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Students work with NDSP on campus
Workers write parking tickets, volunteer with SafeWalk, among other jobs with police

By JENN METZ Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame students have been helping out the police for about three decades in different ways — including writing parking tickets and escorting other students to and from campus locations, said Phil Johnson, the director of Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP). NDSP employs "40 or so" students, Johnson said. These students, he said, "are all over campus, in different areas, including administration, parking enforcement, lost and found and assisting dispatchers. Most student workers, Johnson said, are in SafeWalk, a group that students can call to walk them home at night. "Student responsibilities have changed somewhat through the years," Johnson said. "For example, in the late 1970s, student employees worked in 'parking lot patrol' and monitored the student parking lot late at night, and in the early morning hours. And for a number of years, law students worked part-time at the Main Gate when it was located between the Morris Inn and Alumni Hall.

Now, student-ticketwriters help out officers during what Maj. Jeff Korros called "busier times."

Korros, who is in charge of traffic patrol, said students working with NDSP 15 years ago.

Student-ticketwriters help relieve the officers of ticket writing so "they can do other things," Korros said.

"They add eyes and ears that have seen things going on, like car break-ins," he said of the student workers.

Freshman finishes first novel in 29 days
Kaitlyn Conway completes national contest with 31 hours to spare, plans to compete again next year

By KAITLYNN RILEY Assistant News Editor

It may not be the next great American novel, but at least it's done.

Starting at midnight on Nov. 1, Notre Dame freshman Kaitlyn Conway set out to write a 50,000-word novel in 30 days. As a participant in the National Novel Writing Month competition, Conway joined thousands around the world in a feverish attempt to create a work of fiction by midnight on Nov. 30.

Conway has been writing The Name Game, "a futuristic crime story, in between classes and homework. At 5 p.m. Thursday, more than 24 hours before the deadline, Conway surpassed the necessary word count by 113 words, bringing her page total to more than 90 pages on Microsoft Word — the equivalent of a 175-page published book. She said finishing felt "fantastic" but that it feels "really weird" to be a novelist.

"I haven't started calling myself that yet," she said.

This is her first completed novel, but the third time Conway has entered the contest, held by the National Novel Writing Month organization, nicknamed NaNoWriMo. She tried in eighth grade and again during her senior year of high school.

Last year, she wrote 17,000 words by the deadline. This year, she said, she was determined to finish. She remembered times, though, when 50,000 words seemed like an insurmountable objective in just 30 days.

But Conway said she never lost sight of her goal.

"I was determined," she said, "I was like, 'I'm doing this.' I didn't think I was going to make it for a while this past weekend because I was so behind. I didn't have any time to work, but then I started cranking stuff out, and I was like, 'I can do it.'"

Conway only had about 28,000 words written Tuesday evening. But she was confident — and rightly so — that she would finish by the deadline.

"I've had 5,000-word days and then 10,000-word days. It's not often discussed in an open way of learning," said Maj. Jeff Korros, in charge of traffic patrol. "You've got to be professional. It makes you feel more comfortable presenting yourself in front of people, too."

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She said business etiquette "comes out mostly when you're dining."

The dinner was adapted from a program offered at the University of North Carolina, Mousaw said.

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Business manners taught at session

By BRIAN MCKENZIE News Writer

About 100 students joined 15 alumni at a formal business etiquette dinner hosted by the Student Alumni Club and the Alumni Association Thursday night in North Dining Hall. While the dinner was enjoyed and specifically centered on dating and single-sex dinners, many described experiences in both college and high school.

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Censoring Santa

It’s about time someone told Santa that just because mommy was kissing him under the mistletoe, it doesn’t make her a ho, ho, ho.

That merry man in red, who urges children to climb up on his lap. Perhaps, in the interest of giving our children to climb up on his lap. Perhaps, in the interest of giving our children a sense of the author and page 1.

Sometimes we feel gung ho, sometimes we’ve been too distracted by candy canes and Christmas carols to hear S. Claus’ s critical comments.

It seems like the North Pole isn’t the only place in need of a politically correct makeover. So perhaps Westfall should give up its campaign and make one small step toward ridding itself of “ho, ho, ho” as similar to the American slang for prostitute.

Many have spoken out against the poetry of saying “no, no, no” to the “ho, ho, ho,” claiming it takes political correctness too far.

Santa must children who sit on Santa’s lap during the holiday season have no idea that the word “ho” can be used as an insult. And yes, most people made one small step toward ridding itself of “ho, ho, ho” because it could frighten children and may be derogatory to women.

The training at Westfall, a company that supplies hundreds of Santas to department stores and malls across Australia, reportedly told the prospective Santas that the traditional greeting of “ho, ho, ho” was too similar to the language spoken in India.

A cursory Google search reveals that we will make mistakes. If we have made a correct our error.

Man finds lost bracelet in chicken gizzard

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Aaron Giles, 31, of Arden Hills.

"I would spend most of my time out at his farm and that’s the only place I can think of that I would have lost it," Giles said Thursday, adding that he thinks it was lost when he was 4 or 5 years old.

The barn was dismantled a few years ago, and the materials were used to construct another barn in rural Elmore, about 45 miles away, he said. Giles thinks his bracelet was imbedded in the barn materials when they were moved.

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Students get cultured at art show
Badin Hall awards cash prizes to top campus artists in annual event

By LINDSAY SENA
News Writer

More than 100 students didn't choose and crackers and listened to classical music as they viewed student artwork on display Thursday at the Badin Hall art show. The show, hosted by Badin's Academic Commission in the hall's social space, is the dorm's annual event.

Sophomore Brandy Mader, Badin Hall's academic commissioner, said 22 participants submitted 45 works of art this year. "We were pretty surprised by the response. We got a lot more works than expected," she said. "We got a lot of good work." Mader said he has been interested in photography since high school. As a biology major, though, he said taking photos is a hobby.

His work includes pictures of St. Louis and his hometown, Traverse City, Mich. The frames around the photograph are also a part of the work. "They are actually pantry doors from a farm house," Coggon said. He entered the show "on a whim." ... (The photographs) were hanging in my dorm room. I heard about the art show and figured I could do without them for a couple of weeks.

Sophomore Mary Cecilia Mitsch also submitted a piece to the show. Her "link graphic" creatively displays a watch with "parietals" written on the band. The piece was originally created for her graphic design class. "We were supposed to combine an object and a word in a clever way," Mitsch said. "I thought that a lot of students could relate to parietals."

The show was designed to give the Notre Dame community a greater sense of artistic appreciation. "The Badin art show is an outlet for the artists of Notre Dame to unleash their artistic capabilities in a setting that is both embracing of their talents and open to the spirit of beauty and truth," junior Claire McGuthy said.

All works of art will be on display until Dec. 5 in Badin's social space. Contact Lindsay Sena at lsena@nd.edu

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Searching for the one and a "ring by spring," and said the single-sex dorms and parietals seem to foster these strained attitudes and interactions between the sexes. While weighing both the good and bad aspects of dorm life at Notre Dame, students seemed to agree with the unique sense of community dorm life promotes within sexes. "Same-sex dorms perpetuate being all together as females or all together as males," which can help foster great relationships and bonds with those of the same sex, FIRE starter Jordy Brooks said.

However, the negative effects on gender relations were considered in both the small group discussions and within the panel of FIRE starters, which evaluated the tension and awkward relations between males and females on campus.

