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Change of plan

Tuesday was all about change for a lot of people. During the afternoon, I was sitting on my futon, innocently checking my e-mails, and found out that I got a job offer. Instead of being relieved and excited to prove to every single relative I have that my English major was in fact worth something, I immediately burst into tears. I'm not typically a crier, but something about the moment completely overwhelmed me and I felt inexplicably devastated. Since there, sobbing, I felt so ridiculous because I had no idea why I was so sad and I felt like I should have been more grateful to have a potential option.

The longer I sat there, the more I realized that it wasn't the strange city or any surprises about the job itself that had upset me. It was the fact that I may have found a plan, and the plan would include a lot of changes, moving away from Notre Dame, away from friends, away from everything that I have spent the last three and half years building.

As much as I have stressed out over the last three and a half years about finding a plan, I think I always secretly thrived on the fact that I didn't have one. For me, options and ambiguity are kind of comforting and plans have always felt limiting.

But after casually (and even proudly) proclaiming "I have no idea what I want to do with my life" thousands of times, I may have arrived at something.

I've always known that the future was coming, but it seemed so far away. Suddenly, it is getting real.

All of my pre-med friends who spent countless hours in the library and religiously attended MCAT classes will no longer be trying to get into med school. They will be in med school, and soon they will be doctors and surgeons.

My business major friends are no longer seeking temporary summer internships to help move on to something more permanent. They are looking for something permanent.

Those considering graduate school may soon be the inspiring professors — the ones that everybody knows of and talks about — in just a few years.

People who have always talked about doing service abroad or teaching abroad will actually be living abroad.

With so many changes, and real progressions — are so obvious, they didn't seem quite as real to me until Tuesday.

Maybe there is just too much emphasis on the idea of a plan. All of the plans that we have ever made have been thwarted in some huge way that frustrated me at the time, but then ultimately lead me to the very best parts of my life. Things tend to have a way of working out.

As for me — regardless of whether or not I take this job — I plan to make the "most of the rest of my senior year" (and we do still have a lot of time left). I'll be by the Fan, soaking in views of the dome and spending as much time as is possible with the people that have made college a time of which I am scared to let go.

That's a plan I can live with.

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Students Government to support a resolution that would allow grad- uate school or job interviews to be a University approved excuse for absence from classes. Fee said there is a lot of confusion from faculty regarding the agreement if there is any sort of policy, and how professors would feel about this resolution.

"For the most part, many of the professors reported that their departments have an informal policy," she said.

However, Lewis said most faculty members spoke with them personally would not have a problem with the potential missing class as job of interview.

in other Senate news:

Social Concerns chair Michelle Byrne said the committee is discussing organizing a ski nationals in the Joyce Center. Fee said attendance was fair, but students who would be able to ski and the Information Technology about.

The Campus Technology Committee will also look into reported problems with Verizon's cell phone service, Fee said.

Kristin Lewis, the Student Affairs chair of the Faculty Senate, sponsored the resolution. She argued that those have a key regarding a request by

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vice president from 2000 to 2003 and is the current director of the Institute of Educational Initiatives. The President said that the current students that has most affected the Notre Dame community is the establishment of the ACE Program.

Placing graduates from Notre Dame more within the country the present in their lives. The President also stated that the ACE program is one of the most influential projects in education. The ACE Program is a popular new program that came from Sister Lourdes Sheehan, one of Schuyler's spiritual directors. The program developed the young people in 33 community in the U.S. as well as a program for principal of an ACE program.

The ACE Program has come a long way since its first budget of $5,000 checks from the University President Father Edward "Monk" Malloy's office.

"The Holy Spirit really wanted this to happen and ACE has become kind of a juggernaut," Schuyler said of his group.

"I think that it is one of the greatest...that he is going to accomplish," Schuyler said.

"It showed art's immense power," Schuyler said. Powell saw Guernica as a threat that he could not stand in front of Picasso and Fee, he said.

Schuyler also spoke about the necessity for theater to be accessi-

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"I really fell in love with the packaging and the philosophy of it, the way every one is so close knit. The campus is so pretty and I love football," said Schuyler. "Notre Dame was the only one that I knew for sure. That was my number one school.

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President Obama begins office duties

Economy, Iraq, Guantanamo Bay, among others at the top of his to-do list

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a first-day whirlwind, President Barack Obama showcased efforts to revitalize the economy on Wednesday, summoned top military officials to chart a new course in Iraq and eased into a thicket of Middle East diplomacy.

