COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members examine ticket exchange

Student government, Ticket Office in talks to modify recently-discontinued program

By JOSEPH MACHIAH
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed the basic program this year of allowing a designated number of students to exchange for a fee their student ticket for a general admission ticket. It cited abuses of the system, including scalping of tickets, as a reason to end the program. This year, students were able to enter a lottery for the ability to exchange their USC tickets because that game occurred over fall break. But student government approached the Ticket Office and began talks to bring back the option of exchanging student passes for general admission tickets, student body vice president Maris Braun said Tuesday.

"It's pretty unique having a ticket office that is very dedicated to giving the student body as many chances as the team as they possibly can," Braun said.

She said the Ticket Office was cooperative when the Student Union Board organized a ticket exchange for the Oct. 20 game against USC — an exception that was allowed because, the Ticket Office reasoned, many students would be leaving Notre Dame for full break.

"The Ticket Office was really pleased with the student-run exchange," Braun said. "In the future we should look to other student organizations like student government and some of the class councils to organize it." COR members, however, see TICKETS/page 3

Former Iraq advisor evaluates U.S. policy

Stanford scholar says sudden withdrawal would be as 'arrogant' as 2003 invasion

By DAVIS ROHORE Jr.
News Writer

There is no more politically charged, national security question than the direction of Iraq, said Larry Diamond, a political science professor at Stanford University. Diamond, a former senior advisor on governance for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, began his lecture Tuesday night in the Hesburgh Center with his reflections on Tuesday night in the Hesburgh Center with his reflections on

the evolving from a paper vision into a full-scale clay model at the L.A. Auto Show, received 400 entries. The Mazda Design Team of North America "voted and hand-picked the top 10 ideas," according to the competition's official Facebook group. These finalists were announced Oct. 16 and the online voters narrowed them down to five by the end of the month. McMorrow and the other four designers then worked with the Mazda Design Team to produce a final sketch of the 2018 Mazda3 for the final round of voting. McMorrow's win was announced Nov. 6.

"The voting was all on Facebook," she said.

As part of her prize, McMorrow poses with a clay model of her award-winning Mazda3 design at the L.A. Auto Show November 24.
For the love of the game

There are few sounds in this world more satisfying than the sound of a ping pong ball landing in a Solo cup.

Pong, as it is known for short, requires minute precision and impossible hand-eye coordination.

It also requires a teamwork tilt—a two-on-two game where you need to pull people to pull their weight to accomplish the sought-after “soudekoff,” strategy (the question of “to bounce, or not to bounce”) and an unyielding commitment to excellence, many of the virtues espoused at Notre Dame. It is for these reasons that newmon Deo Pong as the National Collegiate Pastime. College football, as we’ve all found out this year, has its ups and downs. Beer pong, on the other hand, is the brilliant game.

I’ll have none of that flip cup garbage.

Any game which has a nickname of “Flip cup” and is governed by the cheers of hysterical girls after a victory has no merit for induction on the national collegiate positive. Furthermore, pong encourages drinking in moderation. That’s right. You see, unlike flip cup, which has no real point other than giving people to-do-the-rondel on intoxication highway, pong has very simple system of checks and balances designed to curb excessive drinking.

As in any playoff system featuring single-loss elimination, pong carries with it the immediacy of its “win or go home” doctrine.

As with the fine art of initiating dialogues with females, alcohol consumption helps in pong. Furthermore, pong has become a nationwide phenomenon, sweeping across the nation’s colleges with awesome alacrity. It has different rules and variations, including “Full Contact,” a version in which a player declares that his or her partner is “heating up” after three consecutive losses. And don’t forget the ever-popular “drink the beer” — while each player who can successfully recover the fumble and emerge from the pile, ball around the interior of a cup out, that ricochets off the table becomes “live.”

Pending on where you play, the game has different rules and variations, including “Fast Call,” a version in which every ball that ricochets off the table is called by a “critical mass,” a point of no return after which the game of the person in question takes a sharp turn for the worse.

Quarters, kings, shotgunning, the over-the-top “drink the beer”—while each has its own merits, none of these have the same appeal as pong and require no real talent other than a high tolerance.

Furthermore, pong has its own merits, none of these have his pong player—up until a point. Pong is also a gender-inclusive game, erally) for all players of all creeds. It is the great equalizer.

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In Brief

Mass will be celebrated in the Alumni Hall Chapel at 5 p.m. Friday for the Feast of St. Andrew. The Gregorian Schola will sing Gregorian chant.

The Notre Dame hockey team will play Nebraska-Omaha Friday at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will present Handel’s Messiah Friday at 8 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be obtained by calling ticket office at (574) 631-2800.

As part of the Solidarity Film series, there will be a screening of the film “We are Together” in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Friday at 10 p.m. The film focuses on the story of the children of the Agape Orphanage as they overcome the adversity of growing up among Africa’s 12 million AIDS orphans.

The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will perform their fall concert, “Come Back To Your First Love,” at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Habitat for Humanity will host “A Home for the Holidays” Sunday from 3:30 to 8 p.m. in the Stepan Center. Groups of students can register online to build a gingerbread house. The cost of registration ranges from $30 to $30 per group, depending on size of the house. There will also be performances, entertainment and food to raise money for the organization. To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh speaks to residents of O’Neill Hall during a visit to the residence hall Tuesday evening.

OFFBEAT

Ga. man tries to deposit fake $1 million bill

AKEN, S.C. — A bank teller in Clearwater had a million reasons not to open an account for an Augusta, Ga., man Monday, authorities said. Alexander D. Smith, 31, was charged with disorderly conduct and two counts of forgery after he walked into the bank and tried to open an account by depositing a fake $1 million bill, said Aiken County Sheriff’s spokesman Lt. Michael Frank.

The employee refused to open the account and called police while the man started to curse at bank workers, Frank said.

The second forgery charge came after investigators learned Smith bought several cartons of cigarettes from a nearby grocery store with a stolen check, Frank said.

Judge removed over cell phone jailing

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — A judge who jailed 46 people who were in his courtroom when a cell phone call interrupted proceedings was removed from the bench Tuesday by a state commission.

Niagara Falls City Court Judge Robert Restaino "snapped" and "engaged in mutually incomprehensible m addness" during the March 2005 session, Rasoul Felder, chairman of the state Commission on Judicial Conduct, wrote in the decision to remove Restaino from the $113,900-per-year post.

A phone rang while Restaino was hearing the cases of domestic violence offenders who had been ordered to appear weekly to update the judge on the progress of their counsel ing. A sign in the courtroom warns that cell phones and pagers must be turned off.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

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suggested making further revisions to the process in which the exchanges could be conducted if the program were reinstated.

The USC exchange this year had students entering a lottery for a chance to exchange their tickets. But the selected entries were not notified they had won until a week before the game. Such short notice doesn’t give students’ outside friends or relatives enough time to plan a trip to Notre Dame, several COR members said.

“I wanted to exchange a ticket for a friend, but I didn’t find out until a week before that I had won the lottery, so it ended up not working out,” said Kadeja Gaines, treasurer of the Student Union Board and a Georgia native.