"You don't get an in-between — guys are here for actual dating, girls are here for friends," and vice versa, FIRE starter Markay Guan said.

The poor gender relations can be seen in the single-sex groups of students in the dining halls, the labeled interactions between the opposite sexes at dorm parties and dances and the lack of dating on campus, students said.

In addition, students discussed the topic of parietals in terms of its positive and negative influences on campus life. While parietals "force us to learn how to set boundaries and foster community," many students feel as though parietals "sexually charge" opposite-sex interactions on campus, Coton said.

The midnights or a.m. time limit placed on contact between the sexes within the dorms means parietals are "encouraging hookups and discouraging friendships," sophomore Chrissy Andrews said. With this forum and others to follow, the GRC hopes to propose "alternatives to help improve gender relations with same and different sexes," FIRE starter Brad Muatan said.

The GRC hopes to work toward more natural interactions among students on campus by encouraging social group interactions, "actual dating, improved 24-hour space, continued discussions on the topic and increased communication between the sexes.

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ND senior receives Ireland scholarship

Mitchell award gives Laidman year of study

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Notre Dame senior Andrea Laidman was named one of 12 recipients of the 2008-2009 George J. Mitchell Scholarship in Washington on Nov. 17. The scholarship is a fellowship sponsored by the U.S.-Ireland Alliance. It affords a dozen students the opportunity to pursue one year of post-graduate study at any university in Ireland.

Laidman, a political science and international peace studies double major, said several professors encouraged her to look into various fellowships. The one that stood out the most, she said, was the Mitchell Scholarship. Laidman was an intern at the Irish Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform in Dublin last summer.

"The Mitchell scholarship, which is named after Sen. George Mitchell, who helped broker the peace agreements in Northern Ireland, looks for students who have been activists in their field," Laidman said. "I've been able to do that while at Notre Dame. So, George Mitchell's life and work and the goals of the scholarship seemed like a good fit with my own.

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"I hope to work in shaping international and domestic political and human rights policies, either in a government agency or for an NGO or other organization," Laidman said.

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Laidman year of study

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Students typically work about 20 hours a week, but most don't know what Korrus called "peak times" — between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. They are employed during the school year and do not work on football game days, Korrus said.

Student ticket writers are offered NDSP-issued jackets, but most don't wear them, Korrus said. Tickets are written with a hand-held writer that resembles a personal digital assistant, Korrus said.

When issuing a citation, a student writer must provide the permit number and year — or license plate number and state — and a description of the vehicle, and the most recent inspection date of the vehicle, if available comes up, he said. Tickets are electronic printouts from the writing computer.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuelans protest Chavez plan

CARACAS — Hundreds of thousands of people flooded the streets of the capital Thursday to oppose a referendum that would eliminate term limits for President Hugo Chavez and help him establish a socialist state in Venezuela.

Blowing whistles, waving placards and shouting "Not like this!" the marchers carried Venezuelan flags and dressed in blue — the chosen color of the opposition — as they streamed along avenues.

"This is a movement of those of us who oppose a change to this country's way of life, because what the referendum's about is to impose totalitarianism," said former law­yer and opposition leader Jose Luis Rivas. "There isn't a communist Venezuela, and that's why our society is reacting this way."

Bin Laden criticizes European aid

CAIRO — Al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden called on Europeans to stop help­ing the United States in the war in Afghanistan, according to excerpts of a new audiotape broadcast Thursday on Al Jazeera television.

Bin Laden said it was unjust for the United States to have invaded Afghanistan for something that came after the Sept. 11 ter­ror attacks, saying he was the "only one responsible" for the deadly assaults on New York and Washington.

"The events of Manhattan were retali­ation against the American-Israelian alliance's aggression against our people in Palestine and Lebanon, and I am the only one responsible for it. The Afghan people and government know nothing about it. America knows that," the al­Qaida leader said.

NATIONAL NEWS

FEMA evacuates federal trailer parks

NEW ORLEANS — Dozens of Hurricane Katrina victims still living in FEMA trailer parks will have to find new housing by Friday, as the agency works to shutter the temporary facilities it set up after the storm two years ago.

The agency is intended to help the hurri­cane victims move into more stable, per­manent housing, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said. But advocates worry that a housing shortage in the still­recovering area could leave some strug­gling to find a place to live.

Former officers arrested for beating

MILWAUKEE — Three white former police officers entered not guilty pleas Thursday in the nearly three-year-old beating case of a black suspect.

A judge sentenced Jon Bartletti to 17 years and four months, with three years of supervision and $16,360 in restitution. Daniel Masarik was sentenced to 15 years and eight months, and Andrew Spengler received the same sentence.

Bartletti, 36, Masarik, 27, and Spengler, 28, were convicted with another former officer for part in the beating of Frank Jude Jr. outside a housewarming party in October 2004. play contributed to his death, police said.

LOCAL NEWS

Teen steals $10,000 for gas money

INDIANAPOLIS — A teenager says he held up a dozen businesses in part to get $10,000 to purchase a Rolex watch he wouldn't make him miss curfew or church on Sundays with his mom.

The boy was released on a felony robbery charge after being arrested last week for a string of hold-ups.

He told detectives he robbed about a dozen of businesses of an estimated $10,000 this year for "money to fix his car, to buy jewelry, to keep up with everyone else," Indianapolis police Sgt. Kerry Burkner said.

WORLD & NATION

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PAKISTAN

Musharraf to lift state of emergency

In an effort to restore democracy, Pakistan president swears up to uphold constitution, elections

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pervez Musharraf, deeply sworn in as a civilian president and minus his trademark gener­al's uniform, promised Thursday to lift the state of emergency by Dec. 16 and restore Pakistan's constitu­tion ahead of parliamentary elections.

If he keeps his word, Musharraf will have addressed key demands of opposition parties as well as the United States, an impor­tant supporter increasingly worried that Pakistan politi­cal turmoil could weaken the government's resolve to con­front Islamic militants.

Musharraf urged opposi­tion parties to participate in the elections and strengthen democracy, returning its usually force­ful persons after blinking back tears Wednesday when he resigned as commander of Pakistan's military and ended a 46-year army career.

"This is a milestone in the transition of Pakistan to the complete essence of demo­cracy," he told officials, diplo­mats and generals at his oath-taking ceremony in the presidential palace. "Anyone who is not an ally of the government should hear this out: Come hell or high water, elections will be held on Jan. 8. Nobody derails it."

Former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said his party, one of the country's two main opposition parties, would compete in the election "under protest." She predict­ed the balloting would be "dysfunctional" and said she would not participate.

Musharraf's government had faced growing criticism for using the emergency to shut down opposition parties and impose totalitarianism, but said it would be more "under protest."  She predicted the balloting would be "dysfunctional" and said she would not participate.

Musharraf's plan was met with a mixed response from the opposition and Western leaders.

"A level playing field" is in place for the ballot and their parties "will participate" in the elections, Musharraf said. "The elections will be a success. God willing, will be held free and transparent under the constitution."

Washington and London quickly welcomed the announcement.

"We hope that he follows through on that," White House press secretary Dana Perino said. "I think you have to give President Musharraf some credit here, because while he made the decision to establish the emergency order—which we believed was a mistake, and we coun­seled against—it he did take the step" to lift it.

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said London also looked forward to the lifting of the emergency and other restrictions— one major television channel and several radio stations remain blocked and several judgesacroning lawyers are still in custody.

