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By TERA FRALISH  Assistant News Editor

The London Program will now allow students to study abroad for the entire year; instead of the traditional one-semester option. “It’s something we had been looking into for quite some time,” said London Program associate director Terry Bays. “The full year gives students the opportunity to engage in more extended projects.”

The London Program, which is directly run by the University, is the largest of Notre Dame’s international study programs. Most other study abroad locations allow students to spend an entire year in the host country, said Emily Chin, chief of staff in the Office of Student Body President and a member of the CLC.

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SMC assists ‘scholars at risk’

Program allowed columnist from Swaziland to seek asylum at College

By NATALIE BAILEY  News Writer

When professor and social criticism columnist Sarah Mkhonza was forced to flee her country for speaking out against injustice, she didn’t know who might offer her a safe haven. But Mkhonza, a scholar from Swaziland, Africa, arrived at Saint Mary’s Nov. 4 seeking academic asylum. Her presence is part of the Scholars-At-Risk Program, an organization that gives refuge to scholars who have spoken against inequality and are in danger as a result of their advocacy. Her refuge at Saint Mary’s is made possible by a matched grant of $20,000 from the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership and the Scholar Rescue Fund of the Institute of International Education at Harvard University.

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When little kids think of Thanksgiving, they think of Pilgrims, their little buckle shoes and silly hats. They think of turkeys running around and smiles on everyone's faces. But when I think of Thanksgiving, I don't think of that. I think of how the original Europeans treated the Indians badly, killing them and forcing them to move out of land which was rightfully theirs.

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Members discuss deadlines

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives met Monday night in LaFortune to continue planning the future of student government and discuss other issues.

Most of the discussion centered on upcoming deadlines for revamping the structure of student government.

"It was originally Dec. 1, but now that’s due in the winter," said Club Coordination Council president Sodi O’Donnell.

Elliot Poindestre, president of the Judicial Council, said that the plans to reconstitute the Student Union should be in place by Jan. 1.

"We should have our top structure done by no later than when we come back from Christmas break," Poindestre said.

This deadline is crucial for his organization, which is responsible for contacting fair student body elections and overseeing campaigns. Members discussed the possibility of moving elections back, but they acknowledged that doing so would decrease transition time to the newly elected administration.

Members also presented information on their constituencies to the council. To aid in the overhaul of student government, student body vice president Jeremy Lao called for each member organization to report to the council on its goals, missions and purposes. Several organizations presented brief reports, and more will occur during next week’s meeting.

In other Council news:

⇒ Peggy Haeftnske of the Student Activities Office said LaFortune Student Center will be open for shorter hours during the Thanksgiving break. The center will close at midnight Wednesday, and will remain closed all day Thursday. It will open noon-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, but the schedule will remain closed for the entire break. Normal hours will resume Sunday.

⇒ Lao announced the formation of a committee to make recommendations on basketball and football ticket policies. Lao said the committee would submit a report next semester to Jim Fraleigh, assistant athletic director for ticket operations.

⇒ "We want to create a task force to look at ticketing in general and improve ticket procedures," Lao said.

⇒ Senior class president Jazmin Garcia asked members of her class to attend class events in the near future. Programming functions include a Dec. 1 dinner and football watch at Buffalo Wild Wings and a class reunion on Dec. 8.

⇒ Hall Presidents Council co-chair Sarah Keenor encouraged residence hall staffs to participate in the HPC Christmas decoration contest.

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The task force includes Charlie Ebersol, Student Union Board Manager, David Montes, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, and Chin. The three reported that between seven and 10 students sustain injuries that limit their ability to walk each month, according to University Health Services.

CLC members also considered asking each residence hall to donate money to fund the reinstatement of services.

"We’re hoping to get this done before the real snow comes down," Chin said.

In other CLC news:

⇒ The Senior Privileges Task Force updated the council on progress toward establishing reserved parking for on-campus seniors. The group said that while Bill Kirk, associate vice president of Student Affairs, expressed interest in the proposal, members of Notre Dame Security Police were concerned about students’ ability to enforce it.

"Given the fact that NSDP has reservations about it we’re still working out the details," said Jeremy Lao, student body vice president.

⇒ Members continued a previous discussion on the quality of landscaping on the University’s grounds. Wyatt Maxwell, a member of CLC, said that he believed the appearance of landscaping around campus had deteriorated this year. CLC targeted eight areas that they consider merited the most attention and will present their findings in a letter to the Office of Student Affairs. Representatives also plan to meet with Landscaping Services to discuss the issue.

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Career, Job and Internship Fairs 2004
University of Notre Dame
The Career Center

The job and internship search is far from over! Look at the following events to continue your search for permanent and summer employment opportunities!!

Chicago Career and Internship Connection

Date: January 05, 2004 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Location: AMA
6955 West Higgins Road
Chicago, IL
Website: http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/chicago.html
Details: *DEADLINE to register, upload and submit resumes for Chicago is December 1, 2003
♦  Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen Network in Chicago!
♦  The Chicago Career and Internship Connection blends the best of a career fair and a pre-screened interview event.
♦  Identify and interact with recruiters from fields including: advertising, biotech, engineering, healthcare, investment and commercial banking, consulting, law, public relations, publishing and more!
♦  Interview for post-baccalaureate and internship opportunities!

New Jersey Collegiate Career Day

Date: January 07, 2004 - 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
Location: Browers Commons & Rutgers Student Center
College Avenue - Rutgers University
New Brunswick, NJ.
Website: http://careerservices.rutgers.edu
Details: Rutgers University is hosting the 33rd semi-annual New Jersey Collegiate Career Day for anyone interested in working in the New Jersey or New York City areas.
About 150 employers will discuss current and anticipated openings with candidates in most career fields and academic majors, including liberal arts, business, science, and technical areas. Students from any college or university who wish to work in the New Jersey area are invited to attend.
Students can register online and submit a resume to be distributed employers from December 1, 2003 - January 9, 2004 online at http://careerservices.rutgers.edu.

Washington, DC Career & Internship Connection

Date: January 08, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: National Press Club
529 14th Street
Washington, DC
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CAREERS 2004 - New York

Date: January 09, 2004 - 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Location: John Hancock Conference Center
40 Trinity Place - 3rd Floor
Boston, MA
Website: http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/cic/boston.html
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Careers 2004 - Atlanta

Date: January 19, 2004 - 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Location: Atlanta
Atlanta, GA
Website: www.careerconferences.com
Details: Expect about 40-50 Fortune 1000 employers and a few governmental organizations attending the event. To register, logon to www.careerconferences.com. The event is invitation only. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to December 19, 2003.

