Researchers find platinum in South Bend

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Researchers from the Center for Environmental Science and Technology have discovered platinum in a location few would expect—South Bend roadbanks.

The research team, led by Notre Dame professors Clive Neal and Charles Kulpa, found that catalytic converters on automobiles emit platinum group elements, known as PGEs, in microscopic amounts that build up on the banks of roads.

The discovery of the platinum has the potential to generate revenues if it can be efficiently retrieved but also poses health risks.

Dust containing the metal aggravates allergies and is known to cause asthma and sensitive skin.

Although the team's research indicates the presence of platinum, Kulpa, Neal, and assistant professional specialist Jinesh Jain said that more analysis is needed to determine the threats the metal's presence introduces.

"I don't know that this is dangerous but there is a breakdown from the catalytic converters," Kulpa said. "We don't know what the threshold is."

In addition to health risks posed by the airborne dust, there is also concern that the platinum-rich dirt may affect roadside agriculture and find its way into the food chain.

Dust from catalytic converters can migrate from the roadbanks to the surrounding environment.

The solution to the deposits on roadsides may involve harvesting the platinum for commercial uses, according to the group.

Although further studies are necessary, mining road banks for platinum may prove economically feasible, as the metal there is easier to access than mines.

The team is investigating how the platinum can be collected efficiently.
This Thanksgiving I didn’t have to wait for my lawyer or worry about making the bus to get home. I never have to make flight arrangements or pay for a taxi. Nope. If need be, I can make it home in five minutes flat... and that’s if I’m riding my pink ten-speed Schwinn. On clear fall Saturdays, standing out in our back yard, we can hear the marching band playing the Notre Dame Fight Song from the attic and listen to the crowd cheering its approval, or lack thereof.

So, yeah, I admit it. I’m a townie. But that’s not all bad, right? I mean, I know all of the cute little local places to eat too, well, not really... my family pretty much stuck to Fridays and Rocco’s, because we were always a little leery about the local places. I know how to get everywhere from anywhere (all right, actually, I’m astonishingly terrible with directions—I still haven’t figured out how to get home in five minutes flat... and that’s if I’m riding my pink ten-speed Schwinn. On clear fall Saturdays, standing out in our back yard, we can hear the marching band playing the Notre Dame Fight Song from the attic and listen to the crowd cheering its approval, or lack thereof.)

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Tuesday. storm kills 1, hits 25 homes

Associated Press

PARIS, Tenn. — Firefighter Barry Farmer was watching Monday Night Football when a tornado warning scrawled across the screen and when a tornado warning rippled off their house in rural western Tennessee and carried wind and insulation fluttered in about 80 miles west of Nashville, the tornado hit Oakland, just before 11:30 p.m., with wind gusts reaching 160 mph, the damage path was estimated to be about five miles long and about 200 yards wide.

"It wasn't down for a real long time, but it was intense," Frazier said.

The tornado sucked Jerome Goforth, 37, his wife and their 3-year-old daughter were in the back yard. Their 10-year-old son was found lying next to the trailer. The boys were hospitalized since there is no hand tallying," Frazier said.

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Jerry Madsen assistant director of Residence Life

The department of Residence Life and Housing is currently conducting an online survey to see how satisfied students are with life on campus. The community evaluation has been distributed through-out campus for as long as anyone can remember, however, this year the survey has a new online appeal to it.

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Guatemalan families 3 times their average salary, as well as funds for technologies, according to Kulpa. The Center for Environmental Science and Technology is to expand our survey," said Kulpa. The organization's mission is to use the Center for Environmental Science and Technology.

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**World News Briefs**

**Iraq** rejects return of inspectors: Iraq rejected Tuesday a call by President Bush to let U.N. weapons inspectors back into the country to determine whether it is building weapons of mass destruction. U.N. weapons inspectors left Iraq in December 1998 when the United States and Britain launched four-day extensive air and missile bombings against Iraq for failing to cooperate with them.

**Newborns may receive AIDS drugs:** A team of lawyers went to court today to try to force the U.S. and African government to widely distribute a drug that significantly reduces a pregnant woman's risk of transmitting the AIDS virus to her newborn. The government currently offers the drug, nevirapine, to pregnant women infected with the AIDS virus at 18 pilot sites around the country.

**National News Briefs**

Police charge girl in bomb plot: A 17-year-old girl who authorities say was planning to take part in a Columbine-style massacre at her school but spilled the secret by warning her favorite teacher that the woman was in danger was charged Tuesday with conspiracy to commit murder. Any Lee Bowman, who pleaded innocent, is the fourth teenager charged in what authorities say was a plot to smuggle guns under black trenchcoats into the school and emerge from a bathroom shooting to kill.

Harvard professor vanishes: The disappearance of a prominent Harvard biochemist in Memphis earlier this month has provoked wider attention as well. Professor Wiley has been missing since early Nov. 16, when the police found his rented car abandoned on a bridge over the Mississippi River outside Memphis.

