of two, I am especially sensitive to the impact of the sanctions on the Iraqi children. My heart breaks for the millions of mothers who have had to sit by helplessly and watch their children die for lack of food and medicine. And I am filled with rage against our government leaders who have the power to lift the sanctions and ease the suffering, but who choose to do nothing. I am disappointed in the lack of public outcry in opposition to the sanctions from Americans and can only hope that it is main information or the lack of information that keeps most people from crying enough to speak out. The story of the human suffering resulting from the U.S.A.'s imposed sanctions regime needs to be told and, unfortunately, our media are not telling it.

The need to witness and to draw attention to the truth regarding the sanctions is one reason I feel compelled to travel to Iraq. On Nov. 25, I will participate as a member of a five-person Colorado Springs delegation to Iraq. We will be sponsored by Voices in the Wilderness, a Chicago-based organization working to end the sanctions. We will be travelling throughout Iraq for approximately 10 days visiting hospitals, private homes, U.N. offices and both governmental and non-governmental organizations. We will have the opportunity to meet and speak with our Iraqi sisters and brothers and hear first-hand of their suffering.

The sanctions policy is an indiscriminate weapon utilized in total disregard of international law. The sanctions violate Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Children, as well as the very charter of the U.N. More importantly, they violate my own conscience which is guided first and foremost by God's law. My government is contributing to the slow starvation of thousands of Iraqi children each month. These are children who are no more or less valued and cherished than our own. Madeline Albright says the cost is worth it. I don't agree. As a person of faith and a person of conscience, I must do everything possible to nonviolently resist these illegal and immoral sanctions. This includes traveling to Iraq in open and public defiance of the sanctions law, which according to the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control, is punishable by up to 12 years in jail and $1 million in fines.

There are many ways you can get involved in the effort to stop the sanctions. And I beg you, PLEASE do something. Write your congressperson, write a letter to the editor, attend an organizing or informational meeting. If you have more information you need, check out Voices in the Wilderness' Web site at www.nonviolence.org/viwa. Each of us traveling to Iraq would welcome the opportunity to talk with any individual or group before and/or after our trip. Because the few of us are members of the Catholic faith community and because our trip may coincide with the pope's proposed visit to Iraq, we have asked for and received our bishop's support. We will be carrying with us a letter signed by Bishop Richard Heslin and other priests from our diocese, expressing their opposition to the sanctions and solidarity with the people of Iraq. We will also be delivering a symbolic amount of medical and school supplies for the children of Iraq in defiance of the sanctions law.

Finally, your thoughts and prayers are always needed and welcome. I embark on this journey only after much soul-searching, thought, prayer and struggle. There is still a part of me that is very uncertain and afraid, but I suppose it is my faith that allows me to embrace this fear and move forward, knowing that God is always near. Susan Gordon is a Notre Dame grad­uate of the Class of 1984. For a More Just and Humane World is a bi-weekly column sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns. Comments and discussions are welcome at ND.edu/center. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necess­arily those of the Center for Social Concerns or The Observer.
Approaching the millennium with hope

In the year 999, thousands nervously streamed into the Vatican grounds as the pope celebrated midnight Mass on Dec. 31. Many had sold their possessions, believing that the end of the world would come that year. The year 1000 arrived. To this day, everyone presents the millennium as a major turning point. Chronicled chronologically, the new millennium passed peacefully into the new millennium.

The events following have yet to see the conclusion at the end of the world. Today, as we approach the transition from the last millennium, the world’s religions today are dominated by modernization, along with the dire threat of social destruction. Jerry Falwell, for example, announced recently that he has stored “plenty of canned goods and ammunition.” Militia groups, those with generally “unusual” beliefs are hearing for the big Y2K meltdown. Vignettes from groups across the political and religious spectrums will make a lasting impression on one to remember.

But for some groups, hospitals are not the only ones at times have acted with carelessness, rigid, reckless, right inhuman treatment against each other. Upon reflection of the previous millennium, we Catholics have reasons to have our share of good and bad, and are heartbroken and crushed by the injustices, beginning with Pope Gregory IX and running beyond Pope John Paul II.