CAREERS 2004 - Chicago

Date: January 26, 2004 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: Chicago
Drury Lane
Oak Brook Terrace, IL
Website: www.careerconferences.com
Details: Register on-line at www.careerconferences.com to attend this live event in Chicago with 40-50 Fortune 1,000 companies and a few governmental organizations. Bus transportation will be provided for the first 45 students who will be attending. Email Bridget at kibbe.1@nd.edu or call 1-5200. Initial application deadline is November 28th, but you may apply up to January 19, 2004.

Hire Big Ten Plus

Date: January 26, 2004 - 1:00 PM
End Date: February 18, 2004 - 1:00 PM
Location: Virtual
On-line
Website: http://careercenter.nd.edu
Details: Welcome to the HIRE BIG 10 PLUS Virtual Career Fair for Full-Time and Internship Opportunities! This is the largest virtual career fair for college students in the world. You're invited to browse the fair to check out what employers have to offer. Links to the registration interface can be found below every job description. Interested students must email Lee Svete at svete.1@nd.edu for application information.

2004 Winter Career Fair and Diversity Reception

Date: January 27, 2004 - 4:00 PM-8:00 PM
Location: Joyce Center Fieldhouse
Website: https://careercenter.nd.edu/winterfair2004.php
Details: Register on-line for the largest Career Fair of the year for Notre Dame. In addition, be sure to attend the Diversity Reception 1:00 - 3:30 pm (EST) Monogram Room located in the Joyce Center. We are currently seeking Corporate Sponsors for the Reception, which will include a student/employer business card exchange and networking event.

Indiana Journalism Job Fair

Date: February 07, 2004 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Location: Ball State University
Muncie, IN
Website: http://careercenter.nd.edu
Details: Meet and Interview with Newspaper Editors seeking to hire for FULL-TIME and INTERNSHIP Opportunities. Information about Participating Employers and Scheduling Interviews will be available from The Career Center after December 10. Contact Anita Rees for more information at rees.4@nd.edu.
INTERATIONAL NEWS

Deal reached on Iran nukes

VIENNA, Austria — U.S. and European negotiations opened Monday on how to con- ddict Iran for hiding its nuclear programs while still encouraging it to cooperate with the U.N. atomic agency.

The proposed resolution was weaker than the one the U.S. and Europeans had wanted. U.S. officials had hoped that Iran's past nuclear cover-ups would be enough for the U.N. Security Council to get involved. The coun- cil has the power to impose international sanctions.

The draft avoids any direct mention of the Security Council, but warns the agency will consider "sanctions at its disposal" an allusion to the council.

Russia and U.S. aided Georgia

TIBLISI, Georgia — Russia and the United States worked intensely behind the scenes to resolve Georgia's political crisis, as it became clear that Eduard Shevardnadze — who called on the West during most of a decade as president — might be forced into a bloody battle to maintain power.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov played the key last-minute role in mediat- ing between the president’s position and Shevardnadze, who resigned Sunday after three weeks of protests over disputed parlamentary elections.

Although Secretary of State Colin Powell and United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan were telephoned before dawn, no American diplomats participated in the talks to end the political standoff. Instead, the Bush administration called for restraint and a restoration of order.

NATIONAL NEWS

American Muslims sentenced

PORTLAND — Two American Muslims who tried to join the Taliban in Afghanistan were sentenced to 18 years in prison Monday during a hearing in which they denounced the Bush administra- tion and pleaded in song for freedom.

Patrice Lumumba Ford, 32, and Jeffrey Leon Battle, 33, had pleaded guilty in October to conspiracy to kill Americans overseas. They were sentenced to 18 years in prison for an undisclosed location, officials said.

In Afghanistan, they were fulfilling their Islamic duty to defend fellow Muslims.

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LOCAL NEWS

Indian Guardsman dies in Iraq

OTWILL, Ind. — Residents of a small southern Indiana town are mourning the loss of an Indiana National Guardsman who was killed in Iraq when his Humvee overturned during a patrol.

Cpl. Darren Smith, 28, was in the Humvee when it drove off a cliff and plunged into a river. Smith was one of the guardsmen who rescued soldiers from a similar accident three weeks earlier.

"They are occupiers, and this is their punishment," truck driver Hisham Abed quoted of the Americans to the Associated Press.

Gunmen ambushed a U.S. patrol here Monday of the soldiers. "The bodies were mutilated, there’s no electricity, no gasoline and no water," he said.

Washington, D.C. area sniper John Allen Muhammad is escorted into a courtroom at the Virginia Beach Circuit Court. The jury recommended the death sentence for Muhammad, who was convicted of murdering Harold Dean Myers.

Associated Press

Sniper dealt death sentence

Jury recommends execution for sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad

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Airlines has made it more difficult to find competitive prices from South Bend.

Flights are very full Wednesday and Sunday during the Thanksgiving weekend, and over the holiday the airport has become tougher and tougher to find cheap fares. The airlines are operating at a higher capacity, and we've had to get used to the decrease in service," Kowalski said.

She added that special holiday fares are available during off peak travel times, but advantage of such fares would require students to depart on Thursday and return on Friday. Students, however, said they did not see any airline departures from South Bend as having important consequences for their future travel plans.

American has relatively high fares, said McGuire.

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Notre Dame has the third highest percentage of students studying abroad, with 50 percent of the student body participating. The University and Georgetown University, according to a recent report by the Institute for International Education. In the 2001-02 academic year, for which the statistics were compiled, 50 percent of Notre Dame students studied overseas, up about 10 percent from the previous year.

"Studying abroad allows for deeper immersion in the culture and a wider experience," said McGuire. "It opens up a number of different possibilities." Bays said.

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White House, Hill agree to TV limits

Associated Press

States that raised their speed limits to 70 mph or more have seen a big drop in traffic deaths, but she said the study expands upon institute studies from the late 1990s, which showed a 12 percent increase in deaths when limits were raised to 75 mph. The study said the 10 states that raised limits to 75 mph overall in the Midwest and West had 38 percent more deaths during the rainy season than states with 65-68 mph limits. That's significantly more.

