Kroc estate donates $50 million to ND
Philanthropist leaves largest single gift in University history to institute for peace studies

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Editor

A speech promoting peace made 18 years ago by then University President Theodore Hesburgh inspired the late Joan Kroc to bequeath $50 million — the largest single gift in Notre Dame history — in her will to the peace institute she helped establish and fund. Kroc, a philanthropist and the widow of McDonald's Corp. founder Ray Kroc, specified in her will that the money should be used to strengthen the graduate program in the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies and toward the Institute's strategic plan, Scott Appleby, director of the institute, said.

"We need to build a program that will be a pioneer in the field of peace studies and public policy regarding justice, peace and human rights issues," Appleby said. "The program will be distinctive because it will bear the marks of Notre Dame, namely specific expertise in religious and cultural dimensions of conflict and a long-term commitment to various conflict settings."

Kroc, who had no connection to Notre Dame prior to hearing that speech, previously made a series of gifts to establish the Institute and to build Illesburg Institute for International Studies. She donated a total of $69.1 million to the University. University spokesmen and Dennis Brown said it was unusual for someone who did have a direct relationship with Notre Dame to make such a large gift, however, Hesburgh's speech prompted Kroc to focus her philanthropy in the past 15 to 20 years on peace issues and human rights.

Scott Appleby
Kroc Institute for Peace Studies
director

Notre Dame spend at least $69.1 million, the widow of McDonald's Corp. gift in Notre Dame history.

Kroc was not directly involved with the day-to-day operations of the institute, she did maintain close relationships with Hesburgh and the institute directors.

Kroc's gift parallels the second-largest single gift of $35 million made by Thomas and Kathy Mendota to enhance the academic curriculum of the College of Business Administration, Brown said.

The gift will endow the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh Fund for Graduate Peace Studies and further the institute's strategic plan. Appleby said the strategic plan will expand the graduate program horizon to three years, which will incorporate a semester of field research.

Banner aims to boost ND football morale

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

With the Fighting Irish loss column steadily growing and student confidence rapidly shrinking, Alumni Association Executive Director Chuck Lennon decided it was time to unite the campus community behind its football team.

After a weekend of brainstorming and the team's disheartening loss to Boston College, Lennon and other campus leaders announced their plan, the Notre Dame Spirit Banner project. Tuesday is intended to boost morale and demonstrate unity, the display will consist of two oversized bed sheets bearing the words "We Are ND" with handwritten messages of encouragement from students and alumni.

"It started with [University spokesman] Matt Storin and [Coach Bill Nichols, associate dean] by talking about what we could do to bring the excitement, the morale the energy back to where it was before this upset loss," Lennon said. "In his press conference, [Coach Tyrone Willingham] talked about how much his team will need a lift from the crowd on Saturday against Florida State ... We talked about hanging sheets from forms, but we wanted to make a bigger statement by sewing 500 feet together."

James O'Connor, director of retail operations at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, added that the idea for the banner was consistent with Lennon's personality and reputation.

"The program is indicative of Chuck Lennon's energy and spirit," O'Connor said. "He was talking about the atmosphere on campus with the miserable weather and the

SMC will use AED machines

Devices respond to cardiac arrest crises

By ANGELA SOAUD
News Writer

Saint Mary's security has added an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program to its emergency response services in order to more quickly aid people suffering from cardiac arrest attacks. When a person suffers from cardiac arrest, he or she has only a few vital minutes to get help.

"The only use of an AED machine is to save someone's life," said Mary Pat Leonard, health and safety director for the Fort Wayne American Heart Association. "AED works as sort of a jumper cable to get the heart pumping again."

The paddles of the AED device are placed on the chest of a cardiac arrest victim by an emergency worker. If the machine does not detect a heartbeat, the paddles will charge. After following the automated voice prompts, a button is depressed and a shock is delivered to the person. This process is repeated until a heartbeat is detected or until medical help arrives.

"By having this machine on campus, we're cutting down response time to get to the victim," said College Safety Officer Dan Woods. "The first few minutes after someone is down are critical, and any-

Colleges debate foreign language requirement

Engineering, business schools discuss concerns about availability of other options

By WILL PUCKETT
News Writer

The majority of students at Notre Dame spend at least one semester learning a foreign language. Simple enough — except that a third or more of Notre Dame students do not have to fulfill a language requirement at all.

That's because the College of Business and the College of Engineering do not, in general, have a language requirement. Other undergraduate colleges require their students to take at least one language course at Notre Dame, and sometimes as many as three, without even being a language major.

"Adding a requirement for the College of Business has been discussed, said Samuel Gagli, assistant dean of the College of Business. "It's been discussed, but it was a conscious decision not to make [foreign language study] a requirement," Gagli said. "There's a limit to the number of requirements we can put in place."

Gagli also expressed concern that a language requirement for business students would take away from other opportunities available at the University.

"We don't want to take away choices, such as double majors, minors and the like," Gagli said. "We encourage language for those who seek it out, but we want that to be the student's choice."

Mihir Sen, professor and director of undergraduate studies for aerospace and mechanical engineering, expressed many of the same concerns as Gagli.

"There's too many requirements for engineering majors, and to add a language requirement would not fit in the curriculum," Sen said.

Bill Nichols, associate dean and professor of accountancy in the College of Business, said that he believed conversational language should be less emphasized as opposed to learning about what makes a country work.

"Understanding cultures and the economics is more

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**Inside Column**

**Lovin' country**

Most people know what you get when you play country music backwards: Your wife back, your job back, your truck back and your dog back.

Sure, this is the typical stereotypical, and that is just what it should be.

I am proud to say that I listen to country. I fill my time, and I tune the radio to it because I like to hear about broken hearts, pickup trucks and creating the county line. Anything else simply would not be country music.

Sadly, the airwaves the past few years have experienced a severe lack of tears and twang. Even Kid Rock and Sheryl Crow made it to the top of the country charts. Don't get me wrong — "Picture" is a very good song, and there is nothing wrong with music that has more of a pop sound to it.

However, there is already a genre for music that sounds like pop. It's called pop. Go figure.

Just by looking at the lyrics of the song played on country radio today, versus seven or eight years ago, it is easy to see the change.

Back then, Clint Black released songs including "Like the Rain," which has more traditional lines like "Every thunder cloud that came was one more I might not get through." It's depressing, it's kind of corny, it's country.

Most recently, Shania Twain hit the charts with "Up!" which contains the line, "Even my skin is acting weird. I wish that I could grow a beard." Okay, maybe this is an extreme example. After all, Twain has become one of the worst critics ever.

Either way, the point is not that the quality of country music has gone down. What matters is that many of the country songs lately are losing the qualities that make country what it is.

Rap fans choose to listen to rap because they happen to like it. Classic rock fans like their music because they enjoy classic rock. Those of us who like country don't turn on the country station because we want to hear pop.

Once again, liking pop is not wrong. It has its qualities just like all things. It is not my place to say what genre of music is the best, but country at least deserves to stay what it has been: the music of pain.

I have heard, on more than one occasion, someone say, "Oh, I listen to all kinds of music, except country." While this does hurt me to hear, I can still respect their opinions.

A lot of people hate country music, and I think it would be a true shame to rob these people of their hatred by disguising country to sound like something more mainstream.

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**Question of the Day:** What would you do if you won the $190 million Powerball drawing?

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"I would build a co-ed dorm off-campus that would have it's own shuttle." 

"I would buy a giant Klondike bar and a pet llama to ride to class." 

"I'd get a personal trainer to get in shape and then travel to Italy and lay out on the beach all day." 

"I would buy a car, buy plenty of refreshments for Zahm, and invest the rest of my money." 

"I'd bribe Father Malloy to get rid of parietals." 

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**Offbeat**

**New Jersey wants more goats**

TRENTON — State agricultural officials want to boost the number of goat farmers in the Garden State.

The effort is being driven in part by a growing demand for goat meat, a red meat that is leaner than beef. While most of the demand comes from Greeks, Mexicans, Asians and other immigrants from countries where goat is popular, experts say it's also gaining popularity in America.

"Agriculture in the U.S. used to be the farmer produced the animal the way he wanted it. Now you have to produce the product that the consumer wants," Dan Wunderlich, an agent with Rutgers Cooperative Extension in Sussex County, told The Star-Ledger of Newark for Monday's edition.

Wunderlich is spearheading the state's goat project, in which New Jersey will use a $31,000 federal grant to encourage more farmers to raise the animals.

**Activists fight lap dance ban**

LOS ANGELES — Opponents of a city ordinance banning lap dancing at strip clubs, bikini bars and adult bookstores are not taking the ban sitting down.

Activists said Monday they have collected more than 106,000 signatures opposing the "no-touch" rule that would require dancers to remain at least six feet from customers. If 56,941 signatures on the petitions are verified, the City Council can either rescind the proposed ordinance or placing a referendum on it.