"What an opportunity we have to change this country," said the 47-year-old chief executive, who also issued new ethics rules for his administration and hosted a reception at the presidential mansion for 200 inauguration volunteers and guests selected by an Internet lotter.

After dancing at inaugural balls with first lady Michelle Obama past midnight, Obama entered the Oval Office for the first time as president in early morning. He read a good luck note left behind by President George W. Bush, then began breaking cleanly with his predecessor's policies.

Aides circulated a draft of an executive order that would close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within a year and halt all war crimes trials in the mountains.

Closing the site "would further the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States and the interests of justice," read the draft prepared for the new president's signature. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press.

Some of the 245 detainees currently held at Guantanamo would be released, while others would be transferred elsewhere and later put on trial under terms to be determined.

"Obama's Cabinet was moving closer to real action," The New York Times quoted a source as saying.

At the Capitol, the Senate confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state after a one-day delay forced by Republicans. The vote was 94-2, and speculators waited in the gallerys erupted in applause when it was announced.

Treasury-designate Timothy Geithner emerged unscathed from his confirmation hearing, apologizing for having failed to pay $34,000 in taxes in earlier decades. To the evident anger of Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Republicans on the panel invoked longstanding rules to postpone a vote on Eric Holder's appointment as attorney general.

Six Cabinet members have been confirmed so far, as have the two top officials at the Office of Management and Budget.

Obama's schedule for the day included separate sessions on the economy and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The new president has pledged to take bold steps to revitalize the economy, which is struggling through the worst recession since the Great Depression. Last week, he won approval to use $350 billion in leftover financial industry bailout funds.

He presided over the White House meeting on the economy as the House Appropriations Committee moved toward approval of $356 billion in new spending, part of the economic stimulus package making its way to his desk.

The new commander in chief held his first meeting in the Situation Room, where he, Vice President Joe Biden and senior military and foreign policy officials discussed war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Obama campaigned on a pledge to withdraw U.S. combat forces from Iraq within 16 months, and to beef up the commitments in Afghanistan.

The new White House press secretary, Robert Gibbs, said Obama's phone calls to leaders in the Middle East were meant to convey his "commitment to active engagement in pursuit of Arab-Israeli peace from the beginning of his term."

Cuba

Fidel Castro says Obama is 'sincere'

Associated Press

HAVANA — Fidel Castro watched the U.S. inauguration on television and said yesterday that President Barack Obama seems "like a man who is absolutely sincere," Argentina's president said after meeting with the ailing Cuban icon.

"Fidel believes in Obama," Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner said. The meeting with Fernandez, just before she ended a four-day visit to Cuba, dispelled persistent rumors that the 82-year-old Castro had suffered a stroke or lapsed into a coma in recent days.

"I was with Fidel about an hour or more," she told reporters at the airport as she left. "We were chatting, conversing. He looked good." Fernandez said Castro wore the track suit that has become his trade mark since he fell ill in July 2006 and vanished from public view. A spokesman said the two met alone.

"He told me he had followed the inauguration of Barack Obama very closely, that he had watched the inauguration on television all day," Fernandez said. "He had a very good perception of President Obama.

Fernandez said Castro called Obama "a man who seems absolutely sincere," who believes strongly in his ideas "and who hopefully can carry them out."

Raul Castro, who took over the presidency from his brother, appeared with Fernandez, scoffing at the rumors about his brother's health.

"Do you think if he were really gravely ill that I'd be smiling here?" Raul Castro said. "Soon I'm going to take a trip to Europe. You guys think I could leave here if Fidel were really in grave condition?"

Castro, 77, said his older brother spends his days "thinking a lot, reading a lot, advising me, helping me."
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125 products recalled due to outbreak

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 125 products have been recalled in a salmonella-and-peanuts investigation that keeps getting bigger, federal health officials said Wednesday.

The list ranges from goodies like cookies, nuts, crackers, and energy bars. Even for poeple who may not be entirely safe, with a national com­pany registered some of its dog treats.

I have almost all of them," Hazeltine said. "The government has told all of the manufacturers to remove these products from the shelves."

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I’m getting some for my mother in Zimbabwe,” said Tsang, who is from the southern African country but now lives in Virginia.

Rhonda Hazeltine also stopped by seeking to commemorate Tuesday’s historic event — just as the morning after Obama was elected. She had her hands full as she clutched nine newspapers, including The Washington Post and USA Today.

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Inauguration

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The first and only time I saw Barack Obama speak live was at American University last spring, when Sen. Kennedy, Rep. Kennedy, and maybe-senator-to-be Kennedy endorsed the now-President.