**Indiana News Briefs**

City zoo raises entrance fees: The Indianapolis Zoo plans to increase its admission and membership fees in March and eventually ask city officials to pitch in tax money to support its activities. Ticket prices will increase by 75 cents, raising admission to $10.75 for adults, $7.75 for seniors and $6.75 for children ages 2-12. Zoo President Jeffrey Bunker cited a 27 percent increase in employee health insurance and rising utility bills — just under $1 million this year — as some of the reasons for higher prices, the first increase since 1998.

**Afghanistan**

American soldiers take cover before joining the fight against Taliban forces Nov. 26, 2001, at a fort near Mazar-i-Sharif, Northern Afghanistan. The fighting came after several hundred prisoners captured ports of the fortress.

**Prison uprising suppressed**

Associated Press

ALI JANGI

The Northern Alliance said today that it had crushed a three-day uprising by captured Taliban fighters as its soldiers, with the help of British and American special forces, took control of the fortress here where the prisoners were held.

All of the prisoners were thought to be dead, the alliance soldiers said. But Gen. Tommy Franks, who as head of the Central Command is in charge of the day-to-day conduct of the war, said he believed that the battle was not completely over at the prison. He said 30 to 40 hard-core Taliban holdouts continued to fight.

According to alliance soldiers, the battle between the two sides raged throughout the day at the prison several miles west of Mazar-i-Sharif, with heavy artillery being exchanged from both sides. Two or three Taliban prisoners, the last of up to 400 who staged a revolt on Sunday, held out for hours today in one building of the fortress, the soldiers said.

The turning point of the fight occurred at about 3:30 p.m. local time, when Northern Alliance troops moved a T-55 Russian-made tank into the area where the last known Taliban prisoners were hiding out. Once in position, the tank fired on the building at point-blank range. No one returned fire, the alliance soldiers said.

This evening, Northern Alliance soldiers continued to fire on the prison just in case there were any survivors. But an alliance commander said his forces had found no survivors. Local commanders estimate that 300 to 400 prisoners were killed. They said the fort was littered with the bodies of the Taliban prisoners, most of them Pakistanis, Chechens and Arabs.

"They are all dead; it's over," said Kalaji, a Northern Alliance commander. "The tank shell destroyed everything.

"Northern Alliance soldiers also estimated that 100 of their fighters were injured in the battle. At least 50 others died, the soldiers said. The alliance said it would return to the prison on Wednesday during daylight and begin counting and retrieving the bodies.

**Scientists make extrasolar discovery**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Astronomers have made the first measurement of a chemical in the atmosphere of a planet orbiting a distant star, using a technique that could help them find Earth-like bodies around other stars.

Using the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers analyzed light shining through a planet's atmosphere as it orbited a star 150 light-years away. The changes in the color of the light proved the planet's atmosphere contained sodium.

"This is the first measurement over of any atom in the atmosphere of an extrasolar planet," said Timothy Brown, a scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research and a co-author of the study. "This proves it is possible to do a detailed analysis of an atmosphere so far away."

Brown, a co-author, David Charbonneau of the California Institute of Technology, said the achievement illustrates how far astronomers have advanced in the search for other worlds that might hold life.

"Ten years ago it was considered crazy to talk about planets about other stars," Charbonneau said Tuesday at a news conference. Since then, astronomers have found 76 planets orbiting stars outside of the solar system, he said.

Alan P. Boss, an astronomer at the Carnegie Institution of Washington and an expert on planetary formation, called the Charbonneau-Brown discovery "a milestone" that pushes astronomy "into a new phase of extrasolar planetary exploration.

Boss said the finding means "there are indeed other solar systems out there waiting for us to discover."
White House: no more terror spending

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

White House officials and Republican leaders renewed their opposition Tuesday to a Democratic drive to boost anti-terrorism spending on the eve of a House showdown the GOP seemed likely to win.

Led by Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., Democrats were hoping to add $7.2 billion to a bipartisan package providing $20 billion for the Pentagon and a host of domestic security efforts, including hiring sky marshals and beefing up border security.

Republicans who control the House were expected to deny an Obey request for a vote on his proposal on Wednesday, as well as other Democratic-led attempts to boost funds for New York City and defense. That would force Democrats to resort to procedural votes, which seemed unlikely to succeed but might let them score political points.

"We have a war on two fronts," Obey told members of the GOP-dominated House Rules Committee, which sets the rules under which legislation is debated. "This is a grave national security issue. I am asking you to give us an opportunity to at least have it voted on the House floor."

President Bush has threatened to veto any legislation that would spend more than the $40 billion in emergency anti-terrorism spending he and lawmakers agreed to on Sept. 14. That was three days after the attacks that leveled the World Trade Center towers and damaged the Pentagon, killing more than 3,000 people.

Bush controls half that money. The other $20 billion, which needs congressional approval, is part of a $318 billion defense bill for this year the House will debate on Wednesday.

