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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Stop LaFun PDA**

A terrible catastrophe has been plaguing Notre Dame for quite some time now, and no one is doing anything to stop it. No, this isn’t a column about Charlie Weis. I’m talking about something even worse.

Obnoxious couples are taking Notre Dame’s much-discussed hook-up culture to a whole new level and using the LaFortune Student Center as their own private spot to kiss, make out and cuddle nauseatingly.

I was first made aware of this horrifying phenomenon when I saw a couple kissing, practically horizontal, in the tiny one-bench booth across from Subway.

Since then, I’ve seen people leaning across the table to kiss, getting up every five minutes to hug each other and — I am not making this up — a guy motorboating his girlfriend in the LaFortune basement. This needs to stop. There are tons of people in LaFortune actually trying to study, and unless Notre Dame suddenly made annoying me into a major, I really don’t think these couples are doing that.

It’s not like I’m shocked when I see this behavior in other locations. Fever or Finnys? I’d be more surprised if no one there was making out. Outside of a dorm right after parties? Understandable. But seriously, in LaFortune?

I’m sure all of the PDAers reading this are writing me off as a bitter girl who’s jealous because she doesn’t have a boyfriend. Okay, yeah, maybe I haven’t found my soulmate like you guys obviously have. But I do try to do my part, if I ever engage in gross PDA at LaFortune, you have my permission to kill me on the spot.

I can’t even imagine that PDAing (yes, it’s a verb) in LaFortune would be all that pleasant. You’re in a ridiculously crowded public place with people completely surrounding you. Many of them are probably making fun of you quick to their friends. But maybe I just don’t know what I’m missing.

So the next time you feel the urge to PDA in LaFortune, take these simple steps:

1. Ask the people around you if they would mind watching you kiss your significant other while they try to study or eat or play a video game. I bet the results will be overwhelmingly negative. If not, maybe Notre Dame has bigger problems.

2. Try to study without succumbing to these urges. Maybe there really is more to a relationship than the physical stuff.

3. If your hormones do get the best of you, find an alternate location. Dorm room, lounge, behind a bush, wherever.

Just, please, not in LaFortune. And if you’re really desperate, Charlie Weis’ office will probably be empty pretty soon. You could go there.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What are your plans for Thanksgiving?

Kyle Collins  
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Fisher

Jaime Cordes  
junior  
off campus

Matt Cheston  
junior  
O’Neill

Christopher Lim  
junior  
Dillon

Rose Kavanagh  
freshman  
Welsh Family

Anne Crowley  
freshman  
Welsh

“Slumber. That’s it.”

“Going home to North Carolina.”

“Multiple food comas.”

“I’m going to Chicago with my girlfriend.”

“I’m going to visit my friends in Illinois.”

“We always do a dinner with all my cousins, where we play salt roulette.”

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**Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com**

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Offbeat**

**Man accused of squeezing attack at gas station**

CONNWAY, Ark. — A man accused of using a squeeze to hit another man during a fight over who was first in line at a gas pump was due in court on charges.

The man, Hector Chavez, 21, was to be arraigned Friday in Faulkner County Circuit Court on a second-degree battery charge.

A Conway police report said the victim told officers that the suspect was waiting in line at a gas pump when Chavez cut in front of him. The victim — who was not identified — said he confronted Chavez with the squeeze and swung at him before Chavez took the squeeze and began hitting him with it.

A phone listing could not be found for Chavez and it wasn’t clear whether he had an attorney.

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**Person in chicken suit disrupts city council meeting**

DURANGO, Colo. — A person in a chicken costume ruffled the feathers of Durango’s city council as its members discussed rules for backyard fowl.

At a council meeting Tuesday, someone in a chicken costume quietly entered the council chambers just as the mayor was discussing a recently-passed backyard hen ordinance. The costumed chicken took a few turns, flapped its arms, then took a seat in the nearly empty gallery.

Several minutes later, the big bird left — without identifying itself — after laying an egg on the floor.

Council members told The Durango Herald they were perplexed by the costumed chicken but found the visit humorous. The council voted 3-2 earlier this month to make it easier to keep backyard chickens.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**In Brief**

Michael Holson, executive vice president and general counsel of Hewlett-Packard, will deliver a lecture today at 10:40 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture is part of the Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series. It is free and open to the public.

The Stadium tunnel will be open today from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for visitors to walk through.

The Notre Dame women’s soccer team will play Oregon State in the third round of the NCAA Tournament tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Stadium. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356 or visit the athletic ticket office Web site.

The University Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds will perform their fall concert tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. For ticket information, call 574-631-2800.

The film “Strong Bodies Fight: Rough Cut” will play Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. It is a documentary film about the Notre Dame Bengal Beuts boxing team and their partnership with the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. A question and answer session with director William Donaruma will follow the screening. The event is free, but ticketed. To reserve a ticket, call 574-631-2800.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information to obnews@nd.edu.

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Students look for last home win despite recent losses

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Though storms brew around the future of the football program and signs of winter weather hit campus this week, students say they will be ready to prove they are not fair-weather fans when Notre Dame takes on Connecticut Saturday.

"I think the team is going to want to reestablish themselves for the last home game," sophomore Katie Carter said. "It's going to be close, like every other game this season," she said. "But with all the debate and controversy, I think they are going to be pumped up and ready to prove they are not fair-weather fans." 

Carter predicted Saturday's game will be close but said she thinks the Irish will pull out a win.

"I don't want a lose in the cold. I want to wait in vain for the last home game," sophomore Maya Thode also said. "I'm dreading the cold, but I'm excited for everything that will happen," Carter said. "I'm from Connecticut so if we lose I'll get lots of crap," she said.

Thode said, "If they lose, it could be a nail in the coffin," she said. "If they lose, Charlie's gone. But I think he's already gone and Jimmy's foot is already out the door. If they lose, it could be a nail in the coffin," he said.

Junior Tim Castellini said he anticipates a win because the seniors will be excited for their last home game. "I'm expecting a big win because Connecticut isn't that good and it's the seniors' last home game so there is a lot of hype going into it for them," he said.

Castellini said the team's two recent losses and the controversy over Charlie Weis' position as head coach will not have a negative affect on the game.

"I think they still look at it as just another week to take care of business," he said. "I don't want to wait in vain in the cold. I don't want a repeat of the Syracuse game," Thode said. "I think we can win. We just have to get it together, not just as a team but as a fan base."

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Sr. Mariam Eckenrode discusses life when she was a student at Saint Mary’s, reflects on experiences as a Sister of the Holy Cross

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Behind Holy Cross Hall, at the end of the Avenue, is the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Sr. Miriam Eckenrode is one of the retired sisters living at Saint Mary’s, where her own college days were spent.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross are the founders of Saint Mary’s College and operate the order out of their headquarters on campus. Sr. Miriam lives on a floor of the convent that resembles a hospital or a nursing home, which houses the older retired sisters. She is in a wheelchair, and very frail but still has a vivacious spirit.

Sr. Miriam was born on January 30, 1913 in Lancaster, Pa. and is one of six children. As a little girl in Pennsylvania, she attended a local parochial school and then an Academy run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

“In the third grade my mom saw I was not bucking football games with her friends. She taught me to go to the Academy of the Holy Cross,” Sr. Miriam said. “I went to Sacred Heart Academy in Lancaster, Pa. and later the Roman Catholic Academy run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.”

Sr. Miriam was sent to Sacred Heart Academy and then an Academy in Washington D.C. She attended the Academy of the Holy Cross in 1930 and her parents were proud of her, but sometimes she was not.

“The Sisters always came (to Saint Mary’s) for the summer and always spoke so highly of it,” Sr. Miriam said. “They never really noticed how contented (the sisters) were and I thought that the life of a nun was very good,” Sr. Miriam said. “1936, that very summer I looked very good,” Sr. Miriam said. “I never heard anything but good things about Saint Mary’s.”

In 1930 when Sr. Miriam entered Saint Mary’s as a first year the College had only one lay teacher. “I went to ‘old Saint Mary’s,’” Sr. Miriam laughed.

She lived on the fifth floor of Le Mans and walked to Notre Dame for the summer and walked to the Academy of the Holy Cross during their relocation, which she describes as one of her favorite experiences. With a young, excited staff they taught the new freshman class and started a school paper. “We were pretty stylish,” she said.

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Sr. Miriam also taught and acted as principal in the Boston area for five years and spent time in Austin, Texas and Norfolk, Va. In 1973, she requested to go back to her hometown of Lancaster to take care of her parents. There she found an ad for volunteers in the paper, which led to her favorite service opportunity.

Sr. Miriam offered her services reading on a radio station for the blind, teaching older people how to read and running activities at the county home. “My work at the county home was one of the greatest experiences I ever had. I loved the people and was able to entertain them,” she said.

Sr. Miriam is now retired and resides yet again at Saint Mary’s, a place that played an important role throughout her life. She spends her time reading and writing. She writes letters to her siblings and nephews whose pictures adorn the walls of her small room.

Once a Saint Mary’s woman, always a Saint Mary’s woman, she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexico City improves transit MEXICO CITY — Cash-strapped Mexico City is pressing ahead with new bus lines and bike lanes in 2010, buoyed by prestigious recognition for a world-class transit system that has reduced pollution in one of the globe’s largest cities.

“We hope that this year Mexico City will inspire other cities around the world to embrace environmentally sustainable programs,” said Mario de Curbelo, who visited Harvard University this week to accept the Roy Family Award for Environmental Partnership for the city’s 4-year-old Metrobus system.

Muslims seek U.N. blasphemy ban GENEVA — Four years after cartoons of the prophet Muhammad set off violent protests across the Muslim world, Islamic nations are mounting an international treaty to protect religious symbols and beliefs from mockery — essentially a ban on blasphemy that would put them on a collision course with free speech laws in the West.

Documents obtained by The Associated Press show that Algeria and Pakistan have taken the lead in lobbying to eventually bring the proposal to a vote in the U.N. General Assembly.

If ratified in countries that enshrine freedom of expression as a fundamental right, such a treaty would require them to limit free speech if it risks seriously offending religious believers. The process, though, will take years and no showdown is imminent.

NATIONAL NEWS

Astronauts complete spacewalk CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A pair of spacewalking astronauts, one of them a surgeon, hustled through antenna and cable work outside the International Space Station on Thursday and even whipped off an extra helmet.

Atlantis crewmen Michael Foreman and Dr. Robert Satcher Jr. had a spare antenna installed in just two hours and were venturing out on the first spacewalk of their mission. They also hooked up cables and a handrail, and greased some mechanisms, zooming two hours ahead at one point.

The astronauts were “rocking the house,” astronaut Randolph Bresnik called from inside the space station.

Minneapolis charged with terrorism MINNEAPOLIS — Another man has been indicted on terrorism charges in a federal investigation that has ensnared about 10 candidates, some, such as former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, as potential candidates for jobs.

They were chosen from about 10 candidates, some, such as former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, because of their strong interest in the war in Iraq, a position that angered many Europeans.

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Belgium

Belgian-British duo to lead EU Members select little-known Van Rompuy, Ashton from candidates for top jobs

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — After years of effort the European Union named its first full-time president and powerful foreign policy chief on Thursday — but handed the jobs to two little-known compromise figures instead of global heavy hitters.

The choice by national leaders behind closed doors broke a stalemate in choosing a successor after one potential candidate, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, bowed out. People close to the leaders said they were worried about the potential for a new row.

One leader said President George W. Bush called to express his concern that the new president might not have the respect to be a good representative of Europe worldwide. His concern was that Van Rompuy and Ashton would not have the profile Brown enjoyed.

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read the poem, whose subject matter was policy cooperation among Belgium, Spain and Hungary in 2010.

Van Rompuy pledged to be “discreet” in his new job, which will entail organizing the EU’s four or five current summits and liaise between the EU leaders. He said climate change and Europe’s high unemployment will be key concerns in the years ahead.

