**Retailers optimistic about holiday shopping**

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," and local retailers, who enjoyed a profitable Thanksgiving weekend and predict high volumes throughout the holiday season, couldn't be happier. For the past two years the economic recession has convinced many consumers to tighten their belts and curb holiday spending, something that Mark Eagan, president and CEO of the St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce, expects will change this year. "We've seen a decrease in spending," he said. "This year all signs are for a very strong season." Sales over Thanksgiving weekend at the University Park Mall were high, said General Manager Linda Reynolds. "We've seen a steady increase since the beginning of the fourth quarter and that's carried over to the start of the holiday season," she said. "In talking to our retailers, they said sales were up across the board." According to Zappia, popular items for this year include apparel, gift items and electronics. Both she and Eagan said the consumer focus is broader this year, compared to past seasons that were dominated with "must have" toys or electronics. "I don't think there's one national trend," Eagan said.

**Health Services treats record numbers**

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
News Writer

Record numbers of students fell sick in the days before Thanksgiving as a flu-like bug circulated around campus, and University Health Center officials said they struggled under the load of hundreds of students seeking help and medication.

The Health Center, which regularly sees 300 to 400 patients weekly, saw almost 1,000 in the week ending Nov. 22 and another 700 the week before that. "Approximately 1,300 students attended the wellness program in the last two weeks, compared to about 1,200 students during the past year," said Ann Kleva, director of Health Services, and about 250 were eventually treated specifically for influenza.

"Our staff has been working unbelievably well as a team, pitching in and working overtime and converting for each other to meet the needs of all the students who stormed in," she said. Students often faced long lines before even being seen by a nurse.

Freshman Katie Gallagher waited at least 20 minutes to be treated in the Health Center Nov. 24. She had been sick since the previous Thursday, she said, but her friends had finally convinced her to be treated. "I missed all my Friday classes," she said. "I couldn't get off the future." Gallagher said that she made up material she missed with her classmate's notes, but her other professors didn't seem to care.

Some professors said they had not noticed significant numbers of absences over the week. "Everyone has been in class," said Pit-Mann Wong, a calculus professor.

Chemistry professor Graham Lappin agreed, saying he had noticed no change in his class attendance. He added, however, that his section is "constantly moody of engineers. I think most of them are tough and will stick with something like that out."

Still, students affected by the circulating illnesses must take care, Kleva said. "Supportive measures, adequate hydration, rest and time are the core factors in recovery," said Kleva. "We only wish there were more they could do to make the students feel more comfortable." Students who still want or need a flu shot can visit Health Services' Web site to find area locations where they are being offered.

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**Faculty vote to decide fate of Core program**

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

The Core program, a staple of liberal arts studies at Notre Dame, may undergo a revamp after faculty members and department chairs that make up the College Council vote on the course's fate at their Dec. 9 meeting.

The current Core curriculum, offering a two-semester course on one broad topic, finished third of previous years to a higher level of student interest, according to琢 Zappia, director of Core and professor of the classics, agreed. "Actually, I like teaching Core. I'm really having fun, but the younger faculty members don't like it because they would rather teach something more specific in their own field. That's the dividing line." In a memo sent to the College Council committee set up to develop Core course proposals, the Core advisory committee, made up of faculty members with a long association with the program, expressed their displeasure that the changes made to the program. "For my 40 years at Notre Dame, we have always had in the college a year-long course common to all our students involving writing and discussion and a common set of texts," said Thomas Lappin, member of the Core faculty and professor of psychology. "Supportive measures, adequate hydration, rest and time are the core factors in recovery," said Kleva. "We only wish there were more they could do to make the students feel more comfortable." Students who still want or need a flu shot can visit Health Services' Web site to find area locations where they are being offered.

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**Officers debate roles**

By MEGAN O'NEIL
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Officers debated the role of Notre Dame and Holy Cross students in student government meetings and held full voting privileges. A Saint Mary's representative attends Notre Dame student senate meetings. The Saint Mary's representative's role was to provide a unique perspective for the board in its decision-making process. The evaluation of the cross-campus positions came amidst a year-long effort by ROG to revamp the existing Student Government Association Constitution. Under the current document, a representative from both Notre Dame and Holy Cross attends the weekly ROG meetings and holds full voting privileges. A Saint Mary's representative attends Notre Dame student senate meetings. The Saint Mary's representative, however, is unable to vote. Board members discussed whether ROG should relinquish the vote for the visiting representatives.

"I didn't realize we didn't vote over there; I thought Lindsey's position was a voting position," said alumnus commissioner Anna Bauer. "I think it says a lot about the cooperation between the schools. I don't think we should do it out of vengeance, but the positions should be reciprocal." Junior class president Sarah Catherine Brown expressed her discomfort at the idea of a Notre Dame or Holy Cross student
INSIDE COLUMN
ResLife lockdown
It has now been two weeks since the University locked me out of my own house for a day and a half. Well, that is not completely true. They left one door, not quite unlocked, but breachable with a swipe of a card — the one door they judged to be the one most valuable through; but they prohibited all entrance through my house's other doors.
They did this without consulting me or any other person who lived there. They did this to my house and 26 other houses on campus.
They did this "for my safety" — to prevent anyone whom I do or do not know from coming in and stealing things — never mind that hundreds of alumni, visitors and random well-wishers flock through my house despite all the "security" measures, let in by me and my pack of ever-trusting and generous roommates.
The Office of Residence Life and Housing deemed it intolerable that dorms were accessible to anyone wielding the ID card of a resident, and his or her birth date, through any of that dorm's doors. No, the only entrants should be one wielding such a card and such a birth date, through one door to be determined from on high. Is this not a little absurd? A little — I say it — overprotective?
Frankly, I am tired of ResLife putting all these restrictions on when and how I can and cannot go into my own house. I need not remind my reader that I bring a guy, have it far easier in this regard than my companions of the fairer sex.
There is a lock on my door. That lock has an induplicable key which opens it, and a solid wood door between the room and the hallway. If I wish to cor­don off my space, I am perfectly capable of doing so.
Why, then, spin an extra layer of "security" around the dorm, in the process making life unreasonably difficult for those of us who do, in fact, have every right to come and go from it?
While visiting a female friend last year, I saw this slogan plastered across the wall of her hallway: "Would you leave your home unlocked? They don't leave your room unlocked either!" I was surprised, because I would indeed leave my room unlocked, as does the rest of my family.
It is more important to me that I send a clear message of welcome and hospit­ality, whether I act as part of my bi­ological family or my University family, than that I give rise to paranoia and "trust not thy neighbor as thyself."
It says a lot to me that the University will accept any donations from alumni and friends, but will no longer wel­come them in, even to the very build­ings which they called home in years past. I wish to cor­don off my space, I am perfectly capable of doing so.

Matthew Smedberg
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Corrections
"Member take time to develop ideal," in the Mon. Nov. 26 Student Government meeting of The Observer, must be removed from the "Division on Student Life of the Student Body Presidency" minutes. The article should have read: "The University Student government meeting was held on Nov. 26 in the O'Shaughnessy Student Union. The meeting was attended by all members of the Student Government. The meeting lasted approximately 75 minutes. The agenda included: "The President of the Student Government, Class of 2006, will present the Student Government annual budget. The budget is open to public." The meeting was open to the public. The University Student government meeting was held on Nov. 26 in the O'Shaughnessy Student Union. The meeting was attended by all members of the Student Government. The meeting lasted approximately 75 minutes. The agenda included: "The President of the Student Government, Class of 2006, will present the Student Government annual budget. The budget is open to public." The meeting was open to the public.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE FOOTBALL GAME SATURDAY?

Keith Harwood
Junior
O'Neill Hall
"I guess God really does love us more."

Paul Critzer
Senior
Off-campus
"I'm glad Tyrone has no problem crushing his former team on senior day."

Adam Kaufmann
Junior
Off-campus
"I haven't seen our team score like that since Spring 2001."

Patrick Ross
Junior
Off-campus
"Julius Jones is my hero."

Jen Herdman
Junior
Holy Cross Hall
"It's about time."

Bridget Kelly
Junior
Holy Cross Hall

OFFBEAT
Christian fish.
Muslim sharks swim through Cairo traffic
CAIRO, Egypt — First came the fish bumper stickers, imported from the United States and posted on cars by members of Egypt's Coptic minority as a symbol of their Christianity. Before long, some Muslims responded with their own bumper stick­ers: fish-hungry sharks.
It's not exactly war at sea, but the competing symbols are hidden in the actor's role he believed he was play­ing. "All I wanted to say is that I am a Christian, kind of expressing my Coptic identi­ty," said 25-year-old Miriam Greiss, who has a fish sticker on her car. "I think choosing a shark doesn't make sense, as if someone is saying, 'I am a violent, bloody creature, look at me.'"

Israel debuts "The Steve Show"
TEL AVIV — Take a bit of a after his car. "I think choosing a shark doesn't make sense, as if someone is saying, 'I am a violent, bloody creature, look at me.'"

American TV series that has brought fame to its hero, the hapless Steve Frankel, though not in the role he believed he was play­ing. "We decided to take the story of an actor in a soap opera and follow him get­ting the role, and base it around life behind the scenes in the world of show business, from unknown to star," Shilon said.
"In fact, he isn't a star, but he becomes a star by default because of being the victim of this hoax," Shilon said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF
International Student Services and Activities will present the Russian film "Russian Ark," in sub­titles, at 7 p.m. in the Montgomery Theater of the LaFortune Student Center tonight. The event is free and open to the public.
The Class of 2006 will sponsor a blood drive at the LaFortune Ballroom today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today.
The Higgins Center Labor Film Series will continue Wednesday evening with a screening of "Cappuccino Trail" at 4 p.m. The film will be followed by a discussion led by political science professor Layna Mosley. The event, which is free to the public, will be held in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.
The Inner-City Teaching Corps will hold an informational session Wednesday from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. and again from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns.
The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will present its annual produc­tion of Handel's Messiah from Wednesday until Friday at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets, which are available at the LaFortune Box Office, are $6 for reserved seats and $3 for students.
Howard Hall will present its "Howard Hall-iday," a campus-wide tree decorating con­test and marshmallow roast. The event, which is open to all of campus, will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in front of Howard Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed infor­mation about an event to ak@nd.edu.

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THURSDAY

TODAY TONIGHT WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY


COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members discuss Student Union Board restructuring

By MATT BRAMANTI
New Writer

The Council of Representatives convened Monday evening to discuss deadlines for the restructuring of student government, but little progress was made.