It was the sort of thing that probably won’t go down in history — endorsements, as a rule, do not — but at the time, it mattered. It legitimized Obama/Kennedy comparisons, and it legitimized Obama’s experience in Washington via-vis Hillary.

But for the people at the rally — like the people at most Obama rallies — it was something more. The room had an energy and excitement I usually only experience on six or seven full Saturdays each year.

Liberals aren’t supposed to be religious, but this was a religious experience. We yelled about being fired up and ready to go. We chanted that yes, we could. We wanted to be part of something.

And, sure enough, it felt like a movement was taking hold. This was a trend revival for young liberals.

Obama brought the crowd into a political frenzy. To take the religious implication to a new level, everybody felt the impact of Obama/Kennedy comparisons, and it legitimized Obama’s experience in Washington via-vis Hillary.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the Inauguration. People had it all wrong. For all his rallying during the campaign, Obama turned out to be pragmatic at heart. He isn’t an ideologue. He is a liberal who acknowledges edges bravely at Kho San in his Inaugural Address. He wasn’t born of protest or rebellion.

In other words, he is one of us. He proves what we know: that relative quiet is not apathy. We’re not passive bystanders. Just because we don’t match doesn’t mean we don’t care.

We “vaguely know that (we) are supposed to feel guilty about not marching in the street for some cause.” We’re not supposed to feel guilty about not marching in the street for some cause.

We have other ways of demonstrating that — we spend a lot of time volunteering in our communities and abroad, we teach for America, we vote in record numbers when somebody speaks our language.

The excitement of his campaign wasn’t because it charged us to act like our parents generation expects. It was because he spoke to us in language we understood, because he approached political activism the way we did. Tent-revival endorsement events were thrilling because Obama taps into something our generation knows, not because he was changing us.

Obama won’t make us more like our parents. Instead, he’ll make our parents more like us.

Of course, not everybody has realized this yet — least of all, our news media. But it is time we develop a new way to talk about politics. Trying to understand the impact of Obama on young people through the political lens of Vietnam and 60’s-style activism makes no sense. It just doesn’t work.

This is what President Obama means when he says that “the state political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply.” The techniques of political activism of the past, rooted in the “state” ideological clashes of the past, no longer apply, either. It seems like President Obama gets that intuitively. We get it intuitively, too. It’s time that everyone else finally catches up.

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Viewpoint

“An onion can make people cry, but there has never been a vegetable invented to make them laugh.”

Will Rogers comedian

Quote of the Day

“Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value.”

Albert Einstein physicist

Quote of the Day

 ninguém tem a menor relevância para o universo.
A week of reasons to hope

President Obama was all of two years old at the time of King's speech. Yet we probably all have to agree that now, two days ago on Jan. 20, when the new president gave his inaugural address facing the very monument from which King spoke, many of the "jangling discords of a nation" have not been transformed. We aren't free today, though what binds us as a nation to one another is, I think, richer and more fertile. It is not yet the case that war and economic fear and despair hover around us as we hear story after story of layoffs, foreclosures and the like, but it is only a matter of time. I can't help but imagine that with this faith, we will be able to hew of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go as Jesus taught us, and together, knowing that we will be free one day.

Kate Barrett

To whom it may concern

Just as any other recurring event, the transition and inauguration are fraught with tradition. There are those dictated by the Constitution: the time and manner in which a new president is to be handed power, dating back to George Washington. And there are those that are much more informal, such as the precedent set by Mary Todd Lincoln of wearing a white gown to the Inaugural Ball. That's a tradition that I have long liked, however, is the "assorted letters written by those leaving for one last time." This is a tradition, depending on the position, dating back to the founding of our country. The most mysterious of the bunch, of course, is the letter sealed and left on the oval desk of the outgoing president. What does it say, and to what effect? In leaving the White House, James Buchanan reportedly said to Abraham Lincoln, "If you are as happy entering the presidency as I am leaving it, then you are a truly happy man." I'm not sure Mr. Bush will come that as explicitly, but I can't help but imagine that the letter is written as a warning of the difficulties and trials facing the newest member of the world's most exclusive club. It will warn of the inevitable trials when the honeymoon wears off and the press again turns rhetorical. It will talk about the inevitable failures of the presidency: having too many people blocked and Congress call your bluff. And it will foretell the times when the task at hand become nearly impossible, and that it is probably in these times that sentiments similar to Buchanan's arise. It might talk about the difficulty of being a mere mortal, but being compared to the "giants of history," those whose faults history has already forgotten. In recent months, Mr. Bush has seemed to become far more introspective and reflective of his time in office, as I'm sure his thoughts on the "giants of history," those whose faults history has already forgotten are indeed. There is also the distinctly possible that I am reading too much of a "pick a point" into this simple letter he can find the only audience his words will have soon be able to understand his trials. There is also the distinctly possible that I am reading too much of a "pick a point" into this simple letter he can find the only audience his words will have soon be able to understand his trials. There is also the distinctly possible that I am reading too much of a "pick a point" into this simple letter he can find the only audience his words will have soon be able to understand his trials.