Ashton, 53, has barely caused a ripple during her year as EU trade chief and has little foreign experience. She signed a trade pact with South Korea, worked to revive the stalled global negotiations at the World Trade Organization and defrost trade relations with the U.S. under President George W. Bush left office.

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LOCAL NEWS

Corrections employees arrested NEW CASTLE, Ind. — Two New Castle police officers on administrative leave have been charged with official misconduct and ghost employment after evidence indicated that they were paid to work for the Henry County Corrections system.

Patrolman Matthew Patterson, 38, were suspended without pay after their arrests.

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Belgium’s Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy arrives at a European Council building last week. EU leaders chose Van Rompuy as its first full-time president on Thursday.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The governing board of the University of California approved a $2,500 student fee increase Thursday after two days of tense campus protests across the state.

The 22 percent rise will push the cost of an undergraduate education at California’s premier public schools to over $100 a day by fall next year, triple the cost of a decade ago. The fees, the equivalent of tuition, do not include the cost of housing, board and books.

The vote by the Board of Regents in a windowless building in California, Los Angeles, meeting room took place as the drone of protesters could be heard from a plaza outside.

For a second day the room was closed to visitors, after the meeting was repeatedly disrupted by demonstrators’ outbursts.

Hundreds of students and union members gathered at the arched doorways of the building, waving signs, sounding drums and chanting “We’re fired up, can’t take it no more” and “Shame on you.”

Armed police in riot gear lined up behind steel barricades, watching over scores of protesters. Some police carried beanbag-firing shotguns. Authorities said there was one arrest.

Board members pointed out that students from households with incomes below $70,000 would be shielded from the fee increase, and financial aid would help others defray the higher cost. But that did little to ease the mood on campus, where some students wondered if they could afford the jump or qualify for more borrowing.

Ayanna Moody, a second-year prelaw student, said she feared she might have to go back, it’s very depressing,” she said. Administrators “already cut out a lot of our majors and programs. I’d rather they cut some of their salaries.”

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is voting Tuesday on a massive $700 billion rescue package that would provide cash to struggling banks, jumpstart the economy and help avoid a Depression-like recession.

Lawmakers will be under intense pressure to make sure the bill is paid for and pass it swiftly, perhaps before the end of the week. The $700 billion price tag would make it the largest government bailout in history.

It would be the third such emergency action since the financial crisis began more than a year ago.

The package would provide $600 billion to the Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, to allow the government to buy up to $1.5 trillion in toxic assets from banks and investment firms.

It would also give the Treasury Department authority to purchase up to $350 billion in troubled mortgage-related assets, in an effort to strengthen mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The bill would also provide $85 billion toيد the government’s autonomous auto companies, which have taken a pounding over the past year as sales have declined and they have burned through $15 billion in taxpayer money.

It would provide another $50 billion for the Wall Street rescue program, which was created in September to prop up the ailing financial sector.

The bill also contains $30 billion to help the Treasury Department pay down the national debt.

Members select little-known Van Rompuy, Ashton from candidates for top jobs

Associated Press

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SAB plans ‘Ugly Truth’ movie night

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Need a study break? Ever want ed to see “The Ugly Truth?” The Student Activities Board (SAB) at Saint Mary’s College hopes to remedy these problems by hosting a movie night Sunday.

“SAB likes to provide students with activities and events that give them a time out from homework and studying. Also, movies are one of our most attended events,” said senior Michelle Peterson, SAB president.

The movie will be shown in Carroll Auditorium in Madeleva Hall at the College.

“This is our first time showing a movie here,” Peterson said. “Since we have had issues in the past with an overflow of people seeing the movie, we figured a large space could work better.”

Peterson said she’s excited for the event.

“It’s always great to see the students of Saint Mary’s taking a break from their studies and just enjoying themselves,” she said. “We all put in a lot of time and effort into our studies, and definitely deserve a fun break once in a while.”

Movie night is not all that SAB has to offer. Throughout the course of the year, SAB plans several large and small events to offer students a chance to have some fun and take a break.

In December, SAB plans to show another movie, but they haven’t decided which one they will show. Another event the board has planned for December is gingerbread house decorating. Students will join up in teams to adorn a gingerbread house for a prize.

“This year, we are hoping to have the Alumnae Association of South Bend join us for this event,” Peterson said.

In the spring, SAB plans on hosting four to five additional movie nights, with one outdoors, weather permitting. Another event that is in the works is a small charity concert benefiting Belles for Africa.

Peterson said the main focus of the spring is the Annual SMC Tostal, an event that consists of a concert and a variety of other “fun activities during the day.”

“SAB has been given a budget that allows us to provide almost all of our events to the students for free. We want to utilize our resources and plan as many events as possible so that students have things to do on campus,” Peterson said.

The event is free and open to students from Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross College and Notre Dame. Show times are 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. The event is not ticketed.

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Sociology professor presents discussion paper on minority home ownership

Special to The Observer

On Nov. 20, 1962, President Kennedy signed an executive order prohibiting federally-funded housing agencies from denying mortgages on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin.

According to University of Notre Dame sociologist Richard Williams, the dramatic improvement of American family housing security thus begun is now jeopardized both by the current economic crisis and misconceptions of what caused it.

Williams marked the 47th anniversary of President Kennedy’s Executive Order 11063 by presenting a discussion paper titled “One Stroke of the Pen” to the Council on Contemporary Families, a national association of family scholars, mental health and social work practitioners, and clinicians.

In 2005, Williams observed, 56.2 percent of Hispanics and 49.4 percent of blacks owned their own homes. While well below the 76.1 percent home ownership rates for non-Hispanic whites, these rates indicated impressive progress for those historically disadvantaged groups. Williams attributed much of that progress “to heightened use of the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), which encouraged depository institutions to meet the needs of borrowers in all segments of their communities consistent with safe and sound banking practices.”

Acknowledging critics who blame the collapse of the housing market on CRA and other government efforts to promote minority home ownership, Williams argues that “it was not government regulation that paved the way for the current crisis in housing, but government deregulation, which increased the range of products and services that banks and other financial institutions could offer, eliminated interest rate ceilings, and greatly expanded the geographical areas in which individual companies could operate. As a result, the banking industry became far more competitive, attracting new investors, speculators, and financial institutions. There were some positive results of such competition, of course, but there were also some very negative ones. The proportion of loans that were subject to the requirements of the CRA and other regulatory safeguards decreased.”

Assessing the severity of current threats to family housing security, Williams concludes that “it would be tragic if the economic problems caused by irresponsible lending practices caused us to abandon efforts to end discrimination against minorities and to increase residential security for all Americans. New home ownership can still be encouraged by fair interest rates and by programs designed to help people manage their finances. For those who cannot or should not become homeowners, the provision of quality affordable rental housing should be a top priority. Children, families, and communities all fare better when neighborhoods have a stable core of residents who take pride in their homes and have hope for their future.”

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J.C. Penney hopeful in recession

**Department store CEO sees opportunity for growth in overall economic downturn**

Mike Ullman, Chairman and CEO of J.C. Penney, rides a Segway through a New York store in October. Ullman predicts good news for the company despite recession.

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**Gold edges up as commodities drop**

NEW YORK — Gold and silver recovered from early losses Thursday, but other commodities fell as the dollar strengthened. Investors sought safety in the U.S. currency and a hedge against further volatility, said analysts.

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**GM predicts solid November sales**

DETROIT — U.S. auto sales could top an annual rate of 10.8 million in November, General Motors Co.’s top sales analyst said Thursday. That would mark the first month this year that sales jumped to such levels without the aid of tax incentives, he said.

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**Atlantic City's choice: Casino to turn keys over to lenders**

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — America’s first casino to open outside Nevada got permission Thursday to hand itself over to its lenders because it can’t pay the mortgage.

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**Battle of the bags: Women watch male brands mature**

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Students participate in a well-attended pep rally at Stepan Center before the game against Michigan on Sept. 10.

When pep rallies were held in the Joyce Center in past years, Hall Presidents’ Council (HPC) planned and organized events and activities to entertain students before the start of the pep rally, HPC co-chair Brendan McQueney said. “We understood this year with the renovations to the JACC that our role would be diminished, but we thought that we would still have some role,” he said. McQueney said the council had looked forward to the final pep rally of the year in Purcell Pavilion because they would be able to hold the role they had in previous years. “We were anxious to actually fill the role of other HPC co-chairs before us, ” he said. “It’s kind of sad that we weren’t able to do it, but it’s out of our hands.”

Many of the hall presidents were disappointed to learn that the pep rally would be at Irish Green because they had been looking forward to returning to the Joyce Center, especially because the freshman have never experienced that setting, McQueney said.

Schmidt said Seamon and Gameday Operations have made many positive changes this season, such as improving relations between fans, ushers and police and allowing fans to walk through the tunnel on Friday afternoons before the games. “But I think the pep rallies are another huge part of it and I think we really have failed this year in the eyes of the students,” he said. “My job as student body president is to be connected with what the students want.”

But Schmidt said the location of the pep rally is not ultimately in his control. “At some point we can only do so much,” he said. “I at least want to make it clear that we were frustrated with the fact that it’s not at Purcell Pavilion.”

“Riding is equally a psychological sport as much as a physical sport.”

Mary Cecilia Mitsch
Equestrian team co-captain

The team’s members all come from different experiences and backgrounds, from novice to experienced, Genereux said. “Riders compete against others who have similar ability. The classes themselves are judged on the individual and individual awards are presented, but each rider contributes to the team’s points for each show.”

Genereux said the team has high hopes for the rest of the season. “In the past few years, Notre Dame Equestrian has had riders qualifying for Regional and National competitions and we’d love to get back there this year if not next,” Genereux said. “The team has had two good finishes at shows already this year, and we think we can still improve.”

For more information about the team, visit www.nd.edu/~ndhorse

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Travel
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“Our mission is to provide a well-rounded picture of a particular destination,” Steves said on his travel Web site. “Your time is valuable and I think you should know if you’ll like a place before you book your tickets and commit to it.”

In addition to his experiences while studying abroad, Steves has traveled with his family each of the 22 years of his life, meeting his dad on location during the summer months and more recently working as a tour guide throughout Europe.

“Traveling with my dad was always an interesting experience,” Steves said. “Everything was always theatrical for him and he would push the boundaries as far as he could.”

While drawing on his own travel experiences, Steves also incorporates fellow students’ insights about European destinations that help create collaborative itineraries that highlight the best of each featured city.

“I haven’t been to all the places I have itineraries for, but lots of friends have helped contribute,” Steves said. “The response has been great and I have compiled different opinions. Because money is often one of the main concerns for college students studying abroad, Steves’ itineraries give suggestions for efficient and affordable ways to travel Europe on a small budget.

“One of the great things about traveling on a lower budget is that you have incredible freedom,” Andy Steves senior

Steves also emphasized the importance of exploring places outside the guidebooks in order to better understand the city and its residents.

“Go down a side alley and try to find the unique, local spots — the mom and pop shops,” Steves said. “You’ll have a better experience.

More travel tips can be found on Steves’ Web site at www.andysteves.com.

Asked whether NDSP has changed its policy, Seamon said, “same number of police, same structure.”

“I think it’s just working on a more unified front that allows us to be more strategic about how we’re doing things,” he said.

He said fans have improved their behaviors in the past couple of years because the University publicizing expectations for them.

“I would say one thing that has been a pleasant surprise for us is fans … when we stated what we expected of them, they responded,” Seamon said. “The Notre Dame faithful, Notre Dame football fan base has responded in a very positive manner. When we stated our expectations, guidelines on fan behavior and handle any complaints on fan behavior accordingly. people understand that.”

Seamon said the results of other Game Day initiatives have been positive, pointing out enthusiastic fan reactions to the public parking option on the nine-hole Notre Dame Golf Course, the opening the Stadium tunnel to the public on Friday afternoons and the pep rally features at the hospital campus Irish Green.