**In Brief**

Newsmaker Mike Wallace will speak today at 9:30 a.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium. Preferred seating will be available for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

Princess Emraida Kiram will deliver a lecture titled "Being a Muslim in Christian Philippines." The lecture takes place at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center and is sponsored by the Philippine-American Student Organization. A reception will follow the lecture.

Robert Vacca, assistant professor in the Department of Classics, will present a colloquium entitled, "What was Athenian Liberalism?" The colloquium will take place Thursday at 4 p.m. in 116 DeBartolo.

Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids will hold a Halloween costume party on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. The event is free but participants are encouraged to donate to the club.

The Glee Club will present their Fall Concert Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Thursday's concert is free. Tickets are available for Friday's concert at the LaFortune Box Office for $3.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Coppedge urges stability
Professor criticizes democratization theories

By KATHERINE GALES
News Writer

Michael Coppedge, associate professor of political science, presented a lecture Tuesday entitled, "What do we know about democratization and how well do we know it?"

The lecture highlighted Coppedge’s research in the field of conditions promoting stable democracy using case studies and quantitative analysis. Coppedge said the main points of understanding democratization are a theory’s “thickness, generality, and integration ... it’s difficult to have a theory that hits all three.”

When analyzing democratization, Coppedge said, “[We must] keep limitations in mind so we don’t exaggerate the understanding of democracy we have right now.”

"Frameworks are better than checklists because they are more selective," Coppedge said. "They put things together to form a more general theory. More general theories can be applied in more circumstances, giving them more credibility, he said. However, "they are not reliable guidance about what [factors] matter, how much or in what combination they matter.”

Comparative histories offer "a wealth of historical knowledge ... and use structuralism as a lens for myopia. They give more weight to structural conditions,” Coppedge said. However, “it is a skeletal metaphor - most works cover different portions of a set of transitions.”

Coppedge emphasized the importance of good data collection and testing. His statistical approach to theory building gives added credibility to the work in his field. He closed with an explanation of the newest theory of democratization, the Rational Choice Theory. Coppedge earned his Ph.D. from Yale in 1988 and specializes in democratization, quality of democracy, Latin American parties and party systems and Venezuelan politics.

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Panelists will examine journalism craft, ethics

Members of the John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy will be featured

"Journalism Ethics: The Craft of Credibility” will be the subject of a public forum Monday, Nov. 3, at Notre Dame. It will begin at 3 p.m. in rooms 100-104 of McKenna Hall and is free and open to the public.

Panelists will discuss ethical problems that recently have occurred in journalism and point out potential concerns for news gathering and reporting in the future. The forum will feature members of the advisory committee of the John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics & Democracy.

Committee members include Tom Bettag, senior executive producer of ABC News’ “Nightline,” Bill Dwyre, sports editor of the Los Angeles Times; John W. Gallivan, former chairman of the board of Kearns-Tribune Corporation and publisher emeritus of the Salt Lake City Tribune; Monica Yant Kinney, metro columnist of the Philadelphia Inquirer; John McMeel, chairman of Andrews McMeel Universal; Bill Mitchell, online editor/marketing director of the Poynter Institute for Media Studies; Anne Thompson, national correspondent for NBC News; Kelley Tuthill, anchor-reporter at WCJB-TV, Boston; and Don Wycliff, public editor of the Chicago Tribune.

The committee, which oversees the curriculum and activities of the University’s undergraduate concentration in journalism, was formed in 1997 and is composed of Notre Dame graduates involved in various aspects of communications.

The Gallivan Program was established with a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and is now supported with an endowment created by the family of John Gallivan.

It offers students professional training in journalistic skills along with examination of the social, political, economic and philosophical concerns related to the practice of journalism.

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thing we can do to speed response time can only help. When an AED machine is purchased, it is required by law that the people who will be using it undergo training. Last week, security team members underwent a two-session emergency training program where they were taught CPR, the Heimlich maneuver and how to use the AED in an emergency situation. All full-time security officers were trained.

The AED machine is ready

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Bush vows to alter Iraq tactics

President faces questions regarding increase of violence in U.S.-occupied Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facing a surge in violence, President Bush said Tuesday the United States will change tactics and stiffen its resolve in Iraq and will not be intimidated by a wave of violence intended on discouraging cooperation with the American occupation.

"We're constantly looking at the enemy and adjusting," Bush said. "Iraq is dangerous, and it's dangerous because we have determined to leave, and we're not leaving.

Twelve months before the presidential election, Bush made a broad defense of his foreign policy during a news conference, saying he will tell Americans during the upcoming campaign that "the world is more peaceful and more free under my leadership and America's more secure.

A day after bombings in Iraq killed three dozen people, Bush came to the Rose Garden on a chilly fall morning to announce the United States would set up more checkpoints and inspections and seek to give Iraqis a bigger role in intelligence-gathering to thwart insurgents.

Bush's words appeared intended to address criticism — particularly from Democratic presidential candidates — that the White House had failed to anticipate the violence in Iraq and was uncertain about how to deal with it and protect American lives.

Blaming the increase in bloodshed on foreign terrorists, Bush said more troops would be deployed along Iraq's borders.

Iraq dominated the 48-hour news conference, and Bush also:

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and a final semester in which lessons learned both in the classroom and the field are inte-
grated.

"Students (currently) don't have the sufficient time to reflect what they are learning, and there is no true research compo-
nent in the field," Appleby said. The current program has 24 students from 17 different coun-
tries, who range in age from their early 20s to their 30s, and consists of an 11-month pro-
gram without field research. Kroc's gift will cover the cost of both supervising fieldwork and providing courses in strate-
gic peace building.

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Students will have the chance to contribute their mes-
gages when the two sheets are displayed in front of both dining halls Thursday. Around 6:00 p.m., the sheets will be symboli-
cally joined and the band will march through campus, followed by student volun-
teers carrying the signed ban-
ner. The procession will con-
tinue to the practice field where it will greet the players and provide encouragement for peace and justice." Appleby said.

Appleby said Kroc's gift will strengthen Notre Dame's peace studies program in comparison to its peer institutions and the improvements in the graduate program will carry over to the undergraduate program.

Appleby said he hopes the additional faculty hired for the graduate program will also teach undergraduate courses and intends to foster interaction between undergraduate and graduate students within the program.

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Business students did not seem to believe that a lan-
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"We have the opportunity to
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James O'Connor
bookstore director

"I think a language would help, but I think it should be more of an option than a requirement." Heinlein said. Some College of Business stu-
dents were opposed entire-
lly to a language require-
ment.

"I think it's good the way it is, and there's no reason to change anything," sopho-
more Sean Ryan said.

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Thousands flock to Mishawaka grand opening of legendary doughnut shop

By MATT BRAMANTI

MISHAWAKA — After months of anticipation, Michiana residents saw the light. The Krispy Kreme “Hot Light,” that is. The popular doughnut chain opened its newest store in Mishawaka. Tuesday morning, and area residents came in droves. The doors opened at 6:30 a.m. and employees switched on the Hot Lights — neon signs that invite patrons to try “Hot Doughnuts.”

Hundreds of customers braved the chilling rain, arriving long before dawn. Many waited in line for hours, like Aycock, who ran in front of the store for days, hoping to be among the first to sample the chain’s signature Original Glazed doughnuts.

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China

Leaders visit North Korea

Associated Press

BEIJING — China's No. 2 leader began a "goodwill visit" to North Korea on Wednesday as efforts mount to convene a second round of six-nation talks on the insular nation's nuclear program — a parley that would probably be held, like its predecessor, in Beijing.

Wu Bangguo, a member of the Communist Party's Standing Committee and head of China's legislature, is heading a state delegation that also includes a vice premier, Zeng Peiyan, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Also aboard: Wang Yi, the diplomat who is China's point man on North Korea.

A top-level military official is also on the trip, Xinhua said. The North's official news agency, KCNA, reported the party arrived in Pyongyang late Wednesday morning "at the invitation" of North Korea and was lending support "to the efforts of the Korean people to build a great prosperous powerful nation."

"The two sides are expected to have a friendly and in-depth exchange of views on regional and international affairs and other issues of common interest," Xinhua said.

The trip by Wu is the high-

est-level visit to the North by a Chinese leader in more than two years. It comes as China encourages the reconvening of six-nation talks over the North's nuclear program. Pyongyang is believed to already have one or two atomic bombs, and recently said it extracted plutonium from its stash of 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods to build more.

Many believe Beijing, North Korea's most powerful ally, is exerting pressure on Pyongyang through diplomatic channels.

The two countries have taken divergent paths, with China embracing economic reform and opening to the world, and the North remaining reclusive and dogmatic. But KCNA exhorted the two neighbors to draw closer against outside threats. It said the friendship has "long and deep roots" and is "unbreakable."

"The reality today, when the imperialists are making desperate efforts to stiffle socialism and complicated problems crop up in the international relations, calls for further developing the tradition of unity and cooperation between ... the DPRK and China," it said.

