Jenkins addresses economic crisis in letter

President tells faculty and staff that University will survive the recession, but that it must operate more efficiently

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

On the day when government officials announced that the country has been in a recession since December of 2007, University President Fr. John Jenkins wrote to faculty and staff about the current economic downturn and its potential effect on the University.

"Many students identify off-campus safety as a concern," he said. "Brown discussed comments about how to address the University's situation with regard to the recession to have been ongoing during the past two or three weeks, stating that such discussion are simply "prudent planning." In the e-mail message dated Dec. 1, Jenkins said the University is "well prepared to weather the current storm," but also wrote that economic pressures would force the University to "do more with existing resources in order to reduce expenditures."

"While responsible stewardship of the University's resources is necessary at all times, it is critical in these grave economic conditions," he said, stating he has asked academic and administrative leaders to identify possible savings and reduce costs where possible. Jenkins also wrote that he asked the University budget offices to develop contingency plans "in the event that economic conditions worsen."

Jenkins said Notre Dame would remain committed to the core mission of the University, noting commitments to financial aid, research, graduate student support, library funding, construction projects, and faculty and staff salaries.

University Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves confirmed that current construction projects will continue to function, telling The Observer on Nov. 20, "All of the construction projects we have on campus are fully funded, and we are not going to stop construction."

Affleck-Graves said connected to the current economic crisis is an effort to derive hard numbers from surveys about the potential effect on the country has been in a recession since December of 2007. "In response to the current economic crisis, President Bob Reish said.

"In support of some of these initiatives, including a winter break for students, was a major concern for many students. While 94.6 percent of students said they felt safe walking around campus at night, 78.9 percent of students said they did feel unsafe walking off-campus at night. Reish said 89 percent of women feel unsafe off campus at night, compared to 67 percent of men. Upperclassmen said they felt unsafe off campus than underclassmen, he said.

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TCEs move to Internet

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Notre Dame will be implementing a new system to evaluate professors and courses at the end of this semester, according to the Course Instructor Feedback Web site. Course Instructor Feedback, nicknamed CIFS, will replace Teacher Course Evaluations (TCEs) this semester. According to Gunty, the new system will be completely online, so students will have a longer time to fill out the evaluations.

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Irish fans disappointed, embarrassed by USC loss

Students cite Marching Band's halftime show as highlight of game; Notre Dame falls 76-3 in two years to Trojans

By LIZ HARTER and KATIE KOHLER
News Writers

"Notre Dame students who traveled out to the University of Southern California this weekend were hoping for a miracle - but instead they got a massacre, watching the Irish fall 38-3 at the Coliseum."

"I was disappointed overall," said Saint Mary's senior Allison Buddle, a member of the Band of the Fighting Irish. "Our defense was able to keep it close through the first quarter which gave us a lot of hope, but then the offense was unable to come up with even a first down until the third quarter."

Senior George Parker said he was "not only disappointed in the loss, but embarrassed."

"It's embarrassing. We have lost 76-3 to USC, the past two years. Father Jenkins only gave Ty Willingham three years. Why should Charlie (Weis) get more than four?" Parker said.

"It sucks that we fell apart right at the end of the season," Buddle said. "But I think Weis will stay another year - too much money and overall improvements have been made to have Weis leave now."

Breaking Charlie Weis' contract could cost the University

Irish fans Dana Jason, left, and Ashley Cook watch the Irish's 38-3 loss at USC Saturday. see SUNDAY PAGE 6

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Reish to use survey results as guide

Many students identify off-campus safety as a concern, but they say they feel safe on-campus

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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The results from last month's student survey, which was taken by 3,658 students, will help guide future student government initiatives and influence the final months of his administration, student body president Bob Reish said.

"I think this information will be very valuable both in the different initiatives our office decides to pursue as well as helping provide hard numbers in support of some of these initiatives to both the faculty and administrative offices on campus," he said.

Reish said there was "no singular, pressing issue" that arose from the survey results, but said safety off-campus was a major concern for many students. While 94.6 percent of students said they felt safe walking around campus at night, 78.9 percent of students said they did not feel safe walking off-campus at night.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Umbrellas in the snow

I don’t think anyone is a fan of the snow that fell on campus on Monday. It doesn’t settle on the ground in aesthetically pleasing drifts. It just kind of meekly melts on the sidewalks or feebly tries to cover the grass on the quad. It’s either hard and stinging or wet and slushy — not that big, feathery kind that elicits visions of idyllic Christmas cards.

Having Christmas card snow fall on your bare head is cool, because it settles all angelically and stuff. But the kind of snowfall we had yesterday? I’d much prefer to keep it off my hair, face and clothing, thank you. I don’t relish being wet and cold once it all melts when I go inside — especially when outside. Notre Dame is going to be some degree of both for the next four months.

To protect against the undesirable snow, some people wear hats, others hoods, others are just tough and zip up their jackets and saunter through the elements. But not me. I am a newbie to winter weather.

I know, I know. An umbrella in the snow? Who does that?

One my friends, a native Californian who had never seen snow before coming to South Bend, had the same question freshman year. Some people told her it was nerdy, that you’d definitely stick out as a newbie to winter weather if you were seen with an umbrella in snowfall.

I told her what I saw as the most rational approach. If it works for rain, why not just use it for crystalline water ice. Will not be for naught. Seriously, if they had such an argument.

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The referee separates Notre Dame players from USC players as a fight breaks out during the game Saturday at the Coliseum.

OFFBEAT

Man says God told him to crash into car

SAN ANTONIO — A man who rammed his truck into a woman’s vehicle on a highway early Friday told authorities he was3  from God told him “she needed to be taken off the road.”

The truck rear-ended the car on U.S. Highway 281, both vehicles spun across a median then came to a stop along a barrier in the opposite lanes. Both drivers suffered feebly only minor injuries.

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“The just said God said she wasn’t driving right, and she needed to be taken off the road.” Bexar County Sheriff’s Office spokesman Kyle Coleman said in the online edition of the San Antonio Express-News.

Deer attacks hunter who shot it

SEALTA, Mo. — A hunter bagged a big buck on the second day of firearms season, but the kill caused him a lot of pain, Randy Goodman, 49, said he thought two well-placed shots with his .270-caliber rifle had killed the buck on Nov. 19. Goodman said the deer looked dead to him, but seconds later the nine-point, 240-pound animal came to life.

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Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Dance Marathon hosts purse party for charity

By ALICIA SMITH
New Writer

Saint Mary’s students gathered in the basement of the College’s student center Monday to purchase designer handbags and accessories for a good cause.

“We are hosting the event to raise money and awareness. It also brings something fun to Saint Mary’s,” said senior Sarah Vois, the Dance Marathon president.

Over 150 bags were brought to Saint Mary’s for the event. Brands like Coach, Kate Spade, Prada and many other designer bags filled three tables. Along with the designer purses, designer sunglasses, wallets, jewelry, headbands and scarves were available to be purchased at discounted prices.

Saint Mary’s freshman Hanna Vicary attended the event.

“It’s supporting a good cause and I want to get involved with Dance Marathon. It’s a fun fundraiser. A lot of times it is like they are selling cookies or candles. This is something that I think more people can get involved with,” she said.

Sophomore Mary Castle also participated in several events this fall, and is looking towards Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

“The proceeds will go towards Dance Marathon and the final donation will go towards Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis,” Vois said.

Dance Marathon has hosted several events this fall, and is planning on hosting many more in the future, closing with the Dance Marathon.

“We’ll be having a lot of events next semester, so that’s really excited,” she said. Saint Mary’s junior Kelly Deranek, the vice president of publicity for Dance Marathon, Kelly Deranek said they were planning another purse party next semester.

“The money goes to the general benefit fund at Riley which helps the area of the hospital that has the most need. It changes from year to year withonation directly benefits,” Vois said.

“I think it’s an incredible cause,” Castle said. “The Riley Children’s Hospital is a really important institute and I think it’s wonderful what they are doing. I am glad I get to participate.”

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Profs return to grad school

Scholarship program lets faculty study Catholic intellectual tradition

By ALICIA SMITH
New Writer

University of Notre Dame economists Bruce and Kasey Buckles went back to graduate school last year. Both had the chance to participate in an Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA) program that allows Notre Dame faculty members to commit time for study of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Jensen and Buckles are two of several participants in the program since its inception two years ago, says Ken Garcia, associate director of ISLA.

“The program is designed to make faculty members familiar with the Catholic tradition and how they might incorporate relevant aspects of Catholic teaching into their coursework,” he explained.

The program is open to both Catholic and non-Catholic faculty members from any college or school in the University, excluding the theology department. It allows faculty to be released from one course to allow time for study, and offers a $75,700 stipend to the department to provide for their replacement.