“They’re asking us about our model,” Seamon said.

The new text messaging system for safety concerns has been particularly successful, Seamon said.

“Text message started last year in the NFL. We thought our fans would pay money to have the service and it’s been a huge hit,” he said.

Even with her busy schedule, Glorioso keeps in touch with the Notre Dame community and is a member of the InDustry Alliance in the entertainment industry.

“Obviously, Notre Dame is a very different [alumni] club based on your interests … but there hadn’t been, at the time, a lot of different [alumni] clubs based on your interests … but lot of different [alumni] clubs based on career,” Glorioso said.

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Oprah to end talk show and begin her own cable channel

Associated Press

CHICAGO — “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” an iconic broadcast that grew from a local Chicago talk show into the foundation of a multibillion dollar media empire, will end its run in 2011 after 25 seasons on the air. Winfrey’s production company said Thursday night.

Winfrey, who became one of the most powerful women in entertainment from a seat on the couch of her set in Chicago’s West Loop neighborhood, plans to announce the final date for her show during a live broadcast on Friday. Harpo Productions Inc. said.

A Harpo spokeswoman declined to comment Thursday on Winfrey’s future plans except to say that “The Oprah Winfrey Show” will not be transferred to cable television.

Winfrey is widely expected to begin her own cable channel and her talk show went into syndication, rising to become one of the most successful in the history of broadcasting.

On a conference call with analysts two weeks ago, CBS Chief Executive Leslie Moonves said the contract with the show ran through most of 2011 and “if there’s a negative impact, it wouldn’t hit us until ’12.”

CBS continues to sell several top shows to syndication however, including “Wheel of Fortune” and “Jeopardy.” But many TV stations are struggling with falling advertising revenue and were unlikely to pay the same fees as in the past for Winfrey’s show, which has seen ratings slip 7 percent from a year ago and saw its average viewership slip below 7 million last season.

Winfrey started her broadcasting career as a teenager in Chicago to host WLS-TV’s morning talk show “A.M. Chicago” — the show was known as “People Are Talking.”

The loss of “The Oprah Winfrey Show” would be a blow to CBS Corp. because it earns a percentage of hefty licensing fees from TV stations that use it.

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USPS cancels letters to Santa Claus program

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — A group of volunteer Santa Claus “elves” in Alaska’s frigid interior is determined to save a popular holiday letter service featuring the North Pole’s most beloved icon.

The group is looking to counter a decision by the U.S. Postal Service to discontinue a program begun in 1954 in the small town of North Pole, where volunteers open and respond to thousands of letters addressed to “Santa Claus, North Pole” each year.

Gabby Gaborik, chief elf among several dozen volunteers, said he met with Postal Service officials this week to come up with an alternative.

He’s now working with local government officials to get “101 Santa Claus Lane” as an address for his group, Santa’s Mailbag. That way children will have a specific destination for their letters, allowing volunteers to run their own program and bypass stringent new rules implemented by the Postal Service after security issues arose in a similar program in Maryland last year.

Gaborik believes his town’s name gives the local effort more cachet than other destinations.

The city was founded on the Christmas theme, he said Thursday. “This is our identity. This is North Pole, Alaska.”

The North Pole program was stymied by a tighter process put in place nationwide by the Postal Service after a postal worker in Maryland recognized a volunteer with the agency’s Operation Santa program as a registered sex offender. The worker intervened before the individual could answer a child’s letter, but the agency viewed the scare as a reason to tighten security.

Also: ND Stadium Tunnel open to the public. Friday: 10:00 am - 4:45 pm
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Web spreads al-Qaida’s message in English

Associated Press

RIYADH — Increasing numbers of English-language Web sites are spreading al-Qaida’s message to Muslims in the West.

They translate writings and sermons once largely out of reach of English readers and often feature charismatic clerics like Anwar al-Awlaki, who exchanged dozens of e-mails with the Army psychiatrist accused of the Fort Hood shootings.

The U.S.-born al-Awlaki has been an inspiration to several militants arrested in the United States and Canada in recent years, with his Web-based sermons once largely out of reach of English-language Web sites.

“Al-Qaida’s objective is to be present on the Internet in order to inspire and organize,” the SITE Intel Group’s R. Jeffrey Smith said.

The SITE group says it has monitored the al-Qaida online sites for years, with its Web-based researchers often turning up on their computers.

“The point is you don’t have to be an official part of al-Qaida to spread hatred and sectarian views,” said Evan Kohlmann, a senior investigator for the New York-based NEFA Foundation, which researches Islamic militants.

“If you look at the most influential documents in terms of homegrown terrorism cases, it’s not training manuals on building bombs,” Kohlmann said. “The most influential documents are the ones that are written by theological advisers, some of whom are not even official al-Qaida members.”

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VATICAN

Restoration of 6th-century reliquary cross unveiled

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — One of the gems of the Vatican’s priceless religious art collection — a 6th century reliquary containing what is revered as fragments of the cross on which Jesus was crucified — has been restored to its Byzantine-era glory.

The Vatican on Thursday unveiled the restored Crux Vaticana, a foot-high (40-centimeter) high jeweled-encrusted gold cross containing what tradition holds are shards of Jesus’ cross.

The Associated Press was given an early look at the piece, and Byzantine art experts said the restoration rendered the cross much closer to what it would have looked like at the time the Byzantine Emperor Justin II gave it to the people of Rome.

Most significantly, the restoration corrected a botched 19th century restoration that threatened to corrode the piece. And it replaced the brightly colored gems that were added in previous centuries with the large, imperfect pearls that are emblematic of Byzantine-era imperial masterpieces, said restorer Santo Gaido.

A circle of 12 pearls now surrounds the relic, and pearls around the cross’ edge now alternate with emeralds and sapphires — the two other gems most often associated with Byzantine emperors, he said.

While there are purported fragments of Christ’s cross in churches around the world — including at Paris’ Notre Dame and even across town at Rome’s Holy Cross basilica — the Vatican considered the oldest reliquary of the cross. It is the crown in the Vatican’s ex-voto collection of religious and historic artifacts.

In addition to the relic inside, the cross itself is an important piece of early Christian art. Measuring 40 centimeters by 31 centimeters (15.75 inches by 12.11 inches) high, the relic consists of an imperial gift and an expression of the emperor’s Christian faith. Across the piece is written in Latin: “With the wood with which Christ conquered man’s enemy, Justin gives his help to Rome and his subjects in Constantinople.”

“It’s the most important reliquary of the ‘true cross’ that we have,” Gaido told the AP. “It’s particularly important because it’s the only reliquary that came from an emperor so there are various levels of religious and historic signifi- cance.”

For centuries, the cross was used in the Vatican’s most solemn ceremonies at Christmas and Easter. But 1,500 years of candle wax and smoke had dulled the gems and the cross’ warm golden hue — grim that has been removed following a two-year restoration.

The work was paid for by an anonymous donor who didn’t want the pricetag to be made public, officials said.

Isolde Kalavrezou, a Byzantine art history professor at Harvard University who has taught classes in early Christian art at the Vatican’sTreasury of St. Peter’s basilica — the Crux Vaticana is considered the oldest relic — has been restored to its glory.

When it was presented to Romans at the time, most parts of Christ’s cross would’ve looked like, Gaido said. “I can’t say it’s exactly as it would’ve looked like, she said in a phone interview. “But it was clearly rendered the cross closer to what it would have looked like when it was presented to Romans sometime between 565-578.”

“What’s more, much remains to be done. Veneman said it was unacceptable that more than 24,000 children under the age of 5 die every day from preventable causes like pneumonia, malaria, measles and malnutrition. Nearly 200 million youngsters are chronically malnourished, nearly 140 million are force to work, and millions of girls and boys of all ages are subjected to sexual violence.

As the first decade of the 21st century comes to a close, the convention stands at a piv- otal moment,” Veneman told a news conference launching the report.

“The relevance remains time- less. The challenge for the next 20 years is to build on the progress already made by bringing together to reach those chil- dren’s right to survival, and work on the implementation of their rights to survival, develop- ment, protection and partici- pation. Veneman said.

The convention has the widest support of any human rights treaty — 193 countries — though Veneman said not all are implementing its require- ments.
This week, the 40th anniversary of the ‘Notre Dame 10’ — the now-famous group of students suspended for their demonstration against Dow-CIA recruiting on campus — brings to mind several questions about the present state of student activism at Notre Dame. Specifically: Where is it?

Though conditions on college campuses today are incomparable to those of the Vietnam War era — most notably there is no draft for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — there are still issues that students are passionate about, ones they could and should work for to effect change. The apparent lack of activism today might also be explained in part by the current career-oriented college culture, which positions students on a one-track mindset: take the right classes and land a great job that reflects the value of a Notre Dame degree. Students of the 1960s student revolution were of a different breed, going to college to get an education for education’s sake, not just for the increased earning power of a degree. For many, an education included social change and protest.

In remembering the 1969 protests, it’s important to note the atmosphere at Notre Dame was not like that of, say, Berkeley in the 1960s. The demonstration by the ‘Notre Dame 10’ is perhaps the most well-known protest action to take place on this campus for social and political change — and it’s a far cry from massive riots resulting on arrests and deaths on some college campuses in that era.

Today, the activist spirit at Notre Dame is even weaker than it was in 1969. The lack of visible student activism is lamentable, as is the complacency and apathy of the majority of the student body. Certainly there are numbers of groups and organizations — like the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) and the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) — working for change every day. There are also groups that stand up for what they believe to be right, like ND Response, which formed around last spring’s Commencement controversy.

Notre Dame’s Catholic culture instills the value of community service, both at home and abroad, in its students. Service is a form of activism present but subdued. These students’ efforts may not as visible as the actions of their predecessors. Destructive and violent protests and riots of the past are not called for on today’s campus. But the actions, whether through petitions, marches, rallies, mass or debates, are vital. They are the active few on this campus working for the issues they believe in.

The lack of visible student activism is not their fault. They are doing their part and attempting to raise awareness. But the student body as a whole needs to open its eyes beyond the campus, classes and the job search and appreciate the work of these groups by joining them and supporting the causes that call them to act.
Dealing with cancer on Thanksgiving Day

In response to Mr. Petrocelli, “(The Actual Facts),” Nov. 18 I would like to humbly suggest that the search for truth in morality is not only “not that simple,” but completely pointless. I mean, “no one knows the truth,” so why bother even looking for it? You’re right, the search for truth in morality “should not be treated as a civil war,” so let’s work together to reduce the number of moral philosophers in this country. Who are constantly dreaming up and debating such personal issues like abortion, up and debating such personal issues like abortion, which about which we know almost nothing. Is it a personal choice or is it really that simple? We shouldn’t be divided about substantial moral issues to the point of taking sides. When we have to choose sides over something as simple “no one knows the truth.”

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I am writing in response to Mark Easley’s piece entitled “Terrorists are not American” (Nov. 19) which concerns the trying and detaining of suspected terrorists. He states, “Terrorists seek not only to destroy American lives; they seek to destroy the inalienable rights we all hold dear, for fear and corruption. If we let our hatred and fear blur our vision of justice, if we forsake mercy for retribution, and if we forget that it is God who instills all men with rights, then the terrorists have already won. Therefore, let us remember, in the case of those awaiting trial, that we are all guilty of declaring ourselves with aайден for those found guilty, that punishment and detention are different from vengeance. By seeking revenge we usurp the role of God, and make ourselves devils in the process.

Gary Caruso
Capitol Comments

Don’t sweat the small stuff

Just compromise to a position of loss platitudes, even if held for different and incompatible reasons, we will never have to actually resolve these issues, or even negotiate at all, with those of similar thought, and that sounds like something everyone can get behind.