The 12 states which raised their limits to 70 mph include California, Florida, North Carolina and Missouri. They saw a 30 percent increase - some 1,100 additional deaths.

The report didn't examine the effects of other trends such as the tendency to drive faster in rural states where towns are far apart. Nor did it analyze the impact of 75 mph speed limits when the speed limit in the road on the left in 1999 was raised from 65 to 70 mph.
**Delta CEO plans to step down**

Leo Mullin, chairman and CEO of Delta announced his resignation Monday.

Associated Press

**Medicare overhaul nears passage**

WASHINGTON — The Senate cleared the way Monday for final congressional passage of legislation to add a prescription drug benefit and a free-enterprise flavor to the government-run Medicare program, rewarding twin attacks by die-hard Democratic opponents.

"This is a historic day and a momentous day," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., anticipating a Democratic filibuster later than Tuesday on a bill to make the most sweeping changes in Medicare since the program was created in 1965.

Defiant in defeat, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said the legislation "starts the unraveling of the Medicare system," and he accused the Republicans of planning a follow-up attack on Social Security and Medicare and the Democrats of planning a "rampage" against the new government.

At its heart, the legislation was designed as a compromise of sorts, the new drug benefit long sought by Democrats, combined with a Republican-backed plan to give private insurance companies a vast new role in health care for the program’s beneficiaries.

The scope of the bill goes far beyond that, though, including an additional $25 billion for rural hospitals and health care providers, a requirement for higher-income seniors to pay more for Medicare Part B coverage and billions of dollars to discourage corporations from eliminating existing coverage for their retirees once the new government program begins.

The bill would satisfy other goals of conservatives, including creation of tax-favored health savings accounts, open to individuals who purchase high-deductible health insurance policies. Most controversial of all, the legislation would create a limited program of direct competition between traditional Medicare and private plans, beginning in 2010.
Research first, then teach. That seems to be the direction University officials want faculty members to focus their actions. In the wake of University President Father Edward Malloy's discussion with over 60 faculty members last week, and while there is nothing wrong with trying to improve research at the University's foundation. It shouldn't come at the expense of undergraduate education.

Noire Dame currently uses a unitary faculty system, where professors are hired with the knowledge that they must simultaneously teach and research in order to receive tenure. Moreover, demands for increased research, which bolster Notre Dame's all-important ranking, have led academic officials to cut back faculty course loads in order to free professors to do more research. Even the tenure process itself appears to place more emphasis on how many papers a professor has written than teaching or service, the other factors considered in the tenure process.

Forcing faculty members to increasingly concentrate on research projects can only have significant effects for undergraduate education, even if the University says otherwise. Professors frantically trying to finish a book will pass more and grading and lecturing off to teaching assistants, instead of evaluating students themselves. Seminar classes will become forums for a professor to test out theories he will defend in an article. Helping students to finish a lab becomes secondary if the experiments won't help his professor's findings. Perhaps if there was a clear-cut way of rating the quality of an undergraduate education based on student faculty ratio in a national magazine, then Notre Dame might be more likely to ensure an equal balance between teaching and research. It might even allow professors to specialize in either research or teaching, recognizing that different people have different strengths. Or, when tenure applications come up, officials might find a way to identify how many students changed their major because they were inspired by one professor's class. After all, what is more likely to impact the average student—a dense 200-page book on principles of Bulgarian economics or a lively professor who actively engages students through lectures?

Just as teachers without knowledge are useless to students, so are researchers who can't pass on their knowledge to others. If Notre Dame was a think tank instead of a prestigious University, then there would be nothing wrong with emphasizing research to faculty members. But as an institution that has long prided itself on a strong undergraduate education, academic officials would do a disservice to the Notre Dame community if they failed to reward and extend tenure to exceptional teachers who may lack a strong research background.

After all, Notre Dame students don't pay $34,700 a year to support a faculty member's obscure research project. They pay it to receive a quality education.

More than just cheese

became cool, popular and actually prac­
ticed. Sometimes, hopefully during high
school, people reached a level of maturi­
ty when they realized that making fun of
people's expressions or second hand
topics was playing some variety of Yahoo
ensembles simply wasn't acceptable anymore.

I was at this party last night. To be
safe, let us call it a get-together.
People were sitting on couches, all feel­
ing a little more about the rave music blaring from the stereo: "Hyper! Hyper! Come on! Put your hands in the air! Hyper! Hyper!"

Secretly wishing we were all in some
disco tale in Zurich.

There were, however, a few things that
two as kids came in grunting,
yelling and killing the mood. Just when
the song was good, one of them thought it appropriate to approach one of my friends and speak his mind.

"Hey, your little brother is a complete
loser; he's, like, not cool at all. Man.
Get this; he calls pizza 'za. 'Yeah, totally stu­
dio."

It was one of those moments when you
asked yourself: "Did that kid seriously just say that?" I wasn't sure how to react. Maybe I should just dismiss it as some kid who thinks he's a smoothie
rummaging his mouth. No, it was more than that.

For a second I thought I was a 5th
grader getting on the bus to bars from our neighborhood bully, who kept reminding me that my ankle length jeans made it look like I was getting ready for a flood. It had honestly been a long time since I had met a kid with that much atti­

dude.

When does some closed-minded dink
in a yellow Oxford and Blue Blockers think it is ever okay to put people down,
much less family?

There was so much wrong with that
moment. I honestly thought that four or five years ago diversity and sensitivity

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"Only the spoon knows what is stirring
in the pot."

Sicilian proverb
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**Scene Movie Critic**

By C. SPENCER BEGGS

You might like Gothika better the first time you saw it, when it was called The Ring or The Sixth Sense, or maybe The Stupid Parts of The Sixth Sense.

Oscar-winner Halle Berry plays Belle Grey, a psychiatrist at a Connecticut hospital for criminally insane women that gives Dracula's castle a run for its spooky money, complete with conveniently timed power outages. After a baffling session treating a patient named Chloe (Penelope Cruz) who claims she is raped by the devil at night, Grey takes a fateful detour on her way home and runs off the road when she swerves to avoid a half-naked girl standing in the road. When she approaches the girl to see if she is all right, the girl grabs her, bursts into flames and Grey blackouts.