Because it is so difficult to find a reasonable plane ticket a few days before the expected departure date, several COR members suggested holding the lotteries several weeks in advance.

“The purpose of the program is to get siblings out of games and if you live far away you won’t be able to get them out [here] with too little notice,” senior class vice president Chris Doughty said.

To counter fears that students would use this extra time to sell the tickets for a profit, Doughty suggested that the name of the person the student is buying the ticket for be printed on it.

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said was negative.

Diamond cited a recent improvement in safety levels for civilians in the streets of Baghdad, a development he credited to the recent influx, or “surge,” of troops and new military strategies adopted by the American armed forces.

“There is a new sense of hope and possibilities and a return to something approaching normalcy in many communities,” Diamond said.

In addition to these changes in the American military presence, Diamond also noted the recent crippling of al-Qaeda in the region as fruit of the U.S. intervention.

“The Sunni Arab heartland of Iraq has had its fill of the ruthless and intimidation of al-Qaeda and wants them gone,” Diamond said.

He backed up his assertion with a recent release by Osama bin Laden, where the terrorist leader confirmed the change in sentiment in the region and talked about his organization’s “loss of the hearts and minds” of the Iraqi people, Diamond said.

And while Iraq is doing better in that regard, the situation is still precarious, he said.

“I fear that the current surge with all its manifest hope for progress could prove to be ... a brilliant, inspiring moment of possibility that cruelly slips away,” Diamond said.

“Only if we capitalize on the military gains in the past few months with a political strategy to settle big political differences ... can we stand a decent chance of avoiding that fate.”

He concluded his lecture by repeating the same piece of advice he once gave Rice, saying the United States “cannot do it alone” when it comes to Iraq. Allied support from regional neighbors and the European Union, Diamond said, is essential to ending the current conflict.

Diamond also firmly criticized the provisional Iraqi government and called it a barrier to future successes in the country.

“Unless we threaten to pull the rug out from under [the Iraqi representatives] we’ll not agree to [internal] compromises.”

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Stanford University

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Siegfried, where the hall tax events such as dances but in is between $50 and $60, residents for hall charges reside residents for hall watches, hall government lower hall taxes, Carroll does dorms on campus may have shirt in return for their additional payment. And though other male dorms on campus may have lower hall taxes, Carroll does not require its residents to pay for dances, food for game nights, hall government expenses, receptions or other programs, according to Carroll rector Father Jim Lewis.

The dorm also subsidizes section- and hall-wide programs, such as movies at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and paintingballing, Lewis said.

Residents of Alumni and Morrissey Halls also pay $80 to the dorm. Neither hall charges residents for hall events such as dances but in dorms like Kenan and Siegfried, where the hall tax is between $50 and $60, residents have to cover dance fees themselves.

That is also the case for the residents of Sorin College. While Sorin residents enjoy the lowest hall tax of any dorm on campus — $40 every year — they must pay to attend the dorm’s dances. The Sorin dance earlier this semester came with a $15 price tag per couple, Sorin rector Father Jim King said.

However, the dorm does pay for food for game watches, study days and a cookout on football Fridays, King said. The dorm has been able to save its residents $20 thanks to financial assistance from former residents at its annual alumni reunion, King said.

Lyons Hall also charges its freshmen more than its other residents — $60 for first-year students versus $56 for sophomores, juniors and seniors — to help pay for the events during orientation.

"The extra $10 for the freshmen goes to cover the expenses of Frosch-O, which are considerable," Lyons rector Denise McOsker said. And the Lyons Hall Council is thinking about raising the freshman rate to $70 next year.

Lyons' tax funds cover such expenses as the dorm's printing and mailing costs, inter­ hall sports fees and exercise equipment.

"While we also charge a nominal fee for dance tickets and hall apparel," McOsker said, "it would be consider­ ably more if we didn't have hall taxes to subsidize the cost of food, music, basketball space, etc. for the dances and the cost and printing of the T-shirts, sweats, etc."

Most dorms divide housing deposit funds among different committees.

At Pasquerilla East, the residents’ $50 fees are spread across the different committees that take care of dances, hall council proceedings, multicultural gatherings and Big Sisters/Sister events, among other activities.

"Each commission gets a budget to host different events in the Pasquerilla East community," Pasquerilla East rector Bryan Turnbull said.

Breen-Phillips tapped into its hall tax fund to purchase a new treadmill last year, said Breen-Phillips rector Rachel Kollogg.

And with the upcoming holiday season, she and other rectors (from both male and female dorms) said hall tax funds will be used to buy gifts for housekeeping personnel and snacks for students during the extended break.

"It's a big deal... I think it will help a lot," McMorrow said.

Winning the competition is a big step toward her career goals, she said. "It's a big deal... I think it will help a lot," McMorrow said.

That career may begin with the internship Mazda offered her following her performance at the L.A. Auto Show.

"They're holding up a spot for me," she said.

But she shared her victory with the entire design department, saying that though Notre Dame is not famous for its achievements in industrial design, she is convinced her liberal arts education prepared her for the challenge.

"I think the liberal arts at Notre Dame helped me come out first," she said. "Mazda really wanted to get strong ideas rather than just flashy drawing. They wanted sub­ stance, not just a kid who can draw." She said she doesn’t think her original sketch of the competition car that garnered her the top spot.

"Just based on the 2-D drawings, I didn't really realize it, but there's still a stigma."

Her trip to California showed McMorrow there is a big mar­ ket for female car designers.

"It really cool having these little girls come up to me saying, 'I love drawing cars!' and having a girl say I was her inspiration," McMorrow said.

She said the competition was internationally publicized in places like India and China, getting her the kind of exposure she could not have found at Notre Dame.

"This was a random, open competition. Nothing to do with Notre Dame... one thing I learned from this is, take advantage of outside opportu­ nities," McMorrow said.

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STADIUM TO BE RAZED AFTER COLLAPSE

Stadium to be razed after collapse. At least 40 others were injured Sunday night in Salvador, a coastal city of Bahia state. The accident was the worst in Brazilian soccer history and raised questions about the country’s readiness to host the 2014 World Cup.

Musharruf to end military career

OSAMABAD, Pakistan — Pervez Musharraf will retire as chief of Pakistan’s army at midweek, his aides announced Monday as the embattled leader prepared to political scene rolled by the return of an exiled former prime minister in time for crucial January elec­

nations.

Terrorists

Musharraf to end military career

Osama bin Laden, a cell phone salesman before his arrest, pleaded guilty in July to conspiring to provide material support for terrorists. He will be deported to Somalia after serving the federal sentence.

In a 20-minute statement to the court, Abdi’s attorney Mahrif Shiril said his client apologized to the people of the United States as and the Muslim community. He said Abdi regretted that his conviction might lead to problems for other Muslims.

Hurricane predictions were wrong

MIAMI — Despite alarming predictions, the 2007 Atlantic hurricane season virtually unscathed, raising fears among emergency planners that public apathy and under­confidence when they warn people to prepare for next year.