Just as you say, there will never be a consensus in these complex moral issues, so what we need to do is stop asking questions like, “Does human life have inherent value?” or “What constitutes a good life?” and realize that because these questions are unknowable, trying to answer them is an utter waste of time and our society’s intellectual resources. Instead, let us celebrate the magnificent panoply of human choice through respect, no matter who those choices affect, and not sweat the small stuff. Thank you, Mr. Petrocelli, for giving us the actual facts.

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Nov. 20

Submit a letter to the Editor online.

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As most students know, last week a little movie known as “Boondocks Saints II: All Saints Day” arrived on campus. Many were surprised at the appearance of a wide release movie coming to campus and being shown for free in the Dining Hall. The film was well attended, encouraging the head honchos to try for something a little more modern.

The event was first set in motion with a screening of “The Fourth Kind” on Nov. 3. Many have seen the sidewalk chalk on the pavement leading to the greatest dining hall on campus, South Dining Hall. The film was well attended, encouraging the head honchos to try for something a little more modern.

The movies shown at DPAC can be expected to be from smaller studios as the movie series continues to build momentum, but with continued support and enthusiasm from the student body, expect to see larger studios and bigger name titles arrive on campus. Come on, how hard is it to get excited about a free movie that you can see before any of your friends back home can even think about buying tickets? Get excited, keep your ear to the grindstone and wait to see who DPAC can hook us up with next.

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THE UNDERDOGS GET THEIR DAY
Bottom seeds St. Edward's and Siegfried meet in the Interhall Football Championship this Sunday
Bottom seeds meet as underdogs for title

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Rookie Ramblers look for Siegfried to repeat in Stadium

By JOHN HELMS
Sports Writer

When a team is able to repeat as champions in back to back years, the two rosters are almost always close to identical. Rarely, if ever, has a defending champion lost more than two-thirds of its players but still find itself in the same position the following year. Yet that is exactly what Siegfried has done.

The Ramblers’ championship last year was with a team ripe with seniors. But only seven players from that team remain on this year’s. In fact, there are 17 new faces.

The team is completely different. Some of the plays may be the same, but the team has a completely different dynamic to it,” sophomore Colin Moore said.

The Ramblers graduated a total of 12 players last year. The players who are returning knew from the outset that they were in for a different season. “This is a totally different team than last year with its own identity,” sophomore captain John Aversa said. “Last year we were a senior-laden group. This year we have a younger team.” Younger is right. With eight new freshmen, they actually outnumber the total amount of players returning from last year.

“Our freshman class has tremendous depth and has contributed all over the field this year,” Aversa said. “We’re glad to have a young group of guys who have stepped up and played so well this season.”

The real surprise for the Ramblers to this year has been the contributions of several sophomores who are playing Interhall football for the first time, a few who have never even played organized football in their lives.

“I think these guys were just excited about the opportunity to play football,” Aversa said. “They thought they could contribute to the team. They have been critical to our success.”

In last Sunday’s semifinal win over Knott, it was two of these new sophomores making the biggest plays of the game. Michael Isaacs picked a ball off to steal the momentum away from the Juggernauts, who had dominated the game up to that point.

Then, in the second half, 6-foot-6 Will Gesicki made an acrobatic 25-yard catch to set up Siegfried’s first score of the game.

“These players have brought their speed, athleticism, and toughness to the field and have filled holes left by graduation, stepping in and making plays,” Aversa said. “With all these new players, leadership has become more and more important for these players returning from last year’s team. Senior captain Dex Mathews has provided the crucial leadership that Siegfried has needed to gel as a team.

“Dex has really been huge for our team,” Moore said. “He’s been a great leader for us.”

It wasn’t always smooth sailing for the Ramblers, though. With a loss and a tie during the regular season, the team had some growing to do before they were ready for their playoff run.

“The team has really jelled with the progression of the season,” Aversa said. “With so many new faces on the team this year it took some time to really find our identity and become a better team.”

Now with just one game to go, these Ramblers have made one thing clear; they aren’t living in the shadow of last year’s team. They are doing things their own way.

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Three seniors look to end careers in the same way they started

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For some college girls, fresh-
men year includes sorority ini-
tiation and learning the tricks of the trade from older girls. Three years ago, three Pasquerilla West freshmen found themselves in a similar scenario, but instead of nights of frat house, dresses and heels, their experience included freezing cold and sweaty flags around their waist and gym doors.

In 2006, Cynthia Curley, Alyssa Moya and Caitlin O'Connell were three of only five freshmen on their championship-winning football team. Now as seniors they are facing their last chance to return to the top.

"Every single game for the past three years has been dedicated to this very moment," returning to the Stadium, senior Alyssa Moya said.

But before that game comes, the girls took a walk down a very satisfying memory lane and reflected on the past together. They may as a whole begins with one common memory. That first practice so long ago when they felt intimidated by the older girls and fearful of being able to fit in with them.

"I felt as if I had stumbled into some sort of secret society," Curley said. "I knew I was among people who had this experience, and they had all these cryptic inside jokes."

After that first practice, their nerves vanished. They quickly became a cohesive unit. The Purple Weasels team, joining in on team dinners, parties and what Curley referred to as "endless G-mail chains."

"Pasquerilla West football brings girls together in a unique way I have never seen before," Moya said. "Everybody is incredibly close, no matter what year you are or what section you live in."

In addition to remembering their close camaraderie as a team, the three current seniors also remember the seniors who started them on the right path.

"We owe so much to those seniors," Curley said. "They are the ones who really built this program and taught us to take pride in it."

Remembering that amazing season and final game only makes them want to repeat the win even more.

"Running out of the tunnel in the Stadium remains one of my most cherished memories of college," O'Connell said. "I spent much of that game on the sidelines, but I was never disheartened, I loved cheering on my teammates and when the last second ticked away, I loved being a champion."

As much as O'Connell remembers running out of the tunnel, Moya remembers celebrating later that night.

"The post-championship game celebration was the best night of that year," Moya said. "Several bottles of apple juice were sprayed on the balcony while the leftovers were drunk through spiral straws from the trophy cup."

Circumstances have definitely changed for Purple Weasels football and for these girls since 2006. They have grown from the underdogs with mismatched jerseys into a smooth-looking powerhouse.

Even with a new team, these girls know deep down some things never change.

"We still have that same fire and swagger that won us that championship in '06," Curley said.

Now these girls have grown to become the ones they admired so many seasons ago. After two less successful years, they knew coming into this final one, they had to step it up. It certainly doesn’t hurt that these seniors are not only teammates, but friends.

"Prior to every single game in our four years, Cynthia and I have done a "pulse" routine that motivates us beyond belief in order to get the job done," Moya said.

They used this energy and channeled it to the rest of the team. As the beginning of the season, Curley, Moya and O'Connell have built a group that could cooperate on the field, but also that could be friends outside the game. It has been the small things like pasta dinners and eating Lucky Charms for good luck that have helped these women lead their team back to the Stadium.

"We are the veterans of the team, and the Stadium is familiar territory to us," Moya said. "We are going to use the past experience to our advantage, and as seniors, hopefully finish Sunday's battle the way we started freshman year, as champions."

Regardless of the score, this will mark the end of a long string of happy memories for these three Weasels.

"This has been the perfect season in so many ways," O'Connell said. "When I remember the euphoric feeling of holding that championship trophy, all I want to do is win. This is our year."

Pasquerilla West football is one of the greatest things I've been a part of in my four years here, and win or lose I will cry on Sunday after playing my last game for the Weasels," Curley said.

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Clash of unbeatens to determine champion

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Either Pasquerilla West or Howard will lose its first game Sunday. The other will walk out of Notre Dame Stadium with a gold trophy.

In the first play of the first practice, every player who particip-
ates in Interhall has one goal in mind: playing in Notre Dame
Stadium for the championship. Now two have arrived in the
championship without a loss between them.

Howard entered the season with little Interhall success in
dorm history, having never won a playoff game. However, a deter-
ned group of girls led by junior captain and quarterback Kayla
Bishop got to work and formed what would evolve into interhall's
most unstoppable offense. Having run the table in the regular sea-
son and winning two games to get to
the Stadium, the season is already the best in dorm history, but Bishop and her teammates
aren't satisfied.

"We want to win," Bishop said. "It would be disappointing to
come this far and not win the championship, so we're going in
with the mindset of coming out victorious."

Bishop and her supporting cast, including a talented receiving
corps led by junior Kaithlin Robinson and freshman Laura Coletti, are focused on sticking to
what helped them win their first eight games.

"Playing our game is very important," Bishop said. "We
don't want to be pressured by the stage. We just need to play
Howard defense and capitalize in the red zone on offense."

Bishop said she believes that it is important for her team not to
be overwhelmed by the setting in what will likely be a dorm-wide
event as Howard seeks its first Interhall championship.

"It's just a field," Bishop said. "It's just grass. We're prepping
the same way we always do."

While the Ducks are new to the Stadium, the Purple Weasels
are getting used to playing there, as the girls from Pasquerilla West
have won multiple championships this decade. It should come as no
surprise, then, that they are not satisfied with just making the
championship.

"The goal is to win the champi-
one," senior captain Cynthia
Curley said. "We're not satisfied
with just playing, and I think the
whole team is on the same page
about that."

Though the Weasels' offensive
attack, led by junior quarterback
Simone Bigi, is going to be under
pressure to get on the scoreboard,
Curley believes her team's defense
would be the key to a victory.

"Their quarterback is a good
scrambler," Curley said. "She can
keep plays going so we need to
stay focused on defense and keep
playing until the whistle in pass
coverage."

Though the Howard offense is
going to be the biggest challenge
for the season for the defense.

Curley and her fellow captains
will prepare the team with the
same approach that they have all
season.

"We're preparing for Howard
specifically," Curley said. "In the
playoffs we have actually been
really flexible with tweaking our
routes and formations based on
team we've been playing."

Curley is also confident in her
team's ability to handle the envi-
ronment of Notre Dame Stadium.

"We're doing some special
things this week to prepare to
play in the Stadium," Curley said.

One of our coaches has a con-
nection so we are actually going
to go out on the field beforehand
and get used to the surround-
ings.

Both teams are expecting tons
of support, as former Pasquerilla
West alumni will be in attendance with her
famous cowbell, while the
Howard team has created an
event on Facebook encouraging
the whole dorm, as well as past
residents, to come out and cheer
the team on in this unprecedented
event as Howard seeks its first
Interhall championship.

"It means a lot to [Howard]," Bishop said. "We're hoping that
everybody comes out and sees
how far we've come this year.
They have never had the chance to be a part of something like this before."

The two teams will meet on the
hallowed grounds of Notre Dame
Stadium at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Howard junior quarterback Kayla Bishop throws the ball during the Ducks' 12-7 victory over Walsh on Nov. 15.

Three seniors look to end careers in the same way they started

Pasquerilla West seniors Cynthia Curley and Alyssa Moya, and junior Simone Bigi, from right, pose for a picture Nov. 18.
UNSTOPPED, UNDEFEATED

Pasquerilla West and Howard seek one more win in the Interhall Championship Sunday
Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, Children of all ages get pumped! You may not know it yet but your entire lives have been nothing but a precursor to this one moment. The most awesome of awesome things in your lives pale in awesomeness when compared to the next sentence you will read. The Scene section will now be offering advice to any and all who desire a wise word, intelligent interjection, adept advice or sage syllogisms on any aspect of Notre Dame life. You can’t let that guy friend know that you like him? Got it covered. Tired of getting friend-zoned by girls left and right? We feel you and we got the remedy, it is the experience, the dangerous liaison. Even if all you want to know is the best place to get a delicious sandwich, we handle the toughest questions. (P.S. — the answer is a Dagwood sandwich from Martin’s side door deli). Simply e-mail your questions to jshaffe1@nd.edu and we will take care of the rest. For your viewing pleasure here’s how a sample question might go:

Dear Scene,

Long time reader, first time writer, but anyway this kid down the hall from me is a real prankster. Every day I leave my room expecting to see the hallway covered with cups of water, a wall of duct tape, or just to be trapped in my room. I want to join in, it seems like so much fun, but I can’t come up with any good ideas … can you help me Scene?