When she wakes up, she finds herself committed to her own hospital under the treatment of one of her colleagues, Pete Graham (Robert Downey, Jr.), who reveals to her that she has brutally murdered her husband. The plot is pretty much a down-spiral from there, in involving ghosts, possession and satanic ritual abuse.

The real shame of Gothika is that it starts out with some pretty intriguing psychological premises and symbolism, but it never develops any of those themes. As the movie progresses, it goes from psychological thriller, to occult thriller, to Nancy Drew-solves-the-case-of-the-crazy-ghost possessed woman, then to a soap opera. Russell Crowe, Jr., who turns out a stellar performance with disappointing little screen time, is under-utilized, and his character, along with a possible romance with Berry, all but vanishes about halfway through the film.

After seeing Gothika, one can only wonder what went away with the script. It almost seems as if the last quarter of the movie was amputated and replaced by a soap opera ending. During the last scene of the movie, you can almost hear the audience thinking, "OK, how will this twist ending end up?"

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**Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World**

**Movie Review**

The movie begins with the British ship being attacked by the French ship. The French attack leaves the ship badly wounded along with some of the British sailors. After this attack, the French ship disappears. Throughout the rest of the film, the British ship plots to retaliate by attacking the French ship. The leadership of Captain Aubrey and the medical talents of the ship's best friend, Dr. Stephen Maturin (Paul Bettany), help keep the sailors spirits up. The horrible conditions at sea, however, threaten these two characters' relationship with each other. Captain "Lucky" wants to continue pursuing the French ship, regardless of how dangerous this quest becomes, while the doctor insists on returning to England.

Betty's activism is one of the greatest strengths of the film. He convinces viewers that he is very different from the rest of the men on board through displaying his idealism — and his indifference to defeating the French ship. In many of his scenes, Maturin is alone reading, writing or thinking. His mannerisms, language and appearance distinguish him from the other actors.

Crowe, the only big name actor on screen, also does a great job of staying in character, although his acting is still secondary to Bettany's. Crowe makes all of the decisions, commands respect from his sailors and is also well-liked. He remains calm, regardless how dangerous the situation is, and he does a great job of handling deaths of his sailors.

There are several young children on board the British ship. These child actors' reactions to death and injuries are very touching and viewers can't help but empathize with these boys. The British ship's constant anticipation of attacking the French ship is another of the film's greatest strengths. The clips of the Spanish ship, through the lens of a telescope, are dramatic.

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DEFENDING THEIR GOALS
Regular season success puts Irish in great spot

The Irish are in a good spot, and for three rounds at least, they can stay there.

The men’s soccer team did not even appear on the NCAA Preseason Top 25 rankings at the start of this year. But coach Bobby Clark always says, the last season doesn’t matter. Sure enough, they jumped to fourth in the nation for the Sept. 1 rankings, and Notre Dame never really left the national spotlight.

Sparked by a surge of shutouts in the Big East tournament that culminated in a 2-0 championship victory over Connecticut, Wisconsin-Milwaukee is already traveling, and if the Irish can get by the Panthers safely, they will face the winner of St. Peter’s vs. Michigan.

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Sure enough, the Irish are in a good spot, the last season doesn’t matter. They have a game to take care of and then hopefully another.

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Leaving a mark

The Irish seniors hope to leave Notre Dame having accomplished all their goals especially the biggest one

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

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When the Notre Dame seniors take the field Wednesday afternoon, they will do so knowing it is the last time they will play on Alumni Field. The seniors have certainly left a mark on the school in their four years here and have helped Notre Dame to the biggest run in the tournament, which would be a national championship in men’s soccer.

The seniors have been a big part of the Irish soccer team that has won the Big East championship every year since 2000, and they have been a big part of the Irish soccer team that has been to the NCAA tournament every year since 2000. The seniors have been a big part of the Irish soccer team that has been to the NCAA tournament every year since 2000.

“/back in August of 2000, and especially in August 2003, we really set our sights on the national championship,” Martin said. “Can this team win a national championship? I think that is the better answer to that is that this team can accomplish whatever they want. We want to show that first, Notre Dame can play soccer, and second, that if a group of guys commit to a goal, they can achieve whatever they want.

This year, we want to win a national championship.”

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Midfielder and three-year captain Greg Martin dribbles around a West Virginia defender at Alumni Field Sept. 21. Martin is one of seven seniors who have brought Notre Dame to soccer prominence in their four years in South Bend.

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Stingy defense has led the Irish all year long

In 21 games, Irish have only allowed 14 goals and registered 13 shutouts

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Wisconsin-Milwaukee scored four times against Western Michigan to earn a shot at Notre Dame in the second round. It was silly of them.

The Panthers should have saved two of those goals for Wednesday.

With Big East Goalie of the Year Chris Sawyer and arguably the strongest back four in the nation composed of Kevin Richards, Kevin Goldthwaite, Jack Stewart and sophomore Christopher High, the Irish are consistently limiting powerful offenses to few chances and even fewer goals.

At the rate the Irish are giving up goals, Wisconsin-Milwaukee is looking at a possible goose egg in its goals column in the Thursday box score.

It's a distinct possibility, since it's happened to 13 other teams this season.

Sawyer — only a junior — has a .65 goals against average on the season, making 66 saves including eight in three straight shutouts on the way to a Big East conference championship.

Not only have the Irish been shutting opponents out, they have given up just fourteen goals all season. Notre Dame's total of 36 goals is not a high season total for any team, but the Irish still have twenty-four more tallies than their foes.

When Sawyer raised the goalie of the year trophy above his head following a 2-0 victory over St. John's, he knew it would have been more appropriate to have four sets of hands helping him support the award. They have supported each other all year anyway.

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"Other than that, the defense just takes care of me. That save in the first half, I was just glad I could do that for them when they save me so much."

The two men in the middle who 'save' Sawyer often are Stewart and High. The two juniors function as a two-headed monster, splitting the gut of opponents' attacks. They win close battles at their feet and leaping battles in the air, particularly Stewart, who has a knack for getting his head on any ball within twenty feet above his shoulders.

High, a junior from Camarillo, Calif, saw action in four games during his sophomore season after red-shirting his freshman year. This season, however, with coach Bobby Clark shifting Luke Roughen from stopper to midfielder midway through the season, High has stepped up as a rock on defense.