LOCAL NEWS

Man charged with stealing aircraft

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Israeli and Palestinian leaders agreed Tuesday to immediately resume long-stalled talks toward a peace treaty, saying by the end of next year that would create an independent Palestinian state, using a U.S.-hosted Mideast conference to launch their first negotiations in seven years.

In a statement read by President Bush, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas pledged to start discus­sions on the core issues of the conflict next month and accepted the United States as arbiter of the dispute. “We agree to immediately launch good-faith bilateral negotiations in order to conclude a peace treaty resolving all outstanding issues, including all core issues except for Jerusalem, as specified in previous agreements,” it said.

“We agree to engage in vigorous, ongoing and continuous negotiations and shall make every effort to conclude an agreement before the end of 2008,” said the document, which was reached after weeks of intense diplomacy and was uncertain until just before Bush announced it.

The conference at the U.S. Naval Academy has been greeted by heavy skepticism, with many questioning its timing and prospects for success, especially given the weaknesses of Olmert and Abbas, whose leadership is chal­lenged by the militant Hamas movement. And the task is complicated by Arab pressure to resolve other long simmering disputes Israel has with Syria and Lebanon.

Saud Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al­Faisal, in his remarks to the conference, called for the earliest possible resump­tion of talks with Lebanon and Syria, which wants the return of the Golan Heights, land seized by Israel during the 1967 war.

Bush, in his address, defended the decision to hold the Annapolis confer­ence, saying it was the right time to launch peace talks and urging represen­tatives of more than 50 participating countries and organizations to support the effort.
**SYRIA**

After violence slows, Iraqi refugees return home

With decrease in extremist attacks, unstable government says it’s safe to come back; many others aren’t so sure

Associated Press

DAMASCUS — Hundreds of Iraqi refugees boarded buses for home on Tuesday in the first convoy from an Iraqi-funded effort to speed the return of families that fled the country’s violence and insecurity.

Many Iraqis have headed back on their own since Jordan estimates it has up to 700,000 Iraqis. In education, health and housing systems. Jordan estimates it has up to 700,000 Iraqis. In Damascus where thousands of Iraqi refugees have lived since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein’s regime.

Syrian officials says the country has up to 1.5 million Iraqis,straining its education, health and housing systems. Jordan estimates it has up to 700,000 Iraqis. In addition, the UN refugee agency cited various reports of more than 2.4 million Iraqis displaced inside the country.

Adnan al-Shourifi, the commercial secretary at the Iraqi Embassy in Damascus, described the bus trip home on Tuesday as a "test.

"Thousands of Iraqis in Syria have headed back home in the past weeks. The U.S. military says attacks across Iraq have fallen to their lowest level since February 2006, attributing this partly to a surge of nearly 30,000 troops earlier this year and cooperation from local groups fighting extremist groups such as al-Qaeda in Iraq.

Earlier this month, the Iraqi embassy in Damascus set up 11 registration centers for Iraqis to apply for the trip home. In Jordan, Iraqi ambassador Saad al-Irayani told the Associated Press that Iraq will give Jordan $6 million to help ease the refugee burden.

In Baghdad, government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the "Iraqi government is eager to have Iraqis return to their country and live a normal, safe life." He said more bus convoys are expected in the coming days. Officials in Iraq and Syria have said more than 46,000 refugees returned in October and the flow has continued this month. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees could not confirm the figures, but said more Iraqis were leaving Syria than arriving — with a daily average of 1,500 departures compared with 500 arrivals.

Sybella Wikes, press officer for the UNHCR in Syria, said the agency doesn’t "think it’s time" yet for a massive refugee return.

"We certainly can’t define the situation as being safe in any area in Iraq," she said. But she added the organization still would "support any Iraqi who wants to return."

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn., arrived in Damascus to stress U.S. "concert about the welfare of displaced Iraqis in Syria and Jordan" and "review the situation of Iraqi refugees," U.S. Embassy statement said. She planned to hold talks with Syrian officials, non-governmental organizations and other agencies.

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In Brief

R.J. Reynolds pulls tobacco ads

NEW YORK — The R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., which has been under intense pressure from anti-smoking groups and members of Congress over print ads for its cigarettes, said Tuesday it would not advertise its brands in newspapers or consumer magazines next year.

The company had been criticized sharply for both its colorful and feminine Camel No. 9 ads, which appeared in magazines long enough and were seen as cynically aimed at young women, and also for a recent ad in Rolling Stone.

In that ad four vignettes of Camel cigarettes ads booked rollin’ Stone’s own material on imaging, truck music, which was blasting and incinerated like a cartoon-like format. That angered anti-smoking activists, who said it appeared the whole thing was written and that it recalled the old “Joe Camel” cartoons that were banned because they appeared aimed at children.

R.J. Reynolds spokeswoman Jan Smith said the decision, first reported Tuesday in the Winston-Salem Journal, had been made sometime before October and was unrelated to the Rolling Stone controversy.

Broadway negotiations at stalemate

NEW YORK — No negotiations between striking Broadway stagehands and theater producers have met run as long as “Cats.” It only seems that way.

Two days of back-to-back marathon sessions have not produced a settlement between Local 1 and the League of American Theatres and Producers. Both sides will return to the bargaining table Wednesday to try again.

Progress reportedly has been slow in solving the thorny dispute that has shut down most of Broadway since Nov. 10, although some headway apparently has been made in lengthy discussions held Sunday, Monday and into Tuesday.

Wyatt Jr. was sentenced to a year in prison after pleading guilty to 12 counts of fraud and one of misapplication of a customer’s money. The government introduced evidence that he approved a $200,000 illegal payment directly to an Iraqi bank account and agreed to be sentenced to 18 to 24 months in prison. Prosecutors contended he paid millions in bribes to win contracts for Iraq.

Before pleading guilty on the 12th day of his trial, Wyatt had insisted he never paid an illegal surcharge to the Iraqi government to win oil contracts. Prosecutors contended he paid millions of dollars to Iraqi officials to get an unfair share of contracts connected to the oil-for-food program, which ran from 1996 to 2003.

The program permitted the Iraqi government to sell oil primarily to buy food and medicine for suffering Iraqis. It was meant to help Iraqis cope with the drumbeat of bad news that followed the 2003 invasion of Kuwait by the United States.

Pedestrians pass a CitiBank branch in Chicago earlier this month. The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority announced a large investment in the company late Monday.

The observer

Abu Dhabi Investment saves Citi

$7.5 billion offering makes Arab state one of the largest Citigroup investors

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority will invest $7.5 billion in Citigroup, offering the nation’s largest bank needed capital to offset big losses from real estate and mortgage investments.

The cash from the sovereign investment fund of the Gulf Arab state, which has benefited from a surge in oil prices, will be convertible into no more than 4.9 percent of Citigroup Inc.’s equity. Citigroup characterized the investment as passive and said the fund will not be able to name any board members to the bank.

The Abu Dhabi investment will receive equity units that pay an annual 11 percent annual yield — a high price for Citigroup, whose dividend yield is substantially lower.

