Pro-life task force hosts panel discussion

Special task force continues work, meets with various campus groups to develop recommendations

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Notre Dame is jumping into the public policy debate on conscience clauses today, in part due to the work of a special pro-life task force launched by University President Fr. John Jenkins earlier this semester.

The Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life and the Notre Dame Law School are co-hosting a panel discussion on conscience clauses from the perspective of a Catholic university at 12:30 p.m. today in the McCardan Courtroom of the Law School. The event may lead to the creation of a white paper on the topic, organizers said.

The event is just one of several things the new task force — which was formed partly in response to the controversy surrounding President Barack Obama’s Commencement visit last spring — is working on.

Task Force co-chair Margaret Brinig, professor of law and associate dean at the Law School, said that since the group started its work earlier this semester, they’ve spent time talking to various groups on campus — she estimated 100 people in total.

“What a we’ve done is worked in small groups and various people have had meetings with different groups,” Brinig said.

She chairs the Task Force with John Cavadini, professor of theology and director of the Institute for Church Life.

Brinig said the Task Force’s various groups are addressing various areas related to life issues, like pregnancy support and adoption, or, like today’s event addresses, conscience clauses.

In talking with groups on campus, Brinig said they’ve met with the gamut of students, faculty and administrators.

“We’ve met with a whole bunch of the various Right to Life [campus groups] but also with the president of the student body,” Brinig said.

“We’ve talked to a number of the different department heads and deans and people like that.”

Brinig said the Alumni Association and various University administrators have been involved, as well as groups outside the University — including the locally headquartered Women's Care Center, and other organizations in Washington, D.C., Seattle and St. Paul.

Discussions have produced

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Project Warmth holds winter clothing drive

By ADRIANA ARCHER | Observer Graphic

If the temperature in South Bend doesn’t drop below 32 degrees, many homeless have nowhere to sleep and are left cold on the streets, Mike Hebbeler, director of ORLH.

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But the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH) will most likely find spots on campus for all students returning from studying abroad — just not necessarily in the dorm of their choice, according to Grant Woodman, associate director of ORLH.

However, the office will try to place students in the hall of their preference when possible, he said.

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CCAC discusses off-campus safety

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

Off-campus safety dominated the discussion of the Community Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) Wednesday afternoon at the Downtown Office of the University.

The group is composed of representatives from Notre Dame, Holy Cross College and Saint Mary’s College as well as officials from South Bend city offices and agencies.

The Coalition discussed the progress made so far on a number of proposals to increase overall safety in the South Bend community, especially the neighborhoods and apartment complexes immediately surrounding Notre Dame.

The neighborhood watch program proposed at various safety meetings in recent months has not yet begun, associate vice president for Public Affairs Tim Sexton said.

“We want to make sure that as students come and go this program continues and is sustainable,” Sexton said.

“I think the unique part is that there’s an involvement of groups that haven’t been involved before from both the community and campus,” Sexton said.

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Housing an issue for abroad returnees

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Like many students studying abroad this semester, junior Elizabeth Benson recently filled out a housing form to move back on campus in the spring, but unfortunately, no space is left in the residence hall she has lived in for the past two years.

Benson, who is currently studying in London, knew last spring that there would be no room in Brennan Phillips Hall for the spring semester.

“Coming back to campus is really easy for people who live in dorms with enough space for them,” she said. “For everyone else, it’s really frustrating to feel like you don’t have a home, especially since you make such good friends within a dorm.”

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Coaching candidates

Brian Kelly, Bob Stoops, Gary Patterson, Urban Meyer. We’ve all heard their names being bandied around on ESPN as the front-runners for our currently vacant (what’s that, you didn’t hear?) football head coaching position. While I’m sure any of these men would do a decent job running the program, I’m going to suggest other candidates that haven’t been getting as much buzz. Pay attention, Mr. Swarbrick.

Tiger Woods: Can you imagine the quality of fist pumps and awkward high fives after every touchdown? Plus, he could live on campus and get Resalafed after crashing his car on his way to Beckett’s at partiel.

Offbeat

School employee loses job due to alien search

MENSA, Ariz. — A former Arizona school district employee is accused of using school computers in an experiment to find space aliens, costing the worker his job and the district more than $1 million.

School officials say Brad Nelson, who was Hopi Unified School District’s information technology director, downloaded free software on district computers in 2000. The program, known as SETI@home, uses Internet-connected computers worldwide to analyze radio telescope data in an experiment to find extraterrestrial intelligence.

But Superintendent Denise Birdwell told the East Valley Tribune that the program also bogged down the district’s system and interfered with technology use in classrooms.

Birdwell said it will take more than $1 million to fix the problem, including removal of the SETI software. She says police are conducting a broad investigation.

Groom’s ex-girlfriend crashes Peruvian wedding

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In Brief

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive today at Legends from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 574-299-1388 or visit giveblood.org and use the code “Irish.”

Michael Desmond, Distinguished Advisor for Conversion Technology of BP America, Inc., will deliver a lecture today at 4 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library. The lecture, “Future Automobile Fuels: Fill up or Plug In?” is part of the Notre Dame Energy Center’s Distinguished Lecture Series. It is free and open to students, faculty and staff.

Paquisveria East Hall will hold its signature event, “Silent Night, Silent Auction,” tonight from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Gift baskets and items will be auctioned to raise money for the charity Building Tomorrow.

The film “Bright Star” will play Dec. 5-6 at 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. For ticket information, call 574-631-2800, visit the box office or visit the performing arts Web site.

Dec. 10, the Saint Mary’s Department of English will celebrate the career of retired professor Jeanne Wolfe with a poetry reading at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor mezzanine of the Cushwa-Leighton Center.

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

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Allan Joseph at ajoseph@nd.edu.

 Corrections

A Dec. 1 Observer article titled “Notre Dame returns north” incorrectly stated that the women’s basketball team defeated Oregon on Nov. 28. They in fact defeated No. 20 Oklahoma. The Observer regrets this error.

Question of the Day: What is your favorite Christmas song?

Eve Kestler

freshman

“Jingle Bells.”

Justin Sherman

sophomore

Duncan

“Jingle Bells.”

Meredith Durant

freshman

“12 Days of Christmas, because every year see it out as a family.”

Mary Kate Valdivia

freshman

Welsh Family

“Here comes Santa Claus.”

Kristin Alvarado

freshman

Welsh Family

“12 Days of Christmas.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com
SMC sophomore strings rosaries for troops

Remi White has made some 500 sets of beads so far from parachute cords after getting involved in high school

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's sophomore Remi White has made about 500 rosaries to date, she said, as a part of the Ranger Rosary Ministry, which works with military chaplains to provide rosaries to troops deployed to combat zones and those at state-side bases and military hospitals.

As a junior in high school, she discovered the program with a friend on the Ranger Rosary Web site and it immediately grabbed her attention.

“We were both really interested in participating,” she said. “We thought it was such a unique way to give back to the troops overseas that a lot of people wouldn’t realize.”

The project rose to a new level as more students became involved, White said. It became a school project with the entire school making rosaries.

White does not have a direct affiliation with the military, but said that she began the rosary project because she wanted to bring happiness to the troops.

“I believe [the rosaries] provide a sense of hope and strength to the troops,” White said.

White continues to make the rosaries from parachute cords and dark beads with her high school friends during breaks from school.

Once the rosaries are finished, they are sent to the Ranger Rosary home base in Annapolis, Md. St. John Neumann church is responsible for fulfilling the requests of the military chaplains by supplying the rosaries.

The church also checks to make sure that the rosaries have been made correctly.