Another instance of letter passing that I find amusing is the tradition of the White House press secretary holding that in its pocket words of advice from every former press secretary dating back to Ron Reagan of this administration. Allegedly the job of press secretary is second in difficulty job only to the chief executive himself, so I'm sure the advice left in the jacket is appreciated.

What might the collective group of outgoing Bush administration front men leave as advice to Robert Gibbs, the new "press secretary," a tradition that is sure to continue. Fisher would warn against getting hung up over the here's, and to beware anything relating to undercover CIA agents and corrupt vice presidents of staff. Scott McClellan probably talked about the horrors of working in the White House, and how one's life as a public servant can give of oneself to make a fool out of oneself. He might have explained the difficulties of working in an environment where a conflict of interest can arise. But he certainly didn't allude to confronting those issues. It's better to work in a job, and not to lose him. The last secretary, Dana Perino, most likely would give the best piece of information: Beware speaking off the cuff, and keep simple. That was certainly the advice her predecessor, in reference to Mrs. Bush's low poll numbers. "Both the president and the vice president are highly believed, and it's a part of what has made them the leaders that they are, which is not to be confusing popularity polls but to hold themselves to a standard that requires people not to like them." (Bush)

The newest, and perhaps my favorite incorporation in the letter passing tradition began this gcycle when the Bush twins penned a letter of advice for the incoming Obama girls, Sasha and Malia. Speculation is not necessary for this letter, it was quickly reported and published along with some of the highlights. The girls were warned that over time people come to think differently, sometimes for the better, some times for the worst, but to always remember who your father is, not the sketch or image in the newspapers. They emphasized the "magical" aspects of being with the White House. This isn't any sort of "magical" experiences of the 27 year old twins, but rather going to college at inauguration, wholly relating to 7 year old Sasha and 10 year old Malia, but I'm sure they have something to offer.

They emphasized the importance of first daughter experiences, such as sliding "down the bannister of the solitaire..." and playing sardines on the White House lawn.

I actually also heard there was an unpublished paper that the "27 English, watch the bar scene. With a full secret service escort, you'll draw some attention."

That's probably the most prudent advice of all.

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The celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 19 could not help but look desolate in so many ways for people of color, "I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked straight. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."

...we have duties to ourselves, our nation and the world; duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving all to a difficult task.

And yet as Christians, we must add another, even more fundamental layer of truth onto all the inspiring words and images the celebrations of these last few days have given us. On this day, perhaps we ought to believe that we will find all that we hope and year for if we place Jesus of Nazareth at the center of our society. As Christians, we believe that we will find Jesus Christ in his body, the Church, and that therefore the entire focus and purpose of the Church is to point the world to Christ. As compelling and far reaching as the world seemed to be with President Obama on Tuesday, it would be unfortunate to mark his speech as a mere hollow hope. I believe that we can start to mark his speech as much more than that in hope in the future in the words and the person of Barack Obama, and in taking note of how far we've come since Martin Luther King Jr. told the nation and the world that he had a dream.

Mr. Obama's inauguration on January 20. Obama' s inauguration on January 20. The celebration of Martin Luther King,...
A Native American student struggles to acclimate to life at the University of Notre Dame.

A transfer student discovers that getting accepted to Notre Dame is easier than getting past the infamous security gate guards.

The John Conroy Band freshens things up with a music video along the Lake Michigan coastline.

Everything changes with a birthday wish.

A teenage boy reconstructs the events of a night in which his best friend was raped, a rape he could have prevented.

The Festival was much less formally structured. "It was a screening of any student film they wanted to put up there," he said. "We had maybe two production courses then, and the students who named their films shown put them all together and put them on screen. In those days, the festival featured a little less than three hours of material. Now, Mandell said, "it's been off and on, but it's grown into the best student work over the past year." Mandell also notes that the Festival is a rare opportunity for film students to air their films. "So if we have an audience, it's rare within the University and in the greater South Bend community.