New York

Broadway reopens after 19-day strike

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Broadway came back to life Thursday as stage-starved fans lined up outside the gates for plays and the­aters reopened their doors following a 19-day stagehands strike that took a big toll on the live theater economy.

The mood was ecstatic all around the theater district. Tourists, actors, stage­hands, musicians, hot dog vendors, basically anyone remotely affected by the closed-down Broadway were all thrilled about the return of musicals and plays.

"I never thought I'd have the opportunity to see a Broadway show! And the price is right," Canadian tourist Susan Lethamont said as she waited for steeply discounted $26.50 tickets to "Chicago" reopening Thursday with a new cast that included two stars from "The Sopranos."

The strike infuriated serious harm on Broadway during one of the best times of the year, when the city is teeming with tourists and Christmas shoppers. Officials estimated that the city lost about $38 million because of the strike.

The end of the walkout meant a scramble for new openings for shows that were in previews when the strike hit. Aaron Sorkin's "The Farnsworth Invention" will now open Dec. 5; "August: Osage County" from Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Dec. 4; "The Seafarer" arrives Dec. 6; and Dec. 9 will be the

new opening for a long-lost Mark Twain comedy, "He's Dead."

Miley's "The Little Mermaid" has already announced it would push back its scheduled Dec. 6 opening — with a new date set Thursday for Jan. 10. And a revival of Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," which had been set to start previews the day after Thanksgiving, will now premiere Dec. 16.

Popular musicals such as "Wicked," "Jersey Boys," "Mamma Mia!" and "The Lion King" were among the more than two dozen shows that were shut down during the lucrative Thanksgiving holiday week. These big hits regularly gross more than $1 million each week this time of year.
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how to connect to your alum
Mousan said etiquette was highly relevant to job placement.

She offered an example where an interviewer at a restaurant mentioned the soup was good.

"The appli

Mousan, an engineering graduate student, said business etiquette is relevant even to engineers and other sciences.

"They are in few situations with customers, but situations they will have engineering experts come in to consult or collaborate," he said. "They will have to sell themselves as someone [employers and colleagues] will want to work with, somewhere they can be trusted.

Marc Burdell, the senior director of the Alumni Association, said business etiquette "reflects on the organizational skills of job candi
dates."

"Employers are looking for people with discernment and integrity, employees they can count on to make good judgments to uphold the corporate brand," Maureen Costello, an image consultant and human resources manager, said. "They want someone with blow-up terpiece for the giant pole — to limit Christmas fram

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which consisted of Sanchez and seniors Peter Hadley and Jimmy Bluff, has commissioned some fun activities that may keep attendees around even after the show begins.

The decorations begin at the entrance to the dorm on Carroll Drive, where luminaries — candles lanterns made from small paper bags — will line the road to provide the dorm entrance a warm glow. Just outside the building, a large Christmas tree will be lit and landscaped for visitors to appreciate.

Inside, snowflakes, lights, and garlands will be hanging from the ceilings and walls. Each Carroll resident will have a Christmas stocking bearing his or her name. A giant pole to represent the North Pole will be the centerpiece for the loonage, along with blow-up polar bears and snowmen.

Best of all, there is a designated space for Santa’s workstation, where people will have the opportunity to take pictures with Santa and meet Men Claus and two of the couple’s elves.

"In the past, the pictures with Santa have been a huge hit," Peter Hadley, Carroll Hall senior, said. "When Gildy and I stand out when he applied for funding earlier this year. They evaluated past history, their event’s contribution to Notre Dame’s significance, and allocate funds based on those criteria," he said. "In submitting our application, I was audacious in talking about ways to design the event, and noted how each year we have had more people.

During the funding distribution announcements, the planning committee was shocked to discover off drug dealers along the way. Connie and Conway estimated about 20 people at Notre Dame, both graduate and undergraduate students, par
ticipated in the NaNoWriMo contest. During October, the freshmen put up signs around campus to encourage people to join them in their novel-writing expedition. Seven or eight people responded, they said.

During November, Conway and Craven occasionally met with five of the respondents to write their novels together. They also went to a writing session held by the South Bend chapter of NaNoWriMo writers at the Barnes and Noble in Mishawaka. Mostly older adults, but also some graduate students, were at the event.

Conway said she thought the writing sessions helped her brainstorm the direction of her story.

"It’s nice to be able to like, ‘Oh, I don’t know what I’m talking about here,’ and then someone else may know,” she said.

Conway sent her story to NaNoWriMo’s Web site Thursday for a final word count validation. The site announced her a winner and displayed a certificate with her word count for her to print.

Conway and Craven said their friends have asked to read their novels after they are done. Conway said she will put her novel aside until December when she then plans to edit it.

I think it has moments where it’s pretty good and then moments where it’s pret

Absolutely,” said Craven.

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Counselors are still working with students in the counseling center, but services will be curtailed over the holiday break. Counselors will be available to answer questions and provide brief therapeutic intervention via telephone or email.

Contact the counseling center at 631-6840.
China agrees to eliminate tax breaks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration announced Thursday it had settled a major trade dispute with an agreement in which the Chinese government has pledged to end several trade-distorting tax subsidies.

The deal represents a breakthrough in tense economic relations between two great trading nations by resolving one of four cases the United States has brought before the World Trade Organization attacking Chinese trade practices.

U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab said China had agreed to eliminate WTO-illegal tax breaks that had penalized U.S. and other foreign countries in trying to sell their goods in China.

Schwab said the economic boost for U.S. companies would be "very substantial" because the tax breaks have been so pervasive. While she did not provide any concrete estimates on the value of the subsidies, she said a wide range of U.S. industries from steel to wood products to information technology would benefit.

"This outcome represents a victory for U.S. manufacturers and their workers," she told reporters. "The agreement will allow two great trading nations to work together to settle disputes to their mutual benefit."

However, administration critics said President Bush will have to produce much bigger results to have an impact on America's record trade deficit with China, which hit $233 billion last year and will be even larger this year.

They singled out a range of areas where they contend that unfair Chinese practices are driving the deficit higher and have contributed to the loss of 3 million U.S. manufacturing jobs since 2000.

"China's currency doesn't float freely, certain U.S. industries with competitive advantages can't operate freely in China's economy, and some of the products it exports are faulty and dangerous," said Sen. Charles Schummer, D-N.Y. "It seems that China has taken a small step on the long road toward playing more fairly in global trade, but only time will tell."
Scientists map gene switches

New research shows why some are vulnerable to diseases, obesity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Remember biology class when you learned that children inherit one copy of a gene from mom and another from dad? There’s a twist: Some of those genes arrive switched off, so there is no backup if the other copy goes bad, making you more vulnerable to disorders from obesity to cancer.

Duke University scientists now have identified these "silenced genes," creating the first map of this unique group of about 200 genes believed to play a profound role in people’s health.

More intriguing, the work marks an important step in studying how our environment — food, stress, pollution — interacts with genes to help determine why some people get sick and others do not.

"What we have is a bag of gold nuggets," lead researcher Dr. Randy Jirtle said about the collection of "imprinted" genes. The team’s findings were published online Friday by the journal Genome Research.

Next comes work to prove exactly what role these genes play — whether people will be in gold or fool’s gold — and some will be fool’s gold," Jirtle added.