"Congress made an agreement, and the president thinks it's important that when an agreement is made, the agreement should be kept," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

Fleischer also repeated administration arguments that the initial $40 billion is enough until next year, when White House officials have said a request for additional spending may be made.

In the Senate, majority Democrats are trying to add $15 billion for domestic security programs and have a better chance of prevailing.

House Democrats were hoping that during Congress' week-long Thanksgiving break, Republicans from New York or other border or port states would feel pressure to support the proposed additional spending. Groups representing mail-order companies, ports, airports and the travel industry have tried to round up support for the Democratic plan, but apparently without sufficient success.

But as lawmakers returned in force to the Capitol on Tuesday, Republicans said they were unaware of any GOP lawmakers — other than Rep. John Sweeney of New York — who might support the Democratic drive.
A Palestinian woman, the military said. Israeli military sources said.

The Palestinian Cabinet issued a statement condemning the two attacks and "all operations targeting Israeli civilians."

The Palestinians declared a one-day mourning period, from noon Tuesday to midnight Wednesday.

"They shot the first person with gunfire Tuesday, killing two Israeli civilians," Kalman told Israel TV's Channel Two.

"They were firing at the cars, one car, then another car, then another, time after time. There were five cars, all facing different ways. They had nowhere to get to something more comprehensive and lasting," he said.

Two Palestinian groups — Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Brigades linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement — claimed responsibility.

The attackers were cornered by security forces and killed in a shootout in the West Bank town of Jenin.

The Palestinians opened fire near the central bus station in Afula. Uri Kalman, a shopowner, said the assailants fired methodically at a traffic light.

"They were firing at the cars, one car, then another car, then another, time after time. There were five cars, all facing different ways. They had nowhere to turn," Kalman told Israel TV's Channel Two.

The assailants then ran to the nearby open-air market.

"They shot the first person (they encountered) in the head," witness Mordechai Cohen told Israel Radio.

After several minutes, the assailants were cornered by security forces and killed in a firefight, said police spokesman Gil Kleinman. A reserve soldier, Menahar Mukonnen, said he shot one of the gunmen in the head. "He shot again, and then he fell," Mukonnen said.
Winter is nearly upon us in the greater Michiana area, and that means the ground will soon be enshrouded with pristine white. Temperatures will fall from their current balmy altitudes, and the wind will cut through that I Grow nude coat you received last Christmas. As many of you remember from 4th grade science class, 70 percent of the body's heat flees by way of the head. Such as it is, I've steadfastly cultivated my hair since last spring break. Considering the outrageous, inflation-added cost of winter hats, I calculated that hair growth is the best way to stay warm and accumulate a little extra coin for holiday shopping. In the past several months, a mass of hair the size of a stocky porcupine has grown up on top of my head. I frighten small children and the elderly with my massive coiffure, and my parents seem to think that I no longer look "respectable." This leads me to a frivolous topic, but one that nevertheless provokes worthy of inquiry. Since when does respectability vary inversely with hair length? Is this not America, the freest country in the universe? Worst of all, friends, my hair grew in a thin coat of fuzz. Unfortunately, my hair grew in a way that makes me identify with the mullet. If there is a time in life to let it fly until the point of this column? Well, I haven't thought w e will have a new coach next year? You cannot tell it about other people. "I don't believe them. No, the world frowns on the longhaired, unless one aspires to be a disc jockey or comic book shop proprietor. And today's recessing economy, combined with my arts and letters major, could add up to my struggling to find a comfortable hair net. The world is not fair. A person's merit should rest on a far more stable surface than the thin web of protein outcroppings atop the skull. But humanity in mass is quick to judge, to search for an identifying characteristic and to form categories accordingly. This is a self-defense mechanism. It is much easier for my interviewer to dismiss me as a lightweight hiphop than to consider me an upstanding, determined gentleman. Does it look easy in grow one's hair to this length? On the contrary, it is a challenge I stand up to everyday. By now you might be asking, what is the point of this column? Well, I haven't given up on changing the world just yet. Perhaps some of you fellows out there have long hair. Perhaps some of you ladies have been clawing lunghaired guys, or perhaps you have been pressuring your boyfriend or brother to get a haircut. I propose a three-week moratorium on haircuts. Let it fly until Christmas break, and if you have any money left over buy your haircut and hat. Eric Long is a senior PLS major. He can be reached at long.316@nd.edu. The views expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Let U.N. rebuild Afghanistan

Bryce Cooper

Now that Northern Alliance has actually the Taliban from much of Afghanistan, the need to form a new government in the war-ravaged country has become urgent. Every day that the current power vacuum continues, regional warlords work to consolidate their power further and reduce the chances of a truly representative government taking the Taliban's place. Although America's armed forces continue to search for members of the al Qaeda network, we cannot wait until the military operations are over to begin working in the political sphere to establish a stable interim government to protect the Afghan people.