White and her friends add a personal touch to the rosaries that they make.

“We send a note along with the rosaries saying who we are and how honored we feel to participate in this project,” White said. “In a way, it is a note of thanks, too. We thank them for all that they do, and tell them that they are in our thoughts and prayers everyday.”

Individuals who are interested in making rosaries for service men and women can order a sample rosary making kit from St. John Neumann church, which includes enough materials to create five rosaries and a finished rosary as an example of the finished product.

The Rosary project sends an important message to the troops, White said.

“It is a reminder to know that God is always with them and that his love and support is always at their sides,” White said. “It also reminds the troops that there are people back home thinking of them and praying for their safety.”

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Saint Mary's sophomore Remi White creates rosaries, used for prayer, to send to troops deployed in combat zones.
Profs examine role of university in development

Visiting lecturer from Uganda Martyrs University discusses state of higher education in African countries

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Higher education is a key factor in global human development, two scholars said Wednesday.

Fr. Peter Kanyandago of Uganda Martyrs University and English Schooling and Society Professor Tamo Chattopadhay discussed the role of universities in development in a lecture at the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

Kanyandago focused on development in his native Uganda, but said the country represented many nations.

“I take Uganda as my background, but what I am going to say can be applied to other areas,” he said.

Of Uganda’s 33 million people, 42 percent are Catholic. He said there are 29 universities in Uganda, of which one, Uganda Martyrs University, is Catholic-based and 28 of the 29 universities have been founded since 1968.

But only three percent of the population of university age actually attends.

“About 57 percent of the students who qualified for university cannot attend due to the lack of space,” Kanyandago said.

He said higher education is key in this process of producing teachers, research and service to the community.

However, this development must come in an ethical manner according to Kanyandago.

“I believe that development cannot be genuine if it is not ethical, and ethics that do not promote human development are not of much use,” he said.

Kanyandago described a key term, “endogeneity,” which he defined as people using cultural and material resources to ensure relevance, self-reliance, ownership and participation.

He said that endogeneity is key in ethical development.

“Development that is imposed from the outside, however good it is, cannot be genuine,” he said.

Ethical development, he said, is more than just meeting basic needs. People must fulfill other needs in their life, such as the material, spiritual and emotional.

In addition to the lack of capacity, Kanyandago said there aren’t enough educational facilities, there are issues with irrelevant curricula and some universities question the quality of the higher education in Uganda.

Kanyandago said Ugandan universities must begin to focus on food security, hunger and famine, among other things.

“Only two universities have departments of agriculture and animal husbandry,” he said.

Kanyandago called for much more action to improve the quality of Ugandan education but remained optimistic about the situation.

“Despite what has been said, university education has contributed a lot to the development of Uganda,” he said.

Chattopadhay focused on what he called “the transnational perspective”.

He said education is becoming the hot topic in terms of development in nations.

“There is a big buzz on knowledge for development,” he said.

Chattopadhay said universities are therefore playing an increasingly important role in development as they are centers of knowledge. The irony, he said, is that the most challenged nations developmentally have the least university capacity.

This issue has been compounded by the focus on elementary education in developing nations.

“Much of the problem is that emphasis is placed on primary education at the cost of tertiary education,” he said.

Chattopadhay noted that despite these global issues, there is hope in the future.

“Think of the changes that are possible because we live in such an interconnected era,” he said.

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ND astrophysicist
to give lecture

Special to The Observer

University of Notre Dame astrophysicist Grant Mathews will give two presentations this month of his popular program titled “What and When was the Christmas Star?” in the Digital Visualization Theatre of Notre Dame’s Jordan Hall of Science.

The programs, which are free and open to the public, will take place at 4 p.m. on Dec. 12 and 3 p.m. on Dec. 13.

The Gospel of Matthew records a peculiar astronomical event that occurred at the birth of Christ. Mathews has applied the tools of modern astrophysics to the search for evidence of this event. His program will examine whether the “Christmas Star” was a nova, a super-nova or a planet alignment and discuss the possible identity of the “wise men from the East.”

The public programs will be followed by a special video presentation of “A Season of Lights.”
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Carbon trading legislation fails
SYDNEY — Australia’s Senate on Wednesday defeated the government’s plan to implement a carbon pollution trading system to fight global warming, dashing hopes of setting up Australia alongside the European Union and a handful of other places that have or are considering “cap-and-trade” systems to cut greenhouse gas emissions, and burnedish Prime Minister Kevin Rudd’s international reputation as a leader on the issue.

Instead, Rudd, will attend the next one U.N. conference with a big setback on his hands.

Illegal immigrant given consular post
ACAPULCO, Paraguay — Paraguay named an undocumented U.S. immigrant to run its consulate in New York, reversing its legal status only when the man returned home to get his diplomatic papers and was denied a U.S. passport.

Paraguay’s foreign ministry acknowledged Wednesday that it was a mistake to name Augusto Noguera as the consulate’s “first official,” but said President Fernando Lugo and Foreign Minister Caceres offered him the position “in good faith” and “in a humanitarian spirit.”

Noguera, 23, is a naturalized Paraguayan who has lived in the United States since he was 16. Lugo said Wednesday that it was a mistake to name Noguera as a diplomat Sept. 21 was made in good faith since the minister didn’t know of his legal status in New York.

NATIONAL NEWS

Incomplete border tunnel found
NORTH FORT HOOD, Texas — The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration says Mexican authorities discovered a incomplete tunnel that extends into San Diego and is equipped with a lift system, ventilation and lighting.

But the DEA says Mexican authorities arrested only a dozen people inside the tunnel Wednesday. No arrests have been made in the United States.

The tunnel runs a depth of 90 to 100 feet and authorities think it has been under construction for about two years.

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The proposal would reverse a 2004 amendment making it illegal to have consensual sex with anyone under 16, arguing that complaints from protective parents are overwhelming courts and teens often file complaints that overwhelm the 14-year-old limit is backed by the Alliance of Christian Lawyers. “We say girls ages 15 and 16 have no reason to file complaints that overwhelm the courts when both teens consented to sex.”

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Lin Fernandez, co-chair of the committee expected to endorse the change for consideration by the House and Senate, says parents and others often file complaints that overwhelm courts when both teens consented to sex. She said parents are out of touch with what today’s teens are doing, that the rate still remains significantly higher than that of the U.S., according to the island’s health department.

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SCIENCES

Stem cell research restrictions lifted
National Institute of Health approves new 13 stem cell lines for tax-paid research

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Scientists can start using taxpayer dollars to do research with 13 batches of embryonic stem cells and the government says dozens more cell lines should be available soon, opening a new era for the potentially life-saving field.

President Barack Obama lifted eight years of restrictions on these master cells last spring, after a $21 million court ruling clearing new research of past ethical concerns, and hundreds of existing stem cell lines were ethically appropriate to use.

“This is the first down payment,” Dr. Francis Collins, NIH’s director, said Wednesday as he opened a master registry. “People are champing at the bit for the opportunity to get started.”

Thirteen stem cell lines — created by Children’s Hospital Boston and Rockefeller University — are first on that list. Another 96 embryonic stem cell lines are undergoing NIH review, and 200 or so others could get a decision by Friday, Collins said.

And researchers have notified the NIH that they may apply for approval of another 250 stem cell lines.

“The field has been wait- ing with bated breath for this announcement,” said Dr. George Daley of Children’s Hospital Boston, whose lab created 11 of the newly approved lines. He has about 100 vials of cells from each batch already banked and ready to ship to researchers around the country.