The initials stand for the North's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Wang said Beijing wants Pyongyang to dismantle its nuclear weapons program immediately.

The North said last week it was not interested in more talks unless Washington agrees to discuss signing a nonaggression treaty barring the United States from launching a preemptive attack.

But a few days later, it said it would consider U.S. President George W. Bush's offer for written security assurances to resolve the crisis.

The dual responses are characteristic of the North's delicate balance of brinkmanship — welcoming progress, then rejecting it, then welcoming it again.

China, in its dealings with North Korea, is struggling to balance its duty to its longtime communist ally and neighbor with its deep trepidation at what a nuclear Korean Peninsula might mean for Chinese security. Beijing has long said it wants a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula.

Six-nation talks in Beijing in August brought together the two Koreas, China, the United States, Japan and Russia to discuss Pyongyang's nuclear program.

The talks adjourned with no concrete progress but with a promise to meet again — an agreement that the North since has questioned.

Last week, though, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhang Qiyue referred to "the next round of Beijing talks," implying that China considers them a certainty.

MEXICO

OAS ends two day summit on terrorism

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — High-level officials of the Organization of American States ended two days of talks Tuesday with a new security agenda encompassing a broad range of threats, ranging from terrorism and arms trafficking to AIDS, poverty and natural disasters.

They approved a separate agreement to "fight terrorism in all its forms" and to support Colombia's ongoing fight against drug trafficking and rebels.

The Declaration on Security in the Americas notes that the Western Hemisphere's traditional concept and approach (to security) must be expanded to encompass new and nontraditional threats, which include political, economic, social, health, and environmental aspects.

OAS subcommittees will now be in charge of developing new tools to fight the threats.

Addressing a major theme of the conference, the declaration recommends that the OAS' Committee on Hemispheric Security thoroughly analyze the relevance of the 1947 Rio Treaty, a Cold War-era accord that called for all countries in the hemisphere to defend each other in case of attack.

Many countries consider the treaty a relic that the U.S. government used to justify fighting communist groups in Central America during the Cold War.

Its usefulness also was called into question when countries tried unsuccessfully to invoke it after Britain sent troops to recapture the Falkland Islands from Argentina in 1982.

Mexico withdrew from the treaty in September 2002 and some countries in the hemisphere never ratified it. Brazilian Foreign Secretary Celso Amorim said Tuesday that "given that the treaty was drafted in other historical circum-
stances, it should be revis-
ed."
Car bombing kills at least four

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A car bomb exploded Tuesday west of Baghdad, killing at least four people a day after three dozen people died in a wave of suicide bombings in the Iraqi capital. U.S. officials said one of Baghdad’s three deputy mayors was killed in a hit-and-run shooting.

The latest attacks, including the killing Sunday of Deputy Mayor Faris Abdul Razzaq al-Assam, raised fears that a strengthened insurgency is increasingly targeting Iraqis who work with the U.S.-led coalition as well as international groups that had considered themselves at less risk than U.S. soldiers.

Despite the escalation in attacks on Iraqis, American forces remained targets, with insurgents firing on a U.S. military base and convoy in two northern cities Tuesday.

In Baghdad, a rocket-propelled grenade attack killed one U.S. soldier and wounded six others while they were trying to destroy roadside bombs, the U.S. military said Tuesday.

The soldiers, from the 1st Armored Division, were attacked Monday, the same day a team of members from the 1st Infantry Division, witnesses said. The palace headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition, Iraqi police said. There were no casualties.

In Fallujah, a flashpoint Sunni Muslim city 40 miles west of Baghdad, a car exploded Tuesday afternoon on a major street, killing at least four people. The explosion occurred about 100 yards from a police station and 100 feet from a school, but the target was unclear.

Later Tuesday, eight huge explosions were heard after sunset from the southern area of Fallujah. U.S. officials in Baghdad said they were unaware of the blasts, which residents described as “deafening.”

In Baghdad, at least three mortar shells exploded late Tuesday in the Jadriya district across the Tigris River from the palace headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition, Iraqi police said. There were no immediate word on casualties or damage.

Coalition officials reported little progress in determining who was behind Monday’s car bombings in Baghdad.

A fifth would-be suicide bomber, who was caught Monday before he could detonate his explosives, told police he was Syrian, according to a coalition official. Investigators were trying to confirm his nationality, the official said on condition of anonymity.

President Bush blamed both terrorists for the attacks in and around Baghdad, including a rocket barrage on a hotel Sunday that killed a U.S. lieutenant colonel and wounded 18 other people.

Bush told a news conference Tuesday that “basically what they’re trying to do is cause people to run.”

A coalition spokesman, Charles Healy, told the British Broadcasting Corp., “there certainly are indications that there are foreign terrorists who are coming into Iraq,” but he did not explicitly accuse them of responsibility.

Britain’s special representative in Iraq, Sir Jeremy Greenstock, also said Tuesday that foreign terrorists could be entering Iraq from Afghanistan and elsewhere.
**Looney Tunes DVD fails to impress**

**Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES — What's the rush, doc? That was the Warner Bros. response to the backlash from some "Looney Tunes" fans who complain that a handful of their favorite cartoons are missing from the collection of 56 shorts released Tuesday.

"Looney Tunes — The Golden Collection," the first-ever DVD release for Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig, Yosemite Sam and Elmer Fudd, includes such classics as "Babbit of Seville," "Duck Dodgers in the 24th and a Half Century" and "The Scarlet Pumpernickel."

Animation fans, however, have debated and second-guessed the selection of shorts endlessly on Amazon.com and elsewhere on the Internet.

Among the notable absences: "What's Opera, Doc?" with Bugs singing "Kill the wabbit!" and "The Screaming Bully," which featured the "Hello, My Baby"-singing amphibian Michael J. Fogh.

"We held back some of the jewels for future releases," acknowledged George Feltenstein, the marketing executive who helped pick the shorts for the inaugural DVD release. "We couldn't release all the best ones at once ... what would we do for an encore?"

Some fans see that response as cynical, saying they feel like their loyalty is being abused.

"I would have rather never had these shorts be released than to deal with this garbage," Aaron Star of Houston wrote on Amazon.com. "I hope it sells well enough to justify a full release on DVD of everything."

Warner Home Video counters that its plan to release a set of 60 cartoons each year is not just a marketing ploy. It's as fast as they can clean up the originals.

Dorinda Marticorena, WHV's director of children's marketing, said it takes months to restore the original cartoon prints to their original bright colors.

"Looney Tunes" admirers could have a total collection sooner, but it would be a DVD full of grainy, faded cartoons.

The "Golden Collection" ($64.92) and the "Premiere Collection" of 28 shorts ($26.99) is part of a bid by the studio to rejuvenate its trademark characters, Marticorena said.


Fans have waited nearly six years since Warner Bros. began creating the DVD of classics, so Feltenstein said he understood why they're impatient as Porky Pig's voice therapist, Aaron Starr of Houston wrote on Amazon.com. "I hope it sells well enough to justify a full release on DVD of everything."

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**Spitz, the Cat, Marvin Martian and the Tasmanian Devil.**

There is also the first Wile E. Coyote and Road Runner cartoon, "Fast and the Furry-ous."

Nearly 1,100 "Looney Tunes" cartoons were created between 1930 and 1969, so there are a lot left to choose from for future DVDs, he added, although not all of them are created equally.

"About 300 of them are excellent," Feltenstein said. "300 of them are very good, 300 are good, 100 of them are OK, and 100 of them are lousy."

**Spears stalker sues L.A.**

Shizawa claims city robbed him of his dignity

**Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES — A Japanese businesswoman ordered a stay-away order from Britney Spears After Spears stalker sues L.A. and tried to contact her at her Los Angeles home, at a second home she has out of state and at her parents' homes.

Masahiko Shizawa was ordered earlier this month to stay at least 300 yards from Spears and have no contact with her for the next three years.

Superior Court Judge Alan Haber, who issued the order, said Shizawa was "abnormally obsessed and fixated with" Spears, claiming her security guards caused him extreme emotional distress when they confronted him outside her home on Oct. 23, 2002. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

Spars first sought a restraining order against Shizawa in December 2002, claiming he tracked her down and tried to contact her at her Los Angeles home, at a second home she has out of state and at her parents' homes. She said he also sent her photos of himself and notes, including one that stated, "I'm chasing you."

**Nelly's jewelry stolen in Vegas**

Performer estimates loss totals $1 million

**Associated Press**

LAS VEGAS — Rapper Nelly had more than $1 million in jewelry stolen from his Las Vegas Strip hotel room while he was in town for the 2003 Radio Music Awards, authorities said Tuesday.

Nelly, whose real name is Cornell Haynes, claimed the pieces were taken Monday from his room at the Aladdin hotel-casino.

Singer Michelle Branch, who also was staying at the Aladdin, reported that computer equipment was stolen from her room.

Las Vegas Police Officer Tina Ellison said the burglaries were reported at 8:50 p.m. Monday and were being investigated. Representatives of the two performers had no immediate information Tuesday about the burglaries.

