The Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution that urged the First Year of Studies to review its evaluation processes because it feels that student needs were not being addressed.

Work began on this resolution last year after Jeremy Staley, senator from Sorin Hall, noted his disappointment with First Year of Studies. Staley said, “First Year of Studies is not really in touch with what the students need. There is a big discrepancy over what it claims to do and what it does.” Members of the Academic Affairs Committee met with Eileen Kolman, dean of the First Year of Studies, and reported that the meeting was unproductive, said Staley. This lack of input into the resolution and Staley said, “It’s a recommendation and we want to speak up.”

The resolution said students were concerned about the role of their advisors, experienced inconsistent advising, were misinformed about classes and requirements and expressed uncertainty about the purpose and quality of peer advising.

The Academic Affairs Committee, which proposed the amendment, said First Year of Studies could realize its mission statement if increased student input existed. First Year of Studies makes many of its decisions and curriculum changes based upon the results of a survey that freshmen are asked to complete each spring, said Staley. Last spring, approximately 40 percent of freshmen responded. The resolution said, “First Year of Studies has expressed that ‘our efforts to understand the first year experience are severely undermined by a low response rate of first-year student surveys.’”

Smurfit College showed how Turnitin.com, an online plagiarism-detection company, can be used. Turnitin.com enables professors to quickly and easily check the originality of student papers. After submitting their papers, students are able to access either a high or low percentage of similarity or an Originality Report, which shows the sources of the material that is identical to the Internet.

Turnitin.com, however, is the resource of plagiarism. Work without any prior indication of the direct submission of students’ documents or resources are used in the student’s work. Turnitin.com recommends, “A 24 hours, revealing if any Internet set of ‘Originality Reports’ within official response to the use of Turnitin.com. We found that most students were informed about their assignment, but were not informed about the plagiarism service’s benefits. Our student advisor, who created this policy, said Maura Kelly, a student member of the University Academic Honor Code Committee.

The University decided to contract the services of Turnitin.com for this academic year in response to the overwhelming problem of computer-related cheating that continues to plague Notre Dame, as well as many other colleges throughout the country. In the past few years, many professors have been looking for a tool, like Turnitin.com, to deal with the rising problem of online plagiarism. The University has a yearly contract with Turnitin and we will continue to re-evaluate the use of its services in the years to come,” said Flint.

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Can you keep promise?
Sarah Nestor
Saint Mary's Editor

The end of the semester is approaching and with it the need for seniors, like me, that pretty soon decisions are going to have to be made. Is the future life beyond South Bend going to be a monastic life? Are you going to be a nun, and knowing the great Elizabeth Taylor at J-Lo, that girl really needs to slow down and make the decisions. It's not necessarily those of The Observer. The view expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not draft design students as the article reported.

Inside Column

The Observer

Can you keep promise?

What's happening @ ND

What's happening @ SMC

What's going down

Suspicous person case closed

The case reported on Nov. 21 of a suspicious person at the Lofus Center was investigated further and is being closed. The case has been reclassified to soliciting without permission.

Car vandalism in parking lot

A student reported vandalism to his vehicle while parked in the Library lot on Nov. 30 between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. There are no suspects.

Citations issued for driving violations

NDSP issued state citations for exceeding the posted speed limit and no driver’s license on Ivy Road on Tuesday.

Occupational accident reported

A University employee was transported to the University Health Center for treatment of a knee injury in the Lafortune Student Center on Wednesday.

Vandalism case updated

The case of vandalism at the Stadium on Nov. 23 has been assigned for a follow-up investigation.

What's cooking

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Boiled thin spaghetti, boiled mostaccioli, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegetable pizza, four cheese pizza, pork chop, chicken, beef, veggie, chicken, grilled salmon salad, chicken and dumpling soup, Southern fried chicken, wrapped potato, bacon, sliced white bread, rice and fries.

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Turkey tetrazzini, mushroom marinara, spinach cheese, tortellini, calzones, pretzel sticks, garden quiche, baby lettuce, beans, baked lemon chicken, beef tips and mushrooms, blanched broccoli, chicken, chicken and veggie, chicken and rice, vegetable egg rolls, breaded chicken, and vegetable medley.

Noble Family Dining Hall

Today: Spicy beef and rice soup, potato leaf soup, cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, pepperoni pizza, baked chicken fillet, roasted cauliflower, broccoli, and rice.

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SPORTS

Irish womens basketball defeats Valparaiso 74-69 in a very close game. The team will next face Arizona State.

ONLINE

Corrections

In Wednesday's story, "Student launches poster project," Robert Moore was incorrectly identified as fourth-year graduate student in graphic design. He is a second-year graduate student. Also, NDesign is the student group for industrial and graphic design students and no design students at the article reported.
Senate
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Jake Teske, senator from Keough Hall, said, “It’s detailed and we think it’s a fair proposal to pass and we feel that Academic Affairs could serve a greater role and that the University can use us.”

In other Senate News:

♦ Senate unanimously approved Dave Brenner, senator from Dillon Hall, as the 2003 president of The Shirt. Brenner will be responsible for choosing the design, marketing and processing aspects of The Shirt. When asked about how the saturation of the market will effect The Shirt, Courtney Schuster, the 2002 president of The Shirt, said that more people are aware of the shirt, making it a collector’s item, and that people may have an incentive to buy The Shirt because it supports student clubs and charity.

Brenner said, “We want to build from off the momentum from this year and we want to see the percentage of people wearing The Shirt T-shirts continue to go up. I think if we focus on the excitement and unity from The Shirt then the money issues will handle themselves.”

♦ Senate chose Staley to replace Kate Schlussler, senator from Pangborn Hall, as the Faculty Senate Representative. Schlosser said, “It is a great opportunity to serve as the representative because you get to work with professors on a level that you usually don’t get to.”

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Outspoken priest breaks ranks in Boston diocese

Associated Press

The Rev. John D’Arcy said his superiors just what he thought about a priest suspected of sexual abuse, alcoholism and drug use so frequent he was known as “pothead.”

“’If a man like this does not seek help, he should not be given an assignment,’” D’Arcy wrote in 1983 to Bishop Thomas Daily about the Rev. Richard Buntel. The priest was placed on administrative leave that year for not responding to calls for comment. He explained his rationale for coming forward in a letter to Buntel, written while he was an auxiliary bishop in Boston.

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D’Arcy was re-assigned John Geoghan, who was convicted of sexual abuse, a year later, after Forry was accused of beating church officials relaying complaints against the Rev. Thomas Forry’s abrasive manner, according to the church files released Tuesday. A year later, after Forry was accused of beating up a housekeeper, D’Arcy wrote again.