The numbers mark a big change from the Bush administration’s limited taxpayer-funded research to about 21 stem cell lines, though scientists say newer batches were created in ways that made them far better candidates for successful research. Indeed, only one of the Bush-era stem cell lines is among the 96 now under consideration.

Wednesday’s announce- ment means that researchers who were awarded $21 million in stem cell research grants earlier this year can start using the approved lines immediately, projects that include work to one day repair damaged heart tissue and grow new brain cells.

Millions more in stem cell money is due out later this winter, funds from the eco- nomic stimulus package.

Embryonic stem cells can morph into any cell of the body, and scientists hope to harness them so they can create replacement tissue to treat, possibly even cure, a variety of diseases, from diabetes to Parkinson’s to spinal cord injury.

Culling those cells destroys a 9-month-old embryo, something many strongly oppose on moral grounds. But once created, the cells can propagate indefinitely in lab dishes.

Federal law forbids using taxpayer money to create or destroy an embryo. All the stem cell lines involved in Wednesday’s announce- ment were created from fertility clinic leftovers — embryos that otherwise would have been thrown away — using private money. NIH is reviewing the rest to see if they also meet ethics requirements for use in taxpayer-funded health research. Among the requirements: That the woman or couple who donated the original embryo did so voluntarily and were told of other options, such as donating to another infertile woman.

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Housing
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Woodman said about 360 students are returning from studying abroad to live on campus next semester and about 450 students are leaving campus to study abroad, graduate early or live off-campus. “Normally students want to live in the community where they lived before. We want to keep that sense of community,” he said. “But sometimes it’s just a question of how many people are leaving and how many people are returning in a certain hall.”

For the most part, ORHL leaves placement of students in certain halls and with certain roommates up to rectors, Woodman said. Generally, students work out an arrangement with their rector and friends before leaving to study abroad.

“Rectors are good brokers of others’ spots,” he said. “Rectors don’t make an arrangement with a rector or friend submit a form through ORHL and are assigned to a hall that has space, but students can indicate preferences.”

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But several months later, Ramos heard that there was space in Badin Hall and jumped on the chance to live there with a friend who is also abroad this semester. “I don’t know anyone in Badin and I would rather live where all my friends are living,” she said. “But I will have the chance to meet some new people.”

Benson said she also contacted several different rectors last spring along with two friends also studying abroad this fall to find somewhere to live on campus for the spring semester. “Some of my friends were going abroad in the spring and told me a triple might be available in Badin for us so we emailed the rector,” she said. “It seems like it’s much easier for people studying abroad in the spring because they do rooms picks like usual.”

For students who didn’t arrange to live in a certain hall, the housing will be posted after finals at the end of the semester. Woodman said. But with 360 students returning and 450 leaving, Woodman said he is confident that everyone who wants to live on campus will be able to do so. “We are about 90 in the green this year,” he said.

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Senate
Senate reviews student government’s progress

by Sarah Mervosh
News Writer

Student Senate evaluated student government’s progress this past semester and discussed suggestions for improvement for the remainder of the year at its meeting Wednesday.

“We’re where we should be right now. All of our initiatives are in progress. They are making progress,” student body vice president Cynthia Weber said.

Weber said this year’s administration strived to pay attention to smaller details about student life and make time to address them.

“The little things matter, and having times during our regular meetings to talk about the little things,” she said. “To follow up on those things or to use our existing relationships to get that stuff accomplished.”

Student body president Grant Schmidt said, “If you ask what is the function of student government, it’s to respond to the issues of the voice of the student body. I don’t think there has been an issue on campus that we haven’t discussed in Senate or that we haven’t discussed in your committee,” he said. “Whether it’s the little things such as the light between Siegfried and Knott, or the big things such as Trumps.”

Weber also said this administration worked to become a focus group to represent the student body. Student government should have an idea of the student body’s opinions and then form an educational, academic opinion on University issues.

“When something happens on campus, something like the Commencement decision last semester or the change in the economics department,” Weber said. “The idea that student government is educated on it and that we have a pulse of what student opinion is and that we have an educated opinion about it.”

Weber said another goal of this administration was to increase the collaboration between student government and local South Bend leadership. Examples of this were community meetings to protect safe neighborhoods and the Trumps initiative, she said.

“The final goal of student government was to increase its social consciousness of its role in the country and the world, Weber said.

“As leaders of the student union, of the student body of Notre Dame, to encourage collaborative efforts to promote Notre Dame’s impact on the world, it was that’s exactly what the Global Water Initiative is designed to do this year, and the precedent that’s designed to go,” she said.

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In Brief

Kia Sorento adopts crossover design

LOS ANGELES — Kia reintroduced its Sorento from a sport utility vehicle to a compact crossover, but managed to do so without sacrificing interior space.

The new Sorento, which made its North American debut at the Los Angeles Auto Show on Wednesday, is about 3.5 inches longer and offers more cabin space than the previous SUV version. It also boasts retractable third-row seats that enable it to accommodate up to seven passengers.

The latest Sorento features a tabbed grille and wraparound headlamps, which gives it a sleeker look than its predecessors. Among its high-end options is a panoramic sunroof, rearview camera monitor and push-button ignition.

Powering the Sorento is either a 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine that will get up to 29 miles per gallon, or a slightly less fuel-efficient 3.5-liter V6.

“It means better fuel efficiency, better ride and handling and overall experience for the owner,” Michael Sprague, vice president of marketing for Kia Motors America.

The 2011 Sorento will be available Jan. 2 at a starting price below $20,000.

Wal-Mart to compensate workers

BOSTON — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has agreed to pay $40 million to 87,500 Massachusetts employees who claimed the retailer denied them rest and meals breaks, manipulated time cards and refused to pay overtime.

The settlement, believed to be one of the largest of its kind in the state — seeks to resolve a class-action lawsuit filed in 2001.

An affidavit filed Wednesday by plaintiffs' attorney Philip Gordon says people who worked for Wal-Mart between 1995 and this year received payments of between $400 and $2,500, depending upon their years of service.

The settlement needs approval from the Middlesex Superior Court.

A Wal-Mart spokesperson said resolving cases of this kind serves the company's best interests.

In September, Wal-Mart agreed to pay $3 million to settle complaints that it didn't its Massachusetts workers proper meal breaks.

Livestock company to lose organic certification

LINCOLN, Neb. — Promiseland Livestock will lose its organic certification for four years unless it appeals a ruling issued last month because the company kept inadequate records and refused to let USDA inspectors review the records it did have.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture filed a formal complaint against Promiseland in June and in August accused it of a number of violations of organic standards, including using non- organic feed and storing conventional grain as organic.

A judge ruled Nov. 25 that the live- stock company had violated USDA rules by refusing to provide records to inspectors when they visited Promiseland’s facilities in Nebraska and Missouri. But the judge did not rule directly on whether Promiseland’s practices violated organic standards.

The Promiseland problems were uncovered as part of an investigation of milk producer Aurora Organic Dairy of Boulder, Colo., because Aurora had bought more than 12,000 cattle from Promiseland.

No one answered the phone at Promiseland’s Bassett, Neb., headquarters Wednesday. A USDA spokesman declined to comment on the Promiseland case Wednesday. The Cornucopia Institute, a Wisconsin-based watchdog group, has filed several complaints against large-scale dairies that have promot- ed their milk as organic, including Aurora. Market Kastel, Cornucopia’s co-director, said he’s glad that Promiseland will likely lose its organ- ic certification, and that the USDA under President Barack Obama appears to be more aggressive in its response to complaints about companies not following the organic rules.

“The good news for consumers is that the system worked,” he said. “The bad news is that it took several years for it to happen.”