Dear Reader,

Aha! You have come across one of the great joys of college life, the prank war. Kept light and fun, shenanigans if you will, these can be the golden years of your time here at Notre Dame. Don’t be intimidated by the veteran status of your jolly adversary. Look at it as an opportunity for personal growth, something to add to graduate school applications. The most important thing to remember is to make sure no lasting damage will be done. Once pranks become mean-spirited, they’re not really shenanigans at all.

For your opening salvo we recommend something that says you’re here to play, have a sense of humor but leaves room for growth as the game evolves. There is no need to make him concede defeat right out of the gate. Here are a few options:

Post-it noting: Post-it note his desk … all of it. For a personal touch, add a message on each note and if you are feeling ambitious, use the small ones.

Ye Olde Alarm clock change: Not the greatest but a decent warm-up. Best used in conjunction with other small pranks such as remove the desk light, taking the left shoe of every pair but flip flops — it’s cold out there.

Newspapering into the room: tape many layers of newspaper across the doorway until a tough barrier is formed. As you advance in complexities you may be able to implement some of our favorites — saran wrap to the bed, duct tape futon and chairs to the ceiling, move everything out of the room and pretend like you have never seen him before, find a squirrel, bucket of ice water over the shower curtain … the possibilities are limitless. Good luck friend and happy pranking!

We will strive to provide sound advice in the most entertaining way possible and we can’t wait to help you, our readers, so send in your questions today! Because at Scene, we care.

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Have a problem? Want advice?

Ask Scene and we’ll answer your questions in our new Advice Column, “Scene Says.”

All names will be kept anonymous.

Email your problems to jshaffe@nd.edu
Villanova avoids defeat with buzzer beater

Dayton beats Georgia Tech in match-up of top 25 teams in O'Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—The first basket was by senior Isaiah Armwood’s college basketball career high.

The freshman hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 13.3 seconds left, rallying Villanova over George Mason 69-68 Thursday in the O’Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off.

“He was the last one I wanted to take the shot. I’ll be honest,” Villanova coach Jay Wright admitted.

The Wildcats (3-0) trailed by 13 points in the first half and were behind 66-66 with 36.3 seconds left before the game changed.

Armwood hit his only shot, connecting from the top of the arc. He played just four minutes coming off the bench after Antonio Pena and Taylor King both fouled out.

“Every time it left my hand. It felt even better after the game,” Armwood said.

Wright, by the way, said Armwood now “definitely” had his green light to shoot away.

The Wildcats never led until late in the second half.

They were down 67-63 in the final minute, then freshman Maalik Wayans hit a 3. After Sherron Wright made one of two free throws for George Mason, Armwood made his 3. The Patriots (2-1) did not get off another shot.

Scottie Reynolds scored 18 points despite relentless pressure from George Mason’s guards, who contributed to his eight turnovers. He said he was eager to improve in the second round of the tournament Friday.

“I’m going to have to watch the film and I’ll come back better tomorrow,” he said.

Wright said he was surprised his team did not handle George Mason’s intensity better.

“They had a great game plan, and they did a great job on our guards,” he said. “We’re going to take this one and learn from it.”

Reynolds jumper with seven minutes left gave Villanova its first lead. Ryan Pearson responded with a basket for the Patriots.

Pearson led the Patriots with 14 points and star guard Cam Long added 13 before leaving the game because of cramps. Andre Cornelius had 13.

Patriots coach Jim Larranaga, whose team led 37-28 at halftime, said he was happy with his team’s effort.

“There was a great team, the one thing I can’t do is be impatient with them,” he said.

Corey Fisher went 14 for 18 from the foul line and finished with 17 points for Villanova. Pena had 10 points and 12 rebounds and King had eight points.

Dayton 63, Georgia Tech 59

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Paul Williams’ summer of work paid off for No. 18 Dayton.

The sophomore guard hit the go-ahead 3-pointer and went 4 for 4 from the free throw line in the last minute to seal the Flyers’ comeback win over No. 21 Georgia Tech in the opening round of the O’Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off on Thursday.

“All summer we were working out, shooting free throws, a thousand after a thousand, and that shows you I can hit it,” Williams said.

Dayton coach Brian Gregory was not surprised by his reserve guard’s performance.

“He’s going to be an impact guy for us, which is what we thought from the beginning,” Gregory said.

Williams finished with 13 points for Dayton (2-0), which got 74 points from its backups, including 19 from Chris Johnson.

“I just come in and play my role,” said Johnson, who shot 4 for 8 from behind the 3-point line as the Flyers’ outside shooting countered the Yellow Jackets’ inside game.

“I try to bring energy to the team,”

The Yellow Jackets (1-1) trailed the Flyers 21-22 at the half, but rallied with a string of dunks and layups by Derrick Favors and Gani Lawal.

A 3-pointer by Brian Oliver gave Georgia Tech its first lead of the second half at 49-47 and a layup by Zachery Peacock on an offensive rebound with 4:37 to play gave them a 57-50 lead.

George Tech coach Paul Hewitt said Dayton’s energy was a key to its comeback.

“We had a little flow going and then we got a little frantic, gave them some life,” Hewitt said. “The turnovers really hurt us, but we were able to give credit to Dayton’s energy.

The Flyers had 22 turnovers, but scored 27 points off 26 Georgia Tech turnovers.

“At times we were ugly out there, but he played hard,” Gregory said.

Maurice Miller and Favors led Georgia Tech with 10 points apiece, and Lawal had eight rebounds in helping the Yellow Jackets outrebound Dayton 34-26.

In the first half, Dayton took control with an 8-0 run capped by Chris Wright’s breakaway dunk that gave the Flyers a 20-13 lead three minutes into the game.

Luke Fabrizius also scored two 3-pointers during the run and finished with 12 points.

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Dayton’s London Warren celebrates with a teammate after the Flyers’ 63-59 win over Georgia Tech Thursday in Puerto Rico.

Villanova guard Corey Stokes goes up for a rebound with Georgia Tech’s Johnny Williams during the second half of the Wildcats’ 69-68 win over the Patriots. Villanova won on a late 3-pointer.
Lincecum wins second consecutive Cy Young

NEW YORK — Talk about a freak — Tim Lincecum needed just 15 wins to bag another NL Cy Young Award. Yup, throw out those old baseball cards. Wins and losses don’t mean much anymore when it comes time for voters to pick baseball’s best pitchers. It’s all about WHIP, FIP, BABIP and other lines of alphabet soup.

“There’s turned into a game of complete numbers and statistics and what people do with that,” Lincecum said.

Lincecum won the Cy Young Award on Thursday for the second straight year, emerging from one of the closest votes in the history of the honor to become the first repeat winner since Randy Johnson.

Only 10 points separated the top three vote-getters. Chris Carpenter was second and St. Louis teammate Adam Wainwright finished third despite getting the most first-place votes.

Lincecum, nicknamed “The Freak” for his giant stride, led the NL with 261 strike outs and tied for the league lead with four complete games and two shutouts. The wiry right-hander attracts plenty of attention on the mound with his shoulder-length brown hair and twisting delivery. But it was his 15 victories — the fewest for a Cy Young starter over a non-shortened season — that were really noticeable for the award winner.

The 2008 honors for Lincecum and Kansas City Royals ace Zack Greinke reflect a recent shift in how pitchers are evaluated. The focus has changed to more developed statistics, including some that even take into account team defense.

Greinke equaled the previous low of 16 wins for a non-shortened season when he won the AL award on Tuesday. Afterward, he talked all about FIP, a mathematician’s dream that stands for Fielding Independent Pitching.

Lincecum has his own favorite indicator.

“To say which one I look to the most, I would just say WHIP,” he said, referring to walks plus hits allowed per inning, “just because you just limit the amount of baserunners that can hurt you.”

Lincecum is facing misdemeanor marijuana charges stemming from a traffic stop in his home state of Washington on Oct. 30. No questions were allowed about the incident in his conference call, but he acknowledged making a mistake and apologized in a prepared statement.

“I know that as a professional athlete I have a responsibility to conduct myself appropriately both on and off the field,” he said. “I certainly have learned a valuable lesson through all of this and I promise to do better in the future.”

In Brief

Cubs give up Heilmann to Diamondbacks for minor league PHOENIX — Reliever Aaron Heilmann was acquired Thursday by the Arizona Diamondbacks from the Chicago Cubs for two minor league prospects.

The 31-year-old right-hander was 4-4 with a 4.11 ERA in 70 appearances last season. He spent six seasons with the Arizona bullpen that was just one of those he and is a valuable lesson through all of this and I promise to do better in the future.

Tony Dungy leads advisory forum for all NFL players

NEW YORK — Tony Dungy is taking a lead role in improving communication between the NFL and its players. Dungy will lead a new NFL player advisory forum that will meet with players about league policies, programs and issues that affect their lives on and off the field. Those subjects will include player health and safety, personal conduct, game rules and procedures, career transition and player development.

Dungy, who retired as coach of the Indianapolis Colts after last season, is a special adviser to commissioner Roger Goodell.

“When I worked on the competition committee we always had meetings with players at the NFL combine to talk about issues important to them,” Dungy said, “and then the committee reported back to the commissioner and the league office. I thought that communication always was important and commissioner Goodell wanted to broaden that.”

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Kampman takes cautious approach with concussion

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Kampman says the Green Bay training staff won't need to keep a sharp eye on him when he returns to the field for Sunday's game against the San Francisco 49ers.

If he learned anything after playing through a concussion, it's that a cautious approach is the best one to head injuries. "The great thing about the medical side here is they're always going to err on the side of making sure the player is taken care of," Kampman said. "You hear horror stories of guys being thrust out there, and that's not the case here."

Kampman is back at practice this week after sustaining a concussion on the fourth play of the game in the loss at Tampa Bay. The outside linebacker played into the fourth quarter before realizing he had a significant injury and telling his coaches, who took him out.

The Packers held Kampman out of practice all last week and through Sunday's victory over Dallas, the first time he has missed a game for health reasons since 2003. While Kampman says it was tough to stay in the lineup instead of playing in the Packers' biggest victory of the season, he appreciates the team's cautious approach.

And while Kampman has been open with reporters about his injury and recovery — particularly because he has increased awareness about the dangers of head injuries in football — he hopes he never has to stand in front of his locker and talk about concussions again.

"I don't think this is the last time we have to talk about this," Kampman said.

But it is, at least, the last time the Packers deal with the aftermath of a head injury — not in his career.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy said Thursday that center Scott Wells missed practice after reporting concussion-like symptoms Wednesday.

He had some symptoms in regards to a concussion that was reported to the medical staff yesterday," McCarthy said. "So we're obviously being smart with him."

And while Kampman's backup, Brad Jones, was limited in practice Wednesday because of a concussion, he was listed as a full participant in Thursday's practice.

Head injuries are becoming a major issue around the league, fueled in part by a recent study conducted for the NFL that found retired professional football players may have a higher rate than normal of Alzheimer's disease or other memory problems.

The concern has filtered down to today's players.

According to a survey of 160 NFL players conducted by The Associated Press, 15, 30 replied that they have hidden or played down the effects of a concussion. Half said they've had at least one concussion playing football, 61 said they missed playing time because of the injury.

Kampman said the team's medical staff doesn't need to worry about him hiding a concussion. "I don't take that approach," Kampman said. "I wouldn't have tried to say I was ready to go if I wasn't." Amid increasing scrutiny of the NFL's policies on concussions, Kampman has gone out of his way to absolve the Packers' coaches and medical staff of any responsibility for him playing with a concussion at Tampa.