Citigroup shares rose 52 cents, or 1.7 percent, to close at $30.32 Tuesday, although shares traded at a new low of $29.20 earlier in the day.

Citigroup’s shares have lost about 45 percent of their value since the beginning of this year, wiping away $124 billion in market capitalization, and touched a five-year low Monday as the drumbeat of bad news about its investment losses has grown more persistent.

Charles Prince stepped down as Citigroup’s chairman and chief executive Nov. 4, the same day Citigroup announced that it will likely write down the value of its portfolio by $8 billion to $11 billion in the fourth quarter.

In the third quarter, the bank’s exposure to assets tied to subprime mortgages led to a loss of about $6.5 billion.

Citigroup executives said Monday that a deteriorating business climate could mean a new round of job cuts, even after the bank pared its 320,000 workforce by 17,000 positions earlier this year. Painmelled by billions in writedowns, Citigroup is reviewing its cost structure to bring it in line with “eco-

Oil executive sentenced after guilty plea

NEW YORK — Texas oilman Oscar Wyatt Jr. was sentenced to a year in prison Tuesday for conspiring to violate U.S. sanctions against Iraq.

Wyatt, 85, pleaded guilty last month and agreed to be sentenced to 18 to 24 months in prison. He also agreed to forfeit almost $1 million, a concession that he approved a $200,000 illegal payment directly to an Iraqi bank account in December 2001.

U.S. District Judge Dennis Chin, cit-

ing Wyatt’s military service during World War II and the many letters written to the court on his behalf, handed down a somewhat lighter sen-

A grade: "breathtakingly immoral" actions.

In court papers filed prior to sen-

tencing, prosecutors argued against leniency for Wyatt, criticizing his "breathtakingly immoral" actions.

The government claimed that Wyatt was in a unique position to dissuade Iraq from corrupting the scheme.

It played a tape for the jury of a 1990 conversation in which Wyatt is heard telling Saddam that he had vis-

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tured an American here. They said he tried to play a peaceful role in resolving conflict between the two countries, even helping to fly Americans out of Iraq when Hussein was threatening to keep them there in the event of a U.S. invasion.
Recognizing Christmas

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The virus is far from gone, and it isn't AIDS, and every seven seconds, a new one is easy to feel helpless in making any going anywhere. 40,529,209 people are living with HIV. While we as students may not be able to because of HIV/AIDS, there is the potential for HIV. Besides suffering the physical torture that one endures for years because of HIV/AIDS, there is the potentially more harmful emotional torture of discrimination, isolation and injustice. While we as students may not be able to find the cure to AIDS, we can recognize the fact that we all truly are affected by the disease and can reach out and work to reduce stigma.

Getting tested yourself for HIV is one step you can take to fight this stigma. If done solely for symbolic reasons, being tested puts oneself in the shoes of those who are facing the reality of the virus. Globally only one in eight people who want to get tested actually are able to, and only one in ten who are infected has been tested. Knowing these facts, we cannot help but feel blessed in live in a country where the option to take part in such an important health measure is readily available.

The scary thing, though, is that even with many different places offering testing, a quarter of all HIV positive Americans are not aware of their status. This week, you have the opportunity to show your solidarity with the millions who are suffering from AIDS in the world and the millions who are living with HIV and don't even know it. Free HIV testing is being conducted on Tuesday nights from 6-8 p.m. at the Health Center. It's a little-known fact that confidential HIV tests are always available on campus, giving students access to this important health information at any time.

The option to get checked for free on these nights takes away any obstacle to being tested; not only is there no cost, but for every person that comes in and is tested, a monetary donation is being made to an NGO working for AIDS victims in Kenya. Also, it's a rapid test — it is done quickly and produces results quickly, as well as involves no blood, only a swab of the tongue.

Some people think the issue of HIV/AIDS and testing have no place on a Catholic campus. This couldn't be farther from the truth. The Catholic church has been involved in the fight against HIV since the beginning. Just last year at a U.N. General Assembly Special Session, it was recognized that the Catholic Church has to "fight stigma, and facilitate testing, counseling, and reintegration." How could the Church, which calls us to be in "Communion with Saints" and "in solidarity with all of God's people — leave some one to physically, spiritually and emotionally suffer?"

There is the tendency to reduce the situation to a Catholic vs. condom issue. AIDS is much bigger than the condom issue. The Church has generally been silent on the condom issue in regard to HIV, because for Catholic leaders today, it is not a "no to condoms," but "yes to abstinence and fidelity." This issue at hand is caring for those who are suffering and, in addition, advocating education as a form of prevention. HIV/AIDS truly does affect us all, whether Catholic, Jewish, black, white, young, old, American or African. This Saturday is World AIDS Day. Across the globe, international commitment is being demanded to address the realities of the pandemic. At Notre Dame, there is a call for your commitment to be in solidarity with 40,529,209 people who are suffering worldwide.

Teresa Hancock
senior
off campus
Nov. 27
If someone asked the creative minds at Disney to come up with an amalgam of their animated movies, it would have to be called something like "The Great Mulan-Ella and the Beast." Or maybe "Fantasia Pan, Aladdin and Bambi in Wonderland." Or something else to that effect.

And as Belle from "Beauty and the Beast" would say, the plot would need to have "Far off places, during swordfights, magic spells, a prince in disguise!"

Over-the-top scenery, crazy costuming, villains and heroes of legend or lore would be good suggestions, if not absolutely required.

Thankfully for children and inner-children everywhere, Disney has gone ahead and made its own version of the ultimate animated movie merger with its sweet, self-skewering new film "Enchanted." To its credit, "Enchanted" takes the tropes and clichés of Disney animated films and lets them run head-on into the cynicism of reality. The film's good humor about Disney stereotypes and postmodern twists feel genuine without being too self-deprecating.

The film opens with an animated sequence in Andalasia, the mythical home of young maiden Giselle (Amy Adams, "Junebug"), Prince Edward (James Marsden, "Hairspray") and an evil stepmother, Queen Narissa (Susan Sarandon). Giselle and Edward long for true love's first kiss, and once they meet a grand wedding at last.

"Whistle While You Work" mantra. The original songs are written by blockbuster Disney team Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz, known best to our generation for their work with the music from other Disney flicks. The pair worked together on "Pocahontas," and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Menken also worked on "Aladdin," "Beauty and the Beast," "The Little Mermaid," among others. "True Love's Kiss" is Edward and Giselle's opening duet, and "Happy Working Song" pays homage to "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" with Giselle's "Whistle While You Work" mantra.

Where "Enchanted" gets much of its charm is in how it playfully toys with Disney conventions. When Giselle sings the "Happy Working Song," for example, she opens Robert's penthouse window to call the animals to help her. But instead of deer, rabbits and frogs, Giselle gets rats, pigeons and cats to clean Robert and Morgan's apartment. When Edward arrives in New York to rescue his damsel, he stabs a city bus with his princely rapier and, in a clip widely seen in the film's trailer, thinks his television is a magic mirror.