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Bush: al-Qaida responsible for attacks on Kenya

Iraq protests weapons inspections, calls experts spies

World News Briefs

Iraqi troops murder suspected militant: Iraqi helicopters blasted a Gaza City building with missiles on Wednesday, killing a suspected militant, one of several violent incidents on a day also marked by Israeli statements about Palestinian suicide bombings. The Israeli government has accused of being spies and staging the palaces as a provocation that could lead to war.

The hardest criticism came from Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan, who charged — in language reminiscent of clashes with inspectors in the 1990s — that the new teams of U.N. monitors are gathering intelligence for Washington and Israel.

Their work is to spy to serve the CIA and Mossad," Israel's intelligence service, Ramadan claimed to a visiting delegation of Egyptian professionals.

Ramadan, known for his fiery statements, claimed to his all-Arab audience that al-Qaida has taken the role in the Kenya attacks.

Evidence continues to mount that al-Qaida was behind the Kenyan bombings in Kenya. I believe al-Qaida hates freedom," the president replied. "I believe that al-Qaida was involved in the 9/11 bombings in the United States."

A critical deadline approaches this week for more "severe" inspections. And, one of them will go off," President Bush answers a reporter’s question during a White House ceremony to make the Internet safer for children’s viewing. During the ceremony, Bush remarked that he believes al-Qaida responsible for last week’s attacks on Kenya.

"I believe al-Qaida will strike anywhere they can in order to disrupt a civil society," Bush said. "That’s why we’re on the hunt.

Bush answered questions during a White House ceremony for a new law designed to make the Internet safer for children.

Afterward, spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush was not making a definitive statement about al-Qaida’s link to the Kenya attacks. "He’s sharing with you suspicions you’ve heard from previous quarters," Fleischer said.

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World News Briefs

National News Briefs

Panel permits Law to file bankruptcy: A financial panel of the Boston Archdiocese gave Cardinal Bernard Law permission Wednesday to file for bankruptcy as the church tries to settle potentially crippling lawsuits in the priest sex abuse scandal. Law would need approval from the Vatican before filing for bankruptcy.

No Roman Catholic archdiocese in the United States has ever taken such a step, which would give a secular court control over its finances and open it up to unprecedented scrutiny.

Clouds delay landing of space shuttle: Thick clouds moved in at the last minute and prevented space shuttle Endeavour from returning to Earth on Wednesday with the former residents of the international space station. The delay added a 183rd day in orbit for American astronaut Peggy Whitson and her two cosmonaut crewmates — and probably a 184th day, given Thursday’s stormy forecast.

U.S. plans Turkish army bases upgrade: A top U.S. official said Wednesday that Iraq is "surrounded" and that Washington is looking to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade Turkish bases that could be used in a war against the country.
Forum
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most basic and frequently
used prayer. The Torah,
which became the first five
books of the Christian Bible,
is used as the religious book
of Judaism.
"Historically The Shema
becomes the last rite of the
Christian," Johnson said.
Additional dietary and
kosher restrictions exist in
Judaism as a sign of the
respect of all life forms,
including animals. After
death they believe there is no
hell, but estrangement from
God from those who have
sinned and not done peni-
tence.
Within Judaism there are
three branches of faith.
Orthodox, the strictest sector,
has dress regulations, preser-
vation of life by refraining
from birth control and abor-
tion, and sex segregation. The
Conservative sector allows for
men and women to worship
together but does not allow
for the prevention of birth.
Reformed Jews have a differ-
et interpretation of Judaism
and have female rabbis.
"There are different views
(between branches) of gender
and how strictly laws should
be enforced," Johnson said.
Tanushree Bera, first-year
biology and physics major,
spoke about Hinduism.
Known as the oldest reli-
gion, Hinduism has three
Gods, Brahma (the creator),
Vishnu (the protector) and
Shiva (the destroyer of evil).
Hinduism was the root of
what is known as the caste
system. Brahmins (priests and
teachers), Ksatriya (Rulers and
Warriors), Vaishya (Tradesman
and craftsman) and Sudra
(the menial workers) make up
Hindu society.
Hinduism has many dietary
restrictions, including cows,
which are seen as the
providers of milk
and life.
"Like Baha'i,
Hinduism
believes
that God
has come
to earth
everal times to save
the world in times of crisis.
Hinduism is based on the
honesty, purity, self-control
and non-violence. One who
has not followed this way of
life will not have a restful
soul.
The session was wrapped
up with several questions
from the audience and panel
members discussing the con-
nections between the reli-
gions represented.
"The truth is one, but
called by different names," Bera
said.
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displays have
been set up in
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United loses loan guarantee

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

United Airlines lost its bid for $1.8 billion in federal loan guarantees Wednesday, a major setback to the nation's second-largest air carrier in its efforts to avoid bankruptcy.

The Air Transportation Stabilization Board said that despite efforts to pare costs, "the business plan submitted by the company is not financially sound."

Chicago-based UAL Corp., United's parent company, had asked that the government guarantee $1.8 billion of a $2 billion private loan package. Without the guarantee, United said it would probably have to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The $1.8 billion is the largest request received by the board, double the amount that US Airways was conditionally granted earlier this year.

The board was established by Congress last year to oversee a $10 billion loan program, part of an airline industry bailout after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In Brief

Mechanists urge vote ratification

United Airlines mechanic Ricky Taube drove 70 miles to his union hall last week to vote against wage cuts the carrier's says are necessary to keep it out of bankruptcy.

On Thursday, he planned to repeat that scenario in a second mechanics' vote that could unravel United's effort to avoid a Chapter 11 filing.

But a government panel took the urgency out of the vote late Wednesday, rejecting the airline's request for a federal loan guarantee it is needed to avoid collapsing on nearly $1 billion in debt due next week.

The Machinists' union had no immediate comment on the decision by the Air Transportation Stabilization Board, and circumstances surrounding Thursday's vote were unclear.

In Brief

American to fire flight attendants

American Airlines will trim 1,100 flight attendants in coming months as it prepares to operate fewer flights next spring.

The company will offer voluntary options such as job sharing and leaves of absences to reduce the flight attendant numbers, American spokesman Todd Burke said Tuesday.

He said that the window for flight attendants to take the options will begin Dec. 11 and close Jan. 7. After that, American will have a clearer idea of how many will be laid off.

There was no immediate decision on a vote ratification, which is needed to keep the option available.

The board in early November sent a letter to United, seeking additional information including details on cost savings that could be achieved from labor unions and from management, capital spending commitments and pension obligations.

In Brief

Productivity expands 5.1 percent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

U.S. companies' productivity grew more briskly in the summer than previously thought and orders to factories rose in October for the first time in three months, suggesting the struggling economy will avoid falling into a new recession.

Production output per hour of work, grew at a sizling annual rate of 5.1 percent in the third quarter, the Labor Department reported Wednesday.

The performance was even better than the 4 percent growth mea su red a month ago and represented

a rebound from the tepid 1.7 percent pace in the second quarter.

Gains in productivity are helping to keep a lid on inflation, an important factor for Federal Reserve pol icy-makers as they try to energize the economy through low interest rates.