This year's crop of films, ranging from documentaries to period pieces, is varied. One highlight of the selections includes "Our Lady's Bouncers," the saga of trying to get your car past a Notre Dame Security booth, and "Dana," a documentary piece about a Native American student adapting to student life in the Midwest after growing up on a Navajo reservation. "It's a wide variety," Mandell said, noting that students can check out descriptions of each film on the on the website. There are films about being at a party on a weekend, to being stuck at home by yourself on your birthday, to following a member of Ops Div." An impressive number of students who've participated in the Festival in past years have gone on to careers in the larger film and entertainment industry. Mandell notes that Stephen Susco, a professional screenwriter who wrote the American adaptation of "The Grudge," is a former Damier, and other alumni have gone on to work for HBO, the NFL network and EA Sports.

While the success may come later, tough production schedules and tight deadlines can characterize these students' learning experiences, for better and for worse. Mandell recalled a memorable episode in one of the early years of the Festival that brought procrastination to a humorous new level.

"One time when we were showing the Festival, there was one guy finishing his film while the Festival was actually running. He was doing his final edit, and the film was supposed to show 60 minutes into the screening. He got it done ahead of time," he said.

To Mandell, it's this organized chaos that characterizes what he calls "the filmmaking age," and that his students can experience each time they go behind the camera. "It's about problem solving, writing the script, finding the actor, figuring out what's wrong with the battery power, and staying up 24 hours to try and edit films. It's a lengthy and very rewarding process.

What makes this year's Festival unique is its impressive anniversary. Twenty years of student films are being celebrated as the department features its students' work, and two decades of memories are packed into each night's showing.

To Mandell, however, the real legacy of the Festival comes when we watch the fruits of these students' labors unscreen and beyond.

"Honestly, the real satisfying thing is to see the students bring their films to the festival, then go out in the real world using the skills and experiences they've learned. When they say, 'We learned a lot here, so we can do a lot of things out in the world — documentaries, features, et cetera — that's the most satisfying thing,'" he said.
**WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR**

**THUR.**

**Chicken Jackson,** 10:00 p.m., Legends
Listen to Notre Dame's very own band.
Chicken Jackson, shake up the audiences with their live performance at Legend's this Thursday night. Blending a mix of rock and jam with a touch of funk, this group will perform their original music inspired by icons such as the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Allman Brothers Band, Sublime and The Rolling Stones. Chris Terschulke and Nick DePrey will rock the vocals, bass and guitar, accompanied by guitarist Patrick Needham and drummer Michael Spencer. For samples of their work, visit their Facebook page "Chicken Jackson." Take a study break Thursday night and head over to Legend's for an energized and entertaining performance.

**Bread**

**FRI.**

**Baghdad High** (2008), 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Browning Cinema
Thousands of miles away teenagers wake up every morning, get dressed and make their ways through high school, just like American students do. Directors Laura Winter and Ivan O'Mahoney want to show Westerners that their age-equivalents living in Baghdad really is not that different, giving four Iraqi high school seniors video cameras to document their lives for a year. This completely different and new perspective on life in Iraq will show audiences what it is like to be a teenager in a world ravaged by uncertainty and discontent, and how Iraqis still hold on to their faith that a better tomorrow will come. This is a free, but ticketed event. Please call the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Ticket Office at 574-631-2800 to reserve tickets.

**Citizen Kane,** 3:00 p.m., Browning Cinema
This 1941 classic utilizes multiple flashbacks and preserved clips to expose the life of Charles Foster Kane in character whose story seems to parallel the real-life William Randolph Hearst, a million­-sized newspaper mogul who passed away but always reported unprecedented stories in his last word, "Rosebud." In the search to discover the secrets it reveals about human nature.

**SAT.**

**Dining Hall Dish**

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Today we have a turkey theme. Turkey is nutritious, providing things like folate acid and vitamin B, and relatively low-fat without the skin. Each of these recipes adds a twist to the classic sandwich, putting a new spin on this frequent member of your brown bag lunch.

Of course, these sandwiches provide plenty of sustenance and definitely deserve the transition to dinner. Whenever you decide to eat them, they’ll certainly be tasty.

This week’s recipes:

**Turkey and Blue Cheese Sandwich**

This sandwich has a good bite to it—the red wine vinegar cuts through the blue cheese and savory turkey nicely and the red onion adds a spice. Remember to go for the nicer bread. It will make the sandwich that much better.

1. Pick up two slices of good wheat bread.
2. Spread a thin layer of mayonnaise on one side of bread.
3. Toss some spinach in red wine vinegar, oil and a touch of salt on the other side of bread.
4. Place slices of red onion and turkey (don’t forget to check if they are carving turkey that day) on sandwich.
5. Crumble on blue cheese and top with the other side of bread.
6. Serve with apple slices or a quick salad.