As we evolve into a more sophisticated society, the lessons learned are ominous but aside from the heat of a recent moment, our sights must be set on the future, and our leaders must revolutionize our actions so that people, not doctrine are our primary concern: Vatican II under Pope John XXIII forever changed and some of the modernization. Along with the drastic decline of religious serving the Church, helped fuel a freedom Catholic university. Administrators have enjoyed until the end of the millennia of trials to have the Vatican control higher educational institutions.

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While some portray the Notre Dame community as inflexible, inquisitors in modern-day clothing, others agree with the administration that the Church’s mission is not negotiable. We “catholic Catholics” would like to think that the church could be like a big test that can include every- thing: Church, education, and social issues. However, it is crucial that at any given moment actions are taken according to the philosophies of our religious leaders. As “K-mart Catholics” are not as easy to be heard with our own as dogmatic Catholics would like to portray us, and we seek the coming a new John XXIII who can upload Church dogma with some practical application.

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Scene presents the holiday spirit found throughout campus, teeming with examples of each of the gifts given in the twelve days of Christmas.

Twelve drummers drumming...

Bang Bang! Boom Boom! For more than 154 years, the Notre Dame drum line hasn't missed a beat. From football to basketball, year after year, the drummers keep a drumming.

... Eleven pipers piping ...

Peppily piping, the piccolos provide a melody to match the dozen drummers’ beat.

... Ten lords - a - leaping ...

Walking into the winter wonderland of the Joyce Center, the Notre Dame hockey team offers a warm welcome.

... Nine ladies dancing ...

Bounce. Bounce. Bounce. The Notre Dame women’s basketball team prepares for its game with the grace of a “Nutcracker” ballerina.
mas, Notre Dame style

mpus. From athletes to students, Notre Dame is the popular carol, “The Twelve Days of Christmas.”

... Eight maids - a - milking ...

... Seven swans - a - swimming ...

Got milk? These dining hall service assistants have plenty waiting for Santa come Christmas Eve. They’ve decked the South Dining Hall in full season fashion.

... Six geese - a - laying ...

Splish-Splash I was taking a bath. Swimming serenely like swans, the women’s swim team splashes its way into the holiday season, goggles and all.

... Five golden rings ...

Golden rings adorn the fingers of many Notre Dame students come Christmas day. These jewels of school pride top everyone’s wish list.
... Twelve days continued ...

Four calling birds ...  ... Three French hens ...

Four chicks from Lewis Hall cheerfully chit-chat the night away. Perhaps they are making final plans for the rare four-week winter holiday. Or maybe they're talking to Santa. Who knows?

Joyeux Noel! French professors Vicki Toumayan, Marie-Claire Escoda-Risto and Odette Menyard aren't chicken to give out an F or to wish a merry Christmas.

... Two turtledoves ...

Ahhhh. Isn't that cute? The mistletoe can be a great place to meet that special someone, so be aware of all things hanging from ceilings and doorways ...

... And a partridge in a pear tree.

So maybe she's not a partridge. And maybe it's not a pear tree. More like ... a Virgin in a pine tree. Our Lady of the Lake watches over the Notre Dame community, to remind all to keep the spirit of Christmas alive throughout the year.
NBA

Police seek to question Smith

Teenager may have threatened ex-girlfriend with gun

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Leonn Smith, the strick-
teen-ager with the Dallas Mavericks, was back in sight for ques-
tioning by police Thursday. But the MVP in a telephone inter-
view reported a receipt he threatened his ex-
girlfriend with a gun at the Chicago high school.

The allegations are the latest bizarre twist involving the 19-year-old who jumped straight from high school to the pros.

Authorities have not issued an arrest warrant for the 6-foot-11 Smith, but NBA players and agents want to talk to him about the alleged confrontation, police spokesman Edward Alonzo said.

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Smith allegedly went to John Marshall High School on Chicago's West Side early Wednesday morning and confronted the 16-year-old girl. Smith threatened the girl and then told her he would kill her brother if she told him about it. Alonzo said.

