ACE teacher emphasizes faith
ND grad focuses service experience into two years educating in Denver

By JOSEPH McMahan
News Writer

When Elias Moo, a 2007 Notre Dame graduate, applied to become a teacher as part of Alliance for Catholic Education, he saw the program as a way to continue to live Notre Dame’s message of service. He was eager for the chance to help others after graduation.

“My whole career at Notre Dame was very service-based,” Moo said. “ACE seemed like a great fit for what I wanted to do post-Notre Dame.”

However, like all ACE participants, Moo had no idea where he would be placed.

He had talked to some of his friends that were participating in the program. After hearing about their experiences, Moo decided to apply for a teacher position.

Eventually, he was assigned to teach for the next two years at an elementary school in Denver, Colo. The urban west side of Denver has seen a rise in percentage of low-income families living in the community over the past several years. At St. Rose of Lima, the school Moo works in, 80 percent of the students are on free lunch and receive scholarship money.

As their teacher, Moo is miles away from tides over from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. in addition to giving them a well-rounded academic education, Moo also stresses the religious component of his job. He said that one of the most important aspects of his job is to help these children grow spiritually as well as intellectually.

“Even though these kids come from low-income families, we get them to try to have a sense of service for each other and other in the community,” he said.

For the past 15 years, ACE has placed college graduates like Elias Moo into teaching positions in Catholic schools in low-income communities around the country. The program's mission is to publish outstanding undergraduate relevant to politics, which could include sociology and other disciplines, he said.

The journal will accept submissions between 10 and 25 pages. Lentz said that shorter pieces could also be accepted.

“To bridge the gap between cultures and facilitate language study, the modern language and music department at St. Mary between 2000 and 25 pages is published by the editors-in-chief, said the journal's director.

This is the sixth year Hahn collaborated with the music department to incorporate music into cross-cultural teaching. In prior years, Hahn encouraged her students to perform for the rest of the class.

“Assuming the beginning of each academic year, I like to know of the talents of my students and give them an opportunity to share them in class,” she said. "I had students who played piano, violin, and guitar on a presentation on the history of the piece they played as well as the foreign culture lessons that they learned.
INSIDE COLUMN

A few chill weeks

There's little about Notre Dame I enjoy more than the return from Thanksgiving break. After an extended weekend filled with good friends, good food and normal sleep cycles, what can beat the disjunct trip back to South Bend, where the coming weeks' exams, essays and the constant daily deadline, all under the cold and hopeless November gray. OK, so the inter-holiday forecast can be a little rough.

And despite any lingering Irish Catholic reverence, few students are afraid to share their feelings about it. Students at Notre Dame tend to be fairly discreet about their competition with each other — until the semester is about to end. Then begins a vicious game of one-upsmanship, not over grades or scores but the amount of work and level of stress each couragous student must endure.

Now, those three 10-page papers and two exams might seem bad, but did you know I have those and a thesis to pull together? My bad, don't know how I forgot your 13 final exams — I've been hearing about them all week.

Let's ignore that most of us chase the classes and commitments that now bind us. The laissez of our seemingly untenable situation aside, the next few weeks will just pass more easily if the better part of our collective conversation is not devoted to telling our friends, siblings, family and the dining hall ladies about how many presentations on Prozac and articles on Aristotle we're just about to produce.

Yet you can handle it.

To the students, let's not make the final weeks of this semester worse by dulling down the discourse we now produce. Let's ignore that most of us chose the assignments.

In the meantime, let's not make the type of music you listen to when you study?

Andrea Mayus
senior
Welsh Family

"Rock & Roll, because it's what all the geologists listen to."

Jackie Anthony
junior
McGillan

"Christmas music — it reminds me of happier times."

Kelsey Young
junior
Batin

"I like to keep it random and spice things up."

Patrick Tigh
sophomore
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"All by myself music — because I'm all by myself."

Andy Hermansen
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"Beethoven — it makes you smarter."

OFFBEAT

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Woman has baby in truck on Thanksgiving

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"They lived on top of a hill in Villa Hermosa, the capital of Táchira, because of water-borne diseases and insufficient food and shelter," he said.

To aid the Red Cross and the Catholic Relief Services with relief efforts, the students abroad, with the aid of the Center for Social Concerns and Pasquerilla West and Breen-Phillips halls, are selling rosaries and collecting donations this week on campus.

"Both of these organizations are well established in Mexico," Welle said. "The work of the CRS in Mexico has primarily been with migrants and farmers and is focusing on providing basic needs such as food, water, blankets and other emergency supplies."

The Red Cross also helps to provide basic needs but is working to prevent potential epidemics that could stem from the lack of clean water and growing mosquito populations, he said.

Welle contacted vendors in the neighboring town of Choluteca who make and sell rosaries for a living.

"I was appalled at the lack of publicity that these floods have had in the U.S."

Katie McAnany
ND student in Puebla

"The response that we've received thus far has been heartwarming," he said. "Everyone has been so receptive and positive. I am so happy to be able to actively experience the loving nature of the human spirit."

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Board of Governance
Group discusses Food for Thought

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
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This month's Food for Thought meeting will be held Wednesday in the West Wing during dinner hours. Student Body President Kim Hodges said Monday at the Board of Governance meeting. The forum is open to the campus and this month's topic will be about the Board of Governance and other boards on campus.

The goal of Food for Thought is "for people to get to know BOG and the functions of BOG and other boards on campus," Hodges said.

The Board has discussed in past meetings plans to increase student government transparency to the student body.

Election Commission, Maggie Stieff, said that campaigning will take place for the new Student Body President and the Student Activities Board and Student Diversity Board after students return from Christmas break. Informational sessions will be held during next week.

Hodges also announced the Bookstore will hold a Christmas contest. It is a competition to paint the pines of the bookcase in the Student Center. A drawing will be held on Thursday to choose the winners who will paint the windows. The windows will then be judged and gift cards will be given to the winners. If you are interested, you can sign up in the bookstore before Thursday.

There will be a bus trip to Chicago this weekend, Hodges said. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. at the Le Mans bus stop. Students can sign up in the Student Center through Friday.

This week is Disabilities Week said Student Diversity Board President Abby Lynch. There are drop boxes in all of the residence halls for used eyeglasses which will be cleaned and donated to the needy.

Colleen Kiely, president of the Class of 2008, announced the Saint Mary's cookbook's will go on sale at the end of the week. The books are being sold for $10 each. The profits will be donated to Twelve Days of Christmas Families. Kiely did mention that she received over 300 recipes from Saint Mary's students and alumni.

Kiely also said that there will be flags with the Sisters of the Holy Cross tomorrow night at the Lily O'Grady Room of the convent.

"The sisters really enjoy themselves," Kiely said. Prizes will be given to the winners.

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Stricherz said the atmosphere at Stanford didn't compare to that of football Saturdays in South Bend.

"In the Bay Area, we're not apathetic, but it's not like some sports towns," she said. "We're kind of laid back. It's like Club Med here."

She called Saturday's game "really emotional" and said the Irish played like "they're willing to give you something next year." "I don't know what to expect," Stricherz said. "This year, people know we weren't going to be that strong. I'm hoping we mature and get stronger and better. I don't feel like everyone's giving up on Notre Dame, and they shouldn't."

"I joke it's like wedding vows — for better or worse." That's how Cindy Auelge and her husband Dave see it. This year, the couple, who live in Paroxiston, Calif., went to four Notre Dame games: Georgia Tech, UCLA, USC and Stanford.