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"Our two central defenders are very solid," Clark said. "They counter every aerial threat, especially against St. John's, who is a fairly direct team. If you don't handle that threat you're in trouble, and these two boys have played superbly well."

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Most important about the two back four, however — especially in the Irish system — is the ability of both players to not only halt opponents' rushes but to counter with attacks of their own. Both players make runs to the sideline often as Notre Dame switches the ball across the field.

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"Kevin Richards doesn't score a lot of goals, but he makes a lot of goals," Clark said, referring to his playmaking skills.

Goldthwaite certainly does, as well.

The junior from Sacramento, Calif, started nine games his freshman season and has been invaluable particularly due to his set up ability. Goldthwaite can put a crossing ball, corner kick or throw in the box on offense. Counting the Big East Tournament, he leads the team in assists with nine.

Richards, Goldthwaite and Stewart each have one goal, and the defense has often translated into offense this season for the Irish. Still, the Irish defense has been the reason the team needs only one or two great plays per game from attackers like Justin Detter, Devon Prescod and Greg Martin to secure a victory against anybody.

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The series, directed on film by Peter Jackson, tells the story of a hobbit named Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood) who goes on a quest to destroy a ring that is the source of all evil in the world. The Two Towers picks up where the first part, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, leaves off, with Frodo’s company of travelers dispersed.

Frodo now travels with his friend Sam (Sean Astin, of *Rudy* fame) and a creature named Gollum (Andy Serkis), while Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) and Gimli (John Rhys-Davies) head south and count and show the orcs fleeting from Helm’s Deep into Fangorn Forest. The sequence also shows Merry and Pippin discovering a heap of food in the ruins of Isengard.

The best four hours and 45 minutes, Jackson successfully achieves his goal of making his films more like "histories" of middle earth, as if the events of the story actually took place. The film also can be watched with several audio commentaries, including one with almost every feature actor in the cast, one with Jackson and his writing team, and one with members of the design team.

Jackson edited and marked making this a truly unique experience to own on DVD. While many thought that Jackson would run out of things to put in the DVD after loading the Fellowship of the Ring Extended Edition DVD with dozens of bonus features, he has actually topped himself with *The Two Towers*.

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A fourth disc explores the world of Weta, the special effects and design company that worked on the films. It is simply amazing to watch how much effort was put into the hundreds of costumes and prosthetics, as well as into finding and constructing the various locations in New Zealand where the three films were shot concurrently.

Also featured on the third disc are hundreds of conceptual drawings for the various costumes and sets in the film.

While all of the design documentaries provide incredible insights into the filmmaking process, perhaps none is more fascinating than the section on disc three devoted to the creation of the Gollum character, the first ever dramatic performance given by a computer-generated character. Never before has such a significant event in film history been so well documented.

The documentaries even explore the controversy that erupted inside of Weta over whether to use Serkis as a model for Gollum’s performance using revolutionary motion capture technology, or to simply use his voice and use the computer alone to generate the character’s movement.

The fourth disc documents the actual filming of the picture. One section of features describes the amazing collection of miniatures needed for certain parts of the film. Another goes into depth about digital effects in the film.

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**THE TWO TOWERS: EXTENDED EDITION**

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**The third and fourth discs of the Extended Edition DVD have over six hours of special features, including lots of information about Gollum, a CGI creature.**

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**DVD REVIEW**

**‘The Two Towers’ comes to life**

By JONATHAN RETARTHA

When the notion of providing deleted scenes in a DVD is not new, Peter Jackson takes this feature one step farther by weaving the deleted scenes into the film, forming a "director’s cut" that even features original music composed just for these deleted scenes by composer Howard Shore.

Even though many "director’s cut" DVDs seem long and drawn out with the deleted scenes woven in, *The Two Towers* actually seems shorter in the Extended Edition than in the theatrical version. All of the deleted scenes are valuable additions to the film and satisfy many of the complaints that several critics and Tolkien purists have had about the film.

Some of the deleted scenes include a funny scene with Merry (Dominic Monaghan), Pippin (Billy Boyd) experimenting with Ent Draft, Aragorn revealing his age to Eowyn (Miranda Otto), and the funeral of King Théoden’s son. In addition, a long scene describes a flashback of Boromir (Sean Bean) and Faramir (David Wenham) together.

This scene is also important because it introduces the character of Denethor (John Noble), who plays a key role in the final chapter of the trilogy, *The Return of the King*, which opens in theaters Dec. 17.

Finally, perhaps the largest addition to the film is a sequence of scenes at the end of the film, which continue Legolas (Orlando Bloom) and Gimli’s (John Rhys-Davies) head count and show the area fleeing from Helm’s Deep into Fangorn Forest. The sequence also shows Merry and Pippin discovering a heap of food in the ruins of Isengard.

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The other two discs are full of special features that will keep fans entertained for hours on end. Disc three is full of feature material for the film. Even though the movies may seem dense with material, the books themselves are even denser, and the writing team was forced to make several cuts and changes to the original story in order to make it flow better on the screen.

While many of these changes have angered Tolkien purists, one documentary features Jackson explaining all of the cuts and changes and why they needed to be included or removed from the film.

Other excellent documentaries on the third disc explore the world of Weta, the special effects and design company that worked on the films. It is simply amazing to watch how much effort was put into the hundreds of costumes and prosthetics, as well as into finding and constructing the various locations in New Zealand where the three films were shot concurrently.

Also featured on the third disc are hundreds of conceptual drawings for the various costumes and sets in the film.

While all of the design documentaries provide incredible insights into the filmmaking process, perhaps none is more fascinating than the section on disc three devoted to the creation of the Gollum character, the first ever dramatic performance given by a computer-generated character. Never before has such a significant event in film history been so well documented.

The documentaries even explore the controversy that erupted inside of Weta over whether to use Serkis as a model for Gollum’s performance using revolutionary motion capture technology, or to simply use his voice and use the computer alone to generate the character’s movement.

The fourth disc documents the actual filming of the picture. One section of features describes the amazing collection of miniatures needed for certain parts of the film. Another goes into depth about digital effects in the film.

A third section is devoted completely to music and sound, with commentary from Shore about the different themes used for different locations in the movie.

All of the special features make the Extended Edition the ultimate movie experience. Enough information and insight into the process is present in this DVD to make it the own lesson in filmmaking. Everything from ideas and drawings to editing and marketing make this a truly unique experience to own on DVD.

