Balkan crisis leaves MBA students cold

Classmates on trip to Bosnia for business course face low temps as natural gas is cut off

By AARON STEINER
Assistant News Editor

Keith Flatley said it was a cold couple of days he and five other Notre Dame MBA students spend in Bosnia at the beginning of the month, as much of eastern Europe was affected by a cutoff of natural gas from Russia that began on Jan. 1.

The MBA students — traveling to Bosnia for a course called "Business on the Frontlines" — arrived in the country on Jan. 2. Shortly after their arrival, they were among the thousands affected by the gas cutoff. The Associated Press reported that tens of thousands of homes and buildings have been left without heat in freezing weather since the disruption.

"We'd be out all day, doing our work, [and] some of the buildings had heat," he said. But the majority of businesses didn’t have heating.

We found a couple places of heat," he said.

The AP reported that sales of electric heaters soared, something Flatley confirmed in an e-mail from Jan. 7.

"There are lines forming at stores selling electric heaters. The price of an electric heater on Monday was under $100 U.S.; it is now over $200," he wrote in the e-mail. "The heaters sell out within minutes of the stores opening."

The infrastructure in Bosnia varies, Flatley said, but natural gas heating is common, with much of it constructed since the Bosnian conflicts that left the country in shambles.

"When [Sarajevo] was rebuilt, because the electric grid was kind of shoddy, they basically redid the city with natural gas," he said. In some cities, where natural gas is less common, there is a mix of firewood and electric heating systems, he said.

Flatley said the mood in the country wasn’t too negative.

"They’re tough people," he said of Bosnians, noting they’ve endured far worse during wars of bombings and conflict in the region.

"I think it was more an issue for us than for the people there," he said.

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Notre Dame fans enjoy Irish victory, ‘white sand Christmas’

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

HONOLULU — Notre Dame seniors Alice Ciciora and Ron LaFalce spent several days touring the beaches and mountains of Oahu, but the highlight of their trip, they said, was watching Notre Dame end its nine-game bowl loss streak with a win against Hawaii.

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish defeated the University of Hawaii Warriors 49-21 in the Christmas Eve Sheraton Hawaii Bowl, and Ciciora and LaFalce were seated in the front row of Aloha Stadium to witness it.

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Saint Mary’s installs signpost

New campus landmark points, shows distance to study abroad locations

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s students exiting the east doors of the Student Center and Spa Unica Hall may have noticed two new signposts near both buildings.

While one might expect the signs to point visitors toward other buildings on campus, they actually point towards the eight countries in which Saint Mary’s has study abroad programs. The signs also show how far away the locations are from the College.

The signposts were purchased by the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) with funds from the Lilly grant, said Elaine Meyer-Lee, CWIL director.

"[The signs] are a visual reminder of the College’s many opportunities to study abroad," Meyer-Lee said.

Those opportunities include semester and full year programs in Maynooth, Ireland; Djon, France; Insbruck, Austria; Seville, Spain; Bome, Italy; and Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, as well as summer programs in Seoul, South Korea; and Bejing, China, all of which are included on the signs.

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Saint Mary’s students who commute to campus returned from break to find they will have a longer walk from the parking lots to the main parts of campus.

The Science Hall parking lot, on the northeast side of campus, has been restricted to students and is only open on weekdays.

Students may park in the parking lot on weekends and on weekdays after 5:30 p.m., but many students expressed frustration with the new restrictions.

Senior Kristen Edelen, said the new restrictions are "ridiculous." Since returning from break she has had two warnings and one parking ticket. The two warnings were a result of being "improperly parked" in the newly restricted science lot. Edelen said the
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"competitive intelligence." He
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sure to illness. However, the
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between season of birth and
later outcomes has never been
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In the new study, Bucks and
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon has backed the Egyptian truce proposal to halt the fighting, now in its third week, before leaving New York for the Egyptian capital on Tuesday, he urged Hamas to accept a U.N.-brokered cease-fire resolution and allow humanitarian aid into Gaza.

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Authorities also charged two men suspected of setting fires to get money from the firefighters, and were seeking arrest warrants for two former firefighters who have moved out of state.

The firefighters worked at the fire district in Ehrenberg, a town of about 1,200 people and about 140 miles west of Phoenix on the Arizona-California line. They got $10 an hour per fire.

Father sells daughter into marriage

SAN FRANCISCO — A California man has been arrested for arranging for his 14-year-old daughter to sell herself in exchange for $16,000, 100 cases of beer and several cases of meat, police said.

Authorities in Greenfield, a farming community on California's central coast, said they learned of the deal after Marcelino de Jesus Martinez, 35, asked them for help getting back his daughter after payment wasn't made.

Martinez was arrested Sunday. He's scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday in Monterey County Superior Court on felony charges of human trafficking for minors, prostitution and selling official governm ent commodities.

Local News

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich makes a statement at a news conference in Chicago on Friday after being impeached by the Illinois House.

Gov. Blagojevich to preside over hearing

Illinois governor to swear in Senate that will decide if he will be dismissed from office.
Clinton plans fresh approach to diplomacy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday that she intends to revitalize the mission of diplomacy in American foreign policy, calling for a "smart power" strategy in the Middle East and implicitly criticizing the Bush administration for having downgraded the role of arms control.

At a daylong confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, President-elect Barack Obama's choice for secretary of state sailed smoothly through an array of non-controversial questions until two Republican committee members pressed her to take additional steps to ensure that former President Bill Clinton's global fundraising work does not pose even an appearance of conflict with her role as the chief U.S. diplomat. She balked, saying disclosure rules already in place were carefully crafted and adequate to avoid any conflict.

Clinton appeared headed for easy confirmation. She encountered no challenges to her basic vision for foreign policy.

Clinton, who will relinquish her seat in the Senate when confirmed, spoke confidently of Obama's intentions to renew American leadership in the world and to strengthen U.S. diplomacy.

"America cannot solve the most pressing problems on our own, and the world cannot solve them without America," she said, her daughter Chelsea seated behind her in the audience. "The best way to advance America's interest in reducing global threats and seizing global opportunities is to design and implement global solutions. This isn't a philosophical point. This is our reality.

In laying out a general outlook for American foreign policy under Obama, Clinton spoke in a clear, unburdened voice and looked at ease. She made it plain, citing policy themes that were familiar from Obama's presidential campaign — and in many cases her own — that the incoming Democratic administration wants to elevate the role of diplomacy. She and Obama contend that the Bush administration relied too heavily on the military to carry out foreign policy and that it looked too much on ideology and too little on pragmatism.

The Foreign Relations Committee planned to vote on Clinton's nomination on Thursday. If it approves her, she could gain full Senate confirmation as early as inauguration Day.

The Senate also held confirmation hearings for other Obama choices for Cabinet and top White House positions. Hearing were Peter Orszag, to head the Office of Management and Budget, and Robert Nabor II, for deputy director ofOMB; New York housing official Shaun Donovan, to be secretary of housing and urban development; Steven Chu, to head the Energy Department; and Arne Duncan, as education secretary.

Chu promised that if confirmed as energy secretary he will aggressively pursue policy aimed at addressing climate change and achieving greater energy independence by developing clean energy sources.

At his hearing, Duncan said that the No Child Left Behind law should stop punishing schools where only a handful of kids are struggling.

