Police eject season-high 48 people

Alcohol-related offenses prompt action at game
By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Ejections spiked at the seniors’ last home football game Saturday, as police forced 48 people to leave the stadium for intoxication or alcohol-related offenses, officials said.

“Unfortunately, a number of people — more than in past games — drank alcohol to the point of intoxication and were issued to adults for violations of liquor laws,” Johnson said. Ten people were also denied entry to the stadium for intoxication and were released to “a responsible adult.”

Three people were arrested at the stadium for public intoxication, Johnson said.

Despite the noticeable increase in the amount of marshmallows thrown

75 band members will travel to USC
Unscheduled trip made at Charlie Weis’ request; group will leave Saturday at 8 a.m.

By JOHN PAUL WITT
News Writer

On a mission to help the Fighting Irish bring home a victory, 75 members of the Notre Dame Band will perform at the Notre Dame-USC football game Saturday — a trip planned at the request of head football coach Charlie Weis.

Band officials did not comment on funding for the group’s last-minute trip to Los Angeles, but assistant band director Lawrence Dwyer said they were “delighted” to be able to make the trip. The USC-bound band will consist primarily of members who play easily heard instruments — mostly brass and percussion — and of the most experienced and dedicated juniors and seniors, said band vice president Michelle Manrique.

Last month, band director Ken Dye received a personal call from Weis to ask if it was possible to send part of the band with the football team to the USC game. Dwyer said. Junior and senior band members were encouraged to apply, Dwyer said, and those with the most seniority and loudest instruments were selected.

“We’re not going to have fun. We’re going to give our team the edge,” said senior drum major Brad Fleming.

The band will fly out at 8 a.m. to Washington D.C., where his two older brothers have recently purchased a home, then carpool with his three siblings will help him fly to Rockville, Md., on Thursday — where big plans await them.

...I love Thanksgiving.

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

During a much-needed academic respite this Thanksgiving, Notre Dame students are offering gratitude for family, friends, food and two-and-a-half inch television screeners.

“I would say I’ve never needed a break more,” said sophomore Nicholas Krienke. “It’s just the daily grind, I guess. I’m feeling it more than ever.”

Morrissey sophomore Andrew Parrell was sneaking out early, walking to catch the shuttle to Chicago’s O’Hare airport Monday afternoon. He was planning to fly to Washington D.C., where his two older brothers have recently purchased a home, then carpooled with them back to their hometown of Rockville, Md., on Thursday — where big plans await them.

Thanksgiving Day begins bright and early at the Parrell home, with the family running the annual 5K Rockville Turkey Chase. Back at home, Parrell said, he and his three siblings will help their mom cook before the relatives arrive in the early afternoon. Playing a football game or two in the backyard, plus watching one on TV, is in order, he said.

The extended family comes to our house for TV and research because ‘it’s our holiday,” Parrell said. “We’re really family-oriented...I love Thanksgiving.”

And for the students lucky enough to have scored tickets to see VP/page 4
Since Thanksgiving break is soon upon us, I decided to do a little research into the history and origin of this popular holiday. I was interested to see what the pilgrims are at their first feast, where it was held and other facts of this nature.

In the United States, every individual would be holding a party to celebrate Thanksgiving. It is celebrated on the Fourth Sunday in November. It was originally held three days in 1621 in Plymouth, Mass. It is known as Harvest Festival in the United Kingdom and is celebrated at the end of the Harvest Festival but is not as well celebrated as Christmas or Easter.

It did not become an actual holiday until 1863. Abraham Lincoln was the president who decided that Thanksgiving should fall on the last Thursday of the month. But Dwight D. Eisenhower moved the holiday to the next to last Thursday of the month in an effort to create a longer shopping season for Christmas.

In terms of food, the pilgrims were not consuming the modern dishes we do today such as turkey, corn and beans. They did eat venison and wild fowl. They also did not use forks to eat their food — rather they used spoons, knives and fingers.

Regarding the use of salt and pepper: The use of salt and pepper would be used solely in cooking. Regarding the use of sugar: They also did not use forks to eat their food — rather they used spoons, knives and fingers.

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Alumni Association aids students traveling to USC

Tuesday, November 21, 2006
host a pep rally at the hotel.

Thanksgiving meal available for
those who signed up for it

reserves more than 1,000 hotel
with the Anaheim Marriott to

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Hesinan Trophy winner Tim
Brown will speak at the rally, and
former Notre Dame football players
such as Derrick Mayes, Rick Bilhover, Jerry Goellner, Brock Williams and Shane Walton are expected to make an appearance. Alumni Association Director Chuck Lennon will be the emcee and Roberts expects between 800 and 1,000 people to attend the pop rally.

On Sunday morning, the Club of Orange County will host a Communion Breakfast with Charlie Weis, and the event, Roberts said, already has more than 700 confirmed guests. NDCOC will provide charter buses from the Anaheim Marriott to the Coliseum.

Roberts said the Notre Dame Alumni Association has been essential in helping the NDCOC plan many of the events for the game weekend.

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Students can use new online service to secure bowl tickets

By JEN METZ
News Writer

As winter begins to fall on Notre Dame’s campus, many Irish fans are dreaming of heading to warmer climates — New Orleans, Miami, Pasadena or Phoenix, to be exact.

Those cities play host to the BCS Bowl games, and as of now, Notre Dame’s chances of playing in one of them are high. Through TicketReserve, students can act now to make sure they’re at the game to cheer on the team — and enjoy the weather.

The TicketReserve is a revolutionary and fun idea that allows the average fan admittance into huge sporting events at affordable prices,” said Liz Flannery of Clutch Media and Marketing in Harrison, NY.

According to Clutch Media’s press release for TicketReserve, “the Allstate Sugar Bowl, FedEx Orange Bowl, Rose Bowl and Fiesta Bowls have all been among the toughest post-season tickets in sports.”

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The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore will also be setting up shop at USC for eager fans who want to purchase Notre Dame merchandise. Manager Kathy McIowan said bookstore products are usually sold at about three times the regular price, but are expected to sell out soon.

It has been a tremendous year for ND products everywhere, and alumni love to see the bookstore,” said former Notre Dame football player Charlie Weis, and the event, Roberts, expects between 800 and 1,000 people to attend the stop rally.

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"Either my message wasn’t clear enough about the importance of this information or the timing of the sessions was bad," Mooney said. "But I believe that is the student perspective on this."

Members praised the College for its development of leaders and the high number of first-year students offered to students. There were a few aspects of the College that members described as needing improvement.

"I have a lot of issues with diversity on campus," student Diversity Board President Angelina Johnson said. "I think that we need a swimming pool, since there are no swimming pools in the dorms." Johnson said she would love to diversify the student body. She would also like diversity training for faculty, staff, BOG members and the resident assistants in her department.

The College needs to work towards having more students open dorm rooms, according to Johnson. She also said Saint Mary’s should have an in-room security system that would alert if anything was missing.

"I think the students who don’t already feel that diversity is a part of their lives (may not feel that diversity events) would include them," Johnson said, adding that just might not be one of their main concerns.

Athletic commissioner Anne Csukas brought up the need for funding, staffing and recruiting for the athletic department. If these issues are addressed, she said, it would improve the athletic program.

Csukas also said the College needs to do more with the newly-reopened Regina Hall pool closed earlier this fall.

"An Olympic sized swimming pool costs $1 million a year to maintain," Csukas said. "If we don’t make any moves, it costs $1 million a year."

"We need one but it costs a lot of money."

The group also discussed the stereotype of Saint Mary’s women as intelligent and second-class.