While many thought that Jackson would run out of things to put in the DVD after loading the Fellowship of the Ring Extended Edition DVD with dozens of bonus features, he has actually topped himself with *The Two Towers*.

All of the contributors to the interviews have been through the Extended Edition process before and are even more comfortable with answering questions and sharing their love of film.

Even without the spectacular DVDs, *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy will leave an indelible mark on the world of filmmaking. The extended editions only serve as further proof of the passion and love every person involved has with bringing the novels to life.

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**The third and fourth discs of the Extended Edition DVD have over six hours of special features, including lots of information about Gollum, a CGI creature.**
Mathieu Biron defeats older brother in a 2-1 victory

Mathieu Biron, who at 23 is three younger than Martin, gave Florida a 2-0 lead in the first period when he joined brother Tony of Chicago on Nov. 5, 1990. The Penguins were trying to become the first NHL player in history to accomplish the feat, scoring on brother Tony of Chicago on Nov. 5, 1990.

"I was happy," Mathieu Biron said. "I knew it was going to be nice if it was a cheap goal. It wouldn't have been if it was. Mathieu saying that he would love to hear from him. I had a nice goal." Martin Biron added an assist, Hem Murray had a short-hand-goal, and Tomas Vokoun made 34 saves to improve to 2-0-1 in his last six starts.

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Indiana extends Orlando's losing streak to 13

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Mourning leaves NBA as kidney problems worsen

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New Jersey Nets center Alonzo Mourning is leaving basketball again because the kidney disease he've had for three years is worsening and he needs a transplant.

The announcement Monday came just a few months after Mourning, 33, signed a four-year contract with the Nets believed to be worth $22 million.

The four-time All-Star sat out all of last season and large portions of two of the last three years because of the life-threatening kidney ailment, focal glomerulosclerosis.

The team said Mourning, who was in his 12th NBA season, needs a transplant "in the near future" and that a nationwide search is under way for a prospective donor.

"Alonzo is a true champion and a very courageous athlete who attempted to defy the odds with his comeback to the NBA," Nets president Rod Thorn said. "Unfortunately, his medical condition will not allow him to continue his basketball career."

Dr. Gerald Appel of Columbia University Medical Center said Mourning's kidney function has deteriorated rapidly in recent weeks.

"It is no longer medically safe for him to play basketball," Appel said. "Although he still feels well, the chemical imbalances in his blood make it dangerous for him to play."

Mourning played in 12 games for the Nets this season, averaging a disappointing 8 points and 2.3 rebounds in 17.9 minutes.

His career averages were 20.3 points and 9.8 rebounds per game coming into this season.

On Saturday, Mourning had a season-high 15 points in the Nets' 81-80 loss to the Toronto Raptors.

Two days earlier, he got into a heated exchange with team mailman Bob Sorensen, who made light of Mourning's disease.

"I have overcome all I have overcome to come back and play this game for one reason, and that's to win," Mourning said afterward.

Mourning previously played for the Charlotte Hornets and Miami Heat.

The disease was detected in 2000, while Mourning was with the Heat.

The diagnosis came shortly after the 6-foot-10 center helped the U.S. team win the gold medal at the Olympics.

The disease attacks the tiny filters in the kidney that remove waste from the blood. That makes the kidney spill proteins from blood into the urine.

The resulting kidney damage can lead to kidney failure, which requires dialysis or a transplant.

"It's a sad day in anyone's life when they can no longer do what they love, especially when they have no control over their situation," Heat president Pat Riley said in a statement.

"Alonzo has been the cornerstone of the Heat organization for eight years and continues to be a role model in the Miami community."
The remarkable part was that he was 25 before he got his first major league win. "Warren Spahn was a fighter and a winner," said New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, a former teammate. "He made catching in the big leagues a lot easier for me because he took me under his wing along with Lew Burdette. One of my biggest thrills to this day was catching his 300th victory in 1961."

Spahn started his baseball career in his hometown of Buffalo, playing first base while his father played third for the Buffalo Lake City Athletic Club. He wanted to play first in high school but his team already had an all-city player at that position. So Spahn switched to pitching. He signed with the Braves in 1940 for $80 a month and injured his arm twice in his first season of D-level ball. But he won 19 games the next season and was invited to spring training with the Braves.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish have one last chance

Irish travel to No. 6 Stanford to improve their NCAA seeding
By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

They know what they have to do, now it is just a matter of execution.

Coming off a loss to Pittsburgh (24-4) in the Big East Tournament Championship, No. 20 Notre Dame (23-5) looks to regroup when they travel to No. 6 Stanford Saturday.

The Irish come off a loss that snapped their 61 game Big East winning streak at home and was only the second loss the Irish have ever suffered in the Big East tournament since joining the conference in 1995. The Irish are 2-3 in their last five matches. But Notre Dame is putting the loss behind them and moving on. They have a week of practice to prepare for Stanford (21-6), the last regular season match of the year.

"We can’t go into Stanford and have a good match if we don’t practice well this week," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "We have to get back into the gym and work out the details there.

The Irish have been led all season by their nation-leading blocking average, 3.73 per game. Emily Loomis leads the Irish attack with 3.62 kills per game. She is joined by Lauren Brewster, who is atop the nation with 1.82 blocks per game. She also averages 3.54 kills per game. However, the Irish have struggled of late, losing to then No. 14 Northern Iowa and then dropping two matches in one week to Pittsburgh.

Those two losses gave Pittsburgh a share of the regular season conference title and last Sunday, the Big East Tournament Championship.

"This is the time to pull together — we’re in the postseason and it goes really short," Debbie Brown said.

Brown said you don’t allow yourself to get tired, you don’t allow yourself to make excuses, you just get after it everyday at practice. We just have to play well.

Stanford will be a tough opponent for the Irish, as they enter having only the second loss of the season by their national-leading block in the NCAA Tournament.

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Associated Press

Southern California moved back into position to play for the national title — for now.

The Sooners were once again in second place in the Big East Championship Series standings Monday, moving up one spot after a loss by Ohio State.

Oklahoma (12-0) remained the runaway leader in the standings that will determine which teams will play for the national title in the Sugar Bowl. The Sooners are a unanimous No. 1 in the polls and are the top team in all seven BCS computer rankings.