"Enchanted" is so much fun that it's hard to remember any critics or cynics out there. For any critics or cynics out there, "Enchanted"—you'll feel the Disney magic in no time.
Disney to Return to Two-Dimensional Animation

"Enchanted" may feature only 14 minutes of traditional two-dimensional animation, but those few minutes are only a baby step before Walt Disney Animation Studios takes a giant leap back into the world of feature-length 2-D animation with "The Princess and the Frog" in 2009. It may seem odd that producing a 2-D animated film would be something unusual for Disney, but when the studio announced that 2004's easily forgettable "Home on the Range" would be its last 2-D animated feature, the art form that Walt Disney built his empire on appeared dead to the House of Mouse. "The Princess and the Frog" may be just what the studio needs to usher in a third golden age of animation.

Ron Clements and John Musker, who previously directed the 1992 hit "Aladdin" and 1997's "Hercules," but were forced out of the company after their failed "Treasure Planet" in 2002. Now they return to direct a musical fairytale, which they proved they could magically accomplish with "Mermaid." Although it was originally announced that composer Alan Menken would tackle the music for the film, it has since been decided that Pixar-favorite Randy Newman will take over the job. Menken is the composer behind "Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast," and with lyricist Howard Ashman they won multiple Academy Awards for their work with Disney. Ashman, who died in 1991 of AIDS, and Menken have also been credited with helping to revive Disney animation in the early 1990s. It was Ashman who came up with the idea to make Ursula an overweight, voluptuous drag queen character and Sebastian a Trinidadian "Under the Sea"-singing crab.

Therefore, the choice of Newman is an interesting one, but not too surprising — the musician is a New Orleans native. One speculation is that Menken was taken off of the project because he wrote the music for "Enchanted" and the studio did not want to seem too repetitive.

These overdue happenings at Walt Disney Animation Studios occur after an unsuccessful try at 3-D animation.

"Chicken Little," proving that it wasn't the technology that mattered to the public; it was the quality of story-telling. After Disney purchased Pixar in 2006, John Lasseter, a former Disney animator and Pixar founding member, became the chief creative officer for both Disney Animation and Pixar. Lasseter has made it clear that the Disney studio will not revert back to 2-D animation alone, but he has still paved the way for traditional 2-D animated films to be possible again.

In addition to discontinuing the production of straight-to-DVD Disney sequels, Lasseter has announced a return to the production of theatrical animated shorts. "How to Hook Up Your Home Theater," starring Goofy, will premiere before "National Treasure: Book of Secrets," which is set to be released on Dec. 21. "Home Theater" is the first Goofy theatrical cartoon since 1961's "Aquanaut." With all the changes happening at Disney in the post-Michael Eisner regime, it appears that traditional 2-D animated features are on the brink of another renaissance.

"With all the changes happening at Disney in the post-Michael Eisner regime, it appears that traditional 2-D animated features are on the brink of another renaissance. "Enchanted" is the first step as it lovingly pokes fun at its predecessors and points out the glaring passive stereotypes of the earlier princess films. There is no doubt that Tiana will build on the active roles of Ariel and Belle and set a new standard for Disney princesses.

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Duke picks up tempo, blows out Wisconsin

Gordon’s 29 points help Indiana hold off Georgia Tech; Pittsburgh, Memphis win easily over Boston U., Austin Peay

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke figured out how to make up for its size disadvantage against Wisconsin — turn up the tempo.

Greg Paulus scored 13 of his 18 points during the decisive first half, and No. 7 Duke ran No. 20 Wisconsin right out of Cameron Indoor Stadium in an 82-58 rout Tuesday night.

Freshman forward Lance Thomas fouls Wisconsin forward Brian Butch in the Blue Devils’ 82-58 win over Wisconsin Tuesday at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Indiana freshman guard Eric Gordon goes up for a layup in the Hoosiers’ 83-79 win over Georgia Tech Tuesday.

Jon Leuer and Trevor Hughes scored 12 points apiece and Brian Butch had 11 for Wisconsin (5-1), which was denied its first 6-0 start since 1996-97. Hughes, the team’s leading scorer, was held more than seven points below his average.

Duke wasted no time pressuring the half-court-oriented Badgers into an up-and-down game, never allowing them to feel comfortable in their first visit to Cameron.

The Blue Devils capped a decisive 19-7 first-half run with a spectacular 15-second sequence that had the volume at the always-noisy arena at its loudest decibel level all season.

Henderson got things going when he blocked a layup by Leuer to start a fast break, and Paulus buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key to extend Duke’s lead to 22-14.

Then, DeMarcus Nelson stole the ball from Michael Flowers and found Paulus in the left corner. The point guard swished his 15 points in the second half, and D.J. White added 18 to help

Indiana rally past Georgia Tech on Tuesday night.

Indiana 83, Georgia Tech 79

Erie Gordon scored 29 points and 15 rebounds as the Hoosiers improved to 15-2 and 3-0 in the Big Ten.

Indiana freshman guard Eric Gordon goes up for a layup in the Hoosiers’ 83-79 win over Georgia Tech Tuesday.

and coach Kelvin Sampson. Crawford was averaging 12.6 points.

Pittsburgh 80, Boston University 53

Ronald Ramon made all five of his 3-point attempts to score 15 points and No. 14 Pittsburgh put away Boston University quickly with a 20-3 run in the first half, staying unbeaten with a victory Tuesday night.

The Panthers (6-0), again showing off their new, facelifted offense, also got 14 points from leading scorer Sam Young, 11 points and eight assists from point guard Levance Fields and 11 points from Mike Cook.

The early run put the Panthers up 21-5 and was similar to that of a 22-0 run early in their 92-45 rout of Buffalo on Friday. Pitt’s average winning margin against mostly lightly-weighted competition is 31 points.

Pitt is 6-0 for the sixth consecutive season and has a chance to open at least 9-0 for the sixth time this year.

Field’s hit 3-pointer and Ramon made two in a row beyond the arc to put Pitt up 10-4, before Fields made a long jumper that was inches short of another 3. Keith Benjamin’s 3-pointer and Tyrell Biggs’ dunk made it 21-5, and coach Jamie Dixon expressed on his bench after that.

Boston University (1-5), picked by America East coaches as many as 23 early in the second half.

Chris Douglas-Roberts led Memphis with 23 points on 11-of-15 shooting, and Shawn Taggart added a career-high 19 points.

Drake Reed led the Governors (3-3) with 22 points, finishing with 10 points, hitting all four of his nine shots, while Todd Babington finished with 18 points on 5-of-8 from the field, all from 3-point range. Wes Channels had 16 for the Governors, and Kyle Duncan finished with 10 points, hitting all four of his shots from the field.

Memphis has won all its games by double digits. The Governors, who have lost two straight, never got the deficit under 16 in the final 17 minutes.

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- New York Rangers 13-9-2 20 73 66
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**NFL**

**Washington fans gather for a candlelight vigil at Redskins Park in Ashburn, Va., Tuesday to honor safety Sean Taylor. Taylor died early Tuesday after being shot by an intruder in his Miami home on Monday morning.**

**Redskins’ Taylor dies one day after shooting**

Associated Press

MIA MI - Pro Bowl safety Sean Taylor died Tuesday after he was shot in his home by an apparent intruder, leaving the Washington Redskins in mourning for a teammate who seemed to have redefined his life since becoming a father.