Haynes, of St. Louis, won the award for best driving song for "Shake Ya Tailfeather," which he performed during the show with Sean "P. Diddy" Combs and Murphy Lee.

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Dean and Gephardt methods clash
Democrats show contrast between traditional and Internet campaigns

Associated Press

ELKADER, Iowa — One presidential hopeful relies on the Internet to attract crowds and get followers to tailor their practices for the Iowa caucuses. The other prefers the traditional approach, letting rank-and-file labor spread the word from one union hall to the next.

The outcome Jan. 19 could come down to Dean and Gephardt, and not just in Iowa but across the country. "I think this race will come down to Dean and Gephardt, and the results will speak volumes about their approaches," said Kwame Kilpatrick, mayor of Detroit.

"They never seen the kind of energy that exists," said veteran Democratic activist Jerry Franklin, a banker of Dean rival John Kerry. "You have to give Howard Dean credit. He was the person who first tapped into that kind of energy.

"Experience is a big factor when things get out of hand. Willing to switch allegiances. Time debts are traded for those kind of energy," said New York Times columnist David Brooks.

"Clearly they did not wear the proper protective equipment in the days after the 9/11 attack and about how many did," said John Graham, a carpenter of a federal screening program that had only enough funding to continue to screen and monitor the workers for five years.

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Health of Ground Zero workers suffers
Problems persist two years after tragedy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Most Ground Zero workers still suffer from health problems two years after Sept. 11 and many do not have health insurance or job security, doctors told a congressional panel Tuesday.

Several of the workers testified at a New York hospital before the committee, saying they had trouble breathing, suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and no longer had the strength to do their old jobs.

"I can't tell you how hard it is living like this," said David Rapp, a construction worker who spent five months at the World Trade Center site and now always carries a tank and uses three inhalers.

"The fear of not being able to take my next breath is unbearable."
There's a child within us all

The Observer

RESTRICT BICYCLE ACCESS ON CAMPUS

By Adam Cahill

As commuting to class was part of my life before I arrived at Notre Dame, I was met with a bit of shock when I entered campus on my first day. I had never walked on campus, and it was assumed that I wouldn’t after I was admitted, but I am no longer a pedestrian campus. Are bikes the only priority on campus and their numbers are increasing dramatically. I am not sure if bikes this year than last. Bikes are only permitted for students who want to keep the attention of the Addison Street stop. People file deadlines every night. The trouble is not that we are neglecting to be Schwinned," is unsettling. It indicates that I’m stepping away from the person I am not in my 20s, 30s or 40s. In fact, I am closer to 60 than to 50.

Although I sustained a 3" x 4" bruise on my thigh, a scraped ankle and a bruised elbow, it was the latter comment that I had hit my head? I wonder now, is it safe to walk on campus? I have never been hit in an accident, so I don’t have much left for work. We owe it to him for giving us the possibility to be who we are today. It was his dreams that lead us into this future.

The chorus of greetings reverberates along Addison Street. As people file into the bus stop, the sight of postseason flags snapping in the wind.

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Quote of the Day

"The road to easy street goes through the sewer."

John Madden

Football commentator
Who could ever forget that fateful day in October 2003 when Jooy Haynes, executive director of the DelBartolo Center for the Performing Arts at Notre Dame, single-handedly changed the course of this University's history by uttering the infamous words, "I refuse to think the preceding argument is little more than a bunch of idealistic crap, let your corporate-minded self take control. Following graduation, we will step into a world completely different from the all-American dream we have come to know at Notre Dame, and you will discover that your skills in communication are always sufficient."

Natalie Bennett
supplement editor
Howard Hall
Oct. 28

Letters to the Editor
Responding to diversity issues
Affirmative action still needed — Diversity promotes understanding
Matt Bramanti, the author of "Diversity doesn't matter," is clearly mistaken — affirmative action is more than a crusade for racial diversity. Do not write it off, do not make assumptions and do not pretend to be an expert on the problem of diversity. Affirmative action is meant to act as an equalizer in a world that is still not equal.

More importantly, we are constantly learning about the fascinating aspects of this great big world. Every day we have the opportunity to engage in and learn from conversation with people from different areas of the world, varying religious beliefs and different racial backgrounds. We have the opportunity to learn about different ways to handle tough situations, different cultural practices or even the difference between New York City and Idaho fashions. To claim it does not matter if we gain anything from our surroundings — or that diversity does not matter — is preposterous.

If you refuse to think the preceding argument is little more than a bunch of idealistic crap, let your corporate-minded self take control. Following graduation, we will step into a world completely different from the all-American dream we have come to know at Notre Dame. Maybe I am naive, but unless I will be sitting in my room playing minesweeper while my roommate and I talk about Britney Spears' new video, my life will not be its familiar and comfortable self. I cannot honestly claim my boss, or even the person who decides to hire me, will have the same skills in communication as before. If you refuse to think the preceding argument is little more than a bunch of idealistic crap, let your corporate-minded self take control. Following graduation, we will step into a world completely different from the all-American dream we have come to know at Notre Dame. Maybe I am naive, but unless I will be sitting in my room playing minesweeper while my roommate and I talk about Britney Spears' new video, my life will not be its familiar and comfortable self. I cannot honestly claim my boss, or even the person who decides to hire me, will have the same skills in communication as before.

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Lessons learned from concept EP

By KENYATTA STORIN

Taste of Chicago. While I was waiting around for 30 minutes, I

Before going to see the band's show at Chicago's UIC Pavilion, I

Once finals commenced last month, the boys was to go to

After waiting around for 30 minutes, I informed the road manager that I

and the organizers of the free show in Grant Park. I went to

 arguably the most successful rapper to date, Ludacris is among the most popular and tal- lented rappers in the game today. He's also one of the funniest MCs around, which is nicely done and that's by the cover art of his third major album. *Chicken-N-Beer*, where a hungry Ludacris, surrounded by empty root beer bottle and chicken wings, prepares to take a bite out of a woman's leg.

The party jam and hit single, "Stand Up," he boasts. "Watch out for the medalion my diamonds are twinkling / Feels like a midget is hanging from my dress sleeve."

Ludacris does get serious every now and then, but referring to his late grandfather on the serious track, "Hard Times:" "Papa never went and jumped the broom, never got that one degree / But if you looked down from heaven, you could be proud of me." Not surprisingly, he also takes some shots at FOX News personality, Bill O'Reilly, who used his show to coerce Pepsi to drop Ludacris from an ad campaign.

The Fourth of July brought a wealth of recording and mixing information along with our names and the titles of the songs. My plan was to go to the band members, I told them that if they do not need your help in the future, they should let you know. With that said, I also decided to create a fictitious email address and use it instead of either Ben or Jack. However, this time I was informed that there was absolutely no way I would be able to record the demo with an acoustic guitar, as the bands I spoke with or to in hindsight, I should have sent them my disc. After discussing the tempo on one of our own songs, I was able to get a copy of the disc and sent it to Dave's road manager. The response was quite fast, and the boys was to go to the band's label and the boys was to go to the band's label and the boys was to go to the band's label before I left. I could not believe how easy it was to give Jack Johnson our EP. A few weeks later, I went to Noblewill's Verizon Wireless Music Center to see the Dave Matthews Band. I knew even before that there was absolutely no way I would be able to record the demo, and I told my partner in crime Tim Bonadies, we spent sever-

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

ALBUM REVIEW

**Martino's album fails to touch the soul**

BY CHRIS KEPNER

You always hear people say that all you have to do to live up to your expectations. For the most part, those people don't know what they are talking about. In the case of *Think Tank*, however, the music really doesn't live up to the quality you would expect from five of the biggest names in jazz. There is something missing from Pat Martin's playing, and one will deny that he is a technical master on the guitar, but his playing lacks feeling. He seems to be stuck in the be-bop era, frequently coming close to expressing a musical thought, only to stumble and rip off a long line that is not even harmonically / but does nothing for the soul. Be-bop is the language of jazz and should be studied by every player, but its choppy lines and arpeggios find their way into Martin's playing far too often. The rest of the group is pretty solid. Rubalcaba, Christian McBride and Lewis Nash make up the rhythm section, and Nash's drumming is especially impressive. Rubalcaba's comping is tasteful and he exhibits a very soulful touch in his soloing. McBride is one of the best bassists around, and his playing on this record certainly does not disappoint. Lovano, while not at the top of his game, manages to express himself reasonably well despite an obvious mismatch with Martin. What this group needs, sadly to say, is a different leader. Whether you replace Martin with someone else or simply trim it down to a quartet with Lovano leading, this group could be a whole lot better. There is a certain chemistry that exists in a truly memorable group, and it seems as though the only player that doesn't mix well is Martin, himself. Despite this criticism, however, *Think Tank* is actually an enjoyable album to listen to. Both the casual listener and the student of jazz can put this record on and be entertained. The compositions are not far-reaching or experimental, and there are a couple of pleasant ballads mixed in with the up-tempo swing that dominates the record. The *Think Tank* gets three and a half shramckers because, although it isn't spectacular, it is certainly above average. The personnel alone clinched that fact. This all-star collaboration falls short of being memorable, but succeeds at creating something that fans of jazz can appreciate beyond a reasonable doubt.