But that wasn't enough. The Auelges recently purchased a house in South Bend, where Cindy Auelge said they hope to spend future football seasons. "Steve Auelge graduated from Notre Dame in 1973, his wife said, and started going to Irish football games with his father — now a Notre Dame alumnus — nearly 50 years ago. After college, Cindy lived in Ohio, and Steve in Iowa. The two met in South Bend to watch Notre Dame games. Cindy Auelge said. "It's nice to see the spirit of Notre Dame," she said. "You watch the players and you see the different coaches through the years. The fans don't give up. I just feel bad for the team. You feel bad for the fifth-year seniors. You have your ups and downs."

While many Notre Dame fans at Stanford went out of loyalty to the team, Dave Heine wanted to support Irish tight end tight, and fellow Minnesotan, John Carlson.

"We all rally around John," Heine said. Heine was disappointed in Notre Dame's season, but enjoyed Carlson's performance. "John had a great game," he said. "He had three catches today. It's great to be around his parents and his family and watch everyone rally around him."

Mary Kate Malone contributed to this report.

Professor Sebastian Rosato, another faculty advisor to the journal, said "the founders recognized that the probability of getting published in the Journal of Undergraduate Research is very low. This provides more opportunities for publication."

Publication was important because it "gives students a taste of academic life," he said.

By providing undergraduate writers with another outlet for publication, the journal could encourage students to make more submissions, he said. "It raises the profile of political science as a subject instead of a gateway to law school or business school," he said.

If the journal reaches a high readership, that helps ensure that each submission is fairly evaluated based on content, style and the quality of research, he said.

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The music for the recital was chosen to represent the languages offered at Saint Mary's and to show the language through song. Back said she hopes for continued success of the recital.

"The overall message is that music is an important part of the culture of modern languages," she said. "And for songs having text, language is exceedingly important in music."

Other events for Modern Language Week include a German-themed dinner tonight at the Noble Family Dining Hall, a French mass at LeMans Chapel at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, various film screenings and a poetry reading by Yanna Paz at 4 p.m. on Friday in Dalloway's.

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9 pm

Does the Catholic Character of the University Affect Gender Relations on Campus?
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Fighting in Chad kills hundreds

N DJAMENA, Chad — Chad's army and a rebel group both claimed to have killed hun­
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ning Monday in the country's east, an area
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program is a two-year commitment, and in return for their service, all ACE participants receive a tuition-free Masters degree in education from Notre Dame. The coursework for the training is spread over the two summers of the program.

It was originally founded as an option for students who wanted to obtain a degree in education, said ACE assistant director Liz Stowe.

"At Notre Dame Academy program founded in 1994 as a response because many students wanted to become teachers," Stowe said. "So ACE matched that need as well as the need of Catholic schools.

For many, however, the Masters is just a bonus. The opportunity to shape young minds and help troubled children is a reward in itself for ACE participants like Moo. He said that he tries to instill in his students the same sense of dedication that came to define his Notre Dame career."It is about spirituality, community and education," he said.

After a Notre Dame career marked by a service record, Moo believes his participation in the ACE program is an extension of his work at the University.

I believe that the ACE program is an extension of Notre Dame and the Notre Dame mission," he said.

Although teaching in a low-income community can often be a gripping task, both Moo and Stowe agree the results are well worth the effort.

"We are answering the financial need of Catholic school students and the spiritual need," Stowe said. "These young men and women are able to bring life and faith to these communities.

In fact, Moo has found the program so rewarding that he is reconsidering his previous plans to continue on to graduate or law school. "Now that I'm actually here, I'm a little more confused than I was before," he said. "I really enjoy teaching and I can definitely see myself in education.

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ND professor wins international award

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Kathryn Kerby-Fulton, professor of English at the University of Texas at Austin, recently was awarded the John Ben Snow Prize from the Conference on British Studies for "Books Under Suspicion," the conference's project title. "We're now fairly confident we know the answer to that,"Tuttoilmondo said.

An autopsy revealed three skull fractures, but the cause of death has not been deter-
minated. Tuttoilmondo said he could not discuss details of the little girl's death, but Trenor said in a Tuesday news conference that the body was found in a plastic box.

"I'm a little more confused than I was before," he said. "I really enjoy teaching and I can definitely see myself in education.

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Mother admits killing child

Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas — A woman believed to be the mother of a 2-year-old whose body was found in Galveston Bay told police she and the girl's so-called baby sitter tortured the child to death, court documents show.

The details, in a statement Kimberly Dawn Trenor gave to police, paint a chilling pic-
ture of the last days of the girl investigators called "Baby Grace" as they worked for weeks to learn her identity.

Investigators are awaiting DNA test results but said Monday they are "fairly con-
fident" that the body a fisher-
man found in a plastic box Oct. 29 is that of Riley Ann Sau-
wers. Trenor, 19, and her hus-
band, Royce Clyde Zeigler, 24, killed her July 24.

The girl was beaten with leather belts, had her hand held underwater in a bathtub, and then was thrown across a room, her head slamming into a tile floor, Trenor said in the document. She then kept the body in a stor-
age shed for one to two months before they put it in a plastic bin and dumped it into Galveston Bay.

Trenor's attorney, Tom Sticker, said she has cooperated with authorities. He declined to comment about her statement to investiga-
tors. "But from what I said, there is no doubt that the girl is Riley Ann Sau-
wers," Sticker said.

Trenor and Zeigler were arrested early Saturday and charged with injury to a child and tampering with evidence, Tuttoilmondo said. Bail was set at $350,000 each. The couple's next court appear-
ance was expected to be sched-
el on March 21, when he was charged with domestic vio-
ence against her.

DePledge said there was insufficient evidence to sup-
port the charge, which was reduced to disorderly con-
duct. Robert Sauwers is now with his father and has a 3-month-
old son. Riley "had a very big imagi-
nation for such a little girl," he said of his daughter. "She could play with anything and have fun with it."

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Credit concerns hit stocks again

Despite strong retail sales, Dow falls another 240 points, 10 percent off mid-October peak

NEW YORK — Wall Street sold off sharply Monday as concerns about a weakening credit market wiped out investors' enthusiasm about strong retail sales over the holiday weekend. The Dow Jones industrial average fell nearly 240 points.

The Dow's decline from its mid-October closing high is now so pronounced that putting the blue chip index past the 10 percent threshold that signifies a correction.

The swoon comes as investors were unnerved by another series of announcements that pointed to continuing problems in the credit markets, the result of home loan defaults going bad under the weight of a deteriorating housing market.

The week had bad news: Citigroup Inc. warned it is looking to cut costs — raising the possibility of further job cuts — and HSBC Holdings PLC said it plans to bail out two funds it manages. To do so, Europe's largest bank plans to move about $45 billion of the fund's assets onto its balance sheet.

Comment from Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a key member of Senate finance and banking committees, about the exposure that the Atlanta-based Federal Reserve Bank might have to Countrywide Financial Corp.'s debt-stirred concerns about further weakening in the housing market.

Meanwhile, The New York Federal Reserve, acknowledging "heightened awareness" in the credit markets that are expected to last through the rest of the year, said it plans to conduct a series of repurchase agreements aimed at boosting liquidity in the credit markets. The announcement from the New York Fed, which carries out monetary policy set by the U.S. Federal Reserve, essentially puts it in writing many of the steps the Fed often takes at this time of year.