The entry of the Northern Alliance into Kabul makes it imperative that the United States and the United Nations expedite the work of forming a coalition government. In a sign of progress, a U.N. envoy said Tuesday that several Afghan groups (including the Northern Alliance) had agreed to meet in Berlin this weekend to begin talks, and had signed on to the UN's vision of broad-based, multiethnic rule. The Northern Alliance has agreed to cede control in Kabul to such an interim government, but it must also allow a multinational peacekeeping force to temporarily take over in Kabul while the U.N. talks are ongoing.

To take on a broader role in Afghanistan, the United Nations needs the strong support of America and the world. The United States has traditionally been reluctant to stand behind the United Nations, preferring to focus on its failures. The need for an impartial international institution to manage this crisis is paramount.

The road ahead for Afghanistan is rocky, filled with too many pitfalls for any one nation to traverse alone. The United States and the United Nations must effectively build a nation from scratch, as Afghanistan's infrastructure and institutions have been decimated over its many decades of war. The next government will have the opportunity to lift Afghanistan out of the strife and hopelessness that have been the defining features of its recent history.

The United Nations has been the world's first responder to the trauma of war and the tragedy of the new Afghan government will be a beacon of hope for countries around the world. If only the heart and soul of America and the world will come together to help Afghanistan.

Peggy Bernard

Let U.N. rebuild Afghanistan
Searching for

FTT presents the third episode of Soph

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Tragedy is timeless. This week Notre Dame’s Department of Film, Television and Theatre will bring Sophocles’ 2,500 year old tragedy, “Antigone,” to Washington Hall to prove it.

“Antigone” is the third installment of Sophocles’ tragic trilogy of the house of Laius, the legendary king of Thebes. The play details the dramatic death of Antigone, the daughter and sister of cursed Oedipus. In the first play of the series, “Oedipus the King,” Oedipus kills his father and marries his mother. The second play, “Oedipus at Colonus,” sets the stage for “Antigone.” After years of wandering Hellas as and outcast and prophet with Antigone by his side, Oedipus arrives at Athens, his foretold place of death. Oedipus’ burial site was to be a holy place for the city that possessed it.

Upon hearing the news of Oedipus’ impending death, both Creon, who had helped Oedipus’ youngest son Eteocles usurp the throne, and Antigone, Oedipus’ eldest son, attempt to get Oedipus to die in their land, hoping that it will aid them in their struggle for power. After thwarting an attempted kidnapping by Creon and dismissing Polynices with a curse and the prophecy that he and his brother will kill each other in battle, Oedipus meets a mysterious end. Antigone, who swore to bury her brother if Oedipus’ prophecy came true, returns to Thebes.

At the beginning of “Antigone,” Polynices and Eteocles have, as prophesied, killed each other in battle, leaving the throne once again to Creon. Once coronated, Creon commands that Polynices should remain unburied, a great dishonor in Greek society, for bringing a foreign army against Thebes.

Antigone, who has been betrothed to Creon’s son Haemon, defies Creon’s command, buries her brother and performs the funeral rites, fulfilling her promise. When Antigone is caught in the act, the furious Creon brings her to trial and must decide her fate in this tale of justice, family, and accountability.

Director Mark Pilkinton auditioned and cast the show the first week of school. The original concept for the show had been decided last April; however, when the Sept. 11 attacks occurred, Pilkinton and the cast decided to change the design of the show.

“We felt that we had to do something to recognize Sept. 11,” Kate Dulan, a sophomore who plays a chorus member and Eurydice, said.

The cast has set the show at a canceled performance of “Antigone” on Sept. 11. As cast members, they discuss the events of the day and decide to put the show on anyway with whatever props and costumes they can scrounge up.

Pilkinton and the cast wrote the framing play together from improvised scenes and things the cast found themselves saying on Sept. 11. Pilkinton wanted the framing piece to evolve naturally.

“The whole show has been very organic and very collaborative — we’ve all pooled ideas and pooled our concerns,” Pilkinton said.

After the actors decide to do the show, they search the stage for props and costume pieces and slowly begin the show. Most of the accessories come on and off the stage by way of a metal dolly which serves as an ekkyklemata. An ekkyklemata, literally translating as “wheeled-out thing,” is a traditional Greek theatrical device used to reveal action from off stage or in another scene. For example, the Greek playwrights had a convention that violent action not be portrayed to the audience directly; dead bodies were often brought into a scene by use of an ekkyklemata.

Because the show is done in this “found-object” style, it is almost entirely devoid of the lavish production value characteristic of last year’s “Oedipus Rex.” In fact, one of the most striking aspects of the production is the utter silence in the theater.

The sparse set and neutral earth-toned costumes give the show a washed-out look. Combined with the predominately harsh, white lighting scheme, the actors appear ghostly at times, especially when they wear the chorus wears their masks. Pilkinton wanted to create a dusted-over look.

“The dust is so symbolic of the dust we’ve seen coming off the World War II generation,” Pilkinton said.

Mike Crowley, who plays Creon, gazes into the audience.

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Towering over a sentry, Creon is observed by Antigone and the chorus.
‘final justice’

Tragic trilogy, “Antigone,” this week

structured religion or law and spirituality.