Kastel said Promiseland made it harder for small organic dairy farm- ers to compete because it wasn’t fol- lowing organic standards in its oper- ation, so Promiseland had lower costs.

Comcast deal to be reviewed

WASHINGTON Comcast Corp. will likely have to accept substantially different conditions if the cable TV provider wants to win reg- ulatory approval for control- of NBC Universal’s broadcast network, cable channels and movie stud- ios.

Although federal regula- tors probably won’t block a deal outright on anticom- petitive grounds, they could prohibit Comcast, for instance, from denying rival subscription TV ser- vices such as DirecTV access to NBC channels and other popular pro- gramming.

Under a deal expected to be announced Thursday, Comcast would control the Peacock network and about two dozen cable channels such as Bravo, CNBC and SyFy along with the cable lines to roughly a quarter of all U.S. house- holds that pay for TV.

The regulatory review remains the biggest ques- tion mark now that all the corporate pieces appear to be in place. Vivendi SA is expected to sell General Electric Co. the portion of NBC Universal it doesn’t already own. GE, in turn, would sell a 51 percent stake in the entire unit to Comcast.

A review by the Federal Com- munications Commission and either the Justice Department or the Federal Trade Commission could take a year or longer.

The deal is bound to face substantial scrutiny because the two companies are in two different busi- nesses with little overlap, Concept Capital analyst Paul Gallant said.

But federal regulators will have to sort out the implications of allowing a company that already pro- vides cable and Internet connections to so many Americans to take control of a vast media empire, too.

NBC Universal owns the NBC and Telemundo broadcast networks; 16 local TV stations, an array of popular cable channels, including CNBC, Bravo and Oxygen; the Universal Pictures movie studio and theme parks, and a stake in Hulu, which distributes free television program- ming online.

Comcast, meanwhile, has 23.8 million cable TV cus- tomers, 15.7 million high- speed Internet subscribers and 2.4 million customers for its phone service. The company also owns some cable channels already, including E! Entertainment and the Golf Channel, and a controlling interest in the Philadelphia 76ers and Flyers.

The biggest concern fac- ing regulators centers on what happens when one company owns both distri- bution platforms and con- tent, said Stifel Nicolaus analyst Rebecca Arbogast.

Before approving America Online Inc.'s pur- chase of Time Warner Inc. in 2001, regulators required Time Warner to offer online services other than just AOL on its high- speed cable Internet net- work.

In clearing News Corp.'s 2003 acquisition of satellite provider DirecTV, regula- tors prohibited the com- bined company from dis- criminating against com- peting subscription TV ser- vices and channels it didn’t own.

A key challenge in these types of deals, Arbogast explained, is ensuring that rivals in the subscription TV market can still get access to popular pro- gramming owned by the merged company.
Prof’s book examines history of sin

G.K. Chesterton famously described original sin as the “only part of Christian theology which can really be proved.” Not everyone agrees with Chesterton, but a new study of evidence in support of his assertion is certainly compelling.

Familiarity with the effects of sin, overuse and abuse of the term and the exhaustion of religious vocabulary seem to have dulled the culture’s appreciation for this intrinsic element of human life and striving.

Notre Dame theologian Gary Anderson’s book, “Sin: A History,” recently published by Yale University Press, examines how understandings and descriptions of sin have changed over two millennia of biblical tradition, from the metaphors of physical burden, such as a scapegoat might ritually carry away, to the incurrence of those grave debts which followers of Jesus ask his Father to forgo.

“We ask Jesus to forgive our debts because we can’t do it ourselves. But if Jesus asks his Father to forgive us, who can really forgive us?” said Gary Anderson, professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Notre Dame, argues that such metaphors have more than mere religious significance.

“When Jesus teaches his disciples to pray for the forgiveness of their debts he gives witness to one of the most revolutionary moments in religious thought,” Anderson said.

As the Christmas season approaches, Anderson says, “it’s a good time to reflect on sin and celebrate the gift of Jesus’s forgiveness because it’s a good reminder to always be looking toward the end.”


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Intercessors of the Lamb Conference - December 5-6, 2009

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me”

Mckenna Hall

Father John Paul Joyce, a priest of the Intercessors of the Lamb Community and a gifted preacher and teacher will share the charism of Spirit-led intercession. Fr. John Paul brings to life the words of the Gospel with an intensity that ignites hearts. If you want to deepen your prayer life and explore the charism of communal intercession, join us!

Fr John Paul’s community, the Intercessors of the Lamb, is a Catholic religious community founded by Mother Nadine Brown. The community intercedes on behalf of others. Members of the lay families, whose charism is communal intercession (prayer for others), and whose spirituality is contemplative, Marian and charismatic. Mother Nadine’s teachings are used for formation by Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity worldwide.

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Fears of Great Lake giant carp increase

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Fears that giant, voracious species of carp from Asian waters will wash up across Illinois before being put overland via truck or train to the Mississippi just north of St. Louis.

Environmentalists and fishermen fear that Asian carp may have breached the electrical barrier that stops them, said closing back from the lakes.

The environmental groups went further than the governor and said the Great Lakes and Mississippi are isolated by locks for perpetually separated to avoid "ecological disaster.

Col. Vincent Quaresme, commandant of the Elmhurst, Ill.-based Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council, said "This is an immediate threat to the Great Lakes, to our economy, to sport and commercial fishing industry.

The ultimate — which can grow to 4 feet long and 100 pounds and are known for leaping out of the water to catch small fish — are ideal because there are too many jobs would probably not take place.

Environmentalists fear that the fish, which consume up to 40 pounds of food a day, are the weight daily in plankton, could starve out smaller and less weight daily in plankton, could also said the government intends to plead not guilty.

The issue "takes on a whole new urgency because of the Asian carp emergency," said Bruce Goldberger, director of the University of Florida. "They're trying to rule her in or rule her out as a contributior to that DNA.

Dr. John Howard, presi- dient of the National Association of Medical Examiners, cautioned against drawing conclusions about the move. He said investigators might want to make more arrests in Clark's apartment.

Awards have been spent trying to control the zebra mussel and as such it requires some great lengths to conceal evidence.

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I don’t mean to sound bitter, but this happens every year. For my entire four-week span, I am largely … ignored. I am, please recall, an entire season. I’m four whole weeks long — some years, nearly five, more than half the length of Lent and with no fasting or abstinence required. I have my own colors — two of them, in fact — and my own music. I get some of the best readings in the entire Bible. By the time I pass the torch to the 12 Days of Christmas, I’ve been short enough that I haven’t worn out my welcome but long enough that you could really sink your teeth into me. If you were paying attention, that is.

But no. By about Halloween — earlier if you frequent the big box craft stores full of plastic poinsettias and more Christmas craft projects than you could count — the whole country is already breaking the speed limit trying to get to Christmas. A consumer’s Christmas. Thanksgiving only gets any notice because the food is so good people can eat their way into fourteen pounds in one day. For now, I want to start small. It’s me, Advent. Only Advent, before which Christmas cannot come: “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.”

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Whether you’ve already friended me, so you know what the world is missing when it blows right by me to get to Christmas. Go tell a few people. Invite them to an Advent prayer or reconciliation. Put some Advent music on your iPod (there’s actually a lot of it, you know). Go to Mass more often or read the daily readings of the Church (http://www.usccb.org/nab/). It just doesn’t get any better than the selections from Isaiah chosen for almost every day of Advent.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please don’t waste food

Everyday, especially in the morning, the Huddle Mart, Reckers, Irish Ink and many other shops on the University of Notre Dame’s campus throw away large amounts of food that have gone bad. Vegetable salads, donuts, yogurts, etc. are just thrown into the trash can. Why does this happen all the time? The managers say this is a very common phenomenon. However, I don’t consider this “common.” Everyday, millions of people in our world are suffering from and dying of starvation, and we are just throwing away food and considering it “common.”