Student leaders continued last week's discussion of when to finalize the new constitution for the Student Union, which has been in the works for months, but no solid dates emerged. Student body vice president Jeremy Lao said the council wasn't ready to set a firm deadline. "That final date is still up in the air," he said.

Some members of the council, like Student Union Board manager Charlie Ebersol, criticized the council's failure to set a deadline. "We are really, really not in a good position right now," Ebersol said. "We need to choose a model this week."

Several possible models have been discussed at council meetings and unofficial working groups, and more are in the works. Don Norton, chairman of the Financial Management Board, said that he and several unnamed members are still working on their proposal. "Before we bring it to the table, we want to have as many questions answered as possible," Norton said.

Ebersol criticized what he called the work of "a secret group," and demanded that the proposals be debated openly and promptly. "We only have one more meeting this semester," he said. "We need to get this done."

In other Council news:

♦ Lao announced the appointment of his report to the University's Board of Trustees in February will focus on funding big-ticket programming. In his first report to the board as president, he will propose creating an endowment that will be used to fund expensive concerts, speakers, and other events. "We need more money for better programming on campus," Lao said. He also announced the creation of a committee to help develop the proposal, and expressed optimism about his plan. "I think there's good potential that this could get done," he said.

♦ A special task force is continuing its discussions with athletic officials regarding basketball and football ticketing. Season tickets for the men's basketball games sold out quickly, and many students were left without seats. In addition, the group is looking into allegations of hostile or unfair treatment of students caught throwing marshmallows at football games. Hall Presidents Council chair Sarah Keefor said the group is in contact with assistant athletic director Jim Fraleigh and coordinator of student personnel Cappy Gagnon.

♦ Keri Oxley spoke to the council about the Center for Social Concerns' upcoming Social Concerns Festival. The fair will bring together "all the different service organizations and social justice groups on campus," she said. Oxley urged council members to raise awareness about the festival among their constituents, as attendance at the annual event has declined for the past two years. The festival will be held at the CSC on Jan. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.

♦ Lao announced the appointment of his new chief of staff, Patrick Corker, currently director of communication for the office of the president, will become chief of staff at the end of the semester, when student body president Pat Hallahan graduates. Corker will replace Emily Chin, who will become student body vice president. Corker pledged to continue Chin's work. "I really want to continue the initiatives Emily's been working on," Corker said. "She's done a wonderful job."

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187,801 REASONS TO TALK ABOUT CHILDREN IN POVERTY

The Notre Dame Chapter of the Children's Defense Fund is hosting a panel discussion to talk about children and poverty and how we, as students, can make a difference. Please join us Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7 PM in 127 Hayes Healy in our effort To Leave No Child Behind.

HUMAN RIGHTS — JUAN MENDEZ
• Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights at ND, former Amnesty International Prisoner of Conscience in Argentina, General Counsel to Human Rights Watch

VIOLENCE — GEORGE LOPEZ
• Senior Fellow and Director of Policy Studies at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; research interests in violence, coercion, economic sanctions, and gross human rights violations

HEALTHCARE — RUDOLPH NAVARI
• Director of the Walther Cancer Research Center at Notre Dame, Fellow of the American College of Physicians, Associate Dean College of Science

EDUCATION — BILL STRUNK
• Veteran teacher at Muessel Elementary School, works daily with children living in poverty in South Bend

Today there are 187,801 children living in poverty in Indiana.
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Scorz, member of the advisory committee and professor of economics and policy studies. "The proposed changes are radically different, and a radical departure over what we've done in my life at the college. I'll be saddened to see the loss of that common experience for our sophomores."

The student interests in the ordeal are voiced by the Core Congress, made up of student representatives from each Core class, who were able to meet with faculty members and offer suggestions on how to improve the program.

"The faculty members were very warm and accepting of our opinions," said representative Ashley Lucches. "We all want to do what's best for the University, and our input is just another strong point against Core."

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The increased spending is good news for area retailers but Eagan warned that as a result consumers should expect fewer discounts and sales that begin later into the holiday season. Sales at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore over the Thanksgiving weekend were lower compared to other retailers, but this is not surprising since the campus is closed for the holiday, said Hedge Harridge, manager of special events and community relations.

"We're really unique because our store doesn't typically follow mall store trends," she said. The busiest day for the bookstore is generally Saturday, Dec. 20. On this day, the store hosts events and community relations.

Edward Maloney and a Santa's workshop where children can make arts and crafts. The bookstore is donating a percentage of the profits earned on this day to the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

This week, the store also expects increased traffic due to faculty, staff and student appreciation days where those affiliated with the University receive a discount of 25 percent and faculty and staff can redeem their discount on Tuesday and Wednesday and students on Thursday and Friday. Harridge said.

Eagan, Zappia and Harridge said that business generated from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities boosts sales but the small size of the two institutions diminishes the effect.

"St. Joseph County helps with the character of this board," Patka said.

Board members chose not to make a final vote on the issue at Monday's meeting. Instead, they will continue the discussion next week and examine the possibility of creating a new position of Saint Mary's representative to Holy Cross.

In Other BOG News:

• Holy Cross College is hosting a Toys for Tots auction Thursday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. The event, which will include items such as home-baked goods, laundry service and dinner dates, will raise money to purchase Christmas gifts for local underprivileged children.

• SGA is sponsoring its first bus trip to Chicago on Saturday. Tickets, which are free, will be available starting today at 11 a.m. at the Haggar front desk. Students can receive two tickets per ID.

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casting the tie-breaking vote on an issue relevant only to the Saint Mary's student body. Student Body President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl said it seemed irrational for such an officer to vote on financial allocations that pertained solely to Saint Mary's.

Other officers agreed and questioned whether a representative both to and from Notre Dame is even necessary.

Lindsey Evans, the current Saint Mary's representative to Notre Dame, admitted that the positions might be redundant. She said that she and Notre Dame representative Allison Ferber knew the same information and simply cut it in half to convey to fellow BOG officers as a formality. The advantages of having representatives between the schools however, should not be overlooked, she said. "I see both sides of it," Evans said. "Times when I feel I should be able to vote and when I think they should be able to vote because students use both campuses."

Public relations commissioner Stephanie Patka expressed concern that eliminating the representatives' ability to vote at BOG meetings would undermine the positions and minimize the participation of those officers.

"What does it imply when we say we want them to stay active but don't want them to vote?" Patka said.

She added that BOG should establish its own stance on the subject, not turn to Notre Dame for answers.

"If we are looking to Notre Dame for the standards, that takes away from the character of this board," Patka said.

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Bill would study textbook prices

By MARNETTE FEDERIS
The Guardian
LA JOLLA, Calif. — In response to reports alleging that college textbooks used in the United States sell for as low as half the price in other countries, Rep. David Wu, D-Ore., introduced legislation to the U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 20 that would require an investigation of textbook pricing practices. The bill would ask the U.S. General Accounting Office to determine why American college students are paying more for textbooks compared to students overseas.

"The price of college tuition is rising to unprecedented levels, making it difficult for families to send kids to college," said Wu's press secretary Cameron Johnson. "There were a number of press reports that came out saying that a lot of textbooks were available for half the amount overseas."

The New York Times reported on Oct. 21 that textbooks cost far less in other countries. These books are available for purchase online, and with the rise of college tuitions, many students are looking to order the cheaper textbooks abroad.

U-WIRE

Can you STUMP THE PRIESTS?

Join us for the last program of the semester on Wednesday, December 3rd, to hear Fathers J. Steele & Kevin Russoe attempt to answer all those questions you've always had about Catholicism but have never had the chance to ask.

"Bring it on."

- Fr. Kevin

THEOLOGY on TAP

10-11:30pm Legends Club Side
Special Food Free Soft Drinks Cash Bar
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NATIONAL NEWS

Researcher guilty in plague case
LUBBOCK, Texas — A jury on Tuesday found a researcher guilty of 47 of the 69 charges she faced after reporting Siegels of plague bacteria had been stolen from his Texas Tech University lab.

Thomas Butler, 62, closed his eyes, shook his head and appeared to fight back tears as the verdicts were read after 11 days of deliberations.

The charges stemmed from an investigation following his report to police Jan. 14 that 30 vials of the potentially deadly plague bacteria had been stolen.

The report sparked a bioterrorism scare in the West Texas city in January, and President Bush was informed of the incident.

In a statement written later, Butler said he accidentally destroyed the samples.

The professor declined to comment afterward. His attorney, Chuck Meador, said: "We are disappointed that the jury did not acquit Tom of all the charges. We're going to analyze the jury's verdict."

Post-Sept. 11 registration ends
WASHINGTON — The government is scrapping a rule imposed after the Sept. 11 attacks that required men and boys from countries with suspected links to terrorism to register multiple times with U.S. officials.

The rule forced tens of thousands of Middle Easterners and others visiting America to provide personal information to government officials.

The Department of Homeland Security's undersecretary for border and transportation security, said a new registration system that will apply to more foreigners will be in place next month, making the current procedure unnecessary.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Midlevel peace accord launched
GENEVA — Hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians joined Nobel Peace Prize winners Monday for a ceremony filled with song and hope, celebrating an unofficial peace accord intended to guide their peoples out of conflict.

The "Geneva accord," negotiated over almost three years by former Israeli and Palestinian negotiators, tackles the issues that have torpedoes other peace efforts: the fate of Israeli settlements, the borders of a Palestinian state and the fate of Palestinian refugees.

The agreement envisages a Palestinian state based roughly on the borders before the 1967 Mideast war. Most Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip would be dismantled. It divides sovereignty in Jerusalem, but avoids a large-scale return to Israel by Palestinian refugees who fled or were driven out in the 1948-49 war that followed Israel's creation.

IRAQ

Insurgency shows signs of central funding

Pattern of attacks indicates connection among rebel groups, U.S. officials say

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi insurgency in Baghdad appears to have a central leadership that finances attacks by the various rebel factions, the U.S. military said Tuesday.

The report gives broad orders to give guerrilla cells broad orders such as, "Go attack the coalition," Dempsey said.

He said he believes the manner of attack is left up to the individual cells, as long as the efforts disrupt and disorganize the U.S.-led coalition and any progress it has made.

"There's clearly some central communications," he said.

The insurgency's members and leaders remain unclear even to U.S. intelligence and military officials. American officials have said anti-coalition guerrillas showed evidence of regional control, but little has been made public about these networks, or to indicate individual bands were linked in the way Dempsey described.

A look at the rebel movement north of Baghdad appears in a November report from Anthony Cordesman, an Iran expert with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. Some 70 percent to 80 percent of insurgent groups captured by the 4th Infantry Division are paid attackers, mostly criminal elements. Cordesman said he learned in an interview with the 4th ID's leadership.

