Seniors disappointed after another loss

Defeat at hands of UConn only part of four lackluster years

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

As spectators filed out of Notre Dame Stadium following the Fighting Irish’s double-overtime 33-30 loss to the Connecticut Huskies, Notre Dame’s senior class stayed in their seats, waiting for the chance to step onto the football field and exit through the tunnel.

Most seniors, like Michelle Maloney, had conflicting emotions about this opportunity to say goodbye to their time in the student section.

“Going onto the field was a really cool experience but definitely bittersweet as well,” Michelle Maloney said. “It just reminded me of the last game I was here in freshman year and how I didn’t attend that game. It was a good moment, just really a moment that I will remember for a long time.”

Seniors a warm community and residence complex known as Ivy Quad doesn’t just offer its residents a warm community and control over their home design. It gives them the chance to live around the campus are seeking to obtain this level of sustainability. “No other residential projects around the campus are asking to obtain this level of sustainability,” Shawn O’Brien, one of the project’s architects, said.

O’Brien and his firm, Phase 2 Architects, designed the 10 buildings that will eventually stand on Ivy Quad. Only one building is completed and occupied.

Ivy Quad is also in the process of becoming “LEED certified.” LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, confirms that a building uses resources efficiently and sustainably.

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SMC senior works to support pro-life cause

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Senior Grace Lape, co-president of the Saint Mary’s Right to Life Club, is an advocate for demonstrating support for pregnant women — a cause she witnessed firsthand this summer as an intern with the Expectant Mother Care Foundation Pregnancy Centers in New York City.

Lape said the pro-life cause has been something she was interested in, and when she reached Saint Mary’s, she joined Right to Life. Halfway through her first year, Lape became vice-president.

Though the club brings awareness to life issues, she said the summer internship was an opportunity to “really do something.” The pregnancy centers where Lape interned are pro-life and pro-abstinence. They offer support for women who are pregnant by providing emotional and medical services.

As an intern, Lape’s time during her six-day workweek was divided between counseling at the crisis training centers and sidewalk counseling.

To her surprise, the sidewalk counseling was the part of the
Thank you, Mr. Bueller

John Hughes was an 80s movie genius, and through his films he has taught me so many life lessons.

The first time I watched "The Breakfast Club," I realized that everyone has a different life story, so I should never judge anyone by one first impression. Thanks to "Sixteen Candles," I learned that every girl has the potential to get her ideal Jake Ryan, and after watching "Pretty in Pink" I appreciate that love can form between people no matter what their social status is.

However, the movie that has always been most appealing to me as a student is none other than "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"... to any one of us! Anyone! I always picture the stress load I have and the sheer amount of work I have left to do and I long to just say, "Hey, I'm calling in sick today," and then escape to Chicago with friends in order to watch finals quickly approaching.

Ferris says, life moves pretty fast. Study endlessly for something that might not pay off later, or just say, "Hey, I'm calling in sick for me to give up on spending a little more each time. Thanks to Ferris' best friend Cameron — the worrier who always thinks about the consequences instead of what aren't we going to do in life; it should be what we're going to do in life. We need to take time to experience as much of college life as we can. Gradually, thanks to Ferris, I'm learning to call in sick for at least an hour or two daily. Ferris Bueller, you truly are my hero.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is the strangest thing you've ever gotten in trouble for?

When I was ten I used to pick flowers from my neighbor's yard and I would have to apologize for it.

When Trever Dorn and I tried to steal the Fisher Price with an elaborate system of pullies.

For taking my shoe back from a kid and throwing it at him.

Playing beer pong right above our rector's room.

For throwing a sticky marshmallow into a girl's hair.

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Hunger banquet brings issues home
ND-8 sponsors dinner to emphasize global income disparity

By JILLIAN STINCHCOMB News Writer

To help students conceptualize the hardships that come with being born in one of the world’s poorest countries, ND-8, GreenND and Students for Environmental Action (SEA) will be hosting the third annual Hunger Banquet in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge at 6:30 p.m.

Senior Christina Hannon, who is member of ND-8, said the banquet is an experience that gets people to interact with world hunger. “With ND-8 we’re committed to these issues of international poverty, hunger, sustainability and global partnership. The banquet is a great vent to get people to think about these issues of hunger,” she said.

Hannon said students, as they arrive, are given a chance to spin a wheel, which represents an income level of the world population.

“There are parallels between the experience at this event and what goes on in the world,” Hannon said. “The biggest difference is that in the past, students from the upper 15 percent have shared their food with the lower income level groups, but that simply isn’t possible on the global scale.”

Hannon said the emphasis is on the format, with each student assigned to their meal by chance. The three tiers represent the lower, middle and upper levels of income.

To deepen the personal aspect of the banquet, Hannon said, each student will be given an “identity card” appropriate to their income level group. Each identity card has the name, age, family, living situation, income level and job of the fictionalized person.

“We want it to be fun, interesting and interactive,” she said. “Students bring diverse experiences with service and the hunger banquet is a great opportunity to learn from one another. It’s not just a workshop, it’s personal.”

GreenND and SEA are co-hosting the event this year because there is an emphasis on climate change and sustainability, Hannon said.

“Global warming and a lack of sustainability are interfering and perpetuating global hunger,” she said. “Global hunger, climate change and sustainability are interrelated issues.”

Students can pre-register for the banquet online in order to help ND-8 have a more accurate assessment of who is coming to the event, but it is not necessary to register.

“Students who just show up to the event are also welcome,” Hannon said.

To enhance the experience of the banquet, ND-8 suggests fasting for up to 24 hours before the event. The group also requests that students use one or two Grab-N-Go meals and bring them to the banquet to donate to a local food pantry.

“At Notre Dame we truly do have all these opportunities at our fingertips, and it’s important to just become aware.”

Christina Hannon
ND-8 member

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KELLY DERANEK
President
Dance Marathon

Dance Marathon members also suggested ways to recruit students and promote the event, including creating Facebook groups, having morning announcements and having a presentation at an all-school assembly at the high school.

Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon used their experiences with past Dance Marathons as a foundation for ideas for events the night of the mini-marathon.

“Fear Factor,” as well as corn hole, refreshments and a DJ.

“We were able to come up with a lot of great ideas for the upcoming year and build a good relationship with the girls in charge of the event from Marian High School,” Deranek said. “I think with the work we did today that they are on the right track to having a very fun and successful Marathon this coming spring.”

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ND alumna speaks about Rock Band

By JOHN CAMERON
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The role of smart marketing decisions in the rise of the Rock Band video game phenomena was emphasized by Notre Dame alumna Christina Glorioso during her lecture at the Mendoza College of Business Friday.

Glorioso, now VP of Marketing Partnerships for MTV Networks, has worked with Clear Channel and SXSW events before moving to Viacom and ultimately ending up at MTV Networks Music and Logo Group.

She spoke primarily about her day-to-day work in the promotion and marketing of the Rock Band franchise, one of MTV’s most recent and successful branding ventures, largely over-seen by Glorioso.

MTV’s part in the Guitar Hero franchise was initially limited to a promotional role, as the game was produced by a small developer, Harmonix Music and published by Red Octane. But Glorioso said once Guitar Hero was sold to Actvision, a major games developer, MTV saw an opportunity to take a more active role in the building music-based video game industry.

Glorioso said MTV Games’ strategy was to expand upon the Guitar Hero concept by creating a full band platform, which emphasized staying true to the music.

“We created Rock Band to be more authentic, even if you’re playing on plastic instruments,” she said. “We’re re-engaging people with music.”

Within 15 months, the Rock Band franchise had made $1 billion in revenue.

It took MTV 18 years to become a billion-dollar company. Rock Band did it in 15 months. That is astounding,” she said.

A large part of MTV’s marketing strategy is to utilize its existing TV presence to publicize Rock Band.

“We use our networks in the United States to promote our game,” she said.

Glorioso said one of the major television promotions, an animat-ed commercial based on the album cover of the Beatles’ Abbey Road, proved a great success in promoting “The Beatles: Rock Band,” which sold over 600,000 copies in its first month.

In addition to commercials, MTV marketed the game by scheduling frequent Beatles-themed programs on its various stations, which include MTV and its affiliates, VH1, BET, CMT, Logo and Nickelodeon.

The Beatles: Rock Band’s huge sales make up only a fraction of the franchise’s total sales, which have surpassed 30 million units in North America alone.

Despite Rock Band’s massive sales figures, Glorioso and MTV Games have even greater aspirations for the franchise. According to Glorioso, various new markets have been explored through the various Rock Band add-ons meant to appeal to niche groups such as country and heavy metal fans (with genre-based “Track Packs,” bar crowds (with “Rock Band: Bar Night”) and families with children (with “Lego Rock Band”).

In staying true to its emphasis on the music, the Rock Band marketing strategy is now focusing more and more on the sale of additional music titles to players to be used in the game.

“The new experience in our game is the music,” Glorioso said.

“We make a lot of money in song sales.”

Glorioso said MTV Games’ latest Rock Band venture, Rock Band Network, is set to revolutionize the music-based video game industry in the first quarter of 2010. The Network will allow artists, signed or unsigned, to code, submit and sell their own original music online to be used within the Rock Band games.