Smith then produced a handgun and showed it to the girl, who fled, police said.

The girl reported the incident to police.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported Wednesday that Smith and his ex-
girlfriend, who are both basketball players at Marshall, had recently broken up. Chicago police had no such details.

Under NBA rules, all first-round selections get three years to play before changing his status to a leave of absence without pay.

Bozeman said he saw a lot of con-
cerces to address, "coaching George Seifert said. "We are not making a judgment on the case, but the sit-
uation makes it impossible for Bozeman to fulfill his contractual obligations."

Also Thursday night, Charlotte-

Melbourne police made a fourth

attack in the attack on Adams, who

was shot four times from a passing vehicle as she drove through a Chicago neighborhood. Stanley D. Abraham Jr., 19, of Charlotte, was arrested on charges of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, attempted murder and shooting into an occupied vehicle — the same charges as Carruth and the other two defendants face. No bond for Abraham was immediately

Seifert said Panthers owner Jerry Richardson made the decision to stop paying Carruth after consulting with team officials as well as NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Gene Upshaw, head of the players' union. Seifert said Tagliabue and Upshaw were "inclined to accept the decision."

Team officials said their move was based in part on a clause in standard

NFL player contracts that stip-

ulates that players must be able to perform services for their team.

They also said eyewitnesses and
direct evidence put Carruth and the two others involved in the murder at

the attack.

Carruth was the instigator here," Assistant Mecklenburg County District Attorney Gentry said Tuesday. "We are a heartbeat away from a double-murder case."

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Bears start fifth QB of season

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Switching quarterbacks is hardly a new experience for the Chicago Bears. Now, after Jim Miller’s four-game suspension for violating the NFL’s drug policy, they’re doing it again out of necessity.

When they play the Green Bay Packers at Soldier Field Sunday, the Bears will turn back to opening-game starter Shane Matthews, who has been recovering from a hamstring injury and hasn’t played in five weeks.

It will be Chicago’s fifth switch of starting quarterbacks this season.

“That’s never the thing you want to do,” Bears coach Dick Jauron said. “You want to stay in rhythm. We’re confident Shane will step up.”

The starter’s breakdown this season goes like this: Matthews started the first three before his hamstring during the fourth quarter of the fifth game against Minnesota; McNown, who had been getting one series a game to get him acclimated to the NFL, filled in as a starter for two games before Matthews returned Oct. 31 against the Redskins.

Matthews reinjured the hamstring in that game, and McNown then got his third start the next week against the Packers.

But McNown sprained a knee ligament during the first quarter at Lambeau Field and was replaced by Miller, who led the Bears to victory, then took over as starter the next three games, averaging 327 yards passing as Chicago lost two of three.

Now, it’s back to Matthews, who admits his hamstring is still not completely healed and might not be until the season is over. He’s been the Bears’ third quarterback the past two games.

“There might be some rust, but it’s my job to pick up where I left off last time I was playing,” Matthews said.

“We’re going to miss Jim,” receiver Curtis Conway said. “We have four critical games to play and we’ve got to get our heads in it. Shane was the original starter, and I think everybody has all the confidence in the world in him.”

Glyn Milburn, the Bears’ all-purpose runner, receiver and kick returner, said it takes a slight adjustment to a new quarterback.

“With Jim we got used to a certain style and it will change some,” Milburn said. “Anytime you change, it’s a little different because they are all unique in the styles they use.”

LA shortstop faces assault charges

Associated Press

LARAINA, Hawaii — Los Angeles shortstop Mark Grudzielanek faces an assault charge for allegedly punching a bar bouncer earlier this week.

Grudzielanek, a former All-Star player, was in Moose McGillycuddy’s on Front Street late Tuesday night when a bouncer asked him to leave. Sgts. Donald Simpson said Thursday Grudzielanek then allegedly punched the bouncer several times in the face, opening a 2-inch cut over his left eye.

Grudzielanek was placed under citizen’s arrest and held until police arrived.

He was charged with misdemeanor third-degree assault and released early Wednesday morning after posting $200 bail. He is scheduled for a Dec. 22 hearing in Lahaina District Court.