Rather than taking a formal graduate seminar, both Buckles and Jensen worked on independent reading and research with members of the theology faculty.

Jensen, department chair and professor of economics and ecomnomics, is interested in economic development and what would people be willing to pay to preserve the rain forest, for example. Part of the reason for his taking the course, he says, was to better understand how the environment figures into Catholic social teaching.

Jensen worked with Matthew Ashley, associate professor of systematic theology.

“I read all the papal encyclicals, and just kept reading from there,” Jensen says. “I also read [Notre Dame theologian] Dick McFaul’s 1,200-page tome ‘Catholicism.’ I became curious about what it means to be Catholic, as well as what it means to pursue the Catholic intellectual tradition.”

The pope, he notes, has begun directly addressing environmental concerns.

“He points out that in Genesis, when man inherits the earth, it doesn’t mean he inherits the earth and wastes the resources,” Jensen said. “John Paul II specifically argues that we have to be good stewards of the environment.

For Jensen, one of the most interesting aspects of his studies was that he learned a great deal about what the pope actually said — as opposed to what people think they said.

Buckles, assistant professor of economics and ecomnomics, worked through a series of readings with moral theology professor and director of the Program in Catholic Social Tradition, beginning with Pope Leo XIII’s 1891 encyclical Rerum Novarum and moving forward through documents on the role of women in the Church.

It was interesting, she notes, to see how the Church’s teachings have evolved over the last 30 years.

Her studies also have had the interesting result of making her — in many cases — more educated about Catholic social teaching than her students, who were raised in the faith. They may know the principles, but have never read the actual documents.

What she’s gained from the program is a better understanding of her students and what they know about Church teachings.

“It’s up to me to make sure my students understand that economic models aren’t inconsistent with Catholic social teaching,” she said. “Having had this class, I feel much more prepared to do that.”

“I think the program was quite valuable,” Jensen says. “I don’t have the same kind of understanding I’d have if I’d been raised Catholic, but I have a much better understanding.”

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struction does not begin until 100 percent of the funding is pledged, and 75 percent is received.

Joseph Russo, director of Student Financial Services, told The Observer on Nov. 14 that the University remains committed to making a Notre Dame education affordable and accessible after confirming Jenkins’ remarks.

Jenkins’ letter specifically addressed possible concerns about employment.

“It is a priority for the University that our current employees remain part of the Notre Dame community. While we cannot guarantee that there will be no changes to our workforce, our current assessment of the economic situation does not lead us to anticipate any

such changes,” he said. Jenkins’ letter addressed the University’s “most significant financial asset,” its endowment, which amounted to $7 billion by the close of the year ending June 30, 2008.

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ty listeners run by (the South Bend Police Department).

“We will continue talks with local community leaders and members and bring up this concern,” he said. “The whole, student government will try to host a student forum so that students inform us that are more proactive, rather than reactive in regards to student violence.”

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International News

French first lady joins AIDS fight

PARIS — France's glamorous first lady threw her considerable star power behind the global fight against AIDS on Monday, joining the victims of the HIV virus that infects a new person every 15 seconds.

As ceremonies marked World AIDS Day, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy signed on to become a goodwill ambassador for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, which has provided life-saving treatment to two million people living with HIV worldwide.

"I think the world has become used to AIDS," the model-turned-singer told a news conference in Paris. "We no longer see it as a scandal or an emergency."

Thailand leader avoids capital amidst crisis

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thailand's prime minister stayed away from the capital Monday, unable to quell a political crisis that has paralyzed his government for weeks and shut down the country's two main airports and stranded 300,000 foreigners.

Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat has refused to send in police to evict protesters besieging the airports or occupying his office complex for fear of bloodshed, instead making weak pleas for them to go home. The demonstrators vow to stay until Somchai resigns.

The monthlong crisis has drained millions of dollars from the country and is worsening divisions in Thailand.

Late Monday, an explosion hit protesters camping outside Bangkok's airport for domestic flights. Mongkut Wattana hospital said 13 people were injured, including three who suffered serious shrapnel wounds.

National News

Bush works on leaving a legacy

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush says history will judge him, but he is getting his own crack first. Bush is using his final 50 days in office to tout his legacy, hoping to leave a lasting impression of improved diplomacy.

On Monday, World AIDS Day, Bush was heralded for his leadership in fighting the disease, a point he made in a Democrat's former seat and House Speaker Tom DeLay's old one.

The anti-AIDS program Bush championed in 2003 has delivered lifesaving medicine to more than 2 million people in five years, up from 20,000 in兵马未动，秋草先动 古老的中国谚语，却在今天被生动地演绎出来。美国、欧盟和日本的经济数据相继走软，令外界怀疑今年的经济增长将步履蹒跚。尽管如此，美国的劳工市场仍然强劲，失业率维持在5％的低水平。这证明了美国经济的韧性和潜在的上升动力。然而，欧洲的就业形势却大相径庭。欧洲央行最近公布的数据显示，欧元区失业率仍居高不下，达到9.9％，其中年轻失业率更是超过20％。这种结构性的分歧加剧了欧元区内部的摩擦和不安全感。尽管各国政府采取了各种刺激措施，但经济增长的前景仍不明朗。一些经济学家警告说，欧元区可能面临滞胀的风险，即经济增长缓慢，通胀率却居高不下。

Homeland parade accident injures nine

OVERTON, Texas — A hospital official says an accident at a holiday parade in a small Texas town after the accident in the town of Overton.

Another person was flown to a Dallas hospital, though the hospital official says an accident at a holiday parade in east Texas has injured at least nine people, some of them children.

Moore says the injured include three women who were ranging in age from 6 to 11. Their conditions are not available.

Moore says the accident is connected to an annual Christmas parade. No other details on the accident are immediately available.

Local News

BMV to hold holiday food drive

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles will again sponsor a holiday food drive in coordination with food banks across the state.

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BMV Commissioner Ron Stiver says the agency is encouraging everyone who visits a BMV office during the holiday season to donate canned goods and money for the food drive.

Ninety percent of all the money collected during the food drive will go directly to support the needy during the holiday season.

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Associated Press

CHICAGO — Barack Obama promised his fellow Americans of "a year of change" in a troubled world Monday, announcing a strong-willed national security team headed by Hillary Rodham Clinton, who fought him long and bitterly for the presidency, and Robert Gates, the man who has been running two wars for George W. Bush.

The president-elect said Monday he hadn't changed his mind about bringing most U.S. combat troops home from Iraq within 16 months but added a cautionary note: that he would talk with his military commanders first.

While his new team may be a bit more centrist — some war opponents might even say hawkish — than Obama supports might prefer, he said the withdrawal timetable he emphasized in the presidential campaign is still "the right time frame" for revamping U.S. policy abroad.

At a Chicago news conference, Obama also tapped top advisers Eric Holder as attorney general and Susan Rice as ambassador to the United Nations. He named Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano to be homeland security secretary and retired Marine Gen. James Jones as White House national security adviser.

The choices had been telegraphed days earlier but were remarkable all the same — still another major turn in Clinton's extraordinary career, a show of faith in Gates and action to support Obama's frequent desire for deciding robust debate among seasoned, opinionated people in his inner circle.

While the cross-border rhetoric between Pakistan and India has increased since the attacks, both countries — by their often-antag- nistic standards — carefully refrained from making statements that could quickly lead to a buildup of troops along their heavily militarized frontier.

In India, Pakistan's high commissioner to the country met with Foreign Ministry officials and was told that "elements from Pakistan" had carried out the attacks, said ministry spokesman Vishnu Prakash. His phrasing, though, carefully avoided blaming the Pakistani government.

The commission was told that India "expects that strong action would be taken against those elements," Prakash said.
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think that as an alum of the University, we should walk away.

"As an alum, he should walk away from the bullshit and not make the school pay ... out of respect for the school and the students who have had to watch the past two years," Parker said.

"Hopefully it gets better. There is nowhere to go but up."

The only positive thing for Parker and many other Notre Dame fans was the beautiful California weather, he said.

Senior Luke Tabil thought the problem wasn't the lack of talent, but the lack of emotion.

"I don't think it would look good for Notre Dame to fire another coach after three years, but we definitely need change. Our team has a lot of talent, but they don't look like they are motivated at all. We don't play as a team and we don't play with emotion," he said.

Kristi Pelligrini, a Notre Dame senior in the Band of the Fighting Irish, said she was glad she had the opportunity to travel to Los Angeles to support the team.

"It was definitely a unique experience being out there and supporting the football team," she said. "I wish the outcome of the game had been better, but I'm glad I had the opportunity."