Glorioso, who co-founded IDentity, the University’s networking group for alumni in the entertainment industry, emphasized the impor-tance of networking and making connections in the entertainment world, and offering assistance to those looking to do so, specifying one criterion.

“I only ask that once you graduate and get a job that you come back and do the same,” she said.

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Egyp't's government — often bemoaned by its people as repressive and indifferent to their suffering under searing poverty — appears to have seized on the threat toenerative violence and turn it in its favor. Instead of the usual crackdown on demonstrations, authorities allowed crowds to converge into the streets near the Algerian Embassy and vent their anger in riots overtaking between Thursday and Friday.

Iraq PM attacks Baathists before vote

NEW YORK — A stowaway passenger stabbed to death in front of horrified straphangers has been identified as 36-year-old Dwight Johnson of Brooklyn.

Authorities say some 30 passengers watched as Gregory Brong, who stabbed Johnson around 2 a.m. Saturday in an argument over a seat. Police say the passengers were trapped with the knife-wielding attacker and his victim until the train arrived at the station.

Johnson was charged with murder and weapons possession. He had not been identified on the charges as of Sunday afternoon.

UC Santa Cruz protest ends calmly

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Officials at the University of California, Santa Cruz say dozens of protesters who were occupying the university's main administrative building have ended their sit-in.

Campus spokesman Jim Burns says the nearly 70 or so protesters who were occupying the university's main administrative building have ended their sit-in.

But with one-third of Senate seats up for election in 2010, politicians will factor heavily into the outcome of the debate on health care.

Sen. Michael Bennet, a junior Democrat who will run for his first term next year in Colorado, where many districts lean conservative, said he would support the health care overhaul even if doing so means losing his seat.

One year later, Mumbai still vulnerable

MUMBAI — The walls that the rockets blew out have not been repaired, and the plaster is a dense scattering of bullet holes. Dozens of windows are blown out by grenades, pockmark the linen floor.

One year after the terrorist attack that left 166 people dead, the Chabad House, a religious and cultural center with its own security, remains scarred, still and quiet.

In that, silence is a symptom of how much remains unchanged since 10 militants with assault rifles fanned out across Mumbai last Nov. 26, attacking hotels, a train station and other targets, paralyzing India's financial capital and shocking the country.

While Mumbai's large hotels and important business centers have paid richly to improve their own security, many worry that the city as a whole remains vulnerable to another assault from Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Pakistan-based group blamed for the attack, or other assailants. While India is trying to improve the lonesome surveillance, Ajmal Kasab, Lashkar-e-Taiba's leader, remains free in Pakistan.

"Nothing has changed to alter the vulnerabilities of Mumbai," said Aaji Sahni, executive director of the Institute for Conflict Management in New Delhi. "The only institutions that can protect against terrorism are state institutions. They are failing to do so. As a result private institutions are being forced to spend large amounts of money on largely ineffective security."

He blames the failure to heft up national security on weak-willed politicians, some of whom are corrupt and benefit from lax policing. Despite crucial steps the national government has taken to coordinate intelligence gathering, deference on the ground has not increased, he said. Since last year's attacks, authorities have neutralized 13 Islamist terror cells in India, right in line with the average since 1998, he said.
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home," O’Brien said. “That leads to a sizable cost savings and peace of mind knowing you’re living in a healthier environ-
ment.”

The location of Ivy Quad, which is across the street from the Notre Dame campus and within walking distance to local restaur-
ants and Market Street, makes it easier for residents to reduce their carbon footprints. Students who are living alone, residents have a unique opportunity to direct the planning and design of their own homes. “If I wasn’t locked in to our design, we work with owners to determine best for them,” Julie Schwalzl said, who ran the pro-
ject’s development, said. She said builders combined two units into a single building as a unique twist on what one owner requested it.

Ivy Quad is open to undergraduates, graduate students, alumni and professors. It is also open to anyone who would choose to purchase a unit and live there, O’Brien said. The developer is part of the community that is developing in Ivy Quad, Schwalzl said. “Already our res-
dents all know each other and that’s exactly what we want to see happen.”

Ivy Quad is appropriately named. It is built around an actual quad of grass and is located where Ivy Rd. used to run before Twycokem Dr. was expanded.

“The quad-based living envi-
ronmental model puts students wanting to re-live their college days,” O’Brien said. “The building style is collegiate gothic, so it imitates buildings on campus.”

Although the architecture resembles campus, Ivy Quad homes are certainly not dorms. “These are definitely homes with granite countertops, stain-
less steel appliances and hard-
wood flooring,” O’Brien said. “They’re very amenable to alum-
ini visiting, with kitchens meant for entertaining.”

Schwalzl, a Notre Dame alum-
nus, said her design behind her of experiences as a student.

“You’re not disconnected from the campus,” she said. “It’s just across the street.”

The closeness to campus and the environmentally conscious construction may be Ivy Quad’s biggest asset as it expands and seeks more residents.

“My overwhelming thought when I’m there, “This is just right.”” Schwalzl said. “It’s still a home but you’re right in the mid-
dle of all the action.”

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intership she loved the most. Lape said.

“I went to women and their husbands or boyfriends outside of the local abortion clinic. I would give post-abortive resources to the women or their significant others, so that they could seek out people who could communicate what had happened to them. Sometimes, my job was making sure the women had a ride home after they left the clinic. My job really depended on the women and what they needed,” Lape said.

Lape said her sidewalk counsel-
ing can sometimes become really hard. “Being in close proximity to the women, I was able to help influence women who were planning to have abortions change their minds, made an impact on her, she said.

“Often times, you feel distant from the cause you support because you are unable to experi-
ence it with your own hands. But I was able to have such a direct contact with the situation,” Lape said. “That made me really understand what they were going through and make much more meaningful to me, and much more real.”

Lape said how often did not know the final decisions of many of the women she coun-
seled continue to send her texts and keep in touch with her. “Sometimes you don’t know if you’ve saved a life or not,” she said. “You just don’t know.”

However, Lape said sometimes the women would stay in touch.

“The most unique 16-year-old girl that I stopped, I literally caught her just as she walked up the walk and the gate to [the abortion clinic], and I got her to step away,” she said. “She kind of turned a little bit. I knew the abortion would happen, but I knew the abortion would happen.”

Some of the girls she has coun-
seled continue to send her texts with updates. “I always knew that Lape will never forget, she said.

“I always remember her as being really tragic,” she said. “She told me that she was set on her decision, and until praying to get the abortion. After two months of not talking to her, I received a text

from her telling me that she changed her mind, that talking to me helped change her mind.”

The idea she had made a differ-
ence in a woman’s life through her counseling is humbling, Lape said. “It’s humbling to be able to affect someone by doing such a small thing as that, it’s the women themselves who actually do all the work.”

Her summer internship made Lape realize and appreciate the efforts of letting pregnant women know they do have someone to talk to and somewhere to turn for support. “You hear it all the time,” Lape said. “I said that we don’t want abortions. Women are forced to get abortions due to situations. If you support these women, you can save a baby. You can save a child, but also of the mother.”

This is the message that has translated into the current Right to Life campaign that is represented by cutouts of pregnant women on Saint Mary’s campus with signs that state “Pregnant? We support you.”

“In terms of supporting preg-
nant women, being a supportive friend and classmate to a preg-
nant peer can make a difference in their lives, and there are so many things you can do. Abortion is everywhere; our ability to talk about it is just as present,” Lape said.

Lape said she acknowledges her idea of pro-life may differ from the norm. “For me, my concept has become more the pro-life are different than other peoples,” Lape said. “When I think about the pro-life movement, I think about the well-being of the mother and the well-
being of the child as two sides of the same coin.”

Lape is glad for all of the attention abortion comes with. “It was amazing this place is.”

To see so many alumni and fans already walking around campus already reminds me just how amazing this place is.”

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of how we’re going to be doing a lot of things for the last time,” Lape said.

To other seniors, getting to stand on the field was meaning-
less without a win to celebrate. “After a loss on Senior Day and the terrible season we had I really just wanted to leave,” senior Tom Caruso said. “It was a nice ges-
ture but I really lacked nothing without the win.”

The Class of 2010 has had a tough four years football-wise, beginning with a 9-3 season freshman year that culminated in a 41-14 loss to LSU in the Allstate Sugar Bowl, giving Notre Dame a record 9 consecutive bowl losses.

The Irish followed that loss up with a diabolical 3-9 season in 2007. Last year, Notre Dame finished 6-6 and snapped their bowl-losing streak with a 49-21 rout of the Hawaii Rainbow Warriors in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl.

The Hawaiian Bowl victory led many students to believe this sea-
son would go a great deal better than it actually was.

Senior Keith Ruehlmann said that his expectations for this sea-
son were much higher than what he has witnessed so far.

“I came into this season expecting a 10-2 season. Instead we’re probably going to finish 6-6,” Ruehlmann said. “To say I’m disappointed is an understatement.”

Ruehlmann said the reason Notre Dame fans can’t become the problems that have plagued the team all season – poor defensive play.