USC was second, nearly five points behind at 6.89, followed by LSU at 9.04, matching the order in both polls. The Trojans and the Tigers are the only one-loss teams remaining from one of the six major conferences.

USC has one game remaining Dec. 6 against Oregon State (7-4). LSU plays Arkansas (8-3) on Friday, and if the Tigers win, they will play in the SEC title game. If LSU wins both those games, they could get enough of a boost to move ahead of USC.

"Sometimes when you start thinking about all that other stuff it is just kind of clutter that can affect your ability to prepare, focus, and have the kind of poise and confidence that you need," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "I think you can get distracted by other things and it really comes down to performance. We have to play well in the game and preparation helps you do that.

The Sooners have won a poll average, 1.8 for computer rank average, 0.40 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and 0.5 bonus points for beating sixth-place Texas for a 1.9.

With all the focus on second place, Oklahoma has been able to avoid the usual BCS controversy.

"It's hard for us to get on television or the newspaper," coach Bob Stoops said. "We just focus on what we can do. That always is our focus and what we pay attention to. What's been kind of nice about it is it has kind of deflected a lot of attention off of us.

For now, the focus is on LSU, USC and all the teams they've played this year. They're 22 spots ahead of LSU in strength of schedule this week.

BCS expert Jerry Palm projects that USC could end up anywhere from 15 spots ahead to 26 spots behind.

There are seven games in the Top 25. What may have the most direct impact on that: Alabama at Florida, Georgia at Tech, Rice at Louisiana Tech and Arizona at Arizona State this weekend, and Notre Dame at Syracuse and North Carolina State at Hawaii next weekend.

Saban said his preference would be to have four teams after the bowls meet in a mini-playoff.
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Chicago Bulls head coach Bill Cartwright watches the action during the Bulls' game against the Washington Wizards on Jan. 6, 2003. Cartwright was fired from the Bulls Monday after the team struggled to a 4-10 start.

ChicAGO — The Chicago Bulls are starting over.

Again.

Bill Cartwright became the latest casualty in the Bulls' seemingly endless rebuilding project, fired Monday after a 4-10 start.

The team that began the season with such high expectations — maybe even the first playoff run since the dynasty days — looks like so many other versions of the Horribulls.

"There's no question that this team has underachieved, and probably for many reasons. Is it a coaching problem? I don't think so," interim coach Pete Myers said in Dallas, where Chicago plays the Mavericks on Tuesday night.

"Those kids got to tie up their shoestrings a little tighter," Myers said. "I told the guys today that it's time for you all to pull that mirror out now. We've changed coaches, now you guys are going to take the heat. Now you have to stand up."

If they don't, more changes are likely. Trade rumors were already swirling around the team, with talk over the weekend of a deal with Toronto for Jalen Rose.

While that trade hasn't happened, general manager John Paxson has made it clear he's not happy.

"The team is underperforming and we have to find ways to win, period," Paxson said. "I am not satisfied with the team's start this season and changes have to be made. This represents the first change, but not necessarily the last."

Chicago has been abysmal since the Michael Jordan dynasty was blown to bits after winning its sixth NBA title in 1993. The Bulls have lost 292 games since, and have started and scrapped several rebuilding plans along the way.

But this was supposed to be the year everything turned around. Chicago finished 30-52 last year, a nine-game improvement. Prep-to-pro projects Eddy Curry and Tyson Chandler were expected to build on the progress they made at the end of last season, and Scottie Pippen's return added veteran leadership.

Instead, the Bulls lost their first three of four games by an average of 27 points, including back-to-back 30-point blowouts. They share last place in the Central Division and have lost five straight.

McGrady misses game against Pacers with flu

Bill ANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady missed Orlando's game Monday night against the Indiana Pacers because of the flu, handing the struggling Magic another setback.

He left the team's morning shootaround after five minutes and did not return for the game. The team said he had a temperature of 103.

McGrady is the league's third-leading scorer at 24.4 points a game, but the guard's shot has faltered during the Magic's 12-game losing streak. He is shooting 43 percent, far below last season when he won the NBA scoring title.

Donnell Harvey replaced McGrady in the lineup.

Escobar signs three-year contract with Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Right-hander Kelvim Escobar and the Anaheim Angels agreed Monday to an $18.75 million, three-year contract.

Escobar was 13-9 with a 4.29 ERA and four saves in 26 starts and 15 relief appearances for Toronto last season, moving into the starting rotation May 18 after 92 consecutive relief outings.

He had one shutdown, a four-hitter at Cincinnati on June 8.

Escobar, 27, was the Blue Jays' closer in 2002, going 7-7 and a 4.27 ERA. He had 38 saves but tied for the AL lead with eight blown saves.

A native of Venezuela, Escobar signed with Toronto in July 1992. After missing 3.9 million last season, he got a $750,000 signing bonus and yearly salaries of $5.5 million, $6 million and $6.5 million.

Escobar was the 10th player to sign among the 210 who filed for free agency and only the second to receive a three-year contract. Guilderflle Paul Batiste left Kansas City last week, agreeing to a $12.25 million, three-year contract with Seattle.

Colts kick returner Terrance Williams broke his nose during Sunday's 17-14 victory at Buffalo but is not expected to miss this weekend's game against New England. The injury occurred in the first half, but Williams continued returning kicks throughout the game.

Colts coach Tony Dungy also said the team was waiting for the results of an MRI on tight end Dallas Clark's back. Clark had a strained muscle in his lower back, Dungy said.

Dungy was hopeful four players — wide receivers Troy Walters and Brandon Stokley, fullback Detroit Smith and safety Cory Bird — could return from injuries this week. All four were inactive Sunday.
Women's volleyball club victorious

by the narrowest of margins. The Irish kicked off the tour-
"ond by splitting games with Club Nowak 25-22, 27-
performance in their first match of the year, Notre Dame
1 dropped only lone game throughout the rest of pool
The Irish then swept Indiana 25-22, 25-30, before splitting
two games with the Alumni team, 25-20, 18-25. The ND
squad then defeated NO2 25-17, 25-19 and Northwesterners
Notre Dame 2 also had a very strong tournament, post-
ing two convincing victories over Indiana University.
Notre Dame 1, posting an 8-2 record, claimed the top seed
heading into the playoffs. Carrying their momentum from
four straight victories in pool play, the Irish dominated
Northernwesterns in all aspects of the game.
Mike Toomey provided key digs to setter Dan Zenker who
strategically mixed up outside, middle and back sets to keep
opponents on their toes. Ryan Goes and Mike Giampa record-
ed key blocks down the stretch to help the Irish to victory.
Notre Dame began the championship match against Club
Nowak a little flat, finding themselves down 19-12.
Although they did end up losing the first game, the Irish
scored six of the last eight points in the game. Caring this
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Irish still have some growing up to do

Some time in the future, Mike Brey should gather his team around a big-screen television, pop in a tape of the last 15 minutes of Monday's Notre Dame-Northern Illinois tilt. Look at the place and open his eyes.