Separately, factory orders rose 1.5 percent in October after falling in both August and September, the Commerce Department said. That provided a dose of good news for the nation's manufacturers, who have been trying to get through a late-summer rough patch.

Big-ticket manufactured goods, including cars and household appli ances, posted a 2.4 percent increase in October and "nondurable" goods, such as clothing and food, rose 0.6 percent.

"The reports show that the econo my by no means will go into a dou ble dip recession," said economist Clifford Waldman of Waldman Associates. "Consumers have enough energy to stay alive and keep the economy going because wages are growing at a healthy clip."

But on Wall Street stocks dipped on profit warnings from Disney and Hewlett-Packard. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 5 points at 8,738.
Advent
Waiting for What?

It’s hard to believe the end of the semester is already so quickly approaching. Just a few months out of undergrad, I remember all too well the nervous craze of finishing up class work while at the same time getting ready to leave for home, or trying to pack up an entire dorm room before heading into a semester abroad.

This is the context in which most of us find ourselves as the Advent season begins. As the four Decembers of my undergraduate career came and went, it’s not that I wasn’t mindful of a spirit of waiting. I was waiting alright – waiting for finals to be over, the semester to be done and for Christ­mas break to begin. But each year, when I finally made it home and joined my parish for the fourth Sunday of Advent, I was inevitably saddened by the realization that the season had, once again, passed me by with my hardly noticing it. And I would promise myself that the next year would be different.

Now almost one week into this year’s Advent season, and remembering the promise I made to myself so many times before, I would like to invite you to think with me about what exactly this time of the year signifies for us as Christians. During this season we are reminded that we know neither the day nor the hour that Christ will come again, and Advent is meant, in part, to turn our minds and hearts to preparing for that unknow­ n day. But the season is not simply about something far off and undisclosed; it is about remembering that Christ has already come, and that the Kingdom, though not fully so, is already among us. During Advent we are urgently called to let Christ be born in us today, so that, by our own work and by the witness of our lives, the building of the Kingdom continues here and now. The real challenge of Advent is making straight the path of our own hearts so that we might become Christ for one another. How do we do this?

We can start by asking ourselves: Who is Christ? He is the Lord of Love. If we want to let the Lord of Love live in us, we must ourselves be defined by love. Perhaps we can say with confidence that we love our friends and family well. And yet, Christ tells us to love even our enemies. How well do we love the person who has betrayed us in some way, the person who we find to be stubborn, or hard of heart? “Love is the measure,” Dostoevsky wrote. Let us make it our measure.

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Christ is the Prince of Peace. As violence and war increase in every part of the world, and our own country prepares for war against Iraq, we are challenged to ask ourselves if we reveal the Prince of Peace in the way we live and love. Or instead, do we argue that peace is not practical, and speak of waging a war we claim can be just. Proclaiming a message of peace and non-violence – proclaiming God’s own mercy and forgiveness – is most certainly counter-cultural, but it is the message of Christ, and so for us who call ourselves Christians, can there be anything else?

Christ is the Lamb of God. During Advent we are asked to think of how we make of ourselves a sacrifice for others. Do we give of our time and resources – which are economic, but are also spiritual, emotional, and intellectual – to help others? Do we seek out the lonely, the despairing, the excluded, the poor, and the hungry, in order to offer what we have to care for what they lack? Are we librarians as Christ was, working on behalf of the oppressed and marginalized, which includes people as close as our own community and as far as other parts of the world? What gifts has God given each of us to offer for the sake of the rest of the Body, and do we use our gifts for this end, rather than for our own gain?

These challenges are great, but they should not overwhelm. Rather, they should keep us hopeful, for it is in accepting them that we accept the invitation to live in Christ, and Christ’s life in us. Our joy during this season of Advent is in knowing that although we wait for Christ’s coming again in glory, we have the opportunity by our own lives to let him come every day on earth.

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Sacred Heart Parish Retreat Center

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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By Kelly Rich
Campus Ministry Intern

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Marches aimed at ousting President Hugo Chavez's leftist government spread across Venezuela on Wednesday, with tens of thousands of people banging on pots and waving flags to support an indefinite general strike.

Under international pressure, strike leaders suggested they were ready to resume talks on early elections, but extended their strike for a fourth day. More businesses were open Wednesday, even as the strike began to affect production in the world's No. 5 oil exporter.

More businesses opened as the strike wore on, but disruptions began to affect Venezuela's oil industry, the world's fifth largest exporter. A shipping agent claimed workers stopped loading tankers, and a tanker crew anchored off the western city of Maracaibo, refusing to deliver gasoline.

Chavez's government, however, insisted oil operations were normal. Thousands of Chavez supporters staged rallies in two downtown Caracas plazas.

Opposition and government delegates met with Organization of American States Secretary General Cesar Gaviria to explore resuming talks on an electoral solution to the crisis.

Hopes for a solution grew after the national elections council voted 4-1 Tuesday to hold a nonbinding referendum on Chavez's rule on Feb. 2.

Council members said their vote should overcome objections by the Supreme Court, which ruled last week at least four votes were needed.

The opposition threatened to intensify the strike.

"We really the success of this active strike, and if necessary in the coming days it will become even more active," said strike leader Carlo Grego, president of the country's biggest group of labor unions.

Chavez, who canceled a planned trip to Brazil on Wednesday, has insisted that the constitution allows a binding vote only halfway into his six-year presidency, in August. He called the strike a "desperate" effort to oust him and said it would fail.
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Peter Wicks

Englishman Abroad

Best man duties give new perspective

This summer I was a best man at the wedding of a close friend. I say "a" best man because, by a somewhat unorthodox arrangement, I was sharing the honor with two other friends. But while we were three in number, we were one in purpose: We all wanted to make sure the wedding was the best day of our friend's life, while at the same time accepting the least possible amount of responsibility. Two duties were absolutely unavoidable. Firstly, each of us had to wake up nightly in a cold sweat after dreaming of increasingly elaborate scenarios involving the loss of the rings (on good nights, involving the loss of the rings and Oscar Winner Halle Berry). Secondly, we had to organize the stag night. The stag night tradition began in England as a ritual to ward off evil spirits, but that was a long time ago. In these less superstitious times the principal purpose of the stag night is to get the maximum number of alcohol into the groom in the shortest time possible.