The 24-year-old player died at Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he had been airlifted after the shooting early Monday.

"It is with deep regret that a young man had to come to his end so soon," football's father Pedro Taylor said in a statement on behalf of the family. "Many of his fans loved him because the way he played football. Many of his opponents feared him and his opponents respected the way he approached the game. Others misunderstood him, many appreciated him and his family loved him."

A string of mourners, including Taylor's father, visited the player's home and embraced outside. Authorities entered the home, but it was unclear what they were doing.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said the league will honor Taylor's memory at all games this weekend.

"This is a terrible tragedy involving the loss of a young man who leaves behind many people struggling to understand it," he said in a statement.

Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said he would remember most about Taylor was his excitement about playing football.

"God made him to play football," Gibbs said Tuesday during a news conference. "He was loved and thrived on the competition part of it. Sean, he loved football. He loved these guys here."

Gibbs acknowledged it will be hard to concentrate on football this week.

"I don't know how we'll deal with it, except we'll all do it together," he said.

Famously already had begun a makeshift memorial by laying flowers on a field near the front entrance to the Redskins' practice facility in Ashburn, Va.

"This is a terrible, terrible tragedy," Redskins owner Daniel Snyder said.

He added the team would honor Taylor with a patch on the jersey and the No. 21 on the helmet.

Redskins teammate Clinton Portis also played with Taylor at the University of Miami. He said he sensed a new maturity in his close friend.

"I expect a man to grow up overnight," Portis said. "But ever since he had his child, it was like a new Sean, and everybody around here knew it. He was always smiling, always happy, always talking about his child."

Two bouquets were left by a palm tree outside a front gate of Taylor's home.

Beside the mailbox, an untouched newspaper lay with news of his shooting.

Taylor's death comes nearly a year after Broncos' Darrent Williams was killed in a drive-by shooting following an argument at a Denver nightclub on Jan. 1.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Pitcher suspended 50 games for failed drug test**

NEW YORK — Former Colorado Rockies pitcher Dan Serafini was suspended for 50 games Tuesday, the second player to fail a test for a performance-enhancing drug this season under Major League Baseball's testing program.

The 33-year-old left-hander played in three games and allowed two earned runs in one-third of an inning with the Rockies last season. Currently a free agent, Serafini has played for Minnesota, the Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh, San Diego and Cincinnati.

Serafini blamed the positive result on substances prescribed by a doctor in Japan, where he was limited to a total of 16 games in 2006 and 2007, because of what he described as "significant injuries."

"While trying to accelerate the healing process of these injuries, I took substances that were prescribed for me by a doctor in Japan, " Serafini said in a statement.

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**Williams' NFL comeback cut short by injury**

MIAMI — Ricky Williams' latest comeback lasted one game. The Miami Dolphins running back will miss the rest of the season with a torn chest muscle, according to his agent, Leigh Steinberg.

Williams was hurt Monday at Pittsburgh, when he played in his first game in nearly two years. He returned following a 1-year suspension for his latest violation of the NFL drug policy.

Steinberg said the arm will be in a sling from four to six weeks and the rehab will take five months.

But Steinberg said Williams expects to be ready for next season.

"It's sad given how hopeful Ricky had been about his return to football and given the amount of effort Ricky had put into his rehabilitation. But he's optimistic and hopeful for the future," Steinberg said.

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**Purdue's Howell to have second surgery on shoulder**

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue guard Jodi Howell will have a second operation on her left shoulder and will apply for a medical redshirt to gain an extra year of basketball eligibility.

Howell, a 5-foot-11 junior, had reconstructive surgery for a sprain in the shoulder in September. She will undergo another operation Thursday because of an infection that developed in the shoulder, coach Sharon Versyp said Tuesday.

Howell, the 2005 Indiana Miss Basketball from Alexandria High School, started all but one game last season, averaging 6.8 points and leading the Boilermakers in 3-point percentage. She averaged 3.4 points as a freshman but missed the final 12 games of that season with a broken foot.

She also missed most of her junior season in high school after surgery on a torn ligament in her right knee.

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SPORTS DRINKS

Inventor of Gatorade dies

Cade helped design drink for Florida football team in 1965

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Dr. J. Robert Cade, who invented the sports drink Gatorade and launched a multibillion-dollar industry that the beverage continues to dominate, died Tuesday of kidney failure. He was 80.

His death was announced by the University of Florida, where he and other researchers created Gatorade in 1965 to help the school's football players replace carbohydrates and electrolytes lost through sweat while playing in swamp-like heat.

"Today with his passing, the University of Florida lost a legend," said Dana Shires, one of the researchers.

"Iuzzled it and I vomited," Cade said.

The researchers added some sugar and some lemon juice to improve the taste. It was first tested on freshmen because Coach Ray Graves didn't want to hurt the varsity team. Eventually, however, the use of the sports beverage spread to the Gators, who enjoyed a winning record and were known as a "second-half team" by outlasting opponents.

After the Gators beat Georgia Tech 27-12 in the Orange Bowl in 1967, Tech coach Bobby Dodd told reporters his team lost because, "We didn't have Gatorade ... that made the difference." Stokely-Van Camp obtained the licensing rights for Gatorade and began marketing it as the "beverage of champions." PepsiCo Inc. now owns the brand, which has brought the University more than $150 million in royalties since 1973.

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Ole Miss will introduce Nutt as its new coach Wednesday, ending a whirlwind hiring that began when Nutt led Mississippi to a 42-38 win over LSU 50-48 in triple overtime.

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The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, concerned by the deep cultural divides that characterize so much of our world, has found inspiration in Pope Benedict’s Regensburg Address, and has decided to devote its 8th annual Fall conference to the theme: The Dialogue of Cultures. In interdisciplinary fashion, this conference will take up a variety of questions related to both the difficulties and opportunities involved in addressing cultural conflict.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:30 p.m. Welcoming Remarks - Rev. John J. Jenkins, C.S.C., President, University of Notre Dame
7:40 - 9:00 p.m. The Josef Pieper Keynote Lecture
9:45 - 11:15 p.m. Film: "Holy Land: Common Ground" ETS Theater (Lower Level)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 -10:15 a.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: Panel Discussion: the Use and Abuse of Reason for Life
Session 2: Natural Law, Human Rights, and Cultural Dialogue
Session 3: Friendship as Dialogue
Session 4: Panel Discussion: Benedict XVI's Regensburg Address: Principles, Historical Context, and Issues of Implementation
Session 5: Orthodox and Catholic Perspectives on Cultural Dialogue
Session 6: Dialogue and Evangelization
Session 7: Judaism and Jewish-Christian Dialogue
Session 8: Inter-Religious Dialogue
Session 9: East-West Encounters
Session 10: Faith and Reason
Session 11: Timeless Virtue: On the Interaction of Culture and Character in Jane Austen's Novels