**Open Faced Turkey Sandwich**

This is usually a post-Thanksgiving meal, but with the dining hall's regular serving of things like stuffing and mashed potatoes, you can have it whenever you want. It’s a fun take on a sandwich too, so smothered with gravy you need a knife and fork. Sadly, the dining hall doesn't have cranberries that often, but you can always try to substitute a glass of cranberry juice.

1. Pick up one slice of good white bread.
2. Top with a layer of stuffing and slices of turkey (again, don’t forget to see if they are carving turkey that day).
3. Ladle gravy over the top.
4. Serve with mashed potatoes.

Quick Tip

Of course, there’s nothing wrong with traditional! You can always jazz up the basic version of a turkey sandwich with a couple of condiments. Try hot sauce, a dash of salt and a little mayo. Don’t forget the pickle!

If you have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.
Hokies hand No. 1 Wake first loss of season

Virginia State University won 72-71 at New Mexico State on Wednesday and Northwestern stunned No. 7 Michigan State on Wednesday, going up 30-14 on Victor Davila's lead of the half by outscoring them in points and Al-Farouq Aminu next home game — a Jan. 28 or 23-6 over an 11-minute span, Hokies' physical defense took the Michigan State's 5-0 start in the Big Ten was big in conference action since 1997-98, when the Spartans opened with seven straight wins.

But Northwestern, relying on its aggressive defense and offensive threat, ended the day and 50-50 in the second half when the Huskies went 5-of-6 from the floor and had five rebounds and a 3-pointer to cut the margin to two.

Northwestern State (13-5, 5-1) with 20 points. Northwestern State would have the second half, although both teams had longer runs. The teams met in the same building in 2002 with Connecticut winning 46-40.

South Carolina 70, Florida 69

Zam Fredrick's layup as time expired lifted South Carolina to 70-69 victory over No. 24 Florida. The Gamecocks (13-2, 2 Southeastern Conference) trailed 67-60 with less than three minutes left, Devan Downey began the comeback with four straight foul shots and his 3-pointer with 26.5 seconds to go left the score 69-62.

CALAHAN'S FEAT

Then Downey, the SEC's second-leading scorer with averages of 17.4 and 7.4, fouled out with 8:16 to play and finished with six points and three rebounds. These teams met in the same building in 2002 with Connecticut winning 46-40.

Mike Holmes rebounded the miss, and threw a long pass to the streaking Fredrick who laid the ball in as time expired.

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NBA

North Carolina routs Clemson

Chapel Hill, N.C. — Wayne Ellington had another big game against Clemson, and No. 5 North Carolina added another year of misery to the 10th-ranked Tigers' streak of futility in Chapel Hill.

Ellington had 25 points to help the Tar Heels beat the Tigers 94-70 on Wednesday night, keeping North Carolina perfect in 54 home games against Clemson.

Tyler Hansbrough added 20 points for the Tar Heels (17-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), whose 54-0 run against the Tigers here is an NCAA record for the longest home winning streak against one opponent. North Carolina took control late in the first half and used a 24-4 run spanning the break to build an 18-point lead early in the second half.

Clemson (16-2, 2-2) never got closer than 13 points in the way and trailed by as many as 27 points. It was the Tigers' second consecutive defeat after a 16-0 start, following Saturday's home loss to Wake Forest, that propelled the Demon Deacons to the No. 1 ranking this week.

Ellington was coming off a 23-point performance last weekend against Miami in which he hit eight straight shots in the second half, seven from behind the arc, after a slow start to the season. He followed that by picking up where he left off in last year's season-long terror of the Tigers.

Ellington averaged 29 points in three meetings against Clemson last season, including a career-high 36 and the last-second 3-pointer on the road for the win in the first meeting. This time, he finished 9-for-15 from the field to go with a career-high seven assists and six rebounds.

It marked the first time in his career that he's had consecutive 20-point games.

With Ellington rediscovering his shot, North Carolina's offense looked about as sharp as it has in weeks despite Hansbrough being relatively quietly against Clemson's physical front line until the game was over. In hand, North Carolina shot 53 percent for the game. When, while Deon Thompson — after falling to reach double figures in the first four conference games — had 15 points.

Olympic champion

Dementieva into 3rd round

Melbourne, Australia — Olympic champion Elena Dementieva improved her 2009 winning streak to 12 matches on Thursday, beating Lina Bencicova 6-4, 6-1 to reach the third round of the Australian Open.