"I think the students who have the hardest time with (the stereotype) is the first-year students," said student trustee Julie Malone. "Often times [new students] are reacting to a stereotype that type exists, and it can turn inward and [students] can lose their support from Saint Mary’s women.

student body president Susan McDuff said she would like to see more information about the topic, the student and the campus at a women’s college.

"As a senior I still do not really know what it means to go to a women’s college," she said.

Mooney said articulating that meaning is “one of the changes that need to happen since most of the information on the topic is from the women.”

Mooney said surveys that are sent out via e-mail to seniors and freshmen during the spring semester help reveal what is uniquely beneficial at a women’s college.

Mooney also addressed the question of remaining safety and security at the College in light of the recent theft of the Hilton Garden Inn on the outskirts of campus. "I have talked with the Sisters [of the Holy Cross] about this," Mooney said. "The hotel is going to be beautifully landscaped and we’re going to do what we can to keep the same look of the College."

Mooney also addressed concerns about the College’s living in Opus Apartments.

"If I hear the same things in my information sessions, then I know I need to start paying attention to it." Carol Ann Mooney College president

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chair of the committee, Burish listed the committee’s responsibilities and the topics it should explore.

"The University’s long-range goal is to support distinctive, leading-edge research that is consistent with and that advances the University’s mission," Burish said in his letter.

The committee produced a report titled "A New Beginning." In May, the report, in which the committee said the "University’s Board must develop a compelling research message and communicate it clearly and often to all constituents."

The majority of committee members recommended the University reanimate the administrative structure of research and graduate studies, so the head of the Graduate School would be a dean and the head of the Office of the Vice President for Research an office of the University President.

The committee members expressed their judgment that Notre Dame “can and should become a high-impact 21st century research University.”

With this in mind, the Academic Council named a five- person search committee last week to find candidates for the vice president for research. DeNoyes, director of the Arts and Letters Honors Program and a philosophy professor, sociology professor Maureen Hallinan, aerospace and mechanical engineering professor Steve Baillie, chemistry and biochemistry professor Richard Taylor and physics professor Malgorzata Dobrowolska-Furdyna have been named to sit on the committee.

Dobrowolska-Furdyna said the committee will meet with Burish later this week to discuss their course of action.

"I think it’s a very important forum and I’m definitely hoping that the new vice president will help us move up to the next level," she said.

Burish said he hopes to see the vice president in position for the beginning of the next academic year.

University President Father John Jenkins and Burish have both made clear in public addresses over the last year and a half their objective to make Notre Dame a preeminent research institution.

Jenkins told faculty in his annual address that while Notre Dame is not now regarded as a premier research university, it has the potential to become one.

In his October address to the faculty, Burish introduced his plan to create a steering committee that will work to advance the University’s research mission while the new vice president is being chosen.

"The goal of the steering committee is to seek ideas from inside and outside the University on how we can creatively, successfully and strategically find new dollars with those that are already available to focus on a small number of research areas that can truly become among the University’s strengths in the country and beyond," Burish said.

Burish said the steering committee will make recommendations on research areas that have the potential to become nationally ranked programs, Burish said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Sudan hails deal with U.N. as victory KHAIRTOUM, Sudan — President Omar al-Bashir said on Monday he had signed a new agreement with the United Nations over the Darfur crisis that could be a diplomatic breakthrough for Sudan, but said serious differences remain over the force's makeup and command.

It was the first official word by Khartoum of its acceptance of the deal, announced Thursday in Addis Ababa. But there were signs the government might still resist hopes for a robust U.N. deployment to bring an end to the continuing bloodshed.

U.N. officials said that Sudan had been granted studies for a mixed U.N.-African Union force of up to 20,000 troops. If so, that would mean a dramatic reversal of Khartoum's staunch resistance to deploying any U.N. troops in Darfur.

**National News**

Elderly driver sentenced to probation LOS ANGELES — An 89-year-old man whose car hurtled through a farmers market, killing 10 people, was let off on probation Monday by a judge who said he believed the defendant deserved to go prison but was too ill.

George Russell Weller was convicted Oct. 20 of 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence in a case that renewed debate over whether elderly people should lose their driver's license.

Weller, confined to a sickbed, was not in court for his sentencing.

Superior Court Judge Michael Johnson said he agreed completely with the jury and called Weller's actions callous and showing "an enormous indifference to human life."

**LOCAL NEWS**

Police find 14 illegal immigrants SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Fourteen illegal immigrants were discovered in a minivan that a state trooper pulled over for speeding on Thursday in St. Joseph County.

The 11 adults, 10 Mexican nationals and a Mexican national who was driving, were taken into custody by state police Sunday. They have since been released to immigration and customs enforcement officials.

The passengers told police they had not eaten for two days because the minivan driver refused to feed them since they had no money.

**IraQ**

Syrian-Iraq relations to resume

Officials see reconstituting diplomatic ties as movement towards slowing violence

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — After nearly a quarter-century of seve­red ties, Saddam Hussein said Monday he will resume diplomatic relations with neighboring Syria, which would mark a possible step toward stem­ming the widespread insurgent violence. The announcement would mark a surprising new development in Iraq's ties with Syria, which had been cut off since the 1963 war, and a dramatic reversal of Khartoum's staunch resistance to deploying any U.N. troops in Darfur.

Leader vows to rule by Islamic law

SOMALIA said Monday he will rule according to Islamic law, a surprising announcement in an area that has resisted the spread of Islamic militants who control much of the country's south.

President Saleh Elahwal, 53, of Matawan, N.J., and defended himself on Saturday. They have since been turned over to police.

Two from Mexico and one from El Salvador, were taken into custody by state police Sunday, the day after the accident, in which the 11 adults, 10 Mexican nationals and a Mexican national who was driving, were taken into custody by state police Sunday. They have since been released to immigration and customs enforcement officials.

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The announcement was thought to be an attempt by the Syrian leader to gain influence in the region. The presence of restored Iraqi-Syrian ties came during a ground-breaking visit to Baghdad by Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Moallem, which was challenged over Damascus' role in supporting the Sunni insurgency.

"We object to any neighboring country that allows itself to be a base or a tran­sit point for the terrorist groups that harm Iraq," Syrian Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said after meeting with his Iraqi counterpart.

Al-Maliki told Moallem that Damascus should not let its disputes with the United States play out in Iraq, where the chaos and bloodshed has become "a direct threat to all, not Iraq only."

Asked about the Syrian visit, State Department deputy spokesman Tom Casey said "the problem is not what they say but what they do.

"Certainly what we would like to see the Syrians do is take actions, to among other things, prevent for­eign fighters from coming from across the border into Iraq, and, again, to back up the positive words that they have with some real concrete steps," Casey said.

Moallem arrived in Iraq on Sunday in one of the first high-level visits by a Syrian official since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003. He was expected to return to Damascus on Tuesday.

"Diplomatic relations will be restored between the two countries during the visit," Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said.

Syria broke diplomatic ties with Iraq in 1982, accusing Iraq of inciting the mass murder of members of the Muslim Brotherhood in Syria. Damascus also sided with Iran in the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. Trade ties were restored in 1997.

More recently, Syria is widely believed to have done little to stop foreign fighters and al-Qaeda recruiters from crossing into Iraq to join Sunni insurgents. It also has provided refuge for many top members of Saddam Hussein's former leadership and polit­ical corps, which is thought to have organized arms and funding for the insurgents.