“Our defense is porous at best and we can’t tackle,” he said. “I’m scared to think what [Stanford running back] Toby Gerhart is going to do this next week.”

Maloney said she thought the Irish should have won the game because of the talent they have on

their roster. She added the loss does not reflect well on head coach Charlie Weis job security.

“Considering the level of talent we have on our team, I absolutely think we should have won the game,” Maloney said. “It seems pretty clear that Weis needs to go.”

Even though this season has mostly been disappointing, sen-
iors have found positive aspects despite the mounting losses. For senior Jessica McCarthy, it was Saturday’s halftime marshmallow fight.

“The best part was definitely the marshmallow fight,” McCarthy said. “Although I do wish that someone had warned us about the way they would stick to the concrete afterwards.”

Maloney’s favorite memory is of the 2006 comeback win at Michigan State, where the Irish overcame a 16-point fourth-quar-
ter deficit to stun the Spartans and win 40-37.

“One of my favorite football memories was the comeback at Michigan State freshman year,” Maloney said. “I wasn’t at the game, but after we won, every-
one here on campus sprinted to Stonehenge and jumped in.”

Although their four years of football have been rocky, Notre Dame’s seniors are still finding things to miss about it. For Caruso, it is a connection with the football team that he said only comes with being a student.

“Till missing that with the team that you don’t have as an alumnus,” he said. “Being this emotionally tied to the team is something I wish wasn’t coming to an end.”

Ruehlmann will miss the atmosphere on Friday afternoons when visitors are arriving on campus.

“I love walking around campus on Fridays of football weekends,” he said. “I’m going to miss that. To see so many alumni and fans already walking around campus always reminds me just how amazing this place is.”

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**AAA: Holiday travel slightly up**

WASHINGTON — Employers unable to afford increasing unemployment fees, health care costs

**Chick Ferrar**, in his liquor store in Annapolis, Md. on Nov. 19, expects to pay $9,000 in unemployment taxes next year, up from $3,000 this year.

**AAV: Holiday travel slightly up**

Los Angeles — The vampire romance "The Twilight Saga: New Moon," with Robert Pattinson as a vampire (Kristen Stewart), topped the box office and set an all-time record for a non-holiday weekend.

**New Moon** placed third on the all-time domestic chart behind last year's $158.4 million opening weekend for the Batman blockbuster "The Dark Knight" and 2007's $151 million haul for "Spider-Man 3.

**New Moon** was more than twice the $66.9 million it took over the previous weekend last year for "Twilight," the first of the franchise based on Stephenie Meyer's novels.

"Obviously, with the success of 'Twilight' itself, sequels being what they are, we will generate more revenue dollars more particularly if it's a satisfying sequel," said Richay Fay, head of distribution for Summit.

**New Moon** was directed by Chris Weitz, who had to deal with the extra costs of the shoot, which included casting and filming in the Canadian town of Bella Thorne.

**New Moon** has been a phenomenon among women and girls. Females made up 80 percent of the audience for "New Moon."
Associated Press

BUCHAREST — A presidential election in post-communist Romania emerge from a political and economic crisis failed to produce a winner on Sunday, and the top two candidates will compete in a runoff next month, according to initial results.

The exit polls are confirmed by official results on Monday, interim President Traian Basescu, 55, will face socialist former Foreign Minister Mircea Geoana, 51, in the runoff on Dec. 6.

One exit poll said Basescu won 36 percent of the votes, compared to 30.9 percent for Geoana. The other said Basescu won 32.8 percent, compared to 31.7 percent for Geoana. Constitutional opposition leader Crin Antonescu polled about 21 percent, finishing third, in an election featuring a dozen candidates.

Romania’s government collapsed last month amid squabbles between the two-party candidates for the International Monetary Fund has delayed access to a euro1.5 billion ($2 billion) IMF bailout loan while the country struggles to set up a new government.

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Sen. Schumer to review frequent flier complaints

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer is calling for a federal review of complaints by consumers that they are losing millions of frequent flier miles without notice in confusing agreements.

He wants to establish industry rules for frequent flier programs that are billed as a free benefit to help attract and retain customers. There are few restrictions now on how airlines can manage and redeem the miles.

Schumer says he suspects consumers are actually paying for frequent flier programs through air fare and fees. If so, he said rules are needed to protect consumers. He’s asking the Department of Transportation to review the complaints.

“As the holiday travel season approaches, we cannot let airlines and credit card companies continue to fly off with hard-earned frequent flier miles,” Schumer said in an announcement scheduled for Sunday. “When a consumer accumulates valuable frequent flier miles, they should not have to constantly worry that they are going to expire with no notice. Consumers are in circulation now, Schumer said. But 20 percent of them may never be redeemed, he said.

Frequent flier model programs began 20 years ago, most with no expiration dates for the benefits. In the last decade, airlines have created three-year windows for consumers to use the miles, Schumer said.

The Air Transport Association, a trade group for airlines, said each air carrier tailors its frequent flier miles programs as they see fit, often based on consumer interest. The group has seen reports of consumer complaints but doesn’t track them. The system hasn’t been targeted by regulators, they point out. The group says frequent flyer programs remain popular with consumers and airlines try to make their programs as lucrative and consumer friendly as possible to attract and retain customers.

InsideFlyer magazine finds the lack of consumer protection on frequent flier miles a common concern. Complaints include miles expiring without clear notice and a frequent change in the value of the miles, according to magazine spokeswoman Michelle O’Neill.

Other complaints include confusion over how many miles can be accumulated for certain trips, O’Neill said.

Ten trillion unused frequent flier miles worth $165 billion are in circulation now, Schumer said. But 20 percent of them may never be redeemed, he said.

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Chicago loses Oprah, money

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Step outside Oprah Winfrey’s Harpo Studios and into the near west side neighborhood that’s been home to her television talk show for two decades, and it’s easy to get a sense of what she’s meant to Chicago.

“I used to live across the street from Harpo and when I moved there it was me and cross-dressing crack addicts and Harpo. And now it’s strutters and little white dogs all over,” said Paul O’Connor, whose job has been to sell the city to businesses looking to relocate and those wondering why they should stay.

Along with the upscale condominiums and pricey restaurants that replaced the rundown apartments, abandoned warehouses and vacant storefronts, it’s a sentiment that helps explain just how nervous people in Chicago are about Winfrey’s announcement that next season, the 25th, will be the last for “The Oprah Winfrey Show.”

“Chicago’s going to find out what’s this town going to come to?” asked Ann Coddington, 41, of Richmond, Ind., who was at Harpo Studios to see the show Friday morning. “You think of Chicago, you think of Oprah.”

Winfrey hasn’t said she’s leaving Chicago, but there are indications it’s possible. She is widely expected to start up a new talk show on OWN. The Oprah Winfrey Network, which is set to debut in January 2011. OWN hired “Oprah” co-executive producer Lisa Erspamer this month as its chief creative officer. She is expected to move from Chicago to Los Angeles in January.

Nobody suggests Harpo Studios’ neighborhood will revert to the pre-Winfrey years, when it was all but impossible to catch a cab and there was no place to order a latte much less a nice meal. But the studio stands as a reminder of what has been, and what could be lost.

It was here that celebrities came from all over the world when they had something to say — from Tom Cruise’s declaration of love for Katie Holmes, memorably accompanied by a jump on her couch, to Sarah Palin’s appearance on the show to kick off her book tour.

“It’s our little piece of Hollywood, our big piece of it,” said Bob O’Neill, the president of the Gran Park Conservancy.

Winfrey did more than set up shop in Chicago. She gave other companies reason to do so.

“She is part of the cultural infrastructure which provides a rich intellectual and cultural life to the city and that is absolutely critical for corporate decision making,” said O’Connor, who now works for the Chicago Metropolis 2020 civic group after leaving World Business Chicago, a not-for-profit economic development corporation that worked to attract and keep businesses in Chicago.

Once the businesses are here, Winfrey has even been part of the effort to persuade employers who might be reluctant to pack up and move their families.
Every Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all the good that has happened in our lives. At times when the economy turns down and there may seem to be less to be thankful for, we have a wonderful opportunity to search for the positives in apparently negative situations. Perhaps we can even use this holiday season toward sharing a piece of our personal worth with our friends and families instead of part of our consumer worth.

In fact, rather than continue along this vein in vague writer-speak, I’m going to make this column direct. Don’t go shopping the day after Thanksgiving.

According to numbers from the 2000 U.S. Census, the top three jobs with the largest projected growth from 1999 to 2008 were systems analysts, retail salespersons and cashiers. Cashiers. We buy so much that the third largest growing (and also largest employing) job is one for someone who gets paid to take your money, which simultaneously just raised the price of whatever you just bought to pay that employee. So why do we continue to support the growth of a sector whose purpose is to just raise the price of whatever you take your money, which simultaneously put less money, you have less money to go round, as the often-used, guilt-ridden cliché reminds us. But if you make less money, you have less money to spend on things that you don’t really need. Lower salaries are never good, but perhaps not having a job that makes one part of the “labor force” and instead focusing on pursuing practical crafts — gardening as a supplementary form of food supplies, keeping up a home or contributing to the atmosphere of a local community — could help attribute to one’s sense of accomplishment while valuing a skill over money.