Dementieva, who won titles at Auckland and Sydney before the season's first major, struggled with her serve early but recovered to finish the match in 72 minutes.

The 27-year-old Dementieva reached the French Open and U.S. Open Finals in 2004, beaten both times by fellow Russians, and has not returned to the championship of a Grand Slam tournament since.

Her highlight last year was a win over fellow Russian Dinara Safina in the French Open semifinals at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 2008 and has never advanced beyond the fourth round at Melbourne Park.

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In Brief

Jeff Kent to announce retirement from 40

Los Angeles — Jeff Kent plans to announce his retirement from baseball on Thursday at Dodger Stadium.

Kent spent 17 years in the major leagues and leaves as the career home-run leader among second basemen with 351, 74 more than Ryne Sandberg.

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NFL

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Sport

Defense

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struggle with finding their game defensively against St. John's last Saturday, playing an accordion-style game where they couldn't put the Red Storm away, despite an 11-point second half lead.

After that game, the remarks centered on the ability of the team to 'fight' to stay alive in that game.

"We have the fight and the drive and we just kept pushing today," guard Ashley Barlow said in the post-game news conference Saturday.

"The freshmen all have a killer instinct, it's just a matter of when they are going to put it together for a night," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said. "You see the results." It is easy to say that the Irish have that fighting spirit - and even easier after a gutsy victory like the one Saturday - but the real question is "Why wasn't it there earlier in the game?" The younger players need to understand that you can't start fighting once the game is close and late, but from the first whistle to the last. Letting teams back into games when they don't deserve to be is the best way to start losing.

The Irish are lucky that their opponent Saturday was only St. John's, a team that is not to say the Red Storm are a bad team, but in this year's Big East, they are a team the Irish could have - and should have - beaten by more than three points.

With trips to Pittsburgh - who knocked Notre Dame out of the Big East tournament a season ago - and top-ranked Connecticut remaining in the Big East schedule, the team will have to find a way to deal with a lead much bigger than it did against St. John's. Allowing a double-digit, second-half comeback against a stronger team in the conference will not be so easily salvageable in the coming weeks.

For point guard Melissa Lechlitner, it is a matter of when - not if - the team will find its defensive energy and intensity. "The freshmen all have [a killer instinct], it's just a matter of it coming at the right time and each person having the confidence to just know it's game time and we have to get that win no matter what," she said.

But on a team as young and injured as the Irish are, fighting for points in the second half is a task that should not be putting the younger players on injured reserve, including forward Ashley Thomas and Jeff Woewiitka, and defensemen Eric Brewer and Erik Johnson. On Wednesday night, they made it up for it with consistent effort and close checking.

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Associated Press

CHICAGO - Chris Mason and the St. Louis Blues put in all together for a night. Mason made 23 saves for his second shutout of the season, and Jeff Woywitka and Keith Tkachuk scored in the Blues' 2-0 victory over Chicago on Wednesday night.

Mason was not heavily tested in earning his 14th career shutout as the injury-depleted Blues outworked Chicago and limited the Blackhawks chances.

"In order for us to be successful, we have to work very hard and we did that tonight," Mason said. "We did a great job in our zone, did a great job on the penalty kill and did what it took tonight."

"They let me see the shots, cleared the rebounds, were tough in front of the net, they were tough in the corners, they cleared the puck. We just battled hard and we're starting the see the results."

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"We wanted to come into this building (the United Center), which has a great deal of energy, and wanted to suck it up."

Cristobal Huet made 27 saves for Chicago, shut out at home - and before a 23rd sellout crowd in 23 games this season - for the first time since March 12, 2008. The Blackhawks lost two straight games at the United Center in regulation to drop to 14-4-5 at home.

Mason made one of his few tough saves just 2:45 into the first, stopping Andrew Ladd from the edge of the crease. The goalie needed to be alert during goalmouth scrambles a few times in the second and third, but Chicago generated little sustained pressure.

The Blackhawks entered the game averaging 3.45 goals, but have scored just five in their last four. After going 10-1-0 in December, they're 2-5-1 in January.

"We didn't come out playing the way we should have for consecutive nights," Chicago captain Jonathan Toews said. "We know what kind of team we are, we showed it in December. We want to keep going down that path."

On Wednesday, the Blackhawks were clearly demoralized.

"We're disappointed with tonight's effort," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said. "You can use a lot of different words to describe tonight's game. Bad would be one."

"I think we're getting sick and tired of people telling us how good we are instead of how hard we worked," he added. "I think that's what's going to get us out of it."