The Sunni insurgency, since it sprang to life in the late summer of 2003, has been responsible for the vast majority of U.S. deaths in Iraq. A U.S. soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad on Saturday night and a U.S. Marine died dur­ing combat in Anbar province on Sunday, the military said, raising to at least 2,865 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the begin­ning of the Iraq war. This month in Iraq, 47 American service members have been killed or died.

The Iraqi death toll, meanwhile, rose to at least 1,371 for the first 20 days of November — the highest for any month since the Associated Press began tracking the figure in April 2005.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, right, meets with Syria's Foreign Minister Walid Moallem in Baghdad Monday. Iraq has said the two nations will resume diplomatic ties.

Murdoch cancels Simpson's book

Associated Press

NEW YORK — O.J. Simpson's book and TV special were canceled Monday amid astonishing end to an imaginary confession that had sick­ened the public as the very worst kind of tabloid fiction.

"I and senior management agree," Simpson's attorney, Yale Galanter, told The Associated Press: "We had known for three or four days that this was a possibility."

Galanter said he did not know whether the deal between Simpson and News Corp. was contingent on a TV interview being shown or a book arriving in stores.

"There are only three possible reac­tions: anger, happiness or indiffer­ence. He's totally indifferent about the fact that it's been canceled," said Galanter, who added that he didn't know if Simpson was paid upfront.

Any hopes of commercial reward were quickly overwhelmed by near universal revulsion to last week's announcement — from those who knew Goldman and Brown, from booksellers and advertisers, even from Fox News Channel personality Bill O'Reilly.
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Weller was 68 when his 1992 Buick LeSabre plowed at freeway speed into the crowded farmers market on July 16, 2003. In addition to the 10 killed, more than 77 people were injured.

Weller had received up to 18 years in prison, but the judge said Weller’s health problems, including severe heart disease, would make him a burden on prison authorities and prison employees, and that imprisonment would most likely be ‘harmful’ to Weller.

Defense attorneys argued that Weller was a victim of ‘profound error’ in which he panicked and mistook the car’s accelerator for the brake. Prosecutors said he was careless to the point of criminal negligence.

The judge noted that Weller had enough control of his vehicle to avoid cars and trucks within the farmers market.

Mr. Weller was sentenced to life in prison or a term of five years’ probation.

Reorienting to the Iraqi security forces, Hunter told The Associated Press, ‘We need to saddle those up and deploy them to the fight’ in dangerous areas, primarily in Baghdad. Hunter, a California Republican who is interested in his party’s 2008 presidential nomination, took a different tack from Sen. John McCain, a Front-running 2008 hopeful who has urged that additional U.S. troops be sent.

Face has asked a group of about 16 military members, largely civilians who recently served in the Gulf region, to look at what is going right or wrong in the war and to discuss options for progress. The group is not expected to submit a report, but Face will use any thoughts and options coming out of the review to help develop his own recommendations for the defense secretary and the president.

May, Gen. William J. Caldwell, a military spokesman in Iraq, said Monday that adding more U.S. forces would ‘achieve a short-term solution, but it’s not going to achieve a long-term effect. The key to this thing is we have got to make sure we get our Iraqi security forces able to operate in an independent manner, on their own.’
Platinum skyrockets as supply tightens

NEW YORK — Platinum futures soared Monday on developing supply tightness, options-related activity, and fund and speculative buying.

The January contract settled up $42.20 at $1,234.30 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Normal demand for platinum usage in catalytic converters and electronics has been supported for the market," said Jim Quinn, commod- ity floor broker with A.G. Edwards. "There has been a steady influx of demand. And supply is either tight, relative to demand." 

Last week, fabricator/distributor Johnson Matthey issued a report estimating that the platinum supply deficit had a small supply deficit of 20,000 ounces in 2006.

Demand for auto catalysts was forecast to rise 15 percent this year, Johnson Matthey said, in large part due to rising market share for diesel-powered vehicles, which require platinum rather than less-expensive palladium, in addition to tightening emissions standards around the world.

EU proposes ban on sale of cat, dog fur

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union proposed a ban Monday on the sale and import of dog and cat fur in all 25 member nations, saying it has been found in some clothing, toys and products in the Czech Republic — a member or was hidden within the products.

"Fur has been falsely labeled as coming from another animal or was hidden within the products," institute spokesman Adrian Lund said. "We think that they are not moving quickly enough to add stability control to their models, Lund said in a telephone interview.

For instance, Ford Motor Co. would have had three cars — the Ford Freestyle crossover and the Mercury Monterey and Ford 500 sedans — make the list if they had stability control, the institute said. The 500 and the Monterey earned top safety picks last year.

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Encourage chastity, not ‘free talk’

It is perhaps my greatest fear that the view proposed in Joey Falco’s column (‘Did they forget?’, Nov. 20) is the popular one. Although articulate, considerate and genuinely concerned for the welfare of the human race (qualities which seem run nowadays), Joey Falco misses the point. With all due respect to him, I write that bowing down to the insatiable, animalistic desires of an over-sexed youth will only perpetuate the problems of modern society, specifically those mentioned by Falco in his article.

Throwing condoms at Africa will, perhaps, slow the spread of AIDS. (This, even, is heavily debated.) Talking about sex freely on campus as if it were common and accepted will, perhaps, allow for better treatment of both victims and perpetrators of sexual assault. In both cases, the solution obviously looks toward the end — less AIDS, more dialogue — as the basis for what is good. However, in giving too much to what seems to be an uncontrollable trend in regards to sexuality in the world today, Falco implies that attempting to teach men and women virtue, specifically chastity, would be a futile effort. I answer that we must never give up. I answer that we must never give up.

Who cares about chastity? Isn’t it just one of those pretty little things that the Church teaches? I answer with a resounding, “No!” As it is the first image that came to mind, I use an analogy of a dog. This dog has a problem. He barks. He yelps. He growls, and he even attacks sweet Aunt Fae who, in his mind, seems especially threatening. Sparkly, red, horn-rimmed glasses are never a good idea. There are two options here. Either one can muzzle the dog and force him to keep his mouth shut by physically tying his jaws together, or one can teach him to bark less, be more discerning of strangers and obey when he is asked to behavior. Granted, the first option is certainly the easier one and probably the least taxing on both the dog and the owner. The second option, however, is the more desirable one, albeit the more difficult one. It’s not hard to see the analogy. Condoms and “talking freely about sex” are the muzzle, clamping shut our sexuality and that for which it is intended. Chastity is what the dog possesses after achieving obedience and humility. Both solutions produce the same effect, but the dog that has been taught can now use his gifts for good, like warding off the burglar who crosses in the middle of the night. We are not animals. We do not have to be trained to obey. We can discern right from wrong provided we have the tools to do so. The practice of denying condoms to Africa and preventing “free talk” on sex at the University does not deny a reality but affirms another: we are human, choose to act a certain way, yet are called to act in accordance with the teachings of Scripture and Christ Himself. The university has never closed its doors to the victims of sexual assault, and if it has, I will stand up with the throng to open them again. However, “free talk” will only make for an environment that is especially hard to choose well. The problem of sex on campus seems overwhelming enough already; we do not need men and women walking around unashamedly of last night’s exploits.

I hope I am wrong in my analysis of Falco’s viewpoint. I expect with all humility that Falco will berate me and sharpen his essay against my rough foil. Even if Falco himself should write an article examining ways in which chastity could be taught, I fear that there will still others who do not understand what I have intended to say or what I have in mind for the university. For these men and women, I respond simply: don’t allow yourself to be muzzled, but come to know the infinite goodness of your sexuality.