Kampman said it's a player's responsibility to tell coaches when he's hurt, but acknowledged that can be difficult for the player to figure out when he isn't thinking clearly.

McCarthy and defensive coordinator Dom Capers said last week that they didn't know anything was wrong with Kampman until he told someone.

"We all understand the priority of player safety, and once again, that is at the forefront of all those multi-concussion decisions," McCarthy said last week. "But it's also the game of football. When you're playing with head injuries, it's hard to decipher sometimes — did you get dinged or do you have a concussion? There's lines in everything in life, and no different with levels of injuries."

McCarthy said Kampman was taken out of the game immediately after it became clear that something was wrong.

Kampman was given medical clearance Monday and was able to resume lifting weights, then returned to practice Wednesday. And while Kampman said it felt strange to sit out Sunday's game, a few fans didn't seem to notice he was missing.

Clark closes in on record

INDIANAPOLIS — When Dallas Clark looks at the evolution of tight ends, he thinks of John Mackey.

The Hall of Fame made him chic for the big guys to catch passes and run down field when it was more popular for them to be blockers or outlet receivers.

Now, four decades later, Clark is carving out his own niche in a very different NFL.

Tight ends are now expected to catch more passes than throw blocks, and like Mackey, Kellen Winslow, Shapiro and Tony Gonzalez before him, Clark has figured out a way to use his unique skills to create defensive mismatches.

"I think Gonzalez, Mackey back in his heyday; really changed the position," Clark said. "I think they really gave guys like (Antonio) Gates and others a chance to excel."

Clark certainly fits in, too.

At 6-foot-3, 252 pounds, he's better known for his speed, his ability to run after the catch and his aptitude to stretch the field.

Since the start of 2008, no NFL tight end has been more productive than Clark. His 141 catches and 1,616 yards over the last 25 games rank No. 1 among all tight ends even though he has not yet gone to a Pro Bowl.

That could change this year. With Gonzalez out of the AFC and Clark tied for second in the NFL with Wes Welker with 64 receptions, Clark seems like a shoo-in.

In addition to the sterling numbers, records are falling at a breakneck pace, too.

In college, Clark won the tight end in one season. Last year, Clark smashed his own record for receptions in a season (77) and broke Mackey's four-decade-old record for receptions in a season (320), and it's likely to happen in Mackey's old stomping grounds in Baltimore — the city that hasn't forgotten the team's midnight move to Indianapolis.

So Clark's pal, three-time MVP Peyton Manning, has added the title of diplomat this week.

"I think he (Clark) has a great appreciation for who John Mackey was before he get drafted by the Colts. I know he has more now," Manning said. "Whether they played in Baltimore or we play in Indianapolis, you still have a great appreciation for great football players. That would be a tremendous accomplishment and a great credit to Dallas. I think it would be special for him because he knows what a great player Mackey was."

Perhaps nobody understands the situation better than Manning.

In college, Manning won the Heisman Trophy, then was taken No. 1 overall in the 1998 NFL draft with the clear objective of breaking Unitas' records.

Clark won the Mackey Award while playing at Iowa, then was taken by the Colts in the first round of the 2003 draft. The goal, of course, was to become the best tight end in Colts history, which meant supplanting Mackey, a star of the 1971 Super Bowl who caught a tipped 75-yard touchdown pass in the Baltimore Colts' 13-10 win over Dallas. Now in his late 60s, he suffers from dementia.
**NCAA Men’s Basketball**

**UNCW upsets Penn State**

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Chad Tomko scored 21 points and North Carolina Wilmington made 10 of 16 3-point shots to knock off Penn State 80-69 on Thursday.

The Seahawks (2-1) held the Nittany Lions to 32.3 percent from the field (21-for-65) in the first round of the Charleston Classic. Penn State (1-2) got 29 points from Talor Battle, who made 11 of 12 free throws. The Nittany Lions were 22-for-27 from the foul line for the game.

The Seahawks led 40-31 at halftime after shooting 61.3 percent from the field, including 7-for-11 from 3-point range.

Six players had at least one 3-pointer for UNC-Wilmington and eight scored in the first half.

Penn State, meanwhile, struggled against the Seahawks’ defense, shooting 35.5 percent from the field in the first half, including 2-for-10 from 3-point range.

Wquataraghe was the only other UNC-Wilmington player in double figures with 12 points.

**MLB**

**Alomar hopeful he’ll make Hall**

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Roberto Alomar has career numbers that compare favorably with many of baseball’s greatest second basemen. The question is how will one memor- able lapse impact his bid to make the Hall of Fame.

On the ballot for the first time, the 12-time All-Star’s resume is impressive. He was a two-time World Series champion with Toronto, and hit .300 with 210 home runs, 1,134 RBIs and 474 stolen bases in 17 seasons.

But his stats have often been overshadowed by an explosive lawsuit earlier this month when a female family member alleged he made her pregnant while he was a minor. The suit was withdrawn voluntarily, but wouldn’t say if his client paid any money.

Alomar’s attorney, Gene M. Overdorf, said Alomar were never corrobo- rated.

“I would love to be involved,” Alomar said. “When I left the game it was tough. At the same time, I’m not the kind of player to go back and play the game of baseball just to play the game of baseball. I have too much respect for this game. When I saw I was inca- pacitated, there was no way I could play, then I decided to retire.”

**NFL**

**Bills owner promises changes are coming**

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Buffalo coach Dick Jauron was merely the start of a major over- haul Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson is prepared to conduct this offseason in order to make his team a contender again.

Outlining his plans in a tele- phone interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Wilson said he’s open to going after a high-profile coach, is willing to hire a general manag- er with a football background, and warned that no position on his team is safe.

“I tell you, we have a lot of work to do,” Wilson said from his home in suburban Detroit. “We’ve got to revamp and take a look at the whole operation and that’s what we’re going to do.”

A thorough evaluation of the entire organization will begin at the end of the season, he said.

“We’re going to sit down and see where we stand and, I hate to use the term, but then we’re going to go forward,” Wilson said in his first extensive inter- view since Jauron was fired Tuesday and replaced by defen- sive coordinator Perry Fewell, who will serve as interim coach for the season as interim coach.

The Bills (3-4), who play at Jacksonville on Sunday, have been going backward for much of this decade and are in jeopardy of missing the playoffs for a 10th straight year.

That’s not how Wilson was expecting to celebrate the franchise’s 50th season, and in a year in which he and former star defensive end Bruce Smith were inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Wilson’s decision last December to retain Jauron for a fourth year — and after consecutive 7-9 finishes — backfired when his team got off to a 1-4 start. After rebounding with wins in the next three games, the Bills lost their past two games by a combined 72-27, the last straw for Wilson.

“I didn’t think it was time to make a change, but I thought it was time to make a change, and we did,” Wilson said.

Though Wilson is a candidate for next season, Wilson said he’s open to making a lucrative offer to a high-profile coach.

“It’s not about money, it’s about winning,” Wilson said. “If they’re not interested in this, then we’re not interested in them. We have to have somebody we know was a great player.”

Wilson was referring to the situation that faced last year’s Denver coach Mike Shanahan, the former Denver Bronco coach.

“I don’t know anything about him,” he said.

On the day, the Bills issued a statement downplaying speculation regarding their coaching search. The team is focused on the final seven games of the season and “the efforts of coach Fewell, the coaching staff and our players.”

“I don’t think anybody is going to pump his front office could lead to the team’s first major restructuring since 2006, when he fired team president Tom Donahoe. Wilson then reclaimed the president’s title and reported to Verdell. He also fired the team’s marketing chief, as well as the team’s chief operating officer, and brought in Hall of Fame coach Marv Levy to serve as general manager.

Levy stepped down after two years, and Brandon was award- ed the GM title.

Brandon’s job as COO is con- sidered safe because Wilson said he’ll play a role in the end-of- season evaluation. However, Brandon might have to relin- quish his duties as general man-ager, because Wilson said he’s open to hiring a GM with a football- background.

“We’re going to revamp and look at every position we’ve got,” Wilson said.

The team considered a colorable switch for an owner who a year ago said he had difficulty trusting outsiders because he felt betrayed by Donahoe. Unlike Levy, who worked closely with Wilson, Donahoe was very familiar. Donahoe was hired in 2001 after building his own franchise, the Tennessee Titans, through Steeler.

Though Wilson wasn’t specifi- cally, among Bills executives con- sidered to be on the hot seat are chief scout Tom Mowbray, zero personnel director John Guy and even potentially Jim Overdorf, the team’s senior vice president of football administra- tion.

Outsiders might think it’s a behind-the-scenes role, has been responsible for overseeing the salary cap, handling con- tract negotiations, and also been involved in personnel decisions.

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Iverson, Knicks not meant for each other

Associated Press

It’s painfully clear to everyone but the management of the New York Knicks that there’s only one question to which Allen Iverson remains “The Answer.”

That is: “What could be worse than spending 40 years in the NBA wilderness with Isaiah Thomas, Larry Brown and Stephon Marbury?”

So let’s be clear: Iverson and the Knicks deserve better than what they’re going to get by tying their fates together.

No matter what you think about Iverson, few guys are actually more worthy of a championship. There’s no way to appreciate the depth of his effort unless you’ve seen him play in person. For a dozen seasons, every night was David vs. Goliath for him, and it was nothing short of miraculous that for most of those, Iverson could make you believe a good little man was every bit the equal of a bigger one. But that was then.

Iverson’s behavior on and off the court has always been a riddle, hence his nickname, “The Answer.” If you read between the lines, of what every coach he’s ever had said about him — no lines of what every coach he’s ever had said about him — no coach, not even the Metrodome when Thomas, Brown and Marbury tried their hands at calling the shots. But those could seem like harmonious days once Iverson shows up.

It’s not about to lessen his demands for playing time, shots and most of the oxygen in the locker room the moment he shows up, no matter what he says beforehand. When George Karl gave up trying to fit Iverson into an up-tempo Nuggets team in Denver, he showed up in Detroit promising “to sacrifice what I have to give to get it done. I got to look in the mirror at myself and think of things that I can to do help us win the championship.”

But nothing changed and after a while, the Pistons were so grateful for any excuse to keep him off the bench — the official reason was a back injury — they effectively paid him to stay away. Then the experiment in Memphis — Iverson actually said God had chosen the place for him to play — lasted all of three games.

He asked out by requesting an indefinite leave of absence to handle some personal matters. No sooner was he gone than the Grizzlies decided to make it permanent.

The real shame in all this is that Iverson’s skills wore down before his pride did. Look at what he’s accomplished during his career — sixth-best scoring average in NBA history, fourth-most minutes played, 10 All-Star games, four scoring titles, and an MVP award — and the only thing missing is a ring.

Iverson might have one of those, too, if only he had been willing to contribute something instead of always demanding more than his share. There’s a reason all those contending clubs and every bottom-dweller but Memphis passed on him last summer. What makes New York an even worse choice is that there’s already too few minutes, shots and wins to go around.

The Knicks haven’t won a playoff game since 2001 and made only one appearance in the postseason since. But anybody who thinks irrelevant is as low as the circus that played out at Madison Square Garden when Thomas, Brown and Marbury tried their hands at calling the shots. But those could seem like harmonious days once Iverson shows up.

Thats’s why when Charles Barkley was asked Thursday on ESPN what he thought about Iverson going to the Knicks, he didn’t hesitate to answer.

“I hate to see things end like this.”

City extends Vikings' lease at Metrodome

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — One day after being told by the Minnesota Vikings that extending the lease at the Metrodome was not an option, the team’s landlord made the offer anyway and infuriated the only major tenant left in the stadium.

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission passed a plan Thursday to offer a two-year extension on the lease, which is set to expire in 2011. It calls for the Vikings to get revenue from any postseason games at the Metrodome, but it also threatens to reinspect a $4 million annual rent if the team does not sign the extension.