The 1st Armored Division has been tracking Baghdad insurgents using a computer database that catalogs information on rebels and diagrams links among insurgent groups, Dempsey said. The database has proven useful in identifying insurgent sources, codes, leaders and other items, Dempsey said.

Later this week, the division will embark on an anti-smuggling and corruption drive aimed at breaking financial links to the capital's insurgent groups. The operation, dubbed "Operation Iron Justice," aims at smugglers of gasoline, cooking fuel and other items, Dempsey said.

Local News

Results in delayed execution awaited

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide if people who have been executed and convicted of murder in the U.S. can be discovered in their cells, and occasionally use firearms to uncover suspects in other countries, a case the Bush administration said was a key test of America's terrorist-detention powers.

The court will review a lower court decision critical of such law enforcement actions. In appealing that ruling, the administration said that searches and seizures in countries with suspect in incompatible countries are very rare but sometimes are needed to ensure justice and protect national security.

Solomon General Theodore Olson said if the decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco were allowed to stand, it would jeopardize U.S. efforts "to apprehend individuals who may be abroad, plotting other illegal attacks" in the United States.

"The question is, should the government be allowed to stand, it would jeopardize U.S. efforts "to apprehend individuals who may be abroad, plotting other illegal attacks" in the United States, he said. For example, he said, federal agents could not bring Osama bin Laden to America from his presumed hideout near the Pakistan-Afghanistan frontier to face charges in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The appeals court sided with a Mexican gynecologist who was abducted 13 years ago and brought to the United States to stand trial in the torture death of a U.S. drug agent, Enrique Camarena-Salazar. He was accused of keeping the agent alive for extended torture and questioning to find out what he knew about a drug cartel.

The doctor, who spent more than two years in prison, was acquitted and sought millions of dollars in damages from the U.S. government and five or six Mexican officials hired by the government to abduct him.

Attorneys for Dr. Humberto Alvarez Mendez accused the government of overplaying the threat to prosecutions of terrorist suspects.

"The question is, should the government be able to go and round up people in foreign countries, without a legal basis," said Erwin Chemerinsky, a law professor at University of Southern California.
ITALY

U.N. climate conference opens amid doubts

Associated Press

MILAN — A U.N. conference on climate change opened Monday, with organizers stressing there was "unquestionable" scientific proof that human beings caused global warming.

The meeting was clouded by new doubts that the U.S.-rejected Kyoto Treaty on curbing greenhouse gas emissions would ever go into effect.

Italian Environment Minister Altero Matteoli, the conference host, said in opening remarks he would rather have welcomed delegates to a conference on a Kyoto agreement already in force. But with Russia now signaling it will go into effect.

"But this does not mean that our commitment and our work to strengthen the global strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to strengthen the adaptation of the planet's most vulnerable regions to climate change should be weakened," he said.

The Kyoto Treaty, negotiated in 1997 in Kyoto, Japan, sets a 5% cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 8 percent below 1990 levels. Greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels, trap the Sun's heat and are held responsible for global warming.

The Bush administration rejected the treaty in 2001, saying the cuts would unfairly harm the U.S. economy. The president also questioned the science behind the restrictions proposed in Kyoto, and called for more research on greenhouse gas emissions by 8 percent below 1990 levels. Greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere and human activities causing these emissions is already unquestionable.

"Climate science is at the beginning of its life," he said. "I do believe we need more scientific info before we commit to a process like Kyoto."

Hungarian Environment Minister Miklos Pesarnyi, the conference chairman, urged delegates to stay on course because "we should never forget that human-induced global environmental change presents a risk to our common future."

He said scientific data to be presented during the meeting would show that greenhouse gases are steadily increasing, and that "the link between human activities and greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and human activities causing these emissions is already unquestionable."

"We want this whole idea of the parent-child relationship reviewed," says Kondo, 53, who wrote a book about California's surrogacy laws while studying for a Ph.D. there and now teaches junior high school in Akashi, 270 miles west of Tokyo.

"It's a cruel abuse of women to rule the boys are not the husband's," he adds. "But is that a reason not to try?"

How their ordeal ended could sway Japan's debate on surrogate births and affect thousands of childless Japanese couples who seek help from fertility clinics overseas every year.

Surrogate births involve removing an egg for fertilization and implanting it in another woman who carries the baby to birth. While such births are commonplace in many developed countries, Japan is not known to have had one until a doctor announced one in May 2001.

After that, the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology set ethical standards restricting in-vitro insemination to married couples and opposing any surrogate births.

The government is now drawing up legislation that would outlaw surrogate births and impose criminal penalties, based on a health ministry panel's recommendation earlier this year. The panel also urged that egg and sperm donations be illegal.

Every year, about 12,000 Japanese babies — one in every 100 — are conceived through some sort of fertility treatment, according to government statistics.

"Surrogacy doctors and activists say a ban on surrogate births would severely limit the options for many childless couples, forcing them to continue seeking fertility help abroad. A ban also would undercut Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's plans to reverse the nation's record-low birth rate, at 1.32 births per woman last year, they say."

"In reproductive assistance treatment, the rights of the parents, family and other cooperating parties to make their own decision should be respected as much as possible. Fertility Rights of Mothers, a Tokyo-based organization, said in a policy statement issued in November.

Advocates of a ban say a woman's body shouldn't be a "reproductive tool. Surrogate mothers often sign on to earn money, not out of good will, they say."

"An overwhelming majority of the women around the world who offer to be surrogates are socially deprived. It's a cruel abuse of women who give up their motherhood to make money," says Dr. Hisako Watanabe, a Keio University medical school professor who was on the health ministry's panel. "Just because other countries have legalized it doesn't mean Japan should."

With few Japanese doctors willing to offer surrogacy services, many couples unable to have children have gone to the United States, South Korea and other countries that have well-established practices.

Most couples who return with surrogate children are able to escape challenge from the government. But the Kondos were snared by a 40-year-old regulation that requires checks on children of couples over age 50.

"This is the first application the government has stopped for this, though there were probably cases like this in the past," a Justice Ministry official, Yoshihiko Nemura, said.
Roy Disney resigns from Disney

Disney ally follows suit, both criticize Michael Eisner and call for his resignation

LOS ANGELES — A key ally joined Roy Disney in resigning from the Walt Disney Co. board Monday, becoming the second vocal opponent of chairman and chief executive Michael Eisner to quit in two days.

Stanley Gold issued a long rebuke to Eisner and the Disney board Monday, seconding complaints made Sunday by Roy Disney and former Disney investment bank as a rubber stamp to senior management.

Gold also repeated Disney's dis Nich for Eisner to resign.

"It is clear to me that this board is unwilling to tackle the difficult issues I believe this company continues to face," Gold wrote. Among the problems, he said, were "the cannibalization of certain company icons for short-term gain, the enormous loss of creative talent over the past years, the absence of succession planning and the lack of strategic focus."

Gold's resignation comes as Disney's board begins two days of meetings over the past month.

Gold played a key role along with Roy Disney in 1984 to save the company from a takeover attempt and installed Eisner as a new chief executive.

He heads Shamrock Holdings, which manages Roy Disney's investment bank.

But Gold's role has been diminished over the past two years as he has become more of a critic of Eisner's performance.

Disney, 73, is the last family member active in the company, founded in 1923 by his uncle Walt and his father, John Disney, who were the business manager. He also is quitting as chairman of the company's animation division.

Disney has called for Eisner to resign and a wide-open race for his job in the past, but the idea was rejected by the board. On Sunday, he sent a three-page letter to Eisner that criticized the chairman's leadership over the past seven years, according to The Wall Street Journal, which first reported the story.

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Advisers urge Bush to drop tariffs

Associated Press

White House advisers are urging President Bush to head off a global trade war by rolling back steep tariffs on imported steel, administration and industry officials said Monday.

If he concurs — he is still reviewing the matter, the White House spokesman said — Bush risks alienating steel unions and is likely to anger other voters.

A senior Bush adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said several key aides and agencies, including the office of the U.S. trade representative, have urged the president to drop the tariffs, imposed in March 2002 to ease foreign competition while the beleaguered U.S. steel industry consolidates and restructures.

"The EU gets what it wanted," said a steel industry official on Monday, even as the European Union renewed its threat to slap $2.2 billion in retaliatory sanctions on U.S. exports if the tariffs are not eliminated by Dec. 10.

Since they were enacted last year, the tariffs have served as a flashpoint for global trade tensions that also had unintended consequences in this country, for steel consumers in key political states.

Bush imposed the tariffs and fulfilled a 2000 campaign promise to traditionally Democratic voters in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania — states the White House hopes to win in 2004. But foreign trading partners almost immediately protested, leading the World Trade Organization earlier this year to declare that the sanctions violate global trade rules.

At the same time, the auto industry and other steel consumer, in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin complained the tariffs hiked steel prices just as small manufacturing companies were being hit by the slumping economy.

"The last thing our economy needs right now is a trade war, and that's exactly what we would have gotten had the steel tariffs remained in place," Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., a free-trade advocate, said Monday.

"We shouldn't set aside our free trade principles to satisfy a small political constituency," Flake said.

Bush is expected to make a decision this week, after he completes a fund-raising swing to Michigan and to Pittsburgh — America's "Steel City." The president is looking for the Pittsburgh fund-raiser Tuesday to be co-hosted by U.S. Steel Corp. Chairman and CEO Thomas J. Usher, who said Monday he remained hopeful the tariffs would remain in place.

"To remove these and to buckle under to the Europeans would be a mistake — not only for steel but for manufacturing in general," Usher said. "In my opinion, the president has done an awful lot of right things, and my expectation is that he will see the right of this."

"I'm a natural optimist — that's what you have to be in the steel business," Usher added.

Industry insiders viewed a small number of tariffs might be left in place on specialty steel products. But even that was beginning to look less likely Monday.

European Union spokeswoman Arancha Gonzalez in Brussels, Belgium, said the 15-nation trading bloc would retaliate if the tariffs were not completely abolished, as demanded by the WTO.

"The U.S. knows this," Gonzalez said.

Yet rolling back the tariffs could also incite a backlash from Republican lawmakers — including Senate Steel Caucus Chairman Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and House Administration Committee Chairman Bob Ney of Ohio — who urged Bush to stay the course on the three-year tariffs program.

Without the tariffs, they said, low-priced foreign steel will again flood the U.S. market, potentially eliminating thousands of steel jobs. Forty-one steel companies have declared bankruptcy since 1997, raising more than 50,000 jobs.