Daniel Amini
It was with great interest that I read The Observer's story ("Students discuss legalities," Nov. 16) on a "preventative legal advising service" offered by Notre Dame legal aid clinic for Notre Dame undergraduates living off-campus. And while I'm certain the experience provided an excellent research opportunity for the law students involved, I found the enterprise incredibly disappointing.

I was a student intern at the Notre Dame Immigration Clinic during my third year of law school — a law school institution that ground to a halt this year due in part to administrative exigencies and in large part to a palpable lack of support from the law school administration. The immigration clinic observed over 200 members of the South Bend immigrant community, most of whom had been subjected to indefinite persecution to come here to the United States, usually with little more than the clothes they were wearing and whatever cash they could stuff into their pockets. The students and faculty who served them diligently and tirelessly literally saved their lives.

And now, as an attorney with the Department of Justice in the Executive Office for Immigration Review, I have already had ample opportunity to see what happens to immigrants and other disadvantaged people who can't afford quality representation and are either forced to represent themselves or fleeced by unqualified and dishonest attorneys who take advantage of their disadvantage. I understand even more acutely the desperate need for low-cost and free legal services for the most vulnerable members of our society. And so I am shocked and a little embarrassed that the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic, an institution whose stated purpose is to provide "legal services to local residents who cannot afford private practitioners," is using its resources when it appears so limited that it cannot continue to do immigration work to help Notre Dame undergrads get out of tickets for underage consumption and disturbing the peace.

Don't get me wrong — I know that not every single Notre Dame student is wealthy. As an Assistant Bector, I became keenly aware of the sometimes extraordinary economic disparities among Notre Dame students. But I know too that over 60 percent of Notre Dame students come from families with a household income exceeding $100,000 a year — hardly the kind of "local residents" the Clinic professes to exist to serve. When I was an AR, I heard some students complain of na­

suetism about the paternalism of dorm life, sparking a fierce space race that pushed the United States towards further scientific development and advancement. Unfortunately, this effort has lost momentum throughout the past several decades. It is evident from the math and science scores, resulting in our country being ranked below average on various international tests.

So is it possible to be both pro-life and pro-science? Several conservative claim to be both pro-life and pro-science. Supporters estimate that 100 million people could be aided by stem cell developments. "Stem-cell research facilitates life," Senator Orrin Hatch says. "Abortion destroys lives; this is about saving lives." Others, however, claim that there is a moral difference between a fertilized egg in a petri dish or test tube and a fertilized egg in a uterus. If the embryos are about to be discarded at a fertility clinic anyway, why should we abandon them when we could be curing deadly diseases? But on the other hand, is there really a moral difference between a fertilized egg in the uterus and one in a test tube? Richard Boerfinger, an official with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said, "Destroying an embryo in the lab is morally the same as abortion in Catholic teaching." Is it? I honestly don't know for sure.

My ultimate conclusion is inconclusive. But I do think there is a compelling reason to, at the very least, entertain the possibility that stem-cell research is a moral and worthwhile endeavor. As the late Pope John Paul said, "We must believe that there is a higher will, and that God has made.

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Who ranks first you ask? Japan and Singapore, in both math and science and throughout all grade levels. There are various reasons that can explain the decline in math/science skills in America, including an overall lack of ambition in the States to adhere to the strict discipline forced on East Asian students. However, instead of trying to concern ourselves with the discipline level in our schools, I think we should focus on the status of religion that has in our society.

Like in many cultures, religion in America has a large effect on many aspects of life. Encouraged by the family, it instills many of the values and morals that people will exercise with sobriety. However, it seems that religion in America is decreasing along with our math/science skills, something that is easily for­

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My Chemical Romance fails to lead 'Parade'

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Recommended tracks: 'I Don't Love You,' 'Mama'

The Da Vinci Code

Widescreen Two-Disc Special Edition

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CD REVIEW

My Chemical Romance

Welcome to the Black Parade

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My Chemical Romance is spouting the same old lyrics that the Black Parade. However, the countless other bands with eyeliner makeup? The androgynous nature of pop-punk has been part of a growing trend. For example, AFI's frontman, Davey Havok, started wearing makeup years ago. However, Havok's music had the lyrical pretentiousness. While the music is catchy, the production values are too glossy, and the androgynous look of the band is less than ideal. My Chemical Romance is a case in point. The band lacks both the staying power of Green Day and the testosterone-fied write the gut-wrenching lyrics that have come to define My Chemical Romance. The self-proclaimed heroes to "evil emo." Particularly, this is shown in the lyrics of the first track, "I Don't Love You," which are a prime example of this sublimeness and profundity is the titular track, "Welcome to the Black Parade." The band may be trying to pay homage to Queen, but Freddie Mercury and company did the massive rock opening much better than My Chemical Romance does. The rest of the album is nothing to shake a fist at — more run of the mill emo-punk that wants to change lives and pull some tears from the listener, garnering more smirks than anything. "I Don't Love You" doesn't seem to belong on the album, while the tenth track, "Mama," is an interesting gypsy-esque rock manifesto. Overall, these in search of decent emo-punk and somewhat interesting lyrics should consider picking up "The Black Parade." However, the countless other bands My Chemical Romance references did the same things first, and often did them better.

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DVD REVIEW

'Da Vinci Code' stirs little controversy or interest

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"The Da Vinci Code" is the complete track on the album, with a catchy riff and lyrics that are able to sound like they're from the heart. The rest of the album ranges from slightly forced to sarcastically sublime. The prime example of this sublimeness and profundity is the titular track, "Welcome to the Black Parade." The band may be trying to pay homage to Queen, but Freddie Mercury and company did the massive rock opening much better than My Chemical Romance does.

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Spending the movie painstakingly explaining the mysteries, symbols and conspiracies to both the audience and the press is Silas (Paul Bettany), Langdon and Neveu's primary guide to the different locations that take the viewer through an image of the Grail. However, his pacing can't handle what happens. Langdon spends most of the time with Neveu searching for clues relating to her grandfather's murder. Accused of the murder by the French cop Fache (brilliantly played by the tough Frenchman Jean Reno), Langdon and Neveu travel from Paris to Britain in search of the truth, uncovering the biggest secret in the history of humanity. On the whole, the film is decent. Howard is no hack, and he knows how to make a solid film. However, his pacing is slightly off, and aside from a few exceptions the acting is wooden and uninformative. The story is interesting, but doesn't entertain as well into film. The backstory needed to understand the "Da Vinci Code" and its mythology takes up most of the movie. Conversely, the flashbacks to the time of Jesus and the Middle Ages are interesting, however historically speculative or inaccurate. The DVD comes with an extra disc that includes a slew of extras, a few of which are worth noting. Most of them are plug for the filming process that take the viewer closer to the different locations that were used during filming. Parts of the film were shot on location in Paris and London, so these provide interesting insights on how the film was made. Also, Howard provides the commentary to most of these extras. The sound is available in English and Spanish Dolby 5.1. While other films have exploited this system to its fullest potential, "Da Vinci Code" provides a good sound mix without being groundbreaking.

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Asian Allure highlights diverse experiences

Student production features performances from multiple Asian countries.

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Washington Hall played host to a vast array of Asian cultures last Thursday and Friday night, with multiple Asian-American cultural clubs and campus groups performing in the 10th annual Asian Allure. Featuring performances with origins in Vietnam, Korea, Japan and more, the show was a celebration of the joyful diversity of experience and art.

Asian Allure has come to be a thematic collection of acts by multiple Asian cultural organizations from across the Notre Dame campus, whose diverse subjects range from traditional Korean fan dance to modern Hip Hop routines.