Wasting food is a sin. It is a sin that none of us should allow. When you pray, when you give thanks you should put your gratitude into real use. We college students should not just let such things happen around us. When you are studying at LaFortune, at Reckers or at Irish Ink, have you ever been aware of the huge amount of wasted food every day? Food is precious as shown by a very famous Chinese poem that every 5-year-old child knows. The poem is precious as shown by a very famous Chinese poem that every 5-year-old child knows. The poem was written by one of the greatest poets of all time, Bai Li. It says, “Farmers weeding at noon, Sweat down the field soon. Who knows food on a tray, Thanks to their toiling day?”

These shops on campus can simply give away expired food at the end of the day. Those shops can give food to homeless people in the neighborhood or hungry students. The shops are not losing anything, for they can’t sell the leftover food. If they don’t give food away for free, they are still going to throw it away in the morning. While we thank God with gratitude for the food He gives us, we are wasting it everyday on Notre Dame’s campus. But giving food to people puts food to good use. This is what we should do. This is our responsibility.

This is very simple. Just put expired food on the counter and label it “free.” People who want it will take it. However, some people might argue “then everyone will come and get it for free.” Yes, this might happen. But this does not change the amount of food being sold. Those managers are just worrying about that people will not buy food anymore, and more food will be leftover at last given away. In fact, people would rather buy salads for lunch around noon or buy donuts for breakfast in the morning. The amount of leftover food would not change because people are more willing to buy it during the day rather than have to wait until late at night to get it for free. This is just another way of dealing with leftover food. Nothing else will change. So why not just do everyone a favor?

Losing the meaning of a contract

My godfather was a dean at Notre Dame and a member of the University’s athletic council for over 40 years. I have had the fun of hearing many behind the scenes stories of Notre Dame football etc. The most common themes were about Notre Dame “handshake” relationship with coaches and that Notre Dame athletes were students first. To that end Coach Weis has exceeded all former standards with the team cumulative average at 3.0. We have not won as many games as we and Coach Weis would like but he is a Dumer and true to his roots with the standards of excellence he has set for the young men he teaches every afternoon in the fall.

It seems tragic that we cannot find the standards of excellence as a group of alumni and expect the University to honor its contract to Coach Weis.

Not honoring this contract reflects very poorly on us and Notre Dame. It shows that we do not live by the standards we expect of the world in which we live.

Let us as the Notre Dame family honor our word and honor our contract to the coach. That contract and its extension was what we wanted. We got it.

Let’s be real Domers and keep our word.

Regardless of the final decision, I will honor and respect my Alma Mater, but believe we will all be weakened by Notre Dame not honoring the contract it wanted.

Thank you Weis

I just want to offer you my thanks for your five years of work as our football coach. Although the atmosphere around campus hasn’t always been the kindest towards you, I, among others hopefully, appreciate the time you’ve given to this program. Thank you for having the courage to take a job that had a lot of baggage and was the center of some of the most difficult scrutiny in all of college athletics. And what made it worth it for you was not the paycheck, the perks, or the benefits. Rather, it was your love for Notre Dame and the love for the game of football. Although the University has decided to move on, there are those here at Notre Dame who would like to thank you for rising to the challenge, and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Daniel Quinlan
St. Edwards Hall
Nov. 30

So-called discounts

Imagine my surprise when I checked my email the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break to see that the Bookstore was holding student appreciation days. I thought my chance had finally come to receive a discount on namesake merchandise at the bookstore. Alas, my dreams were dashed after reading the fine print at the bottom only to learn that this phenomenal deal does not include books. To quote a friend, “The Bookstore practices amount to nothing less than a usury” and to add to that, the Bookstore might as well be located in the seventh circle of hell. Side note: Bookstore price for Dante’s “Inferno:” $13, amazon.com price: $8.57.

The outrageous prices the Bookstore charges are an enormous burden to all students and the amount of money printed in the Bookstore is shameful. If the Bookstore really appreciated students it would offer discounts on things they actually needed like books, calculators and computer hardware, software, and supplies (all of which are not items available for a discount). Sure it’s great to give me a discount on my Christmas shopping, but give me a break. The “discounts” at the Bookstore will hardly cut into the absurd profit margins the Bookstore makes and prices will still be higher than what a reasonable person would expect to pay. Don’t slap me in the face with student appreciation that in no way shows appreciation for students by giving them deals on items they actually need.

Christopher Marquad
Senior
off campus
Nov. 24

Come on Notre Dame

I just wanted to point out the irony I felt when I received a letter from Fr. Jenkins asking for money to continue the “great work of the University” on the same day he threw away $18 million .

Molly Rivard
Junior
Class of 2008
Dec. 1

Entertain us please.

Submit a Letter to the Editor at www.ndsunobserver.com
"What about Canada / It's paradise with pines and ice / Morning comes in freight ships while you're sleeping / Battling two ideas with no surprise."

"Nowhere Lullaby" is more of a slow dreamy piece with a steady soft guitar melody and soothing vocals with insightful lyrics. "Another nowhere lullaby" / You can rest or you can try / And this waste it shines in every way," and "Good Ol' Boredom" has Martsch cueing up the multiple-layered guitar, especially towards the end.

"Life's a Dream" is more of a soft harmonious piece with endearing "oo-ha-la" backup vocals, horns during the bridge, and quieter but still catchy guitar hooks. The lyrics give the impression that the speaker is content with defeat. "Finally decided, and by decide I mean accept / I won't need all those other chances I won't get."

The next track, "Oh Yeah," starts out with a somewhat slow, eerie guitar and transitions into low heavy vocals, which are similar to that of a Pink Floyd ballad. The questioning lyrics add a more philosophical element to the piece. "And if God / Does exist / I am sure He / Will forgive / Me for doubting Him / For He'd see / How unlikely He / Made Himself seem."

"Pat" begins with fast-paced rockin' guitar riffs and even faster-paced seemingly desperate lead vocals, but the guitar solo in the middle is very well-executed. The lyrics channel the same blistering sense of desperate urgency with, "Nothing's worse than never / Falling in a dream's where / We can see together." In contrast, "Done" is a typically laid back slow-paced ballad, with ambling guitar melodies and drawn out vocals, with the lyrics, "It's forgiven it's for you / All the problems will come true / Said it once I'll say it once again / It's all forgotten."

Altogether, the album is a creative effort on Martsch's part, back up to par with the Boise band's albums of the 90s. With the emotional level added to the intriguing lyrics and instrumentation, "There Is No Enemy" leaves the audience with better expectations for albums to come.

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There Is No Enemy
Warning Bros. Records Inc.

Recommended Tracks: "Hindsight," "Nowhere Lullaby," "Done," "Oh Yeah," "Pat"
“No Country for Old Men” is to Christianity what “A Serious Man” is to Judaism and Hashem. The two are perfectly complementary, yet so different in style and tone. Nonetheless, “A Serious Man” has a distinct, culturally specific feel. Perhaps a reminiscent piece where the audience is asked to look at the film in a slightly different light.

**Taking Woodstock**

Friday: 7:30 p.m. @ DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Director: Josh and Peter Sh ra

Starting: Paul Rudd, Emily Deschanel, Noah Wolk

This most recent film from director Ang Lee (“Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” and “Brokeback Mountain”) tracks the world changing events of Woodstock and their effect on one young man, Elliot Tiber. Working as an interior designer in Greenwich Village, Elliot is forced to return home to Bethel, New York, in order to help his parents and their failing motel. He soon discovers that a neighboring town has plans to host a music festival, and in hopes of drumming up business for the motel, gets involved. “Taking Woodstock” will also be playing on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets are $3.