Pelligrini said she thinks the band's halftime show was a classless attack on Notre Dame.

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With the economic pain likely to stretch well into 2009, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Monday he stands ready to lower interest rates again and to explore other rescue or revival measures.

Bush apologizes for economic crisis

WASHINGTON -- President George W. Bush expressed remorse that the global financial crisis has cost jobs and harmed retirement accounts and said he'll back more government intervention if needed to ease the recession.


The National Bureau of Economic Research said Monday that the country has entered a recession. Many economists believe the current downturn will last until the middle of 2009 and will be the most severe since the 1981-82 recession.

On the war in Iraq, Bush said the biggest regret of his presidency was the "intelligence failure" regarding the extent of the Saddam Hussein threat to the United States. With the support of Congress, Bush ordered the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003 -- a decision largely justified on grounds -- later proved false -- that Saddam was building weapons of mass destruction. Asked if he would have ordered the U.S.-led invasion if intelligence reports had accurately indicated that Saddam did not have the weapons, Bush replied: "You know, that's an interesting question. That's a do-over that I can't do. It's hard for me to speculate." During a discussion about what Americans should know about what it is like to be president, Bush was asked what he was most unprepared for going into the office. "I think I was unprepared for war," he said. "In other words, I didn't campaign and say, 'Please vote for me, I'll be able to handle an attack.' In other words, I didn't campaign and say, 'Please vote for me, I'll be able to handle an attack.' In other words, I didn't campaign and say, 'Please vote for me, I'll be able to handle an attack.'

On the presidential election, Bush called Barack Obama's victory a "repudiation of Republicans."
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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Such is the inconsistency of real life, that it is always unclear, however unreasonable, always requiring new assurances from the object of its interest..."

Ann Radcliffe
author

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Please don’t stop the music

So we may not be doing so hot in football, but at least we can still proudly say we have tradition: the Friday afternoon pep rally, the band’s performance at Rond Hall, the football players’ exiting mass, tailgating with friends and family, and the list goes on. For me, the epitome of Irish football tradition is Friday’s Drummer’s Circle at midnight.

I look forward to yelling and dancing as I swear my lungs out. I have absolutely a huge a fan of the Notre Dame drumline and love to show my support by coming out and cheering with them every single home game weekend. This is the best opportunity to show my school spirit and get amped up for the game.

This past weekend was no exception; I went to the steps of Stanford Hall on Friday’s Drummer’s Circle at midnight to celebrate, despite the low lights and carrying a good amount of snow on the ground, for the last Drummer’s Circle of the year. Once I made my way to the front of the crowd, I was rudely pushed back by NDSP as they shined their flashlight in my eyes. Although this got me a bit upset, NDSP was doing their job; they were making room for the drumline. I only questioned what was, according to me, excessive use of force. Like I said, however, I don’t mind being pushed a little as long as I get to hear those beats.

But what ruined this last Drummer’s Circle for me was when four or five drunken guys, two with solo cups in hand, stepped inside the circle and interrupted the performance. They tried to quiet the protesting crowds; one was yelling slurred words to announce that a top recruit for next year was among them. Honestly, I’m not exactly sure what he was saying or who this recruit was, nor do I care. For me, even Jimmy Clausen is important enough to interrupt the drumline.

Anyway, what makes me really upset is the fact that NDSP did nothing about it. They were not shining lights in their eyes, they were not pushing them out of the circle, they were nowhere to be seen! It just makes me wonder if it is a coincidence that NDSP was conveniently absent while these drunken guys who were future football players interrupted the performance, that maybe this was preferential treatment towards athletes, especially the football players. Would NDSP have been missing if we were normal students the ones in there?

Caroline Green
sophomore
McGann Hall
Nov. 23

True meaning lost

Being a senior I admit that I was disappointed with how the game ended on Saturday, but when I read the viewpoint in November 23rd’s paper, I was even more disappointed. Nobody talked about our senior football players. We are so wrapped up in the future of the coaching staff and what was thrown during the game that the true meaning of the day was lost.

I remember the end of sophomore year after the Army game and the farewell that the senior football players received. I’ll tell you now that the current senior worked just as hard as they did and deserve the same amount of credit even though the last two years have not been the best in the history of the program. In fact, they stuck it out through a transition that we all knew would be brutal, and yet they came back full of energy and willingness to serve a storied tradition during its darker days.

What are we giving them in return for four or five years of living? If there is anything that has defined my last four years at this wondering institution, it has been my friends, my major, and Notre Dame Football. I have loved every minute of it: the tailgating, the games, the feelings of triumph and the feelings of despair. Every weekend of fall semester, the students have been right together as one by Notre Dame Football.

It is time that we all thank the seniors for what they have done for us. So on behalf of myself, the senior class, and the student body, I would like to thank you, seniors. We appreciate everything that you have done for us, and we will not forget your devotion or determination.

James Wells
senior
Stayer Hall
Nov. 24
Weren't you listening?

This year, I participated in the creation of College--HAS issues, the annual presentation that is mandatory for all incoming freshman. Of course, HAS represents Hookups, Alcohol, and Sex, and we hoped to prevent the incoming freshman from making serious mistakes in any of these areas. Heck, even in our Nov. 19th letter concerning her own first semester experience as a student. Just chatting with deans, general — but I don' t want to. I  want to believe in rankings, is worse than us a show of respect — we' ve stood by you do us a show of respect — we' ve stood by you. Of course, we had slept through my portion. I  was to the entire freshman class this past August: My last game as a student at Notre Dame was the senior walk-ons and non-starters. Those who don' t quite make the depth chart deserve a who don' t quite make the depth chart deserve a chance to play at home, which presumably is why former AD Kevin White scheduled such a patsy of an opponent for the last home game of the season. Oops. These guys work hard, day in and day out, for little to no recognition. They are the ones who know the game in and out of the field — and television cameras and fame (infamy?) associated with it — in fighting form. The unsung heroes, in this case, remain unseen; and it was a heartbreaking sight for all of us seniors to behold.

And, oh a note about the snowball-throwing debacle: 99.9 percent of the seniors in the section not only were not throwing at the team, but also thought that the idiots who should be was, and some were, even known what I  saw. Moreover, it sure seemed like these clowns were aiming at the Indiana State Troopers (mean mugging, goofy-blah-blah, and all rather than the team. God knows we have more animosity towards those guys than any football team, losing or not.

The following are direct quotations of what I  said to the entire freshman class this past August: "Obviously the hookup culture is not very conducive to strong and lasting relationships. I  would say that it actually impairs you in how you want what is quick and easy. The work hard/play hard mentality translates to sexual activity, in fact, sexual activity becomes just another thing to hard mentality translates to sexual activity; in fact, sexual activity becomes just another thing to do in fighting form. The unsung heroes, in this case, remain unseen; and it was a heartbreaking sight for all of us seniors to behold."

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As I talked with other friends, over and over I  heard that the outcome of hook-ups is awkward moments in the dining hall; awkward moments in the student-concession stand. I  participated in the marshmallow fight at halftime, in the freezing cold, just like everyone else, and I  did not throw snowballs. At anyone. And I  did ask those around me to stop. I  got hit with a pretty hard snowball right in the neck and the next time I  looked around the room, I  was covered in redness and cold for the rest of the game.

I  don' t think that students were trying to injure the team. They were trying to make the best of the fact that they were stuck in the snow for four hours. The snowballs that I  saw being thrown were all well before we even considered it a possibility that we might lose that game. It was very immature and childish, but for me, the snowballs were the very least of what made me shutter to think about.

I  didn' t want to write this. I  wanted to believe in the Notre Dame band, the Notre Dame Catholic identity. This, as would be proven later that week, was clearly a false assumption. Like Tyler, I was shocked, offended by the performance choice of songs. "FBI" — I  don' t care if it's the actual title, but you know what it is — shocked my sensibilities. Of course, not wanting to seem a wet blanket, I  laughed and chortled along with the rest of the crowd, but inside I  was deeply offended. Tyler, if that music violated your personal taste as it did mine, I  have a nice album of Gregorian chants you can borrow if you want. Track 6 is particularly moving.