Colorado court strikes down Republican bid

Associated Press

Accusing the Republicans of overreaching, the Colorado Supreme Court threw out a GOP state redistricting plan Monday in favor of a congressional map that gives the Democrats a better shot at retaining the narrowly divided U.S. House.

The high court ruled 5-2 that passage of the GOP plan violated a section of the Colorado Constitution that says the state's congressional map can be redrawn only once per decade.

The fight in Colorado is not over: The GOP plan is also being challenged in federal court.

And with a Texas redistricting plan similarly tied up in court, the U.S. Supreme Court may end up deciding how often states can redraw their congressional maps. The Texas case is set to go to trial Dec. 11 in Austin.

Colorado's seven congressional districts now revert to boundaries drawn up by a judge last year.

The judge acted after state lawmakers failed to agree. But earlier this year, the Republicans pushed a new map through the Legislature. The issue before the high court was whether that map was legal.

Colorado's constitution calls for redistricting only once a decade — after each census and before the next general election. But Democrats contended that task was completed by the judge. But Republicans said the judge's map was temporary and the law requires redistricting to be done by the Legislature.

The court rejected that argument, saying: "Because the General Assembly failed to redistrict during this constitutional window, it relinquished its authority to redistrict until after the 2010 census. There is no language empowering the General Assembly to redistrict more frequently or at any other time."

The court also chastised legislators for claiming they should be able to redraw the maps "two, or even 10 times in a single decade," when federal law calls for redistricting only once.

Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar, a Democrat who challenged the GOP map, pleaded with Republicans to resolve today's decision so candidates can get on with their campaigns. But there seemed little chance of that happening.

"It's far from over. There's still a federal case to play out," said Carl Forti, spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Colorado House Speaker Lola Spradley, a Republican, said: "In order to protect this Legislature's rights, as well as those of other state legislatures around the country, we will now proceed to the federal courts."

Republicans now hold five of Colorado's seven congressional seats, but the judge's map bolsters Democrats' chances in two of those districts.

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Ending violence against women

Depending on reading speed, by the time you finish reading this piece, approximately two to three women will be sexually assaulted in this country.

The phrase "Nowhere Else but Notre Dame," used in a celebrated moment of criticism, is highly conducive to a lifestyle of splendid isolation from world issues, current events and the outside community. Yet the argument of environmental determinism only holds to a certain point, at which we must recognize student and administration choices in what elements of community living receive priority.

Issues surrounding gender relations are not only marginalized in discourse at Notre Dame, but people here choose to focus only on certain aspects of this complex topic. Debating single-sex dorms and their effect on an individual's ability to form a successful union only speaks to a narrow worldview. I would agree that the separation of the sexes, to borrow from Jewish philosopher Martin Buber, "creates gendered relationship ships of the brand in which parties view each other solely as objects."

Student experiences of alienation from the opposite sex come from real places, yet I stress community complexity and misguided action in the preservation of these dynamics. The focusing on courtship — a highly individualized aspect of gender issues — I feel does us injustice and further isolates our community from the outside world.

Sexual violence against women is an important and hidden issue in the United States and abroad. Over 135 million women and girls worldwide have undergone female genital mutilation, which ranges from the removal of the clitoris to infibulation, in which a female's labia and clitoris are cut off and her vagina is sewn shut. Although this trend predominates in Middle Eastern and African countries, FGM occurs in the United States日益增长.

More locally, in 2002, 248,000 Americans were victims of completed or attempted rape — seven-eighths were female, and the majority of the perpetrators were intimate partners or acquaintances of the victim. The full volume of this problem cannot be grasped because most rapes — by acquaintances — occur in private spaces within relationships or are viewed as isolated problems of a union.

Even more relevant to our campus, an estimated three percent of college women are raped yearly; 90 percent of these cases involve an intimate partner, friend or classmate. Some sources declare one in four women will be victims of sexual violence during their college careers. Notre Dame's supposed exceptionalism can be grasped because most rapes — by acquaintances — occur in private spaces within relationships or are viewed as isolated problems of a union.

The manner in which our University addresses gender and sexual violence issues is appalling. The pseudo-V-Day movement — "V" standing for Vagina, Victory and Valentine — is a global initiative to end all forms of violence against women through raising awareness and fund raising and distributing. The crowning event on our campus will be a performance of the Vagina Monologues on Valentine's Day.

Lastly, we need to shed our socialized myths about sexual violence and grotesque view of gender issues. No woman — whatever her lifestyle, choice of dress, class or race — deserves to be raped. Every man needs to take responsibility in ending violence against women. Students here must realize concerns of gender relations reach beyond questions of finding a spouse under the Dome and not all female-male interactions here uplift the humanity of women.

Creating a world without gender violence against women is a movement we can all be personally invested in. Such a world, I believe would bring greater overall harmony and lay ground work for the elimination of the other marginalizing ideologies dividing people in our world.

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The view expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Debating same-sex marriages

Homosexuality not an 'objective disorder'

On Nov. 24, a Notre Dame undergraduate wrote "Attempting to live out these (Christian) virtues in the context of a homosexual relationship is a manifestation of disordered affections."

She went on, "To be clear, I am not suggesting that homosexuals have a disorder; I am saying that their affections, which were meant to be ordered toward the good, are disordered in a difference.

Neither the rest of the letter, nor the bald assertion that there is a difference, enable me to understand what she thinks the difference amounts to.

For example, I'm sure she wouldn't say my deafness is a disorder affecting crucial parts of my ear or auditory cortex, but not a disorder of mine. Deafness affects my life in very serious ways, and only rarely for the better. If someone tells me my golf swing is disordered, I assume they mean I could be a better golfer if I

There are lots of things I miss about studying at Oxford University. His column appears every other Tuesday. He writes about financial matters and a merry Christmas.

The government has proposed to charge fees, but students will not have to pay those fees unless they meet certain criteria, such as earning more than 20,000 pounds a year. For those students who choose lower-paying jobs, society will pay for their education.

What is at least as interesting as the actual fees debate is the fact that both sides view it as America as a standard of reference. For the free universities position, people claim that the high costs in America are a disincen­
tive to poorer students, and that there exist two-tier systems in America of rich universities and poorer ones. The proponents of top-up fees cite American universities' huge endowments and professors (compared to British universities) as reasons why the United States spends a higher propor­tion of its GDP on education than any other country and they comment on the prestige American universities hold throughout the world.

America seems to be the standard of reference for almost every debate. From health care to entertainment. I've found that one of the most enlightening aspects of studying abroad is to see America "from the outside in." America looms large in almost every debate here in Britain, whether as the villain (usually) or as the exemplar.

On a final note, did you ever wonder how foreign students perceive Notre Dame? There are three reactions when I tell students here that I attend Notre Dame: Some look puzzled, some ask, "Isn't that an Ivy League school?" and for some, their faces brighten and they ask, "Like in that movie Righteous?

For the first group, I try to explain where South Bend is. The second I correct, saying, "Now, could I go about insulting your school?" and to the third I just shake my head and say, "Yes, like in Rudy."

Who would've thought students here have seen "Rudy?"

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**CONCERT REVIEW**

‘Something’s missing’ at John Mayer concert

By TIM MASTERTON

Arena rock just isn’t what it used to be. Very few musical artists belong playing in front of hundreds of thousands of people or are even capable of it. Among this elite group would be the likes of Metallica, U2, Kiss and Bruce Springsteen.

But just because the venues can sell thousands of tickets does not mean that an artist should be playing domes and stadiums. John Mayer fits this last statement almost perfectly.

This tour, in support of his newest album Heavier Things, rolled into suburban Chicago’s Allstate Arena, capacity 18,500, last Friday night. But the arena was not nearly this crowded, due to blocked out seats and just not selling out.

Mayer took the stage a little tighter to the girl I brought with me that night. He also played his current single, “Bigger than My Body,” as well as a “Wonderland” like new album cut, called “Come Back.”

Musically, the show was outstanding. But this was the wrong crowd and venue to play drawn-out guitar solos. And even so, it was evident that they were meant primarily to fill time.

Tony Viance early Sunday. The concert was the three-song encore. It consisted of an acoustic cover of the Stevie Ray Vaughan song, “You’re Gonna Miss Me Baby,” as well as “St. Patrick’s Day” and “I’m,” two original songs from Mayer’s major label debut. The energy gradually built, and these songs were a strong close to a very solid show.

They thought it was the funniest thing they had ever said, laughed even harder as I stood (all in front of them throughout the show, all six of us) of me. A concert in this size are especially if the demand for ticket is there, more than once yelled. “Down in front!” in my direction. And although they definitely left the crowd wanting more, but most probably only wanting more straight radio hits, played as originally ordered.

In an ideal world, John Mayer would be able to perform for fans aged about 18 to 30, in a club that did not hold anywhere close to 18,000 people, for fans who would be willing to stand, cheer and appreciate inspired solos.

But until then, catch John Mayer at an arena near you. He really does put on a good show.

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**The Cat in the Hat**

The book, the movie, the show — it’s a hell of a lot of hat. But this time, the hat comes with a new twist. Universal’s latest hit, The Cat in the Hat, starring Mike Myers as the famous feline, opened in theaters on Thanksgiving weekend, December 26, 2003. The movie was directed by Dr. Seuss’ old colleague, the late Geppetto, and has been a big box office success since its release.

Universal’s spokesman Jeff Karp said the company publicist long released incorrect weekend numbers early Sunday. The company called reporters to correct the error once it was discovered, he said.

The family films held off a rush of new movies for adults, Bob Thornton’s Bad Santa, about a foul-mouthed hoarder who plies a mall Santa to rob department stores, opened in No. 1 with $12.5 million from Friday to Sunday and $16.8 million since opening Wednesday.

Ron Howard’s West thriller The Missing, starring Cate Blanchett as a pioneer woman who enlists her estranged father (Tommy Lee Jones) to track her abducted daughter, premiered at No. 7 with $11.7 million weekend and $16.3 million since its debut last weekend.

Based on Disney’s theme-park attraction, The Haunted Mansion stars Murphy as a real-estate salesman stuck with his family in a big house full of ghosts. Playing in 3,122 theaters, The Haunted Mansion averaged a solid, $810,410 from each cinema Friday afternoon. With $810,410 from each cinema Friday afternoon. With $810,410 from each cinema Friday afternoon. With $810,410 from each cinema Friday afternoon.

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Disney head of distribution

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**The Cooler**

Jen Sheridan’s semi-autobiographical In America — about an Irish family adapting to life in New York City — had a weekend haul of $202,730 in 11 theaters, averaging $18,430 a cinema. The film opened to $202,730 in 11 theaters, averaging $18,430 a cinema.