Obama's choice to run the Treasury Department and to lead the economic rescue effort disclosed to senators Tuesday that he failed to pay $34,000 in taxes from 2001 to 2004, a last-minute complication in an otherwise smooth path to confirmation. Timothy Geithner paid most of the past-due taxes days before Obama announced his nomination in November, an Obama transition official said. The unpaid taxes were discovered by Obama's transition team while investigating Geithner's background, the official said.

"Whenever I see the sign I think about my wonderful experience in Seville," Siler said. "And even though it says that Seville is 4,126 miles away, seeing the sign makes it seem like it's not that far."

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President-elect Barack Obama and others leave a Democratic party luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington yesterday.

Clinton's donors under investigation

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton, President-elect Barack Obama's choice for secretary of state, rejected calls Tuesday for more details about donors to her husband's foundation, saying she has revealed enough to avoid even the hint of conflicts. An Associated Press review found that Clinton stepped in at least a half-dozen times on issues involving businesses and organizations who later gave to the charity.

Clinton said as secretary of state she would be exercising her judgment on behalf of her husband's foundation, which has ties to foreign governments.

"It will not be in the atmosphere," Clinton said.

Lugar said he was confident the current arrangement was not a good idea, that it's stopped and that there was no need for an argument it happened. He added: "So if we're going to have an argument it happened, in fact, so it would be hard to make an argument of conflicts of interest."

Constitution. Several Democratic lawmakers were discussing allocating as much as $15 billion to help home owners facing foreclosure, Clinton noted that under the agreement, foreign government pledges will be submitted to the State Department for review. She said it was unprecedented for a former president to agree to the disclosure of his husband's donors, and that she was confident the current arrangement would avoid even the appearance of conflicts of interest.

"I don't know who will be giving money. That will not influence," Clinton said. "When the disclosure occurs, obviously it will be after the fact, so it would be hard to make an argument that it influenced anybody because we didn't know about it."
A simple plea

Editorial Cartoon

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A simple plea

What comes to mind when you read that word? I think the only legitimate answer to that is the amazingly talented blackened death metal band formed in New Orleans in 1997.

That’s right. Goatwhore. And don’t you ever call them a metal band. They’re blackened death metal. What is blackened death metal you might ask?

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“But surely there cannot be this many genres of metal?”

Oh, I was once as innocent and naive as you. But as it turns out, after listening to countless lectures on metal music from my good friend Paul, metal is as diverse a species as humans sapiens. There’s heavy metal, death metal, black metal, grindcore, crossover, nu metal, the ever popular groove metal, folk metal and my personal favorite — Viking metal, a veritable Wonka factory of metal.

Now of course you raise the very important question, “Am I supposed to care about all of this garbage?” Yes, actually, you are — and here’s my first point: there are so many genres of metal that a new metal band can potentially come into existence and claim it is its own genre simply by saying it has fused the styles of two different bands who have done the same thing before them. There aren’t this many genres of metal because the music is different enough for such variations to exist, this “genre”-ification exists because otherwise new metal bands get pegged as being followers. And we all know you cannot be a follower and still be metal (exclamation point).

But then what does this discussion of metal say about music as a whole? Surely such an underground style as metal can’t represent the entirety of the music industry. Well, I tend to think that it can, especially when it’s one of the best-selling genres in the business. It may pain me to realize that if as Paul tells me — metal fans are billions strong.

So now the problem isn’t metal, the problem is music. What kind of an industry could let itself get so out of hand? A world completely controlled by the economic interests of record executives and production teams. Yet that’s what the industry has always been. For instance, rock bands in Britain weren’t getting enough publicity because of the Beatles, so along came the concept of the “British Invasion” and every Herman’s Hermits or Dave Clark Five cashed in. But the demands of an industry didn’t cripple music as much as they do now.

Today we see people inventing genres that don’t logically make sense as a cheap tactic to sell more records. Executives have found a perfect way to convince avid music fans that what they’re producing is new and different, and therefore really, really awesome. Musicians, influenced by such action, have followed suit; we’ve seen how Eric Cartman learned that in order to sell a million records, all he had to do was form a Christian rock group. Yes, even religion has been exploited so more money can be made.

And it’s not just music. Look at high education. Young academics seeking advancement opportunity have to find ways into the litigation industry. An appreciation of a holistic and comprehensive understanding falls by the wayside as more money can be profited from every increased specificity.

So what can we do? Will “genre”-ification last forever? If it does it could have lasting ramifications and repercussions. Once enough of a precedent has been set wealth and powerful individuals will start to believe that the model will work everywhere. The government will decide to stop legislating on behalf of the country and only legislate in favor of the personal desires of the Congress. Doctors will only work on projects that profit them personally — there go our hopes of curing diseases like Cancer and Alzheimer’s.

Personally, I don’t think music “genre”-ification will continue forever, but we have to be careful in how we handle the problem. Here’s my plan.

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From here, the number of metal bands will dwindle until the population becomes sizable enough to be ignored by the mainstream media. Once these groups are denied attention, people will stop listening. And then, after people stop listening to metal and you’ll save the world... or at least you’ll stop promoting what I consider to be the most annoying form of music out there.

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to 19 years, we would like to thank the University for all it has done for us and the community, from the wonderful support to paid vacations and sick time. Unfortunately, there are some that either haven’t worked at a diner or other food establishment or it’s been so long they have forgotten what that used to be like. I value the thought of the University to pay for our children’s second- ary education. CLAP represents. Ranging in service for this fine University from five time.

You wouldn’t pay the same amount for a half sandwich as you would for a full one. You wouldn’t pay as much for a "supersized" meal and be content with the regular size. So why are you putting those "up-sizes" of grocery store and receiving minutes?

Perhaps you’ve heard of downsizing in reference to layoffs——a practice that, as students, does not necessarily affect us. But our sinking economy is causing downsizing in areas beyond the job market. Downsizing, in terms of selling less product in a standard package for the same or higher price, is becoming more popular. This means fewer potato chips to chips in a bag, less cereal in a box while you’re still paying as high a price as ever. And you thought the recession wasn’t affecting you.

As our country’s economic activity continues to diminish, the cost of raw materials continues to climb. Over the past few years, manufacturers have made budget cuts everywhere they possibly could, due to the rise in cost of raw materials.

Yet manufacturers have reached the point where there’s not much fat left to trim, and so their financial burden has been passed down to us, the consumers. But because of our competitive market, manufacturers and retailers are taking advantage of the consumer’s dilemma and are miniaturizing their products, but also cheating consumers.

Changes in product sizes are virtually ubiquitous, and you have to look carefully to detect them. A box of Apple Jacks now holds 15 ounces where it once held 17. The Loops now hold 17 ounces where they once held 19.7. A Hershey’s bar that was previously eight ounces is now 6.8 ounces and parades around as a “Giant bar.” Frankly, with so many weight-loss-centered New Year’s resolutions, a cut in portion sizes isn’t really the worst thing for the American consumer. It is the deceptive nature of these downsizing that’s really the key issue.