I’m not advocating moving to communal and abandoning the use of the consumer culture. Rather, I’m trying to reach the writer-speak, I’m going to make this column direct: Don’t go shopping the day after Thanksgiving. Instead of chiding for cheapness, encourage your loved ones not to buy a present. In lieu of a present, make a card, write a song, paint a picture or bake a cake for (or better yet, with) them. Take the stressful time you would spend in the stores and spend it at home, knowing that even that gift of time is one of the most valuable presents you could ever offer your loved ones.

Don’t go shopping the day after Thanksgiving. Find better ways to reach out to your loved ones by sharing yourself instead of waiting in long lines at the store. Shifting the retail business to another sector might not be that bad of a change for our society, if we always argue against societal change on the account of jobs, how are we ever going to progress and solve problems as a nation, as a culture, as a global and material-driven world? Although though economic times might seem like occasions for less giving of thanks than usual, perhaps they are occasions for even greater celebration of what is important to us. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. Enjoy it.

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Non-Americans deserve real justice, too

Dear Mark Eisley,

American values may be reserved for Americans, yet the values of human rights and common human decency are not.

I could not agree with you more in your assertions that these terrorists are not Americans and that any terrorist’s action is abhorrent and should be punished to the fullest extent (“Terrorists are not Americans,” Nov. 19). However, I am rather alarmed at the retaliatory action you advocate. What you fail to comprehend is that acting to punish them without a trial is akin to what they have done in that there exists no basis or justification for the action. If you do not condemn baseless and hateful attacks on America, then you cannot in the same breath support punishing these individuals without some kind of trial or basis on which to punish them. Not only does this swiftly carry out your version of “justice” violate numerous international laws, that very same action is exactly the state reaction the terrorists are seeking.

By refusing to treat them with the respect that a trial and a due process that is granted, you create sympathy for their cause and add to the proliferation of militant extremism throughout the world. In fact giving these “evil men” a fair trial through our judicial system is the best course of action. Not only does it bring legitimacy to our claims against them, it shows that even amidst the terrible pain and destruction that they brought upon our country, we are steadfast and refuse to abandon the values upon which this great nation was founded — those same values that are taught to us here at Notre Dame.

In closing, Gandhi once said, “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.” Should we take your course of action, a blind world may be the best outcome possible.

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Non-Americans deserve real justice, too

Alumni have built the foundations of this university, and many here would like to say that these foundations should not affect how we further build in the future. Divided we stand. However, “if a house is divided against itself, that house will be unable to stand” (Mark 3:25). If we divorce our University from its foundations, and the cornerstone in particular, how can it stand when we know better than they, the alumni.

Perhaps we forget who started our traditions. Who invented our cheers? Who started the hundreds of clubs and organizations we participate in? Who built our athletic program? Our band program? Our academics? It is pure arrogance to think that just because we are born now only our opinions matter.

We are a nation of escapers. Escapism is the avoidance of reality by absorption of and the obsession with media like games, television, and other mythical creatures. The game has a dozen races like gnomes or night elves fighting each other. The quest to complete the game has a promise. Play football yourself or soberly shoot hoops. Existing in this reality is not that bad, I promise. Play basketball yourself or soberly shoot hoops through our hoops with friends. You probably won’t kill brain cells or get so emotionally caught up in a game that you emotionally ream our team.

The total revenue of NFL, NBA and MLB is approximately $7 billion to “escape” reality in other ways. The financial success pornography enjoys is very hazy, but it’s estimated between $2 billion and $7 billion dollars to “escape” reality in other ways. The other people have sexual experiences.

My question is: What is so wrong with the aspiration but inability to participate in sex, rather than spending a ridiculous amount of money spent to watch other people do things.

I played football in sixth grade and my team was undefeated. I quit the next year because I didn’t feel like exercising so much. I like football, but I invest little of anything in it. I enjoy watching sports matches as much as and maybe more than the average sports fan, but I’ve attended one professional sporting event in my entire life. I spent my first two years at LSU in our terrific hand, so I didn’t have to pay for student tickets. This year I don’t have to give in to peer pressure. I enjoy a trip to campus to see friends then relax in my apartment for kickoff.

That said, I can sincerely say my observation of sports or participation in media like video games or movies is strictly for entertainment. My life is currently centered on my occupations as a student. A trip down Bob Petit Boulevard on a Friday morning reveals wise choices of some Tiger Land participants. There are quite a number of abandoned cars parked in the parking lots of the various bars, and it shows people made semi-conscious decisions not to drive drunk.

Good job, but why be so drunk?

Yes, I’ve had alcohol before. Yes, I’ve been inebriated enough to vomit before. Why? Without thought my initial answer is: “It’s fun.” But after thinking, I can’t think of a viable reason to be that intoxicated. A beer or two to lighten the mood is pleasant and tasty, but why do “beverages” that violate the palette like Natty Light or Everclear even exist? Just to get drunk.

School is hard, but it’s not like a terminal illness. Existing in this reality is not that bad, I promise. Play football yourself or soberly shoot hoops through our hoops with friends.

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It’s the cinematic phenomenon that’s had teenagers across the nation talking for months. Stephanie Meyer’s creation of a secret world of mythical beings hidden amidst present-day society has spawned a number of fans, with vampire-themed movies, music and TV series populating popular culture. A vampire theme has been an integral part of the “Twilight” series since its beginning that so strongly affect the main characters. “New Moon” is an orchestral track from the well-known British alt-rock band Band of Skulls, entitled “Friends,” that captures the value of adolescent main character Bella’s friendship with the Cullen family as a consequence of her relationship with Edward, with the chorus’ lyrics, “I need love / Cause only true is true / I need every wakin’ hour with you / And my friends cause they’re so beautiful.” The minimalist electronic sound of Radiohead lead singer Thom Yorke’s “Harrowing Damage” also provides insightful lyrics that truly portray Bella’s view of Edward, “And you can do no wrong / In my eyes, in my eyes.”

The stellar soundtrack is certainly tied to the movie’s plot and character development, but after just one listen, it’s clear that it could stand on its own as an eclectic indie rock album. It’s an excellent mix of original songs exclusively recorded for the soundtrack from popular alternative rock bands like the Killers, Muse and Ok Go and such lesser-known indie rock artists as Band of Skulls and Hurricane Bells. The album begins with a love single from the endearing emo group Scene Editor. “The Twilight Saga: New Moon” soundtrack sparkles with new in-depth mine times.

The Editors’ “No Sound But The Wind” has the same orchestral piano sound and deep, low vocals as The National and contains the level of emotion necessary to portray Bella’s adolescent heartache, seen throughout the sequel. The soft musings of soundtrack producer Alexandre Desplat on piano with “New Moon (The Meadow)” gives a sense of finality to the album and to the movie itself. It’s a very classical-sounding orchestral arrangement but in spite of the lack of lyrics, the shifts in dynamics throughout appropriately parallel a change in emotion.

Overall, the soundtrack is a well-produced eclectic mix of indie and all rock songs that not only sound fantastic but also help to portray the movie’s themes and further the character and plot development.

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“New Moon” soundtrack

Studio: Chop Shop Records/Atlantic
Best Tracks: “Meet Me on the Equinox,” “I Belong to You (New Moon Remix),”

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Editor

Thursday at midnight, “Twilight” fans of all ages flocked to theaters to be the first to see their favorite vampires and werewolves, and the mortal high school girl they fight for, held by a vampire or wolf of their dreams brought to life on the big screen. Unquestionably, those who were first in line to see “New Moon” were most likely part of the many millions of Stephanie Meyer’s book fans. Whether they lined up in “Twilight” Edward or Jacob’s iconic “New Moon” trousers or they brought copies of “New Moon” to the theatre with them for comparison reasons, audiences clearly were not going to be taken by surprise by any of “New Moon’s” plot points. Instead, most were looking to see the story of the werewolf or vampire of their dreams brought to life on the big screen. The fans could look for several improvements on the film saga, which is now under the direction of Chris Weitz. Leaving behind the obnoxious shifting camera work of previous director Catherine Hardwicke’s “Twilight,” “New Moon” drops the hazy, blue tint that characterized the touch of the series’ previous director but ideal and vivid frames are not Weitz’s only improvement. It seems that other aspects of the series have also lost their cheesy, overly dramatic undertones. Opting for minimalism, Weitz’s special effects of superhuman vampire strength and speed and werewolf shape-shifting are done with depth and computer effects and instead are gladly left up to the imagination. Additionally, drastic improvements were made to the story to strange extremes and fantastical ends.

The film is also kept afloat by three other factors—a hip indie soundtrack, a relatively likeable cast of minor characters and shirtless, immortal monsters with deep, emotional drain. Though much of “New Moon” seems to deal in dreamscape and Bella’s nightmares and hallucinations, the film’s take on the subconscious is nothing remarkable. Floating apparitions of Edward that Bella sees in her ex-boyfriend’s absence intermittently appear throughout the film, but are less than impressive if not readily available to criticism.