Traditionally, the stag night took place on the night before the wedding, but a full two weeks before the ceremony has become the norm in modern England. This gives the groom ample time to have his stomach pumped and let the hair grow back. Organizing the stag night requires a delicate sense of judgment: As best men it was up to us to navigate between the Scylla of a sober groom ample time to have his stomach pumped and let the hair grow back and the Charybdis of a dead one. (The bride was particularly insistent that the latter outcome would not be tolerated.) We did not take on the challenge empty-handed. To aid us in our duties, we had acquired the Bottle Bong, a device of such fiendish brilliance it's hard to imagine how people ever got blood poisoning without it. Deceptively simple in appearance, the Bottle Bong is in essence two rubber tubes, a short thick one and a long thin one which fits into its side. Used correctly, the bong is capable of thrusting the entire contents of a beer bottle down the user's throat in a matter of seconds. (I don't fully understand the scientific principle involved, but I think it has something to do with quantum gravity.) With the possible exception of the Resident Evil series of video games, science has never been so much fun.

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Peter Wicks is a graduate student in philosophy. He can be reached at peterwicks@nd.edu. Tonight Peter will be performing in "Is This Thing On?", a stand-up comedy show at the Alumni Senior Club. The show starts at 9:30 p.m. and features graduate and undergraduate performers. Entry is limited to those over 21.

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The "Holiday Season" is a time full of joy in which we are thankful for family and friends. We show this love by visiting our favorite shopping centers, buying gifts for our loved ones. We start off this season by giving thanks for everything and everybody. Thanksgiving is a day dedicated to giving thanks for all that we have — it is a reflection on our lives. This past Thanksgiving, I gave thanks for my parents and friends; for my brother and sister and for my safe journey. I also gave thanks that I have a house, that I have food, that I have a job and that I have an education.

Many people are thankful for similar reasons and for similar possessions, but this does not give us permission to be apathetic about what others are unable to have. By being thankful, we are admitting to ourselves that we have what others do not. As we proclaim our thanks, we must realize that our gratitude comes from our own experiences rather than from the acts of others who are victims of oppression and violence.

Our recognition that others are not so wealthy and powerful for their habits and lifestyles. In memory of His life and of what He did for us, we take time off school and work to celebrate Him. We celebrate by going to the mall to buy presents representing our love for our family and friends. We buy Abercrombie and Fitch, Aeropostale, Tommy Hilfiger, Nike and the like. We buy expensive chocolates, plan large feasts with fat birds as the center piece, decorate a tree with ornaments and write cards to loved ones. Many of us will go on consuming as if there are no problems in the world. But to those who love their school's football (and no one loves it more than you, the University of Iowa is no lesser place, but it is less known. Our universities are now brought together in a controversy not of their own making, but real nonetheless. Although the issue will not be frated until this Saturday's contests are finished, the question will likely be how he is more worthy of a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) bid: Iowa or Notre Dame? Make no mistake, I recognize this is not a question of biblical proportions. But to those who love their school's football (and no one loves it more than the legions of Notre Dame), it is an issue of some importance.

We Hawkeyes are rightly proud of our team's accomplishments this year. Lacking the opportunity to match talents in a playoff system, the Hawkeyes, like the Fighting Irish, must rely on computers and pollsters to determine their rule in the year-end beauty pageant known as the BCS. But college football is big business, and the BCS is college football. So, the question posed is whether Notre Dame, with a 10-2 record but unavoidable intervals of two classes at a time so as to allow the courses, does not mean they are as equally insane. I like to consider myself a realist. I know not everyone can be perfectly happy with their schedules, but that shouldn't mean that some students have to be miserable. I was one of the unfortunate souls who was scheduled to sign up on Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. As I frantically searched for open classes among my classes — I began to realize how absolutely terribly I was going to be. I am currently facing the prospect of having all my academic classes on the same three days (which would I so bad if I actually wanted to take those classes).

Steven Leach
Pharm. Sci., Dec. 3

Christmas in the traditional American way: full of consumption and at the same time joyfully? This Christmas will still be Jesus' birthday, the celebration most likely will still continue, but the authentic joy is lost. Instead, sorrow will permeate the lives of those affected by greedy economic and foreign policies. Many of us will try to forget and go on shopping and buying and consuming like the good capitalist Americans we are, the way our President so confidently commanded us to do. But how can we, as students at Notre Dame, celebrate the Christmas season when so many are unemployed; in poverty, going hungry and left homeless? This is injustice.

How can we, as students at Notre Dame, celebrate the Christmas season when many workers on this campus (some) are afraid to speak up about their conditions, when they have no real voice or bargaining ability with the administrations when they are other workers. I am not requesting that we remember and pray for others who have less or pray for workers' rights here or elsewhere. We have all heard this request, and many of us have followed through. I am asking that we dedicate ourselves — starting now, starting this Christmas season — to working for change. I am asking that we not only remember others when we open our presents, but also that we work for a more just world. This is our gift to those who will forever meet in life.

We have an obligation to do more and to work for more. We have an obligation to fight for the poor of our country and of the world. We have an obligation to make sacrifices, to give up some of our possessions -- to opt for the poor by doing everything we can. We have to change how we live. We cannot let Wal-mart tell us how to love each other, nor should we allow McDonald's tell us how to eat. We must start working for peace and justice.

Christmas is meant to be a time of joy, but how can we ignore what is happening in the world around us? This is what Jesus asked us to do, and this is what we must do. We should not brush off the widespread poverty and suffering of this country. We have an obligation to do more.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Bond returns for ‘Another Day’

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

While ‘Die Another Day’ is the 20th installment in the James Bond franchise, this film pounds the final nail into Bond creator Ian Fleming’s coffin. The series has long since forgotten the byways of Sean Connery’s dashing secret agent. The recent slew of Bond films seem to have dropped the secret part; Bond is more likely to pull out his Beretta and blast his way through 200 goons Rambo-style than, God forbid, make up a cover story. But even though the new movies have become glorified action flicks, they’re still fun to watch and there’s still plenty of classic Bond elements that show through.

‘Die Another Day’ begins with Bond (Pierce Brosnan) surfing on typhoon-like waves onto the coast of North Korea to stop the sale of some high tech military equipment to an obtusely evil warmonger (Pierce Brosnan) surfing on typhoon-like waves onto the coast of North Korea to stop the sale of some high tech military equipment to a obtusely evil warmonger (Pierce Brosnan) surfing on typhoon-like waves onto the coast of North Korea to stop the sale of some high tech military equipment to a obtusely evil warmonger (Pierce Brosnan) surfing on typhoon-like waves onto the coast of North Korea to stop the sale of some high tech military equipment to a obtusely evil warmonger (Pierce Brosnan) surfing on typhoon-like waves onto the coast of North Korea to stop the sale of some high tech military equipment to a obtusely evil warmonger (Pierce Brosnan) surfing on typhoon-like waves onto the coast of North Korea to stop the sale of some high tech military equipment to a obtusely evil warmonger (Pierce Brosnan) surfing on typhoon-like waves onto the coast of North Korea to stop the sale of some high tech military equipment to a obtusely evil warmonger (Pierce Brosnan).