Asian Allure was fairly early in the evening. It was fascinating to see the different outfits on stage, noting the differences between a Vietnamese woman’s clothing and that of a traditional Korean woman. Even a Japanese samurai was noted in this particular fashion display, and overall the variety of outfits contributed again to the overall sense of diversity and variety.

The Hip Hop dances from the show’s first half, which featured break dancing and other types of dance, provided the show with a flashy, exciting departure from some of the quieter, more traditional acts within the evening’s repertoire of acts. The use of recognizable music helped connect these performances to an eager audience, and the overwhelming impression of enjoyment emanating from each performer made the acts that much more fun to watch.

The Korean Fan dance and the Chinese Ribbon dance were two among several examples of more traditional performance art that were featured during the show. The former, during which performers create visually engaging formations with Korean fans, was fascinating in its use of movement to make a symbolic “mountain” or “flower.” The Ribbon dance also used groups, here traditional Chinese ribbons (streamer-like strands of clothes attached to small rods) to give an impression of rhythmic, colorful lines floating across the stage.

The welcoming nature of the show also gives students a chance to learn about someone other than himself or herself as an inevitably central component to being a citizen of today’s world.

“I think Asian Allure is a great way for people to learn more about different cultures,” Wilczek said.

“Everyone is invited to participate in Asian Allure, even if they are not Asian, which makes Asian Allure all the more special. It is a chance for people to put their differences aside and work together as a group, with the goal of educating the greater student body,” she said.

Consistently well-performed and fascinating, this year’s Asian Allure will be remembered for continuing a tradition of welcoming and sharing at Notre Dame.

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The Korean Fan dance is a traditional dance in which performers use fans to make visually stunning formations, one of several excellent performances in Asian Allure. Hosts Thao Nguyen, far right, and Zach Eberbach watch from the wings during the Lion dance. The Lion dance began the night’s blend of modern and traditional styles.

The show’s final act featured a traditional Indian dance, the second of two Indian-themed performances that night. The variety of acts added to the show’s appeal.
PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Whitney had a goal and two assists, and Sidney Crosby and Dominic Moore each added a goal and an assist as the Pittsburgh Penguins defeated the Philadelphia Flyers 5-3 on Monday night.

John Clariar and Sergei Gonchar also scored for the Penguins, who snapped their four-game, road-losing streak and handed the Flyers their third straight home loss.

Simon Gagne, Geoff Sanderson, and Frederick Meyer scored for the Flyers, who trailed 3-0 after the first period.

The Flyers are 4-0 against the Penguins this season, outscoring them 20-7.

Whitney threaded a cross-ice pass to LeClair, who flipped the puck past goalie Antero Niittymaki 35 seconds in for the Penguins’ first goal of a power play.

Moore made it 2-0 at 3:51 after taking a speculative centering pass from Crosby, who streaked down the ice, stopped at the circle, spun around and put the puck on Moore’s stick.

Whitney scored with nine seconds left in the period, beating Niittymaki high following a scramble.

Buffalo 7, Tampa Bay 2

Thomas Vanek and Paul Gaustad each scored twice in Buffalo’s seven-goal second period, and Ales Kotalik had the Sabres’ 1-0 first-period lead before the Sabres broke loose for seven goals on 13 shots in the middle frame against Lightning goalie Marc Denis, making his second start in seven games.

Gaustad, who also added an assist, opened the scoring on the power play for Buffalo, fighting off Tampa Bay defenseman Luke Richardson along the side of the net to knock the puck in after it bounced off the end boards off a shot from Maxim Afinogenov.

Novosty scored 63 seconds later, and Vanek made it 3-1 at 7:48 of the second.

Nashville 3, Columbus 0

Paul Kariya and Martin Erat each had an assist as the Nashville Predators beat the Columbus Blue Jackets Monday night.

Thomas Vokoun lost his shutout bid with 15 seconds left before Nashville’s 23 saves in his 10th win of the season for the Predators, who defeated Columbus for the third time in six games. Scott Nichol also scored for the Nashville, which won 13 of 16.

Jison Chimala scored for the Blue Jackets, who have dropped a season-high six straight. Columbus entered with the fewest points (11) and goals scored (39) in the NHL and was nearly shut out for the third time in five contests.

Columbus’ Adam Foote, who entered a team-worst minus-11, couldn’t keep a bouncing puck in the Nashville zone. Eric Baten led a pass off the boards to Kariya, who scooped it up, cut in alone down the left wing and beat goaltender Fredrik Norrena with a backhand move to make it 1-0 at 9:49 of the first period.

Nashville made it 2-0 early in the second period on a power-play goal by Nichols. Steve Sullivan skated the length of the ice, feeding off several Blue Jackets players. He put on the brakes and sent a cross-ice pass to David Legwand at the left circle. Legwand one-timed the puck to Nichols for a tap-in.

Florida 3, Boston 2

Alex Auld made 29 saves, Martin Gelinas scored a power-play goal and the Florida Panthers stopped Boston’s season-high, four-game winning streak with a victory over the Bruins on Monday night.

Joe Nieuwendyk netted a third-period, power-play goal and Nathan Horton scored in the second period for the Panthers, who won for the second time in seven games. It was Florida’s second straight win of the season (2-6-3).

Glen Murray scored his team-leading 100th and 111th goals for Boston, which had its longest winning streak since March 2004 stopped.

Tim Thomas, making his fifth straight start for the Bruins, stopped 25 shots.

The Bruins cut the deficit to 3-2 on Murray’s second goal with 5:04 to play, but Boston couldn’t get the tying goal despite Thomas holding off Palmieri for an extra skater for the final 1:06. The Bruins didn’t even record a shot with Thomas out.

Unlike the teams’ other meeting this season, an 8-3 win by the Panthers on opening night, this game had strong goaltending and tougher defense.

Nieuwendyk made it 3-1 with just over 10 minutes left, but Murray completed a 2-on-1 break with a wrister past Auld’s glove.

Stephen Weiss set up Gelinas’ goal to break a scoreless tie 15:14 into the opening period.

Weiss fired a pass to Gelinas, who redirected a backhand shot past Thomas from the edge of the crease.

Auld made the lead stand up with some steady play until Horton’s goal made it 2-0 at 14:47 of the second. Horton one-timed a rising shot over Thomas from an off-center pass off Oli Jokinen.

Toronto 4, New York Islanders 2

Darcy Tucker scored his 13th goal and the Toronto Maple Leafs led on for a victory over the New York Islanders on Monday night.

John Pohl, Kyle Wellwood and Alexei Ponikarovsky also scored for the Leafs, who ended a two-game losing skid.

Boston defenseman Paul Mara pins the Panthers’ Juraj Kolnik against the boards in a 3-2 Bruins loss Monday night.

Toronto out-shot New York 33-21, including 13-5 in the third.

The Maple Leafs have had offensive trouble lately without captain Mats Sundin (torn elbow ligament), but Tucker continued to impress on the power play, scoring his NHL-leading 10th goal with the man advantage. He is on pace to surpass the career-high 28 goals he scored last season.

Toronto’s Andrew Raycroft made 19 saves after missing three games with a strained groin.

Chris Simon and Jason Blake finished 3-1-1 on their road trip. New York played its fourth game in six days.

Pohl scored the first of Toronto’s three first-period goals at 2:53 from a shot with the man advantage.

Maple Leafs defenceman Ian White failed to clear the puck before Simon put a screened one-timer past Raycroft at 5:03 of the first.