The Fed said it would inject $8 billion into the banking system. The amount of money is somewhat larger than in past years at this time. A better-than-expected report on retail sales wasn't able to hold the market's early gains Retail sales on Friday and Saturday combined rose 7.2 percent to $16.4 billion from the same two-day period a year ago, according to ShopperTrak, which tracks total sales at more than 50,000 U.S. retail outlets. That's helped ease investor concerns about consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity.

"The early focus was on the consumer and the weekend sales but of course subprime always seems to pop its head up," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at New York-based brokerage house Avalon Partners Inc., referring to loans made to borrowers with poorer credit. Some of these loans are now souring, forcing banks to write off huge sums.

"We" to "me" shift hard for some vets

Associated Press

FORT BILEY, Kan. — Brian Brooks sat against the wall listening intently to instructions for his next mission. After 20 years of working for team Brooks could expect to do similar tasks in factories, warehouses or retail stores.
Honesty needed in foreign policy

The debate in Pakistan this month has brought to light the utter hypocrisy of U.S. foreign policy. Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has suspended the constitution, declared a state of emergency, blocked independent television networks, arrested thousands of dissidents and threatened to postpone elections. Despite these recent developments, the United States has stayed committed to Musharraf as an "indispensable" ally in the War on Terror. The Bush Administration has done little more than pay lip service to the situation in Pakistan, all the while insisting that Musharraf is dedicated to bringing about democratic reform. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called Musharraf's actions "a bad decision." She added, "I don't have any doubt that [Musharraf] is somebody who tries to have the best interests of his country at heart." Bush Administration officials have pointed out democratic advancements attained under Musharraf, such as gains in gender equality, freedom of the press, civil rights and the economy. According to President Bush, "Pakistan has been on the path to democracy."

There are many reasons to doubt the Bush Administration's insistence that Pakistan is a pro-democracy ally. Musharraf came to power by a coup d'état in 1999, and he has been accused of tampering with elections several times since. Pakistan's position as an "indispensable" ally in the War on Terror must also be called into question. Pakistan has been inconsistent, if not unwilling, in the War on Terror. It's estimated that more than 75 percent of the Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudis and it's estimated that as much as 50 percent of the suicide bombers in Iraq are Saudis. Saudi Arabia's pathetic human rights record has made it comparable to more notorious countries such as Myanmar and North Korea. "Saudi Arabia, like Pakistan, is not a democracy. Yet Saudi Arabia is one of our closest allies in the Middle East and this summer we brokered a deal to sell them $20 billion dollars worth of arms. Selling $20 billion in weapons to a country that produces hijackers and suicide bombers on a massive scale illegal, but Defense Secretary Robert Gates apparently explained that the arms package is necessary to reestablish the Saudis that "our commitment in the region remains firm." The United States prides itself on being "the brightest beacon for freedom" and promoter of democracy throughout the world. However, it's clear that these phrases have turned into meaningless political rhetoric.

The inconsistency between our rhetoric and our actions needs correction. Since our foreign policy is unlikely to change anytime soon, we must change our rhetoric. The next time the U.S. makes an unwise deal, it should ask itself whether the deal serves the interests of the country at heart. The U.S. should also demand that our allies, like Saudi Arabia, live up to their promises of a free and democratic society. The U.S. must demand that our allies live up to their promises of a free and democratic society.
Reassess use of Tasers

The old adage that “guns don’t kill people, people kill people” is often touted by NRA gun rights advocates. Let us recite the Second Amendment by heart and proudly shout “Charlton Heston is my president!”.

James Dechant
Foregone Conclusion

The last week and a half has seen four Taser-related deaths across the U.S. police departments — a form of torture. They cite the multitude of questionable deaths related to Taser use and say that the weapons violate the U.N. Convention Against Torture.

The U.N. aimed its state report particularly at Portuguese police forces that recently purchased new Taser X26 models, but the pronouncement strikes many in the U.S. as being out of place. Taser-related deaths have sparked an outcry against the use of the weapon. The last week and a half has seen four such deaths in this country: two in Florida, one in Maryland, and one in New Mexico. Canada saw two fatalities last month involving the weapon, and a last month in British Columbia, a Polish man’s death following two shots with the Taser, was caught on video at Vancouver Airport.

Taser International, the manufacturer of the item, refuses to even call the stun gun a weapon. They advertise it as a “personal protection system,” but make no mistake: The company is a weapons manufacturer. They claim no deaths have ever been proven conclusively to be a direct result of the “low electrical discharge” of the weapon. The low energy in question is 50,000 volts.

One of the biggest groups speaking out against the misuse of the weapon is Amnesty International. Amnesty has been calling for a suspension of the weapon since at least March of 2006, when they issued a statement against police use of the Taser. Their report cites several areas of concern, including the rise of Taser-related deaths (over 1,500 now, over 2,500), the severe limitations of independent Taser research (that is, research not affiliated with the producer of the weapon and not benefiting from its sale), and the use of the weapon on vulnerable groups like children, pregnant women, drug users, mentally impaired victims in jail or prison settings, and cognitively-impaired victims, criminals in custody, and mentally impaired victims.

Proponents of the Taser claim that in any event, the weapon’s use is preferable to guns and their unavoidably lethal consequences. But as the Amnesty report points out, the Taser’s classification as a non-lethal weapon and its underestimation as “low force” only authorizes its frequent, indiscriminate employment. Police departments, instead of using the Taser as an alternative to the gun, brandish it like a nightstick. Some departments place the weapon low enough on their use-of-force scales to justify its use where the only provocation is failure to comply with an officer’s requests.

The recent and infamous “Don’t Tase me, bro” incident (again in Florida) sickeningly shows how security forces use the weapon without hesitation as a first option instead of a last, resulting in the deaths of innocent people.

There are no easy solutions here: The weapon has a documented history of violent effects. The U.N. committee on human rights groups speaking out against the weapon and, most of all, the mounting number of Taser-related deaths all point to the need for a suspension of the weapon until further study takes place.

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Sheil/Hylton Communications Chair
Easthampton, Mass. Nov. 13

Letters to The Observer

Help honor Victory March

My wife and I have had the pleasure of viewing our daughter at Notre Dame over the past three years. Each visit reinforces for us that Notre Dame is a special place. This is not just due to the physical attributes, but more due to the intangibles derived from faith, loyalty, respect and enthusiasm. This contributes to a school spirit that is difficult to define, but you know it when you feel it.

During our visit this year, we took particular note of one contributing element to the Notre Dame Spirit: The Notre Dame Victory March. As members of the Shea Tribute Committee from western Massachusetts, the home of the composers Michael and John Shea, our eyes and ears were tuned to the role this song plays in fostering this sense of spirit. We note with the Shea brothers’ motivating words jumped from walls of numerous buildings throughout the campus and the echoes of their song emanated from the quad, the Eck Center, the JACC and the stadium over the weekend.

The Victory March brings forth the Notre Dame spirit. The most powerful example of this for us came from the words of Coach Weis. During his pre-game rally speech, he spoke of the marching band coming to the football team’s practice following their tough loss the week before.

During their surprise visit, he stated the band played eighteen renditions of the Victory March, highlighting the song’s impact. Clearly, his words captured the spirit and the resultant practices were increasingly prodigious.