10:45 am -12:00 p.m. Invited Papers
Session 1: "The Ethics of Exit from Iraq: Insights from Just War Thinking" George Lopez, University of Notre Dame
Session 2: "Reason: Its Proper Humility and Its Proper Power" Margaret Monahan Hogan, University of Portland
Session 3: "How to be a European: Questions for Tariq Ramadan" Alasdair MacIntyre, University of Notre Dame
Session 4: "Benedict XVI’s Regensburg Address: A Project of the Universal Dialogue of Cultures, Especially with Islam" Rev. Samir Khalil Samir, S.J., St. Joseph’s University, Lebanon

1:30 -2:45 p.m. Invited Speakers
Session 1: A Practical Dialogue of Cultures? The Promise and Perils of a Global Human Rights Law? Paolo Carozza, University of Notre Dame
Session 2: Two Modernisms, Two Thomisms: Reflections on the Centenary of Pius X’s Letter against the Modernists Russell Hittinger, University of Tulsa
Session 3: "Reason and Regensburg: Pope Benedict and the Dialogue of Cultures" Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago
Session 4: "Making Peace with Muslims: Faith, Reason, and Religious Violence in Benedict XVI’s Regensburg Lecture" Michael Baxter, University of Notre Dame

3:15 -4:45 p.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: The Dialogue with Islam
Session 2: Panel Discussion: Christian Responses to Terrorism: Lessons from Africa and Latin America
Session 3: Dialogue in Performance
Session 4: Western Philosophy in Dialogue with the East
Session 5: Panel Discussion: How Should We Talk About Illegal Immigration and Health Care Allocation?
Session 6: Panel Discussion: "Anglo-American Arguments Against Embryos"
Session 7: Legal and Public Policy Issues
Session 8: Panel Discussion: Intercultural Communication Ethics: Before the Conversation Begins
Session 9: The Image as Locus of a Dialogue
Session 10: Reason and Tradition
Session 11: The Virtues of Dialogue

5:00 -5:45 p.m. Latin Mass (Novus Ordo) for the Feast of Saint Andrew
7:30 -9:00 p.m. "Reading Regensburg Right" George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 -10:15 a.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: Regensburg Revisited
Session 2: Dialogue and Modern Political Order
Session 3: Medieval Resources for the Dialogue of Cultures
Session 4: Globalization and Conflict
Session 5: Media and the Arts: Forms of Dialogue
Session 6: Panel Discussion: Natural Law in American Catholic Social Ethics
Session 7: "New Perspectives on Justice and Peace
Session 8: Cultural Conflicts Affecting Human Life
Session 9: The Theology of Culture
Session 10: International Law and Global Justice

10:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Invited Speakers
Session 1: "Pentecost and St. Thomas: A Model for the Meeting of Cultures?" Ralph McInerny, University of Notre Dame
Session 2: "Why is Benedict XVI Wary of Inculturation? Mis-siological Reflections" Rev. Paul V. Kollman, University of Notre Dame
Session 3: "From Beati, Negap, and Dialogue: Bridging the Gap between Reason and Reality" Wael Farouq, Coptic Catholic Faculty of Sakakini

1:30 -2:45 p.m. Invited Speakers
Session 1: "The Dialogue with Atheism: Chesterton's The Ball and the Cross" Ralph Wood, Baylor University
Session 2: "Red States, Blue States: Cultures in Conflict" Wade P. Dougherty, The Catholic University of America
Session 3: "Beyond Dialogue: Keeping the Faith and Knowing the Truth" H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr., Rice University

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Session 1: Panel Discussion: Human Experience and Dialogue of Cultures in the Writings of John Paul II
Session 2: Questions Facing Women in an Intercultural Age
Session 3: Models of Peacemaking
Session 4: Challenges of Multiculturalism
Session 5: Philosophical Approaches to Dialogue and Culture
Session 6: Political Philosophy and Cultural Dialogue
Session 7: Catholic-Baptist Dialogue
Session 8: Faith, Reason and Justice in the Free Society
Session 9: Maintaining Cultural Identity in a Multicultural World
Session 10: The Catholic Understanding of Culture
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**McAlarney**

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Forwards Ryan Ayers and Luke Zeller have some jump shooting ability, but their height often necessitates them setting up closer to the basket. So most of the outside shooting responsibility falls on McAlarney — and in the last two games, he's started to meet that pressure.

"I feel like I need to be the gunslinger," he said. "If the other team makes a run, and then I hit a three, that can be a dagger."

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Irish guard Melissa Lechlitner passes in Tuesday's 92-47 win over Canisius. Lechlitner tallied seven points and two assists in the victory.

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but at the same time we have to be ready to play." The Irish had to wait more than two weeks last season before their first tournament game when they defeated Illinois-Chicago 1-0 at home. Oakland played on Saturday in the opening round of the tournament, taking down in-state rival Michigan State 2-1. The win avenged a 3-0 loss to the Spartans earlier in the season.

Notre Dame also lost in East Lansing this year. Michigan State came away with a 1-0 shutout victory on College Field when the two teams met on Oct. 10. "(Oakland) went somewhere we weren’t able to go to this year," Clark said. "They went to East Lansing and came out with a win. They’re a solid team and it was a good game, it went back and forth but I was impressed with several very good players." The Grizzlies have been led this year by center midfielder Piner Nowak, who has nine assists and five goals on the season. The 5-foot-10 junior also scored Oakland’s first goal against the Spartans in its first round victory.

Senior Michael Reyes and sophomore Sebastian Harris are currently tied for the team lead in goals scored, with six each.

Irish senior keeper Chris Cahill, who holds a Notre Dame record with three tournament shutouts, will have his hands full keeping the Grizzlies out of the net.

"They don’t have a lot of weaknesses, it will require full focus from our guys," Clark said.

"It’s very important that we don’t look past each step along the way." Bobby Clark
Irish coach

Karasz

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Louisville Sept. 28, the Irish are officially 15-0-1, with the draw being a penalty-kicks loss to West Virginia in the Big East tournament final. Karas has allowed only eight goals while starting every contest during that span.

Against North Carolina, Karas allowed five saves, including two on second-half shots by the Tar Heels’ star, midfielder Nikki Washington that appeared headed for the back of the net. And with 30 seconds remaining, Karas made a sliding save to stop a North Carolina breakaway and secure the victory for the Irish.

"That was probably her best overall game in her four years here," Waldrum said. "She’s had some games where she’s been very good but she just had so much action and so much she had to do with. She was just fantastic. Although she is reluctant to talk about herself, Karas said she was always confident, even after she almost lost her starting job at the beginning of the season.

I’m not doing anything different than my first three years here except now I have a chance to be on the field," Karas said.

"We didn’t have a starter in the beginning of the season because Kelsey and Nikki are great goalkeepers," Karas said. "They push me in practice and they’re great support." Waldrum is happy with his choice for starter.

"Her confidence just built and built and she hasn’t let us down."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

"Behind the scenes, we sat down with her and we just came to the fact that we were going to live with her or die with her and I think that’s really helped her confidence," Waldrum said. "She’s hitting her stride around the right time."

The Irish host Duke Friday with only that game standing between them and a trip to the College Cup.