Usually, people inherit a copy of each gene from each parent and both copies are active, program to do the same job whenever needed. If one copy of a gene becomes mutated and a second gene does not work properly, often the other copy can compensate.

Genetic imprinting knocks out that backup. It means that for some genes, people inherit and pass on only from the mother or only from the father, or they are "imprinted," the copy from the other parent to be silent.

Jirtle compared it to flying a single-engine airplane with one engine cut off. If the other engine quits, the plane crashes. In genetic terms, if one tumor-suppressing gene is silenced and the active one breaks down, a person is more susceptible to cancer.

Only animals that have live births have imprinted genes. It was not until 1991 that it was proved that humans had them. Until now, only about 40 human imprinted genes had been identified.

The Duke map verified those 40 and identified 156 more. Researchers fed DNA sequences into a computer program that decoded patterns pointing to the presence of imprinted genes instead of active ones.

Many of the newly found imprinted genes are in the chromosome already linked to the development of obesity, diabetes, cancer and some other major diseases, the researchers reported. One, for example, appears to prevent bladder cancer. A second appears to play a role in causing various cancers and may affect epilepsy and bipolar disorder.

Scientists had thought imprinted genes would account for about 1 percent of the human genome. While scientists thought double-check that the newly identified ones truly silenced, the new map increased that to about 4 percent.

"It’s a fascinating paper," said Dr. Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Volkow helped develop the new mapping method for speeding the slow discovery of these genes.

She said finding which genes are imprinted is important for a bigger question: How do behavioral or environmental factors tip the balance for someone who is genetically predisposed to a health problem?

Previous work by Jirtle and others shows the environment can reprogram how some genes operate, making them speed up or slow down or work at the wrong time. In a ground-breaking experiment, Jirtle fed pregnant mice different nutrients to alter the coat color of their babies. The findings eventually linked environment to coat color of their babies. The findings eventually linked environment to coat color of their babies.

"It’s not just about the sequence of your genes, but how that sequence is turned on and off by environmental exposures that is likely to determine whether you are healthy," Volkow said.

Nora Volkow

director National Institute on Drug Abuse

"What we have is a bag of gold nuggets. Some will be real gold and some will be fool’s gold." — Randy Jirtle

Duke University scientist

Clinton calls for action against AIDS

On Thursday, speaking to about 1,700 conference attendees, she said as president she would also call for spending $1 billion a year to address malaria infection in Africa. She set a goal of halving malaria deaths in Africa by the end of her term.

Many Christian conservatives dread the possibility of another Clinton White House, a point of agreement in a year when prominent leaders in the movement have divided their allegiances among GOP contenders.

There was a sprinkle of criticism from conservatives in response to Clinton’s appearance at the church, but it was muted last year when more than a dozen conservative leaders signed a letter urging Warren to rescind his endorsement of an invitation to Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., who supports abortion rights. The church defended his appearance.

Warren is theoretically and socially conservative, but he is known for avoiding the limelight in recent years mobilizing evangelicals to fight AIDS in Africa.

The speech gave Clinton a chance to appear on stage with the popular pastor — who greeted her with a hug and an embrace — as well as talk about her own faith.

“I’ve been raised to understand the power and purpose of prayer,” she said at one point.

Warren thanked her for attending. “We invited all of you to come, but she was the one who showed up,” he said.

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De-mystify admissions

As the alumni schools representative for the Jackson, Mich. area, I was very pleased to read the viewpoint expressed by Andreas Nesi ("Mysterious admissions standards," Nov. 29). Each year I find it more and more difficult to answer questions of parents whose qualified kids are not admitted to Notre Dame. Many of these people are friends and acquaintances which makes the chore all the more difficult. And, yes, some are alums whose legacy children did not make it for reasons that cannot be explained. The admissions office has not been helpful to us in dealing with these situations. I think the recommendation of Nesi has merit and should be seriously considered.

Jack Fremeau
Alumni Class of 1971

Support women’s soccer

Help! Our Lady has been watching over us during these NCAA playoffs, and we now not only need her help, but we need your tour student athletes as well.

We will host the NCAA quarterfinal round of the women’s soccer playoffs this Friday night at 7 p.m. against Duke. The winner will go to the College Cup Final Four the following weekend in College Station. Duke is a very talented team, and we could really use your help by coming out to Alumni Field this Friday to cheer us on. Last year we supported us in a tremendous way (more than 3,000 people), and it was a huge factor in our win over Penn State. We need your help once again, and are asking you that you brave the weather and come out with the true "Irish spirit" that represents this great University. Thank you so much to all of you who have supported us so far this year, and to all the dorms in particular.

Randy Waldron
Head women’s soccer coach

November 26

Black Friday ruins the holidays

The calendar may still say that it’s November, but for retailers, every day before Thanksgiving is Christmas.

It happens every year. Thanksgiving becomes a quick afterthought, and the day after Thanksgiving simply becomes "Black Friday." Or, Thanksgiving doesn’t happen at all. If you don’t believe me, Best Buy is open at 5 p.m. for the next day’s free online shopping! In fact, they don’t have a practical use for it, but only want you because you get it free for nearly free during the day before the day before. Plus, receive a bonus gift that you don’t care for if you have frostbitten fingers, which tend to open at 5 a.m.

While watching the news this past week, the tension I received from the multiple reports on "Black Friday" was that it was the make or break moment for retail. It almost seems like Christmas for the retail industry. Each company waits in anticipation to see if they will get the Christmas financial miracle of getting into the black, or a giant lump of coal of staying in the red. For whatever the other 10 months of November, December and January for the only months that matter.

In fact, "Black Friday" was originally a name for the day within the retail industry when it seems to be chrismasized by the media as the day’s official title. Sure, there may be some fair deals to take advantage of on Black Friday. That is, unless the stores have only ordered two of their products you want, and you are the third customer! But, overall, the day simply serves to kick off a fully fledged and overhyped panoply of insouciance known as the "Holiday Season."

It’s had enough that I began seeing Christmas commercials for on Black Friday and the week before Halloween (and I thought Nov. 1 was bad last year!), but it’s frustrating to see Thanksgiving has been all but dissipated into "Black Friday Eye." There is no longer a sense of separation between Thanksgiving and Christmas to the season and the months that exclusively cover their ups and downs in the market.

The Thanksgiving is supposed to be a time to settle down and relax with a nice meal with your family. But on the day after? Anything goes. People are given free reign to max out their credit cards and buy large amounts of material goods that likely be of no practical use for the beneficiary. We’re supposed to have a slice of humble pie on Thanksgiving and count our blessings, but the next day on Black Friday, that smile is cramping and more. We need to forget about being grateful for what we have, let’s talk about what’s next on our wish list! It’s bad enough that Black Friday is as big as it is, but it’s made worse by the media’s incessant coverage of the sales and people waiting in line the night before and the day of the sales. I had heard so much about the sales being offered at the stores on the news that I didn’t even need to look in the newspaper or on the stores’ Web sites to find out what was being offered! Of course, in case I didn’t know how to find the sales on the Internet, the news outlets advertised numerous Web sites that listed the deals at each store. If it was too difficult to watch and read the sales in the stores, the news even integrated mentions of the sales, special gifts and store openings into their general news.

The line was blurred between news and advertising last week, and in my eyes, the news simply became a product placement showcase. There was no need for commercial airline; retailers got their face time for free right during the show! Various TV networks were airing commercials at Target and other chains on the news that evening, giving them free publicity. "Hey, if all of these people are waiting in line, I should be too! The stores must be offering something good!"