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Ruthless return

Tyrone Willingham's first game back at Stanford is a 57-7 thrashing for the Irish

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. — It might have been both homcoming and senior day at Stanford Stadium Saturday, but Irish coach Tyrone Willingham and seven other Notre Dame coaches who formerly served at Stanford didn't go easy on the 13 seniors they recruited at The Farm, embarrassing the Cardinal with a 57-7 defeat.

The performance was what Willingham had been looking for all season.

"This was more of what I anticipate out of our football team," he said, later adding, "We're getting closer to where I want to be."

Julius Jones opened the game with a 25-yard rush, setting the tone for a 218-yard, one touchdown performance that moved him to fifth among Notre Dame's all-time single season rushers.

"After that first carry, I felt pretty good. From then on, the offensive line kind of dominated," said Jones, who became the first player in Notre Dame history to rush for over 200 yards in three games in a season.

"It's incredible. I never would have thought it would be me," he added, "I am just thankful, give all the credit to my offensive line, my fullbacks, they played a hell of a game."

Three of Notre Dame's touchdowns came on short Ryan Grant rushes into the end zone.

Diedrick credited the improvement of the offensive line, which also did not allow any sacks, with the team's ability to rush the ball.

"We have an offensive front with one guy who has two starts to his career, not a whole lot of experience," Diedrick said. "... Now, they are beginning to not only have a good deal of confidence in themselves, but they're executing a lot better and they're playing a lot harder and it does feed off itself.

Two touchdowns came on long passes from Quinn, a 65-yard reception by Maurice Stovall in the third quarter.

"We really haven't stretched the field like that all year," Quinn said. "It just felt great to get a couple big passes to Stovall and [Shelton]."

Diedrick said the defense only allowed Stanford to gain 221 yards during the game.

"We're getting closer to where I want to be," said Jones, who became the first player in Notre Dame history to rush for 218 yards and became the eighth running back in Notre Dame history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

"I thought we did pull in the horns a little bit," he said.

The team's main regret Saturday was that they had not reached this level of play until 11 games into the season.

"It's sad we couldn't have done it earlier. What's done is done," Jones said. "We've got one more game and hopefully we will get four wins in a row, hopefully get something started for the guys next year."
**Willingham righting the ship**

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham talks to Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis after Saturday’s game at Stanford Stadium. Willingham recruited Lewis and the rest of the juniors and seniors currently on the Stanford roster. Saturday was Willingham’s first game at Stanford.

Palo Alto, Calif. — For the unromptent time, Tyron Willingham jogged off the field at Stanford Stadium with a win, pumping his fists as the crowd cheered. Except that Willingham’s official response, even though an edgy smile let everyone know both that he read what Kelly said and his reaction to it.

The coaches may have insisted to give in. Where coaches searched not since 1996 has a Notre Dame team put so many points on the board, and there’s little coincidence that Willingham hung half a hundred on a team he used to coach in a city he knows intimately well. There’s no mistaking which team Willingham coaches now, and with Notre Dame’s relentless victory Saturday, he let everyone it.

But that didn’t stop some of the Stanford players from wandering up to their old coaching staff to talk for the first time in months. Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis, who last year interrupted an on-field NBC interview at Notre Dame-Stadium to talk to Willingham approached his old coach with tears in his eyes before embracing his former mentor.

The uppersummaries in Palo Alto so missed their old head coach that they still call the Irish coaching staff even though Notre Dame’s present coaches have tried — and failed — to make a clean break from the Stanford program.

**Andrew Soukup**

**Sports Writer**

**add up the numbers**

**seconds into the game when Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn called the team’s first timeout** 31

**1,000-yard rushers in Notre Dame history after Julius Jones’ 25-yard run on Notre Dame’s first play from scrimmage** 8

**total yards for the Stanford offense in the first quarter** 106

**rushing yards accumulated by Jones in the first quarter on nine carries** 7

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**sacks recorded by Justin Tuck this season, a Notre Dame record. Twelve and a half of those have come in the first nine games** 372

**margin of victory in Saturday’s game — it was the worst home loss in Stanford history** 50

**quarters in between receptions for Maurice Stovall with his last catch before Saturday coming in the third quarter against Florida State** 10

**quarterbacks: Quinn continues to use a strong running game to his advantage by connecting on two lengthy touchdown passes. Diedrick only needed him for 13 attempts.**

**running backs: Just another 200-yard day for Jones and Grant continued to run with a renewed passion. The group had its first 300-yard rushing day since the Air Force game last year.**

**receivers: With the successful running game, the receivers don’t need to make a ton of plays. Stovall hauled in a long touchdown pass, catching his first pass since the Florida State game.**

**offensive line: As the season goes along, this group continues to improve, giving up no sacks once again. The running backs had large holes to run through.**

**defensive line: The line hit Chris Lewis so much the Stanford quarterback was being iced down before the game was over. Tuck had another impressive performance.**

**linebackers: Carry was all over the place, Hoys and Mays each forced a fumble and the group had 2.5 sacks. Everybody was making plays.**

**defensive line: Versus the long touchdown pass, this unit kept Stanford out of the game in check. Even by giving up the only Cardinal touchdown, the secondary put two Irish scores on the board.**

**special teams: Two kicks were blocked and Stanford almost broke a couple of kickoff returns. The bright spot was the punt returns.**

**coaching: The relentless attack by this team showed the coaches really wanted this win. With two weeks of preparation, Stanford essentially had no chance.**

**Willingham coahed Irish did many uncharacteristic non-Willingham things Saturday. Did the Irish intend to intentionally disrupt Stanford’s pre-game ceremony by classlessly running onto the field? Did Willingham intend to embarrass his former team by calling for a fake punt with the Irish up seven touchdowns in the fourth quarter? Did offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick want to make a statement about his long beleaguered-offense by continuing to call long pass plays late into the third quarter? “I thought we did call off the horns,” Willingham coldly said after the game. After the shellings, Stanford players mixed regret that Willingham had left with frustration about how he had returned. But their reminiscent responses, coupled with what Willingham has accomplished with the Irish over the second half of the season, suggest that the Irish should be lucky Lionel Tyrome Stanford wets blue shirts instead of red ones.**

**An offensive line that was once among the worst in the nation has now gelled to the point where it can help Julius Jones produce 200-yard games at will. A Swiss cheese-equate defense now can set up the offense with good field position. A squad that seemingly had lost its direction with three 30-plus point losses to future BCS teams now is reincarnated into a machine that leaves Irish players — and fans — wondering, ”What If?” To see the impact Willingham’s calm demeanor has had on the Irish, look at what happened two years ago when Notre Dame played Stanford with a 4-6 record. Led by Bob Davie, an ineffective Notre Dame offense sputtered in the rain as players seemed to be more intent on returning to South Bend than playing football. Players were visibly angry after the loss, and Davie was fired a game later. Now, even though the Irish are 5-6, Willingham had the Irish singing the fight song so loud it echoed outside the visitors locker room at Stanford Stadium. Where the Irish gave up two years ago, now they don’t know how to give in. Where coaches searched for answers two years ago, coaches found them this year. Where players struggled, Willingham’s crew improved. Now, the Irish have a different attitude — one this cocky and overconfident team was missing at the beginning of the season. “It’s just sad we couldn’t have done it earlier,” Jones said. “But what’s done is done.” Admittedly, the Irish are soundly beating poor football teams. But to see the impact Willingham can have, look at the team he left, and then crushed. It may not be as easy to see when the Irish are 5-6 as when they were 10-3, but riding a three-game winning streak into the end of the year, Notre Dame has Pointed in the right direction. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Soukup at soukup@nd.edu.
Touchdowns bring back memories

Defense gets in the end zone for the first time in 13 games

By MATT LOZAR
Associated Press

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Against Brigham Young on the Notre Dame defense returned to its dominating form of 2002. At Stanford, the defense finally found the end zone.

Building off its impressive performance in the loss, however, the Irish scored two touchdowns, only allowing 20 rushing yards, recorded seven sacks and simply dominated the Cardinal offense all night long.

But the key Saturday night was when the 14 points scored by the defense as it finally got the monkey off its back.

"It's about time. It's the one thing we haven't done this year," Notre Dame defensive coordinator Bob Bumstead said. "It was nice to get a couple of scores offensively, but it's good to see those kids fly around and have some fun because anytime you play hard it gives you a chance to have fun.

Cutting off an impressive first half by a high-octane Notre Dame offense, quarterback Dwight Eilik forced a fumble with less than a minute remaining and safety Quinn Burrell picked up the loose ball. With a number of players just watching as if the play was over, no whiskers were blown and Burrell took the fumble, ran down the sideline and made a couple of Stanford players miss on route to a 65-yard touchdown return.

"It felt real good," Burrell said. "On Thursday we have a fun feeling when we go up there and those things that we do in practice finally paid off.

In the third quarter, linebacker Brandon Hoyte forced the defense's second fumble of the game, and safety Garry Pullen took the fumble 44 yards for the defense's second score on the night.

The calling card of last year's Irish defense reemerged at Stanford, something Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham would like to see more of, but knows it's something you can't count on every week.

"I thought that was a real plus and as our guys continue to get stronger, we'll be able to make some plays of that nature," Willingham said. "Those are things that you see once every ball game or once every couple ball games, and we were fortunate last year to get them last year to get them almost every game.

"Would we like to get back to that? Yes, indeed.

"The big play ability displayed by the youthful secondary meshed well with the relentless pursuit of the defensive line. Virtually every time Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis went back to pass, somebody on the defense had him.

As those hits keep coming, the secondary can just sit back in its coverage and make the big plays like it did Saturday.

"It helps us so much and makes it so much easier," Burrell said. "You see when the quarterback is scrambling because of the defense line turnovers come so much easier. My hat goes off to them,)

The leader of that pass rush on the defensive line once again was Justin Tuck. For the second game this season, Tuck had three and a half sacks. Early in the game, he set the tone by constantly getting to Lewis.

Saturday was Tuck's second game this season with three and a half sacks, the other was against Pittsburgh, and the junior has 13.5 on the season.

At Stanford, Tuck and the rest of the defense's success might have been the result of something picked up in the film room.

"We had two weeks to prepare for them, our formations, their offensive line, we did a good job of reading their stances and knew what was coming," Tuck said.

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Regardless of the great scouting report, simply put, Tuck was unstoppable.

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"He's really unbelievable. I'm not sure there are too many guys that can block him. He plays so well from day to day and he really didn't do a great job today, no matter what the protection they had in, they couldn't block him. It really helped us,"

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Willingham defends late fake punt

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. — As much as Tyrone Willingham said he didn't want to do it, he called for a fake punt late in the fourth quarter with the Cardinal down by seven.