A sneaky case of Cottonelle bath tissue downsizing was recently unrolled by an online source, mouseprint.org, that works to expose fine print in advertising. They visually compared two packages that both claimed to hold 304 sheet rolls with each sheet measuring 4.2 by 4.0 inches. Yet, one package was noticeably taller than the other. After contacting the company and learning of the company’s downsizing from 4.5 inch sheets of bath tissue to 4.2, the site deduced that some of the older 4.5 width rolls were put into a newer wrapper that had the new lowered sheet count and narrower roll. The site calculated that the packaging mistake was perhaps “an interim step in the downsizing process to hide the change for anyone comparing the older label to the newer one.”

Such hurdles to fair-price-comparisons should not be allowed in our market. What’s more is that in many cases, a downsizer cannot even be detected through side-by-side comparison.

I didn’t notice downsizing until I was helping my mom cook dinner over break. A box of Dreamfields pasta, weighing one pound, used to fit perfectly into a canister in our kitchen. I watched my mom empty the contents of the box into the canister, and to my surprise the pasta did not reach the top. I checked the box. The box that used to read 16 ounces now read 11. There was no discount for the missing three ounces, but rather a price increase.

What’s more troubling is that according to a Nielsen report from this past summer, products like dried pasta are supposed to be unaffected by our economic downturn. The inaccuracy of this assertion supports a different claim that 2009 will hold a commodity cost increase double that of 2008, leaving no product immune to downsizing.

This supermarket shrinkdown is surely shielding us from the reality of our economic situation. We are witnessing few price increases at the grocery store, yet prices have skyrocketed. The American consumer did not consent to having the wool pulled over her eyes. According to Nielsen, 47 percent of American consumers would prefer to buy larger products for more money than having their normal portions downsized, while only 9 percent of surveyed Americans showed support for downsizing. Manufacturers are thus not only miniaturizing their products, but also minimizing the consumer’s influence in the marketplace by forcing us to comply with a price-increase strategy that we would otherwise oppose.

Downsizing has more of a downside than just being deceptive. It produces “upsized” waste. Fewer plastic bags are being used so there is more waste per baggie as the box is more quickly emptied and discarded, and a new box is purchased just to reach the same fate. Downsizing also leads to bungled recipes. A recipe that calls for a can of Starkist tuna will now come out less fishy due to the shrink in the cans. The unknowing consumers don’t know to adjust their recipe to the new smaller portions until it’s too late, and who has time to calculate conversions for the missing ounce or two here and there?

As college students, our purse strings are already tighter than most, and we tend to rely on price-comparisons for our shopping, not price-comparisons for our eating. Yet fair comparisons are far more difficult to make, now that downsizing has confused the market. The American consumer is either confused or willfully ignorant. Manufacturers and retailers should be increasing prices outright instead of trying to sneak them under our noses. They’ve downsized our product, not my intelligence, and I’m not fooled.

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The big winner at the 66th Annual Golden Globe ceremony on Sunday night was "Slumdog Millionaire," the film about an impoverished teenager, Jamal Malik, from the streets of Mumbai who is accused of cheating on India’s version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" After the votes were tabulated, the Hollywood Foreign Press honored the film with four awards including Best Motion Picture — Drama, Best Director, Best Screenplay and Best Original Score. This was a surprising sweep for a semi-indie film originally playing in only select cities, but a well-deserved one. The film is an innovative story of Jamal looking back on how he discovered each answer to the game show throughout his difficult life.

Another big winner of the evening was Kate Winslet who was honored with Best Actress — Drama for "Revolutionary Road" and Best Supporting Actress for "The Reader." Winslet was absolutely giddy during her acceptance speeches, and seemed genuinely surprised and grateful at both her wins. Overall it seemed, like a good night to be from the United Kingdom as Sally Hawkins, Simon Beaufoy, Danny Boyle and Colin Farrell joined Winslet in winning.

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture — Drama was handed out to Mickey Rourke for "The Wrestler" who seems to be this year’s comeback kid. He joked that Robert Downey Jr. should give the speech for him, but he did a good job himself with a heartfelt speech thanking those who took a chance by casting him. Intriguingly, Darren Aronofsky, the film’s director, gave him thekug (although the West Coast missed it due to the 7-second delay). "The Wrestler" was also praised for Best Original Song, which was written and performed by Bruce Springsteen. Springsteen thanked Rourke for inspiring him to write the song, as the two have been longtime friends. Springsteen also joked that this was the only time he would ever be in competition with Clint Eastwood and it felt pretty good.

On the television side of the things the HBO mini-series "John Adams" dominated with four awards, as did NBC’s "30 Rock" which went home with three. Two actors from "30 Rock" also stole the show with hilarious acceptance speeches. Tina Fey’s speech created a deal with Fey that if Barack Obama won he would speak for the show from now on. Then he exclaimed, "I am the face of post-racial America. Deal with it. Cate Blanchett’s" later in the evening when Tina Fey won herself for Best Actress Musical or Comedy she rocked the house by berating online users that hate on her and instead told them to, "...suck it."

In a touching moment, Christopher Nolan, director of "The Dark Knight," accepted the Best Supporting Actor award on behalf of the late Heath Ledger. Ledger received a standing ovation from the crowd for his vertical turn as the Joker. Nolan said it best, that, "He will be eternally missed, but he won’t be forgotten." A surprising win went to Anna Paquin for her starring role in the new HBO vampire show "True Blood." Paquin is excellent as Sookie Stackhouse, the southern gal in love with a vampire, but she was up against some stiff competition. On the other hand, it was not surprising at all that Pixar’s "Wall-E" won for Best Animated Film.

In the end, the evening was a star-studded affair complete with Stephen Spielberg being honored with the Cecil B. DeMille/Lifetime Achievement award. Even those who didn’t win anything, like the fan favorites Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, still added to the glamour by looking beautiful while doing it.

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Scene Writer:

Cleavage was the name of the game at this year’s Golden Globes. Almost every dress highlighted the actress’ busts by tightening the material around her mid-section and avoiding the usually present necklaces, drawing further attention to the lady’s upper-half, where one would naturally expect to find jewels dangling around the collarbone. Hayden Panettiere, in a deep purple sequined design from Gianfranco Ferre, exhibited this look well. Many others also captured the same feel including Eva Longoria Parker, Anna Paquin, Rumer Willis (who stunned viewers in a beautiful purple Reem Acra gown and eclipsing her status of being just Bruce Willis and Demi Moore’s daughter), Tina Fey and Drew Barrymore (who unfortunately looked like an 80’s prom night mare with her over-bleached hair and far too pale blue mermaid gown). It almost felt like in the hopes of being anti-Hollywood with their lack of over-powering jeweled necklaces, they all intended the look as the ultimate Hollywood trend.

Blake Lively did not hit it off with her gown on the red carpet. Was the color fabulous? Yes. Was the sequined heading fabulous? Yes. Were her hair and makeup fabulous? Yes. Then what could possibly be the problem for this fashion icon? Well, it was very difficult to focus on all of those wonderful attributes when Blake Lively’s periwinkle Nina Ricci gown was just a little too tight. Though Blake Lively has a wonderful figure and is a gorgeous girl, all eyes were drawn to her mid-section, which wasn’t flatteringly displayed by the dress she chose. Stars need to take into account the highlights and shadows that will be created when they walk; the red carpet and Lively’s gown turned features that weren’t bad into major faults because of the ill fit of the otherwise beautiful dress. Tips on the proper fit of a gown could have been taken from Beyonce who always looks fabulous because she chooses gowns that flatter her shape, skin tone, and personality.