**Bright Star** 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. @ DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

John Keats is one of the most famous, admired and beloved poets of all time, and in this exciting new movie from director Jane Campion, we are given a glimpse into the trag ic yet passionate life of such a talent ed and inspired man. The movie, “Bright Star,” chronicles the intense but brief love affair between Keats and the girl next door, Fanny Brawne. Their romance is forced to bloom in secret, as the two are an unlikely match. Yet with each poetry lesson, Keats and Fanny fall deeper in love. “Bright Star” will be showing on Saturday again at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students.

**Joshua Radin Concert** 10 p.m. @ Legends

Joshua Radin has become a fixture on the singer/songwriter scene with his music featured on such shows as “Grey’s Anatomy,” “Scrubs” and “American Idol.” Originally educated in the fine arts, Radin pursued a music career at the request of friends and fans. He released his first album, “We Were Here,” in 2006 to much acclaim. It was followed up by “Simple Times” in 2008. Radin has collaborated with several well known artists including Ingrid Michaelson and Imogen Heap. Influenced by the Beatles, Paul Simon and Bob Dylan, Radin has a soothing, smoky element to his voice. Radin will appear at Legends on Saturday night.

**University Band Holiday Concert** 7:30 p.m. @ DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

It’s time to get in the holiday spirit and see what better way than holiday music? Join the University Band in celebrating the holidays this Sunday evening with their annual winter concert. Consisting of both Notre Dame students and South Bend residents, the University Band is a wonderful bridge between our campus and the greater South Bend community. The band is sure to play many Christmas favorites. This is a ticketed, though free, event so call the DPAC ticket office to reserve tickets.

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**A Serious Man**

By SHANE STEINBERG

Scene Writer

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**NFL**

League concussion policies made more stringent

Players will no longer be allowed to return to a game or a practice in which they suffer a head injury if symptoms are present.

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**Associated Press**

NFL teams now have new, stricter instructions for when players should be allowed to return to games or practices after head injuries, guidelines that go into effect this week.

In the latest step by the league to address a hot-button issue, commissioner Roger Goodell sent a memo to the 32 clubs Wednesday saying a player who gets a concussion should not return to action on the same day if he shows certain signs or symptoms.

Those include an inability to remember assignments or plays, a gap in memory, persistent dizzi-ness, and persistent headaches.

The old standard, established in 2007, said a player should not be allowed to return to the same game if he lost consciousness.

Wednesday’s memo also says players “are to be encouraged to be candid with team medical staffs and fully disclose any signs or symptoms that may be associated with a concussion.”

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The league said its concussion committee, team doctors, outside medical experts and the NFL Players Association developed the new standards.

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He added that the NFLPA will continue to examine these issues independently to recommend the best possible policies and proce-dures.

The new policy states, in part, “once removed for the duration of a practice or game, the player should not be considered for return-to-football activities until he is fully asymptotic, both at rest and after exertion, has a normal neurological examination, normal neuropsychological testing, and has been cleared to return by both his team physician(s) and the independent neurological consult-ant.”

Teams were told this month they have to find an outside neu-rologist who can be consulted on concussions, and NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Wednesday all of those independent doctors have been approved and are in place.

Since last month’s congressional hearing on NFL head injuries, momentum has been building for changes in league policy. The revised return-to-play rules come about a week after Goodell sent a memo to clubs informing them that the two co-chairmen of the league’s concussions committee had resigned and that he has been looking into possible rule changes.

On Wednesday, Cleveland Browns running back Jamal Lewis was put on injured reserve with post-concussion symptoms, ending his NFL career. Lewis had previ-ously said he would retire at the end of the season. His teammate, starting cornerback Brodney Pool, also went on IR after getting at least his fourth known concussion last weekend.

They were among 11 players listed on Wednesday’s league-wide injury report with concussions. Another eight were listed with head injuries.

The two starting quarterbacks from last season’s Super Bowl — Pittsburgh’s Ben Roethlisberger and Arizona’s Kurt Warner — sat out last Sunday after saying dur-ing the week they planned to play despite getting head injuries the previous week.

“The evidence demonstrates that team medical staffs have been addressing concussions in an increasingly cautious and conser-vative way,” Goodell wrote in Wednesday’s memo. “This new return-to-play statement rein-forces our commitment to advanc-ing player safety. Along with improved equipment, better edu-ca-tion, and rules changes designed to reduce impacts to the head, it will make our game safer for the men who play it, and set an important example for players at all levels of play.”

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**NCAA Football**

Clemson’s C.J. Spiller named ACC Player of the Year

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. Multi-talented C.J. Spiller has run away with two awards from the Atlantic Coast Conference. He’s looking for a third.

The Clemson all-purpose threat was named Wednesday as the league’s top player fol-lowing the vote of 40 members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association. The senior was also chosen the ACC’s top offensive player.

In player of the year voting, Spiller received 29 votes to outdistance Georgia Tech quarterback Josh Nesbitt, who had eight. Virginia Tech running back Ryan Williams, the league’s rookie of the year, had two votes and Yellow Jackets defensive end Derrick Morgan had one.

When Spiller received a text message with news of the award Wednesday, he said he was stunned and emotionally remember-ing all he’d gone through this year at Clemson.

“I am happy to be named that, but my main reason coming back was to win this conference,” Spiller said after practice.

The 25th-ranked Tigers take on No. 12 Georgia Tech in the ACC championship game Saturday night.

Separate ballots were cast for the offensive, defensive and overall player of the year awards. Spiller had 24 votes in offensive player of the year voting to Nesbitt’s 10. Morgan was the top defensive player with 21 votes in that category.

And North Carolina defensive end Robert Quinn and Clemson safety DeAndre McDaniel had seven votes apiece.

Spiller was the nation’s only player this season to account for touchdowns in five different ways — rushing, passing, receiving, and on kick and punt returns — and had passing, rushing and receiving TDs in one game, a victory against North Carolina State.

He returned four kickoffs and a punt for scores this year and has eight total returns for TDs during his career.

He scored at least once in every game this season while leading Clemson to the Atlantic Division title and its spot in the league title game.

Spiller led the ACC with an average of nearly 184 all-pur-pose yards and was the league’s fourth-leading rush-er, averaging 76 yards a game.

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said Spiller would have his way if he retired next fall. Swinney hopes his star backfield isn’t through col-lecting awards.

He is the Heisman (Trophy) to me,” the coach said.

Spiller is the seventh Tiger to be named player of the year and the first since Michael Dean Perry in 1987.

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Allen Iverson leaves retirement for 76ers

 Associated Press

 PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson’s first stint with the Philadelphia 76ers ended with the team yanking his nameplate off his locker and editing him out of video highlights before he was even traded.

 The Sixers might want to find him a new locker and cue up some clips. Philly fans, pull out that No. 3 jersey from the closet. A.I. is a Sixer again.

 In a move that appeared farfetched after their acrimonious split in 2006, the 76ers reunited with the briefly retired Iverson on Wednesday in a move designed to spark sagging attendance and fill in for the injured Lou Williams.

 "I told him I would like for him to start, and that’s where it sort of ended," Jordan said. "And he was really like a kid at Christmas."

 "He’s like a rock star," team president Ed Stefanski said.

 "And he’s back for his encore."

 He antagonized his coach- es and opponents his first time around. Perhaps hum- bled, he signed after being reduced to a bench player in Denver and Memphis and forced to accept the veteran’s minimum salary to return to his NBA roots.