I’m not saying that presents are bad, or that you shouldn’t look to get good deals when you are buying them. Christmas can be a joyous time of giving, but the consumerist feelings that are evoked throughout the season are too much too soon. If you celebrate Christmas, the season is over before December is even integrated mentions of the sales, special gifts and store openings into their general news.

This column first appeared in the Nov. 29 edition of The BG News, the daily publication of Bowling Green State University. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Tracking the GOP Tube debate

* Last night, the Republican presidential field took questions from average Americans through CNN’s YouTube.com Debate. You could tune in and watch the debates pass through YouTube videos. For those of you who missed it, I watched closely and drank beer — er, took careful notes. You can watch it online and follow along.

Remember, anyone anymore says "Beggar," you have to chug.

8:08 p.m. Illegal immigration is the first topic discussed. Former Gov. Mitt Romney (Mass.) concedes the previous week that former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani is the only candidate he’s worried about by attacking him immediately for leading NYC, as a "sanctuary city for illegal immigrants."

Giuliani swats back with a clever line — "unit cohesion," I’d say this stance is going to be a joyous time of giving, but the consumerist feelings that are evoked throughout the season are too much too soon. If you celebrate Christmas, the season is over before December is even.

9:17 p.m. Giuliani’s claim to read the Bible frequently rings a bit of a falsehood. The question, "Do you believe every word of the King James Bible?" trips up Romney’s answer.

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Mega 80's
Tonight
10 p.m.
Legends

"One thing I like about the Mega 80's is this: No matter how big or how small a venue or an audience is, we all always show up to rock," Gittinger said. "It's really amazing how much energy you can infuse into 12 people at a small private event or 60,000 people in front of Ford Field. I love that I'm a part of something so positive and bringing joy to so many people. I guess that makes every venue the "best venue I've ever played.""

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By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Carey Denha is the singer.
Jason Gittinger is the drummer.
Mick Madness is the guitarist.
Takashi Lio is the bass player.

Combined, they form Mega 80's, perhaps the most awesome cover band this side of East Lansing, Mich. Since then, band members have come and gone, but one thing has remained the same: its commitment to musical excellence. The band members have also committed themselves and their music to their source material.

"Although all of the members of the production are involved in aspects of musical circles, we choose not to muddy the waters of this production with music that does not come from the 1980's," Gittinger said. "Not even the wallflower. I'm not going to dance" guy in the back checking out the girls."

This project is all about having a fun time listening to music the audience knows and loves.
Mega 80's has built a reputation as a fun, high-energy bunch and was named "Best Cover Band" in Real Detroit's "Best of" issue twice, in 2003 and 2005. "80's has the most dance-able music in my opinion," said bassist Lio, who joined the band three and a half years ago. "I learned to play the bass as a member of his high school jazz band and cites Prince as his favorite act of the 80s, although he says "Paradise City" by Guns 'N Roses is his favorite song because he can "jump up and down and act silly" while performing it.

While he has opened for The Tubes, Culture Club, Cheap Trick, Loverboy, Men at Work, Romantics, The Go-Go's, and 38 Special, Gittinger said he doesn't have any particular favorites. "All of these acts have become favorites in my book because the music they created has touched so many people," he said. "It's an honor when we get to bring a hit of the 80s to the same stage as them."

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The observant reader may notice details in the background that are not immediately relevant to the main text, such as "The Church of England's Messiah," a piece of music that may be unfamiliar to some. However, the main focus of the article is on the musical group OneRepublic and their recent success, which is well-documented in the text. The article also includes quotes from the band members, such as "OneRepublic has a story like every other band," which adds a personal touch to the narrative. Overall, the article is informative and engaging, providing a comprehensive overview of the band's rise to fame and their unique sound."
Associated Press

OTTAWA — J.P. Dumont and Martin Erat combined once again to give the Nashville Predators a spectacular fifth and final lead.

Dumont got his fourth point of the season when he stripped the puck from Ottawa's Dean McAmmond and fed it to Erat, who beat Martin Gerber from the slot for his third point of the game.

Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson had drawn Ottawa even for the fourth time in the game just 23 seconds earlier with his 3-3 goal.

"There was no panic, actually," Dumont said. "All game long we tried to keep our composure on the bench and it was pretty well tonight. Of course, if we did too many things, we're going to get burned. Tonight was just a big two points.

"It's tough, but that's part of the game," Alfredsson said. "Right now I think we're not playing great defensively and we're maybe too cautious at times instead of being a little bit more aggressive in our own end. Playing a game of that type, a little bit too easy because we just want to go out there and what happened on the last goal and that's what happens when you're pressing a little bit. They made a great play."

Dumont assisted on first-period goals by defencemen Dan Hamhuis and Greg de Vries before he scored his seventh of the season late in the second to give Nashville its third straight one-goal lead.

After Dan Bylsma's 13th goal drew Ottawa even for the third straight time 2:47 into the third, Ryan Suter answered with his third goal of the season to put the Predators up 4-3.

Suter assisted on Martin Gennius' third goal that gave the Predators a 3-3 lead in the first period.

Senators center Jason Spezza made it a one-goal game once again 3 minutes later with his fourth goal at 11:39.

Joe Corvo and Antoine Vermette also scored for Ottawa, which also scored once on the power play during the Red Wings' 4-2 win over the Lightning Thursday.

Pavel Datsyuk, Tomas Kopecky and Dan Cleary also scored, and Chris Osgood made 21 saves for the NHL-leading Wings.

Brad Richards and Mathieu Barcza scored for Tampa Bay, which lost its sixth straight.

"It was very nerve-racking, from a coach's standpoint," Nashville coach Barry Trotz said. "You've got a two-goal lead in the third period, you've got to hang on to the game there."

Nashville backup goalie Dan Ellis survived the blown lead to maintain his perfect record with his fifth win in five starts.

"Their top line was gunning and so was ours," Ellis said. "Every single line seemed in not the night off tonight and I think the fans got a great game at a good price and was watching. I hope they enjoyed that one because that was NHL hockey."

Hamhuis scored his second goal of the season 7:39 into the middle period on a breakaway off the right wing. He made a fake on Denis but had a back-hand shot just under the crossbar.

Richards put the Lightning on the board with 7:57 left in the period on a one-time shot from the left circle for his eighth goal.

Cleary added his eighth goal 2:05 into the third period when he shot in a rebound from the right circle.

"I thought our team played well," he said. "We got a lot of shots and we were physical." Barcza scored with 3:06 left.

Maple Leafs 4, Thrashers 2

Matt Sundin scored his 13th goal of the season, and Nik Antropov had two assists to help the Toronto Maple Leafs end a four-game losing streak with a victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Thursday night.

Ilya Kovalev had a goal and two assists in his NHL-leading 20th goal 16:20 into the second, breaking an offensive drought for Atlanta that lasted seven-plus periods and covered 166 minutes.

In losing their third straight, the Thrashers never really threatened Toronto, which scored four goals for the first time in 14 games.

Sundin, 26th in NHL history with 536 goals, put the Leafs up 2-0 with a backhander from the left circle that beat goalie Johan Hedberg to the stick side.

Antropov earned his 13th assist on Andy Wozniewski's bizarre goal that opened the scoring with 5:09 left in the first. Wozniewski might want to credit Hedberg, who inadvertently knocked in the puck with the back of his left glove.