“one of the biggest themes (of the show) for me was spirituality, which I didn’t really expect. It just came about as a result of reading the play. The more I read it the more I was impressed by how spiritual Antigone is,” Malloy said.

Senior Beth Hoffmann, who plays Ismene, agrees and thinks that students will be able to draw parallels with their own lives.

“Theatre is a dynamic place where we can explore our own personal lives and our own personal feelings...we’re offering something special,” Hoffmann said.

The cast works well as an ensemble and the amount of effort they put in to being in the moment shows through. Because “Antigone” is presented with a traditional chorus structure all the actors play two or three parts and each does a good job of differentiating between their characters.

Although the show is sold overall, the Sept. 11 tie-in is unnecessary. The parallels, while done with good intentions, reveal themselves inadequately and partially distract the audience from the play overall. The abrupt and disconnected nature of the dialogue at the beginning of the show flirts with melodrama.

“Antigone” has persevered as an essential dramatic work for two millennia; it does not need added agony to make it a strong show. The show doesn’t need to be modernized because it already is modern. Audiences have found relevance in the tragedy’s timelessness; Sophocles doesn’t need to be second-guessed.

Despite its conceptual blemishes, audiences should enjoy an otherwise well constructed show.

Performances of “Antigone” will run from today through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 PM. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $9 for senior citizens and $7 for students. Reserved seats and are available at the door or in advance at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office. To order tickets call 631-8128.

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James Gieszelimann, Mike Crowley and Maura Malloy share the stage in a scene depicting conflict between Creon and Antigone.

Meg Ryan, a member of the chorus. Sophocles used choruses as a means of conveying the thoughts and emotions of onlookers.
In the opening quarter, the Kings had 19 of their 28 points. The Mavericks went ahead by as many as 24 in the third quarter, to go in front for good. Steve Nash and Adrian Griffin had 12 points apiece, with Nash adding 19 points as the Rockets lost their eighth straight game.

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Robert Lang scored a goal and set up three others, one when New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur wandered nearly 50 feet from the net, and the Pittsburgh Penguins again dominated the Devils 6-0.

Jan Moran and Alexei Kovalev scored on two of the Penguins' first three shots — Kovalev has four goals in two games against New Jersey — as they pulled away after controlling the Devils 6-0.

Lang then slid the puck to rookie Toby Petersen, who had to boat only defensemen Scott Niedermayer for his first goal since a three-goal game on Mario Lemieux's line Oct. 16 against Ottawa. He got a second goal late in the game, 24 seconds after Milan Kraft scored.

Lang scored at 14:58 of the second with a hard wrister from the left circle, and Robinson sent backup goalie Jean-Francois Dhampisfontaine onto the ice almost before the red light went off.

Islanders 5, Capitals 3

Martinez Czerkawski scored his third goal of the game with 46.3 seconds left to lift the New York Islanders to a tie with the Washington Capitals.

Czerkawski had possession behind the net and angled the puck toward net. It appeared to bounce off a defender and then the glove of goalie Craig Billington before going in.

Alexei Yashin had a goal and an assist and Kenny Jonsson also scored for New York, which remained in first place in the Eastern Conference but had its winless streak against Washington extended to 20 games at 0-17-3.

Adam Oates had two goals and an assist for Washington, which has the longest current unbeaten streak against one team. Sergi Gonchar and Peter Bondra also scored.

Washington's Danijus Zubrus scored with 2:39 left to give the Capitals a brief 5-4 lead.

Bondra scored to tie it at 4:16 of the third when he chipped the puck high over Billington's head.

The Capitals pulled ahead 4-3 on Peter Bondra's goal at 18:43 of the second when goalie Chris Driedger couldn't pounce on a rebound of Andrei Nikolishin's shot. Bondra backhanded in the rebound for his 14th goal.

Gonchar opened the scoring at 7:13 of the first period when he deflected a shot from the boards and it ricocheted in off a defender to make it 3-3.

Oates scored a power-play goal at 16:38 of the first and scored again 2:10 later at even strength by chipping the puck as he slid across the crease with two defenders hanging on him to give the Caps a 3-0 lead. Ulf Dahlsten assisted on all three scores.

But Czerkawski brought the Islanders all the way back at 10:11 of the second when he fired the puck across the goalmouth from the boards and it ricocheted in off a defender to make it 3-3.

Czerkawski's first goal brought New York within 3-2 at 18:16 of the first in a power play. Brad Isbister deflected a shot from the left side, but hit his own rebound back toward the crease from behind goal. The puck trickled between Billington's leg and the left post and out into the crease where Czerkawski ripped it into net.

Yashin started the comeback with his 14th goal at 15:47 of the first, also on a power play.

Blue Jackets 3, Coyotes 0

Ron Tugnutt made 26 saves for his 20th career shutout, and Mike Sillinger and Espen Knutsen each had a goal and an assist as the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the Phoenix Coyotes.

Chris Nielsen also scored, and Ray Whitney had two assists for Columbus, which is 4-0-1-1 in its first six home games.