Just 51 seconds later, Wellwood restored Toronto’s lead by scoring from the side net after goalie Rick DiPietro skated too far in front of his net.
**NCAA Hockey**

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**MLB**

Phillies slugger Howard wins MVP

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ryan Howard had a season that defied convention, one that made him only the second player voted Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player in consecutive years. "I heard sophomore jinx this, sophomore jinx that," he said after beating out 2005 NL MVP Albert Pujols for the award Monday. "I just prepared myself in spring training to go out and perform, stick with my game plan and have fun." After leading the major leagues in home runs and RBI, Howard received 20 first-place votes and 123 points for 347 total MVP points. BaSeball Writers' Association of America. Pujols got 12 firsts, 19 seconds and one third for 347 points.

**In Brief**

**Former Eagle DB Waters commits suicide**

TAMPA, Fla. — Andre Waters, a defensive back who spent most of his 12 seasons in the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles, was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound early Monday. He was 44.

His body was found at about 1:30 a.m. at his Tampa home, the medical examiner's office said. He had shot himself in the head. Toxicology reports were ordered and results will be available in four to six weeks, the office said.

Waters' body was found by his girlfriend, Hillsborough County sheriff's spokeswoman Debbie Carter said. The woman's name was not available, and the sheriff's office had no further details, Carter added.

"What a devastating piece of news," Eagles radio voice Merrill Reese said in a statement on the team's Web site. "Andre was a guy who could light up a room with his personality.

Olympic swimming champ Thorpe retires

SYDNEY, Australia — Five-time Olympic champion Ian Thorpe retired from competitive swimming Tuesday at the age of 24, saying breaking records "wasn't as inspiring as it should have been."

Thorpe, who held a news conference at a Sydney hotel, said he decided at "2:53 on Sunday afternoon" not to swim at next year's world championships in Melbourne and to end his pro swimming career.

"It's been a tough decision to make," he said. "I had to pick a time, that was the time. None of my goals included breaking any more world records, how I knew to do it, but it wasn't as inspiring as it should have been."

Speculation swirled for months about whether Thorpe planned to pull out of the world championships or quit the sport entirely.

Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard hits a three-run homer off Marlins pitcher Ricky Nolasco in a game Sept. 22.

Howard was awarded NL MVP honors Monday after a season in which he led the majors in home runs and RBI.

Phillies slugger Howard wins MVP

Howard, who turned 27 Sunday, said Howard had 58 homers — the most in the majors since Barry Bonds hit a record 73 in 2001 — and 149 RBI while batting .313.

He set Phillies records for home runs and RBI, producing the highest totals in those categories in big league history for a second-year player.

"It's been a fun ride," Howard said. "You can't really just sit there and kind of dwell on what's gone on in the past and all that kind of stuff and what's going to happen as far as being traded or what my future was with the Phillies. The only thing I could have done was just go out and play and let everything else just kind of sort itself out."

The former All-Star Home Run Derby and in June connected off the Yankees' Mike Mussina for the first homer to reach the third deck in the three-year history of Citizens Bank Park, a drive estimated at 461 feet.

"I didn't think it was humanly possible to do something like that," Howard said.

**Yankees agree to two-year deal for Mussina**

NEW YORK — Mike Mussina and the New York Yankees reached a preliminary agreement Monday on a $23 million, two-year contract.

Mussina is scheduled to take a physical Tuesday that would allow the deal to be finalized. He declined comment on the agreement, saying he would refrain from any remarks until a tele­phone conference call Wednesday.

A right-hander who turns 38 on Dec. 8, Mussina left the Baltimore Orioles after the 2000 season to sign with the Yankees. He was 15-7 with a 3.64 ERA (earned run average) in 2001, then 12-10 with a 3.83 ERA last year.

The righty missed most of 2002 with a strained shoulder in the off-season, and then underachieved in 2003, going 7-13 with a 5.01 ERA.

New York declined a $17 million option last week, paying a $1.5 million buyout, but the Yankees have said since the end of the season that they hoped to keep Mussina. Some of the money in his new contract will be deferred, lowering its present-day value for purposes of the luxury tax.

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Tiger attempts to win seventh straight Slam

Furyk and Woods will battle this weekend at Poipu for the honors

Associated Press

POIPU BEACH, Hawaii — Tiger Woods and Jim Furyk can't agree on who will win the Grand Slam of Golf. Woods, the world's No. 1 golfer and winner of the British Open and PGA Championship this season, considers Furyk the one to beat.

"From May on, Jim's been on one unbelievable run," said Furyk, a part-time Hawaii resident who's undefeated at Poipu, winning in 2003. "Am I the favorite? I'd have to say, with the best player in the world, no. Woods has won a record six straight times in seven tries. He won in 2005, '01, '00, 1999 and '98. He was runner-up to Ernie Els in '97.""Woods and Furyk, who finished a career-best second on the money list, are joined by U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy and 2003 Masters winners Mike Weir. With Woods claiming two majors this year, Furyk earned his second invite to Kauai based on his performance — two wins and a tour-leading 11 top-five finishes. Weir, the 2003 Masters winner, replaced Phil Mickelson. Furyk said the players enjoy "gaming around," brought on by the pool and the relaxed island atmosphere.

"You probably won't see any one killing themselves at the range or anything like that, but it doesn't mean when you see me if you don't want to play well," he said. Ogilvy is the only player making his Grand Slam debut. "This is my first time here, I'm one for one, but I just can't get to beat three guys," Ogilvy said.

But one of those three is named Tiger. Championship banners featuring Woods wearing a floral lei and a wide grin line the walkway from the clubhouse to the first tee at the ocean-side course.

"Over the years, I've always felt comfortable playing here," Woods said. "I don't know why that is. I seemed to have shot some pretty low scores around there." Last year, he closed with an 8-under 64 to win by seven strokes over Mickelson, despite losing 6 pounds because of a stomach virus and dropping out of the pro-am. Woods' two major wins this year gives him 12 in his career, which is second only to Jack Nicklaus' 18. He also has a string of six straight tour wins heading into 2007.

But the year's major winners are married by the death of his father, Earl, who died of cancer May 3. Woods simply described his year as 'a loss.' Weir is the only member of the foursome with a tour victory this season. The last wireless player to play in the Grand Slam was Davis Love III in 2002. "In 2003, I came over here and had a really good time and I make it more seriously now," the Canadian said. "I'm still having fun here, but I was able to cut two rounds under my belt and kind of go in with a good mind-set for next year." Weir said he's not looking for payback against Ogilvy. Ogilvy won the Accenture Match Play Championship after rallying back from 4-down with four to play in the third round against Weir.

They faced off in a playoff with Ogilvy winning with an eagle-3 on the 1st hole. It was the win at Winged Foot, however, that made Ogilvy a hero in his native Australia and changed his life. "I can't fly under a golf radar at a golf tournament like I used to," he said. "I used to be able to turn out for a golf tournament and no one would notice I was there." All of Furyk's playoffs will go home a little richer. The winner of the Grand Slam will take home $200,000, with the fourth-place finisher earning $290,000.

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**CLUB SPORTS**

**Water Polo finishes 13th at national tournament**

LaPoint. Beuke score two each in 6-0 shutout victory over Club Hot Wings to move record to 2-1 on the season

Special to The Observer

**Men's Water Polo**

The 11th-ranked Irish trounced Columbia 14-5, and secured a 13-place finish — tying their previous best — at the CWPA National Club Championships this past weekend at Miami (OH) University. Captain Patrick Connors and Stephen Shepard led the Irish with five and four goals, respectively. Freshman Sean Rooney, sophomores Avery Ambrose and Tom Fletcher and junior Colin Dunn also scored in the game.