Michael and John Shea composed the Notre Dame Victory March and first played it in their home city of Holyoke, Mass., in 1908. Holyoke is also the home of the second-largest St. Patrick’s Day Parade in the nation. What a fitting tribute to the contribution these men have made to Notre Dame it would be to have the Band of the Fighting Irish play their song down the parade route in their home-city on its 100th anniversary. While Dr. Kenneth Dye feels that such a grandiose plan would not be possible, I invite the creative and cognitively-gifted Notre Dame community to assist in developing a fitting tribute during the 2006 parade. The Holyoke St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee has embraced our committee’s efforts to pay tribute to the Shea brothers and may be considering a Notre Dame graduate for their prestigious John F. Kennedy National Award. This will synergize our efforts to honor the Shea Brothers and Notre Dame.

So “rally sons (and daughters) of Notre Dame, sing her glory and sound her fame” by helping us pay a fitting tribute to these men in their home city, the birthplace of the Notre Dame Victory March. Go Irish!

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Nov. 20
Scene Writer

There are certain musical pairings that immediately make sense. Take Simon and Garfunkel or Celine Dion and Andrea Bocelli. But Robert Plant and Alison Krauss? It’s like setting Bambi and King Kong up for the senior prom and expecting some sparks to fly by the last slow song. Yet somehow, it works. It works beautifully.

Plant is most famous for his role as lead singer of the iconic rock band Led Zeppelin. At the band’s heyday, Plant contributed vocals that often bordered on screams and created a blasting sound often imitated, but rarely equaled in the world of rock and roll.

Krauss, on the other end of the musical spectrum, is considered the quintessential female bluegrass vocalist. She’s prone to whisper her way through hypnotic songs of love and loss in a way more eerie and transcendent than most any other performer today.

The two seasoned artists, in a display of mutual admiration, find in “Raising Sand” a means of creating a unique musical collaboration that is as haunting as it is brilliant. Indeed, this could not have happened except for now, as both artists ease toward the twilights of their respective careers. Each song carries a seasoned and aged perspective that feels believable because of its honesty.

All of the songs on the record are remakes of lesser-known tracks from the catalogs of blues, country, folk, gospel and R&B artists like Tom Waits, Townes Van Zandt, Milt Campbell, the Everly Brothers, Sam Phillips, and A.D. and Rosa Lee Watson. The record’s producer, T. Bone Burnett, deserves recognition as the third piece of the puzzle, choosing most of the songs and compiling the backing band that adds a mystic quality to each track.

Using guitarists Marc Ribot and Norman Blake, bassist Sam Phillips and A.D. and Rosa Lee Watson, Burnett fashions a melodic and concise sound that augments Plant and Krauss without overpowering them.

Some of the songs on the record are left alone, sounding like the obscure original versions. Yet Burnett chooses more often to change the arrangements in powerful ways. In “Rich Woman,” the record’s opening track, Plant and Krauss sing together in a soft and optimistic tone, while just beneath their words a river of music crafts an ominous undertone.

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Robert Hughes rushes for game-winning TD and 136 yards in third win of season

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The Irish outgunning their Stanford counterpart through Tavita Pritchard and T.C. Ostrander by 44 yards. Clausen threw for 196 yards with one touchdown, but upon replay it was reversed and a 44-yard field goal attempt by Brandon Walker on the next play missed wide right to keep the game tied at 14-14.

Through the grit and Grime(s)

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Replay system needs overhaul

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Somehow, this ending was fitting.

With Notre Dame's 21-14 win over Stanford, a frustrating, bizarre and poorly officiated game concluded the season — for the Irish anyway.

In this, the Year of the Weekend.

For a moment, the Irish and Cardinal played a sloppy game, but Notre Dame did a little more to put out its second straight win.

adding up the numbers

Offsetting personal foul penalties in the second half. Both times Irish players retaliated upon Cardinal provocation.

101 Pass attempts between interceptions for Clausen. He threw a pick to Cardinal defensive end Emmanuel Awofadeju in the fourth quarter.

16 Game-winning streak Notre Dame currently has. The last time Notre Dame won its last two games in a season was the 1992 season when it beat USC and then Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl.

Missed field goals Irish kicker Brandon Walker missed four, including a 30-yard try. Missed field goals on instant replay.

116 Ranking for Notre Dame's rushing offense by an Irish defensive lineman Trevor Laws tied for No. 115 in Division I.

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B- The problem with this line is that... arguments against replay in general.

B+ The example of Grimes' catch is one of a play where replay turned a good call wrong, but it is the exception rather than the rule. Replay officials have overturned far more bad calls than they have reversed correct calls. Take, for instance, Pritchard's fumble, Clausen's incompletion and Anthony Kimble's touchdown — just to name those from a single game.

B+ The other argument against replay is that it slows down the pace of the game too much — momentum is killed, and play slows to a crawl. This comes at a value judicious judgment, however. Which do you value more: greatly increasing the chance of getting a call on the field correct, or the pace of the game? This writer stands steadfast with the former.

B+ Then the question becomes: Does the present system need changing?

C+ Currently, the away team supplies the field officials (Notre Dame sends... and a non-reviewable plays, like a player being out of bounds.

C+ There are a few other things that need to happen. First, the NCAA should alter the replay rules to allow for a change of possession when a referee incorrectly blows a whistle when a player fumbles before hitting the ground. Second, and connected, the NCAA should stress to officials the importance of blowing their whistles at the correct times — and not penalizing players who tackle an opponent before a whistle has blown. Finally, the NCAA ought to hold sessions with referees to reinforce the importance of the doctrine of "indisputable" or "conclusive" evidence on instant replay.

C+ Instant replay has a place in college football, but it needs to change. Notre Dame can just be thankful the darker side of the replay booth didn't cost the Irish their season-ending win.

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Hughes’ big game propels offense

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Notre Dame’s offense was struggling. Deadlocked at 14 with Stanford, the Irish had just four first downs since halftime, and with under eight minutes left to play, the game was running out.

Enter Robert Hughes.

The freshman running back took a hand-off from quarterback Jimmy Clausen and barreled into the line — but there was nowhere to run.

Undeterred by the mass of bodies at the line of scrimmage, Hughes bounced backwards, then cut to his left and found nothing but grass in front of him. By the time he caught from behind, Hughes had gained 44 yards and given his team a first down and a goal at the Stanford eight-yard line.

Two plays later, Hughes got the ball again. He took it right, cut up field, bounced off two defenders and dove into the end zone to give the Irish the lead and their third win of the season.

The touchdown capped off a day in which Hughes gained 136 yards on 18 carries, including Notre Dame’s two longest runs of the season — a 45-yarder in the fourth quarter and a 45-yarder to open the game.

But life wasn’t always this good for Hughes.

On Oct. 29, five days before Notre Dame was scheduled to take on Navy, Hughes’ brother, Earl “Tony” Hughes, was killed. And on the field, life was — well, the opposite.

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But on the following Friday, the day before the game against the Midshipmen, over 50 of Robert’s teammates joined him at Tony’s funeral.

The next day, Hughes scored his first collegiate touchdown.

After the score, Hughes was mobbed by his teammates. Center Dan Wenger said Robert’s personal affinity with the players on the Irish rallied around him so well.

“Honestly,” Dan Wenger said, “it was the best game he’s ever been a part of.”

And his teammates were right.

Hughes hadn’t been this productive before. But on Saturday, with four misses by Stanford’s kicker, the Irish lost the ball on only one turnover.

Travis Thomas only got one reception in his previous 101 pass attempts, but when he hits some- one head on, they usually fall backwards, like bowling pins.