The “Twilight” Saga: New Moon

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Editor

“You can do no wrong / In my eyes, in my eyes.”

According to MTV, where the single debuted during the 2009 Video Music Awards, bassist Nick Harmer claims that the band the song “reflect the celestial themes and motifs that run throughout the ‘Twilight’ series and we wanted to capture that desperate feeling of endings and beginnings that so strongly affect the main characters.”

The “New Moon” soundtrack was scheduled for release Oct. 20, but the release date was moved up to Oct. 16, due to other movie soundtrack’s high demand right now. The movie soundtrack itself is an excellent mix of original songs exclusively recorded for the soundtrack from popular alternative rock bands like the Killers, Muse and OK Go and such lesser-known indie rock artists as Band of Skulls and Hurricane Bells. The album begins with a love single from the endearing emo group Scene Editor. “The Twilight Saga: New Moon” soundtrack sparkles with new in-depth mine times.

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“The Twilight Saga: New Moon” soundtrack

Directed by: Chris Weitz
Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner

For everyone else

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Edward PROS:
- He can read minds. This comes in handy when he needs to save Bella from whatever predicament she clumsily gets herself into.
- Will never acquire wrinkles.
- He has excellent taste in music and has the charming ability to play the piano like a virtuoso. He has an enormous and eclectic music collection, and prefers indie rock to mainstream, but equally appreciates rock and classical music.
- Loyal boyfriend with great hair. All the time.
- Like all vampires, he’s impossibly beautiful. His facial features are perfect and angular, with high cheekbones, a strong jaw line, a straight nose and full lips. He’s 6-foot-2, with a slender yet muscular body.
- You’ll never have to diet or exercise to rival your vampire boyfriend’s hot beach body, because he can’t go out in the sunlight publicly anyway.
- No matter how hot it gets, his marbled, chilled body can always provide a cool relief. And what if it’s cold out? We’ll that’s what coats and blankets are for.
- He never sleeps, so there is always someone you can call, no matter the hour, to be emotionally and physically available.
- Immortal soul mate, what really is there to argue about?

Edward CONS:
- He’s a vampire. No matter how much he loves you, he still wants, on some level, to suck your blood.
- He leaves. No matter his good intentions, he still left when you needed him.
- Despite taking off like that, he’s still needy and clingy.
- Constantly plays “woe is me” card. What’s the appeal in someone who’s so serious and brooding all the time? It’s boring and exhausting to watch.
- When he gets jealous of your werewolf best friend, he doesn’t just get mopey. He takes the engine of your car so you can’t go visit your werewolf best friend.
- He uses more hair product than his girlfriend.
- His family dinners consist of drinking blood.
- His body’s too cold for snuggling.
- He let Bella name their daughter “Renesmee.” Renesmee?
- Father knows best — even Charlie doesn’t like him.
- He sparkles. Who wants a man that sparkles?
- The “dazzling.” It’s kind of sickening to watch.

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The flop came after a school-season 4-0 and ended it 5-7 winning streak.
The Buckeyes (10-2, 7-1) clinched an outright Big Ten zone, and No. 9 Ohio State took three touchdowns and fumbled in his end zone, and No. 9 Ohio State took 21-10 Saturday for its sixth victory over the Wolverines in the suddenly winning streak in the rivalry since the 1920s.

If Roethlisberger wobbled off the field in the first half, passing for only 35 yards on four completions. But he came through in the final two quarters and overtime, finishing with 248 yards and two touchdowns.

“I’ve got to hand it to [Cassel],” said Haley, who grew up accompanying his father to Steelers training camp, where the elder Haley worked as a personnel executive. Haley lost in Pittsburgh in last year’s Super Bowl when he was Arizona’s offensive coordinator.

It’s nice to get a little reward against a team like that. I thought the guys really showed heart and guts,” he said.

The Chiefs faced third down when Cassel connected with Chambers, who was signed three weeks ago off waivers from San Diego. He went 61 yards on the play and pushed out of bounds at the 4.

Succop, the final player drafted in April, came in and clinched the Chiefs’ first home victory in more than a year. Succop also had a 27-yarder that tied it 17-all in the final seconds of the third quarter.

It was the second loss in a row for the Steelers, who have fallen twice to division rival Cincinnati and were without injured Pro Bowl safety Troy Polamalu. Defensive end Chris Kme moeanu also went out with a knee injury.

In regulation, the Buckeyes (6-4) had the ball for almost 19 minutes longer than the Chiefs. It was Ohio State’s best game this season until throwing four against the Buckeyes.

Terrorle Pryor wasn’t spectacular, but didn’t make many mistakes and made a key throw after Michigan pulled within four points. He perfectly lofted a screen pass to Dan Heron, whose 12-yard touchdown gave the Buckeyes a 21-10 lead.

That proved to be enough to beat Michigan, which played perhaps one of its best games of the season but still had nothing to show for it.

Rodriguez said earlier in the week the Wolverines would not be “doomed” if they were shut out of the bowl picture. But he desperately needed the feel-good victory to take some heat off — especially with an NCAA investigation looming over his program.

Jim Tressel, meanwhile, extended Ohio State’s longest winning streak in the suddenly lopsided series and matched the best run in the rivalry since Michigan won six in a row in the 1920s.

Pryor finished 9 of 17 for 67 yards with a TD and an interception, off a deflection. He also ran for 74 yards, while Herron had 96 yards rushing and that TD catch.

Fischer was 23 of 38 for 226 yards and a touchdown to Vincent Smith that made it 14-10 with 10.05 left in the third quarter. He had not thrown more than one interception in a game this season until throwing four against the Buckeyes.

Michigan’s Roy Roundtree made two interceptions, the second coming after a video review at the Buckeyes 6 early in the fourth quarter.

Fischer compiles five turnovers, Ohio State rolls by Michigan

NCAA FOOTBALL

Kansas City Chiefs kicker Ryan Succop celebrates after kicking the game-winning field goal during overtime, upsetting the Steelers. The Chiefs currently sit in last place in the AFC West.
**NASCAR**

**AP Top 25**

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4. TCU
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7. Georgia Tech
8. Pittsburgh
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10. Oregon
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12. Penn State
13. Iowa
14. Virginia Tech
15. Clemson
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**IN BRIEF**

**Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, lead trail of Fame stars**

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**HOMESTEAD, Fla. — All Jimmie Johnson ever wanted was a chance to race to the best in NASCAR. Maybe even win a race or two.

Never did he expect to be a champion.

Especially four times over.

Johnson bulldozed his way into the record books by becoming the first driver in NASCAR history to win four consecutive championships, finishing fifth in Sunday’s season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. He joins Richard Petty (7), Dale Earnhardt (6), and teammate Jeff Gordon (4) as the only three drivers to win more than three titles.

“Do something that’s never been done in the sport, and love the sport like I do and respect it like I do and the greats — Petty, Earnhardt, Gordon — to do something they have never done is so awesome,” Johnson said. “And to win four championships in eight years, what this team has done — this is unbelievable.”

Yes, it is.

Johnson now stands atop NASCAR as a one-man dynasty, much like Tiger Woods, Roger Federer and Lance Armstrong in their sports.

Only Johnson hasn’t been feted under a blizzard of confetti by himself. His mighty Hendrick Motorsports team rules NASCAR the way UCLA once dominated college basketball.

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**Holmgren interested in helping struggling Browns**

CLEVELAND — Former Seattle and Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren is interested in working for the struggling Cleveland Browns.

Holmgren said on his weekly radio show on Seattle’s KJR that he has not yet spoken to Browns owner Randy Lerner, who is looking for a “serious, credible leader” football authority to run his struggling team. However, Holmgren said he would welcome the chance to take on a rebuilding project like the 1-8 Browns.

“IT takes a tremendous amount of energy, but there is a certain appeal there,” the 61-year-old Holmgren. “There’s something in my personality, too, that taking on those types of projects, that kind of gets me going. But there’s a lot of work to do.”

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NCAA Football

Oregon tops Arizona, Rose Bowl now in sight

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Oregon quarterback Jeremiah Masoli watched as red-clad Arizona students ringed the sidelines as time ticked down, ready to rush the field.

“I saw it and I actually smirked,” Masoli said, “it was kind of funny. I wasn’t really worried about it.”

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Masoli tied it with a touchdown pass to Ed Dickson with six seconds left, then won it with a 1-yard run in the second overtime as No. 20 Oregon State in a winner-take-all Civil War on Saturday night and took a big step toward the Pac-10 title.

Oregon, and Masoli quickly proved at times, fumbling twice and throwing an interception that led to Arizona’s first score.

But Masoli was there when the Ducks needed him most. He was unstoppable late in the game, then took over in overtime.

After Masoli hit Jeff Maehl for a 4-yard score on Oregon’s first overtime possession, Foles hit Juron Criner with a 3-yard strike to tie it at 38-38.

In the second OT, Oregon forced Arizona to settle for a 41-yard field goal by Alex Zendejas.

A touchdown would win it for Oregon, and Masoli quickly produced it.