The Irish finished the weekend and their two losses came to the national Champions — Michigan State and No. 7 Slippery Rock. The first round matchup against the Spartans saw both teams produce bursts of offense throughout, as Connors put the Irish on the board less than a minute and a half into the contest. The Spartans then caught fire, scoring five unanswered goals to go up 5-1 with four minutes remaining in the second quarter. Scores from Fletcher, freshman Craig Bentzen, and Connors put the Irish right back in it, making it a 5-4 game at halftime.

The Irish failed to contain national player of the year Jon Haga in the second half, and lost a second-quarter run by MSU put the game out of reach. Shepard, Dunn, Fletcher and Connors tallied for Notre Dame in the second half and the final score read 8-5.

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Irish face Ohio U. at Louisville Invite

By DEVIN PRESTON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has one more chance to prove it belongs in the NCAA Tournament. After losing 3-2 to Louisville in the Big East finals, the Irish host No. 18 Ohio this Friday at 5 p.m. in the Louisville Invitational. Ohio (27-3) won its fourth consecutive Mid-American Conference Tournament last weekend. The Irish (18-12) will look to put an end to the Bobcats' 20-match winning streak.

"The team is very motivated," Irish coach Debbie Brown said, "because they understand the significance of the matches they are playing now. The importance of these matches is really what's driving them.

The Ohio offense is led by freshman outside hitter Ellen Herman and junior middle blocker Melissa Griffin. Both players have seen action in all 10 of the Bobcats' games this season. Herman averages 4.22 kills per game at a hitting percentage of .303, and Griffin has 3.97 kills per game at .379. Irish kill leader junior Adrianna Stasiuk, who has 300 kills, tallies 3.03 kills per game, and is helped out by freshman Christina Kaclin's 291 kills (an average of 3.51 kills per game).

Defensively, senior libero Danielle Herndon leads the Irish with 3.11 digs per game. As a team, Ohio averages 18.29 digs per game compared to Notre Dame's 17.70. The Irish have the statistical edge in blocking and serving. Notre Dame averages 2.9 blocks per game, compared to Ohio's 2.2.

Outside of junior Stephanie Blackburn's 0.48 aces per game, the Bobcats are not as deep serving as Notre Dame, as the Irish have seven players with 15 or more aces this season.

Although Notre Dame, which is 1-4 against ranked teams, lost in the finals of the Big East Tournament, this final regular season match-up against Ohio is an offensive strategy based on one-on-one isolation. "We wanted to get more four-out, one-in situations," Henley said. "We looked to attack the basket and drive and draw fouls.

The Bobcats defense also locked down in the second half. The man-to-man pressure was much tighter in the first half and wreaked havoc with the Ravens' offensive setup. "We looked to trap on ball screens," Henley said. "We didn't (Anderson guard Melenda Hawthorne) was a great shooter, and we wanted to make sure she didn't get looks. Hawthorne finished with 18 points on 7-of-14 shooting.

The Belles (1-2) hope to follow up their win as they host Manchester College tonight at 7 p.m.

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half in Virginia's win over the Golden Bears.

As of Monday, Clark said the

hadn't begun to look at the

game tape, but he expected to start scouting Notre Dame's opponent on Tuesday.

We're focusing on analyzing our last game right now," he said. "We're looking at what things we can take from the Maryland game and improve on. That's our main focus is improving ourselves because that's the one thing we can control."

Though he had yet to look at film, Clark anticipated that Virginia would give them a look similar to what they saw from Maryland Saturday. Though he has known Virginia will be a good team, that's a given," he said. "I imagine they'll do many things similar to Maryland in ability — they'll be that caller of team."

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Mike Brey said he would consider starting the freshman in future games, but that he also sees advantages to bringing the 6-foot-8, 250-pound forward off the bench.

"That's something I'm going to think about, since he's so productive, but also, when I bring him off the bench at 14 minutes, he's got fresh legs and usually the other team doesn't have a fresh big guy, so I have to consider that too," Brey said.

Brey said the team's other three forwards — junior Rob Kurz and sophomores Luke Zeller and Zach Hillesland — would not be bothered if he rearranged the lineup in upcoming games.

"The four big guys are all unselfish because they know they're going to play," Brey said.

The Citadel used a full court press effectively in the second half of Saturday's game, throwing off Notre Dame's rhythm enough to outscore the Irish 38-34 after the break. Brey said he will use the tape of the press to improve the squad's ability to get down court against it efficiently.

"I think they did that," Brey said. "We're going to see that coming up. We did some good things against it and we did some not so good things against it."

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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Notre Dame seeks first road win against Southern Cal

Point guard gives Irish passing chance Friday

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Sports Writer

Notre Dame looks to win its first road game this season Friday when it travels to Los Angeles to face USC. The Irish are coming off a big win Sunday when they beat Western Michigan 87-67 behind a strong performance from guard Carrie Moore, who arrived late to the game after missing the team's first round.

"We're looking for each other to be making the extra pass," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We're doing a lot of good thingsensively — we're scoring a lot of points.

The Irish offense has been running on all cylinders this season, averaging 80 points per game, including a 49-point performance against Penn State Nov. 16. In each of Notre Dame's three wins this season, it has scored more than 80 points. The Irish are also shooting 43.2 from the floor, compared to 42.6 for their opponents.

Despite the offensive efficiency, McGraw still thinks her defense needs work.

"We need to make a big improvement on defense and rebounding. There are two big problems right now," McGraw said. "We told them to few points, and then we need to do a better job on the boards."

So far this season, Notre Dame has out-rebounded its opponents by only eight boards (145-137) while out-rebounding its opponents to effectively shoot the Irish at 43.1 percent.

If there is a reason McGraw is concerned about her defense is practice on Monday and will continue to practice throughout the week, but her status for Friday is uncertain. Losing Williamson would force junior center Melissa D'Amico into more action, while also giving the Irish only one true center to match up against the versatile Kerr.

Although one of McGraw's three top freshmen down, she still has her other two subs ready to play the Trojans — guards Lechler and Ashley Barlow. Both have made critical contributions off the bench this season, with Barlow averaging 11.3 points per game — third best on the team — and Lechler has been able to point effectively spell Gallinari to work against the Trojans.

"They're just doing a great job in all ways. They've really assimilated all the information quickly. They've learned their spots," McGraw said of her two freshmen guards. "I think at this point after four games they've proved they belong in the mix in the top eight and they really have made some big contributions for us."

Overall, Gaines is confident in her team's ability to take its first road win Friday.

"We practice [defending] every day, and we've gotta do what we've gotta do on the court," she said. "So I think we'll be all right."

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Irish forward Luke Harangody attacks the basket in Notre Dame's 74-50 win over The Citadel Sunday at the Joyce Center.

Irish forward Chandrica Smith battles for a ball against Western Michigan guard Carrie Moore Nov. 19 at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame beat the Broncos 87-67.
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"This team is probably as complete a team as we go against on offense and defense," Weis said.

The Trojans started the season with a 50-14 victory over No. 3 USC in the Bayou Classic before earning easy wins over Nebraska and Arizona State. The Trojans' close calls finally caught up to them last week, 28-21 at Corvallis, Ore. USC fell behind 33-10 with 4:51 left in the third quarter. Trojans quarterback John David Booty threw three touchdowns in the final 16 minutes, but when his two-point conversion attempt with seven seconds left failed the Beavers completed the upset.

Since that loss, Southern California has outscored its opponents 109-19, including a 23-9 win over California Saturday to earn a spot in the Rose Bowl — that is, if the Trojans don't make the BCS National Championship game.