“When he gets going north, he’s a load to bring down,” Wes Weise said.

Hughes’ ability to make something out of nothing means offensive line- men have to keep their heads on a swivel because the play is rarely over on the first hit and they might suddenly find Robert head butting them.

“We always have to play to the whistle,” Wenger said.

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Laws, Zibby climb all-time tackle lists

ND beats Stanford for sixth straight time

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

PALO ALTO, Calif. — With eight tackles Saturday against Stanford, Notre Dame’s five-year senior defensive end Trevor Laws came up just one short of Stanford’s all-time tackles list. He has 299 tackles — seven away from the all-time Notre Dame record for a Notre Dame career.

Laws’ sudden success has also been noticed by his teammates.

“He runs really hard and never gives up on play,” said of the block. “I didn’t know what you were doing?‘ Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

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Ugly finish to an ugly year

After beating Duke last weekend to win its first — and only — home game of the season, the Irish traveled to Palo Alto, Calif., to try and finish the year off with two straight wins. Notre Dame started playing sloppy, fumbling the ball away on two consecutive offensive plays in the first half, but then was able to get back on track later in the half. Going into the locker room, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen and running back Travis Thomas each had touchdown runs, but Cardinal tailback Anthony Kimble had a pair of scores of his own to keep the score at 14-14. The second half was sloppy again, with both teams committing unnecessary personal foul penalties. The Irish held the Cardinal scoreless in the half, in part thanks to four missed field goals, and a late Robert Hughes touchdown put them up for good. Stanford had a late drive, but failed to complete two passes in the end zone on third and fourth downs to seal the Irish win.
Save the dolphins. Save the world. Well, that’s what “Heroes” star Hayden Panettiere might as well have said to the Japanese fishing authorities when they issued a warrant for her arrest. The 18-year-old actress and her fellow surfers were protesting a centuries-old tradition of bottle-nosed dolphin hunting when they were stopped by a fishing boat. After heading straight for a coastal airport, Panettiere and her cohorts swiftly flew home to avoid any prosecution. “But in the end,” she said in an interview with Fox News, “all we really worried about was the dolphins ... We were so close to them and they were sky hopping, jumping out of the water to see us.”

I’ll admit that when I first read this story, I was kind of annoyed with Hayden and her surfer pals. If I’m looking for political activists after whom I’ll model my actions, I’m not going to turn to TV dramas, and I don’t need the stars of said dramedies pushing their causes on me. After all, I don’t need the well-being of bottle-nosed dolphins or, let’s face it, human rights impacted upon without my knowledge. “Because I am in the public eye, I feel the need to be a voice of worthy and important causes whose efforts impact the lives of every person on Earth.”

Later in her statement, Panettiere justified her actions as protecting an innocent group of dolphins from what she believed to be cruelty. “These animals are being brutally and unnecessarily slaughtered — and who are we to say they have less of a right to exist than we do.”

I’m sure that if you saw this news story on MSNBC or Google, you probably laughed to yourself and forgot about it, unless you were either passionate about the well-being of bottle-nosed dolphins or, like some guys I know, just passionate about Hayden Panettiere. But it’s interesting to think about what she’s saying, both in her statement and in her actions in Japan.

She disregarded Japanese law and culture, but for a cause that’s respectable. Does that make it okay? Does the law even matter if Johnny McCelebrity thinks his political beliefs are justified? And is it easier for the “pretty people” to do this than it is for Anne McKernage-O’American? Sure, Panettiere can laugh off a Japanese arrest, but if the same thing happened to you, it’d probably be more serious.

In the end, what matters most isn’t the celebrity who attaches himself or herself to any particular issue, though if Lindsay Lohan starts promoting an interesting mix that just keeps coming. Every four years the celebs trot out their presidential plugs for the media and the American people to take notice — and unless you’re Chuck Norris, Arnold Schwarzenegger or the members of ZZ Top, that candidate’s a Democrat — and 2008 should prove to be no exception. Celebs right and left are going green for climate change, and Al Gore just won the Nobel Peace Prize for the Oscar-winning film “An Inconvenient Truth.”

Inconvenient Truth. Maybe I still get annoyed with that smug self-righteousness that comes with feeling right — like an 18 year-old human rights activist taking on a millennium of Japanese culture — but if it saves Flipper from uncertain doom, I’m cool.

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Caliendo makes an impression

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Frank Caliendo is a man of many faces. And voices. The former MADtv star known for his impersonations now has his own show, Frank TV, which airs Tuesdays on TBS. Frank TV premiered last Tuesday to mixed results.

“Frank TV” Tuesdays at 11 p.m. on TBS.

Frank TV doesn’t quite live up to the billing. The show isn’t quite the comedic tour de force the many commercials hyping it up have advertised it to be.

Instead, the sketch comedy show feels much like a drawn-out version of its commercials, with Caliendo working the microphone for a few minutes before cutting away to a skit featuring Frank performing a cameo as one celebrity or another. However, Frank Caliendo himself delivers every bit with his impersonations. Among others, Caliendo’s spot-on renditions include John Madden, Jack Nicholson, Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino. Caliendo’s impersonation of George Bush is so good it’s eerie — he has the man down to his facial expressions. Caliendo’s versions of the actors forever known as the Roundshaped of Rebound, Charles Barkley and the cartoonish Robin Williams are also hilarious.

During one skit on last week’s show, Caliendo impersonated the entire cast of Seinfeld, including Jerry himself, George Costanza, Elaine and, of course, Cosmo Kramer, to hilarious effect. You can check out the footage for yourself on YouTube.

Unfortunately, Frank TV’s writers are they on strike? I don’t hold up to their end of the bargain, and many of the sketches simply fall flat on their own humorous two feet. Even so, Caliendo’s on-the-money impersonations make the show worth a watch, if only to see him contorting his fleshy face into any one of his many hilarious personas.

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Bruins retaliate against Flyers with 6-3 win

Meeting between two teams was first since Philadelphia's Randy Jones put Boston's Patrice Bergeron on IR with concussion

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA. The Boston Bruins chose the high road and it paid off with a victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

Glen Murray scored two goals and Marc Savard added a goal and three assists to help the Bruins beat the Flyers 6-3 on Monday night.

The game was the first between the two teams since Philadelphia's Randy Jones was suspended for two games after checking the Bruins' Patrice Bergeron hard into the boards during the Flyers' 2-1 win at Boston on Oct. 27. Bergeron remains on injured reserve with a severe concussion.

Murray said that the Bruins had no intention of retaliating.

"It's unfortunate it happened and obviously we don't have any bad feelings," Murray said. "But we focused on making sure we came back after our loss on the Island and getting two points because there's a lot of teams winning and we don't want to get behind the eight ball and we want to keep climbing in the standings."

Glen Metropolit, Peter Schaefer, and Chuck Kuhawez also scored for the Bruins, who built leads of 4-0 and 5-2. Boston bounced back from a 2-1 loss to the New York Islanders last Saturday to win the fifth in seven games.

"We said right from the get-go that we were coming here to win the hockey game," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "We weren't coming here to deal with that (Jones) situation. Obviously we're trying to create some more offense for this hockey club and slowly but surely getting there."

"Hopefully we can combine a good defensive effort with some good scoring as well."

There were no incidents involving Jones, but Philadelphia's Scott Hartnell was given a 5-minute boarding penalty and a game misconduct for hitting defenseman Andrew Alberts at 14:22 of the second period. Andrews left the game with an unspecified head injury and will be evaluated on Tuesday.