Snowball reactions

Occasionally, USC loses a football game. But like our perpetual sunshine, the SC Band always wins, easily outshining the lesser band of our imaginary SC fans' shock and surprise when our Irish band not only visited the Coliseum for the first time last weekend, they conquered it. ND's band outplayed, out-marched, and out-choreographed the Trojan marching band. They even got an ovation from the usually tough SC crowd. Most of my USC friends have never been out of the Coliseum or the Pac-10. Many didn't even know we had a storied marching band of our own. They do now. As a native of Los Angeles and 1985 grad of ND, I  know the Coliseum can be a lonely place for Domers. To the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Band, thanks for making the trip and giving all of us, including my SC friends, something else to talk about besides the final score. See you again in 2010!
By ANALISE LIPARI

The name “Hunter S. Thompson” may seem unfamiliar to most young people today. In a generation born well after the monumental changes of the 1960s, Thompson’s brand of writing, Gonzo journalism, might only conjure up images of a furry blue Muppet rather than the decidedly countercultural approach to writing and to life that Thompson embodied throughout that decade and the rest of his life. The author of “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas” and “Hell’s Angels: The Strange and Terrible Saga of the Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs,” a pioneering journalist and a countercultural icon, Thompson was a man to be reckoned with for his literary force alone.

A documentary film titled “Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson” was released earlier this year, and it tracks Thompson’s life and career, as well as his unique place in the rising tides of the 1960s in America. The film’s soundtrack features clips of actor Johnny Depp’s narration, recordings of Thompson himself, and a slew of 60s rock tracks that pepper the film as they did Thompson’s life.

“The Edge,” the album’s third track, is one of the most striking narrative clips on the soundtrack, summing up much of the philosophy that ran through Thompson’s vivid writing: “The edge. There is no honest way to explain it. Because the only people who really know where it is are the ones who have gone over. The others, the living, are those who push their control as far as they felt they can handle it and pulled back or slowed down. The edge is still out there.”

The term “Gonzo” comes from Thompson’s love for a wacky, instrumental track, “Gonzo” by James Booker, the album’s fifth track. The song begins with a whimsical air, employing flute and electric organ in its decidedly “mod,” meandering melody. This instrumental track effectively sets up the listener with an element of Thompson’s mindset.

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The life of Hunter S. Thompson

July 18, 1937: Born in Louisville Kentucky to Jack Robert, an insurance adjuster and Army vet., and Virginia Davidson Ray.

July 13, 1952: Thompson’s father dies.


1963: Marries longtime girlfriend Sandra Dawn Conklin.

1965: Moves to San Francisco, experimenting with hippie and drug culture.

1966: Writes “Hell’s Angels: The Strange and Terrible Saga of the Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs.” Thompson immerses himself in Hell’s Angels culture, riding and writing with the bikers for a year. This style of writing later comes to be known as “Gonzo journalism.”

1972: Writes and publishes “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas: A Savage Journey to the Heart of the American Dream.”


February 20, 2005: Thompson commits suicide at his home in Woody Creek, Colorado.

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Gonzo: The Soundtrack
Various Artists

Released by: Sony/BMG Music Entertainment

Recommended Tracks: “Maggie’s Farm,” “Help Me,” “Get Together”

“Wierd and Twisted Nights” is credited to Ralph Steadman, Hunter S. Thompson and Mo Dean, and features a slower beginning and low-key vocals that pick up speed as the song continues through its images of “mangled bodies.” On a historical note, Steadman was a British cartoonist who is best known for giving illustrated life too much of Thompson’s work.

One of Thompson’s favorite bands, Jefferson Airplane, contributes a lesser known track of theirs, “It’s No Secret,” to the album. It’s something of a departure from better known Jefferson Airplane releases, such as “White Rabbit,” but still feels distinct. The liner notes reveal that Thompson had a crush on lead singer Grace Slick, whose distinctive voice shines on this guitar-driven anthem. Another countercultural icon, Lou Reed, adds “Walk on the Wild Side” as the album’s eleventh song.

One of the soundtrack’s strengths is its curious diversity; in addition to tracks like those listed above, it includes one of Thompson’s other musical loves, bluegrass, on “My Old Kentucky Home Goodnight.” The song is an exercise in quiet, vocally-driven bluegrass. Right afterward is a track by Big Brother and the Holding Company, the band that brought on Joplin to the world. “Combination of the Two” allows Joplin’s gravelly, powerful vocals to stand sharply above the music of this Haight-Ashbury concoction.

On the subject of life and living in San Francisco, Depp’s smooth reading of Thompson on “The Wave” belies the rising power of the countercultural movement. “It was madness in any direction, at any hour. You could strike sparks anywhere. There was a fantastic universal sense that whatever we were doing was right, that we were winning.”

And that, I think, was the handle, that sense of inevitable victory over the forces of old and evil... We were riding the quest of a high and beautiful wave.”

Other highlights of the soundtrack include Hot Chocolate’s “You Sexy Thing,” the album’s pair of Bob Dylan tracks, including a live version of “Maggie’s Farm,” and “Get Together” by The Youngbloods. Thompson himself would often champion The Youngbloods’ work as more powerful than most critics gave it credit for. To the track’s recognizable chorus, “C’mon, people now! Smile on your brother! Everybody get together/ Try to love one another right now.”

If anything, the “Gonzo” soundtrack is a fascinating look into the mind of a revolution­ary man through the music he knew and loved. Any fan of sixties music, ranging from Creedence Clearwater Revival to Lou Reed, should check out this album.

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Good grief, Charlie

Irish gain just 91 yards of offense in blowout at the Coliseum

By DAN MURPHY
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Tuesday, December 2, 2008

For the second time in as many years, No. 5 Southern California hung 38 points on Notre Dame on route to a 38-3 victory in Los Angeles Saturday.

The Trojans rolled to their seventh straight victory over the Irish — the longest streak in the rivalry's history — behind an impressive showing from senior quarterback Mark Sanchez. Sanchez finished his final home game with 267 yards passing and two touchdowns.

"Well, it's a rivalry game and it's always tough to lose to any rival, but losing like this is obviously tough," Irish senior Pat Kuntz said.

On the other side of the ball, the No. 1-rated USC defense stopped the Irish in their tracks. Notre Dame was held to a field goal on its only trip into Trojan territory and did not pick up a first down until the final play of the third quarter.

The Irish defense kept things close through most of the first half, but the offense didn't help it out. With just ever nine minutes until the break, Trojans senior cornerback Gary Harris picked off a tipped Jimmy Clausen pass to give USC the ball at the 45-yard line. Clausen finished the first half, but the offense things close through most of the third quarter.

"I think that our lack of productivity on offense with USC defense led to our defensive down and giving up some of those big plays," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

All three USC running backs — C.J. Gable, Stafon Johnson and McKnight — finished the day 11-for-22 with two interceptions.

The very next play senior Joe McKnight broke loose and juked his way through the secondary to give USC a 14-0 lead. The score was the first of the season for McKnight.

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An 86-yard touchdown pass to the middle for the score. Williams led all receivers in the game with seven catches for 86 yards.

On the following drive, Notre Dame got backed up to its one-yard line before it was forced to punt to Johnson. Johnson made it to the end zone on the return, but the play was called back due to a block in the back.

Sanchez drove his team inside the red zone once more before settling for a field goal with under a minute to go, giving USC a 24-0 lead going into the break.

The score stayed there until midway through the third quarter when Sanchez got hot once again. This time he connected with Patrick Turner for a gain of 17, then Irish linebacker Toryan Smith got hit with a pass interference call that gave the Trojans a first down on the 11-yard line.

From there Gable took over, rushing three times before getting into the end zone for his team-leading eighth touchdown of the year.

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The Irish finally cracked the scoreboard on their first drive of the fourth quarter. The Irish gave the ball to junior James Aldridge on seven of eight plays — the eighth was an incomplete pass intended for Aldridge — to move the team into field goal range. He rushed for 51 of his 64 yards on the drive before Brandon Walker came in and hit the 41-yard field goal attempt.

Aldridge could play a big role in a potential bowl game for the Irish, who may be without their two other running backs for at least the first half.

Sophomore Armand Allen suffered a leg injury early in the game Saturday and did not return. Weis said after the game that he was not certain of Allen's status.

"We were ready to go. From the time we left South Bend we weren't going to back down," Jimmy Clausen

Irish quarterback

Irish coach

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Irish gain just 91 yards of offense in blowout at the Coliseum
LOS ANGELES — Dear Charlie Weis Jr.,

We've never met so I don't know what your personality is like, or how you handle criticism of your father, but I can probably guess that it hurts, probably more than when someone says something bad about you.

Every coach's son grows up idolizing his father. You think he's the smartest guy in the world. You think nobody is a better coach than he is. And you don't believe it when anyone says otherwise.

At least that's how I felt growing up. My father, Chet, was the head basketball coach at my high school, Bishop Hohan, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for 33 years. After my junior year, his job status was up in the air. A handful of angry parents were displeased with his performance — we finished just around .500 that year — and felt he should be doing better with the talent he had.

It was only a handful of parents, but it was the right parents — those with the deep pockets — that wanted him out. The boneheaded principal listened to them and took the matter under consideration and for weeks, we waited until he made the decision.