Anne Hathaway looked sophisticated and elegant in her navy blue and black hand-pleated bustier gown from Armani Prive, which was accented with cool blue high-heels. Though the shape wasn’t the best seen, the gown was definitely a winner because of the color choice and the daring and eye-catching material used. January Jones also picked an extremely beautiful gown to compliment her light blonde hair and pale complexion and her icy blue Versace gown did just the trick. The classicist art of all Sunday night was Kate Winslet in her black belted Yves Saint Laurent gown, and not just because she has a British accent. Her hair made up perfectly and butch and sleeked petal-toned Carlos Miele gown. The wrapping of the pleats in a diagonal zigzag across her front created a wonderful accent and gave her a look of fluidity that exuded maturity and grace.

The Golden Globes’ fashion choices this year were definitely an improvement from the last (which was cancelled because of the Writer’s Strike) and the reappearance of exciting colors and shapes rightly adorned Hollywood’s finest on Sunday evening. With such a great show of designer gowns this January, one can only imagine what to expect for the upcoming and most exciting awards show of the year: the Academy Awards.

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It was a Merry Hawaiian Christmas for the Irish as they rolled to a 49-21 blowout in the Hawai'i Bowl
Things could not have gone much better for the Irish in paradise. A week spent sunbathing, surfing, shutting down water parks and apparently a few very produc­tive practices, Notre Dame took the field. The 70 degree temperature and soft Pacific breeze made for pretty nice game condi­tions. There was even a rainbow on the horizon.

As nice as the blowout victory was, the real story of the Irish foot­ball season was the struggles in the second half of the year or more importantly how to fix them. The offense certainly looked fixed against Hawaii. It looked good enough to give most of the Irish nation ridiculous expectations for next season. But don’t confuse one very good performance against a shaky defense with the kind of offense that wins championships. There is still plenty of work to be done.

If the Hawaii Bowl proved anything, it was that the program as a whole is headed in the right direc­tion.

The success continued to trickle down to the field and nowhere was it more apparent than with embattled sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen. His stats 122-26, 491 yards passing, and five passing touchdowns are a little bit misleading — they could have been much better.

The passes that fell incom­plete were all well thrown balls, two should have been catches and the other two could have been. The 400 yards passing and five touch­downs were jammed into less than two-thirds of the game. Clausen’s day was over with 7:22 left in the third quarter.

Weis attributed Jimmy’s big day to a month of slowing down and working on basic fundamentals. Maybe it was the extra practice. Maybe the So. Cal. native just need­ed a little sun and sand to get com­fortable. Maybe it was a non-exis­tent Hawaii pass defense. Whatever the cause, the effect was fun to watch and showed that the young gun­slinger was moving in the right direction.

He didn’t say specifically but Weis made it seem like when the knees heal up he will be returning to the sidelines. Does anyone have Tonya Harding’s number?

The rest of Clausen’s team­mates followed suit. Hawaii head coach Greg McMackin said that having fresh­man wide out Michael Floyd back from injury helped his other receivers, especially Golden Tate. Floyd is obviously a huge asset for the Irish, but Tate didn’t need anyone’s help on Christmas Eve.

He was unstoppable. He proved that on his punt return for a touchdown where he single-handedly beat all 11 Rainbow Warriors down the field only to have it called back on a roughing the punter penalty. Tate and Clausen definitely stood out, but the team also played as a unit with several guys stepping up as role players. Armando Allen and Robert Hughes were both big assets to the offense out of its backfield. On the other side of the ball, Ethan Johnson had a huge game with two sacks, almost matching his total for the regular season. Senior line­backer Steve Quinn also had a career day with a sack and five tackles.

From top to bottom Notre Dame was the better team in a postseason matchup for the first time in over a decade, which is clearly moving in the right direction.

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Celebrating a walk to the top

By BILL BRINK

Sports Editor

Notre Dame set new Hawai'i bowl records in passing yards, touchdowns and receiving yards as the Irish defense also had a big night out with seven sacks and five more passes tipped at the line.

Notre Dame fans who made the long hard journey to Honolulu celebrate the first Irish bowl win in 14 years.

The mix of emotions on the field after Notre Dame's 49-21 win over Hawai'i in the Hawai'i Bowl on Dec. 24 stretched from bewildered to jubilant to comic.

And who can blame them? The players had just ended a nine-bowl game losing streak in a convincing fashion.

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One shy of a Hawaii 5-0

Notre Dame flew southwest to spend its Christmas in Honolulu with plenty to prove. The Irish were coming off a disappointing end to their season, head coach Charlie Weis needed a chance to prove his critics wrong, and the whole team was trying to snap an NCAA record nine game drought in the postseason.

The Irish accomplished all of their goals and then some. Sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen exploded for 401 yards passing and five touchdowns through the air. He and his teammates tore apart the Notre Dame and NCAA record books by hanging 49 points on the clearly overmatched Rainbow Warrior defense. On the other side of the ball, the defense was not to be outdone. They posted eight sacks, five tipped passes, an interception and a fumble recovery against the high-flying Hawaiian offense.

Notre Dame's senior captains all rode into the sunset in style. Safety David Bruton had two turnovers and wide receiver David Grimes hauled in a touchdown pass in the second quarter. Coaches Mike Haywood and Jappy Oliver also had sweet goodbyes as they finished their final games on the Irish sidelines.
In the heart of Mumbai’s overwhelmingly impoverished and overcrowded slums lives orphan Jamal Malik (Dev Patel), the 14-year-old hero of “Slumdog Millionaire,” the film that has brought hope to his lost childhood love and the millions of Mumbai’s desti­ tute inhabitants when he lands a spot on India’s version of “Who Wants to be a Millionaire.”

As he answers more and more questions correctly, suspicions mount that this barely educated boy who has lived on the streets the majority of his life might be cheating and he is taken in for governmental question­ ing when the show breaks for the evening. After being physically tor­ red and intimidated by the impa­ tient Indian police, he finally confess­es to how he knew each answer and the revealing anecdote he shares covers events from his childhood to the present day show how honest and how pure this gem from the slums really is.

Irish director and Golden Globe winner Danny Boyle calls this mas­ terpiece his “love letter to Mumbai,” and does his best to capture the prominent role the belief in destiny plays in the Indian culture by using it as the motivating factor that drives the actions of his protagonist. In an interview with Fox Searchlight Pictures, he says of the multitude of Indians living in poverty, “They accept, you know, maybe what we would regard as a terrible condition of life... They accept that — that that is their destiny.”

The Indian belief that they are in the place they are supposed to be allows them to accept and cope with their living conditions and the situations they are placed in and it is this belief in destiny fused with the Western belief in controlling your own destiny that drives Jamal Malik’s pursuit of a better life.

The pursuit of his fate begins shortly after being orphaned when young Jamal realizes that his hand is to rely on for his survival is his older brother Salim (Madhur Mittal). While he and his brother flee the Hindu-Muslim conflict in his village that was responsible for the death of his mother, they come across a dirty lonely girl abandoned in the streets and from the moment Jamal’s eyes fall on this intriguing and innocent orphan named Latika (Freida Pinto), he knows she is the third musketeer he and his brother Salim have been missing.