Boston's Zdeno Chara said that his team decided not to retaliate after Alberts was injured.

"It's something we talked about," Chara said. "We probably ended up with some bruises, but we have two points and that's the most important thing right now. It's up to the league to address things like that."

Hartnell said that the hit on Alberts was not deliberate.

"I did not try to hurt him," Hartnell said. "There was no intent at all. I am not that type of player. If you look at all the games this year and past years, I finish my checks every time I have an opportunity."

Stars 3, Islanders 2

The first goal Marty Turco gave up was as ugly as they come. Mike Modano's second looked picture perfect for the surging Dallas Stars.

Dallas' slow start is a thing of the past, and the Pacific Division-leading Stars (13-7-4) are showing signs of being the good team they were expected to be.

Modano scored his second goal of the game 35 seconds into overtime, Turco made 23 saves, and Dallas beat the New York Islanders Monday night for the Stars' sixth straight win.

Dallas knocked on the rebound from the slot of Stephane Robidas' shot to give the Stars their first win over the Islanders since March 23, 2001 (1-5-0-1).

"We couldn't have drawn up the game-winner any better," Modano said. "That's the best overtime we've played in a long time."

Jeff Halpern had given Dallas a 2-1 lead in the third period, but that was erased with 2:18 left in regulation when Miroslav Satan tied it for New York with a power-play goal.

Turco made just his second start in six games as Mike Smith has staked his claim to Dallas' No. 1 goalie spot. Turco earned his second straight victory following an 0-1-2 stretch in which he allowed 14 goals.

The Stars have outscored opponents 20-7 during their winning streak and have earned points in eight straight games (6-0-2). Dallas has taken the first eight of a six-game road trip, already improving after escaping Madison Square Garden with a 3-2 win Sunday over the New York Rangers when they were denied out played and outshot.

"When you get on the road it's a little harder to dominate," said Turco, who watched Smith make 39 saves Sunday. "We would like to have better starts. It was better yesterday, but we'd like to play a full 60 minutes and see what happens if we come out flying and play our game on the road."

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**In Brief**

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Atlantic City, N.J. — Former Georgia Tech head football coach Chan Gailey addresses the media Monday in Atlanta, Ga., after he was fired. Gailey led the Yellow Jackets to a 7-5 record this year and a 44-32 record over six seasons.

"Obviously, he didn't agree with the decision, but he understood there's a business aspect to this," Radakovich said. "As far as Xs and Os, Chan is a very good coach. But there's more to it now. College football is more than just Xs and Os, especially in the competitive market where we are.""You can't do anything about it. That's what it is," Gailey said. "But I want to be able to ratchet that up, take the next step."

Navy coach Paul Johnson, a former coach at Georgia Southern, will likely be mentioned as a possible successor. Florida State offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher figures to be tossed out as a candidate for several coaching jobs that have opened.

Fisher previously worked at LSU, as did Radakovich. When asked about the speculation, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said, "You can't do anything about it. What does it mean? Most of the time, nothing."

Stadium collapse in Brazil kills seven, injures at least 40

BRASILIA, Brazil — A stadium collapse that killed seven people highlighted the crumbling state of Brazil's soccer arenas less than a month after the country was chosen to host the 2014 World Cup, architects said Monday.

The victims fell 49 feet through a 10-foot wide hole that opened in the concrete stands of the Fonte Nova stadium in Salvador, a coastal city of Bahia state. At least 40 people were injured in the accident Sunday night.

"Unfortunately, a lot of stadiums have problems, some are in better conditions than others, but I think we could see another collapse like this if something isn't done," said Eduardo de Castro Mello, an architect who helped conduct a survey of Brazil's soccer arenas less than a month after the country was chosen to host the 2014 World Cup, architects said Monday.
Hope abounds that Patriots are mortal

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Patriots aren’t so perfect.

Eight blowouts in their first eight wins may have made it seem that way. But they never believed it and neither did the Philadelphia Eagles.

Now, with close two calls in the last three games, New England and the Eagles reap more reason to hope that they could be the one to knock off the juggernaut trying to fashion the NFL’s first unbeaten season in 35 years.

Baltimore gets the next chance when it hosts the Patriots next Monday night amid all the chatter about prospects for a perfect record.

“I don’t care what everybody else thinks,” coach Bill Belichick said. “I can tell you what this team thinks. Right now we’re thinking about getting ready for Baltimore.”

The Patriots did improve to 11-0 but lost to the AFC East title even before their 31-28 win over the Eagles on Sunday night. Buffalo and New England are each 5-0-1 with teams.

The final margin was the smallest in a season when the Patriots left New England with a first-place tie and their third straight win. The Patriots had missed the last two games because of a knee injury he keeps in the bedroom for protection. Someone then broke through the bedroom door and fired two shots, one missing and one hitting Taylor, the lawyer said.

“Was it clearly a burglary, an armed robbery?” Sharpstein said, adding nothing appeared.

—The 28 points allowed tied the Patriots’ previous game against Feeley, then with the Eagles, on Dec. 20, 2004. Feeley led two touchdown drives in the second half of the Nov. 11 loss 29-28 win.

“That was at the hospital with the player’s family and friends,” Thomas said, adding nothing appeared.

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As the Patriots enjoy their bye week, the issue of that game needs to be settled.

“We’re just getting better and better and technically nothing has changed in that since that game last week,” Feeley said.

Taylor had problems on and off the field, and two years ago was accused of brandishing a gun. The shooting came eight days after another invasion was reported at his home.

According to police records, someone entered open a front window, rifled through drawers and was caught by police.

It’s a copycat league and it’s a copycat offenses. We know that because an armed robbery.

“You guys expect that it’s not a blowout or anything like that there’s something wrong,” Thomas told reporters. “You have good teams in this league. Philadelphia, Cleveland, Buffalo, and so there’s going to be more games like that.”

“It was just the closeness of the game that gave the Patriots fans cause for concern whether their team could be the first to go unbeaten in the regular season and playoffs since the 1972 Miami Dolphins.

There also was this to mull over on both offense and defense—

Tomm Brady threw for just one touchdown, the first time this season he didn’t have at least three, and he was sacked three times, matching his season high. On Monday, he talked to the team’s chaplain at the Redskins’ usual prayer gathering.

“I said, ‘I understand that.'” Sharpstein said. “It has not been confirmed as yet.”

Redskins star safety in critical condition after robbery attempt

Associated Press

PALMETTO BAY, Fla. — Washington Redskins star safety Sean Taylor was in critical condition Monday after he was shot during what police are investigating as a possible armed robbery at his home.

The 24-year-old player was in the intensive care unit following several hours of surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital, said family friend Richard Sharpstein, his former lawyer.

Taylor remained unconscious early Monday evening.

Taylor lost a “significant” amount of blood because the bullet damaged his femoral artery, and doctors are worried about blood flow to the brain, added Sharpstein, who was at the hospital with the player’s family and friends.

“The records don’t mean anything,” Belichick said. “The only thing that matters is how you play and coach.”

Opponents have been much more competitive lately. The Patriots won their first eight games by at least 17 points each and crushed Buffalo 56-10 in their 10th game. But the Colts and Eagles nearly ended all talk of a perfect season.

“You’re not going to always have a blowout,” Thomas said. “We were able to come up with a win, which was good. We achieved one of our goals yesterday with the championship of the division, but we have more things that we have to do.”