I hope to record a new EP...
**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Howie Day's sophomore album a success**

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

Once upon a time, music was original, momentous and emotional. Listeners used to interact with the music and connect with the artists. Where did music go wrong? A few years ago, singer-songwriters appeared to be leading the charge against empty, meaningless music, but then music snobs everywhere began to quickly criticize these artists. Musicians such as John Mayer, David Gray and Dave Matthews started to receive negative reviews due to their increasing mass popularity; this was an extremely unfair criticism. Likewise, Howie Day's latest release *Stop All the World Now* has received several negative criticisms which are equally unjust. Howie Day's last release, *Australia*, was also his debut album. *Australia* introduced the world to the extremely talented 17-year-old singer-songwriter. Shortly after his first release, Day began to gain acclaim for his incredible live performances. He played every show entirely solo using complex loops to simulate the sound of a full band, including drums and more. He quickly signed Day to their label and thus he created *Stop All the World Now*.

Like many singer-songwriters before him, this album gained negative reviews because of its mass pop appeal. While Day's latest release does have a structured pop sound, it is nothing like the numerous pop songs on the radio today. Howie Day sings with so much emotion and sincerity to *Stop All the World Now* that he could easily be mistaken for a veteran musician. But surprisingly this is only the second album from Day, now 23, and what an album it is. *Stop All the World Now* is like a snapshot of Howie Day's life. His lyrics are very poignant and personal, and his music, while much more heavily produced than *Australia*, is magnificent.

Day's simple guitar patterns balance the album wonderfully between electronic songs, conventional pop songs and simple piano-driven ballads. Even on the electronic songs, like the single "Perfect Time of Day," Day's guitar drives the melody and adds wonderful texture to the chorus. Other conventional pop songs, such as "Brace Yourself" and "Collide," feature Day at his finest. While on *Australia* Day was primarily found playing only acoustic guitar, on *Stop All the World Now* he opens up the sound immensely by playing with an entire band.

Day also tries his hand at another instrument on "End of Our Day," the piano. The two later tracks, "End of Our Day," and "Come On Down," have a different tone as the piano melody accompanied by a wonderfully muted orchestra. The addition of strings is another new addition to Day's music. Nearly every song on *Stop All the World Now* features some sort of string arrangement, which gives the songs wonderful texture and depth. Something else Day does differently is the re-recording of some of his earlier material. Day called the Australian version of "She Says" a demo acoustic version. He completely revamps the song, adding a subtle electronic drum beat, electric guitar, bass and a gently brushed drum kit. The new version of the song sounds much fuller and majestic. Day also re-records "You and a Promise," which appeared on his last EP. The song hasn't changed drastically, except the melody is now played primarily on the piano rather than guitar.

**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Josh Kelley releases a gem of a debut**

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

For many musicians, success comes from being at the right place at the right time and meeting the right people. For Josh Kelley, the story is not quite that typical. Currently popular for his single "Amazing," Kelley graduated from the University of Mississippi in Oxford and originally hails from Augusta, Georgia. An art major and golf star in college, Kelley, 22, came up with the title of his first album, *The Sound of Hollywood*, while in his college dorm. Kelley explains, "There would be some break coming up and everybody would be burning CDs — random mixes of things. They'd all say, 'I'm burning something for the ride home.' With this CD — the way I've written it and all is different moods — I really want it to be their music for the ride home." It seems normal enough, but Kelley's story takes a different path when he explains how he gained his popularity.

Unlike most musical acts, Kelley did not move up the ranks of popularity through touring, but instead used the Internet to promote his songs. He would record his own songs and then download them onto Napster. Under categories such as, "if you like Dave Matthews Band then you will love Josh Kelley," using bands that he sounded like, Josh Kelley carved his own destiny. The downloads eventually made it to Hollywood Records and the rest is *For the Ride Home*.

The sound of Kelley overall is light, acoustic and highly melodic. Comparisons are drawn to the earlier work of John Mayer, but some tracks are much softer and more sincere, creating an almost male Norah Jones sound. Overall the album is a great compilation of all different moods of music, the amount of upbeat songs only slightly outnumbering the slower and more reflective songs.

The single "Amazing" is simply a great song, one that will be stuck in your head for days. With Kelley crooning, "I say baby, you're amazing Turn and I want to let you see / You are everything and more to me / And I will let you be," any listener believes every word his melodic voice sings. The following tracks, "Everybody Wants You" and "Travelin'" have similar styles to "Amazing," as well as the similar female theme. Singing along can't be helped, as the folksy lyrics imprint themselves on the listeners' lips.

Another strong point of the album is the slower and soulful "Home to Me." "Home to Me" and "Love Yourself" serves as almost a plea to the girl who feels neglected and disdained. Kelley admits his devotion in the chorus, "Cause it's you that I'm runnin' to baby / I'm that I'm feelin' for lately and / it's like a pain that never goes away / And it always stays today / 'Cause you are home to me." The song is a highlight of the album and reveals a deeper and more musically complex side of Kelley.

There is also a touch of Southern flavor that surfaces on the album, especially in "Follow You" and "Perfect 10." The guitar is a bit more plucked and the vocals a bit more textured.

For the Ride Home comes full circle and completes the entire picture. The album is perfect for the ride home with Kelley's distinct idol, but it is also, at all times, meaningful songs.

Kelley does not look like a rock star and has definitely carved his own path into the music industry, and he is, thankfully for the listener, all the better for it.

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NHL

Vasicek scores first career hat trick for ‘Canes

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. - Josef Vasicek was switched from center to left wing this season and is starting to produce, scoring some points, but I think he can take his game to another level to play at. He's getting some points, but I think he can be even more dominant.

Carolina is unbeaten in six straight (2-0-4) as Weekes extended his shutout streak to a career-best 165 minutes.

Weekes, who stopped 28 shots for his 15th career shutout, beat Boston 2-0 five days ago.

After scoring nine goals in their first six games, the Hurricanes' offense is also starting to produce, scoring seven over a two-game span.

Jeff O'Neill assisted on all of Vasicek's goals to match a career high. O'Neill now has three assists in a game this year.

Brulls 2, Canadiens 0

Felix Potvin has put his life on the line behind his net, as well as the knee injury that cost him his job there.

Potvin made 23 saves for his first shutout in more than 10 years, and Patrice Bergeron and Brian Gionta scored to lead the Boston Bruins over the Montreal Canadiens 2-0 Tuesday night.

Vasicek, who signed as a free agent this past week.

Josef Vasicek's goals to match a career-best 165 minutes.

The defeat snapped a three-game winning streak for the Islanders.

Brodeur earned his 65th career shutout, keeping the game scoreless early by making a glove save on Shawn Bates' breakaway attempt at 2:51 of the first period.


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DENVER — Patrick Roy walked across the ice with a chant of "Roy! Roy! Roy!" trailing every step. He reached his spot on the red carpet next to his family, but no one was about to stop cheering.

The ovation lasted nearly four minutes and Roy soaked up every moment.

"I remember going to the rink for the first time with my parents and my brothers when I was eight years old," Roy said. "To stand here in front of you tonight 30 years later is priceless."

Colorado retired Roy's No. 33 on Tuesday night, sending it to the rafters next to Ray Bourque's 77 in a 20-minute ceremony before the Avalanche's game against Calgary.

With his wife and three kids by his side, Roy said goodbye to an organization, teammates and fans in a city where he won two Stanley Cup titles and set the standard for goal-tenders.

"It is our privilege that the Colorado Avalanche organization will retire the jersey of the greatest goalie to ever play," Avalanche general manager Pierre Lacroix said. "Patrick, you are in a league of your own. Really, Patrick, your impact has been unparalleled in the game of hockey."

It's a hard point to argue.

When Roy retired in May after 19 seasons, he held nearly every major goal-tending record. He is the only three-time winner of the Conn Smythe Trophy, awarded to the MVP of the playoffs, and he's the NHL's career leader in wins and games.

A four-time Stanley Cup winner — the first two were with Montreal — Roy is the all-time playoff leader in wins, shutouts and games. He also popularized the butterfly style of goal-tending by dropping to his knees to block shots.

"He's the best goalie of all time."

— Steve Konowalchuk
Avalanche player

"He's the best goalie of all time and it kind of played on your mind even before you started the game," said Steve Konowalchuk, who played 11 seasons against Roy before being traded to Colorado two weeks ago. And the Avalanche didn't hold back in thanking him.

A five-minute video montage of Roy's career played on four huge screens set up in the corners of the arena. Each of Roy's children received gifts from the Avalanche, and Lacroix presented Patrick and Michelle with a large painting of a snow-covered mountain set behind a grove of aspens.