Waiting was truly the hardest part.

While we waited, people made accusations about my father and stabbed him in the back, just as I'm sure you've probably seen reports in various newspapers or Web sites, quoting sources both named and anonymous — that take shots at your father.

And maybe you heard the USC fans Saturday — and even the Notre Dame fans last week — saying you're dad stinks and should be fired as he was walking into the locker room. It's cheap and it's petty.

But at the same time, you probably realize that the team that dejectedly walked off the field Saturday wasn't the same team it was at the beginning of the year. It resembled the team that took the field week in and week out last season: The offensive line struggled mightily and as a result, the offense did nothing. The defense, while spirited in the beginning, wore down from being on the field too much. As happened all last season, and Notre Dame can't have its team looking like it did in 2007.

You don't want these critics to be right, but when you see the team play like this, you begin to worry if they're right to say your dad can't inspire his team and can't develop the talent that he brings in because he can't relate to college players.

As for my dad, his critics said be was wasting talent, that he couldn't motivate the team to play, that he was wasting talent, and that he couldn't relate to high school kids. Funny, because after all, I was a high school kid, and he always related to me pretty well. But I recognized that we had talent and things just weren't clicking that season, and it frustrated a lot of people. I worried that people would think those critics were right.

The mistake was, I took it all personally. It was hard to get up and go to school every day, and have to face the same rumors and accusations from these small people all over again.

Finally, the school let him have an in-house meeting, and for weeks, we kept waiting. The parents who wanted my dad out even organized a meeting to rally support for their cause.

In my head, I imagined all the conversations they were having with each other, all the long phone calls they must've had to plot dad's removal. I thought, "Don't these people have anything better to do with their lives than worry about the basketball team? After all, it's just sports, there are more important things to worry about." When you see these Web sites, read the newspaper or watch ESPN, you might have the same opinion.

I was distracted in every aspect of my life. There were some long, even sometimes tear-filled nights where I couldn't stop worrying. I saw what they were doing to my dad. He, too, became saddled and angrier during this time, and that made me even angrier.

People, young and old, have said and will always say nasty things about your father. Sadly, this sort of dialogue is a part of our American sports culture. When my dad was done coaching, it was tough, but everything did work out in the end. The whole ordeal actually brought us closer together than ever. Nobody can take away all your dad has accomplished — remember, he's the only guy on campus with four Super Bowl rings.

As you go through the next few weeks, don't let the waiting get to you. It's just not worth it.

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  - Stafon Johnson 2-yard run with 4:06 remaining (Buehler kick). Drive: 12 plays, 78 yards, 7:11 elapsed.

Second quarter
- USC 14, Notre Dame 0
  - Joe McKnight 56-yard run with 0:05 remaining (Buehler kick). Drive: 1 play, 55 yards, 0:10 elapsed.

USC 21, Notre Dame 0
- Doman Williams 12-yard pass from Mark Sanchez with 4:40 remaining (Buehler kick). Drive: 5 plays, 87 yards, 2:33 elapsed.

USC 24, Notre Dame 0
- Bielefeld 20-yard field goal with 0:24 remaining. Drive: 6 plays, 32 yards, 2:09 elapsed.

Third quarter
- USC 31, Notre Dame 0
  - C.J. Gable 1-yard run with 5:33 remaining (Buehler kick). Drive: 4 plays, 44 yards, 3:21 elapsed.

Fourth quarter
- USC 31, Notre Dame 3
  - Brandon Walker 41-yard field goal with 11:45 remaining. Drive: 3 plays, 55 yards, 5:31 elapsed.

USC 34, Notre Dame 3
- Patrick Turner 17-yard pass from Mark Sanchez with 5:37 remaining. Drive: 5 plays, 84 yards, 5:31 elapsed.

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Anello breaks leg making tackle on return

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Notre Dame kick cover- age standout Mike Anello was injured on a punt during the first quarter. Anello was on the way to cover the punt when he injured his leg in the process. Anello was subsequently carted off the field with a full-leg brace, and was out for the game. Anello's injury may have contributed to the lack of offense for Notre Dame in the first half.

Two down, one to go
Armada Allen left the game in the first quarter. Allen had his leg injured, and Allen was on crutches in the second half. Robert Hughes was ejected in the fourth quarter for fighting, and by NCAA rule will miss the first half of any bowl game Notre Dame goes to. This means Robert Hughes will see the majority of the carries in a potential bowl game.

Early bird gets the worms
When USC tailback Stafon Johnson scored on a two- yard run with 4:06 remaining in the opening quarter, it was the first time an opponent scored a first-quarter touchdown on Notre Dame's defense since Sept. 27. On that day, Purdue tailback Evan Pollock opened the scoring with a 22- yard run for a touchdown during Notre Dame's 38-21 victory.

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Century Man
With a tackle late in the first quarter on Anthony McCoy, Irish strong safety Kyle McCarthy registered his 100th tackle of the season. With the tackle, McCarthy became the first player in the Notre Dame secondary to hit the centu- ry mark for tackles.

Standing Ovation
It took just the last play of the first quarter for Notre Dame to pick up their first first-down of the game, but the accomplishment was duly noted. When James Aldridge burst through the middle of the line for a 15-yard gain, the entire crowd -- Irish and Trojan faithful alike -- gave the Notre Dame defense a standing ovation.

Future of the program
Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swabrick said he will meet with Wells next Monday to discuss the season. Speculation swirls that Wells will be fired, but Wells safety Kyle McCarthy said the rumors didn't affect the players. "It didn't affect us at all," McCarthy said. "Our players really practiced hard this week and had a good game plan going in. We really had our mind on the game only and unfortunately this is how the game turned out. We're a couple wins away from being a nine- and a-finalist and that falls on the players."

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Laying down the L.A. law

The battle began before the game started. Irish and Trojan players clashed on the field, emotions overflowing. Once the game began, however, the battle turned into a bloodbath. Notre Dame hung with the Trojans in the first quarter and was only down by seven, but an interception and a long touchdown run quickly changed that. USC's 17 points in the second quarter put the game out of reach.

USC added to its lead with a one-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. It took the Irish 45 minutes — right up to the end of the third quarter — to get a first down, and the Irish didn't reach Trojan territory until the fourth quarter. Brandon Walker's field goal averted the shutout, but another Southern Cal touchdown pass ensured that Notre Dame could not cover the 31.5-point spread, the largest in the history of the series. Late-game scuffles on the field did nothing to change the outcome, and Notre Dame limped out of the Coliseum with an even record.

Clockwise from top, Clausen throws a pass to Robert Hughes; linebacker Kerry Neal dives to recover a loose ball; Notre Dame and USC players get in each other's faces before the game; Irish linebackers Steve Quinn, right, and Kevin Smith force Trojans running back Stafon Johnson to fumble; Trojans defenders sack Clausen.
The heart wrenching love songs are all similarly un hurried and deliberate. More importantly, they all seem to have an overarching spirit. Iron and Wine's contribution, in their reverent heart warming, romantic, stylish, enchanters listening with the magical "Flightless Bird, American Mouth."

But perhaps the most surprising musical contributor is the star of the movie himself, Rob Pattinson. Lending two tracks to the album, Pattinson's crooning is soulful, measured, and breathtakingly redolent of pain and love. While he's said that a musical career is a backup, his musical talent has a captivating ability that reeks a maturity that his acting skills lack. Sadly, these are the only two tracks available from Pattinson, whose talent could no doubt create more beguiling music.

Also, the instrumental and classical portions of the soundtrack are worth being mentioned. While Carter Burwell created the entire score for the film, his touch is only found on the soundtrack in "Bella's Lullaby," which comes off a bit more like seductive piano playing rather than calming, bed-time lullaby. More from Burwell could have replaced tracks from more predictable, unexciting action like Paramore, which probably should have been left out in the first place. Additionally, "Dare of Lune" provided a classical, charming piece that nicely works in with the rest of the album.

Unconventional film themes somehow translate into an atypical sound that is just as appealing as the story for which it sets the mood. Some tracks mimic the film's stereotypical "power jams." Instead, characterized by a blend of the better attributes of rock and techno, these energetic soundtracks are well balanced and coherent, starting off with fast paced beats and decrescendo to soothing operatic instrumental.

The first tracks are generally high energy. But they go beyond a film's hype, to an operatic "power jams." Instead, characterized by a blend of the better attributes of rock and techno, these energetic songs have a distinctive quality. Maybe it's the mixing of genres or maybe it's the lyrical themes of empowerment and temptation (that obviously speaks to the themes of Twilight on the whole). More expressly, this appealing tension seems to derive from all the artists aim to control their powerful music, keeping it forceful without being overbearing or chaotic.