Regardless, Wozniewski raised his arms in triumph after watching his shot sail over the net, ricocheted off the rear boards and boun the goalie. Hedberg was in the crease and facing forward with the back of his skates at the goal line when the puck went into the net.

Alex Steen's fourth goal gave the Leafs a 2-0 lead with 4 seconds left in the first and ended a personal 11-game scoring drought. Matt Stajan hadn't scored in his last 16 games before his fifth goal put Toronto ahead 4-1 with 13:36 remaining.

Tobias Enstrom's third goal for Atlanta, coming on the power play with 7:29 left in the game, made it 4-2.

Leafs goalie Vesa Toskala improved to 7-8-3 after stopping 18 of 20 shots. Hedberg made 51 saves.

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Osgood improves to 16-0 against Tampa Bay as Wings beat Lightning; Toronto ends losing streak with win over Atlanta

Associated Press

Ottawa's Chris Kelly, right, checks Nashville's Dan Hamhuis during the Predators' 6-5 win over the Senators Thursday.

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**In Brief**

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Martin, who has not commented on the search since Lloyd Carr's announcement, interviewed Michigan coordinators Ron English and Mike D'Antoni earlier this week.

"We're not going to make any comments on the search," Michigan spokesman Bruce Madej said Wednesday night.

Louisiana State University chancellor Thomas H. Martin has said he is looking for the next Carr, who led Michigan to the 1997 national championship and five Big Ten titles while keeping the school above even suspensions about NCAA violations.

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**Associated Press**

**HVFING, Texas — Tony Romo** took a knee, reading a playoff-climbing, record-setting victory over the team he grew up rooting for and the quarterback he’s obviously patterned himself after. So when it was time for hugs and handshakes, the kid from Wisconsin went looking for Brett Favre.

He had to settle for Aaron Rodgers.

Favre was already in the locker room getting treated for a banged-up right elbow and a separated left shoulder. Besides, the gravely icon already had seen enough from Romo and the Dallas Cowboys.

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**Oregon downs KSU in OT**

**Associated Press**

Oregon has double-double, Taylor scores 18 points in second half

Friday, November 30, 2007

The Observer

Oregon rally from a shaky start then hold off. No. 17 Kansas State 70-67 in overtime Thursday night.

"It was all about confidence," Oregon coach Ernie Kent said. "I didn't think we were playing with much confidence in the first half. We just talked about being free, just go out and play, have fun. This is a great environment, it's a nationally televised game, so just go out and play, have fun." The Ducks sure did, though not in time to get off a shot.

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**OC**

**Associated Press**

Louisiana wins with late-game field goal

Bolen rushes for 117 yards and 2 touchdowns

**Associated Press**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Art Carmony filled the hole in his resume just in time to salvage Louisville's disappointing season.

The record-setting kicker drilled a 33-yard field goal with 20 seconds left to lift the Cardinals to a 41-38 victory over stunned Rutgers on Thursday, upstaging the going away party of hometown kid Brian Brolin.

"I couldn't ask for a better ending," Carmony said. "One of my goals when I came here was kicking a game-winning field goal. I had to come down to the last quarter, the last play." The senior, who set an NCAA record for career points by a kicker, had never made one like this during his career. He went out in style though, calmly drilling the ball through the uprights.

Carmony finished his career with 433 points, breaking the old record held by Boulton and Roman Anderson, who had 423 points for the Cougars from 1988-91.

Carmony's feat wouldn't have been possible without Brolin, who threw for 237 yards, including a 46-yard strike to Harry Douglas to put Carmony in range to win it.

"We just wanted to send everybody out the right way," said Brolin, who threw for a touchdown and ran for another.

"We talked about regaining confidence and Brian Brolin and the other guys in the backfield have a way to step Brolin and the Cardinals in the second half," said Rutgers coach Greg Schiano. "In the second half, we just put the ball in his hand, and it was a better story line, it was a better feeling."
NHL

Luongo’s shutout streak intact in Canucks win

Goalie has not allowed a score in 193 minutes

Associated Press

Vancouver, British Columbia — Roberto Luongo wasn’t focused on any shutout records, but his teammates certainly were.

Luongo made 26 saves for his third straight shutout, setting personal and franchise records while leading the Vancouver Canucks to a 2-0 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Thursday night. Luongo, who began the streak against Chicago and Anaheim, has allowed a goal in just 193 minutes, 56 seconds.

"It’s nice, but I think right now we just want to look at the way we’re winning games and the type of hockey we’re playing and I think the whole group should feel good about themselves," said Luongo, insisting his play is a result of vastly improved team defense through the month of November.

"You just got to make sure you’re on top of your game and challenging. It helps to know the guys are doing a good job, taking away shots and slot rebounds and playing and skating faster too. It gives you an opportunity to challenge a guy on one of your streaks.

He got some help from Brendan Morrison, who swept a dangerous loose puck away from the goal line with 17 seconds left, but Luongo was on his own for 19 minutes, 56 seconds in the second period.

With the exception of robbing Sergei Fedorov in alone in 5 minutes in, Luongo made his best saves late in the second. He made point-blank stops off Michael Nylander and Matt Cullen and deflection saves off Dan Fritsche in a late flurry late, before setting both records in the third with six saves — and more help from teammates.

"Absolutely," said captain Markus Naslund when asked if the focus in the third was getting Luongo the shutout records.

"He’s the backbone. He’s our leader and it’s great to see him get that kind of recognition. I don’t think we had a strong second period, but Louis was sick again back there and he just kept amazing me." Defensemen Mattias Ohlund and Lukas Krajicek scored for the Canucks, who after losing the first game in November — and losing top defenders Kevin Bieksa and Sami Salo to serious injuries the same night — finished the month on a 9-1-2 run.

Luongo is 8-1-2 in that same stretch with a 1.43 goals-against average, a .947 save percentage, and all but three of the shutouts.

"I don’t know what he means to our team," coach Alain Vigneault said. "In the third, our guys I think understood what was at stake and they buckled down. We’re playing well defensively but we’re still one of the first teams in the NHL to post a win record after losing its first six games. Cleveland took 23 games to do it in 1995-96.

Jackson’s return from a season-opening seven-game suspension has played a big part in the resurgence, as the Warriors have won their last seven games.

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Warriors beat Yao, Rockets

Associated Press

Oakland, Calif. — Al Harrington gave up 9 inches and 60 pounds to Yao Ming. Yet by using his quickness to front and harass the 7-foot-6 Yao, Harrington is somehow able to shut down Houston’s All-Star center.

Harrington outplayed Yao for a second straight meeting, shutting him down at one end and scoring 18 points on the other to help the Golden State Warriors beat the Rockets 113-94 on Thursday night for their eighth win in nine games after 6-6 start.

Yao shot 4-for-12 and had five turnovers, finishing with a season-low 10 points. Andris Biedrins started the game guarding Yao but coach Don Nelson quickly changed to Harrington. In two games against the Warriors since Harrington joined the team last season, Yao has only 19 points on 6-for-16 shooting.

"I definitely do not own Yao Ming. If I play behind him, he will kill me," Harrington said. "It was hard work. We want to continue to stay above .500. We don’t want to go on another slide where we lose six in a row.

Nelson gave the credit for this win to Harrington, who pulled Yao away from the basket on the offensive end by making four of five 3-pointers and frustrated him on the defensive end.