Avalanche players Peter Forsberg, Dan Hinote, Adam Foote and Joe Sakic watch as former Colorado Avalanche goalie Patrick Roy's No. 33 jersey was retired Tuesday.

A four-minute video montage of Roy's career played on four huge screens set up in the corners of the arena. Each of Roy's children received gifts from the Avalanche, and Lacroix presented Patrick and Michelle with a large painting of a snow-covered mountain set behind a grove of aspens.

Players from both teams tapped their sticks on the ice throughout the ceremony and Colorado's five starters each came over to give him a hug just before it ended.

"Playing for the Avalanche, wearing this uniform for the past eight years and working behind a group of players that was never satisfied was a great, and I mean great, honor," Roy said.

Roy's No. 33 jersey retired by the Colorado Avalanche

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Jackson fines Bryant an undisclosed amount

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Just a few hours before the start of the regular season Tuesday, all was not well in Lakerland.

Coach Phil Jackson fined Kobe Bryant an undisclosed amount for his highly critical comments of teammate Shaquille O'Neal, and the team met for 20 minutes to discuss the rift between two superstars that has escalated into a full-blown feud.

"There were no signs or indications that it would snowball the way it has in a matter of 36 hours, so we'll see what happens from here," teammate Derek Fisher said.

Bryant was listed as doubtful for the opener against the Dallas Mavericks from here," team mate Derek Fisher said.

The conflict between O'Neal and Bryant has been simmering throughout their seven seasons together, but their public positions have never been as personal as the most recent ones.

Adding another layer of tension for the team is the publicity brought by the sexual assault charges against Bryant.

Bryant lashed out publicly after Jackson declined to get in the middle of the fight.

"He said: Do I want to address it, not calm it down, and I went back to him and said it's not significant enough to comment on," Jackson said. "But we did have an exchange, and that's one thing I will verify."

One member of the Lakers said Tuesday morning's meeting lasted about 20 minutes, with O'Neal and Bryant addressing the team but not each other. The only other player to speak was Karl Malone, the player said.

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MLB

McKeon agrees to one-year contract extension

Associated Press

MIAMI — Jack McKeon got a new car for reaching the World Series. He got a new contract for winning it.

McKeon agreed to a one-year extension and will return to manage the Florida Marlins next season, owner Jeffrey Loria announced Tuesday during the team’s World Series celebration.

"I have some good news and a little bad news," Loria said. "The good news is there’s no bad news."

The sides agreed on the deal Monday night, McKeon said. "I always had no doubt I was coming back," said McKeon, who refused to formally announce his intentions during the season.

McKeon, 72, took over when manager Jeff Torborg was fired in May and engineered the Marlins’ turnaround from last place team to World Series champions. Under McKeon, the Marlins posted the best record in baseball during the final four months of the season.

"I’m happy to come back, no question about it," McKeon said. "I think they were very fair. I’m looking forward to having another good year."

He was an unknown entity to many Marlins when he walked into their clubhouse for the first time; first baseman Derrek Lee admitted thinking that McKeon was a new assistant coach. But he quickly won the club over, with his simple, straightforward style quickly catching on among the players quickly.

"It’s awesome," pitcher Dontrelle Willis said after hearing Tuesday’s news. "I wasn’t surprised. He deserves it. We wanted him back."

McKeon became only the second manager to win a World Series after not beginning the season with his club. Bob Lemon managed the New York Yankees to a world title after taking over midway through the 1978 season.

Loria gave McKeon a black Mercedes convertible as a gift before Game 5. The car was sitting in the parking lot at Pro Player Stadium when Loria showed it to McKeon.

"Jack came in here and got the most out of everybody," Loria said. "He told them to leave their egos and stats at the door and that we’d have a lot of fun. He has a lot of experience and he’s got a certain style and way about him that we needed to help these guys perform."

McKeon begins most days by attending Mass. He carries a crucifix and angel medallion in his pocket, and says had it not been for St. Theresa — a 19th-century nun who had many miracles attributed to her — he would not have been in baseball.

McKeon said his father wouldn’t let him sign to play as a teenager, insisting instead that he go to college. McKeon said he began praying to St. Theresa and eventually his father gave his blessing.

A half-century career has followed, with this being McKeon’s first taste of a World Series.

"St. Theresa has always taken pretty good care of me," McKeon said.
Iverson's 26 points help Philadelphia to win over Miami

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson always feels as if he's going to make all of his shots. When they aren't falling, the three-time NBA scoring champ ion uses that as motivation to finish strong.

"When I struggle for three quarters, all I think about is that last 12 minutes," Iverson said.

Iverson scored 13 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and had 11 assists as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Miami Heat 89-74 Tuesday night in the season opener for both teams.

"I just felt like it was my time to step up my game," said Iverson, who went 3-for-4 from three-point range in the fourth. "My teammates had been holding the fort down the previous three quarters."

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Marbury, who finished with 24 points, tried to isolate Carter, but the Suns point guard could manage only an awkward 18-foot jumper with about nine seconds remaining.

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San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich insisted that after the championship rings were handed out, his players would wipe last season from their memories and think only of the games ahead.

Well, the jewelry was distributed before Tuesday night's opener against Phoenix, and the Spurs seemed to forget too much too soon.

But with time almost gone, they remembered how to win.

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Philadelphia broke the game open with a 12-0 run to start the fourth quarter after the Heat closed within 82-77 at the end of the third.

Iverson, who shot just 4-for-17 through three quarters and missed all seven three-point attempts, ignited the run with a nice pass to Willie Green for an alley-oop. Iverson then hit a three-pointer from the left wing and added a driving one-handed layup from the right side.

Green added another basket before Aaron McKie drilled a three-pointer — a rarity in the Brown era — sending the Sixers' crowd into its first frenzy of the season opener for both teams.

Philadelphia 76ers head coach Randy Ayers listens as Allen Iverson complains about a call by the officials during the second period of their game Tuesday.

"It's not too different at all, except for the yelling and cursing," Iverson said, taking a good-natured swipe at Brown.

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Disguised THG steroid designated illegal

Government warns manufacturers to end sale of the controversial drug

WASHINGTON — The newly detected steroid that is casting a shadow on Olympic and professional sports is an illegal drug that may pose considerable health risks, the government warned Tuesday.

THG has been sold in the guise of a dietary supplement when it is in fact a drug that lacks federal permission for sale in this country, the Food and Drug Administration said. It is a derivative of another steroid long banned in athletics, the agency said.

The FDA's official designation of THG as illegal, which had been anticipated since the scandal over the previously undetected steroid emerged, puts manufacturers on notice that the government will crack down on anyone caught selling it.

It also is the strongest warning yet that using THG is risky. Anabolic steroids can have dangerous side effects, including liver damage, heart disease, anxiety and rage.

While little is known about THG's specific effects because it is new, its close chemical similarity to other well-known steroids means it poses the same risks, FDA Associate Commissioner John Taylor said.

"The greatest importance is preventing exposure and trying to nip this in the bud," he said.

U.S. drug authorities first learned about THG, or tetrahydrogestrinone, this summer after an unidentified coach gave them a syringe containing it. THG apparently was sneaked onto the market in the guise of a dietary supplement. It's not a supplement but an unapproved drug, making any sale or usage illegal, FDA's Taylor said.

"There's nothing to stop another group of folks in another lab from concocting another designer steroid that will circumvent this FDA ruling," Joe Shoemaker, spokesman for Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said.

Durbin is pushing legislation that would give FDA broader oversight over dietary supplements to prevent steroids from being sneaked onto the market. He said he was unhappy with the agency's move against THG and said it falls short of dealing with similar substances.

"It's sad that it takes a national controversy, a lawsuit and a lot of publicity to bring the FDA around to their core responsibilities," he said in an interview.

Sens. Joseph Biden, D-Del., and Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, introduced similar legislation last week that also would outlaw steroid precursors like androstenedione, popularized by baseball's Mark McGwire.

Anabolic steroids are synthetic versions of the male hormone testosterone. Some are approved by FDA for prescription—only sale to treat certain diseases; athletes use them illegally to bulk up muscle and enhance performance.

FDA's testing of THG shows it is explicitly banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which monitors drug use by athletes in Olympic sports. THG is also very closely related to trenbolone, a controlled substance used to bulk cattle.

"THG is a designer steroid in the truer sense," Taylor told a Senate committee.

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Food and Drug Administration
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Joe Shoemaker
spokesman for Senator Dick Durbin

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Miami Dolphins’ quarterback Brian Griese threw three touchdown passes in his replacement of an injured Jay Fiedler Monday night in a 26-10 victory over the San Diego Chargers.

Dolphins’ Griese may start Sunday

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Brian Griese’s first pass went for a touchdown. His first six passes were complete. His only incomplete pass in the first half was dropped.

With a fast start in his first start for the Miami Dolphins, Griese made it clear he wants to stay in the lineup.