He is quick to fall in love with her in the most innocent and childlike of ways and, though sepa­ rated from her multiple times throughout his life, manages to find his way back to her even though as time goes on, it gets more and more danger­ ous to do so. Because Jamal knows he is destined to be with Latika, he refuses to give up his pursuit of her and it is in this belief in destiny that he has his final desperate attempt to reunite with her by appearing on and determine­ viously win­ ning “Who Wants to be a Millionaire.”

“Slumdog Millionaire” is a tale that enlivens the human spirit while teaching valuable and important les­ sons about human nature and one’s responsibility for his or her own actions. The personalities of each character remain consistent from childhood to adulthood, revealing the concept that actions taken as a child are often good indicators of the type of person someone will grow up to be.

This winner of four Golden Globes, including Best Director, Picture, Screenplay and Score truly deserves every award that comes its way. The roles were perfectly cast, the plot and screenplay indulged the audience with a bittersweet taste of life on the Mumbai streets, and the fusion of Indian beats and American hip-hop mirrored the audiences’ desire to run with Jamal, Latika, and “Slumdog Millionaire” away from life’s hardships and into the winner’s circle.

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Oilers net first road win over Caps since 1997

Heatley, McAmmond and Fisher each light the lamp helping the Senators end their five-game losing streak

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Dwayne Roloson's saves and Steve MacIntyre's first career goal provided an early lift, then, Erik Cole took command.
Cole scored three goals, Gilbert Brule added a goal and an assist, and the Edmonton Oilers beat Washington 5-2 Tuesday night, handing the Senators their third consecutive loss.
Roloson made 34 saves and MacIntyre got his first NHL goal for the Oilers, who won their second straight game. It was Edmonton's first victory on the road against the Capitals since Jan. 26, 1997 at USAir Arena in Landover, Md.
"Once Mac scored, I knew it was one of those rare games where you could get away with a few things," Oilers coach Craig MacTavish said. "Rolie was super-sharp early when he needed to be. We managed the puck early — a little rushed, I think, by the threat and the skill.

But the Capitals never flexed their offensive muscle, despite outstanding Edmonton 36-23.
Mike Green's first goal and an assist and Tomas Fleischmann also scored for Washington, which lost a second straight home game for the first time this season and is now 18-3-1 at Verizon Center. The three straight losses match a season high.
Cole, who played frequently in Washington during six seasons with the Carolina Hurricanes, before an offseason trade to the Oilers, knows how important a good goaltending can be early against the Capitals' fearsome offense.
"Rolie really held us in there in the first period until we seemed to get our bearings. And it was a great goal by Mac, a big goal. It really lifts our spirits," Cole said. "We went out in the second period with more conviction and I think we controlled the play we wanted to.

The Capitals squandered a 19-9 edge in shots in the first period, as MacIntyre and Cole tallied 1:11 apart for a 2-0 Edmonton lead.
MacIntyre one-timed a short pass from center point at 12:09 and, with the Capitals' Alexander Semin off for hooking, Cole poked in the rebound of Sheldon Souray's long drive for his ninth goal.
"I closed my eyes, shot the puck and fortunately it went in," MacIntyre said. "You grow up dreaming about playing in the NHL and you go out there [and score] against some pretty good players. It feels pretty good.

MacTavish sensed MacIntyre had delivered the pick-me-up the Oilers badly needed.
"I've seen a lot of things happen in games, but this is," MacTavish said, his voice trailing off as he shook his head in disbelief. "Their skill guys had four or five point-blank opportunities and then Mac puts his first. I figured it was going to be a good night. Everybody was kind of energized by that.

In the first period, the Capitals struggled.
"When it gets to the point where everyone wants to be the scorer and nobody wants to be the mucker, you are not going to do anything," Washington coach Bruce Boudreau said. "Everybody's waiting and when you put a skilled lineup together, everybody needs to do the grunt job. Until we get that happening, we're not going to score a lot of goals.

Brule made it 3-0 2:15 into the second period, splitting two defencemen between the circles and knocking a right-wing feed from Kyle Brolidzak past Jose Theodore.

The Capitals finally got on the board thanks to a strong effort by Fleischmann, who netted his career-high 14th goal. Fleischmann won possession through four defenders in the Oilers zone before flecking the puck over Ro.

Ottawa 5, Carolina 1
OTTAWA — The Ottawa Senators got much-needed offensive production from some struggling sources to end their most recent skid.
Darby Healey, Dean McAmmond and Mike Fisher scored and Ottawa stopped a 5-1 losing streak with a win over the Carolina Hurricanes Tuesday night.
Healey, who was replaced by Fisher on the Senators' first power-play unit, scored his first goal in nine games early in the first before McAmmond ended a 21-game drought midway through the opening period to put Ottawa up 2-0.
"We played a good game," said Jason Spezza, who set up Healey's goal. "Two guys scored goals. I think it helps their confidence, and it's nice to get contributions from everyone tonight and I think that can go a long way for our club, so we're happy with the result.

Antoine Vermette added the Senators' third goal with 26 seconds remaining in the second and Fisher — who played his 500th regular season game — scored on a power play midway through the third for his first goal in 20 games.
"Any time it's been while a goal definitely feels good," Fisher said. "I've just got to keep going.

Craig Phillips scored his fourth goal of a Still-remaining
Brian Elliott made 32 saves in his second straight start for the Senators, who lost 2-0 to the New York Rangers on Saturday in their first home game following a 3-1 trip.
"I don't know. I think the guys are confident in themselves," said Elliott, who was called up from Bluejackets of the AHL on Friday. "It's a good team in there and it's kind of a mystery why we're at the bottom of the standings, but if we keep playing games like that I don't think we'll be there for long.

Joe Corvo scored on a power play in the second for Carolina, which has lost three straight.
Cam Ward, pulled after allowing three goals in Saturday's 5-1 loss to Boston, stopped 35 shots in his ninth straight start for the Hurricanes.
He obviously doesn't do the best he can every night and things fall squarely on our shoulders, the guys who are playing in front of him right now," Corvo said.

Jarkko Ruutu returned to the Senators' lineup after serving a two-game suspension for biting Sabres forward Andrew Peters' gloved hand in a 4-2 loss in Buffalo one week earlier.
Healey scored 3:45 in when he was left unguarded in the zone. The two-time 50-goal scorer drove in to beat Ward for his 17th goal of the season after taking Spezza's centering pass when Carolina defenceman Joni Pitkanen and Dennis Seidenberg both converged on the Ottawa center as he drove the right side.
"Yeah, that wasn't a particularly well sorted out 2-on-2, was it?" Hurricanes coach Paul Maurice said. "We've had a lot of new partners and they're still working with each other.

Healey hadn't found the back of the net since Dec. 23, when he scored twice — the only two goals in his previous 15 games — in a 4-1 loss in Philadelphia.
McAmmond ended a 21-game drought to put Ottawa up 4-2 at 11:09 as the Hurricanes' defense let down Ward once again.

Carolina defenceman Niclas Wallin turned over the puck to McAmmond in the neutral zone and the Ottawa center drove in on a breakaway and beat Ward for his second goal of the season.
Corvo drew the Hurricanes within 2-1 when he drove a slap shot past Elliott from the left point at 8:57.
Kentucky's Jodie Meeks celebrates during the Wildcats' 90-72 win over Tennessee Tuesday. Meeks scored 54 points and hit 10 3-pointers in the game, breaking a 39-year-old school record in the process.