Thanks to three power-play chances - including a 2-minute advantage set up by a major penalty to Chicago's Cam Barker for a hit on David Babes - the Blues outshot the Blackhawks 16-3 in the first period. However, they led only 1-0 after 20 minutes.

The Blues didn't beat Huet until Woywitka scored a power-play goal on their 16th shot with 1:52 left in the first. Woywitka's drive from the point slid over Huet's left pad and into the net.

Following a scoreless second, Chicago's Matt Walker poked a rebound of his own shot under Mason and into the net at 2:46 of the third. The goal was not allowed, however, because one of the referees had whistled the play dead when Mason covered the original shot with his stick.

Tkachuk made it 2-0 during a 4-on-4 at 7:28 of the third. The goal was not allowed, however, because one of the referees had whistled the play dead when Mason covered the original shot with his stick.

A shot by Chicago's Martin Havlat hit the post at 10:33 of the third. Mason made a point-blank save on Dave Bolland during a Chicago power-play with 4:25 left.
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HOCKEY

Top of the heap

Irish lead CCHA, but plenty of games to play

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

With only a third of the season remaining in CCHA play, the conference standings are beginning to take shape.

The important cutoffs are between fourth and fifth place and eighth and ninth place.

The top four teams receive a first-round bye and host a second-round series in the CCHA playoffs, and the next four seeds host a first-round conference playoff series.

The CCHA tournament’s first round begins for the weekend of March 6-8, and the second round follows the next weekend. Each of the first two rounds consists of a best-of-three series.

The final four teams will travel to Detroit, where the semifinals will be held on March 20 at Joe Louis Arena—home of the NHL’s Detroit Red Wings. The CCHA tournament championship game will be played the next night.

FENCING

Underclassmen helping young squad to strong start

By CHRISTOPHER MASOUD
Sports Writer

After yet another impressive performance at the North American Cup last weekend, the talented cast of freshmen and sophomores is emerging as the backbone of the promising Irish squad.

Led by sophomore Avery Zuck and freshmen Gerek Meinhart and Kelley Hurley, the Irish took home three gold medals and a combined five top-five finishes at the competition held in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

"We never had such a good result like this year," seventh-year coach James Bednarski said of last weekend’s tournament. "We won a lot of medals, that’s a positive of this competition. I believe that it was one of the best starts in national tryouts for the Irish."

The Irish were successful in the men’s sabre and epee divisions.

Zuck battled through a field of 113 athletes in the sabre for a first-place title, while fellow sophomore Barron Nydam finished second for third. Senior Karel Kostka’s experience ensured him a 50th-place finish in a record field of 245 in the epee.

But the freshman combo of Hurley and Meinhart stole the show, earning first-place finishes in both the open and junior categories in the women’s epee and men’s foil respectively. Meinhardt, an Olympian in Beijing, is coming off a recent knee surgery that sidelined him for the greater part of the preseason.

"After competing in the Olympic Games, it’s natural to be off for a couple of weeks in the preseason," Bednarski said. "Others are already in the middle of the run and they have to catch up. But on the men’s side, Gerek Meinhart is one of the best."

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL ANALYSIS

Defense will determine course of team’s season

If Notre Dame wants to stay near the top of the Big East, it will need to find its defensive rhythm.

The Irish have only two losses so far this season, but in their last two games, Jay Fitzpatrick, Sports Writer, they have played lackluster at times under their own basket. The team’s first loss in the Big East came at Marquette on Jan. 13, in a game in which Irish coach Muffet McGraw said her team played without a solid effort.

"I think we lost our commitment to the defensive end of the floor. We did not play our normal game defensively. They got a lot of easy shots and that was disappointing," McGraw said in an interview Jan. 14.

But the Irish continued to

SMC BASKETBALL

MIAA leaders win again

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s started its four-game road trip the right way. Wednesday night, cruising to a 81-63 road victory over winless Kalamazoo.

Senior forward Erin Newsom and freshman guard Patty Mahoney each scored 14 points to help the Belles put the game away early, leading by 23 with 14 minutes to play in the contest. The Hornets never cut the gap closer than 18 points for the rest of the contest.

"Defense wasn’t a problem for the Belles with four players scoring in double figures," Liz Wade also added seven assists and recorded six steals to help out defensively.

The Hornets’ Andrea Bedway led all scorers with 22 points.

The Belles followed through on head coach Jenn Henley’s promise to focus on defense, holding the Hornets to shoot less than 40 percent from the field. The Belles also forced 36 turnovers in the game.

The Belles play their second game of their road trip Saturday at Trine. Saint Mary’s next home contest is Feb. 4 against Olivet.

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