He hit Dickson for 22 yards, and three plays later Masoli bulled over from a yard out.

“I was just resolved,” Masoli said. “I’m just really happy with our guys.”

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Maple Leafs top Caps in shootout

Associated Press

TORONTO — Phil Kessel, Niklas Hagman and a couple of good bounces helped pull the Toronto Maple Leafs out of another lifeless wireless slide.

The Toronto forwards scored shootout goals in a 2-1 victory over the Washington Capitals on Saturday night, giving the Maple Leafs their first victory in six games.

It’s the first time Toronto has won a game in extra time all season.

Hagman also scored in regulation for the Maple Leafs (4-11-6).

Alex Ovechkin replied for Washington (13-5-5) with his 18th goal of the season.

Capitals forward Eric Fehr also scored in the shootout.

The Maple Leafs were fortunate to be facing a team that was not only playing for the first time straight night, but also missing seven players due to injury.

Toronto also got some badly needed bounces.

Capitals forward Eric Fehr had his shot banked off a Caps defender and hit Hagman for his second goal of the game when Jason Blake’s shot banked off a Caps defender before getting past Varlamov at 16:49 of the second period.

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**ND CROSS COUNTRY**

Seniors look to make statement in final race

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The women of the Notre Dame cross country team and senior Jake Walker from the men’s team have one final chance to race this season against the nation’s fastest collegiate runners at the NCAA national meet Monday at Indiana State University.

“It’s an honor to be here competing against some of the best individuals and teams,” sophomore Rachel Velarde said. “We’ve put in all the miles, workouts, and strength training that we can and just have to show all of our hard work tomorrow.”

After receiving an at-large bid to nationals in 2008, the women finished in 29th place and are hoping to improve that placement in this season’s final meet against the nation’s top 31 teams.

“Last year, we were just really excited to be here, but this year we mean business,” senior Beth Tiel said. “We’re not here just to participate, but want to re-establish Notre Dame as one of the better teams in the country.”

A first-place finish for the No. 24 Irish women is unlikely, but to Walker’s goal this weekend are simply focused on overall improvement for each of the seven women competing.

“We need to focus more on ourselves, rather than any other team,” women’s coach Tim Connolly said. “We’re not a team that’s going to have a chance to win the whole thing, so the thing we have to do is focus on ourselves more than saying we need to beat certain teams.”

Since their first place finish at the Great Lakes Regional last weekend, the Irish have been making sure they are physically prepared for Monday’s event.

“Our big focus in practice this week was to make sure that we had recovered from the race last week where we raced on a real tough course,” Connolly said. “We took a couple of days to do some easy runs and more stretching. At this point, they’re not going to get any more fit, but I wanted to make sure they were feeling sharp.

The runners have been at Indiana State since Friday and ran the course to get a feel for how Monday will go.

“The kids need to just be confident that they’re ready to run well,” Connolly said. “When they get in that point in the race when things begin to hurt, they need to feel like they’re capable of doing it.”

Though the Notre Dame men did not qualify for Monday’s meet, senior Jake Walker earned the ability to participate as an individual competitor based on his ninth place finish at the Great Lakes Regional meet last weekend.

“Walker has had steady improvement since the Notre Dame Invitational, and he will represent us well,” men’s coach Joe Plane said.

Plane placed 76th at last year’s national championships meet and is hoping to improve on that place in order to be awarded All-American status in his final year as a collegiate runner.

“Walker has had two of the best weeks of training in the weeks prior to the regional meet and this week,” Plane said. “He’s as ready as he’s ever going to be.”

The men’s race begins at 12:08 p.m. and the women’s begins at 12:58 p.m. at Indiana State’s home course in Terre Haute, Ind.

**ND FENCING**

Juniors lead Irish to victory at Penn State

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Individual-based fencing tournament season begins with meet that produce the same excitement seen in regular season intercollegiate action. But following an impressive performance at this year’s Penn State Open, Notre Dame is generating momentum that can only send the team well in the future.

Several of the Irish returned from State College, Penn., with hardware, as the team accumulated two gold medals, one silver medal and one bronze medal.

“It’s one of the better performances in tournament play in, let’s say, 10 years,” Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said.

The Irish entered the tournament lacking two of the most highly touted fencers in the country in sophomores Courtney Hurley and Gerek Meinhardt. Hurley traveled country in sophomores highly touted fencers in the absence of two of the most highly touted fencers in the country in sophomores Courtney Hurley and Gerek Meinhardt. Hurley traveled overseas to compete for an international cup, while Meinhardt fell victim to the flu before Saturday’s action. The sabre proved to be the strongest weapon for the short-handed Irish this weekend, as two of the squad’s more experienced fencers carried home the gold. Junior Avery Zuck beat out Aleksander Ochocki and Daniel Bak of Penn State in the men’s sabre, while junior Sarah Borrmann edged Caroline Vlaka of Harvard in the women’s sabre.

Borrmann, the 2008 NCAA champion in women’s sabre, entered the tournament seeded fourth but managed to overcome the odds to improve upon her fifth-place finish last year.

Junior Eileen Hassett also finished in the top eight, falling to Vlaka in the semifinals.

“We are competing individually in the fall semester to build up our position,” Bednarski said. “It was important to show that we still have ambitions to fence against other colleges.”

The foil also proved to be a source of strength for the Irish and a weapon in which Bednarski believes his squad features the most depth. Junior Hayley Reese fell to Doris Willette of Penn State in a rematch of last year’s championship, securing the silver medal in the women’s foil.

In the men’s, sophomore Enzo Castellani secured the bronze, defeating Nathaniel Botwinick of Yale.

“Making it to the final 16 is very difficult,” Bednarski said. “It’s a very good performance in one of the toughest individual tournaments in the country.”

Medaling without two of their top fencers, the Irish at full strength look to be a leading contender for the national title when intercollegiate fencing commences in the spring.

**MLB**

McNabb, Eagles edge Bears

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Donovan McNabb and the Philadelphia Eagles found a way to pull out a close win. They also hurt the Chicago Bears in the process.

McNabb threw for 244 yards against his hometown team. LeSean McCoy scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 10-yard run following Antonio Dixon’s block of a field goal attempt, and Philadelphia came away with a 24-20 victory over struggling Chicago on Sunday night after back-to-back close losses.

The Bears were leading 20-17 when Dixon blocked a 48-yard field goal by Robbie Gould with 11 minutes left. McNabb then led the Eagles (6-4) on a 62-yard touchdown drive that McCoy capped with a neat 10-yard run, sending Chicago in its fifth loss in six games and delivering another big hit to its playoff hopes.

Barring a big run, the Bears (4-6) will miss the postseason for a fourth straight year after a 3-1 start, all the optimism is gone. Cutler, who came into the game with a league-leading 17 interceptions, did not get picked off until the final minute. Tracy White tipped a pass, Sean Jones came away with the ball near midfield, and that sealed the win.

It also allowed the Eagles to exhale after they fell 31-23 to San Diego and 20-16 to Dallas the previous two weeks, putting them in a must-win situation.

The veteran quarterback was 23 of 32, and DeSean Jackson caught eight of those passes for 107 yards to lead Philadelphia to the win even though star running back Brian Westbrook missed the game with a concussion.

McNabb’s effort included a 48-yard touchdown pass to Jackson over the middle to give Philadelphia a 17-12 lead with just under six minutes left in the third.

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**SPORTS**

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The Observer
By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish swam well and gained confidence over the weekend in the Hoosierland Invite, an unscored meet that gives an opportunity for teams to look at their individual performances. Notre Dame won 21 out of the men’s 21 events and posting two NCAA B-cut times.

Top to bottom, I’m just pleased with the program,” Irish coach Brian Barnes said. “We came out here with the intention to really have fun, and that’s what happened. We came out of this meet with some NCAA ‘B’ times, so it’s just a confident moment. Our team is gaining confidence and we’re improving and it’s a lot of fun.

Junior Katie Casey and freshman Kim Holden each posted times on the final day of the meet. Casey posted her time in the 200-yard butterfly, a race in which she finished second with a time of 1:59.46, and Holden was victorious in the 200-yard breaststroke, posting her best time of 1:57.98.

The Irish entered the meet with the goal of improving individually, and did just that, as most of the swimmers improved or stayed consistent with their times so far this season.

We went in there with good energy and great attitude and great teamwork,” Barnes said. “Really it’s about individual performance and individual improvement and monitoring our own improvement within our own team. As a result, we kind of gained some momentum and had a positive weekend.”

The Irish got off to a good start on the first day of the three-day meet, winning four of the six events on day one. Junior Ashley Edgell won the 100-yard butterfly. It was Casey and Holden who stole the show on the third day, winning the 100-yard freestyle.

VICTORIES

Senior Addison Elmore, Amywren Miller and senior meet, winning four of the six events and achieving the top spots.

Notre Dame went on to win three out of the seven events on the second day of the meet, earning two individual victories and one from the 200-yard medley relay team, which won its event by a full second.

Junior Samantha Maxwell won the 100-yard breaststroke while Holden, Casey and junior Kellynn Kabike finished in the top three spots in 100-yard butterfly.