But Bond’s plan is botched when he’s almost instantly recognized. After a slightly tough to swallow hover tank battle, Bond is captured and tortured in a prison as the classic opening sequence of writhing skeletons is played. But Bond escapes and begins an investigation into who set him up, taking him all around the globe including exotic locations like Havana and Iceland. But Bond doesn’t have to take this one on alone; Halle Berry joins as the latest Bond girl named Jinx, an American secret agent. Jinx isn’t the run-of-the-mill “oh, James” Bond girl, rather she’s Bond’s equal in every way. Of course, she’s still uncontrollably attracted to him.

‘Die Another Day’ doesn’t really have an innovative plot, but it is an incredible tribute to the franchise. For example, when Bond first sees Jinx emerge from the ocean ala Phoebe Cates from ‘Fast Times at Ridgemont High,’ the shot (and blip) are recreations of the entrance of the first Bond girl, Honey Ryder, Ursula Andress, from the first Bond movie, 1962’s “Dr. No.” Bond goes as an ornithologist for about five seconds—a subtle reference to where Fleming borrowed the name of his hero: famous ornithologist, you guessed it, James Bond. ‘Die Another Day’ even comes deliciously close to parodying itself ala ‘Austin Powers’; the bad guy has a conveniently placed Earth-destroying laser beam in space.

‘Die Another Day’ suffers from a bit of awkward acting. Surprisingly, a lot of this comes from Berry who sounds like she’s reading from a children’s book at times. Even worse is a bit part written in for Madonna, while she contributes a decent theme song, there should be a constitutional amendment forbidding her from appearing in movies ever again.

And like other recent Bond films, the bad guy has to have a justification for why he’s evil. This time it’s because his father didn’t love him enough. Seriously, audiences can probably accept an old school irrational drive to destroy the world from anyone who has his own laser beam in space.

The film muscles through most of these difficulties. Brosnan has mastered his version of Bond and carries the film. Of course, he’s aided by a bunch of cool new gadgets like an invisible Aston Martin and a shockwave ring. And the Bond girls aren’t exactly unappealing either. But Berry may end up being more than one of Bond’s conquests; there’s been a considerable buzz in Hollywood that MGM may spin-off the Jinx into a new franchise of secret agent films. Perhaps this may end up being a profitable venture, but given Berry’s lackluster performance in ‘Die Another Day,’ MGM might be well advised to let Jinx work her voodoo in just one film like the other memorable but oh so forgettable Bond girls.

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‘Solaris’ shines as an art flick

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

In the near future, NASA discovers a planet deep in space called Solaris. The planet is a glowing soft purple orb with violet searing-like bands emanating from it. But when a team of scientists sent to analyze whether it Solaris can be harnesses as an energy source send cryptic and disturbing messages back to Earth requesting that a psychiatrist be sent to help the crew, Chris Kelvin (George Clooney) is selected to make the journey to Solaris.

Upon arrival, Kelvin discovers two of the five crew members dead in the morgue and one missing. The remaining two are agitated, depressed and unwilling to submit to Kelvin’s psychoanalysis of their space madness. But the lines between madness and sanity get blurred as Kelvin begins to experience what has driven the crew to its loopy state: when he wakes up in the morning of the second day his wife is in bed with him. Of course, his wife committed suicide three years before.

The apparitions on board aren’t meaningful; they seem to be real flesh and blood and have memories of their former lives on Earth. Kelvin and the crew must unravel the mystery of the p l u s a t i n g Solaris that seems to be the key to the visitors before they crack up entirely.

‘Solaris’ is a remake of renowned Russian filmmaker Andrei Tarkovsky’s 1972 adaptation of Stanislav Lem’s novel. The film is a classic and the remake follows in its footsteps nicely.

‘Solaris’ doesn’t have brain-eating aliens or a prince charming figure. It is a fairly complex movie that might disappoint audiences looking for run-of-the-mill forgettable Friday night date fare.

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Moore bowls a strike in 'Columbine'

Michael Moore's latest documentary is a curious case of slovenly brilliance. The unanimously winner of the Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival this spring, "Bowling for Columbine" became the first documentary to compete in the competition in 46 years. Ever since 1968's "Roger and Me," Michael Moore has offered us a candid and satirical look at the absurd in American culture.

This time Moore sets a tale of critical inquiry over America's gun-craze with servings of media mania and corporate controversy, invites president of the National Rifle Association Charlton Heston, James Nichols (brother of Timothy McVeigh partner Terry Nichols) and Marilyn Manson for candid interviews and lays out the April 1999 Columbine High School tragedy as the centerpiece.

The film takes its title from reports that students Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold showed McVeigh the morning before they went on their killing spree in Littleton, Colo. "Columbine" follows Moore on his quest to find out why America suffers from an epidemic of murder.

Moore begins his search for answers by opening an account at a Michigan bank that gives new customers a free gun. While flipping through their catalogue of rifles he asks incredulously, "You mean you're a bank and a licensed firearms dealer?"

He then travels to one of the world's largest weapons manufacturers, Lockheed Martin, which is located just a few miles from Columbine High and takes a tour. While there he points out that the United States dropped its largest amount of bombs during the war in Kosovo the morning of the Columbine shootings. Moore also has a very scary and Moore talks about how gun related violence has decreased by 20 percent in the last 15 years, news coverage of it has increased 600 percent. Half of the film is made up entirely by interviews and that is where Moore shows his genius. Although he sometimes uses the camera as both a pulpit and as a way to bully people, which happens when he takes his crusade to Kmart headquarters, Moore does his best work by simply getting people to speak candidly about their views. Most of what was educational and terrifying in this film actually came from people just answering honestly about what they thought.

What makes "Columbine" a solid film is that Moore does his homework by sighting very interesting facts and statistics. Moore points out that the NRA was founded in 1871, the same year that the KKK was declared an illegal terrorist organization and that 33 million people in the U.S. live in poverty. He illustrates what the requested increase for the U.S. military budget for 2003 is $396 billion, which is more than enough to adequately upgrade every wanting school in America. He also gives statistics showing the U.S. to have had 11,127 firearm homicides in the last year, which was around 100 times the number of all other countries such as Germany, France, Canada and Japan, Japan, in fact, only had 39.

The film is also served well by its editing and music. Moore chooses clips from local and national news stations depicting messages meant to scare and manipulate people. He points out that Americans live in a media culture and contrasts relatively non-dramatic clips from the BBC news with those from the United States in which the anchor's voice carries shrill, alarmed tones and suspenseful music plays in the background.

There is also a wonderfully put together sequence of the history of U.S. bombings and military campaigns in other countries over the years where Moore points out how many foreign people we've killed and how we trained the young men in Afghanistan how to fight against the Soviets.

Whatever your views, while watching this film it is good to remember that all stories are told with a good deal of personal bias and Moore's is no exception. It remains, however, that "Bowling for Columbine" is an exceptional film that should be seen by anyone who wishes to take being an American or living in America seriously.