"A good example of this is Mutemath's "Spotlight." Using rhythm and melody humping to make a revved up tempo, this track translates to an equally empowered feeling for listeners. Similarly, "Innocent Black Hole" by Muse sets the tone for the entire album with its thumping pace and tough vibe. A similar chantable, rhythmical style is continued on in other tracks like Blue Foundation's "Yang on Fire" and The Black Ghost's "Full Moon," "other album highlights. It's not only the rhythmical quality of the lyrics that sets this album apart from one high powered track to another but also an eerily off beat sound that is nonetheless confident in its atypical power. Tracks like those, while more subtle, are the strength and backbone of the album and instantly create between mellow and vigorously aggressive melodies.

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Time has treated David Byrne and Brian Eno well. Over 25 years after their collaborative and experimental 1981 release "My Life in the Bush of Ghosts," Byrne and Eno team up in a familiar sounding summer Internet release, "Everything That Happens Will Happen Today." Byrne and Eno's latest collaboration sounds exactly how you would expect a Talking Heads and Brian Eno album to sound. Take Byrne's vocals and soothingly sanctified lyrics and place them onto Eno's distinctly warped electronic- rock sound and you get "Everything That Happens." It's New but not novel.

If you're looking for an album that goes outside of what you expect from Eno and Byrne, "Everything That Happens" will not suffice. Most of the songs on the album are comparable in either lyrical mode or sound- ing tolerable to any Talking Heads album you've heard. If you happen to be a big Talking Heads fan, this album is a lot like what you would expect from the band somewhere between "Remain in the Light" and "Speaking in Tongues."

Byrne's vocals have changed little, if at all, for the better, becoming slightly less comical and irritating than his Talking Heads days. The tracks "I Feel My Stuff," "Poor Boy," and "Wanted For Life" carry the most obvious influence from Eno with their more synthesized sound and stick-out on the album as more current and accessible.

The ironic single off the album, "Strange Overtones," is a poppy song about a song. The concept of a song about songwriting seemed doomed. But despite its literal lyrics of "squeaking snowballs" and "hearing your feet in the apartment next door," the song's subject ties together the entire album's idea of the transparent pleasures of music over time and even Byrne's personal beliefs.

The second song off the album, My Big Nurse, is testament to that subject. As an ode to Byrne's confidence in a high being and the biblical references scattered throughout the entire album hints that Byrne's higher being just might be God. The music on the album is contemporary, but the lyrics could easily be placed on an album over a half-century earlier and still be appreciated in a current musical context. The ability of the lyrics to match Eno's instrumentation is why Byrne and Eno make a good team.

The ability of the lyrics to be timeless as well as modern makes Byrne's influence on the album more overtly memorable than Eno's influence. It is also Byrne's influence that makes the album sound more like a Talking Heads album than anything else.

There is one difficulty in listening to this album. When a producer and his artist get together to make a album again, it's a chance to avoid similarities and associations in sound to their previous work. If you are willing to accept that this album is not going to be a refreshingly novel sound check out "Everything That Happens Will Happen Today." The album manages to be as unique from most music being released today, regardless of Byrne and Eno's experience and practice in music for three decades.

The full streaming album is available on the official site (http://www.everythingthathappenswillhappen.com), but for the deluxe edition, which contains 5 extra tracks, you can now order a physical copy.

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EverythingThat Happens Will Happen Today
Brian Eno and David Byrne

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It provides the right musical blend for vampires and their significant others, and it can do it for the same ordinary people as well. This 14-song mix is just some of the music that set the mood for months and is the official soundtrack to Twilight. And for those, who despise constant attention paid to Bella and Edward in books, movies, and the un the Wehi still can't get enough, this soundtrack will help feed the Twilight addiction. Still, the album has an eerily unusual and enjoyable mix that can stand on its own, even without the Twilight phenomenon.

With a peculiar, and yet satisfying, blend of pounding, aggressive techno-rock hybrid, hypnotic indie, and tender, slow love songs, the Twilight soundtrack is surprisingly cohesive. An under­ lying anomaly connects the tracks with an indescribable quality subtly created by sound, lyrics, and one that unpredictably work together. The sharply broken path of solely popular hits, the mix generates an offbeat contrast that translates from film to album, and has potential to suit Twilight fans and those not so vampire obsessed alike.

The appeal of Twilight's soundtrack is that it is atypical and unpredictable in equal parts. At one moment, the processed sound of techno-rock pushes a fast, beating tempo and, at the next, the vocals are crooning over minimal instrumen­ tal. And yet, the swings from one end of the spectrum to the other are well balanced and coherent; starting off with fast paced beats and decrescendo to soothing operatic instrumental.

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“Yeah, they smacked us tonight,” Orlando guard Anthony Johnson said. “But with two healthy squads I feel very good.”

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The Giants' Plaxico Burress arrives at Manhattan Supreme Court for arraignment with a law enforcement official in New York Monday. Burress accidentally shot himself at a Manhattan nightclub Friday evening.

Burress turns himself into police

Associated Press

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Taken to court in handcuffs, Plaxico Burress posted $100,000 bail on weapons possession charges Monday as the frenzy grew around the Giants star receiver who accidentally shot himself in a nightclub.

Authorities said teammate Anthony Pierce was being investigated over his role in the weekend shootout, while the Super Bowl champion Giants weren't sure what action they would take, if any, against Burress. The NFL said it was monitoring developments. Mayor Michael Bloomberg also weighed in, saying it would be an outrage "if we didn't prosecute to the fullest extent of the law."

Burress shot himself in the right thigh in the VIP section of the Latin Quarter nightclub in Manhattan about 1 a.m. Saturday, police said. He did not have to permit to carry a handgun in New York.

A witness reported hearing a popping sound before Burress' legs began to shake, according to a person saw a bloody pistol fall out of his pant leg and land on the floor before Burress said "Take me to a hospital."

It's believed Pierce took the gun away from the K'nick while the team looks to replace him. The sides will continue to talk, but Marbury won't be around in the near future. The Giants' shipment is not resolved, according to a source.

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Red Raiders' Harrell's finger broken in nine places

LUBBOCK, Texas—Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell was recovering Monday from surgery to repair nine breaks in two fingers of his non-throwing hand, but he won't miss any playing time.

Texas Tech spokesman Chris Cook confirmed details of Harrell's injury and surgery. He did not have specifics on whether Harrell's fingers got caught in a facemask or slammed against a helmet in Saturday's 35-28 win over Baylor.

The fifth-year senior played in the second half and finished with 309 yards and two touchdowns, the second one coming midway through the fourth quarter to cap a 21-point rally by the Red Raiders.

Anderson out for season, Dorsey to lead Browns

Cleveland—Derek Anderson's season is officially over, yet another slap for the down-on-their-luck Cleveland Browns.

Anderson, who lost his starting job to Brady Quinn several weeks ago, will miss the final four games after being a gatorama in his left knee on Sunday against Indianapolis.

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Armstrong affirms Tour de France return in 2009

Seven-time champion Lance Armstrong will make a surprising return when he rides in next year’s Tour de France.

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Lance Armstrong will ride in the 2009 Tour de France, marking the first time he will compete in that race and the Giro d’Italia in the same year.

“I’m committed to riding for the best guy,” Armstrong said Monday, acknowledging the taxing schedule could leave him riding in a supporting role in France. The Giro runs May 9-31, and the Tour begins July 4.

With such a quick turnaround between two grueling races, the seven-time Tour champion acknowledged his body might not perform at the same level it did when he won his last Tour in 2005.

“If you’ve been away for three or four years, it would be silly for anybody to think I could pick up where I left off,” Armstrong told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Tenerife in the Canary Islands, where Astana is training. “I can tell you I feel better than ever, I feel stronger than ever on Dec. 1. How that translates to racing, we’ll have to see. Mentally, in terms of motivation, this feels like 1998-1999 to me.”

Armstrong’s decision to ride gives the powerhouse Astana team a superstar lineup in France, including 2007 Tour winner Alberto Contador. He missed last year’s race because Astana was barred from riding for previous doping violations. Also riding with Astana is Germany’s Andreas Kloden, American veteran Levi Leipheimer and top support rider Yaroslav Popovych.

Astonia is considered by far the strongest multistage team.

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The 37-year-old stunned the cycling world in September, when he announced he was ending his three-year retirement. He said then his goal was to race in the Tour but stopped short of a guarantee.

Reached by telephone, French anti-doping agency chief Pierre Bordry would not comment on Armstrong’s decision but did say “he will be treated like everyone else” when it comes to drug testing.

Jonathan Vaughters, Armstrong’s U.S. Postal teammate during the 1999 Tour win and now Garmin Chipotle’s sporting director, said he was not surprised by the news.