"Yao is not able to guard Harrington yet we could guard him at the other end by some techniques that were successful tonight," Nelson said. "Al did a marvelous job. If anybody gets the game ball tonight, I think it’s Al. He did such a great job on Yao with his fronting and then he made his shots and just made it a miserable night for Yao. That doesn’t happen very often.

Golden State now owns the three-game winning streak against the Rockets, who had won three in a row against the Warriors.

Harrington finished with 18. The Rockets finished with 15-2 run that gave the Warriors a 74-55 lead midway through the third.

Harrington had six points during the final 1:18 of the fourth quarter.

Stephan Jackson added 19 points for the Warriors (8-7), who became the fastest team in NBA history to post a winning record after losing its first six games. Cleveland took 23 games to do it in 1995-96.

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Warriors forward

Sat. December 1st at 7pm vs. Eastern Michigan

Will’s Basketball
Jagodzinski prepares for ACC championship

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Belles swim in DePauw meet

By PETER REISENAUR

Sports Writer

A Navy product, O'Brien went to Illinois after a 1996 gambling scandal forced him to overhaul his athletic department. He led the Eagles to eight straight bowl games, including wins in the last six — the longest such streak in the nation.

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ND Men's Swimming

Irish Prepare for OSU Meet

Team looks for continued success after win over Cleveland State

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The swimming season has not yet reached its one-third point, but Notre Dame is preparing for one of its biggest regular-season meets — the Ohio State Invitational. "The Ohio State meet will be a measure of our progress this semester," Irish coach Tim Welsh said.

The meet, which begins today and continues through Sunday, includes some of the top teams in the nation, like No. 13 Ohio State and No. 10 Minnesota. The diving team will have additional competition in Alabama, Arizona State, Arkansas, Miami and No. 12 Purdue.

"We hope to swim the fastest we've swam all season at this meet. We're hoping for a lot of good things to come out of this meet," Notre Dame's (3-3) is fresh off a 171-124 win over Cleveland State. The Irish now have a 24-10 series record against the Vikings, with a record of 21-2 under Welsh.

"We enjoyed the win a lot. Cleveland State helped us prepare for this meet, and it was a good opportunity for our team," Welsh said. "A lot of our guys swam in races they haven't swam in before, but when it comes down to it, they will get a chance to swim in them again this weekend."

The Irish captured wins in several races against the Vikings. The 200-yard medley relay team of junior Jeff Wood, sophomore Jordan Driscoll, junior Sam Pendergast and sophomore John Lytle took first place in the first race with a time of 1:32.77. Lytle also captured the gold in the 50 freestyle, while freshman Michael Sullivan earned first place in both the 500 and 1,000 freestyle.

Notre Dame also dominated the diving events. In the 3-meter board, Irish senior Michael Biflin took first place with a score of 347.30. He was followed by senior teammates Sam Storner and Steven Crowe, who each earned 321.08 and 302.55 points, respectively, on the 3-meter board.

The Irish also took the top four spots in the 1-meter diving event. Storner placed first with a score of 312.30, while freshman Frew Leix (311.74) took second, Biflin (310.92) and Crowe (302.55) took third and fourth place in the event.

"As long as you're winning, that's the only thing that really matters," Storner said, repeating his season-long mantra. "A lot of guys that are here aren't big-name guys."

Slaton hasn't consistently been the feature back like he was last season, when he set a school record with 1,744 yards rushing (4-7, 0-2-12) and 22 touchdowns. While he's split carries with quarterback Pat White, fullback Ben Schmidt and a pair of freshmen.

But after yielding personal success to that of the team, the 196th Backyard Brawl against Pitt Saturday gives Slaton a chance to finish strong.

"As long as you're winning, that's the only thing that matters," Slaton said. "We're trying to brush up on that success to that of the team, the 100th Backyard Brawl."
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As a team, Michigan hits 36 percent of its 3-point attempts. Against Cincinnati, Michigan made 11 of 29 attempts from behind the arc. McGraw said the Irish, who have struggled making 11 of 29 attempts from 3-pointer, must work hard to slow the perimeter attack.

"We've got to identify where they are," McGraw said. They are running a motion offense and set a lot of screens. We've got to have good communication.

In order to keep confidence in check on a team that has won four of its six games by 30 points or more, McGraw said, she has pointed out problem areas during film study.

"I keep telling them when we watch film from other games, 'This isn't going to be good enough against Michigan,'" McGraw said. "They've been receptive at now how to improve.

McGraw expressed disappointment in her team's free-throw shooting after Notre Dame's win over Canisius. Notre Dame, with 74 percent from the line last season, has shot only 65 percent so far this season.

The Irish have excelled on defense and in transition. They force an average of 24 turnovers per game — 12 more than they commit. They routinely intercept passes, and set a lot of screens. We've been running a motion offense for a long time, and we're capable of scoring in transition," McGraw said.

They have worked awfully hard to defend the 3-pointer, must make 11 of 29 attempts from the 3-point area during film study.

"I don't expect to score as many as we've been scoring when we get into the stronger part of the schedule, which is right now," McGraw said.

"We're capable of scoring points, certainly, but we only had 59 against Maryland. We don't want to try to outscore teams, we want to play good defense."

Notes:

◆ The Ticket Office has sold more than 10,000 tickets for Sunday's game. Fewer than 500 tickets are still available.

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stands in Notre Dame's way after the Broncos defeated UCLA 3-1 Wednesday at home. Such a decisive result has been the norm this season for Santa Clara (16-1-4), which holds an 18-game winning streak heading into Saturday's match.

The Broncos only defeat in 2007 came all the way back on Sept. 7, when they fell 2-1 to Brown — who is the No. 6 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame will be going up against a stiff Santa Clara defense. The Broncos have allowed only 0.63 goals per contest. Santa Clara has shut out nine opponents, and its defense is more than one goal only twice.

Luckily for the Irish, they have Joseph Lapira. The reigning Hermann Trophy winner is the Notre Dame record holder for goals in the NCAA Tournament with five. Lapira was on his game against Oakland, scoring a goal and notching an assist.

"Hopefully, he keeps it going," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Hopefully, he has a few more in his bag."

Lapira isn't the only player who stepped up against Oakland. Fellow seniors Alex Yoshinaga and Ryan Miller made significant contributions as well.

Bobby Clark Irish coach

Irish guard Tulyah Gaines trips over a defender in Notre Dame's 78-59 win over Western Kentucky on Nov. 13. (voice of "Here Come the Irish")

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NBA

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"Of course I am embarrassed. We lost by nearly 50 points," Knicks guard Stephon Marbury said. "I'm angry. I'm always angry, but this was just flat-out embarrassing. To lose that bad was just ridiculous.

It was the sixth worst win in Celtics history and the biggest since a 131-107 victory over the Baltimore Bullets in 1970 — five NBA seasons before.

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Now the Knicks are embar- rassing themselves again.

"We take two steps forward and one giant step back," Thomas said. "I don't know where this game came from. I thought we played extremely well tonight... Definitely didn't see this type of game coming after the last two games we played. This was just not a good night."

And, unlike the Boston area's NFL team, the Celtics didn't even try to run up the score.

Kevin Garnett played just 22 minutes, scoring eight points and leaving the game midway through the third quarter with Boston ahead 69-24. Paul Pierce and Ray Allen also sat out the fourth quarter and played 29 minutes apiece.