The Vikings sent a scathing letter to the commission on Wednesday denouncing the plan, which the team calls a “snark attack” that “sends the wrong message to those aimed at keeping the team in the state of Minnesota.”

“They knew it was completely unacceptable, but they advanced it anyway,” said Lester Bagley, the Vikings vice president of public affairs/stadium development.

The Vikings, including owners Zygi and Mark Wilf, have been working with the commission to develop a plan for a new stadium on the Metrodome site. With Brett Favre at quarterback and the team off to an 8-1 start in 2009, the team thinks it has more momentum than ever before to try to get a stadium deal done with private and public money and get out of the outdated Metrodome.

MSFC chairman Roy Terwilliger said the top priority is to plan a new stadium that satisfies the Vikings and Thursday’s decision is “just another step in a very long process of figuring out the best way of accomplishing that goal.”

The Vikings aren’t willing to wait. Bagley said the commission’s offer “sends a very bad message to the owners, the state and the league about the ability to solve the problem in Minnesota.”

The Twins and the University of Minnesota football team have both moved out of the outdated building to shiny new facilities of their own. The Vikings say it is their turn. The team is at the bottom of the league in revenue thanks in large part to their stadium deal and say they need a new building to remain competitive.

Since 2002, the Vikings have been playing in the Metrodome rent-free, a gesture made to acknowledge the building’s difficulty in producing revenue. The threat of reinstating the annual rent payments has strained the discussion.

Minnesota Vikings' lease at Metrodome
The NCAA is defending the secrecy of its response to the University of Memphis' appeal, saying member schools require confidentiality before a ruling.

Memphis has refused to release the NCAA's response to its appeal of a ruling vacating the 2007-08 men's basketball season under an open records request. Memphis cites NCAA rules that prohibit printing the document for media off the association's Web site. The NCAA spokeswoman told The Associated Press on Thursday the association is required to keep infractions case information confidential until a decision is publicly announced.

"In order to do this, and maintain the integrity of the enforcement process, there is no ability for a member school to print, save or download the information contained on the secure Web site," Stacey Osburn, the NCAA's associate director for public and media relations, said in an email.

This isn't the final stage in Memphis' appeal.

But that NCAA argument didn't work in Florida last month. The NCAA tried to keep its response to Florida State's appeal of an academic cheating penalty secret on the same read-only, secure Web site, but a judge ruled that document had to be revealed.

The Florida Supreme Court rejected an emergency motion Oct. 27 by the NCAA to delay that court order to release records. Attorneys for the NCAA provided the records to a law firm to prepare for a release, though Florida State released copies earlier in October from "screen shots" of the documents from the secure, read-only Web site.

Memphis is arguing that the NCAA Committee on Infractions imposed unprecedented penalties and used improper reasoning to wipe out the Tigers' 38 wins in a season that ended with an overtime loss to Kansas in the national championship. The school's 45-page brief targets the so-called "strict liability" standard imposed after the NCAA ruled a player believed to be Derrick Rose was retroactively ineligible because of an SAT score that was invalidated by the Educational Testing Service in May 2008.

Memphis filed a brief supporting its appeal Oct. 8, and the NCAA's Infractions Appeals Committee had 30 days to respond before the appeal hearing before the committee.

Associated Press
Belles ready to travel to Ohio tournament

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles will travel to Bloomington, Ind., this weekend to play two non-conference games in the Bluffton University Tournament.

The tournament features four teams with the winners of the first two games going on to play for the championship on Saturday afternoon, and the losers facing off in the consolation game on the same day at 1 p.m.

The Belles' opening game against an as-yet-unnamed opponent will be Wheaton College, a team that went 16-10 last year and is off to an 0-1 start this year after losing to the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse 57-65.

Wheaton is a very well-coached team who will try to complement their offensive strength with a strong defense, said Jenn Henley. "They are very disciplined all the way around."

The Belles beat the Thunder last year 81-75 in a game where Wheaton rallied from 13 points down at halftime to tie the game at 66 before the Belles pulled away in the last minute.

Junior Kathleen Fidelia’s three-point attempt to tie the game at the buzzer was off the mark, leaving her team salvaging for a rematch this year.[Wheaton] graduated a lot last year, so I think it will be easier for us," said Henley. "I think we match up very well with them — I am expecting it to be a very competitive game."

The other side of the tournament bracket has two Ohio teams, Oberlin College and Bluffton University.

The Yeowomen have yet to play a game this season and the Beavers took their season opener 79-67 over Hiram.

The Belles begin a decisive 72-33 win against Anderson. The Yeowomen are coming off a decisive 72-33 win against Anderson. The 39-point margin of victory was the largest since 2007 for the Belles.

Furthermore, the 33 points given up was the lowest total since 2003.

"I thought we played very well on Tuesday defensively, but we certainly understand that we also impressed past anyone regardless of how we played the previous game," said Henley. "We take one game at a time."

The games this weekend don’t carry the same significance as the MIAA matches that will begin in December, but they still go into the team’s official record and have ramifications down the line.

"Early wins in the season can definitely help set the tone as we enter conference play — and tournaments like this give us a great opportunity to prove what we are capable of doing," said Henley.

"No matter the outcome on Friday, the loser will get a rematch later this season as the two teams square off again on Feb. 11 at Wheaton."

The first game of the tournament is scheduled for 6 p.m. Following the tournament, the Belles will have a week off before they take on North Central on Nov. 28.

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FENCING

Irish set to take on defending champs

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Regardless of where the Irish compete, fencing on the intercollegiate stage always brings out the best in the talented players. But when the Irish travel to State College, Pa., for the Penn State Open, a growing rivalry between the two programs should fuel the desire to win even further.

Notre Dame and Penn State have combined to win five of the last eight NCAA Fencing Championships. The Nittany Lions have won 11 titles since the tournament began in 1990, their most recent coming over the last year over the second-place Irish.

"It’s usually one of the strongest tournaments in the country, probably the strongest one," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski Irish coach. "It’s a team that fences for first place last year, and we lost, and they remember that we will be trying still to play with them next year. So we are going to the lion’s cave, and we will see how we will fence."

 Unsupported by sophomores Courtney Hurley and Gerek Meinhardt, the Irish hope to have a strong showing among a field of some of the nation’s elite. Bednarski says he will be taking a mixture of both veterans and first-year fencers as he tries to gauge their level of readiness for team competition, which begins in January.

"We are taking a lot of kids with us to get them experience from a big competition," Bednarski said. "These young kids need such experience to know how to travel during the day with emotions, with stress, because we are going to territory that will not be very friendly for us. So we have a lot of things to observe."

Bednarski and the coaching staff will be paying particular attention to one the squad’s rising stars, freshman Lia Oder, who recently earned a medal in the sabre at the USFA North American Cup. Oder and others will have their work cut out for them as they aim to raise their individual junior rankings.

"In Penn State it will be harder for her because she will meet top Penn State competition, who is pretty strong too," Bednarski said. "The kids are very, very emotional taken by this trip because they know that they are going to the best team in the nation. With so many good fencers, they want to show their strengths also."

Facing their first true test of the season, the Irish look to send a message against the reigning national champions when they hit the strip this Saturday and Sunday.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Obama to appear in PSA with NFL players

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dallas Cowboys linebacker DeMarcus Ware has played in dozens of important games and hung out with some of the biggest stars in sports.

Still, he was nervous when he met President Barack Obama. “It’s something like ‘nothing,’” Ware said Thursday. “Being able to meet the most important guy in the United States, the guy with the most power, it was unbelievable.”

Ware and fellow NFL players Drew Brees and Troy Polamalu filmed a public service announcement with Obama that will air during the league’s Thanksgiving games.

The 90-second spot shows Obama and the NFL stars playing touch football with local children on the White House lawn. The PSA promotes the league’s Play 60 campaign which encourages physical activity to combat childhood obesity, and the president’s community service initiative United We Serve.

“Thanksgiving is a time when families come together, and it is also a perfect time to focus on the importance of keeping kids healthy and active,” New Orleans quarterback Brees said in a state-ment released by the league. “I was honored to spend time with the president on an issue that is clearly important to him. I was truly impressed by his wide receiver skills.”

Obama wears a Chicago Bears jacket as he plays football with Brees, Pittsburgh Steelers safety Polamalu and Ware. A shorter version of the spot will air throughout the season.

“I was like ‘Ohhhh my God,’” when Obama came out in a Bears pullover, Ware said in a telephone interview. “It’s a big honor for me. Polamalu and Drew Brees there, so you know how we feel about the Chicago Bears. But he’s a big Chicago Bears fan. He greeted each one of us, and he knew everything about our teams.”

Ware is Dallas’ representative for the Play 60 team, which began in 2007. The NFL estimates it has committed $200 million worth of programming, grants, and time for PSAs to the initiative.

“I think it’s really important,” Ware said. “If the players are getting involved in it, Obama, a lot of important people getting involved in it, sometimes it encourages kids to get out and do those type of activities and show them just how important it is.”

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North Carolina beats OSU in 2K Sports Classic

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — There was so much to talk about after No. 6 North Carolina held on for 77-73 victory over No. 15 Ohio State in the 2K Sports Classic semifinals Thursday night.

There was the Tar Heels’ big early lead that dwindled to two points in the final minute, something that can happen even to a sixth-ranked team early in the season. There was the exception to the defensive job by Marcus Ginyard on Ohio State’s Evan Turner, something that has become common for a player considered one of the top stoppers in the country. There was coach Roy Williams’ halftime rant directed at Ginyard, something that never happens.

“I chewed his rear end out probably the hardest I’ve ever got on him,” Williams said of the fifth-year senior. “If I’m going to chew him out, it scares the dickens out of the rest of the team. He’s one of my pets.”

The one-way halftime discussion worked as North Carolina was in control until the final minute.

“That was the worst I can remember,” Ginyard said of Williams’ yelling session. “But he was right. If I’m going to be a leader of this team I have to play better, and I did in the second half.”

Ginyard finished with 13 points and was 3 of 5 from three-point range. But it was his defense on Turner that made the difference in the win that sent the Tar Heels (4-0) into Friday night’s championship game against Syracuse, which beat No. 13 California 95-72 in the tournament the benefits of Coaches vs. Cancer.

“No question, I take challenges like tonight very personally, and I get really excited about facing players like him,” Ginyard said of Turner, who had a triple-double in Ohio State’s 81-72 loss to North Carolina last season with a stress fracture in his left foot.

North Carolina head coach Larry Drew II, who missed the first two games, couldn’t go anywhere on the court without a triple-digit in Ohio State’s 73-51 with 2½ minutes left.

“We obviously made a great comeback,” Ohio State coach Thad Matta said. “I thought the first half we couldn’t get the ball in the basket. We had some decent looks, the shots weren’t falling for us. We had a stretch when they weren’t coming for us, and they were able to get it to a double-digit lead. ... Hopefully we learned a lesson there getting ourselves ready to go right from the start.”

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“We feel very fortunate,” Williams said. “We have a chance to be a very good basketball team, but I want it a lot sooner than it’s coming.”

The Tar Heels had the lead to 10 points within the first 6 minutes, and it reached 16 points as Turner’s time was limited as North Carolina went a win over North Dakota State in the second half of a 76-51 victory on Thursday night’s championship game against Syracuse, which beat No. 13 California 95-72 in the tournament the benefits of Coaches vs. Cancer.

Despite a technical and a common foul charged against him, Turner’s time was limited as North Carolina went a win over North Dakota State in the second half of a 76-51 victory on Thursday night’s championship game against Syracuse, which beat No. 13 California 95-72 in the tournament the benefits of Coaches vs. Cancer.

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Against the Tar Heels, but it was a lot different as he finished with 23 points, 11 rebounds and 10 turnovers.

“Turner’s time was limited as well by foul trouble, and his second personal was an offensive drawn by Ginyard.

“Was a rough night, obviously,” Turner said. “I’m bumped and bruised and I’ll be back tomorrow.”