Maxwell was victorious again on the third day, winning the 200-yard breaststroke by two seconds, while Miller, along with junior Della Cronin and senior Megan Farr, won a one-two-three finish in the 100-yard freestyle. It was Casey and Holden who stole the show on the final day, however, by posting their NCAA B-cut performances.

“I just think the girls are realizing that this is November, and we peaked in February and March,” Barnes said. “If they’re seeing the kind of improvement now, I really believe they’re hungry for more. I think they have a glimpses of their potential this team.

The Irish next head to Hawaii after Christmas for a winter training trip before competing again on Jan. 9 in a dual meet against Northwestern, which will take place in the Balfs Aquarium Center.

“I was really happy with our senior class and their leadership,” Barnes said. “If this team was motivated and stayed confident and came into it and works hard, I should get out of their way and allow them to be successful.”

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By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associated Press

Senior Lake Harangody had a season-high 32 points including all ten free throws he attempted to lead Notre Dame over Liberty 91-72 Sunday night at Purcell Pavilion.

The Flames kept the game close early, and trailed by only nine points at halftime. The Irish offense ran through Harangody, who had 20 in the first period and was able to draw contact and fouls underneath.

Harangody was 10-for-14 from the field in the game.

“The thing about Tory [Jackson] and Luke is they’re great role models for the young guys in our program,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “They play every game the same way; and every practice the same way; and some of our less experienced guys can learn a lot from that.”

Notre Dame made only six three-pointers in the game, using their size advantage in the paint to get to the line and score.

Tyrone Nash also had his best offensive performance of the young season, scoring 12 points.

Brey said that he was pleased with Nash’s scoring effort, but wanted to see more.

Senior guard Tory Jackson scored nine and junior forward Tim Abromaitis scored 12.

“Really it’s about individual performance and we’re improving and it’s a lot of fun.”

Senior forward Luke Harangody fights with two Liberty defenders for a rebound in the Irish’s 91- 72 victory over the Flames Sunday night at Purcell Pavilion.

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The defending NBA champions, the Lakers, forced 19 turnovers and converted them into 25 points.

“We played against the best team in basketball,” Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. “We didn’t handle their physical toughness. They got us into, we set the offense too far out and turned the ball over. They capitalized on every mistake, and that’s what they do. Anytime you play the Lakers, it’s a humbling position to be in.”

Pau Gasol, playing his second game since coming back from a right hamstring strain, had 15 points, seven rebounds and six assists after getting 24 points and 13 boards in Thursday’s 108-93 win against Chicago. The Lakers have won 11 straight against the Thunder.

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not quite at full strength, McGraw said.
“We have not recovered yet.”

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where we lost and we won,” Clark said. “It was as well as we have played all year. In the sec-
ond half, their goalkeeper had to make 10 saves. I am very proud of the way the players played.”
This dominant statistical perform-
ance was a result of the Irish keeping the ball in the Northwestern half of the field for most of the second half. The
trouble was that when the Wildcats broke out of their defensive half, they made the
most of their chances.
Eight minutes into the second half, the Wildcats began to add
cushion to their lead. They countered an Irish attack and
got the ball into a good position
to cross. The goal again came off
the boot of Hillgard, with sopho-
more forward Matt Eliason
assisting. That goal put
Northwestern up 2-0.

The Irish were disappointed at
losing for the second year in a
row, but Clark said is he proud
of the way his team played and believes they got a
good shot at winning.

“Get your shot at it, and you have to take it,” Clark said.
“In the end, the thing that really counts is the final score.”
Northwestern has become
somewhat of a postseason nemesis for the Irish, as they
have lost in the NCAA tourna-
m ent to them for two consecu-
tive years.

“We always beat them in the
preseason and friendly games, but that
doesn’t count,” Clark said. “It was one of those games we have
lost all year where we thought
we could win but weren’t able to
do it.”

According to Clark, the Irish
are eager to get another crack
at Northwestern next year, as
they have tentatively scheduled
a regular season matchup
against them.

Clark said he believes that the
Irish have a successful team and
the players played up to
their potential.

“I really like this team,” Clark said.
“They are a good group. You never really reach your goal unless you win it all, but we
played to our potential. My way of
evaluating the year is, if you make it to the playoffs it is a
good year, if you make it to the final four it is a really good year, and if you make it to the cham-
pionship it is a great year. We had a pretty good season.”

Despite the fact that the team
will lose many of its 11 seniors, including Big East Player of the
Year Bright Dike, Clark believes
the team will be ready to com-
pete again next year.

“The great thing about coach-
ing college sports is that you
learn from every game and every practice,” Murphy said.
Saturday afternoon saw a
delay in pace for the Belles as they
defeated Oberlin 74-37.
Taking control early in the game
with a 10-0 run, Saint Mary’s never
looked back. The Yeowomen
scored in the Belles within five
points, but fell behind as the Belles
pushed their lead to 37-16 at the
half.
Saint Mary’s outscored
Oberlin 54-8 in the paint and 37-9 in turnovers as they shot over 40 percent from the floor.

Murphy led the Belles with a
career-high 19 points and 10
rebounds for her first double-dou-
brle. She was also named to the All-
 Tournament Team for her per-
formance throughout the week-
end. Kammrath had eight points and
a game-high 13 rebounds to
add to the Belles win.
Every member of the Belles
team scored in the win.

Up next for Saint Mary’s is North
Central College in Naperville, Ill.
The Belles will take on the Cardinals at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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chances," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said of the goal. "I thought Henderson did that at the right time for us tonight."

The Beavers dominated play in the first half, keeping up constant pressure on the Irish end, but failing to breakthrough with a go-ahead goal.

"I think in the first half they were clearly the better team," Waldrum said. "They dominated play because we really struggled to match up in the middle."

The Irish came out in the second half determined to bounce back.

We knew we had to pick up our strength and determination," Augustin said. "If we didn't come out better in the second half, we weren't going to win.

After a few personnel changes, Notre Dame flipped the momentum by forcing the issue on offense. Henderson had a field day down the right side, creating a number of chances, including a set up of the game-winner.

"Henderson was a handful for them on both sides," Waldrum said. "Her pace was just too much for them to handle. She was the player of the match for us tonight."

Irish goalkeeper Nikki Weiss was solid again in net, turning away four shots including one from close range with just minutes remaining to conserve her first career solo shutout in the NCAA tournament.

"I thought we did a better job controlling the game after the goal," Waldrum said. "They threw everything at us trying to get a goal and we dodged some bullets at the end."

The final opportunity of the game for Oregon State came off a free-kick from near midfield that ricocheted around the penalty area before finding its way to an open Beaver player. With the defense closing in, the shot was hurried and didn't have enough power to sneak by Weiss, who tracked it the whole way.

With the win, the Irish advance to face top-seeded Florida State in the regional final Nov. 27 in Tallahassee, Fla. The Seminoles knocked off a feisty Texas A&M squad 2-1 in double overtime Friday night.

Next weekend’s matchup with the Seminoles will mark the fourth consecutive year the two teams have met in the NCAA tournament. The Irish are 2-1 in those matches, including last year’s 2-0 victory in the quarterfinals.

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ND VOLLEYBALL
Irish fall to Cardinals at tourney

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Top-seeded Notre Dame fell for the fifth time in as many years this weekend to fourth-seeded Louisville in the Big East Tournament after sweeping Seton Hall Friday. The Irish’s loss snapped their 15-game winning streak and ended their undefeated conference season.

In the quarterfinals, Notre Dame defeated Seton Hall 3-0 (25-15, 25-15, 25-19) for their 11th sweep of the season. Senior outside hitters Christina Kaehlin and Serenity Phillips each recorded 12 kills in the win, while seven other Irish players recorded kills as well.

Kaehlin recorded three digs and two blocks, while Phillips put in five digs and five blocks. Junior Kelly Sciacca and sophomore Kristen Dealy each recorded seven kills. Sciacca also had three solo blocks. Dealy played the first match of her career without an error as she added in a team-high 11 digs and two aces. Senior setter Jamel Nicholas had a match-high 40 assists.

The Irish hit at a .333 average, holding the Pirates to an average of .094 and ending their first championship appearance since 1994.

Saturday saw the Irish fall 3-2 (24-26, 25-16, 18-25, 25-16, 15-13) in the semifinals, the first match of the tournament that went into five sets.

Dealy led the team with 23 kills, and Louisville native Kaehlin added 17. Sophomore libero Frenchy Silva had 17 kills as well. Phillips put in 10 kills and six digs, while Sciacca had nine kills and Nicholas had 54 kills and 14 digs.

Big East Freshman of the Year LOLA ARSLANBEKOVA posted 21 kill and 16 digs for Louisville.

Louisville led early in the first set, but an ace from junior outside hitter Stephanie Slatt, an Irish scoring rally, and an error from the Cardinals at set point gave Notre Dame the first set.

The Cardinals dominated the second set from start to finish, building a 9-1 run and never looking back. They took advantage at 17-8, and continued their hitting success to take the second set 25-16. The Irish hit at an average of .031 percentage in the set.