With Notre Dame leading 27-7 and facing a fourth-and-14 from the Catlin 38, Stanford dropped 10 players into the box to pressure leaving gunner Chinedum Ndukwe unguarded by the Stanford secondary. As the game, the Cardinal had shown in previous games and blocked a B.J. Fitzpatrick punt.

But this time, Fitzpatrick threw the snap away and Ndukwe that left the Irish short of the first down but drew angry reactions from Stanford players and prompted Stanford fans to chant, "Ty, you suck."

That was a call on my part," an unapologetic Willingham said after the guy uncovered, that was the right thing to do in that situation.

"You don't like to do it, but if they're going to make the block, then you have to make them pay and get the first down.

However, Stanford coach Buddy Terseny shrugged off any anger at the fake.

"At that point," he said, "it really didn't make a difference.

Shelton's big grab

Matt Shelton had only caught two passes in his collegiate career, but his third one just happened to be a 65-yard touchdown that broke the game wide open for Notre Dame.

Late in the first quarter, Shelton — one of the fastest men on Notre Dame's roster — ran a post route, outraced his defender, caught a Brady Quinn pass and scampered unchallenged into the end zone to give Notre Dame a 14-0 lead.

"I was surprised as anybody when they threw it to me and I was sitting there as the ball was coming, thinking, 'Oh God, what do I do,' Shelton grinned after the game. "Then it was there, and it was a real feeling."

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From Julius Jones' 25-yard rush to open the game to the fake punt on fourth-and-17 with four minutes remaining, Notre Dame went to Stanford on a mission and didn't stop until the game was over. The offense was able to do whatever it wanted and the defense got pressure on the quarterback, stuffed the running game and scored two touchdowns. Tyrone Willingham's first game in Palo Alto since he left Stanford showed his allegiance is undoubtedly with the blue and gold.

CRUSHING THE CARDINAL

Safety Garron Bible scores a third quarter touchdown (top left). Running back Julius Jones breaks a Stanford tackle (top right). Defensive end Justin Tuck sacks Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis, one of his three and a half sacks (middle left). Matt Shelton runs for the end zone (bottom left). Running back Ryan Grant and wide receiver Rhema McKnight celebrate one of Grant's three touchdowns (bottom right).
Carrey shines in Almighty DVD

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Movie Critic

Almighty DVD is fairly standard; it has director commentary, short feature about what working with Jim Carrey is like, outtakes, the film’s trailer and deleted scenes. A comedy with no aspirations for an Oscar or similar award has no real need for a director’s commentary, but learning what it’s like to work with someone as frenetic as Carrey is interesting. The outtakes and deleted scenes, like most, are funny, but you can usually tell why they didn’t make the final cut. One amusing feature of the DVD is the fact that there is no way to skip the opening trailers short of hitting the fast forward button, a fact which is unfortunately becoming more and more common on DVDs. The sound and video quality are good and there were no major problems, but the fine points of audio and visual quality aren’t necessarily pushed to their limits on a Jim Carrey comedy.

Bruce Nolan (Jim Carrey) jokes with a benevolent God (Morgan Freeman) as they walk on water together outside Nolan’s hometown of Buffalo, New Yor.

Bruce Almighty
Universal

Too much plotline for so little time

By C. SPENCER BEGGIS
Scene Movie Critic

Timeline is one of those movies that makes you leave the theater thinking, “Gee, I bet that was a really great book. Adapted from Michael Crichton’s best-selling novel, Timeline follows the adventures of a team of archaeologists who get stranded in the 14th century. Why the 14th century? Well, the movie never really explains that. A company trying to create an instantaneous “fax machine” three-dimensional objects stumbles across a wormhole that sends things back in time to a 14th century battleground of the Hundred Years’ War at Castelgard, France. In good sci-fi style, the evil corporation starts sending teams of soldiers and researchers into the past, trying to unravel the mystery of why they can only travel to 14th century France, rather than to any other place or time. Of course, someone gets stranded and then someone goes after him. Also, a good sci-fi style, somebody blows up the machine in the present day, stranding all of them. But time travel is really just a lame excuse to make a period action film. Luckily for us, the time machine sends our heroes back to April 4th, 1357, the fictional day of the French’s routing of a British stronghold rather than April 4th, 1722, when nothing of note happened. Ironically, Timeline doesn’t have enough time to tell its story. Like the many movies adapted from Crichton’s books, such as Jurassic Park and The Andromeda Strain, Timeline has to crunch a lot of technical explanation into a two-hour film while making time for action-adventure mayhem and madness. Unlike Crichton films before it, Timeline only gives a mediocre gloss of the science behind it. The movie focuses on the medieval adventure and rarely returns to the plotline of the present day. But the drama of trying to fix the portal in the present seems really unnecessary. Since the science behind it is so vaguely laid out, the audience doesn’t have much of a clue what is going on. In fact, the plotline at the beginning of the movie progresses so quickly, it’s hard to make heads or tails of who’s who or what’s going on until the movie jumps back to Castelgard.

But Timeline doesn’t leave the audience high and dry. All the plot elements in the movie do come together in some fashion at the end and there aren’t any big lingering questions in the plotline. Director Richard Donner probably would have done better by cutting out more of the extraneous plot points and focusing more on the action sequences. Timeline is a decent epic battle film but a lackluster sci-fi flick. Crichton fans might be better advised to save their ticket money and buy the book instead. Those who enjoy a decent action-adventure flick won’t be disappointed with Timeline, but let’s just say the film isn’t going down in the annals of cinematic history any time soon.

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Tennessee Titans had the perfect chance to sit atop their division alone for the first time all season.

Chad Pennington and the New York Jets took it away from them. Pennington threw two second-half touchdown passes and the Jets beat Steve McNair and the Titans 24-17 Monday night.

The Jets (7-7) kept their slim playoff hopes alive and handed the Titans (9-3) their first loss in seven games.

McNair started the game despite a strained right calf, hoping to give the Titans sole possession of the AFC South after Indianapolis lost Sunday to the New England Patriots. They now have to wait another week for that to happen, with a home showdown against the Colts this weekend.

This time top-tapered heading into the game was mostly ineffective. McNair finished 21 of 35 for 272 yards with two touchdown passes and two interceptions. He threw an 8-yard scoring pass to Derrick Mason with 1:52 remaining to get the Titans within a touchdown, but Chris Baker recovered the onside kick for the Jets to close out the win.

Mason finished with 11 receptions for 133 yards and one touchdown. Pennington, meanwhile, finished 18-of-22 for 233 yards and also had two interceptions for his third win in five starts since returning from a broken left wrist. His play in the second half was nearly perfect.

After the Titans tied the game at 10 on a 35-yard field goal by Gary Anderson in the third quarter, Pennington engineered two straight scoring drives to take control of the game.

The first featured a little trickery. A reverse to Santana Moss gained 6 yards, and a flea flicker that Pennington threw to Curtis Conway got them 27 yards to the Titans 10.

On the next play, Pennington threw a beautiful 27-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Swayne for a 17-10 lead. It was Swayne’s first reception of the year and had the Jets in the end zone after forcing the Titans to punt.

After forcing the Titans to punt, Pennington put the Jets up by two touchdowns — thanks to Moss. On second-and-5 from the 42, Pennington threw a pass to tight end Baker. But the ball deflected off his hands and up, and Moss was there to catch the ball and make a 32-yard catch to set up the situation.

Conway then caught an 8-yard touchdown pass, barely keeping his toes inbounds, to cap the drive. McNair tried to rally the Titans, but Sam Garmes broke up a pass in the end zone intended for Erron Kinney on fourth-and-goal with 5:21 remaining.

McNair started off well, throwing a 59-yard touchdown pass to Justin McCareins on the opening drive for a quick 7-0 lead. It was the longest completion for the Titans this season.

The Jets tied it up on the following possession. After converting a fourth-and-1 from the Titans 14 when Pennington completed a 4-yard pass to Jerald Sobolewski, the Jets faced second-and-goal from the 12.

Pennington threw a fade to Moss in the right corner of the end zone, but Samari Rolle got his hands on the ball. Officials initially ruled it an interception, but Rolle did a throat slash gesture that earned him an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

But the Jets challenged the call, and the official ruled that Rolle did not have possession. The Jets got an automatic first down just down the 6, and Curtis Martin ran in for the score on the following play for his first touchdown of the season.

Doug Brien kicked a 27-yard field goal just before the break to give the Jets a 10-7 lead.

The Titans played without defensive end Jevon Kearse, who missed his second straight game with a sprained left ankle.
Penguins use late goal from Abid to defeat Thrashers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ramzi Abid scored on a two-on-one break with 3:43 remaining and the Pittsburgh Penguins rallied twice to beat the Atlanta Thrashers 4-3 on Monday night before their smallest home crowd in nearly eight years.

The turnout of 9,576 was the Penguins' worst since 1,770 braved a snowstorm Dec. 19, 1995, to watch them play Calgary.

The Penguins' attendance is down more than 3,000 per game from last season, causing the team to announce earlier this month that it was cutting its 2003-04 budget by $5 million to save the team from a possible move to a new arena.

The Penguins won for only twice to beat the Atlanta Thrashers, who won 2-1 and 3-2 over Pittsburgh in their history against Pittsburgh — the game's first even-strength goal since Brian Holzinger scored his second in as many games with 12 1/2 minutes gone.

Bryan Kovalchuk answered that with his third in four games, taking Frantisek Kabalek's pass from the right point to best Fleury from the high slot for his second in as many games against Pittsburgh.

Ottawa 4, Philadelphia 1

Martin Havlat scored twice to help the Ottawa Senators end Philadelphia's 12-game unbeaten streak with a 4-1 victory over the NHL-leading Flyers on Monday night.

Philadelphia 10-0-2 in November, remained a point ahead of Vancouver in the overall standings.

Havlat opened the scoring early in the second period, the first time the Senators have scored the first goal in a game since Nov. 3. He made it 2-0 late in the period with a power-play goal.

Flyers captain Keith Primeau scored a short-handed goal early in the third, beating goalie Martin Prusek on a two-on-one rush with defensemen Eric Weinrich and Senators' defender Anton Volchenkov restored Ottawa's two-goal lead midway through the period, scoring his first goal of the season on a centering pass from Marian Hossa.

Primeau made it 2-0 just four seconds after Ottawa failed to redirect a shot by Havlat at the edge of the crease.


Ottawa improved to 3-4-0-2 in its last nine games.