"Bowling for Columbine" is a film that is designed to affect its viewers and is hugely successful in this attempt. In my experience, it left most of its audience either walking out of the theater or in thankful applause. While no doubt Moore certainly has his detractors, as will "Columbine," his insights and irony are brilliant. It is unfortunate that this film probably will be missed by those who need to see it most.

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Sollmann tabbed as preseason Big East Player of the Year

Special to The Observer

The preseason accolades have continued to pour in for Notre Dame baseball team, with junior second baseman Steve Sollmann and sophomore righthander Grant Johnson earning individual honors while the Irish have been picked to repeat as Big East conference champions.

The National College Baseball Writers Association named Sollmann a preseason second-team All-American while the Big East coaches named Sollmann the ninth-inning rally that eliminated Rice from the College World Series.

Johnson — who earned Freshman All-America honors from Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball — capped his stellar rookie season by earning a spot on the U.S. National Team. He was part of the starting rotation on an elite staff that led a Team USA record with its 1.48 summer ERA.

Johnson's freshman season with the Irish included a 3.46 ERA in 18 appearances. The 6-6, 250-pound southpaw allowed nine earned runs, made just one error and finished with nine hit batters.

Collegiate Baseball named Johnson the national pitcher of the week after his one-hit, one-walk performance in the 25-1 NCAA Tournament win over Indiana. He is the third Irish pitcher in the last four years to win a College World Series game.

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Sollmann’s other season stats included 47 RBI, two home runs, eight doubles, 6-6 of stolen bases and just eight errors in 59 games played (969 fielding pct.). His clutch hitting included a .443 batting average with runners in scoring position, highlighted by the game-tying hit in the ninth-inning rally that eliminated Rice from the College World Series.

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Wagner scores 29 as Cavaliers end 15-game skid

Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Rookie Dajuan Wagner scored 29 points to help the Cleveland Cavaliers snap their 15-game losing streak with a 111-101 victory over the Chicago Bulls.

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Jalen Rose scored 37 points to lead the Bulls, who have lost eight straight and 14 of 16.

Cleveland's two rookies missed all four of their shots in the fourth quarter as Chicago cut a 103-99 lead the Bulls, who have lost their last 15 games, down 92-90 with 1:38 to play. Davis returned from a two-game suspension by coach John MacLeod with teammate Tyrone Hill last Friday.

Before the game, Davis addressed the issue for the first time and said his outburst came out of the frustration of losing.

Hill also returned after missing two games with a sprained left ankle. He had nine rebounds as Cleveland controlled the boards, 56-38.

Sixers 99, Celtics 93

Allen Iverson had 27 points and Derrick Coleman scored a season-high 20 as the Philadelphia 76ers extended their winning streak to eight and stayed perfect at home with victory over the Boston Celtics.

Ernie Snow made a spinning 12-foot jumper to break a 92-92 tie, and Coleman made a 3-pointer with 1:10 left to cap a 9-0 run and give Philadelphia a 97-92 lead. Iverson made two free throws with 28.9 seconds left to seal the win.

Keith Van Horn had 13 points and matched a season-high with 13 rebounds, and Snow added 13 points and eight assists for the 76ers, who are 1-0 at home.

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But his ballhandling and passing looked sharp after that, including several spins and behind-the-back moves as he drove to the hoop.

Davis also had eight rebounds, and his five assists could have been higher if several crisp passes inside hadn't been mishandled or ended up as missed shots.

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Judge awards $506 million to 46 videotaped athletes

Associated Press

CHICAGO

A federal judge has ordered eight companies and three people to pay $506 million to 46 male college athletes who were secretly videotaped in locker rooms, restrooms and showers.

The videotapes were sold through Internet sites advertising "hot younger dudes."

"We look at this judgment as the court system sending a signal to the sexual predators that they're not going to get away with this," said attorney Cindy Fluxgold, who represents several of the athletes.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles P. Kocoras' decision, handed down last week, grants the remainder of the $506 million award pays costs and attorneys' fees.

Kocoras also ordered the defendants to surrender the videotapes and get out of the business of making and selling them.

The tapes, with names such as "Straight Off the Mat" and "Voyeur Time," first came to light in April 1999, when the Chicago Tribune reported that hidden-camera videotapes, including footage taken during a 1995 wrestling tournament at Northwestern University, were being marketed online and by mail.

No criminal charges were filed. Illinois has since enacted a law making it illegal to secretly film anyone in locker rooms or bathrooms.

Fluxgold said that the 46 unnamed plaintiffs represent a fraction of the men caught on tape, many of whom have not been identified. She said she didn't have an accurate count of how many athletes were videotaped, but that the number is "in the multiple hundreds of people."

The lawsuit alleged invasion of privacy, unlawful use of the plaintiffs' images for monetary gain, and mail and wire fraud under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

The plaintiffs, who were granted anonymity by the court, are described in the lawsuit as 28 "John Does" and "unknown Illinois State University football players."

The lawsuit says they are past or present athletes at Northwestern, Illinois, Illinois State, Eastern Illinois, Indiana, Penn, Iowa State and Michigan State.


The District Court clerk's office said no attorneys had appeared on behalf of the defendants since at least 2000. No telephone numbers could immediately be found.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Webber's father admits receiving gifts from booster

Associated Press

DETROIT

The father of former Michigan basketball star Chris Webber acknowledged in testimony before a federal grand jury that he took gifts from a banned booster.

Mayes Webber Jr.'s admission in court documents was the first time he publicly acknowledged taking anything from Eddie Martin, who pleaded guilty in May to money laundering before a federal grand jury. All three have pleaded innocent. Each charge carries a maximum prison term of 20 years.

Webber Jr. "acknowledged that Martin had given some gifts to him, and Martin put a hotel bill on a charge card and paid it back," his lawyer, Robert Morgan, said in a request last month in U.S. District Court that the indictment to be dismissed.

Morgan declined comment Tuesday. Webber Jr. testified in June before the grand jury.

According to the News, a university report said that Martin paid for a hotel room for an unidentified player's father and apparently was repaid in cash. Martin violated NCAA rules when he paid for the room.

Prosecutors said Martin gave the Webber family $280,000 between 1988 and 1993, but Webber Jr. denied the claims in March.

Now with the Sacramento Kings, Chris Webber told the grand jury in August 2000 that he took gifts from Martin in high school, but couldn't remember whether he took money while at Michigan, according to a partial transcript of his testimony.

Steven Levy, who represents Webber Jr.'s sister-in-law, said she wouldn't accept any plea bargain and doubted any of the three defendants would plead guilty to a lesser offense.

Attorneys for the Webbers won't comment on possibilities of a plea bargain.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmunds will meet with attorneys Monday to decide when to hear defense motions calling for the prosecution's indictment to be thrown out.

Keith Corbett, head of the U.S. attorney's organized crime strike force in Detroit, said if the trials were scheduled during the NBA season, Webber would still be expected to show up.