Dodgers spokesman Shaun Rasch said Thursday he spoke with Grudzielanek’s agent, Seth Levinson, and “according to him, there’s no merit to the case and it will ultimately be dismissed.”

Rasch said Grudzielanek, of North Palm Beach, Fla., was not available for comment.
Bryant completes Lakers’ line up  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES  

With the return of Kobe Bryant, the Los Angeles Lakers finally have all their pieces in place. The way they played without him, that could mean trouble for the rest of the NBA.

Bryant had 19 points, six rebounds and three assists in his first game Wednesday night as the Lakers beat Golden State 93-75 for their fourth straight victory. "I felt good getting out there and playing, it was a rush," said Bryant, who drew plenty of raves from the crowd of 17,689 at Staples Center. "My timing was off. My wind was good. I felt tired at first, then I got my second wind. My legs were a little heavy."

"I expect to be ready for a bit, I haven't played for so long," Bryant, who averaged 19.9 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.8 assists last season, was sidelined since breaking his right hand Oct. 13 during the pre-season opener. "It was nice to have Kobe's energy," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "He's just a wild, impulsive kid right now. He's still feeling his way."

When asked how he would grade Bryant's first game, Jackson replied, "I would say by the end of the year, we would give this a D or a C. It was sub-par. He's still in pre-season form, I think."

Shaquille O'Neal, who had 28 points, 23 rebounds and four blocked shots despite sitting out the fourth quarter, thought he played well considering it was his first game in seven weeks. "He got a lot of rust off," O'Neal said. "He did OK. This was his first night in this building. He's going to play a lot better. He's going to be fine."

The Lakers performed a lot better than expected with Bryant on the sidelines, winning 11 of 15 games. "We did a good job without him, now we expect to do a lot better with him," said Glen Rice, who along with Bryant and O'Neal, provide the Lakers with an imposing offensive trio. "He's got an ability to penetrate, get the ball up the floor quickly. It's going to be fun."

The Lakers (12-4) will get a better test with the Lakers on the sidelines, winning 11 of 15 games. "Friday's going to be the true test," said O'Neal, the NBA's player of the month in November with averages of 23.7 points, 13.4 rebounds, 3.36 blocked shots and 3.0 assists.

Jackson said Bryant, who came off the bench and played 30 minutes against the Warriors, would not start against Portland.

One area where Bryant clearly needs to improve is defense; he was beaten several times by the Warriors. His defense; he was beaten several times by the Warriors. His defense; he was beaten several times by the Warriors. "He's still feeling his way," said Bryant, who drew three fouls later, walked back to the huddle, it was boring," he said. "You could eat a ham sandwich and it was too slow."

His idea was to film games on videotape, then cut up a play much like one can be done now on a home VCR. Video tape was first used by ABC on its halftime shows but never during a live game.

There were problems: Videotape was cumbersome to use on location and hard to come by. Verna ended up borrowing an old tape from Norm Van Brocklin, throwing the ball and walking back to the huddle, it was taped," he said. "You could eat a ham sandwich and it was too slow."

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NCAA FOOTBALL  

CBS airs 1963 Army-Navy game  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA  

Watching sports on television changed forever on a December day 66 years ago. It was early in the fourth quarter of the 50th Army-Navy football game. Army quarterback Rollie Stittwich broke a tackle from 1 yard out and ran in for a touchdown. A few seconds later television viewers watched it again—the first instant replay.

"This is not news," CBS announcer Lindsay Nelson said. "Ladies and gentlemen, Army did not score again!"

The rest is history. On Saturday, the rivalry will be renewed for the 100th time.

In 1963, the Army-Navy game was the nation's biggest football game with one of the largest TV audiences for a sporting event. A perfect opportunity to try out a revolutionary TV idea, decided young TV director Tony Verna, who had attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

"I think it's hard to imagine viewing sports without the instant replay," Verna, 65, said this week from his office in Pacific Palisades, Calif. "After that, every sporting event had to use it or people would complain."