The third set saw the Irish take back the court, started off by a pair of digs from Silva at 6-5 to give them another point. The Irish hit .342 in the third.

Arslanbekova gave Louisville the lead at 10-5 in the fourth set with three quick kills, later adding four more. Sciacca had a kill at 15-13 and was as close as Notre Dame got to a win. Louisville closed the frame with a 10-3 scoring run.

In the final set, the two teams traded points seven times, but the Irish weren’t able to come out on top as Louisville took the win.

Notre Dame will next face Florida Saturday, Nov. 28, in Florida before the NCAA championships.

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open on a wild touchdown in the Ramblers favor. Meinert threw a quick pass to his left that was twice deflected by St. Edward’s defenders before a junior quarterback Simone Bigi on an attempted fourth down run, giving the ball back to Bishop and the Ducks’ offense. Bishop wasted no time adding to her team’s early lead, hitting sophomore wide receiver Jenny Gassner on a deep corner route to put Howard in front 13-0 after a missed conversion.

Getting the big lead early changed everything,” Bishop said. “It was important because we didn’t score in the second half. It’s been our problem this season. It’s about maintaining our lead with our defensive line.”

As the first half wound down, the Purple Weasels showed their mettle with a tenacious two-minute drill that went the length of the field as Bigi hit junior wide receiver Elyse Meineck for a touchdown with 12 seconds left in the half to make the score 13-7.

The second half was a defensive effort, as Pasquerilla West tiredly attempted to get the second touchdown it desperate-ly needed against the stout Howard defense. Bigi and her receiving corps had a hard time getting past the Howard secondary, led by two-way stars Bishop and Robinson. The Purple Weasels’ offensive line also gave up a number of sacks in addition to committing a false start penalty on a key drive.

When four last half Mary passes passed to the ground, the Ducks completed the biggest victory in history ball and the “team of destiny” celebrated at midfield of Notre Dame Stadium.

“It’s inexplicable, how amaz-ing this is,” Carter said. “I woke up four years ago one day, and Howard needed a football coach for a game. They were literally the worst team in the league. Since then it’s been about getting a new set of freshmen, and teaching them how we play offense and how we play defense. We’re building a program and this year we finally had all the pieces in the place. It’s about time getting past the Howard defense.

After hoisting the trophy, Howard’s leader, a junior, offered her plans for next year. “Win again, of course,” Bishop said. “We’re going to try and come out and have another unbeaten season.”

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Howard take two wins from Spartans
By DOUGLAS FARMER
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No. 14 Notre Dame improved on a 1-1 shoot out victory at Michigan State Thursday night with a 4-1 rout of the No. 6 Spartans Sunday.

The Irish (6-5-3, 3-2-2-2 CCHA) gained five points in the conference standings over the weekend, the most in a weekend this year.

“It’s the first time we’ve gotten five points in a weekend,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “That is a positive step for us.”

Thursday’s shoot out was Notre Dame’s third on the sea-son, and second in a row. Ohio State topped the Irish in a shoot out on Halloween, earning an extra point in the CCHA stand-ings, and the Irish gained a point in the same manner by beating Northern Michigan in a shoot out Nov. 12.

“The shoot out points are cer-tainly beneficial in the confer-ence,” Jackson said. “That is what we are playing for right now, getting as many points in the conference as we can.”

Freshman goalie Mike Johnson kept the game tied at one despite facing 12 shots in the final 25 minutes of play as Notre Dame committed two major penalties in the third peri-od, earning five minutes of penalty box apiece.

“Our penalty killers and Mike played extremely well for us to preserve the tide going into over-time,” Jackson said. “The tough thing is we’ve been trying multiple guys to encourage our team to play more physical. We can’t make those penalties but we do have to stay aggressive.”

Freshman Kyle Palmieri scored the Irish goal during the second period off of an assist from Calle Ridderwall and Palmieri both got the Irish on the board in the first period, and freshman Riley Sheahan added another goal in the second.

Senior Kevin Deeth sealed the win with a goal on an empty net in the final minute.

Junior netminder Brad Phillips started for Notre Dame Sunday, and held the Spartans (9-2-3, 6-1-2-0) to one goal on 28 shots. [Phillips] played well last week against Northern Michigan which allowed us to get that shoot out victory,” Jackson said. “Because of that he deserved to come back out.”

In splitting starts between Johnson and Phillips this week-end, Jackson continued a trend of not clearly picking one as his go-to guy this season.

“As long as they are both play-ing well I’ll keep using two dif-ferent goalies,” Jackson said. “If somebody emerges as the go-to guy you’ll know it when it hap-pens.”

The game was played in Fort Wayne, Ind., as the Irish wanted to get some playing time in at the site of this year’s NCAA Regional, Jackson said.

“It was a good opportunity for us to play in the venue that is hosting the NCAA Regional this year,” he said. “As the host insti-tution, I’m hoping we’re there. We have a lot of work to do before we get there.”

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Irish take two wins from Spartans
Senior center Kevin Deeth takes a faceoff against Northern Michigan in the Irish’s 3-2 loss Nov. 14.
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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Champs crowned

Ramblers capture second straight title
By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Siegfried successfully defended its interhall championship from last season with a 41-12 rout of St. Edward’s Sunday.

On its first possession, Siegfried (5-1-1) used its power running game to drive down the field, capping the drive with a 17-yard touchdown run by junior quarterback Matt Meineke.

The Ramblers’ defense quickly intercepted St. Edward’s quarterback, and only a few minutes into the game Siegfried led 14-0 after another rushing touchdown.

The Gentlemen (4-3) lost nearly all semblance of hope when the game broke wide open Augustin who heaved the ball across her body into traffic. Freshman former bottom-feeder Ducks now champions
By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Howard completed its run from worst to first with a 13-7 victory over Pasquerilla West in Notre Dame Stadium Sunday.

With almost the entire population of Howard Hall (9-0) lining the sidelines, the Ducks opened the game quickly. Junior quarterback Kayla Bishop led the team down the field on the game’s first drive, hitting junior wide receiver Kaia Henry on a series of key conversions.

Facing a third down near the goal line, Bishop was flushed out of the pocket to her left and heaved the ball to her body to turn the ball over.

Northwestern foils playoff hopes again
By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Despite a dominating statistical second half and a myriad of scoring opportunities, Notre Dame lost to Northwestern 3-1 Sunday in a repeat of last year’s NCAA tournament loss to the Wildcats. The loss marks the end of the Irish’s season and the beginning of preparations for next year.

“It was just [The Wildcats’] day,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “They certainly made the most of their chances.”

Notre Dame (11-8-4) fell behind Northwestern (11-4-4) early and was never able to dig itself out of that hole.

The Irish outshot the Wildcats 21-8 and held a 10-2 advantage in corner kicks.

In the 18th minute, a corner was sent into the box that got caught up in the mass of players in the box. Wildcat midfielder Jack Hillgard emerged with the ball and sent it into the back of the net past senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn. The score remained 1-0 throughout the first half.

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And that second half was a dominant performance by the Irish as they outshot their opponents 17 to five and took 10 corner kicks to the Wildcats’ zero.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Defense shines as Notre Dame dismantles Iona 80-45
By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Irish coach Muffet McGraw has preached defense to her team all season.

On Sunday, it showed.

No. 5/6 Notre Dame (3-0) had 21 steals and forced 33 total turnovers Sunday as it cruised to an 80-45 win over Iona (2-2).

“I was pretty pleased with a lot of what we did defensively,” McGraw said. “I thought we did what we wanted to do.”

Senior forward Becca Bruszewski set the pace early as the Irish got off to an 11-2 lead to start the game. She finished with 14 points and three rebounds.

“I thought Becca was the key defender in that game.”

Bruszewski’s point total was second on the team behind that of freshman guard Skylar Diggins, who scored 17 points off the bench. She also grabbed four rebounds.

The Irish never relinquished their early lead and did not let the Gaels within six for the rest of the game while continuing to widen their lead.

However, this was due more to Notre Dame’s defensive pressure on Iona than on actual offensive success. The Irish made just 42.4 percent of their shots, but held the Gaels to 35.7 percent shooting.

“I thought we were a little complacent,” McGraw said. “We weren’t as sharp as we needed to be. I thought we were a little lackadaisical.”

Senior guard Ashley Barlow and sophomore guard Natalie Novosel each had five steals on the afternoon as the Irish placed continued pressure on Iona.

The Gaels only scored 34 points off of turnovers, in comparison to Iona’s 10.

For the Gaels, guard Thazina Cook led with 12 points while forward Anna McLean followed with 10. McGraw said she was especially pleased with Notre Dame’s containment of McClean, who averaged a double-double in her first three games.

“No [McClean] is a great player,” McGraw said.

After a physically punishing 68-67 win Thursday against Michigan State, the Irish were

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Augustin helps Irish advance
By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame offense couldn’t get much going Friday night against a tough Oregon State defense, but junior Rose Augustin’s blast into traffic. Freshman Augustin helps Irish advance
By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Junior midfielder Rose Augustin clears the ball against Oregon State during the Irish’s 1-0 victory Friday in the NCAA tournament.

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