"I can't even remember having that much rest," Garnett said. "It's good, because we have back-to-back games. Rest is important at this time."

Rajon Rondo dribbled out of 24 of the final 26 seconds, turning the ball over on purpose rather than go for a 50-point win. Robinson followed with long jumper off the inbound pass to save the Knicks from their lowest-scoring game in the shot clock era.


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**Elite 8**

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The two teams from Tobacco Road go beyond the proximity of the Piedmont to the Midwest, with Notre Dame and the Tar Heels. Duke boosts a strong midfield that should help cover the Irish in the possession battle.

They have a really solid midfield, so our midfield match up against theirs is going to be really big.”

Waldrum said.

Sophomore C.J. Ludemann, who has four goals and seven assists on the season, leads the Blue Devils’ midfield. She is joined on the unit by fellow seniors Ashley Bunkley and Carlos Medlock, who both made more than half of their 3-point shots, while Medlock is a slashing force who likes to penetrate and distribute. The Eagles will need to hold onto five assists per game.

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pretty good hockey team.”

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Number 8 is 8-1-0 in November and can set up the December wins in a month this weekend.

A big part of Notre Dame’s recent success has come from the positioning of the puck on the ice.

As the season progresses, we’re becoming more comfortable as a team and that leads to individual success.”

Kyle Lawson

Irish defenseman

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Irish midfielder Amanda Clark chases after the ball in Notre Dame’s 3-0 win over Georgetown on Oct. 12.

Waldrum said. “They’re very similar to us in that they like to keep possession.”

But the game could simply hinge on a battle between the forwards and whether one team can finish better.

"It might come down to who can impose their offensive firepower on the other," Waldrum said. “It should be a good chess match between two really good teams.”

The Irish offense plays the game if necessary to outscore the Blue Devils.

Three Irish forwards, senior captain Amanda Cinnilli and junior Kerri Hanks and Brittany Reck, were recently named semifinalists for the Hermann Trophy, which is given to the most outstanding player in the nation.

Sophomore forward Michele Weissenhofer notched two goals and an assist in the victory over the Tar Heels after she was slowed by an injury for most of the season.

The Irish have outscored opponents 8-2 in their three NCAA Tournament wins, and a trip to the College Cup would be their third appearance in the last four seasons.

The 2004 team won the national championship while the 2006 squad was the runner-up. Cinnilli is the only starter remaining from the squad that took home the 2004 title.

The winner of tonight’s contest will play the winner of the quarterfinal between Florida State and Connecticut.

Irish center Mark Van Guilder fights off a Bowling Green skater in Notre Dame’s 2-1 win over the Falcons on Nov. 20.

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ing open and then let them play,” Hillesland said. "Being a basket ball player making basket ball plays is fun.”

The strategy has had mixed results, but back-to-back losses to Baylor and Georgia Tech in the first two games of the season two weeks ago, it averaged only 67.5 points.

Sophomore forward Rob Kurz said the Irish are better than we thought they were in theVirgin Islands. "We’ve improved the past two games, and we have to keep improving on the things that we didn’t do well in theVirgin Islands,” he said.

As the season goes on, Hillesland said, the Irish will continue to jell and the offense will get more consisten cy with more time spent late in close games, against stiffer competition.

“It’s a matter of getting experience as a group,” he said. "It’s a matter of finding out what we’re looking for down the stretch and getting good shots.”

Notre Dame’s wide-open offensive style will continue Saturday when Eastern Michigan (3-3) visits the Joyce Center.

Like Youngstown State and Colgate, Notre Dame’s most recent opponents, the Eagles will probably concentrate on denying passes to the post, where Kurz and sophomore forward Luke Harangody lurk.

The pair is averaging a combined 32.2 points per game.

If Eastern Michigan succeeds, the Irish will need to shoot well from the outside, something they didn’t happen in the Virgin Islands but has thrived recently. After starting the season 0-for-20 from behind the arc, junior guard Kyle McVay has made 12 long-range jumpers in the past two games.

Forwards Ryan Ayers and Luke Zeller have also been lights out from outside, with both making more than half of their 3-pointers this season.

In Notre Dame’s free-form offense, a lot of the open looks for shooters come from passes out of the post. Harangody said he’s been working hard on finding the open man when he gets double-teamed.

“Last year, I was terrible at it,” he said. "But now I’m older and I’ve gotten better.”

In the other side of the floor, the Irish will have to defend Eagles guards Jesse Bunkley and Carlos Medlock, who are both averaging double-doubles.

Bunkley drains almost 45 percent of his 3-point shots, while Medlock is a slashing force who likes to penetrate and distribute. The Eagles will need to hold onto five assists per game.

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**High hopes**

**Soccer**

Women duel Duke at home in Elite 8 match

By FRAN TOLAN

Notre Dame avenged its loss to North Carolina in last season’s national title game by downing the Tar Heels 3-2 last Saturday in the round of 16 of the NCAA Tournament. The Irish (18-4-2) know their work is not finished.

They return home to face Duke (10-5-7) tonight at 7 for a chance to return to the College Cup, soccer’s version of the Final Four.

“We had a couple of days to enjoy (the win over North Carolina) and now it’s back to work,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. “We’ve got a great opportunity. We don’t need to let it slip through our hands... We’re only halfway to where we want to be.”

The comparisons between the players a few tips on getting

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Freelance offense goes to work against EMU

By CHRIS KHOREY and CHRIS HINE

Notre Dame has scored 87 and 94 points in its last two games.

So Irish coach Mike Brey must be drawing up some impressive offensive schemes, right?

Wrong.

This season, and especially in the last week, Notre Dame (4-2) has played a mostly freelance offense, with only a few designed sets.

“The strength is that there’s no predictable movement,” Brey said. “This group understands what a good and bad shot is.”

Junior forward Zach Hillesland said that instead of installing a complex offense during fall practice, Brey gave the players a few tips on getting

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Wolverines come to JACC

By BILL BRINK

After winning four of its first six games by 30 points or more, Notre Dame will face a tough opponent Sunday when Michigan visits the Joyce Center at 2 p.m.

Although the Wolverines have only one loss, like the Irish, Michigan has played harder competition than Notre Dame — it defeated a strong Cincinnati team on the road on Nov. 13.

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said Michigan presents the toughest challenge since Maryland. She also said that 6-foot-6 Wolverines center Krista Phillips would give the Irish headaches.

“She’s good, she’s agile, she can shoot the 3, she can score around the basket,” McGraw said of the Saskatoon, Saskatchewan native. “She’s playing really well right now.”

Phillips leads the Wolverines with 11.4 points per game. No other player averages in double figures.

“Teams with good balance are harder to guard,” McGraw said. “That’s a concern of ours, how to guard all of them. That’s something we’re looking at, different defenses.”

HOCKEY

Icers set for CCHA home series

By DAN MURPHY

No. 7 Notre Dame plays its final home series of the semester this weekend when it takes on Nebraska-Omaha in the Joyce Center tonight and Saturday.

The team will travel to Princeton next weekend before a three-week hiatus at the end of the month.

The Irish (11-4-0) come into the game riding a five-game winning streak. Their last loss was on Nov. 10, to No. 1 Miami on the road.

“I think we’ve made good progress, but I want us to get better,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “This will be a big test for us this weekend. We’re facing a