Verna was only 25 when he launched instant replay, but he was already well regarded and trusted to show with top athletic assignments. The Army-Navy game in 1963 was considered more important than the first Super Bowl, held in 1966; CBS sent Verna to a European ice skating event instead.

"Verna said he turned thinking about a way to show replays out of frustration after missing too many key plays. 'I'd say, 'What happened on that play?' and someone would say 'Eagles receiver Tommy McDonald had a bobble,' Verna said. 'What if we could let people see that again?'"

At the same time, Verna also had the problem of the devastatingly long pauses between plays. "In those days, when Eagles quarterback Norm Van Brocklin threw the ball and walked back to the huddle, it was taped," he said. "You could eat a ham sandwich and it was too slow."

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There were problems: Videotape was cumbersome to use on location and hard to come by. Verna ended up borrowing an old tape from Norm Van Brocklin, throwing the ball and walking back to the huddle, it was taped," he said. "You could eat a ham sandwich and it was too slow."

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Peter suits up for practice to test arm

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Jason Peter is back on the practice field for the Carolina Panthers, trying to salvage what is shaping up as his second disappointing season in as many years in the NFL.

"It's not exactly what I had pictured," Peter said Thursday before going out to once again test a surgically repaired left arm, one that doctors said nearly seven weeks ago should be fixed in four.

Peter said he wasn't sure if he would miss his seventh consecutive game Sunday when the Panthers (5-6) take on the NFC West-leading St. Louis Rams (9-2).

"I don't know what's going to happen," Peter said. "I think if I'll do play at all, it will be very limited."

Coach George Seifert said it was too soon to make a decision on Peter's status for Sunday. But Seifert said the most likely scenario would be that Peter would sit out for one more week.

Peter, a defensive end taken in the 1998 draft, missed two games as a rookie because of a neck problem, and tingling in his left arm and tingling and numbness in the left side and neck would react the first time he got contact. But it held up well. It's still today, but that's just expected. We know that would happen."

The Panthers did not work out in pads or conduct contact drills Thursday, and Seifert has no more such practices scheduled this week.

Seifert said that when Peter does return, it is unlikely to be as a starter. "It will be worked into the lineup on a gradual basis."

Peter, meantime, continues to wait.

"There's still a lot of football to be played," he said. "Depending on these next couple of games here, even if it's just one or two games at the end, I'll be happy with that rather than not playing at all."
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said assistant coach Jerry Rosburg, whose duties also include organizing and administrating the recruiting process. "We wouldn't bring someone to campus just to check them out. We've done most of our leg work in background.

Several recruits are expected to visit this weekend, including quarterback Jared Clark (Sarasota, Fla.), wide receiver Ronnie Rodamer (Morgantown, W.Va.), linebacker Brandon Holmes (Atlanta, Ga.), defensive tackle Greg Pauly (Waukesha, Wis.) and fullback Alex Barron (Orangeburg, S.C.).

"I don't want to mislead anyone," coach Lou Holtz said. "I'm sure he will."

Following the banquet, the recruits will get to experience the social and academic life at Notre Dame. Current players will serve as hosts to the recruits to explore the campus and to experience the social and academic atmosphere at Notre Dame. Two years after his own official visit, it's now Batt's turn to show the recruits the full Notre Dame experience.

"I don't want to mislead anyone and let them come here if they're not happy," Batt said. "We'll tell them know how it's going to be and go from there. It's not an easy place and we tell the recruits that when they get here.

Venite Adoremus

Correction: The campus-wide Eucharistic Adoration vigil mentioned in Tuesday's issue of the Observer (p13) will begin on Monday, December 6 at 11:30 pm and conclude on Tuesday, December 7 at 10:00 pm (benediction at 9:45 pm). It will take place in St. Paul Chapel of Fisher Hall. Sorry for the confusion over date and location. The author freely admits to being a bit sleep deprived:-) See your liturgical commissioners to sign up, or call Laura at 4x2378.

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HOCKEY

Not set to play host to MSU

MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team returns to CCHA play this weekend, twice matching up with Michigan State. The Irish 2-2, 3-2-3 in the CHA play host to the league-leading Spartans Saturday night before traveling to East Lansing for Sunday's game.