The government may seek to delay Martin's Feb. 20 sentencing until after he testifies at a criminal trial.
NHL

Sharks hire Wilson as new head coach

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Ron Wilson was hired to coach the San Jose Sharks, days after the team fired Darryl Sutter and his two assistants.

Wilson, fired by Washington last May after four mostly successful seasons, coached the U.S. team in the 1998 Olympics and in two World Cups. He also spent four years as the first coach of division rival Anaheim.

The Sharks moved quickly to fill their vacancy with a veteran coach. Sutter, the winningest coach in franchise history, was fired on Sunday along with assistants Rich Preston and Lorne Mekken in a surprising shakeup of a struggling team that aspires to be a Stanley Cup contender.

"Ron Wilson is an experienced NHL coach with a strong track record in both the regular season and the playoffs," Sharks general manager Dean Lombardi said in a release.

The Sharks struggled to an 8-12-2-2 start that put them in last place in the Pacific Division, but they got a 3-2 overtime victory over Phoenix when San Jose hosts Columbus. Following Saturday night's home game against Nashville, the Sharks have four days off, which will allow Wilson to further implement his plans.

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Wilson had his greatest success in Washington, where he led the Capitals to the Stanley Cup finals in 1998. He won two division titles, and he led Washington to 102 points in the 2000-01 season — more points than the Sharks have earned in any of their 12 seasons.

Wilson had been out of coaching since leaving Washington, where the Capitals missed the playoffs by two points following a 36-33-11-2 season. He apparently was the only candidate interviewed by Lombardi, who promised his search wouldn't take more than a few days.

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NFL

Faulk may start Sunday vs. Chiefs

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ST. LOUIS — There's a chance St. Louis Rams running back Marshall Faulk could make his first start in four weeks Sunday at Kansas City.

Faulk played as a reserve last week after missing two games with a high sprain on his right ankle, and he ran nine times for 29 yards. Head coach Mike Martz said that Faulk was "no worse for the wear."

Offensive tackle Orlando Pace might miss the rest of the season with what Martz characterized as a "significant hamstring tear."

"If we have him back at the end of the year for a game, I think we'd be very fortunate," the coach said.

Martz said rookie Lamar Gordon, despite continued fumbling problems, probably would get his third straight start at tailback. But he left the door open for Faulk, who again is listed as questionable.

"I don't know where Marshall is for sure," Martz said. "As the week goes on, if he feels real good, then we'll start him. But that'll be up to Marshall."

Martz said the injury isn't going to heal before the offseason.

"I think this is something he's going to have to deal with," Martz said. "It probably won't get a whole heck of a lot better through the rest of the season, so we'll monitor that."

Quarterback Kurt Warner and Marc Bulger also were listed as questionable, although Warner is expected to miss at least two weeks with a broken hand. Bulger has made slow progress after spraining a ligament on his right index finger Nov. 18 against the Bears. Martz said he would like to hold him out of practice all week.

Martz added that Bulger's finger can be taped to allow him to throw Sunday if needed. He'll probably be the backup behind Jamie Martin, although the Rams also re-signed Scott Govettion.

Major League Baseball

Sox' Thomas running out of time

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Frank Thomas is running out of time to find a better deal.

The two-time AL MVP has until Dec. 7 to sign with another club or return to his existing contract with the Chicago White Sox. Thomas is the free agent market for the first time in his career after the White Sox invoked a contract clause that allows them to defer most of his $10 million salary.

"Frank's a free agent, and he's still out there exploring," White Sox general manager Kenny Williams said. "We will inform us on the seventh as to what he's found and we'll continue to monitor it up until that date. At that point and time, on the seventh, I'll have more to say on the subject."

But odds are Thomas will find himself back in a White Sox uniform again next season. The free agent market is lighter than in recent years with the luxury tax looming, and there's been little visible interest in the slugger.

If Thomas does stay in Chicago, his paychecks are going to have a few less zeros.

Thomas signed a contract in 1997 that was to pay him $9,927,000 deferred with 7.73 percent compounded interest. But because he didn't make the All-Star team, didn't finish among the top 10 in MVP voting and didn't win a Silver Slugger this season, the White Sox invoked what's called the "diminished skills" clause, allowing them to cut his upfront salary.
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- Oklahoma 12-6
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**Irish look to get back on track at ND Invite**

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The Notre Dame men’s swimming and diving team will have plenty of chances to show its talent in the pool this weekend.

The Irish host the Notre Dame Invitational starting today at Rolfs Aquatic Center. Five other teams will be in attendance at the three-day event — Virginia, Louisville, Wyoming, North Dakota and Saint Louis.

Junior Matt Obringer cited Big East rival West Virginia as a tough competitor.

Freshman Tim Randolph said Wyoming and North Dakota also have swimmers with fast times.

Notre Dame will look to dominate the field after a close loss to a talented Purdue team. The three-day meet format is similar to the schedule of the Big East Championships in February.

“We feel really prepared for this meet,” Obringer said. “It will be a good marker of where we are with our season right now.”

The Irish will concentrate on qualifying swimmers for the Big East Championships, especially the freshmen.

“This will be the first opportunity for the freshmen to see what the championship format is like at the college level,” Obringer said.

Several of the participating teams have faced one another or common opponents already this season. Louisville lost to West Virginia and TCU — a team the Irish defeated Nov. 16. Wyoming beat North Dakota in a dual meet earlier.

The three-day format will be a test of the swimmers’ endurance and focus. Team unity and support is crucial in keeping the athletes motivated all weekend.

“Having a good team atmosphere while we’re out there has a bigger effect than other people think,” Randolph said. “Just staying motivated and cheering for each other is really huge.”

The Notre Dame Invitational will be a great opportunity for the Irish (4-3) to make a statement in the pool and prepare themselves for important upcoming meets.

The Invitational will take place all day today, Friday and Saturday.

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and they play defense like USC and we thought that would be an advantage for us to have had a game like that, so we thought we'd be a little more ready," McGraw said. "But we actually looked really unprepared."

The Irish saw domination only once in the game. In the opening minutes of the second half, after allowing the Crusaders to score on two Jeannette Gray free-throws, Notre Dame scored 12 unanswered points in three minutes, taking a 42-30 lead with 15 minutes left to play.

"We got out and were able to transition and got some easy baskets," McGraw said. "That's what we had not been getting and did not get outside of that little stretch."

After that, it was a struggle for Notre Dame to keep the lead. With just under five minutes remaining, Le'Tania Severe, who had the best Notre Dame defensive performance along with 15 points, scored Notre Dame's last field goal. It was foul shooting for the rest of the game. In fact, in the second half of play, Notre Dame scored 23 points on foul shots; the Irish only scored 20 points from the floor.

"There were a number of things [that didn't go well]," Ratay hit six field goals and one trey on the way to a team-high 21 points.

"I knew that was getting closer and closer and I knew I had to score," Ratay said.