"I think that sometimes they don't get enough kudos, and I think that Coach (Petel) Carroll and his staff have done a great job," Weis said. "They blow out Stanford, they go beat Oregon, they beat Cal. They go through the season. I think it's the same reason they always are — PAC 10 champs. They've got a chance to win a national championship like they always do.

And Weis said he is well aware of Carroll's 19-0 record in November since joining USC in 2001.

As a first-year starter replacing Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart, Booty has completed 62.3 percent of his passes for 2,417 yards, 22 touchdowns and only six interceptions.

Southern California's tailbacks also have had the responsibility of following a Heisman Trophy winner in Reggie Bush and an NFL draftee in LenDale White. Red-shirt junior Chauncey Washington leads the Trojans with 203 yards on 144 carries. True freshman Emmanuel Moody was USC's most efficient running back with a 5.8 yards-per-carry average before tearing liga­ments in his ankle against Oregon Nov. 11. Fellow fresh­man C.J. Gable started for USC against California and gained 91 yards on 19 carries.

"It's obvious what we've been able to do with their running backs is they lost Reggie and they lost LenDale, and these other guys have stepped up and performed really well," Weis said. "It seems like every time you turn around they've got a new front-line running back that runs real well."

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Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija cuts upfield for the Irish's 41-9 win over Army Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

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matchup.

In the win, Banks caught former Notre Dame defensive end A.Neudeck, Anne Makinen and Monica Geraci by scoring her 15th career postseason goal.

The Big Ten champions and No. 2 seed Lions (18-4-3) clawed their way to Alumni Field on a 1-0 win over Boston College Monday night in University Park, Pa.

Penn State is led by Co-Big Ten Defensive Player of the year defender Ali Kreiger, one of five finalists for the Hermann Trophy, given to the nation's best player. She joins Notre Dame's Hanks and junior midfielder Jen Buczkowski on that list.

Penn State is no stranger to the Blue Eight. The Lady Lions will be making their eighth appearance in the 13 years of the program, while Notre Dame clocks its 10th trip in that same time. Still, Friday's match will be just the second between the two powerhouse teams and the first since Notre Dame dowened Penn State 2-1 in the 2001 season opener.

"I think Notre Dame historically has a great program," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said, adding that the Lions have several players he recruited. "It's defi­nitely going to be like a mini-Four game. They're a very good team."

Friday will be the 101st game played by this historic senior class and the last time it will suit up to play in front of its home crowd. After going 90-7-3 in the previous 100 matches — including 52-2-1 at home — the Irish must win this final home stand to advance to the College Cup semifinals in Cary, N.C. Not surprisingly, emotions should run high when the Irish seniors take Alumni Field for the last time.

"They don't realize what they've accomplished," Jackson said. "This is the 10th game for them. They've been playing every weekend for the last four years. They've played in a lot of big games."

"They've got a lot of expectations on them," Jackson said. "They've got a lot to play for, too. This is their last year. They're looking to get to a little more physical, Jackson said.

All three defensive addi­tions for Notre Dame are currently teammates on the US National U-18 team.

Teddy Ruth is a tough defender from Naperville Persiders Ill. who has also had the ability to put the puck in the net when it is needed. From the spot at this point, he has five goals and eight assists in 16 games.

The defensive corps is rounded out by goaldie Brad Phillips. At 6-foot-2, 195 pounds, Phillips is a calm defender who will likely need to put on some weight before stepping between the pipes, but he has proved that he has the talent and tools needed to be one of the best in the nation.

While the current Irish team will be spending the holidays on the road in Omaha, Neb. The Mavericks (3-6-3, 2-5-1 CCHA) are currently on a five-game losing streak dat­ ing back to a 4-3 loss to Alaska Nov. 3.

"They're going to be dan­ gerous. They will be back at home and I'm sure they will be firing on all cylinders. They don't think they want to lose six in a row."

While the current Notre Dame team is not as hooked up as last year's team, Irish were led by Josh Sciba, who had two goals and an assist in the 4-1 victory to start off the weekend.

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Irish defenseman Brock Sheahan battles for the puck in Notre Dame's 4-0 win over Michigan State Friday at the Joyce Center.
NOTRE DAME SOCCER

Alive and kickin'

Shaner hopes to last entire game as Irish prepare for Penn State Friday at home

By TIM DOUGHERTY

While the tournament opponents Notre Dame sent home early, the Irish hope to feast on Lions when they welcome Penn State to Alumni Field Friday in a 7:30 p.m. Ellie Eight showdown for the right to keep playing.

No. 1 Notre Dame (23-0-1) comes off a 3-0 win over No. 16 Colorado last Friday, in which sophomore forwards Brittany Bock (two goals) and Kerri Hanks (one goal, one assist) led the Irish into Friday’s quarterfinal.

Irish defender Jack Traynor splits Illinois-Chicago midfielders in Notre Dame’s 1-0 second round NCAA win Nov. 15 at Alumni Field.

Men’s Basketball

Eight day layoff to end next Monday against Lehigh

By CHRIS KHOREY

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After a 74-50 win over The Citadel Sunday, Notre Dame will have eight days off before taking on Lehigh Monday at the Joyce Center. The Irish left the

Thanksgiving weekend part of their schedule open in order to accommodate the semifinals and finals of the NIT Season Tip-Off at Madison Square Garden, which they would have reached with two wins last week in the opening rounds of the tournament in Indianapolis. Notre Dame (3-1) lost to Butler on Nov. 13, however, and will not head to New York.

After taking on the Mountain Hawks Monday, the Irish will play Winston-Salem State at home two days later. Then the schedule gets tougher. Notre Dame will travel to Washington D.C. on Dec. 3 to take on Maryland at the Verizon Center, home of the NBA’s Washington Wizards.

Four days later, the Irish will play their first big home game of the year against Alabama at the Joyce Center Dec. 7.

“I’m getting ready for the big games coming up after Thanksgiving break,” freshman forward Luke Harangody said. “It should be a good challenge for us.”

Harangody scored 18 points in 17 minutes off the bench Sunday. Notre Dame coach coach Jeff Jackson said.

Hockey

Seven stars ink promise to suit up in South Bend

Current squad takes on Nebraska-Omaha

By DAN MURPHY

Sports Writer

The future of Notre Dame hockey continues to look bright with the official announcement of the 2007-08 recruiting class. The Irish will welcome seven new players to their roster next fall — four forwards, two defensemen and a goalie.

The group already has an unusually high level of chemistry, with each member having played with at least one of his teammates to some point in their hockey careers.

“It was about finding guys who could skate, guys who competed hard and guys who could think the game,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

All seven players have been ranked by NHL scouts as either an A (most likely) or B (a potential late-round selection) for this year’s entry draft.

The most recent commitment came a few weeks ago from forward Robin Bergman. Bergman joins fellow Swede Callie Ridderswall as the first two players from their country over to come to Notre Dame. The two

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FOOTBALL

Weis praises Southern Cal

Coach knows Irish face talented team

By KEN FOWLER

Sports Editor

Irish coach Charlie Weis will have his usual Tuesday press conference today, but his normal 10-minute opening assessment of Notre Dame’s upcoming opponent will be gone. He did that Sunday.

With the Irish leaving for Los Angeles Thursday afternoon, Weis combined his post-game wrap with a pre-game analysis of Southern California — including its explosive offense. USC’s 31.3 points per game are 19th in the country.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, left, hands off to running back Darius Walker in a 41-9 Irish win over Army Saturday at home.

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