The Spartans have started out fast with a 11-4 overall record. 10-2 in the CCHA. Michigan State leads the CCHA in overall defense — allowing 1.73 goals per game — and power play percentage, while ranking fourth in scoring and penalty killing.

Freshman Ryan Miller has posted a 5-1 record, with a 1.40 goals-against average, a .934 save percentage and three shutouts. Junior Joe Blackburn has equally impressive statistics with a 6-3 record, 2.04 goals-against average, a .905 save percentage, and one shutout.

Offensively, the Spartans have several strong players. Senior forward Shawn Horcoff has equally impressive statistics with a 6-3 record, 2.04 goals-against average, a .905 save percentage, and one shutout.

The Irish will look to Big East player of the Year Mary Leffers to lead them in the tournament. The middle blocker set Big East records for most blocks (67) and highest hitting percentage (.475) in conference matches and is currently ranked fifth nationally in blocks per game.

Leffers is joined by junior Denise Roslan on the all-Big East first team, while junior Christi Girson and sophomore Kristy Kreher were named to the all-conference second team.

Also coming on recently is sophomore center Brett Henning, who has four points in his last five games. Freshman goalie Tony Zasowski leads the Irish defensively, turning in six strong performances this season. He has a 3-2-3 record as a starter to go along with a 2.10 goals-against average and .906 save percentage. Zasowski's efforts this year include a 19 save shutout and five 2 goal games. His CCHA goals against average of 2.31 ranks eighth best in the league.

VOLLEYBALL

Irish net spot in NCAA tourney opening round

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team travels back to California this weekend for the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

The Irish earned a berth in the Central Sub-regional and will face Ohio State at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion Saturday. It marks the eighth straight season that the Irish have qualified for the national tournament.

The Irish bring a 20-8 record into the tournament against the Buckeyes. The Irish faced the Buckeyes once before in NCAA action at the 1996 tournament, when Ohio State defeated Notre Dame in five games at the Joyce Center in the second round. In 1999, Ohio State is 11-16 overall and finished an even 10-10 record in the Big Ten Conference.

The Buckeyes are led by all-Big Ten honor outside hitter Jen Flynn, averaging 3.29 kills per game and 2.42 digs per game. Big Ten honorable mention selection Rosie Snow is first on the team in kills per game with a 3.56 mark and in digs per game with a 2.69 average. Setter Katie Virtue was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

"I don't know a lot about Ohio State, but we'll probably learn as much as we can in the next couple days and just take it one game at a time," Brey said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish prepare to take on No. 10 Tar Heels in tourney

Sophomore guard Ericka Haney passes the ball in Notre Dame's 77-57 win over Butler. The Irish travel to Virginia to take on the No. 10 Tar Heels in the Wachovia's Invitational Tournament Saturday.

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The Irish will have their hands full when they travel to Virginia to take on the Tar Heels of North Carolina Saturday. In the first round of the Wachovia's Women Invitational Tournament in women's basketball action.

At 4-1 this season, the No. 10 Tar Heels will pose a formidable challenge as the Irish try to capture the championship title in the four-team tournament.

"They're a tough team and they're really athletic," said freshman guard Alicia Ratay. "We're going to have to come out strong and keep our intensity up to win."

The Irish are coming off a 77-57 routing of Butler in Notre Dame's home opener on Thursday. Led by center Ruth Riley and Ratay, the Irish took control of the front and back courts from the outset of the game.

Ratay came up with 16 points to lead the offense, while Riley was big on defense, tallying seven blocked shots in just 19 minutes.

"I was forcing shots in our loss to Illinois," said Ratay. "The difference in the game against Butler was that I was just letting the shots happen. We kept giving the ball to Ruth because she was having an awesome game."

Guard Niele Ivey added 13 points in the victory.

The Irish (12-1) struggled in their second game to put an effective defense on the court, but showed no signs of weakness Thursday, as they went on a 16-0 run midway through the first half to break open the game.

The Irish will look to continue their strong play against the Tar Heels.