 "If there’s going to be a chance for him to do it and make it work, there’s no doubt in my mind Philadelphia is the best spot for him to try and do it," Stefanski said.

 Stefanski took a low risk financially to sign Iverson, but possibly derailed the long-term improvement of a slumping team trying to build around a core of young play- ers.

 Bucks True Hoops, who started at point guard for Williams, heads to the bench, and Jordan’s Princeton offense could hit the scrap heap.

 The Iverson-to-Phillies talks were underway once Williams was lost for eight weeks with a broken jaw. Stefanski said he never would have considered a second act for Iverson had it not been for the injury.

 Iverson’s reps asked Stefanski about a possible comeback last week, Iverson’s agent and business man- ager met with Stefanski and Jordan on Monday to jump- start contract talks.

 In Brief

 Woods apologizes for unnamed transgressions

 THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Tiger Woods said he let his family down with "transgressions" he regrets "with all of my heart," and that he will deal with his personal life behind closed doors. His statement Wednesday fol- lows a cover story in Us Weekly maga- zine that reports a Los Angeles cock- tail waitress claims she had a 31-month affair with the world’s No. 1 golfer.

 "I have not been true to my values and the behavior my family deserves," Woods said on his Web site. "I am not without faults and I am far short of perfect. I am dealing with my behavior and personal failings behind closed doors with my family. Those feelings should be shared by us alone."

 Woods did not offer details of any alleged relationship.

 "I have let my family down and I regret those transgressions with all of my heart," he said.

 Hines Ward apololyzes to distraction

 PITTSBURGH — Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward extended his apology to quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to all of his team- mates, saying he didn’t mean to create an unnecessary distraction.

 "I’m here to apologize to the Steelers’ 26-17 loss to Baltimore the night before. Ward said he wasn’t aware a team doctor advised Roethlisberger not to play because of lingering headaches resulting from a concus- sion. During a team meeting Wednesday, Ward apologized to the rest of the Steelers for his ill-chosen remarks made when he first learned the quarterback wouldn’t play. Roethlisberger says the two talked and put the misunderstanding behind them.

 Braves upgrade pitching by signing closer

 ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves took another major step toward solid- ifying their pitching staff for next sea- son, agreeing Wednesday to a $7 mil- lion, one-year contract with closer Billy Wagner.

 "Next up the offense. "The bullpen is one of the areas we needed to upgrade to get where we want to go," Braves general manager Frank Wren said during a news confer- ence at Turner Field. "Billy was at the top of our list. The first day of free agency, we gave him a call."

 The six-time All-Star gets $7.65 mil- lion in 2010, and his deal includes a $6.5 million club option for 2011 with a $250,000 buyout. The option would become guaranteed if he finishes 50 games next season.

 The signing of Wagner to replace last year’s co-closers, Rafael Soriano and Mike Gonzalez, was Atlanta’s second big move of an already busy offseason.
TCU's Patterson agrees to contract

No. 4 Horned Frogs will likely compete in BCS bowl game after undefeated season

FORT WORTH, Texas — Gary Patterson has always felt he has a better chance of competing for a national championship at TCU than at some other places with automatic BCS access.

With his No. 4 Horned Frogs set to play in a Bowl Championship Series game — and perhaps a national title, depending on this weekend's games — it might be hard to argue with him. And with his name being mentioned for the Notre Dame job, Patterson agreed Wednesday to a new contract intended to keep him at TCU through 2016.

"Like all of us, you always like to prove people wrong. A lot of people thought that TCU, because where we started 12 years ago, we couldn't do this," Patterson said. "We've achieved something that all those other people talk about because they're part of a conference and yes, they have the access right now, a little bit quicker than we do. ... We've now jumped over a hurdle being able to get to a BCS game."

Patterson has led TCU to five 11-win seasons the past seven years. TCU just completed its first undefeated regular season since 1938, when it won its only AP national championship.

"Like I've said many times, I don't think people understand what kind of place TCU and Fort Worth is," Patterson said. "This was my first head coaching job, but it also, now going into 12 years, it's my home."

TCU (12-0, 8-0 Mountain West) will find out Sunday which of the big-money BCS games it will play in. The Frogs are fourth in the BCS standings, the highest ever this late in the season for a team from a conference without an automatic bid.

"We don't feel like our work is done," Patterson said. "We feel like we have a mountain to climb, a championship to win."

There is still a chance the Frogs could be the first BCS buster to play for the national championship if No. 3 Texas loses to Nebraska in the Big 12 championship game Saturday night and they stay ahead of Cincinnati in the final BCS standings. The other spot will be filled by No. 1 Florida or No. 2 Alabama, who face off in the SEC championship game.

Patterson has an 85-27 record in his ninth season at TCU. His contract had been through 2014, and the revised deal includes pay raises he and his assistant coaches. The private university doesn't release financial details.

Patterson, 49, came to TCU as a defensive coordinator with coach Dennis Franchione after the 1997 season, when the Frogs were coming off a 1-10 season. He was promoted when Franchione left three years later for Alabama, though the school did a national search before making that move.

"We had a vision, as you can see on that pyramid," Patterson said, referring to the pyramid of goals in the team's meeting room. "That pyramid has not changed since we started, of reaching a BCS bowl, going to a national championship and doing a lot of things. And a lot of people laughed and a lot of people shook their heads and they were just saying, well, that's nice."

TCU wrapped up the regular season and outright Mountain West title with a 51-10 victory over New Mexico on Saturday. It was the Frogs' seventh consecutive victory by at least 27 points, a stretch that included BYU and Utah, last year's BCS buster.

The Frogs have a 14-game winning streak, matching the seven decade-old school record set in 1938 when Heisman Trophy winner Davey O'Brien was their quarterback.

Chris Del Conte, who took over as TCU's athletic director only six weeks ago, said he had not been contacted by Notre Dame or any other schools about talking to Patterson.

"We weren't going to wait until the fight came to us," Del Conte said. "I wanted to make sure they knew we wanted to keep them. That's why we acted swiftly and quickly."

Patterson was named this week as the Mountain West coach of the year, and TCU swept all the individual awards as well. Quarterback Andy Dalton was named the league's offensive player of the year, standout end Jerry Hughes got the defensive award and returner Jeremy Kerley was recognized for special teams.

It is the second year in a row that Patterson has gotten his contract extended. It was pushed to 2014 after last season, weeks after strong speculation that Kansas State was interested in hiring Patterson to lead his alma mater.

"As a famous coach once told me, just understand the grass is always green, but there's no great job. Every place has its problems," Patterson said. "I'm just really excited about getting an opportunity to know where I'm at, and what we've been able to do. Obviously, our system works here."

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CONTAIN your germs by staying home if you are sick

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NEW YORK — Get ready for more postseason baseball games — and fewer off days.

Players would like to see the first round of playoffs expand to best-of-seven when their next labor contract starts in 2012, said Michael Weiner, the union's executive director, who announced his intention to resign Wednesday in his first news conference since replacing Donald Fehr as the union head.

"There is a lot of sentiment for a seven-game division series," Weiner said. "I think a properly constructed postseason schedule could accommodate three seven-game series but still have it extend over a shorter period of time than what happened this year."

The first round has been best-of-five since it began in 1995. Weiner hopes the length of the postseason can be shortened next year and was happy to hear commissioner Bud Selig say he will try to cut off days. Four extra days off were added in 2007 at the request of baseball's television broad-
**NHL**

**Luongo, Canucks overcome Devils**

Associated Press

Vancouver goalie makes 27 saves in win; Savard scores 200th goal in Bruins’ victory

NEWARK, N.J. — For one night, the Devils were the underdog, and they played like it.