“I never considered it a realistic possibility he wasn’t going to do the Tour,” Vaughters said by telephone. “It’s the biggest race in the world. Why wouldn’t you want to do that?”

In recent interviews, Armstrong revealed worries about his personal safety while riding in the open roads of France, through the throngs of fans that pack the route. The Tour has its own police force to guard each stage and ensure safety, and French police paid particular attention to Armstrong’s safety when he was riding in recent years, organizers have taken additional steps to protect riders.

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Armstrong dismissed any potential threats Monday. “It’s not going to keep me from going and doing my job, and it’s not going to keep me from spreading my message.”

He has dedicated his comeback to raising awareness for the Lance Armstrong Foundation and his global fight against cancer.

“I’m happy with the record (seven wins). I’m training hard and trying to be as competitive as possible,” he said. “The main objective is the message of the foundation. That’s the first priority and if we ride moderately well, it helps get the message out.”

He’s scheduled to return to elite racing Jan. 20 for the Tour Down Under in Australia. That’s also when the drug-testing program he’s arranging with Don Catlin, America’s top anti-doping expert, will be in place.

But no race provides a stage similar to the Tour.

“The Tour is the biggest bike race in the world; we need it to tell this story on the biggest stage,” Armstrong said. “There’s a mutual respect there, it hasn’t always been mutual love. We need them, they need us.”
With a win. We all have a lot of mouths.

"We all would have rather been playing in the NCAA's," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "But it was important for those two to go out with a win. We all have a lot of respect for Justine and Mallorie."  

Notre Dame (17-14; 9-5 Big East) did not disappoint on senior day, dominating all facets of the game against Xavier (16-15; 8-5 Atlantic) 10-0 to pull out the sweep win and earn the team its 80th victory in the sunset with a good taste in their mouths.

"Overall, we did pretty well, despite a somewhat poor showing statistically," Brown said. "Our main goal was to get everybody into the match and gain some experience."

Freshman outside hitter Kristin Dealy and junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin had 10 kills apiece against Xavier (16-15; 8-5 Atlantic) to pull out the sweep win and earn the team its 80th victory in the season-four years.

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Brown found the hard work and insights of Croal to her fellow teammates to be inspiring and an important aspect of the team down the stretch and through the surprising run to the Big East Championship.  

"Mallorie tried everything to get back out there, but her ability to do everything you would expect a leader to do was important down the stretch," Brown said. "She was an inspiration to us."

The last month of the season saw Stremick coming on as the player and leader Brown always knew she could be.

"Justine is our dominant presence at the net," Brown said. "This last month saw her playing up to the ability that she always had."

Stremick came from a small town by the name of Langdon, North Dakota, and did not even play for a club team, but she found a way to keep rising to the occasion and become a key player on a Big East team, according to Brown.

"When she came onto the team as a freshmen, she had to sit and learn from some dominant players already on the team," Brown said. "But she stepped up into the starting role sophomore year and just kept getting better and better. She is pretty really remarkable."

After failing to reach their goal of making the NCAA's this year, the Irish have to look to next season, as they would like to move beyond the inconsistencies that plagued them for most of this year.

"It is a little frustrating when you have an up and down year," Brown said. "The early losses really hurt us, especially with all the injuries."

But Brown believes the season ended on a high note with the team coming together in the Big East tournament, bolstered by the fact that the team is only losing two players to graduation and will boast six returning seniors and four juniors.

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But the real story of the day was the send-off for the seniors, who have been important leaders for the Irish for some time now.

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The Belles certainly had a full plate over Thanksgiving break, opening a two-week home stand with three games in four days.

Saint Mary's (2-3) earned its first win in eleven meetings against Wheaton on Wednesday, triumphing 81-78 over the visiting Thunder, before dropping two matches in the Saint Mary's College Thanksgiving Classic over the weekend. The Belles took a close, 66-63 loss to Otterbein, before No. 21 University of Chicago edged out Saint Mary's College 73-64 on Sunday.

Belles head coach Jen Henley is looking for her squad to step up across the board this season. "I expect us to have more depth in our program this year," Henley said. "We need to improve our overall team defense and be more balanced in our offense from last season."

In its first home game of the season, Saint Mary's survived a late rally from Wheaton to take home the victory 81-78.

After trading points through the early going, a 24-11 Belles charge late in the first half gave Saint Mary's a 50-37 lead heading into the locker room. Wheaton hung tough in the second period, tying the contest at 78 with only 39 seconds remaining. Belles freshman guard Maggie Ronan pulled down an offensive rebound with 27 seconds left, before a crucial foul sent her to the free-throw line. She sunk the first to take a 79-78 lead. After missing the second, Saint Mary's junior forward Anna Kammrath picked up the most important of her fourteen rebounds on the night. The Belles would not relinquish the lead.

Senior forward Erin Newson notched a double-double with 22 points against 10 rebounds on the night, while the squad shot 43.8 percent from the field and 42.9 percent beyond the arc.

After the holiday, Saint Mary's dropped both contests of the weekend's SMC Thanksgiving Classic, opening the tournament with a 66-63 loss to the Cardinals.

Otterbein shot over 55 percent from the floor in the opening half to take a 38-34 lead at the half, while the Belles kept it close by going 13-for-16 from the free-throw line. Beier led the Belles with 32 points for the tournament and was named to the All-Tournament Team. She also earned her first ever MIAA Player of the Week Award for her efforts off the bench.

Senior Mary's has struggled through the early part of the season having been exasperated by the graduation of an outstanding senior class last spring, notably guard Alison Kessler.

"There certainly was a void to fill after the graduation of Alison," Henley said. "But every program goes through that transition when seniors graduate. The team has adjusted well."

The Belles open their MIAA conference schedule Wednesday with a 7:30 p.m. game against Trine at Saint Mary's Angela Athletic Facility in Notre Dame, Ind.

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missed opportunities. "I obviously feel sorry for the seniors," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said. "They've had a great career. This is the first time they've fallen in the second round. It's always tough when that happens. This group of guys have worked so hard over the past four years and this year they have been superb. It's been a great senior class. I felt we deserved more, but soccer can be a cruel game sometimes."

Cruel would be the word to describe the end to Notre Dame's season. Kuppe hit the game winner with only 1:14 remaining on the clock when he took a pass from senior defender Brian Usinger and fired past Irish keeper Phillip Hunt.

The goal put a cap on a strong Wildcat performance in the second half that saw Northwestern out-shoot Notre Dame 7-4 after intermission. The comeback started early in the second half when the same duo responsible for Northwestern's game-winning goal tied the game. In the 66th minute, Usinger slotted a through ball putting Kuppe behind the Irish defense, and the forward made no mistake dispatching the ball past Hunt.

"Kuppe came on and caused trouble for us," Clark said. "We had a little bit of a problem with getting our feet in the back at that time. They pressed forward and it was a very good win for them."

Northwestern's second-half surge couldn't have been more different than the first 45 minutes. Before halftime, the Irish constantly pressured the Wildcats goal registering 11 shots to Northwestern's four. The pressure paid off in the 24th minute when senior defender Jack Traynor ripped a shot from near the top of the 18-yard box that beat Wildcats keeper Misha Koseuthal to the far post.

Koseuthal would give up nothing more, ending the game with seven saves. In the 38th minute, junior midfielder Michael Thomas beat Koseuthal again to the far post, but his shot rebounded back off that post into play. Junior midfielder Dave Donahue was then there for the rebound, but his attempt was saved by Koseuthal.

"I thought we played exceptionally well in the first half," Clark said. "I also thought we played well in the first part of the second half. They scored the goal and they certainly got into the game. They finished the game very strongly. We had our opportunities. We needed to get a second goal."

That second goal never came, and Notre Dame paid dearly for it. It was the second time this season that the Irish lost a goal in the final minutes that ultimately cost them the game. In a regular season tilt at Louisville, Notre Dame conceded the tying goal on a penalty kick in the 90th minute before losing in overtime.

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Brey and his players said Texas' physical play physical played the Irish with a good template for their Big East schedule. The Longhorns outrebounded the Irish 45-37 and Notre Dame came up with several key rebounds in the game's waning minutes.

"That was definitely the toughest challenge I've had this whole season," Harangody said. "They have a great front line [with forward Connor] Alley and [Damion] James." Brey said the win over Texas will benefit the Irish during the selection process for the NCAA tournament at the end of the season.

"I'm trying to figure out how to get a bid from the Big East right now with the schedule we play," he said. "Certainly, this was a great resume win and we have the opportunity for another one so anything we can stack up.