Meeks drops 54 in Kansas rout

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jodie Meeks was just trying to get a victory. He didn't fathom having a chance at earning a spot among Kentucky's greatest players.

Meeks scored a school-record 54 points to help Kentucky cruise to a 90-72 win over No. 24 Tennessee on Tuesday night.

"It means a lot to be in the same sentence as Dan Issel. It's mind-boggling," he said. "I was just out there playing to win." Meeks, who broke Issel's 39-year-old record of 53 points set at Thompson-Boling Arena by his Kentucky teammate, was mobbed by his Kentucky teammates in the middle of the Thompson-Boling Arena at the end of the game.

"I saw the 54 points and I thought about the Issel's 39-year-old record," guard Isaiah Taylor said. "I was just out there playing to win." Meeks entered the game averaging 24.2 points per game.

Mississippi, was mobbed by his Kentucky teammates in the middle of the Thompson-Boling Arena, court, where the Wildcats (13-3, 2-0 SEC) handed the Volunteers their third loss in January.

The SouthEastern Conference's leading scorer surpassed his previous high of 46 points, which he set Dec. 20 against Appalachian State, with 4:50 left as he hit an open 3, one of 10 3-pointers he would make for the night. He set the record with 1:31 left. Meeks entered the game ranked fourth in the nation in scoring with an average 24.2 points per game.

"I have never seen anything like it," Kentucky coach Billy Gillispie said. "Jodie Meeks had 46 against Appalachian State, and they are a nice team, but not near a team the quality of Tennessee and on the home court."

The 54 points was also the biggest individual SEC performance since Chris Jackson's 55 for LSU against Mississippi in 1989.

"There have been so many great players — this is the greatest basketball tradition in the world at the collegiate level — and to be able to put your name up there with some of those greats is quite an accomplishment," Gillispie said.

Down by 6 at the half, Tennessee (10-5, 1-1) cut Kentucky's lead to 43-41 on a fastbreak basket by Wayne Chism a minute later. Tennessee scored half into the second half.

But the Vols' spotty defense couldn't contain Meeks, who hit a layup and two 3-pointers to help the Wildcats on a 10-0 run that gave them a 53-41 lead. Even contested shots sank perfectly through the nets.

"Defensively we tried to guard him as a team," Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said.

Boston College hires Spaziani as head coach

BACK BAY — Frank Spaziani stayed at Boston College, even though he was disappointed when he was passed over for the head coaching job in 2006. That loyalty paid off Tuesday when the longtime assistant was promoted to the top spot.

The 61-year-old who built top defenses during his 10 years as defensive coordinator succeeds Jeff Jagodzinski, who was fired last Wednesday after two seasons when he interviewed for the New York Jets coaching job after being told he would be dismissed if he did so.

"The fact that he (Spaziani) really wants to be here at Boston College and bleeds maroon and gold, that was extremely important," athletic director Gene DeFilippo said, "but it wasn't the most important factor."

Trial about Burress' car lease to begin today

LENNOX, Pa. — Plaxico Burress is in court again.

A civil trial is scheduled to begin Wednesday in Pennsylvania to determine how much the New York Giants wide receiver will have to pay in damages over a car he leased that ended up being impounded by New York City police.

New York police said Tuesday that they impounded the car in August 2005 in connection with a shooting in the Bronx. Arrests were made, but the records were sealed and police gave no other details about the incident.

Court papers in Pennsylvania say a Lebanon County car dealer allowed Burress to borrow a 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche worth more than $36,000 in exchange for Burress agreeing to sign autographs at promotional events.

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Conference Standings

team conference record

1 SAINT MARY'S 6-0

2 Hope 4-1

3 Adrian 3-2

4 Alma 3-2

5 Calvin 3-2

6 Albion 2-3

7 Elmira 2-3

8 Trine 2-4

9 Kalamazoo 0-6

AP Top 25

team conference record

1 Pittsburg 1,758

2 Wake Forest 1,746

3 Duke 1,728

4 Michigan State 1,549

5 North Carolina 1,461

6 Oklahoma 1,460

7 Michigan State 1,356

8 Syracuse 1,322

9 UCLA 1,227

10 Clemson 1,233

11 Texas 1,204

12 Notre Dame 1,060

13 Georgia 906

14 Marquette 792

15 Xavier 710

16 Butler 973

17 Butler 973

18 Vanderbilt 498

19 Penn State 433

20 Louisville 433

21 Baylor 364

22 California 299

23 Idaho 279

24 Tennessee 198

25 Michigan 153

Women's Basketball

AP Top 25

team conference record

1 Connecticut 1,125

2 Texas 1,100

3 Oklahoma 1,063

4 Duke 946

5 Butler 821

6 Auburn 658

7 Iowa 627

8 Texas A&M 619

9 Michigan State 576

10 Notre Dame 576

11 California 647

12 Maryland 630

13 Tennessee 626

14 Virginia 612

15 Ohio State 507

16 Texas 499

17 Kansas State 419

18 Vanderbilt 330

19 Florida 298

20 Iowa State 200

21 Marist 197

22 Oklahoma State 197

23 Rutgers 153

24 Georgia Tech 88

25 New Mexico 62
Chasing of the guard takes place in Seattle

Exuberant, intense and defense-oriented, Mora takes over for Holmgren bringing a different look to the Seahawks

Jim Mora talks to reporters about the intensity of Seattle fans during a press conference Tuesday. The press conference was held to introduce Mora as the new coach of the Seahawks replacing Mike Holmgren who retired after the season.

Mora, the former defensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers (1999-2003), will likely call Seattle’s defense with the help of defensive coordinator Casey Bradley, whom Mora hired from Tampa Bay this week. That means Seattle’s defensive backs coach the last two years is getting close to $5 million per season, about double what the Falcons were paying him when they hired him as head coach on New Year’s Day 2007. In Mora’s three seasons in Atlanta, the Falcons were 26-22 and played in the 2004 NFC championship game before he was fired on Jan. 3, 2007.

The 2008 Seahawks limped through a lifeless, injury-filled season to finish 4-12 and out of the playoffs for the first time in six years. Mora stayed silent because he didn’t want to upstage Holmgren’s farewell.

No one will associate Mora with “silent” or “lifeless” in 2009.

“We believe we are going to get it right. We are going to regain our winning ways. The excitement is real,” Seahawks chief executive Tod Leiweke said. “At the core of our optimism is Jimmy Mora.”

Yes, even though everyone knew it was coming. Day One of the change was a joy.

Mora talked of Seattle, where he went to high school and college while his father was an assistant at the University of Washington, hosting a championship-winning parade starting at the Space Needle and ending at Qwest Field.

So what that the only men’s professional team in Seattle to have one was the recently departed SuperSonics of the NBA — in 1979 — or that Holmgren got to the Super Bowl only to lose three years ago?

Mora is Seattle’s first head coach with a background on defense since its original one from 1976-82. Jack Patera.

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Holmgren compiled results worthy of the Hall of Fame with a meticulous, controlled passing game. Mora talked of a “change in emphasis,” to a run-first approach of new offensive coordinator Greg Knapp.

Knapp was Mora’s offensive coordinator in Atlanta. Knapp’s offenses have ranked in the league’s top 10 in rushing in all eight seasons he has been a coordinator.