"They haven’t done anything less than we’ve done," Karas said of the Blue Devils. "It’s an even playing field right now."

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Yesterdays’s Jumbles: SWASH FINAL MOTIVE GOLFER

Answer: What the scientists decided to do when they studied the robots — GO WITH THE FLY

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Across
36 Does as told 38 Andrea Ross
39 Lie like vu 40 Turner who sang
41 Marzipan ingredient
43 Piggy
44 Cooking utensil from central Spain?
47 Like a heartless myth
48 Alt. spelling
49 Paran
52 Doctor’s letters
54 ___, buco
58 HAL ()005, in (2001: A Space Odyssey?)
59 Do a little good for someone else
62 Sport with large wings
65 U.S.I. ’s
66 Hedge parts

Down
1 Tabooed words
2 Mayberry boy
3 Hungry reaction
4 Animal with a shiny coat
5 U.K. record label
6 Fizzled out
7 Radio’s former "Morning"
8 Pick
9 Mutual fund redemption charge
10 Deep fissure
11 Oral history
12 "Evil empire" of the 80’s
13 A "real"
14 Sarge's superior
15 Brewery units
16 Empty (of)
17 Small, as a Shinee Baby
18 First course option
19 A servant might ask a soda jerk to pick it up

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**Horoscope**

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Adork White, 31, Brooke Langton, 31, Fuller Brush, 29, Comet, 25, Kris Kross, 27

Happy Birthday: Decals can be made, trips planned and new beginnings developed and put into action. Change is good and should be the start of a new lifestyle, direction or even better yet, you now are aware of a better you. 4 stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don’t take chances with emotional matters. You may find things going your way until a certain combination. Chance are good you are feeling insecure for reasons that have nothing to do with what others are doing or saying. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do things around the house that will make your life a little simpler and more comfortable. A reform will be put into place if you help a cause you believe in. Your passionate actions will assure you a prestigious position. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you’ve been thinking about changing your vocation, taking a minor or starting your own business, you should do something about it today. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have a good handle on what’s happening around you. You have to make the changes that will help control some of the problems you have been facing. Making or getting them will only make matters worse. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can get by with a little, knowing your actions will eventually come around to bite you. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do for others and you will avoid complaints. Someone who is close to you may be a handler because of excessive overworking, overeating or taking up too much of your time. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have a handle on just about everything today, however, don’t be surprised if someone tries to bribe you for something or take credit for your work. Express the situation practically and precisely. Put time aside for your one and only. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have nothing to worry about in your face except a hunger to walk on your own path. Don’t make choices that will change your life forever if you have the power to do what you want. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A little love may seem harmless enough but, it is with someone you work with or someone involved with another, you have a problem. Money can be made. Problems with institutions can be solved and debts resolved and paid off. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t mess on something because you are not playing with attention. You have the time to do something else. Someone is taking advantage of you. A contract has to be put into place before you even forward a proposal. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do be a little good for someone else. You can make a decision by setting a trend or to something special for someone you love. You not the one to half-commitment or to lie about your emotions. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do something fun, playful and inspirational. By letting go and enjoying yourself, you will discover solutions to some of the things that have been troubling you. Trolls will be forced to mend old friendships. 4 stars

Birthday Baby: You are always looking for something new to explore whether it is a friendship, a job or a place you’ve never been. Education, travel and helping others will help you discover your talents and attributes.

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Men's Basketball

McAlarney's shot heating up at home

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Kyle McAlarney wanted the ball. Actually, that's an understatement. "I was dying to get the ball," he said. That's how "in the zone" the junior guard was Monday against Colgate. He shot 7-for-10 from behind the arc against the Raiders, scoring a career-high 25 points. McAlarney said he was confident in his shot that he knew he was going to score "before I even got the ball." "Once you hit one, then you hit another one, then you're starting to step back and let the momentum take over," he said.

The Colgate game was the second in a row in which McAlarney had caught fire from long range. Against Youngstown State on Saturday, he was 6-for-10 from 3-point range and scored 23 points. But McAlarney's shooting hasn't always been sharp. Before the Youngstown State game, he was 6-for-20 from long range on the season and was coming off a seven-point performance in Notre Dame's 70-69 loss to Georgia Tech at the Paradise Jam tournament in the U.S. Virgin Islands. McAlarney said part of the reason for his improvement is that the last two games have been at the Joyce Center, where Notre Dame played three games in the Virgin Islands. "This is our home floor," he said. "We play here every day. It's a lot easier to get into a rhythm here than anywhere else." McAlarney also has been adjusting to his role as Notre Dame's primary outside shooter. Last season, before his suspension in January, McAlarney was the starting point guard. His main responsibility was to find his fellow guards, especially then-senior Colin Falls, for open shots. He needed to shoot from the outside only when he found himself with open. But this year, McAlarney is the starting shooting guard for the Irish — and his team needs him to look for his own shot.

Irish host Oakland in second round of NCAA Tournament

By DAN MURPHY
Assistant Sports Editor

Last year Notre Dame advanced to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history. This August, the team made it one of their season's goals to top that mark. The Irish will take the first step towards reaching that goal tonight when they face Oakland in the second round of the tournament. "Certainly one of our goals is to take it as far as we can," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It's very important that we don't look beyond each step along the way. It's one step at a time and Oakland is the first step.

No. 10 Notre Dame earned a first round bye following their run to the Big East Finals where they lost 2-0 to Connecticut on the Huskies' home turf Nov. 18. Clark thinks the ten days off has prepared the team for action against the Golden Grizzlies tonight. "We've been playing so many games, we were able to top it in our fitness," he said. "I think it will make us hungry to play, itching to get the next one and hit another one, then you're stepping on the gas. Before I even got the ball." Clark knew he was going to score goals to top that mark. The Irish will take the first step towards reaching that goal tonight when they face Oakland in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Tenacious defense leads to blowout

Squad forces Canisius into 29 turnovers with swarming full-court pressure

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Guard Ashley Barlow scored 18 points and had six assists and guard Charel Allen added 17 points as Notre Dame beat Canisius 93-47 Tuesday at the Joyce Center. The Irish (5-1) kept the Golden Griffins offense from creating a momentum with a tenacious full-court press that helped it create 29 turnovers, 18 of which came in the first half. "We like the press. We're pretty good at it," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "That's how we score a lot of points in transition. We like to play that way, we're more comfortable playing this way." Canisius coach Terry Zeh said Notre Dame's size and athleticism prevented the Griffins (3-2) from establishing their offense. "We really struggled with their pressure as you could see," Zeh said. "Our point guard is small and you have Irish forward Bevareaux Peters at the top of that press, or any of their athletic players at the top of that press, and we couldn't see over that all. And when we did get it over the top we couldn't attack and make them pay at all." The turnovers, Zeh said, came partly as a result of his team's lack of depth and injuries. "We're young and injured right now," he said. "For a team of our level to compete, you've got to take care of the basketball.

Irish guard Brittany Mallory passes over a Canisius defender in Tuesday's 93-47 Notre Dame win over the Golden Griffins.