North Carolina 102,
Notre Dame 87

At the Maui Invitational, Notre Dame showed why it was one of the top 10 teams in the country after its 87-50 victory over No. 15 Texas Tuesday, fell to the Tar Heels 102-87 despite 39 points and a Notre Dame record 10 three-pointers made by forward Luke Zeller.

Irish sophomore guard Kyle McAlarney said. "That's not us. Brey said. "We like to aspire to be the best in that. Maybe, hopefully, by the league, maybe by February. We know where the bar's at.

North Dame simply had no answer defensively for the Tar Heels, specifically forward Tyler Hansbrough and Ty Lawson. Hansbrough, the reigning Naismith and Wooden national player of the year, scored 34 points and grabbed five rebounds. Lawson, a lightning-quick guard, scored 22 points, dished out 11 assists and claimed tournament MVP honors. Forward Deon Thompson also pitched in with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

"I was disappointed, we did such a good job against Texas' bodies in the paint last night," Brey said. "We couldn't do it tonight and that's disappointing for all of us.

One reason for Notre Dame's trouble defensively could have been the conditions for forward Luke Harangody, who scored 13 points despite suffering from flu-like symptoms Wednesday.

We're not on North Carolina's level yet, but we can be," McAlarney said.

Irish senior Kyle McAlarney drives to the hoop during Notre Dame's 88-50 win over Indiana at the Maui Invitational.

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"Our man-to-man defense is a lot better than last year at this time," McGraw said. "We're willing to take some risks, we're not as conservative." Guard Brittney Mallory scored 19 points and hit 3-of-4 3-pointers against the Eagles. McGraw said Mallory's consistent performance in other areas of the game, rather than her 3-point shooting, makes her valuable.

"I wanted her on the floor at the end of the Michigan State game, rather than her 3-point shot," McGraw said. "What really made me happy was how well we played. We were clearly the better team out there.

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"That was really great for (Schuveiller), to get her first goal at such a critical time as the game-winner," Waldrum said. "She's just so good in the air.

"That's something now we've been doing, moving her up from dead ball situations," the coach said. "She's been going up ever since Brittany's been out and it worked out great Friday.

On a cold night at Alumni Field, which will be replaced next season by the Alumni Soccer Stadium, the Irish relied on a trio of Texas to take them to the College Cup. Hans, Schuveiller and Knaack all hail from the Lone Star State.

"It's kind of funny, with all the cold-weather games we've been playing in the past month, that three of the players from Texas were the ones who hooked us up on our goals. So it was kind of nice to see the warm-weather girls do that for us," Waldrum said. The Texas Irish and as well as the rest of the squad will get a welcomed break from the cold when they travel to North Carolina to take on Stanford in the NCAA semi-finals Friday at 4:30 p.m.

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They all. Kuhn finished the game with 36 saves. After a scoreless overtime period, they moved into a shootout. Western Michigan scored early and Maday and sophomore Calle Ridderwall both missed their chances. Jackson decided to move Thang to the third spot because of his feeling out process at this point. Jackson decided to move Thang to the third spot because of his feeling out process at this point. Jackson decided to move Thang to the third spot because of his feeling out process at this point.

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"The shootouts are kind of a feeling out process at this point. I went in with a certain order of guys I would use, but I changed that based on the way we were playing late in the game," Jackson said.

Two shooters later Condra stepped up and finished things off for the Irish.

Friday night was a little bit easier for Notre Dame. The team skated to a 4-1 win while going four-for-four on the power-play.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: A lot rides on your interactions with others and how you handle situations that may make you feel uncomfortable. Your confidence this year makes a big difference. There’s plenty to consider, much of which can be gauged and dealt with. Don’t let that slow you down. Your numbers are 1, 6, 17, 22, 31, 44, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is a great time to outline your situation at home or on the job. It will help you financially. Your understanding of how someone sees you may be off the mark in all aspects of your life. It’s time to put on a public face and make the most of the services you have to offer. Put some money away. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make a couple of adjustments that will help you manage a bigger budget. Consider the cut (s) of your styles and focus on what you know how to do best. Get moving in a direction that will serve you financially. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look at the relationships you are involved in and make plans to do things with the people you love most. Don’t hesitate to back away from doors who bring you stress. You need to be around animals, men and women who will support you. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your feelings may be known. This is a great time to outline your situation at home or on the job. It will help you financially. Your understanding of how someone sees you may be off the mark in all aspects of your life. It’s time to put on a public face and make the most of the services you have to offer. Put some money away. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put your foot to the floor and move as quickly as possible to complete what must be done. Once you have your work out of the way, you can enjoy other aspects of your life. It may be time to ‘fess up to anything you feel guilty about and start anew with someone personally. Protect your assets. Love looks promising if you are straightforward about your intentions. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make arrangements to do things with friends who will help you explore the social scene and lead to greater love and re­storation. Shopping will be practical. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stick too close to home will lead to disagreements with someone you care about. Greenwood or taking on too much will cause mental stress. Don’t take your eye off the ball. Librarians will work. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don’t let anyone bully you or take credit for something you have done. You may be the aggressor if you want to get ahead. A change of plans will still allow time for you to extract your intentions. ★★★

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Hockey

Irish named top team in the country after weekend sweep

By DAN MURPHY

 Notre Dame has reached the top spot in the women's hockey rankings.

The top-ranked Irish took down No. 6 Florida State 2-0 Friday night in the final game ever at Notre Dame's current home field. The Irish remained undefeated and advanced to the College Cup as one of the top four teams in the country for the third season in a row. This year's championship weekend will be held at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, N.C.

Notre Dame won two games over the weekend, including a 2-0 win over Western Michigan this weekend. The Irish are now ranked No. 1 in the polls for the first time since the end of the 1996-97 season.

"It's all well and good," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Polls are polls, I didn't really discuss it with the team. I want them to focus on the process not on where they are ranked."

Notre Dame entered the weekend just behind Minnesota in the national rankings. A loss and a tie from the Gophers were enough to drop them behind the Irish who received 33 of 34 first-place votes.

The team improved its unbeaten streak to ten games, but it didn't come easily. Western Michigan used the Irish to their second sudden death shootout of the season Saturday night before senior captain Erik Condra scored the game-winner. The shootout victory was the second of the season for Notre Dame in as many tries.

Senior forward Christian Hanson got the scoring started midway through the first period when he snuck behind the Bronco defense and buried his team-leading ninth goal of the season. Christiana Minella and Garrett Reegan both picked up assists on the play.

Not to be outdone, freshman Bill Maday netted his ninth of the season only three minutes later on the power play to give his team an early 2-0 lead.

"Hanson and Maday are playing with a lot of confidence. Once they start feeling good about their game they start playing even better," Jackson said.

Western Michigan then took over with three unanswered goals from Patrick Galvan, Tyler Ludwig and Max Campbell. Jackson said he felt his team lost the momentum quickly, giving the Broncos a 2-2 tie heading into the final period. In the locker room between periods, Jackson said he called out his upperclassmen to take over. They responded. Six minutes junior Ryan Thang, who has had a slow start to the season, tied the game with a power-play goal. The Irish had several chances late in the game but Western Michigan goalie Jerry Kuhn managed to stop them.

Men's Soccer

Team falls in NCAA 2nd round

By GREG ARBOGAST

The Irish must have left Alumni Field last Tuesday night with a bitterly cold feeling that had nothing to do with the winter conditions they faced during their second-round NCAA Tournament game against Northwestern.

For the first time in any of the current Notre Dame players' career exempting fifth-year seniors, they won't be tasting the Sweet 16. After a 2005 trip to the Sweet 16 followed by two Elite Eight berths, the Irish were undone by two second-half goals from freshman forward Oliver Kuppe giving the Wildcats a comeback 2-1 win and giving Notre Dame an offseason to contemplate.

Women's Soccer

Going out on top

Irish win final game on home turf Friday

By FRAN TOLAN

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Florida State knocked Notre Dame out of last year's national semifinals but the Irish returned the favor by playing the Seminoles a trip back to the College Cup.

Men's Basketball

Making waves in Hawaii

By CHRIS HINE and FRAN TOLAN

MAUI — Notre Dame faced its biggest tests of the season over Thanksgiving break when it faced Texas and North Carolina in the Maui Invitational. The Irish proved they belong among the top teams in the country when they beat Texas 81-80 and learned what they needed to get to the same level as the No. 1 Tar Heels. Of course, having a healthy Luke Harangody, who contracted pneumonia in Maui, could have helped against the Tar Heels.

Irish guard Kyle Calhoun hit a Notre Dame record 10 3-pointers against North Carolina and then hit nine more Sunday against Furman at the Joyce Center. In that game, Notre Dame snapped the school home