"We're trying to focus on rebounding against North Carolina," said Ratay. "They crash the boards really well and so we're going to need to work to stop them."

The Tar Heels enter the tournament after a close win over the Sun Devils of Arizona State. In a game that was decided by a basket at the buzzer, the Tar Heels had trouble putting the unranked Sun Devils away early.

In order to beat the Tar Heels, the Irish will have to contain potentially explosive forward LaQuanda Barlow. Barlow scored a game-high 24 points against the Sun Devils and has proved to be a force both offensively and defensively throughout the entire season.

This is the first meeting between the Irish and the Tar Heels. The winner of the Notre Dame-North Carolina matchup will face either Liberty or Richmond in the final round on Sunday. The Irish beat the Flames and the Spiders once each and were victorious in both games.

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Vanderbilt is undefeated and has won at home against Belmont, Tennessee-Martin and East Tennessee State. If the Commodores defeat the Irish, they will become only the second Vandy squad since 1986 to open the year 4-0. While the Commodores have yet to lose a game, they haven’t faced a ranked opponent. The Irish, on the other hand, have played four top-25 teams.

One challenge for the Irish will be containing forward Dan Langhi, who was named a preseason All-American. The 6-foot-11 Langhi is averaging 19.7 points per game this season, and scored 33 points in the Commodores’ 68-63 victory over the Irish in 1998. “He’s got a lot of skill levels,” Palmer said. “Whoever matches up against him is going to have a tough time.”

The Irish have six-foot-10 sophomore Troy Murphy to counter Langhi at the dominant big man position. Murphy leads Notre Dame with 26 points per game, and has had five double doubles so far this year.

Other players down low for Notre Dame are forwards David Graves and Harold Swannigan, along with Palmer and freshman Jeru Macura off the bench. Macura, currently being treated for vertigo, according to Palmer, should return in shape by tip-off. “He’s a tough kid,” Palmer said. “He should be all right.”

Vanderbilt also has a talented back court duo in seniors Altha Prater and James Strong. Strong is the team’s second leading scorer and averages 4.3 assists per game, while Prater leads Vanderbilt in assists.

Dillon and Martin Ingelsby are the starting guards for Notre Dame, while freshman reserve Matt Carroll has a soft shooting touch. Vanderbilt also has new head coach Kevin Stallings.

Although the squad only qualified for the NCAA tournament once in the past six years, Stallings may turn that record around. As a collegiate player and a coach, Stallings’ teams have made post-season appearances 18 of 21 years. “Coach talked about breaking the game up into four 10-minute quarters,” Dillon said. “We’re hoping to put Vandy back on their heels and set the tempo early on. We’re going to set our game plan and stick to it no matter what Vanderbilt throws at us.”

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a team like Santa Clara four goals and expect to win.”

To stop the potent Bronco attack, the center Irish backs — Jen Grubb and Kelly Lindsey — must slow down the Santa Clara offense while goalkeeper Lakesia Beene must make the big saves. Beene has played especially strong in the post-season — making key saves against Stanford and Nebraska in the third and quarterfinal rounds, respectively.

“We need to have the kind of performance we have had from them the last two or three NCAA games. Grubb and Kelly Lindsey both need to have great games,” Waldrum said. “Keysia needs to come up big for us against. Against Stanford she made some saves that won the game for us. Against Nebraska she came up big for us as well.”

The Irish face one of the best 1-2 scoring combos in the nation in Ali Wagner and Mandy Clements. Wagner just missed making the 1999 World Cup team while Clements leads the nation in scoring with 71 points. Both Wagner and Clements are two of five finalists for the Hermann award, which is given to the country’s top female soccer player.

Most of soccer analysts are not giving the fifth-seeded Irish much of a chance against the No. 1 Broncos. Colleagesoccer.com has made Santa Clara a 4-1 favorite.

“We kind of feel like the pressure is completely on Santa Clara. For us the only pressure is what we are putting on ourselves,” Waldrum said. “The feeling I am getting listening to most of the media talk around here is that most of them don’t think we have a chance. We kind of like that.”