Since opening the season 1-8-4-0, the Blue Jackets are 6-4-1-1 at Nationwide Arena.

Tugnutt won his second in a row, and recorded the Blue Jackets' first shutout of the season. Tugnutt ended and eight-game losing streak after making 29 saves in the Blue Jackets' 4-3 win over Calgary on Sunday.

The Coyotes, who have lost three straight, took five shots at the goaltender in the first four minutes of the second period, including a sprawling pad save on Ladislav Nagy alone in front.

Phoenix, like they had done in the previous two games of a three-game road trip, fell behind in the first period and never recovered.

Columbus scored twice in a span of 53 seconds with goals from Chris Nielsen and Sillinger to make it 2-0 after the first period.

Coyote goaltender Sean Burke returned after being sidelined three games with a groin strain. He looked rusty early on.

He was penalized for delay of game after sending the puck over the glass just two minutes into the game, and the Blue Jackets' first period goals came on successive shots.

Knutsen threaded a back-hand pass through the left corner to Nielsen for the easy tap-in and his first of the season at 13:00 to open the scoring.

Sillinger, who has scored in three straight, sent a wrist shot through a screen and past Burke at 13:53 to make it 2-0.
Browns' fullback Sellers released

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Fullback Mike Sellers, arrested last week and charged with felony drug abuse, was released Tuesday by the Cleveland Browns "for a combination of reasons."

Sellers was expected to be reinstated by Browns coach Butch Davis, but the team instead decided to cut ties with the free agent who signed a three-year, $2.4 million contract in February with the Browns. "We have released Mike Sellers for a combination of reasons relating to his performance and conduct," Browns president Carmen Policy said in a statement. "We decided it is in the best interests of the Cleveland Browns organization, the team and Mike Sellers that this action be taken."

"As part of his release, the Browns have offered to help provide Mike with any guidance, counseling or similar type assistance he might request relative to his personal issues," Policy said. Sellers, 26, was arrested late last Monday night along with cornerback Lamar Chapman after being stopped by Cleveland police.

Sellers was suspended for Sunday's game against the Cincinnati Bengals along with defensive tackle Gerard Warren and Chapman by Davis, who said Monday he would put Sellers back on the team providing the NFL didn't plan any further penalties against Sellers or Chapman.

Warren was arrested outside a Pittsburgh nightclub on charges of carrying a concealed weapon just hours after the arrests of Sellers and Chapman. Warren has a court hearing Friday in Pittsburgh.

Sellers has not spoken with reporters since his arrest, and declined comment Monday when approached in the locker room at the Browns' training facility. Kenneth Austin, his agent, was stunned to learn Sellers was released. "I'm shocked," Austin said. "I don't know what happened."

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Olympics

Bush denies IOC request for truce

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush on Tuesday turned aside an IOC request for a military truce during the Salt Lake City Olympics and will propose a U.N. resolution calling for athletes to travel safely to and from the games.

After a meeting, International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said Bush assured him he would submit the resolution — a tradition for Olympic host nations with the United Nations on Dec. 11. It will advocate safe passage of Olympic athletes and urge nations to comply peacefully, Rogge said.

"We did not go into specific issues. He just assured me of the support of the government for the resolution," Rogge said. "It's a world concept," he said. "The idea of a truce was not tied to the situation in Afghanistan, or any other region or country. It's a world concept," he said. Afghanistan is the only nation barred from participating in the Winter Games. The country was suspended two years ago after the ruling Taliban would not allow female athletes to compete.

"We would love to see an Afghan team at the next Olympic Games, but that will only be possible when there is a stable government in place, and when all the conditions that are put by the (IOC) are fulfilled," Rogge said.

Bush also met Tuesday with U.S. Olympic Committee president Sandy Baldwin, CEO Lloyd Ward, Salt Lake Olympics chief Mitt Romney and a few Olympic athletes to discuss security for the games.

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IOC president Ward said Bush did not go into specifics about security. The federal government will contribute $240 million of the more than $300 million for security.

"There's no question after (Sept. 11), our view of security in the United States and, I would suggest, in the world is different," Ward said. "We have taken every effort to provide a secure, competitive environment for all participants and spectators and sponsors, and we feel we have a very solid plan.*

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Bond's 73rd homer ball locked up pending trial

Associated Press

McMINNVILLE, Ore. Having accomplished more in baseball than he ever imagined, New York Yankees third baseman Scott Brosius retired Tuesday, overjoyed to be with his family and already reflecting on his brief but glorious career in pinstripes.

"I'm just ready to be home," Brosius said at Linfield College, his old school. "I can look back with no regrets and know that everybody I wanted to do as a baseball player, every dream I had, has been fulfilled, and there's nothing else for me to chase as a ballplayer."

Brosius, 35, became a free agent after the Yankees' loss to Arizona in Game 7 of the World Series, and returned home to Oregon immediately.