“It was a rough first half, rough first 30 minutes of the game. They did a great job, and we just got to bounce back.”

Deon Thompson had 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Tar Heels, who led by 19 points with 10:32 to play.

Larry Drew II, who missed four of his previous six free throws in the final minute, then made two from the line with 11 seconds left for the final margin.

“I wanted the ball in my hands, especially for the last two free throws,” Drew said. “I have to go through bad times to enjoy the highs, and I enjoyed making those last two free throws.”

Ohio State chipped away at the lead and was finally within single digits when David Lighty scored on a drive that made it 68-60 with 2:09 to go. Ginyard hit a 3 with the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s as the shot clock wind-down down to make it 71-60 with 1:36 to go, but the Buckeyes finally hit from the outside as William Buford and Lighty hit back-to-back 3s. ...
Williams steps in and leads Dolphins to victory

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ricky Williams is 32 and far from done. And even without Ronnie Brown, the once written-off Miami Dolphins are back in the playoff picture.

Williams rushed for 119 yards and scored three touchdowns, and the Dolphins beat the Carolina Panthers 24-17 on Thursday night for their fourth win in six games.

A day after learning Brown is lost for the season, the Dolphins (5-5) continued their surge after an 0-3 start behind Williams. The 2002 NFL rushing champion had a receiving and rushing touchdown in the same game for the first time in his career that includes a couple of lost seasons.

“Coach always talks about finishing,” Williams said. “Sometimes in this league, in a physical game, it’s difficult to finish. I think in the past we’ve prided ourselves on finishing games and we did a good job tonight.”

It was enough to beat the Panthers (4-6) when Jake Delhomme’s desperation pass into the end zone was knocked down as time expired.

DelAgo Williams rushed for 122 yards, but Delhomme had his streak of three games without an interception snapped, thus couldn’t lead a late comeback bid.

Dolphins coach Tony Sparano hinted his team might abandon the wildcat without Brown, who was placed on injured reserve Wednesday because of a foot injury. And Miami didn’t use the formation until the second quarter. It coincided with the Dolphins’ first touchdown drive — Chad Henne’s 14-yard touchdown pass to Williams, who wrestled away from linebacker Na’il Diggs.

Miami took a 14-3 halftime lead when Williams took the direct snap at the 1 and got to the end zone ahead of speedy linebacker Jon Beason.

“Our offense really clicked,” Dolphins left tackle Jake Long said. “Ricky ran great.”

The Panthers got within 17-14 on Steve Smith’s leaping 27-yard touchdown catch and DeAngelo Williams’ 2-point conversion run with 5:18 left. But Ricky Williams bounced to the outside and shook off Sherrod Martin at the Carolina 5 on a 46-yard touchdown run on the ensuing possession.

Williams also caught two passes for 19 yards and a touchdown. Chad Henne overcame losing his center and his backup and committed no turnovers.

Still, the Dolphins had to hold off the Panthers. After Williams’ long run, the Panthers kicked a field goal. They then forced a punt, and Delhomme found Gary Barnidge on passes of 29 and 17 yards. But from the Miami 26, Delhomme’s lob into the end zone was knocked down by Tyrone Culver as time ran out.

“We battled. It just wasn’t good enough,” Delhomme said.

Early on, Carolina’s offense stalled under the weight of its makeshift offensive line — and the return of Dolphins linebacker Joey Porter from exile.

Benched from Sunday’s win over Tampa Bay, Porter served as a captain for the coin toss. He sacked Delhomme on third down on Carolina’s opening drive, leading to John Kasay’s 29-yard field goal.

The Panthers mixed in some of the no-huddle offense on the drive after its effective debut Sunday against Atlanta. But they used it sparingly after that, and the offense got bogged down without Pro Bowl left tackle Jordan Gross.

Porter had two of Delhomme’s three first-half sacks, beating Gross’ replacement Travell Wharton.

The Dolphins had their own offensive line troubles. Center Jake Grove left in the third quarter with an ankle injury and was replaced by Joe Berger. Nate Garner moved to center when Berger went down early in the fourth. Henne bobbled Garner’s second snap, but he recovered.

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Dolphins running back Ricky Williams catches a touchdown pass during the first half of Miami’s 24-17 win.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Third-string QB leads Oklahoma State rally to beat Colorado

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Third- string quarterback Daniel Orton, who replaced starter Zac Robinson, led Oklahoma State back from an 11-point deficit to beat Colorado 45-44 with a game-winning 3-point play in overtime.

Orton took over the Cowboys’ offense after Robinson left the game in the second half for what coach Mike Gundy said was a “medicine” reason.

Robinson, who was 21-of-30 for 250 yards and two touchdowns against Colorado on Thursday night, went 11-for-23 for 154 yards with one interception and lost a fumble in Oklahoma State’s 41-21 loss at Colorado.

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**Sweet 16 continued from page 28**

by sophomore midfielder Melinda Ingalls

Although Seton Hall enters its matchup with Notre Dame with Cinderella aspirations, Irish head coach Randy Waldrum doesn’t think that his team has to prepare for them any different, "because at this point in time, everyone is good."

The Beavers are led on offense by freshman forward Chelsea Buckland, who leads the team with seven goals. On defense, sophomore Colleen Boyd and senior Ashley Wood have split time in goal, but Boyd has played well in Oregon State’s last three wins, including the two NCAA Tournament wins.

Despite injury concerns entering the tournament, the Irish turned in dominant performances against IUPUI and Central Michigan in the first and second rounds, outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 11-1 for the weekend. Waldrum said his team is trying to build on the positives from both games to stay hot on both ends of the field.

"I think what we do is try to pick out the positives from both games, and just because we scored 11 goals last weekend doesn’t mean we’ll score that much this weekend," Waldrum said. "We just try to do what we did well last weekend in practice, just like we do on the other side of the ball. I just look at last weekend like did we what we needed to do, and if we do things like we did to prepare last weekend we’ll be fine."

On the injury front, Waldrum expects that many of his injured players, including seniors Haley Ford and Michelle Weissenhofer and junior Rose Augustin, should be able to play.

"I think we came out last weekend in good shape," Waldrum said. "Ford and Weissenhofer both played a lot last weekend, and I think they’re both doing well. Augustin sat out last weekend more as a precaution, and she played Sunday and did well with it, so we should be in good shape this weekend."

The Irish and Beavers are set to kickoff at Alumni Stadium tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Regular-season champs try for tournament win

By LAURA MYERS Sports Writer

No. 23 Notre Dame is already the Big East regular-season champion, but this weekend it will look to be crowned at the conference tournament.

"Definitely one of our big goals was getting the Big East tournament, which we did," Waldrum said. "Getting the Big East title was the season was to win the Big East tournament," senior captain and outside hitter Christina Kaelin said.

The top-seeded Irish (20-4, 14-0 Big East) begin the Big East tournament this afternoon against No. 8-seed Seton Hall (12-18, 6-8), which they play in Sunday’s game. The match against Seton Hall is a young team, with a balanced lineup of freshmen and sophomores. This contrasts with Notre Dame, which is stacked with veterans. However, the Pirates were one of only seven Big East teams that won a set against the Irish when they played earlier in the season.

From that point, the Phoenix controlled the ball and put consistent pressure on the Irish defense. They took 14 shots in the second half compared to just four in the first. Senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn made five saves on the night, including one in the 90th minute that ended the game.

In the last minute of play, Green Bay had the ball in the Irish penalty box twice only to have it cleared out by defenders. The second clearing, by sophomore defender Aaron Maund, gave the Phoenix a corner kick with just 10 seconds remaining.

The kick was headed straight into the goal, but Quinn saved it to give the Irish the victory. "Quinnies played well today," Clark said, though he declined to comment on which goalkeeper, Quinn or senior Andrew Tuttle, will play in Sunday’s game. The two have split time evenly this season.

Sunday’s game will be a rematch of the 2008 NCAA second round, when Northwestern defeated Notre Dame 2-1 at Alumni Field. The Irish defeated the Wildcats 1-0 in an exhibition game on Aug. 24.

Clark said last season’s result would not have an effect on Sunday’s game. "You can’t rewrite history," he said. "You can make history this year. I think we’ll try to make our own history with this team. That was last year’s team. What we did in the past will never affect what we do in the future. What we do on Sunday is what will be the key factor."

The second round of the NCAA Tournament will begin Sunday at 2 p.m. in Evanston, Ill. The winner will go on to play the winner of St. Louis and No. 8-seed Tulsa on Nov. 29.

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FRIDAYS WITH FRAN 2.0

Aries- Going home? You know what that means...
Verdict: booty booty booty booty rockin’ everywhere!

Taurus- This weekend, you will throw up on your Recker’s pizza. Again. Yeah, Fran saw it.

Gemini- The reasons you will have a terrible weekend are threefold: one, balls; two, it will be lame as balls; and three, balls.

Cancer- That kid across the hall from you? Stay off his futon.

Leo- Happy No Shave November. Go for Beardy. Trust Fran.

Virgo- Tittle yourself, Tim Schumer.

Libra- Candy grans this week! And none for Gretchen Weiners.

Scorpio- Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights in 1789. 220 years later, Fran still hates Jersey.

Sagittarius- Repeat steps 1 through 3. Five. I’ll make ya fall in love with me.

Capricorn- Wanna go to dinner?

Aquarius- yes!

Pisces- Any joke about Connecticut would be inap-

propriate. So, just enjoy the one you have secretly in your head.

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Men’s Basketball

Second-half surge propels squad to win over Long Beach St.

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

After a close first half that saw 12 lead changes and the Irish cling to the two-point lead, Notre Dame came out hot in the second half and was able to overcome an athletic Long Beach State 82-62.

“It was kind of like a Big East game in the first half,” senior forward Luke Harangody said. “It was just a huge, smart game. It was really a key for us, and I’ve tried to reinforce that for him. I want him to curl it and get to the baseline, but was able to recover, playing 34 minutes for the Irish. ‘Hansborough is like one of the hybrid Cadillac trucks — he brings it all,’ senior point guard Tory Jackson said. ‘He can drive, but also he’s a guy that can spread the floor, so when I drive, I can kick it out to him and get my assists. He’s a great shooter, so having him to be in that attack mode early like he was today, and kind of get me into a rhythm to take shots, it keeps my confidence going. He set the bar, driving to the hole, getting fouled, getting rebounds. He set the bar high, and having him as that other guide is very good for me. Jackson scored 13 for the Irish and added three steals, but it is his role as orchestrator of the offense that will make him so crucial for Notre Dame as the season progresses. ‘I talked to Jackson about just keeping it really simple,’ Brey said. ‘He doesn’t have to make high degree of difficulty plays, just orchestrate the team. When he’s playing like that, he’s really a key for us, and I’ve tried to reinforce that for him.’

Men’s Soccer

Irish edge Green Bay in first round of NCAAAs

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Seven hundred thirty minutes and 57 seconds. That’s how long the Irish had played without a lead before senior forward Bright Hansbrough finished the game with 11 points and a team-high seven assists, and was one of five Irish players to record double-digit points. He went down twice during the game, but after a hard fall going up for a rebound, he set the bar high, giving Michigan State a narrow 68-67 victory over Notre Dame in front of 10 seconds remaining put the Irish on the line and the third time three chances to take the lead and the third time in program history, No. 5 Notre Dame is hoping that their title hopes aren’t dammed up by the Oregon State Beavers.

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ND Women’s Basketball

ND beats Michigan State

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

With the game tied and just seconds to play, the Irish had three chances to take the lead and the third time proved to be the charm.

Senior guard Ashley Barlow’s free throw with just 10 seconds remaining put No. 5 Notre Dame in front, and the Irish held on for a narrow 68-67 victory over No. 21 Michigan State 102-97 in the 28th minute of the first half.

Hockey

Notre Dame downs Spartans in shootout

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

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