Shooting leaves Taylor hospitalized

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Saint Mary’s drops 2 of 3 during break**

**Inability to preserve halftime leads costs Belles in tournament**

By MATT GAMBER

Despite holding halftime leads in all three of its games in the past week of action, Saint Mary’s managed only one win and saw its record fall to 2-3 in non-conference action.

After a 54-44 loss at Anderson University on Nov. 20, the Belles traveled to Triinity, Texas, for the Trinity University Thanksgiving Classic, where they opened with a 92-44 rout of Notre Dame (Maryland) on Saturday. The following game, Saint Mary’s suffered a 69-58 loss in the nation’s No. 22 team, George Fox University.

Saint Mary’s entered halftime of each game with the lead but quickly saw three-point advantages vanish against both Anderson and George Fox. The Belles have led at the half in all five of their games but have struggled to maintain those leads in all but their two blowout victories, which have come by a combined 84 points.

Against Anderson, the Belles started slowly but found their stride, going on a 21-3 run after falling to score a point in the first five minutes. They led 24-21 entering the break, but the host Ravens scored the second half’s first 10 points and kept the Belles from finding the bottom of the net until only 13:13 remained in the game.

Senior Allison Kessler scored 11 points in the loss, while junior Erin Newsum and sophomore Anna Kammrath each grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Belles never trailed in their dismantling of Notre Dame, and five players scored in double figures: junior Katie Rashid (17 points), Kessler (16), Kammrath (15), Newsum (10) and Freshman Becky Newsum (10), who is Erin’s sister. Each Freshman Newsum sister totaled nine boards, and junior Meghan Conaty dished out nine assists.

As a team, St. Mary’s shot 52.3 percent from the field in the victory and dominated the interior, out-rebounding the Gators 57-25 and outscoring them 48-28 in the paint.

A four-minute scoring drought near the end of the second half against George Fox killed the Belles’ chances, as they failed to convert a field goal attempt from 5:46 until 1:08 remained. The back-and-forth battle included four ties and nine lead changes, and both squandering a 30-27 halftime lead, the Belles pulled within seven points in the final 30 seconds, but it was simply too little, too late.

Kessler, who was named to the all-tournament team, racked up 19 points in the loss. Erin Newsum dropped 17 points and had 9 rebounds, and Kammrath put home 12 points.

The Belles have a week off before playing their MIAA opener on Dec. 5, when they host Calvin at 7:30 p.m.

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By PAT O’BRIEN and ELLYN MICHALAK

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"Everyone played really well in our match against Tennessee, and we had control the whole time. Everyone was playing their best in the last match of the season, and that is what we have been working for," sophomore outside hitter Megan Feisal said.

Notre Dame (15-13) controlled the match, dominating in the first of the four games (30-21, 20-30, 23-30, 19-30). The Irish jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in both of the first two games. The Irish never looked back from their quick starts, leading by as many as eight or nine points in each of the matches.

After the break, Tennessee turned the tables. The Vols took an early three-point lead and stretched the margin to 10 late in the stanza. The third game would be the only strong point for Tennessee, however. Coming off the defeat, the Irish regained the prowess that they have shown in one and two. They were up by 10 late in game four and held on to win by converting 18 kills and seven blocks.

"I think the biggest strength that stood out was our serve-receive," senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk said. "They were out of system quite a bit, which made it easier for us. I think we really performed a lot of really important skills. Blocking, passing, attacking and we became really close on the court and off."

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Larry Diamond
Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and senior advisor on governance to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad (2004)

6 pm – Tuesday, November 27
Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Diamond is also presenting the lecture “The Globalization of Democracy” as part of the Kellogg Lecture Series at 12:30 pm in the Hesburgh Center, room C-103.
Talbot stopped Notre Dame's Tournament. Notre Dame won the last time the Chargers and Irish played. "That's just a typical Bob Kutz game. He goes out, brings his lunch pail every game and he gets a double-double." Luke Harangody Irish forward

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success from outside may not have been possible without the play of forwards Bob Kutz and Luke Harangody, who drew defenders to the low post to facilitate Notre Dame's shooting.

"From the start of the game we really wanted to establish the low post, and we wanted to get some looks for Kyle and the other guys," Kurz said. "We kept rolling, and I think we were really efficient offensively. That's why we were able to score so many points. Kutz keyed the Irish inside with another quiet, but solid performance of 20 points and 10 rebounds.

"That's just a typical Bob Kutz game," junior forward Luke Harangody said. "He goes out, brings his lunch pail every game and he gets a double-double.

Harangody ended his three-game streak of 20-point performances, finishing with 11 points and seven rebounds.

Notre Dame led the entire game in its two games before Saturday, but lost both in the final two minutes. Against Youngstown State, however, the story was different. The Irish built a 79-53 lead with 7:06 to play and held off a late run from the Penguins to snap their two-game losing streak.

Harangody netted 25 points and McCauley scored 23 points to give the Irish their first win in three contests.

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"Conndra has been a big part of the rejuvenation of our program. Whoever Erik plays with, he makes them better." Jeff Jackson Irish coach

The Irish got off 41 shots compared to Alabama-Huntsville's 14. Pearce made 13 saves with Joe Fedorff scoring the lone goal for the Chargers. By that time Notre Dame had opened up a comfortable three-goal lead and coasted into the championship game with Rensselaer.

Notre Dame also defeated CCCHA foe Bowling Green 2-1 to start their break Tuesday night. Sophomore Kyle Lawson scored the eventual game-winner two minutes into the second period. Pearce shut down the Falcons for the first two periods, picking up 27 saves in the win.

"Jordan was the difference in the game in my opinion. I don't think we were as sharp as we needed to be in that game," Jackson said.

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Irish guard Ashley Barlow gets ready to grab a rebound in Notre Dame's 78-59 win over Western Kentucky on Nov. 13 at home.

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over North Carolina Saturday. Weissenhofer had 53 points last season — 18 goals, 17 assists — which were second on the team to forward Kerri Hans, who had 65 points. Heading into the Illinois game, she had scored only four. An ankle injury hampered her this season.

"As you've probably seen this season I haven't been much of a goal scorer, so I very excited to get a goal," she said after the Illinois game. "It was great to get the goal and get the win." Waldram felt that the goal may have ignited her to her previous form.

"Maybe the goal against Illinois in the second round was a big thing for her, to finally score a goal," Waldram said Tuesday.

Waldram said that having Weissenhofer fully healthy and back on her game "made all the difference in the world."

"She looked to me like the Weissenhofer we had last year," he said. "She actually looked faster than some of North Carolina, she was strong and confident."

Weissenhofer is a physical presence in the attacking third and asserts herself well against defenders. Her quickness enables her to reach through-balls others may not. Against North Carolina, for instance, she outran a defender while chasing a ball that had been passed to the Tur Hegazy keeper. The keeper misplayed the ball, and Weissenhofer put herself in position to steal the ball and score.

"The defender was trying to block me off from the goalie getting it," Weissenhofer said Tuesday. "I pressured the goalie and I kind of got around her. The goalie didn't think I was going to get there. The ball hit the goalie's shoulder, and I just went along the side of her, took it off my chest, and shot it."

Weissenhofer, like her teammates, was surprised at the turn of events.

"We just like both like so excited, like, 'that really just happened,'" she said. "Everything happened so quick, it was crazy."