And he may.

Coach Dave Wannstedt said Tuesday he will start Griese against the Chargers. Griese sparked the Dolphins’ sputtering offense in Monday night’s 26-10 victory over San Diego.

Replacing an injured Jay Fiedler, Griese threw for 192 yards and three touchdowns without any turnovers. Wannstedt said he would decide Wednesday whether to stay with Griese in Sunday’s AFC showdown against the Indianapolis Colts.

“Brian played really well,” Wannstedt said. “He made good decisions, got rid of the ball and was really into the game. He was in tune to what they were doing and what we were trying to do.

The health of the two quarterbacks may help determine which starts Sunday.

Fiedler, who sprained his left knee in a loss to New England on Oct. 19, dressed Monday night but was designated the starting quarterback because he’s still hobbled. Griese had a little swelling in his right thigh after the victory, although Wannstedt said he didn’t believe the injury was serious.

Several comments by the coach suggested he’s leaning toward making Griese’s promotion permanent. Wannstedt said a starter knocked out of the lineup by an injury — Fiedler, for instance — isn’t assured of keeping his job.

Wannstedt said Griese has the ball more quickly than Fiedler, an advantage once Miami’s receivers adjust to stay in the lineup.

The younger Griese benefited from good field position, thanks to three interceptions and just two turnovers by the Dolphins, and he clicked in a way it hasn’t with Fiedler, who has thrown five interceptions and four games.

Griese started three of their next four games.

Wannstedt also said he expects Griese to be even better with a start under his belt.

The game was his first since being sidelined during the exhibition season by a toe injury.

“If he plays this week, you would like to believe he would be more comfortable than he was,” Wannstedt said. “And it being a home game should help.”

The Dolphins (5-2) play three of their next four games in Miami, beginning with Indianapolis on Sunday.

Griese helped forge a 24-3 halftime lead with touchdown passes of 5 yards to Chris Chambers, 2 yards to James McKnight and 7 yards to Randy McMichael. He finished 20-for-29 despite having at least three passes dropped.

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Wannstedt also said he expects Griese to be even better with a start under his belt.

The game was his first since being sidelined during the exhibition season by a toe injury.

“If he plays this week, you would like to believe he would be more comfortable than he was,” Wannstedt said. “And it being a home game should help.”

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**Eye on Irish Opponents**

**MICHIGAN (7-2) at MICHIGAN STATE (7-1)**

Michigan State beat Michigan, 68-59, Thursday at the Breslin Center. The win was the 20th under coach Tom Izzo, surpassing Lon Kruger for the most wins in school history.

**FSU (7-1) at NOTRE DAME (2-5)**

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish will host the Florida State Seminoles on Friday, November 15, for a 7:30 p.m. game.

**Northwestern at PURDUE (6-2)**

The Purdue Boilermakers will host the Northwestern Wildcats on Friday, November 15, for a 8:30 p.m. game.

**SYRACUSE (4-3)**

The Syracuse Orange will host the Pitt Panthers on Friday, November 15, for a 8 p.m. game.

**Marlins celebrate World Series victory**

MIAMI — The loudest cheers from the tens of thousands of Marlins fans lined up to celebrate their World Series champions came when team owner Jeffrey Loria made a simple promise: The team won't be broken up.

With that declaration Tuesday, six years of malcontent and mistrust between South Florida baseball fans and the Marlins vanished.

"This is not 1997. This is 2003. We are not dismantling. Thank you," said Loria, who bolstered the World Series trophy as he was ferried in a convertible through the streaming ticker tape and jersey-clad fans.Keeping the team intact means manager Jack McKeon will be back next year.

"I have some good news and a little bad news. The good news is Jack is coming back," Loria said. "The bad news is there's no bad news.

"McKeon, 72, took over when manager Jeff Torborg was fired in May and engineered the Marlins' turn-around from last place team to World Series champions.

"I always had no doubt I was coming back," said McKeon, who refused to formally announce his intentions during the season.

When Florida won the title in 1997, the celebration was tempered as fans braced for cost cutting by then-owner H. Wayne Huizenga. The result was a steady decline in attendance, which lasted until this year's surprising playoff run.

"In '97 we were on top of the world," said Danny Parra, a sales representative who brought his two sons to Tuesday's rally. "In '98, we hit rock bottom. I think everybody knows they won't be able to keep everybody, but if they keep a nucleus intact, we'll be happy.

leansing from windows along the start of the parade route, fans threw clumps of ticker tape while some commuter trains were plastered with signs declaring: "We love the Marlins."

A victory drive through the city's Little Havana neighborhood followed. City workers shredded 2 tons of paper to serve as ticker tape while banners and balloons streamed off office buildings along the route festooned with freshly painted team and World Series logos.

**In Brief**

**Doton returns to Texas to face murder charges**

WACO, Texas — Former Baylor basketball player Carlton Dotson was arrested in Waco on Tuesday to face charges in the shooting death of a former teammate.

Dotson, sitting in the back seat of an unmarked police cruiser, looked toward the floor when reporters clustered around the car outside the McLennan County Jail in Waco.

Dotson, 21, left Maryland early Tuesday, said prosecutor Joseph Planagan. He was then flown to Austin, and later driven to Waco, where Dotson will face another arraignment and bail review hearing.

**Jaguars lineman caught after arrest**

Jacksonville, Fla. — Jacksonville lineman T.J. Slaughter was cut Tuesday, a day after he was arrested for allegedly pointing a gun at two men passing him in a car.

Slaughter, a fourth-year veteran, is free on bond while prosecutors decide whether to charge him. He could face a felony charge of aggravated assault, or a misdemeanor charge of improper exhibition of a firearm.

The men told police they drove up alongside Slaughter on a highway Sunday night and tried to complement him about his wheel rims. That's when, the men said, Slaughter rolled down his window and pointed a handgun at them.

Slaughter denied showing the gun, but told police he did carry a gun in the center console of his vehicle, authorities said.

A third-round draft pick of the Jaguars in 2000, Slaughter started 29 games but opened this season as a backup. He had 16 tackles and one sack for the Jaguars this season. Last year, he was suspended four games for violating the league's steroid policy.

**Record-breaking fish's species misidentified**

INDIANAPOLIS — A record-breaking bullhead catfish caught in northwestern Indiana this summer isn't a record after all.

That's because the fish was misidentified, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources said Tuesday.

The 7-pounder caught in the Lake County town of Schererville was really a white catfish and nowhere near a state record for that species.

The fish was caught July 13 by Ronald Moeller. He froze it and later identified it to the DNR for identification.

It turns out the experts misidentified the half-thawed fish, mistaking its distinctive V-shaped tail as flat.

"We've learned the hard way that you can't accurately identify a partially thawed fish," state biologist Rob Robertson said. "When the fish was frozen, the tail appeared flat."
Hoosiers eliminated from bowl contention

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Gerry DiNardo expects his Indiana players to keep practicing and playing hard, even in the midst of what appears another lost season.

Three days after the Hoosiers endured perhaps their most embarrassing loss of the year and again were mathematically eliminated from bowl contention, DiNardo walked into his weekly news conference Tuesday and said he anticipated no change in his lineup.

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Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton is slowing getting up after his second fumble of the game in a 31-3 loss to Michigan on a six-game winning streak where we can say we didn’t lose. Stubblefield said. Hence, there was nothing to really obsess over after the game.

"We put it in our face very easily that we just flat out got whipped," Stubblefield said. "It’s not like in past games where we can say we didn’t make a play here or there."

Michigan dominated the game from the opening kickoff, delivering a demoralizing blow to a team that came into the game on a six-game winning streak with Rose Bowl aspirations.

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there. Ultimately, you just have to put the ball where you're told and make a tackle if you have to do that.

With starting kicker Nicholas Setta injured since the start of the Pittsburgh game and questionable for the game Saturday, the Irish have struggled even more on special teams. Fitzpatrick averaged only 33 yards on five punts against the Eagles Saturday and had trouble with hang time and directing his punts.

"If you don't place (the kick), it can screw you up," Preston said. "If you plan on kicking it to the left numbers, and all of a sudden he puts it out in the middle of the field against a great returner, it's going to cost you.

"Initially all of your coverage people are thinking that's where they belong, and all of a sudden, it gets where it's not supposed to be, and we don't get people down there. It can hurt you, and it has kind of hurt us at the wrong times this year."

But the Irish maintain they are committed to improving on kick coverage. Preston says his squad works on punt coverage every day, despite the narrow two-hour practice time frame allotted.

"We practice it every day," he said. "Punt team is number one in every thing we do because, as you can tell, it's cost us. The punt team is probably the quickest way to gain because of the number of opportunities you're going to get in that area to be a plus or a minus."

Streak

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Brewster, named Big East Player of the Week for the third time in four weeks.

Brewster had 36 kills on a .371 hitting percentage this past week. She also had 27 blocks, improving her blocks per game average to 1.87, while being good enough to move her into the NCAA Division I lead.