The Irish will have two days off before traveling to Arizona State to face the Sun Devils on Saturday.

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4. Goner? (7)
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7. Doy (11)
8. Nuts dancer (6)
9. Extended periods (13)
10. With 38- and 56-Arrows, who's hidden in this puzzle (16)
11. St. Peter was the first (10)
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13. Stubborn, as a problem (20)
14. Yap, or one, in the western Pacific (16)
15. Decorated plots (26)

**DOWN**

1. Super Putt (6)
2. Academic challenge (6)
3. Coast square (6)
4. Exxon's home (6)
5. Teacher's instruction (8)
6. Hagar the Horrible's wife (8)
7. Extraterrestrial item (8)
8. Barnacle is its capital (8)
9. American toy sitcom of 1945 (10)
10. Can't go on, slow! (10)

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33 Tell on social or graph (10)
35 Horrible grade on a test (8)
36 Irish relative (5)
37 Speedy fliers (7)
39 Intrepid (6)
40 Socialite's words (9)
41 Aviod (6)
42 Scream, at times (8)
46 Lives as a pontiff (8)
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**Horoscope**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Strom Thurmond, Morgan Brittany, Carrie Hamilton, Joan Cusack

Happy Birthday! It's time to take control and make your move. You must concentrate or you're going to be sidetracked. Be smart, do your research well and nothing will stand in your way. Your numbers are 13, 26, 22, 29, 38.

**Aries** (March 21–April 19): Work may prove to be frustrating. Superiors will put unreasonable demands on you. Do your job quickly and look forward to spending an evening socializing with friends. ★★★★★

**Taurus** (April 20–May 20): People from your past are popping up all over. Keep your eyes open as past romantic partners may show new interest in you. This is a great day for business connections. ★★★★★

**Gemini** (May 21–June 20): You're ready to get involved in competitive sports. You have fans of energy to spend. Emotional relationships will be extremely satisfying. ★★★★★

**Cancer** (June 21–July 22): Don't rush things. Take your time, look around and discover who it is that will really satisfy your needs. Someone you love may become erratic if you have been too busy.★★★★

**Leo** (July 23–Aug. 22): Sincere with friends and peers. You may find that people from your past or those you don't get to see often will unexpectedly show up. Be ready to change plans.★★★★★

**Virgo** (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Concentrate on impressing those you work with and for. Your ideas and efforts will be well received. You may find that someone at home will be difficult to live with.★★★★

**Libra** (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): Your ability to see both sides of an issue will enable you to keep your feet harnessing when dealing with groups. Changes and busy activities in your home will cause fatigue. Be sure not to property and get some rest.★★★★

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): You will be able to handle the fine details concerning functions both at work and at home. Don't overthink it, or questions, the decisions made by others. Work quickly on your own.★★★★

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): You are willing and able to dig in and help others. Your creativity for unique solutions and your efforts will be appreciated. It's time to address personal problems head-on.★★★★

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Work behind the scenes on important deals that must be completed before the end of the year. This is a time to make changes, but certainly not a time to gamble. Make sure your heart done your research.★★★★

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Socializing or a party should allow you to play more and win points with people who can make a difference. Articulate what it is you want to accomplish and others will bend over backward to help you succeed.★★★★★

**PISCES** (Feb. 19–March 20): You can make money if you make decisions quickly. Emotions may get out of hand if in a hurry you haven't done your share of the work. Libra: Publish some balance between your work and home life. 2 stars

**Birthday Baby:** You will have built-in know how when it comes to getting ahead.

Your charm, coupled with intensity and ambition, will take you a long way. ★★★★★

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**School Daze**

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Too close for comfort

No. 9 Irish have trouble with Valparaiso, but escape with 74-68 victory

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

VALPARAISO, Ind.
The war wasn’t holy.
Nonetheless, the crusade was on.
Valparaiso was on a quest to end its 15-game losing streak to Notre Dame, and the Crusaders almost reached the promised land.
With just under two minutes left, the Crusaders were trailing the ninth-ranked Irish by only seven. But the Irish won the final battle, and Notre Dame managed the 74-68 victory.
But right now, they don’t want to have to fight again.
"This has been a tough place for us to play," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "... We just didn’t have an answer for her. She did pretty much whatever she wanted to.
The Irish, on the other hand, looked anything but ready to play and McGraw had to keep her team focused on the task at hand. In the first half, Notre Dame only out-rebounded its much smaller opponent by two. The Irish looked sluggish and, despite facing a similar defense in USC, the offense looked like it was completely unfamiliar with its opponent.
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Irish coach

"We played fearlessly," said Crusaders guard Kathy Knoester, who totaled 14 points in a strong second half of play.
Under the leadership of junior Suzie Hammel, who scored 17 points, the Crusaders played above and beyond the expectations of their opponent. In the first half, Valparaiso rebounded from a nine-point deficit to bring the game within three as the teams headed into the locker room.
"I thought Hammel was outstanding," McGraw said. "She was impossible for us to guard...
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MENS SWIMMING

Notre Dame Invitational

Today-Saturday
The swimming team will face off against competitive squads from across the country in the Notre Dame Invitational today, Friday and Saturday.

ANALYSIS

Gator Bowl will choose Irish if BCS overlooks them

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s bowl picture is slowly coming into focus, and the Irish may not like the image they see.
The only way the 10-2 Irish can lock up a spot in a BCS bowl is by earning one of the two at-large spots and finishing in the top 12 of the final BCS rankings released Sunday. If Notre Dame doesn’t qualify for a BCS bowl, the team would probably be heading for the Gator Bowl, according to a Gator Bowl official.
The Irish officially learn their bowl fate Sunday.

Irish running back Marcus Wilson rushes against USC. Without help this weekend, the Irish will likely head to the Gator Bowl.

Notre Dame’s BCS hopes is that one of the at-large berths may have already disappeared. The Big Ten announced Tuesday 11-1 Iowa was guaranteed a berth in one of the BCS bowls, most likely the Rose Bowl.
Assuming Miami and Washington State win Saturday, each clinching their respective conference championships, USC would finish fourth in the BCS standings and automatically clinch the final at-large spot. According to the BCS rules, a team that finishes fourth in the final rankings but doesn’t win its conference championship is guaranteed a BCS berth.
If that scenario becomes a reality and the Irish aren’t selected for a BCS berth, a Gator Bowl representative said the Gator Bowl would choose Notre Dame.
Moreover, because a non-BCS Notre Dame team falls into the Big East bowl arrangements, the Irish could not reject a Gator Bowl invitation in favor of another bowl.
That means the Irish would face 10-3 North Carolina State on Jan. 1 in Jacksonville, Fla. Under that situation, Miami and Ohio State would meet in the Fiesta Bowl for the national championship, the SEC champ would play ACC champ Florida State in the Sugar Bowl and automatically clinch the final at-large spot.

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