“I believe in believing with a bit of singer,” Mora said.

That he needed to. His charged, debut appearance as the Seahawks’ head man had already said that.
The Office of Multicultural Student Programs & Services would like to applaud the following Multicultural Hall Commissioners for their outstanding work in promoting diversity efforts within the ND residence halls during the first half of the 2008-2009 school year!

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Associated Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Scott Pioli, who has built and lead a dynasty in New England, is now in charge of a Kansas City franchise which hasn’t won a playoff game in 14 years.

"We’ve had complete charge of football operations," Ryan Petkoff, a spokesman for Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt, told The Associated Press. "He will report only to Clark."

The fate of coach Herm Edwards and his staff was not immediately known.

Pioli, who became vice president of player personnel for the Patriots in 2002 and spent nine years working with head coach Bill Belichick, was interviewed for the general manager vacancy in Cleveland. He spent a young team coming off a 2-14 season, is butting into a situation that seems ripe for a quick turnaround.

The fan base is loyal, though restive, and the team will be playing next year in a virtually new stadium. Arrowhead, which opened in 1972 and is notorious for being loud and rough on visiting teams, is undergoing a $325 million renovation that includes new luxury boxes, wider concourses and enhanced amenities in addition to new practice facilities, an enlarged indoor field and a brand new state-of-the-art headquarters building.

In addition, the Chiefs are about $32 million under the salary cap, extra money that will, come in handy because KC owns the overall No. 3 pick in the draft, plus several other picks that are a number of promising young players who Edwards was counting on as the foundation of his rebuilding project.

Pioli, the son-in-law of Miami Dolphins founder and owner Stephen Ross, has been honored many times for his contributions to the Patriots’ three Super Bowl championships. With Pioli working with Edwards, Arrowhead could be an effective mix-and-match of trades, free agent signings and selections on the team’s 2009 draft list.

Pioli was drafted by Pioli and Belichick made the Pro Bowl.

"We are very excited to welcome Scott Pioli to the Chiefs," Hunt said in a statement. "With his proven track record of success, Scott is the finest player personnel executive in the NFL, and we believe he is personally and organizationally the right choice to lead the Chiefs in building a championship organization that is second to none."
**Men’s Swimming**

ND opens spring season ice cold

By MOLLY SAMMON

Sports Writer

For its annual winter break training trip, Notre Dame spent time in San Juan, Puerto Rico for rigorous training. When the Irish returned, a loss to Louisville brought them back to reality.

In an open-air, 10-lane lap pool, the swimmers and divers trained twice a day, then lifted weights and did other dry-land workouts for all-around training.

"The practices brought our team closer because it was necessary to rely on each other to reach the level or training we desired," sophomore Pat Augustyn said. "It's a lot of training we desired," sophomore Brian Barnes said he hopes as the post-season nears.

"We do have several potential All-Americans swimming over at Rolfs Aquatic Center," Barnes said. "We are about to begin the championship portion of our season with the Big East Championships in February and the NCAA Championships in March."

Last Saturday the Irish improved their dual-meet record to 3-1. They pounded Toledo 268-83 and fell to No. 12 Northwestern 174-173. The Wildcats edged out the Irish by less than four-tenths of a second in the final event.

**ND Women’s Swimming**

Barnes heaps praise on squad

By NATHANIEL LEE

Sports Writer

Heading into the second half of the season, the No. 25 Irish looks to build on major individual successes as the post-season nears.

First-year head coach Brian Barnes said he hopes team leaders such as sophomores Samantha Maxwell and Amy Wein Miller and senior Christa Riggins can lead the young squad to a 13th consecutive Big East Championship and an impressive showing at the National Championships.

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Patrick Augustyn and David Anderson, finished in third place (1:37.06), unable to keep up with two accomplished Cardinal backstrokers.

Irish swimmers Michael Sullivan and Bill Rauman finished first and second respectively in the 200-individual medley.

In the three-meter diving event, Caleb Dunwoody took first with 369.80 points, followed by Irish divers Eric Les in second place and Wesley Villafior in third.

The season picks up again on Jan. 16 for a home meet against Northwestern.

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**BOWLED OVER**


**ND TRACK AND FIELD**

Incomplete Irish squad impresses

By DOUGLAS FARMER

Sports Writer

Senior Billy Buzaid followed freshmen Jordan Riney in taking the top two spots in the men's 600 at the Indiana Opener in Bloomington, Ind., Sunday.

The meet at Indiana University was the team's first start for the Blue-Gold Meet before Christmas Break, and its second spring meet of the season.

Riney's time of 1:20.46 bested Buzaid by only 0.4 seconds.

In the women's 600-meter dash, sophomores Kelly Langhans and Natalie Johnson also finished first and second, running times of 1:33.47 and 1:34.65, respectively.

Most of the team was able to enjoy the excitement of their holiday break, and thus less than 25 athletes competed Saturday, yet the list of positive starts to the season continues. Seantor Anna Weberg qualified for the NCAA Championships in the women's shot put with a throw of 19.18 meters, finishing only a half meter out of fourth on the weekend earning second. Weber also placed seventh in the shot put at 14 meters.

Sophomore Justin Schneider took fourth in the men's 600 meter with a time of 1:56.81. Coach Joe Paine described Schneider's performance as "pretty good, since he's a freshman."

Maxwell, who set school records in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke earlier this season, won two individual events and had a hand in the victorious 400-meter relay.

Sophomore Heidi Grossman and Junior Natalie Stitt led the diving squad to the top spots in both the 3-meter and 1-meter dives respectively.

Another key matchup is on the horizon for the Irish as they travel to Louisville for a Big East meet with the No. 20 Cardinals Saturday. The following weekend, Notre Dame will host the Shamrock Invitational as a final tune-up for the Big East and National Championships.

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**MLB**

Padres to give Prior at least the name

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Right-hander Mark Prior, who missed more than two full seasons because of shoulder problems, and infielder Chris Burke agreed to minor league contracts with the San Diego Padres on Tuesday and were invited to spring training.

Prior signed with the Padres as a free agent prior to the 2008 season but missed the entire year after undergoing surgery on his right shoulder on June 4, the latest medical setback to a once-promising career.

Prior also missed the 2007 season after undergoing surgery on the same shoulder before the April 27 opener.

He last pitched in the big leagues on Aug. 30, 2006, with the Chicago Cubs. He was 1-6 with a 7.21 ERA that season.

Padres general manager Kevin Towers said Prior threw off a mound on Friday for the first time since surgery, and the injured former Cy Young contender Todd Hutcherson was good.

"The last surgery benefitted him a great deal," Towers said. "It looks like his mechanics are back in line again and he has good carries on his throws when he's doing long tosses.

"He's had quite a few surgeries, but we were hoping this one certainly fixed any issues he had," Towers said. "I hate to put any time pressure on him, but we hope he's pitching competitively at the start of the season. If he's not in the big leagues, then maybe a few starts in the minor leagues."

Prior will make $1 million if he's on the big league roster. His salary is not guaranteed.

Prior was once thought to be one of the Cubs' ace of the future. In 2003, he finished third in the NL Cy Young Award voting, was 19-6 with a 2.43 ERA and struck out 245 in 211 1-3 innings.