"We have a great blocking coach [Robin Davis], and he has really worked with our middles to establish blocking strategies," Kinder said. "Our middles are probably two of the best blockers in the country."

Lauren Kelbly, another sophomore, can also be credited with helping create the early success of the Irish; she led the team in hitting to start the season.

"In the beginning, Kelbly was very dominant, and people picked up on that, and the blockers started committing," Kinder said. "This left Lauren Brewster to dominate without the middle block, and she's been super consistent, so I just keep going to her there."

Kinder has been the leader of the offense ever since the Irish switched to a 5-1 offensive set. Kinder makes sure that she gives her hitters the chance to score.

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Golf

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16th and 20th, respectively.

Baylor University won the tournament for a second year in a row with a team score of 888, edging out the University of Missouri by one stroke.

The Irish approach their final event of the semester this weekend with the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Dunes Intercollegiate in Charleston, S.C. King expects her team to be one of the top two finishers.

As the fall season winds to a close, King describes her team's season as "the best ever."

"We've moved up from being ranked 97th in the nation to 32nd in just two months. We're pretty excited," she said.

Salas drops decision in championship final

Associated Press

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Notre Dame senior Alicia Salas lost 6-2, 6-7 to No. 4 Cristina Grier of Northwestern Tuesday morning in the singles final of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Championships at the West Hills Athletic Club.

Despite the loss, Salas gained an automatic berth to the second leg of the collegiate tennis grand slam, the National Intercollegiate Tennis Championships to be held Nov. 6-9 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"Alicia played well today and had a great tournament, but Grier is playing really well right now, especially in the final," the Irish head coach Jay Louderback said.

The final pitted the top two seeds in the tournament against each other, with the favorite prevailing. Grier, a native of Surrey, England, was the top-ranked player in the Midwest Region a year ago, compiling a 38-7 record, including 23-0 at No. 1 singles.

By reaching the singles final, both Grier and Salas earned automatic berths to the 32-player-singles draw of the National Indoor Championships. Salas is the first Irish player to gain entrance to the tournament since the 2000 season, when current Notre Dame assistant coach Michele Daou reached the semifinals when the event was contested in February.

Salas is in 114th this fall, with her defeat coming against the Nos. 4, 7, and 27 in the nation. She has eight victories against ranked players.

While Salas is in the National Indoor Championships, the Irish will conclude their fall season Nov. 7-9 at the Illinois Midwest Blast.
WOMEN’S SOCCER

Irish need one more win for undefeated season

By ANDY TROEGER

Sports Writer

The women’s soccer team will look to complete the fourth undefeated regular season in program history this afternoon when they take on Michigan at 4 p.m. at Alumni Field. The Irish, who now have shut out their last 10 opponents, will look to make it 11 against the Wolverines, who have struggled after opening the season ranked in the top 25.

The Irish will be looking to finish strong in their final game before beginning the conference tournament and will be looking to collect coach Randy Waldrum’s 200th win as a Division 1 women’s soccer coach.

“Winning tomorrow would be almost a picture perfect ending,” said senior forward Amy Warner. “The only thing left would be to get the Big East Championship and national championship.”

It also will be the last regular season home game for Irish seniors Warner, Vanessa Pruzinsky, Kim Carpenter and Amanda Guertin, although the team could play as many as five more games at Alumni Field during post-season play.

The Wolverines, who stand 0-4-1 in the season, will look to spoil all of that for the Irish by trying to earn their first win over Notre Dame in 10 previous meetings between the schools. In last season’s contest, Notre Dame traveled to Ann Arbor and upset the No. 13 Wolverines 1-0 on a goal from Guertin.

In addition to their 10-game shutout streak, already a team record, the Irish will set another if they are able to hold Michigan under two goals. It would be the 25th straight opponent to fail to score multiple goals against the Irish, going back to last year’s loss to BYU. The 2000 team currently shares the record of 24.

The Irish have also been proficient offensively. Since allowing a goal to Santa Clara in late September, including 26-0 during the current shutout streak. Warner, who scored both goals against Seton Hall Sunday, now leads the Irish with 30 points on 10 goals and 10 assists. Junior Mary Boland leads the Irish with 12 goals, while adding four assists, while sophomore Katie Thorlakson’s recent surge has earned her 25 points on eight goals and nine assists.

Guertin has nine goals and six assists for 24 points on the season. All told, nine Irish players have at least 10 points on the season.

While the Irish seniors hope their final game does not come until Dec. 7 in the national championship game, this after-
noon’s game does provide them with a chance before they begin another postseason to reflect back on their time in the Irish uniform.

“You can’t describe in words the experience and memories that have been created over the past few years,” said Warner. “The frustrations and joys have been amazing.”

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Shaner scores hat trick with third recognition

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame freshman central back Christie Shaner has received her third Big East women’s soccer rookie-of-the-week award, after continuing to play a key role in the team’s dominating backline play during shutout victories on Oct. 24 and 26 at Rutgers (3-0) and Seton Hall (2-0).

Shaner — who also earned the award on Sept. 22 and Oct. 20 — has earned more than two weekly honors from the Big East this season, with three defensive player-of-the-week awards. Senior central defender and All-America candidate Melissa Tancredi received that award in the first two weeks of October, with Shaner picking up her third award for last week’s action.

The prep All-American helped lead last week’s defensive effort as the Irish posted their shutout streak to 10 games — fifth-longest in NCAA history — while allowing Rutgers and Seton Hall just 10 combined total shots, with one shot on goal by each, and eight combined corner kicks. She again picked up the slack in the second game of the weekend, in Tancredi’s absence, and continued to develop as a threat with her free kicks and corners on the offensive end with assists in three straight games prior to last week.

Shaner has played her role in Notre Dame’s dominating team defense approach that has allowed just 14 opponent shots on goal during the 10-game shutout streak. The Irish have held their last 24 fall opponents to 0-1 goals, tying the team record for consecutive games without multiple goals allowed (24, in 2000).

Notre Dame’s stingy defense has led to just one deficit all season (for 7:18 vs. ASU), with no deficits in the last 16-plus games. The Irish have led for 76 percent of the minutes and trailed for just 0.4 percent, while holding those last 24 opponents to 0.3 shots on goal and 23 total opponent shots on goal in that stretch.

Shaner’s defensive excellence is all the more noteworthy due to the season-long absence of injured junior All-America right back Candace Chapman and the limited play of junior Gudrun Gunnarsdottir.

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Not so special teams

Poor kick coverage has hurt the Irish all year long

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

The experts say special teams can make the difference in two football games on average every season. That lesson is becoming obvious to the Irish this year.

While the kicking and return games have been adequate for the Irish through the year, they have allowed some costly returns.

"(Special teams) has hurt immensely. It's probably one of the biggest reasons why we're where we're at right now," said Irish assistant coach Buzz Preston, who coaches running backs but is also in charge of special teams. "Because we're giving up field position, and we're giving up big plays, and we can't afford that.'"

After scoring the go-ahead touchdown with 3:32 to play in the game against Boston College last Saturday, the Irish allowed a 42-yard return on the ensuing kickoff. The Eagles returned the kick to inside the Irish 10-yard line and had a 43-yard line and had a 43-yard field goal.

"We're just not executing," Preston said. "We're not doing the things that we need to be. We're not kicking the ball real well. We're not executing the coverage scheme."

The Eagles also returned two other kickoffs past the 35-yard line and had a 43-yard punt return against Notre Dame. Twice, it was up to Irish punter and kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick to make a touchdown saving tackle.

"On coverage, I'm just basically the safety, and I'm supposed to help out with any leaks in the coverage," Fitzpatrick said. "If things happen where it doesn't go the right way, I just have to be there to make the tackle."

Fittingly, good field position on kicks and punts to their opponents has hurt the Irish all season. Long punt returns to inside the Irish 10-yard line set up touchdowns in both the Michigan and Pittsburgh games.

Special teams is such a big decider in field position," Fitzpatrick said. "Sometimes it's the punter's fault by kicking it in the wrong direction or too short and not giving the team enough time to get down to inside the 10-yard line and had a 43-yard field goal.

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Women's Golf

Talent evident at Invitational

By ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

Strong finishes by several Notre Dame women golfers over fall break at the adi-dass/Notre Dame Fall Invitational gave evidence once again of the talent and potential this team has.

The team came close to meeting their expectations, placing fifth in a 14-team field with a final score of 908.

"We did well. We still have a little room for improvement," head coach Debby Hayes said. "It's the first month of the season, so we're looking to build on the tournaments held thus far."

Sophomores Katie Brophy, Lauren Gebauer and Susie Seidman are both in the top 10 of the team. Freshman Stacy Brown and junior Karen Lotta, both competing as individuals, had their best showings of the fall season, finishing in the top 12 at all of the events thus far.

Nakazaki has led the Irish with her 12th place finish, shooting a consistent 75-74-75 to end the tournament at eight-over par.

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