Prusek made 31 saves, starting in place of Patrick Lalime, who fell ill with the flu prior to the game.

Neither of Havlat's goals came on direct shots on goal.

On the first, Havlat's attempt pass to Bonk struck Weinrich's right skate and was deflected pass to Bonk struck Weinrich's right skate and was redirected past goalie Robert Esche into an open left side.

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Oklahoma (12-0) maintained its grip on the top spot with a nearly five-point lead over USC and would likely remain in the top two even with a loss Saturday to Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game.

The Sooners are a unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press media and USA Today/ESPN coaches' polls and the top team in all seven BCS computers. They have a 1.0 for poll average, 1.0 for computer-rank average, 0.56 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and 0.5 bonus points for beating sixth-place Texas for a 2.06.

USC has a one-point lead in the polls over LSU, has a 0.25 advantage in the computers and a 0.68 lead in strength of schedule. The Tigers have a 0.4 bonus for a quality win over Georgia.

While LSU would gain in the computers and strength of schedule by beating the Bulldogs (10-2), the Tigers would also be penalized because Georgia is a drop — costing them quality-win points.

A win by Syracuse over Notre Dame would be a big help for the Tigers, likely moving them to second in the season-long rankings.

Colley Matrix computer if they can beat Georgia. USC beat Notre Dame earlier this year.

"I think our focus needs to be on the game that we are playing and what is in front of us and nothing else," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "I think that when you start thinking of those other things, which I have referred to on occasion as clutter, it affects your ability to perform like you need to.

USC finishes the season at home against Oregon State (7-4) on Saturday. Michigan remained fourth and is in the best position to move up to second if USC and LSU both lose. Ohio State is fifth, followed by Texas, Georgia, Florida State, Tennessee and Miami.

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Oklahoma (12-0) maintained its grip on the top spot with a nearly five-point lead over USC and would likely remain in the top two even with a loss Saturday to Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game.

The Sooners are a unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press media and USA Today/ESPN coaches' polls and the top team in all seven BCS computers. They have a 1.0 for poll average, 1.0 for computer-rank average, 0.56 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and 0.5 bonus points for beating sixth-place Texas for a 2.06.

USC has a one-point lead in the polls over LSU, has a 0.25 advantage in the computers and a 0.68 lead in strength of schedule. The Tigers have a 0.4 bonus for a quality win over Georgia.

While LSU would gain in the computers and strength of schedule by beating the Bulldogs (10-2), the Tigers would also be penalized because Georgia is a drop — costing them quality-win points.

A win by Syracuse over Notre Dame would be a big help for the Tigers, likely moving them to second in the season-long rankings.

Colley Matrix computer if they can beat Georgia. USC beat Notre Dame earlier this year.

"I think our focus needs to be on the game that we are playing and what is in front of us and nothing else," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "I think that when you start thinking of those other things, which I have referred to on occasion as clutter, it affects your ability to perform like you need to.

USC finishes the season at home against Oregon State (7-4) on Saturday. Michigan remained fourth and is in the best position to move up to second if USC and LSU both lose. Ohio State is fifth, followed by Texas, Georgia, Florida State, Tennessee and Miami.

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CINCINNATI — Gerald Fitch scored 24 points and No. 9 Kentucky withstood Marshall’s 3-point flurry and second-half comeback Monday night, holding on for an 89-76 victory.

Fitch, a senior guard who had a career-high 36 points against Tennessee Tech on Friday, was the only consistent threat for Kentucky (3-0), which let a 13-point lead dwindle to six in the closing minutes.

Marshall (2-2) hit 10 3-pointers to keep Kentucky fidgety, but missed its last five shots from behind the arc and faded in the closing minutes.

Kellonna Aushuikes added 16 points and Erik Daniels had 14 for Kentucky, which has won all 11 of its games with Marshall. Ronny Dean led Marshall with 23 points, going 7-for-12 on 3s.

The overwhelming majority of the crowd wore blue and white for Kentucky’s annual home game away from the Bluegrass State.

Richardson was slow getting started Monday, but once he did it was all over for Northwestern.

Richardson didn’t score his first basket for nearly 16 minutes, according to the second half, where Northwestern led 31-28.

“You stay with it, you stay positive,” Richardson said. “The game is played in two halves.

“I just tried to stay positive,” he said. “I wanted to make them stop me.”

Richardson erupted with 25 of a career-high 27 points in the second half to catapult the Seminoles to a 71-53 victory in the annual Atlantic Coast Conference-Big Ten challenge.

Hall had 11 of 11 shots after the half, including four of five 3-point-distance attempts in addition to Richardson. Florida State shot 60 percent from 3-point distance in addition to Richardson.

“Just being there who could be No. 1 the way things played out last week,” Kansas coach Bill Self didn’t have to wait to be No. 1. Kansas claimed its biggest in almost 40 years and the top spot.

The Jayhawks, taking advantage of losses by the top four teams last week, jumped from sixth to No. 1 in The Associated Press men’s college basketball poll Monday.

Their move to the top was the biggest in almost 40 years and matched the second biggest in the history of the poll, which started in 1948-49 season.

“I don’t believe we’re deserving of it, but I don’t know if anyone is right now,” the first-year coach said before Monday morning’s shootaround. “There are probably 10 to 12 teams out there who could be No. 1 as the way thing played out last week.”

Kansas (2-0) beat then-No. 3 Michigan State 81-74 in their only last game, and combined 53-16 in the second half when they outscored the Spartans 42-35. No other Florida State player had more than five points.

SMU 62, Texas Tech 59

Bryan Hopkins scored 19 points as SMU used a 13-2 run in the second half to beat Texas Tech 62-59 on Monday evening.

“Smitty didn’t hit a field goal and scored only two points in the final 4:29 of the game, but the Mustangs had three steals in the final minute to hold off a surging Texas Tech (4-2).

After blowing a 16-point first half lead and falling behind 53-50 on an Andre Emmett lay-up, the Mustangs scored 10 straight points to take a 60-53 lead on a lay-up by Eric Castro and hopes to keep it up.

Hubie Brown Sr. guard Justin Isham stole the ball from Michael Marshall with 4 seconds left in the second half, when the Mustangs leading 61-59, Isham hit the second of his two free throws to give SMU a three-point lead.

“Great job,” Robert Tomaszeski’s potential game-tying 3-pointer as time expired hit the front of the rim.

Emmett led the Red Raiders with 28 points and 12 rebounds.

Patrick Simpson finished with 12 points and seven rebounds.

Nike teams received first-place votes this week, backing up Self’s point of not being deserving of the top spot.

Although it’s very early, we’ll enjoy the time we have it and we certainly hope to maintain it,” Self said, who took over when Roy Williams left after 14 seasons to become coach at North Carolina.

The Jayhawks were at Texas Christian on Monday night, their first game since starting guard Michael Lee broke his right collarbone in practice last week. He is expected to be out for up to two months.

Kansas’ jump from No. 6 to No. 1 matched SMU’s jump from 10th to No. 1 on Dec. 14, 1965, and those were second biggest jumps in history. Virginia’s moving from No. 8 to No. 1 on Dec. 24, 1937.

The Jayhawks received 52 first-place votes and 1,750 points to edge the Mustangs 47-43 in the AP media panel, 146 more than Florida (2-0), which was No. 1 on eight ballots.
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**NBA**

McDyess plays in first game after 14-month hiatus

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Antonio McDyess grinned in embarrassment and blew a kiss to the crowd, his first point as a member of the New York Knicks finally on the board almost 14 months after he fractured his kneecap in a preseason game.

McDyess’ point came from the foul line after he missed five shot attempts and a free throw, and he scored only one other point Monday night in a 79-78 overtime loss to the Detroit Pistons.

“I’m not going to step on the court and get 20 and 10 the first night. It’s going to take time,” McDyess said before the game. He couldn’t have been more correct.

The former All-Star and Olympian finally appeared in a regular-season game almost a year and a half after the Knicks acquired him. He was warmly received but played tentatively, showing plenty of rust while shooting 0-for-5 with two missed free throws and three rebounds in 13 minutes.

Mereely having him on the court was a welcome sight for the Knicks, who had yet to receive any dividends from Scott Layden’s blockbuster draft-night deal two summers ago that sent New York two starters and a lottery pick.

As poorly as McDyess played, it was not his fault that New York lost the game. That blame could be spread around a lot, but the Knicks scored only nine points in the third quarter and 14 in the fourth to fritter away a lead that had grown as large as 13.

Chauncey Billups scored seven of his 24 points in overtime for the Pistons, who walked off with the win after Mehmet Okur blocked Michael Doleac’s jumper just before the final buzzer.

It was the third straight victory for the Pistons, one of only seven NBA teams who began the night with a winning record.

**Grizzlies 96, Celtics 89**

Paul Gasol finally got a win — and some revenge — against the Celts.

Gasol scored 19 points and Lorenzen Wright added 14 points and 13 rebounds to lead Memphis to 96-89 win over Boston on Monday night, the Grizzlies’ first victory against the Celts in more than three years.

“Nice to finally get a win against them because I’ve been here three years and lost a few every year,” Gasol said. “It’s really satisfying, especially after the season-opening loss.”

Memphis snapped a five-game losing streak against the Celts and avoided being swept by Boston for the third consecutive season. The last time that the Grizzlies beat the Celtics was a 98-87 win on Nov. 26, 2000.

**Bulls 97, Bucks 87**

This latest version of the Chicago Bulls is a winner. For one night, at least.

Playing just a few hours after the trade that brought them from Toronto was finalized, Jerome Williams and Antonio Davis showed the chemistry and enthusiasm they’ve lacked, and the Bulls beat the short-handed Scott Skiles a winner in his Chicago debut with a 97-87 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday night.

When the buzzer sounded, Jamal Crawford and Williams ran to the sideline and hugged Skiles. The victory snapped a seven-game losing streak for Chicago.

Williams finished with 13 points, a team-high 10 rebounds and four steals — including a floor-burner that immediately endeared him to Bulls fans. Davis had 11 points, five rebounds and three blocked shots.

And this was a true team effort. Crawford scored a career-high 30 points and tied his season high with eight assists. He also had eight rebounds. Eddy Curry had 22 points, including a monster dunk to stop a 12-0 Milwaukee run that pulled the Bucks within 94-87 late in the fourth quarter.

**Utah 91, New Jersey 84**

Andrei Kirilenko and DeShawn Stevenson scored 18 points apiece, and the Utah Jazz won their fourth straight game by holding off the New York Nets 91-84 Monday night.

Utah let a 17-point second-half lead dwindle to three with less than a minute to play before sealing it with four straight free throws to improve to 9-1 at home. It was the Jazz’s fifth win in six games.