"I was surprised about Scott," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in Rosemont, Ill. "But he wanted to retire a Yankee. He's a great warrior. I hate to lose him."

The Yankees did not plan to re-sign the former World Series MVP. Although he could have tried to play elsewhere, he felt the toll on his wife and three children would be too high. 

"I still feel like I could play, but I never wanted the game to feel like work," he said. "I never wanted to play the game when my heart was in two different places, and I was getting to that point where a huge side of me just wanted to be home, and I still had a job to do out in New York."

Brosius guessed that he had missed about one-third of his 10-year-old daughter Alysia's life while on the road. "I just never wanted to get to the point where I looked back 10 years or 20 years from now and my daughter asks me, 'Why weren't you there when I needed you?" And I would say, 'Well, because I wanted to play one more year. I couldn't answer that question that way.'"

Brosius, who came to the Yankees from Oakland as a player to be named in a deal for Kenny Rogers, made a name for himself in New York.

He reached the World Series in all four seasons he spent in the Bronx, winning three times.

Steady in the field and a clutch hitter in big spots, Brosius was a key contributor in the Yankees' recent run of championships.

He was the MVP of the 1998 World Series, hitting .471 with two home runs and six RBIs in a four-game sweep of San Diego.

Brosius' greatest moment came in Game 5 of this year's Series against the Diamondbacks. In his final at-bat in Yankee Stadium, he hit a tying, two-run homer off closer Byung-Hyun Kim with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. Alfonso Soriano's single in the 12th won it.

"That's a pretty good memory to end on," Brosius said of his fast-pumping trip around the bases.

Brosius said he plans to help out with the Linfield baseball team, for which he played from 1985-97. But first he plans to get his degree in business. He was drafted after his junior year by Oakland, and wanted to show his children the value of finishing what he started.

After completing correspondence courses he began in the summer of 2000, he'll attend commencement ceremonies on Dec. 10.

"In about a month I'll be an unemployed college grad," he joked. "It probably should have happened when I was 21, but now that I'm 35 it's come back to get me."

Acquired from Oakland after slumping to .203 in 1997 with the Yankees, Brosius was an All-Star in his first season in New York. He batted .300 with 98 RBIs and .257 career hitter with 141 home runs and 534 RBIs. He won a Gold Glove in '99.

"I guess by Hall of Fame standards it wasn't a great career, but I had some great moments in it," he said. "How many people have the opportunity to really live the dream of a 3-year-old out in the backyard playing games?"

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Yankee Brosius retires

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SAN FRANCISCO

The baseball Barry Bonds swatted for his record 73rd home run hit the home run Oct. 7 at Pacific Bell Park. The ball could be worth more than $1 million, according to the man who brokered or Patrick Hayashi, who says he found it loose amid the skirmish.

Popov sued Hayashi days after the San Francisco Giants slugger snatched it and says he was robbed in the ensuing struggle, Popov to post a $100,000 bond within three days. Garcia also ordered Popov to post a $100,000 bond within three days. Garcia also

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A judge ruled it's unclear who should keep the million-dollar ball sitting in a safe deposit box is indeed No. 73 and not a fake.

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Men's NCAA Basketball

No. 1 Duke drops No. 7 Iowa 80-62

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CHICAGO

Facing its first top 10 opponent of the season, Duke made easy work of No. 7 Iowa in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. "The Hawkeyes are a very good basketball team," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "When you have 25 points and 11 assists, it's hard to argue about anything." Chris Duhon had 11 assists and 11 points — including a 3-pointer from the left corner. Becker responded with a pull-up jumper, but Duhon came right back with another 3. Blake and Byron Mouton hit 3-pointers for the Illini, Wilcox sank a hook shot, and Chris Wilcox scored 19 points and six rebounds off the bench for Maryland. "It was the 80th consecutive non-conference game victory for Maryland, the longest such run in the nation. It was also the Terrapins' fourth straight win overall after a season-opening defeat against Arizona.

Duke got off to a sluggish start. After the Terrapins (4-1) went up 1-2 at halftime, Dixon scored seven points in a 10-2 run at the outset of the second half to make it 51-31. Despite playing its fifth game in nine days, Illinois (5-1) fought back with a 9-2 run that put Illinois up 17-10. "This is good for us to get this big game early in the year. If let people know that we're for real," Dixon said. "I guess a lot of people counted us out after we lost to Arizona, but we did well today."

But on this night, the Illini looked ready for a showdown. "We're not very good yet," self said. "We were exposed. We don't trust each other much. But give Maryland credit — that was a 13-point game that felt like it could be 25.

The Illini shot 33 percent and committed seven turnovers in the decisive first half. Four different players scored in a 9-2 run that put Illinois up 17-10, but Wilcox had four points and Steve Blake and Byron Mouton hit 3-pointers during a 12-0 spurt that put Maryland ahead for good.