Weissenhofer gives Notre Dame an added weapon most teams don't possess. From the sidelines in the attacking third, Weissenhofer's acrobatic somersault throws-in can reach the center of the penalty kick box. She did just that early in the North Carolina game, and forward Brittany Bock redirected the throw for the first goal of the game.

"It just kind of really try and get in the PK spot, six-yard box, so someone can hit it," Weissenhofer said.

The atmosphere of Saturday's game gave Weissenhofer and the Irish an idea of what the national championship might be like, she said.

"We got a taste of what it feels like to win the national championship -- just a small taste," she said. "Taste or not, Weissenhofer believed in her team and its chances in the coming weeks.

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but I needed to reconcile what happened last year," Karas said, who made five saves in the game. "It was nice to not lose to Carolina twice in my career."

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The Irish jumped ahead in the 13th minute when they had a throw-in chance in their attacking third. Weissenhofer's flip-throw carried the ball to the center of the penalty box, where Bock headed the ball in the far side of the net for her 15th goal of the season.

Bock, a junior, and Weissenhofer, a sophomore, are both from Naperville, Ill., and played together at Neuqua Valley High School. Bock said that playing with Weissenhofer for so long gave her a good idea of where the throw-in would land.

Weissenhofer, in turn, said she aimed for the middle of the penalty box as well as for Bock in particular.

"I try and look for Bock to see where she is," Weissenhofer said.

Bock said she came free and had a clear path to the ball. "I kind of just drifted away, no one was really man-marking me," Bock said.

Just 14 seconds later, a minute by North Carolina keeper Ashlyn Harris allowed Weissenhofer to score and give the Irish a quick 2-0 lead. Harris misplaced a pass back from left back Ariel Harris, allowing Weissenhofer to control the ball and take the shot.

"It was kind of like, 'Are you serious, right now?'" Weissenhofer said of the back-to-back goals.

Bock was also taken aback by the second goal.

"I was so tired just from celebrating," Bock said. "I think half the people at the stadium didn't even know what happened."

One minute into the second half, North Carolina midfielder Yael Averbuch's shot deflected off Irish midfielder Courtney Rosen's hand. Since the infraction occurred in the penalty box, the Tar Heels received a penalty kick and midfielder Allie Long placed her shot to the left of Karas to make the score 3-1.

Weissenhofer struck again in the 61st minute when she chased a pass from Rosen down the left side of the field. Ashlyn Harris came out to challenge her, but Weissenhofer took a shot across the people at the stadium didn't know what happened."

Karas' play kept the Tar Heel offense in check. She saved two shots from Washington in the second half and had to dive to her right and knock one of them away from the post. In the final minute of play, forward Casey Nogueira drove the ball down the middle of the field, but Karas charged and blocked the shot with her hands.

"Every time they came down, it seemed like I had to do something," Karas said. "It was kind of nice to finish a game where I actually did some things."

The Irish face Duke at home Friday in the round of eight. Weissenhofer was confident that Notre Dame could advance.

"I think if we play how we played on Saturday, I don't think any team will be able to beat us," Weissenhofer said.

Note: Defender Elise Weber left the game shortly before the end of the first half when she rolled her ankle. Waldrum said she had a high-ankle sprain and that X-rays were negative. He said he will hold her out of practice for a few days.

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ND downs Tar Heels, Blue Devils up next

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

It took just over a year, but Notre Dame got its revenge against North Carolina.

Irish forward Michele Weissenhofer scored two goals and assisted forward Brittany Brock on a third, and Notre Dame beat the No. 1 Tar Heels 3-0 Saturday at Fetzer Field in Chapel Hill, N.C., in the NCAA Tournament round of 16.

The game was a rematch of last year’s NCAA championship game, which Notre Dame won, 2-1. The teams later played to a 2-2 draw in an exhibition game before this season.

The win felt good for Irish senior keeper Lauren Karas, who said she had some unfinished business with the Tar Heels.

“I don’t want to say revenge, but it’s almost like I know the game is going in.”

Sophomore forward Michele Weissenhofer lines up a shot in Notre Dame’s scoreless tie with Michigan on Aug. 31. Weissenhofer had two goals to lead the Irish to a 3-2 win over North Carolina on Saturday.

McAlarney drops 25 as Notre Dame blows out Colgate

By CHRIS HINE
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Colgate hit four straight 3-pointers to keep the score close at 29-23 with 5:19 to play in the opening frame Monday night, but then Kyle McAlarney caught fire and burned any chance of a Colgate upset.

The junior guard, who finished with a game-high 25 points, drained four straight 3-pointers of his own to lift Notre Dame to a 46-33 halftime lead on its way to a 94-63 win over Colgate.

“It’s almost like I know the shot’s going in before I get the ball,” McAlarney said. “There were a couple where I was just itching to get the ball because I knew as soon as I got it, it was going in.”

McAlarney came out of the locker room and picked up where he left off in the first half, hitting his first two 3’s during a 13-0 Notre Dame run to start the second half that put the Irish up 59-40 with 15:53 to play.

“It’s the best feeling in the world, especially on your home court, when things are really clicking,” McAlarney said.

Then the Irish clamped down on defense, allowing just two Raiders field goals over the next 10:40. During that stretch, Notre Dame outscored Colgate 29-11 and put the game out of reach.

“I liked our offensive efficiency, and I liked that it came from some different areas tonight,” Irish coach Mike Brey said.

McAlarney’s 7-for-10 night from 3-point land led Notre Dame’s 13-for-28 performance beyond the arc. Junior forward Luke Zeller also played a prominent role in Notre Dame’s3-point first. Zeller knocked down four of his five 3-point attempts and finished the night with 14 points.

“We’re pretty confident right now,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “We’re feeling good, we feel like we’re doing something really special this year.”

The Irish have been able to find strong balance, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “If you get a little bit of a slump, it starts to weigh on you and as a forward, I think she was getting down on herself because they’re not scoring a lot of goals on a regular basis.”

Weissenhofer breaks out of slump in big way in NCAA win

By BILL BRINK
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To describe forward Michele Weissenhofer’s postseason success, Irish coach Randy Waldrum had to turn to baseball.

“With forwards, it’s probably like a home-run hitter or a slugger,” Waldrum said. “If you get in a little bit of a slump, it starts to weigh on you and as a forward, I think she was getting really down on herself because they’re not scoring a lot of goals on a regular basis.”

Weissenhofer picked a great time to break out of her slump.

The sophomore scored a goal during Notre Dame’s 2-0 win over Illinois in the second round of the NCAA tournament and had two more in the 3-2 win.

ND Women’s Basketball

Team takes on Canisius after consecutive routs

McGraw says squad found strong balance

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Notre Dame hasn’t had any problems winning this season. It’s only a matter of if the game will be close.

In its first five games, the Irish have gone 4-1 with a 75-59 loss against No. 3 Maryland at College Park, but other than that, the Irish have scored 89.2 points per game, while not surrendering 60 points or more to any opponent this season.

This trend held true during Notre Dame’s 94-41 win over Central Maryland on Nov. 20 and 88-58 win over Boston College on Saturday. This weekend marked the first time since the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament in 2001 that Notre Dame had back-to-back 30-point victories.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said the two wins were important to getting the team back on track after the loss to the Terrapins.

“We’re pretty confident right now. I think we’re feeling a lot of things because it’s such a balance,” she said. “I don’t think we’re relying on any one person, which I think makes everyone a little more comfortable.”

The Irish have been able to spread the ball around offensively early in the season and currently have three players...