**Westbrook 92, Chicago 90**

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dispatching the Wildcats Friday, jumping out to a 3-0 lead before Northern Michigan's Nathan Oystrick scored with less than three minutes remaining to spoil what would have been Brown's fourth shutout of the season.

Globoke opened the scoring a little more than halfway through the first period as he scored on a feed from forward Noah Balbin, taking the puck and depositing it behind Northern Michigan goalie Tendy Craig. Kowalski subdued a Wildcat turnover led to an Irish odd-man break.

Defenceman Chris Trick scored the first goal of his career a little more than 11 minutes into the second, scoring a shorthanded goal to put the Irish up 2-0. With the Wildcats on a five-on-three power play, a centering feed went off the mark and Trick was able to scoot in and collect the errant pass to beat Kowalski with a backhand shot.

"It was standing in the box," Trick said. "All of a sudden the puck is coming toward me as I made the cut of the penalty box. I could see that the goalie was giving me the stick side, but I figured when I went to the backhand and it worked for the best."

Forward Cory Mclean scored about two minutes later after collecting his own rebound to give Notre Dame a 3-0 lead going into the second intermission.

Captain Aaron Gil scored a little over six minutes into the third period off a pass from forward Mike Walsh, and forward Jason Paige closed the Irish scoring about six minutes later on the power play.

The Irish dominated play, outscoring the Wildcats 34-20 for the game. Irish coach Dave Poulin said he was happy with the way the Irish's offensive output. "We really did a lot of the little things that we've been away working on tonight," he said. "We got solid contributions from everyone. It was one of our better efforts of the season."

That effort took a while to show up the following day, as Notre Dame fell behind the Wildcats 2-0 before surging back to win by two.

"This was another important building block for our team," Poulin said. "Now they've experienced coming from behind. You can talk about things like this all you want, but until you experience it, it's not the same."

After a scoreless first period, the Wildcats took advantage of a five-on-three power play as Dartin Oliver took a shot from Dirk Southern and fired it past Brown a little less than four minutes into the second. Geoff Waugh would increase the Wildcats' lead to seven minutes later, but the Irish were able to start a comeback with a power play goal with about six minutes left in the second period.

Defenceman Neil Komadoski take a hard shot from the left point, which Kowalski stopped, but Globoke was able to swoop in and poke the rebound between the goalie's pads for his ninth goal of the season.

"I thought our power play goal was the key goal of the game," Poulin said.

The floodgates opened soon after, as Notre Dame scored three unanswered goals in the third period to put the game away.

Walsh scored just a little less than two minutes into the period, and Globoke scored his second of the game with a little more than five minutes left. Forward Matt Amado closed out the game with a hard slap shot past Kowalski.

Brown made 25 saves in the game as the Irish outshot the Wildcats 30-27. The freshman goaltender currently has a six game unbeaten streak (6-0-2).

The Irish have one more CCHA series remaining this season as they travel to Michigan this weekend for a pair of games. Notre Dame will not play at home again until Jan. 3 against Findlay.
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"They were disruptive," Clark said. "It was a competitive game, and I was most proud when they were having fools that our guys never once lost their discipline or composure. That was satisfying to see as a coach.

Both teams would stay scoreless through the remainder of regulation and both overtime periods, even though Notre Dame managed 24 shots to Michigan's total of 11. Wolverines' goalkeeper Peter Denlay turned in a strong performance with nine saves. Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer made three.

"If you take away the first half, we outshot them 16-3," Clark said. "But their goals made several excellent saves.

Michigan seemed to lay back for a while, and we were able to start to dominate the second half, but goals by Prescod, Martin and Detter put the game away.

The game was tied 1-1 at half, but goals by Prescod, Martin and Detter put the game away. Detter had two goals in the game, his twelfth and thirteenth on the season.

Notre Dame outshot Wisconsin-Milwaukee 18-7, ending Sawyer's five-game shutout streak with a penalty kick goal.

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into the air, but instead of jumping into his man, dived around him and almost banked in a 3-pointer.

Marquette grabbed the rebound and iced the game away with free throws.

Jordan Cornette continued his poor shooting from the outside, missing all four of his 3-point attempts. Chris Quinn couldn't buy a basket either, finishing 2-of-11 and 1-of-8 from behind the arc. Both Quinn and Cornette fouled out late in the game.

Scott Merritt had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Marquette while Travis Diener scored 12 points.

Notes:
Thomas led the Irish in their 78-64 win over Mount St. Mary's Saturday at the Joyce Center.

He struggled early, missing four of his first five shots, but then he found the hot hand and made 6-of-7 throughout the rest of the game. Thomas finished with a game-high 22 points.

Merritt had 13 points, but only six rebounds. Cornette had a rough afternoon, making 2-of-10, including 1-of-5 from behind the arc, finishing with five points.

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Senior captain Greg Martin looks to pass against Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Round 2 of the NCAA Tournament Nov. 26.

"It's trying to win, and our effort was tremendous. This has been a fabulous group to work with, speaking for myself and the assistants.

"The only thing I regret is that I don't have another two weeks to work with the team. Notre Dame reached the third round by defeating Wisconsin-Milwaukee 4-1 in the third round Wednesday night.

"It was a fabulous season for the team, but winning isn't the most important thing," Clark said.

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will be going to the University of Illinois where the Illini are the 15th seed in the Tournament. Notre Dame will play Louisville in the first round.

The four-team sub-regional where the Irish are playing is the only bracket with three teams ranked in the top 20.

Brown switched around her lineup for Saturday's game by putting Jessica Kinder opposite her sister, former Kristin Kinder. Lauren Kelbley moved to the outside hitter while Emily Loomis moved to inside to middle-blocker.

"The [new lineup] was really good, we just needed better execution," Jessica Kinder said. "Everybody wanted it so badly, we just weren't making the plays."

The Cardinal (23-6) were led by U.S. National Team member Ogonna Nnadozie's 23 kills and 409 hitting percentage. Whenever Nnadozie was on the front row, Stanford ran its offense through her. The junior and two-time All-American just overpowered the Notre Dame block, which is ranked first in the country averaging 3.76 blocks per game.

"She is very good, she is a phenomenal athlete and a great person too," Brown said. "She is very hard to defend and she is an explosive player."

In the first two games, the Irish came out strong, hitting .293 and .303, but the Cardinal were just a little bit better, hitting .354 and .305. Early in the third game, Notre Dame took the lead, but Stanford was able to stay close and eventually take command of each game.

Down 2-0, the Irish wanted to come out in game three and establish an early presence. However, it didn't seem to be their worst game of the match. The Irish committed 10 errors in the game and 21 in the match.

Despite the number of mistakes in game three, the Irish stayed close and had their chances late in the game, being up 21-20, but they couldn't take advantage and let Stanford pull away.

"I think we were looking in game three to come out and be a step better than that. But Stanford took it to us a little bit more in that game than they did before," Brown said.

"Certainly it wasn't a good game three, but we didn't feel like it was over. We felt like we could still compete to the end, but we didn't come through in game three when it was the most critical."

Kelbley led the Irish with 10 kills, Kristen Kinder and Lauren Brewster tied for the game high in blocks with 10. Meg Henican recorded 10 digs.

Traditionally before the NCAA Tournament, the Irish travel to a top opponent in preparation for postseason play. Going to Stanford allowed Brown to try her new lineup, which she plans to use in the NCAA Tournament, the Irish travel to a top opponent in preparation for postseason play. Going to Stanford allowed Brown to try her new lineup, which she plans to use in the NCAA Tournament, the Irish travel to a top opponent in preparation for postseason play. Going to Stanford allowed Brown to try her new lineup, which she plans to use in the NCAA Tournament.
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11. Gabardine's soil
12. Gardens, to Brits
13. Update the alarm system
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15. Graft onto a tree
16. Uniform, to Brits
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18. Sushi
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20. Lawyer's to Brits
21. Youngster
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Men's Basketball

Payback time

Marquette takes revenge on cold-shooting Irish in 71-58 victory

By Matt Lozar

The Golden Eagles capitalized on their own hot shooting, defeating the Irish 71-58 at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

For the game, Marquette shot 47 percent overall, 33 percent from three-pointers, and 71 percent from the free throw line. The Irish shot 37 percent overall, 31 percent from three-pointers, and 73 percent from the free throw line.

Steve Novak led Marquette (5-0) with career-high 21 points and 5-of-7 on three-pointers. The Irish (2-1) made just five three-pointers.

Marquette took control of the game from the start, going on a 20-2 run at one point and making nine of its first 16 field goal attempts to eventually build a 34-11 lead. The Irish started 1-11 from the field.

In the first half, the Irish had trouble getting the ball into the paint. Thirty percent of their shots were from behind the arc, and scoring only 11 points.

One year ago today, a hot-shooting Notre Dame team dominated Marquette en route to an easy 21-point win at the Joyce Center. Marquette got its chance for payback Monday night when the Golden Eagles capitalized on their own hot shooting, defeating the Irish 71-58 at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

Joyce Center.

shooting Notre Dame team

Monday' s game again against the
date on their mind heading into
payback Monday night when

Marquette takes revenge on cold-shooting Irish in 71-58 victory

Michigan knocks 2nd Irish squad from tourney

By Pat Leonard

What secret formula does Michigan have?

The teams ended regulation deadlocked at 1-1. Wolverine goalkeeper Peter Drabek stopped penalty kicks by senior captain Justin Detter and Devon Prescod, and a goal by Mike White — who also had the only Michigan goal in regulation — on the fifth penalty kick ended a historical playoff run for the fifth-seeded Irish.

"It's not a loss, it's a tie," coach Bobby Clark said, since the defeat in penalty kicks does not appear as a loss in the standings. "But we had chances to win the game. We can blame all sorts of things, but soccer's like that. When you have knockout stages of competition in soccer, some days it can be the other team's day."

The Irish (16-3-4) got on the board first when senior captain Greg Martin assisted on a goal by Detter at the 16:57 mark. This goal was Detter's 14th on the season.

Michigan then tied the game at 1-1 with White's goal at 20:11. The Wolverines played a forceful and aggressive style as they tried to take the lead, fouling the Irish 33 times to Notre Dame's 21.

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Michigan State 92, Notre Dame 63

The Irish drop out of the top 25 with losses.

NCAA Football

Louisiana State gains ground on Southern California in the latest BCS poll, but will likely need a Top 10 loss Saturday to play in the Sugar Bowl.

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Notre Dame 57, Stanford 7

Notre Dame running back Julian Jones ran for 218 yards and the Irish cruised to victory.

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