The semifinals will be televised at 10 p.m. tonight on channel 46. The winner of the Santa Clara-Notre Dame game will face the winner of the Penn State-North Carolina game at 4 p.m. Sunday on ESPN.

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**SPORTS**

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

Irish look to avenge loss to Broncos in semifinals

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assistant Sports Editor

In the biggest game of the season so far, the Notre Dame women’s soccer team faces the Santa Clara Broncos—a team that defeated the Irish 4-2 in the regular season.

Head coach Randy Waldrum said that his players are excited for a rematch with Santa Clara and look for revenge on the team that dealt them their worst loss on the season.

“I think they are really excited about it,” Waldrum said. “I know that sounds surprising but as poorly as they did the last time they faced each other, they are anxious to get on the field and try to redeem themselves.”

The Broncos jumped out to a 4-0 lead thanks to four goals in less than nine minutes, 19 seconds in the first half. The Irish battled back to score two second-half goals but a four-goal deficit is a steep hill to climb.

Waldrum knows that his team can ill afford to fall behind the Broncos by four goals again.

“Most of what we have to do to get ready is psychological,” Waldrum said. “We can’t spot ourselves.”

The Broncos defeated the Irish 3-0 last time they faced each other but as poorly as they did the last time they faced each other, the Irish are anxious to get on the field and try to redeem themselves.

**FOOTBALL**

Recruits make first official visit

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Several inches of snow blanketed the ground. Instead of wearing shorts, students were bundled up in winter coats.

There was no indication that winter would ever end. After growing up in Shreveport, La., it certainly was a unique atmosphere for a young recruited quarterback named Arnaiz Battle.

But on that first weekend in December two years ago, after spending the past few days with the Irish football team, Battle had already made his up his mind. So the current Irish quarterback cancelled his subsequent visits and decided on Notre Dame.

“I was pretty sure I wanted to come here after the banquet but I still wanted to take more visits,” Battle said referring to the aptly named banquet weekend because it coincides with the Notre Dame football banquet.

“But after visiting Nebraska, I knew this [Notre Dame] was the place for me.”

Now, two years later, the scene remains the same on the first weekend in December. Only the names have changed.

On this, the first official visiting weekend for recruits, 18 high school seniors are expected to be on campus. This period extends until the end of January, excluding the Christmas vacation.

The first official day that players can sign their letters of intent is Feb. 2. The recruits come from all over the United States; from large cities like Miami to lesser-known areas like Copperas Cove, Texas. Their personalities may differ, their idea of an ideal school may not be the same and it’s a near certainty that they all won’t be wearing the Blue and Gold next fall.

But the unanimous goal for the Irish coaching staff will be to try to convince each and every player that Notre Dame is the right fit for them.

“Anyone we bring to campus we would be very interested in.”

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish look to snap three-game losing streak

By KATHLEEN O’BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The men’s basketball team comes home to the Joyce Center to face the Vanderbilt Commodores with the goal of ending a three-game losing streak.

“Our No. 1 goal is to start establishing our winning streak again,” senior guard Jimmy Dillon said. “We’ve played some tough competition.”

The Irish, under first-year head coach Matt Doherty, began the season 3-0 for the first time in 11 years. They opened with a win over then-No. 4 Ohio State in the first round of the Pre-Season NIT.

However, they dropped their next three contests to ranked foes Arizona, Maryland and Indiana, all on the road.

“We don’t want to get into a rut where we’re complacent with losing,” senior forward Todd Palmer said. “We want to learn from a loss, but we don’t want to expect to lose.”

Notre Dame dropped behind early in its three losses, leaving too much ground to make up. The team lost to Maryland by five and to Indiana in overtime.

“I think it built more character on our team,” Dillon said. “Last year we kind of questioned whether we would have hung with a Maryland or an Indiana.”

**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

NCAA Semi-Finals vs. Santa Clara Friday, 6:30 p.m. at Wachovia Invitational Richmond, Va. Saturday-Sunday Volleyball vs. Ohio State Saturday, 5 p.m. vs. Michigan State Saturday, 7:05 p.m.