That October, he was on the mound for Game 6 of the NL championship series against Florida with the Cubs leading the series 3-2. Chicago led by two going into the eighth inning before the Marlins, perhaps helped by fan Steve Bartman's play at Wrigley Field, rallied to win. Florida won Game 7 then went on to win the World Series.

Prior has won just 18 games since then.

He grew up in San Diego and was the second pick overall in the 2001 amateur draft.
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what it takes to compete in this league as well as finding the balance between academics and athletics.

Senior Erin Newson scored 14 points in the game after being honored for hav­
ing the most rebounds in school history.

Next, the Belles went on the road and beat Adrian 74-69 in another conference game. The Belles barely escaped with a win and maintained undefeated in the conference.

Mahnoney again chipped in 17 points and five assists for the Belles, while Newson scored 17 points of her own to put past the 1000-point mark for her career. Beier rounded out the dou­
ble-digit scorers with 14.

"I think we see all the conference teams as big rivals," Newson said. "Some schools are seen as tougher teams to beat like Hope and Calvin, but we try to go into every conference game with the mindset that we can play our best in order to win, regardless of the team we're up against."

In their final conference game of the break the Belles pulled out a win over Alma, 69-47. Every Belles saw action in the game which created a balanced attack that left the Scots at bay in the victory which improved the Belles to 6-0 in conference play this season.

Beier again racked up 14 points in the victory and Newson added 12 points and two steals.

The Belles will host Albion College today at 7:30 p.m.

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Irish senior guard Lindsay Schrader tries to block Krystal Ellis’ shot during Notre Dame’s 75-65 loss to Marquette Tuesday. Schrader had seven points in the game.

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Hall, DePaul and Georgetown to open conference play, and got a large contribution from center Erica Williamson. Williamson scored a career-high 20 points in Notre Dame’s 86-62 win over DePaul, then broke it the next game. She dropped 21 in an 84-63 win over Georgetown.

• Novosel was named the Big East Freshman of the Week twice, on Dec. 29 and Jan. 13. She averaged 15.5 points in two games last week. Freshman forward Kellie Watson has also been named Freshman of the Week twice, making this the first time Notre Dame has ever had two players win the honor two weeks in a row.

• Because of the injuries Notre Dame has sustained, the Irish added junior walk-on Alena Christiansen to the ros­
ter on Dec. 19. Christiansen played Boarders Basketball in Fort. Lauderdale, Fla. She averaged 15 points per game as a senior. And, today is her 21st birthday.

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Check out The Observer’s sports blog, obersportsblog.21cr.info, for more information about your favorite Irish teams.
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released by the athletic department. "I will always treasure the friendships I made at Notre Dame and will carry those memories with me forever."
Hanks led the Irish to the National Championship game against North Carolina, where the Irish lost 2-1 on Dec. 7. Before that, the Irish had not lost all season.
Hanks beat out North Carolina's Casey Nogueira and UCLA's Christian DiMartino. She holds 67 school records and was a four-year All-America selection. She ranked fifth in the nation in 2008 with 20 goals, second in points with 55, third in assists with 15 and second in points with 55. "I'm just so proud of her and all that she's accomplished during her four years at Notre Dame," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said in the statement. "She's evolved into a complete player on the field and a complete person off of it. The caring, compassion and generosity she shows, not only to her teammates, but to everyone she comes in contact with, is second to none. She is someone that has set a standard that others will be compared to for years to come."
She was the Big East Offensive Player of the Year, a four-time all-conference selection. Hanks also won the 2008 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, presented to the senior athlete who combined on-field performance with service.
Hanks was the Big East Offensive Player of the Week and was a first-team all-conference selection.

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Irish guard Kyle McAlarney drives to the hoop during Notre Dame’s 88-79 win over Seton Hall Saturday.

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Two for the show

Hanks brings home second Hermann Trophy, one of four players ever to win two

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

It may not ease the pain of losing a National Championship, but being named the best player in the country can’t hurt.

Irish senior forward Kerri Hanks won the MAC Hermann Trophy, awarded to the best Div. I player, for the second time in four years, becoming the fourth player ever to win the award twice. She joins Mia Hamm and Cindy Parlow from North Carolina and Christine Sinclair from Portland State, the other two-time recipients.

“I’m grateful to everyone at Notre Dame — my teammates, coaches, staff and our fans who are the greatest in the country — for all of their support, not only this year, but throughout my career,” Hanks said in a statement.

Senior forward Kerri Hanks runs during Notre Dame’s 1-0 win over Stanford in the semifinal game of the College Cup on Dec. 5. Hanks is the fourth player to win two Hermann trophies.

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Marquette hands Irish first conference loss, snaps ND win streak

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

A sweet winter break came to a bitter end in Milwaukee Tuesday night.

Angel Robinson scored 19 points and led Marquette to a 60-54 win, but throughout my career, “I think our freshmen have adapted well to their first season of college basketball,” Hanks said.

Robinson also pulled down nine rebounds in the game. McGraw said Robinson improved her performance from previous games.

“With the win, Marquette improved its season record to 12-10, its Big East mark to 5-8 and its conference win streak to 11 games. The Golden Eagles outscored Notre Dame 45-31 in the second half. The game was tied at 52-52 with 10:18 left in the second half, but Marquette (11-6, 2-1) went on a 23-13 run to take control. “We missed some shots and they made some big plays,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in a telephone interview. “We fouled a little bit, and they made their free throws.”

Notre Dame shot only 38.8 percent from the field, 41.7 percent from three-point range. Notre Dame went 18 of 23 from the foul line. This season, Notre Dame has made 69.5 percent of its free shots, 10th out of 16 Big East teams. Guards Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner each scored 15 points for the Irish.

“Barlow played well,” McGraw said. “She got a lot of steals, she made some threes, she had a good game. Lech is a fighter. She’s doing everything she can to win the game.”

Forward Beatrice Bruszeski scored 12 on 6-of-11 shooting and Natalie Novosel had 10. Robinson also pulled down nine rebounds in the game. McGraw said Robinson improved her performance from previous games.

“Her game turned around in overtime,” said McGraw. “She made her shots.”

By JULIE KISTEL/The Observer

Watson hit a 3-pointer to give Notre Dame its first lead since the opening minutes with 4:36 left in the first half. Notre Dame led 34-30 at the half.

Notes:

♦ No matter that No. 10 Notre Dame lost two regular contributions to torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tears, Tuesday’s defeat was the first since an overtime loss to Michigan on Dec. 10 and the first conference loss since joining Div. I.

Belles beat first ranked team since going D-III

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Belles broke new ground over the break and accomplished something they’ve never done.

Saint Mary’s bounced back from an early defeat to defeat No. 1 Hope College 91-84, winning the first game over a ranked opponent since joining Div. III over 10 years ago.

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Senior Nicole Beier had a breakout second half to lead the Belles in scoring for the game. Beier scored a career-high 25 points, 17 of those coming in the second half of the game. Freshman Patsy Mahoney also stepped up for the Belles, scoring 18 points and 11 in the second half.

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It was no secret heading into this season that the Big East was going to be the most grueling conference in the country. Through five Big East games, Notre Dame (12-4, 3-2 Big East) has already experienced a season’s worth of emotions. After beating DePaul in the conference opener, Notre Dame felt the unexpected and disappointing low of losing to the bottom-dwelling St. John’s in Madison Square Garden, only to follow