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Then he should pause, dramatically, and open his mouth again.

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Let's review. With 14:47 left in the game, Terin Francis had just lobbed a shot into the basket to give Notre Dame a 24-point lead over Northern Illinois. 

The Irish were expected to give the Irish much more than a head start. At that point, Francis might have shrugged his shoulders had he known that he would only score one more basket in the game as a tip-dunk off a Torrian Jones missed layup.

But Francis certainly couldn't have anticipated that that pushback would have been Notre Dame's only field goal for the final 14:47 of the game.

No, that isn't a typo. Notre Dame scored just one basket in the final quarter of the game.

"We just got lazy," the soft-spoken sophomore said.

While authorities sent out search parties for Notre Dame's normally prolific offense, Northern Illinois slowly clawed its way back with the brick of utter humiliation to actually make a 24-point game into one where it seemed the Irish might lose, the final horn sounding. And in all seriousness, Notre Dame was never in serious jeopardy of losing once the Huskies at arm's length. Of course, it's tough to play with the heart and intensity this weekend, and the seniors have been there to keep the team together, Bellina said. "I think we have the ingredients to turn this around this season."

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"We were close."

Francis dominated down low, registering game-highs in points (24) and rebounds (19). He was able to use his big height advantage over the Northern Illinois defenders and have a great game to open the season.

"I just used the preseason to come out strong in those games to build up some momentum for the actual season and when it counted."

was my goal," Francis said. "I had to use the height mismatch to my advantage. I couldn't really hold me on defense and I just kept taking it at them."

The Huskies out rebounded the Irish 53-43 and had 25 offensive rebounds. Brey felt his team had to guard the 3-pack plug and give up some things on the inside. For the game, the Huskies only shot 4-of-17 from behind the arc.

Chris Thomas and Chris Quinn, along with Francis, were the only Notre Dame players to score in double digits. Thomas scored 17 while Quinn had 18.

Despite scoring only 17 points, 15 on free throws, in the game's last 14:47, the Irish feel Monday night was something they can build on later in the season.

"I think that's good for this team to get in game situations like that down the stretch, it puts hair on your chest," Jordan Cornette said. "The guys being able to perform under pressure like that is a great way to start the season."

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Women's Basketball

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By HEATHER VAN HOOGARDEN

SPORTS WRITER

This Thanksgiving, the Irish will be on the road, facing two tough opponents. First, No. 17 Notre Dame (2-2) travels to Michigan State (2-0), to face the Spartans on Wednesday.

Michigan State is coming off a 78-40 win over Temple to win the Spartan Classic.

After this game, the Irish travel to Tennessee on Sunday. The Lady Volunteers (2-1) will be a tough opponent for Notre Dame. They return three starters, all seniors. This senior class has a record of 93-13 in their four years at Tennessee.

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Irish guard Chris Thomas drives to the basket and attempts a lay-up between two Northern Illinois defenders in Notre Dame's 74-65 victory over the Huskies Monday night.

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Yeah... oh that's great. yeah... alright thanks...

Well I've got great news! Geico saved me a bunch of money on my car insurance.

Oh yeah... The dinner thing. That's not looking too good for you.

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Irish forward Torin Francis dunks the ball during Notre Dame's 74-65 victory over Northern Illinois Monday night.

By MATT LOZAR
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It wasn't how close it was at the end that surprised Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey more Monday night, but his team's 57-33 disadvantage early in the second half.

"Quite frankly, we were up as big as we were on them at times. I kept looking at the scoreboard twice because I didn't think we would ever get that much breathing room on them," Brey said. "I thought it was going to be just like it was for the last seven minutes for 40 minutes."

Using an inspired defensive effort to build what appeared to be a comfortable margin for the first 25 minutes of the game, the Irish held on Monday night against Northern Illinois and prevailed 74-65 in Notre Dame's season opener.

"It's a good win for us because we beat a very good team tonight. I expected game pressure on us," Brey said. "I thought we defended really well for 40 minutes, which really helped us win the game."

The Irish jumped out to an early 10-6 advantage — a combination of a high defensive intensity and poor shooting from the Huskies. In the first half, the Huskies only shot 27.5 percent while the Irish had seven steals and five blocks.

Early in the second half, the Irish looked to put this game away by scoring 13 of the half's first 18 points, building a 24-point lead.

But then the Irish had a letdown and stopped scoring. Over the last 14 minutes, 47 seconds, the Irish had one basket — a Torin Francis slam-dunk off a missed jumper by Torrian Jones.

"There may have been some of [a letdown]," Brey said. "None of us ran what we wanted to run, [with the exception of junior Lauren King]," sophomore Stephanie Judson said. "To come in here and be successful against a team like Notre Dame, you need to make 3's and keep them off the free throw line."

Irish forward Torin Francis dunks the ball during Notre Dame's 74-65 victory over Northern Illinois Monday night.

By JOE LINDSLEY
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Irish finish 10th at championships

It was bitterly cold Monday in Cedar Falls as the Iowa town played host to the NCAA Cross Country Championships. While two Irish runners had All-American days, the fourth-ranked Notre Dame women's team did not cap off the season with the warm feeling of victory that it had become accustomed to in the past.

Just last week, the Irish commanded the field at the Great Lakes Regional with their first place finish, and propelled by that momentum they were hoping Monday to meet or better their third place performance in last year's national championship. While they did not accomplish that goal, the Irish nevertheless finished in a respectable 10th place in the nation.

"None of us ran what we wanted to run, [with the exception of junior Lauren King]," sophomore Stephanie Madia said. "We're pretty happy.