After Ferguson made a free throw for the Illini, Wilcox sank a hook shot and scored on an alley-oop pass from Blake for a 26-16 lead.
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going to be scared coming in here. They're men. You have to respect that and I respect that."
Army, which plays in the Patriot League, will bring a tough defensive and outside-shooting corps to the court.
But Brey is confident his team is ready for another non-conference opponent before the tough games hit later in the season.
"I think our frame of mind and our confidence is high," Brey said.
Army plans to test that confidence tonight.
Senior captain Chris Spatola has led the Black Knights so far this season. He scored 20 points in the team's last outing and is currently ranked 16th on Army's career scoring list.
But Humphrey, eager to get back to the Joyce Center isn't worried about tonight's test.
"We prepare and we know what we have to do," Humphrey said. "If we keep playing how we are, we'll be a good team."

Bob Davie looks on as the Irish lose to Stanford Saturday. Davie said Tuesday that he still felt he meets the expectations of a Notre Dame football coach, despite the Irish's 4-6 record this season.

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big picture of a program that a couple of years ago was put on probation and there was so many things swirling around. I think if you look at the conduct of our football team, I think if you look at the retention of our student athletes, if you look at the grade point average of the last two semesters or the fall and the spring, they are the highest in the history of this football team," Davie said. "I think there is a big picture."
Davie said that for all of these reasons, the University gave him a contract extension last year. In his mind, he still meets the expectations of a Notre Dame football coach.
"I have not changed since the contract extension," Davie said. "Obviously a lot of evaluation went into me last December, unless I've changed, which I don't think I've changed, then I would think those good reasons are still there. I'm probably not the one to answer that question. You know, someone else should answer that."

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him, I think he’s a very good coach.”

During Thanksgiving weekend, the Irish fell to No. 9 Florida on Saturday in four games after sweeping LSU the day before.

Against LSU, Notre Dame’s strength was its balance and blocking. Five players scored over six kills, led by Emily Loomis and Malinda Goralski with nine each. Kristy Kreher and Kim Fletcher each had eight, while Jessica Kinder came off the bench to add seven kills. Jessica Kinder played a large role in all three games, entering late in game one.

“Jess went in and gave us a pretty big boost immediately and ended up playing part of game one and all of games two and three,” Brown said. “I think that experience for her at this time of the year is really valuable and really helps add to the depth and confidence level of the team.”

Once again, a strength for the Irish was their blocking. Although the official scorer credited the team with only six blocks in the three games, Brown thought there were more.

“We actually think we had a few more blocks than what they gave us,” Brown said. “We have been real pleased with blocks not just this weekend but throughout the last half of the season it seems to be coming together very well for us.”

Against Florida, the Irish fell 30-24, 30-26, 30-32, 30-24 in a hard-fought match. Kreher led Notre Dame with 15 kills while Goralski added 12.

After hitting .195 and .189 in the first two games of the match, the Irish reversed their fortunes in game 3, finishing with a .371 team mark as Goralski and Kreher each had four kills and Jessica Kinder served an ace to give Notre Dame the match point.

But the Irish couldn’t keep up that momentum in game four, as eventual tournament MVP Nicole McCray scored six kills in leading the Gators to the match victory.

Despite the loss, Brown was proud of how her team performed against a ranked opponent.

“I think that probably the biggest thing is just the level of confidence the team has in being able to play against a top ten team and being very competitive in each game,” Brown said. “Also, seeing the areas where we fell a little bit short and knowing those are areas where we can definitely do better.”

With the Thanksgiving tournament coming one week after the Irish won the Big East Tournament, Brown is confident in her team’s abilities heading into the NCAA’s.

“I think we’ve played at a higher level going into the championships and this past weekend,” Brown said. “I think it was real good and something the team needed at this time of the year going into the NCAA Championships with a high confidence level.”

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Irish head coach Bob Davie speaks to the media at his Tuesday press conference. Davie stated that he would not resign as football coach, and would have to be fired to be removed.

ND Women’s Volleyball
Irish draw No. 20 MSU in NCAAs

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

After splitting two matches in a tournament at Disney World last weekend to finish the regular season with a 22-6 record, the No. 25 Notre Dame volleyball team drew No. 20 Michigan State as its first round opponent when the NCAA Championships begin this weekend.

The Irish travel to Madison, Wis., to take on the Spartans at 5 p.m. Should Notre Dame win, the team plays the winner of Friday’s match between sixth-ranked Wisconsin and Wisconsin-Milwaukee at 7 p.m. Saturday.

"Michigan State typically is a team that we can be very competitive with," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said Monday afternoon. "They’re definitely playing good volleyball right now but I think that’s okay. We do have tape on them and we have a few days to study the tape and prepare."

Brown’s counterpart on the Spartan bench will be Chuck Erbe. Brown’s head coach at USC in the early 1990s. Brown thinks the common bond helps her know what to expect, but doesn’t really see it as an advantage.

"I think I was in college just a few years ago and the game has changed a little bit since then," Brown joked. "I think I have a pretty good feel for the way he coaches and kind of know what to expect out of his teams. I don’t know that it’s any advantage or disadvantage. I have a ton of respect for what he does."