A 3-0 lead just 7:42 into the game was quickly turned into a 7-2 loss.

``I didn’t see it because I was looking for our game slowly.’’

Claude Julien said. ``I think we’re finding our game slowly.’’

After a tentative opening five minutes, the tempo turned fast and furious with the Canucks playing the game they never lose when they have the lead.

``It marked the 70th time both of the Sedins recorded a point streak snapped. The image of a time when they were the worst start in NBA history. But somehow, some way, the Canucks did it. They got the second Canucks goal of the night by Daniel Sedin wide open in the boards, taking a drop pass from Christian Ehrhoff and stuffing the puck past Luongo.

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Ilgauskas sets Cavs’ record for games played

Nine Hawks record double-digits in victory over Raptors; Magic becomes NBA’s first 15 game winner

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — As 20,000 fans filled the arena with the droning sound of his nickname, Cavaliers center Zydrunas Ilgauskas choked back tears.

The big man, known simply as “Z,” finally had his moment.

“Since I was one of the coolest things I’ve experienced in my life,” he said.

Ilgauskas, who overcame severe foot injuries early in his career to become an All-Star center, led 14 points into a Cleveland team record for games played, and Shaquille O’Neal scored 12 as the Cavaliers dismantled Shaq’s former team with a 107-90 win over the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday night.

LeBron James just missed a triple-double as the Cavs hand ed the Suns their second straight lopsided loss.

Ilgauskas, forced to accept a backup role since acquiring O’Neal, became the team’s career leader with 724 games played — finally. He had been expected to surpass former teammate and general manager Danny Ferry on Saturday against Dallas, but was ruled out of the game by coach Mike Brown.

The Cleveland floppy-haired James, who called out Brown in support of his teammate, was not hobbled by his 1-3-10 from the floor.

“Obviously, I was very disappointed with the backup role last game,” he said. “I know I’m a good player. It made me more disciplined. I’m learning more about acts that followed and this whole mess that has been created. I’m not going to go into any details. I’m going to be a bigger man and walk away from this. I know from when I go to bed at night my conscience is clear.”

“I love this team. I love my teammates. I try to be like a family. I’m going to come every day to work and try my hardest to help us go to championship for this city because they deserve it. It has nothing to do with me.”

Brown, who said Tuesday that he wished he would have had Saturday’s game different ly, sidestepped the issue before the game.

The Associated Press

With Rashard Lewis suspended for 1-3-10 points on Tuesday night and fell to 0-4 in the second game of back-to-backs.

“Josh Smith had 16 points, including 12 in the opening period, and four blocks. Marvin Williams added 15 points. The Hawks led their lead by scoring 42 points in the second period, a season high for any period, for a 75-54 halftime lead. Atlanta kept on the pressure by adding 39 points in the third quarter.

Mike Bibby’s three 3-pointers early in the first four minutes of the third quarter left each of the Hawks’ starters in double figures.

Woodson left his starters on the bench most of the final quarter.

Magic 118, Knicks 104

With Rashard Lewis suspended for the first 10 games, the Orlando Magic were concerned that not having their All-Star forward could lead to a slow start.

That never happened. And now that he’s found his groove, Lewis is a big reason the Magic are the NBA’s first 15-game winner.

Lewis scored 17 of his 20 points in the third quarter, helping the Magic (15-4) pull away for an easy victory over the New York Knicks on Wednesday night.

His suspension for testing positive for an elevated testosterone level is behind him, and Lewis just counts as a better player.

“There is a number of things that we want to do to let people know that we are a good team,” he said.

Dwight Howard added 19 points, 10 rebounds, and 2 blocks, and Al Harrington added 20 points for the struggling Knicks, who have lost six of their last seven games. Reserve Nate Robinson didn’t play for the Knicks even after the guard scored 24 points — 22 in the fourth quarter — in a loss to the Magic last week in New York.

“We want to win, and if he’s not being to win, then he’ll obviously be back in the lineup,” Knicks coach Mike D’Antoni said. “If not, then not. I’m not going to explain everything. I did not play Darnell (Miller).”

No one asked me about that. Why didn’t I play Marcus (Landry) last game? We could go through the whole thing.

“I won’t sit here and explain it, and it’s something that we’re trying to build a winning group.”

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**Bruins sign Savard to 7-year extension**

Associated Press

BOSTON — Center Marc Savard passed on a chance to become a free agent next summer for an opportunity to finish his career with the Boston Bruins.

The team’s leading scorer each of the past three seasons signed a seven-year contract extension, beginning next season, worth slightly more than $28 million. The club announced the deal on Tuesday.

Savard said Wednesday the contract allows him to stay with a contending team in a city that loves sports.

“I think I stated earlier in some articles that I wanted to stay in Boston for the rest of my career and it looks like I’m going to have that chance,” Savard said at a news conference. “So I’m happy about that. Over the last few years I’ve watched this town grow back into a hockey town. And, hopefully, our team as a team and as a staff comes true, that we can bring a Stanley Cup back to Boston.”

The Bruins finished first in the Eastern Conference last season and won a playoff series for the first time in 10 years, sweeping the Montreal Canadiens in the first round and going on to sweep the Tampa Bay Lightning in the Eastern Conference finals.

Going into Wednesday night’s game against the New York Rangers, Savard had four goals and six assists in 11 games. He missed 15 games with a broken foot before returning. Last season, he led the Bruins with 25 goals and 63 assists.

Savard signed a four-year, $20 million contract as a free agent in the summer of 2006 after playing for the Atlanta Thrashers. He previously played for the New York Rangers and Calgary Flames.

None of those cities has had the success recent success among its pro sports franchises as the Boston area.

“With all the incredible sports teams they have here and the fans’ knowledge about all the events, it’s incredible,” Savard said. “Since day one, I look back at the playoffs and to see what could be really excites me, too, especially when we play the Canadiens in the playoffs and the way fans react. It’s something that we’d like to try to finish here.”

Savard came to Boston with the reputation as a playmaker but has become more than that with the Bruins.

“He’s competitive nature has always been there, but I see it maturing. I see it growing and it’s really consistent and compatible with the identity of the team,” Bruins general manager Peter Chiarelli said. “The face-offs and penalty killing, the shooting the puck more is another thing. I feel his game is rounding into a really solid, tremendous package with these other intangible things. And you’ve seen it year to year and it’s been impressive.”

**NFL**

**Kicker Elam released by Falcons**

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jason Elam figured he was down to his last miss.

He was right.

The Atlanta Falcons released the 17-year veteran on Tuesday, having finally run out of patience with a kicker who had been one of the NFL’s most accurate but struggled through a mystifying slump this season.

Elam was just 8 of 15 on field goal attempts from at least 30 yards, a success rate that was simply unacceptable — especially for a team contending in the NFC playoff race.

“To be honest with you, when I walked off the field after the last three games, I thought that was it,” Elam told The Associated Press when reached on his cell phone. “I’ve always been able to kick myself out of these things, but it just wasn’t happening for me. It was a bad November.”

It also was an unceremonious ending for a 39-year-old kicker who is tied for the longest field goal in NFL history, a 62-yarder.

This is not my dream ending, but I feel like it was a pretty good dream career,” he said. “I never anticipated it lasting this long. I wish it was different circumstances that I was going out. But I gave everything I’ve got. I can look myself in the mirror and feel good.”

The Falcons (6-5) insisted that one miss didn’t cost Elam his job. But the final straw came Sunday, when he was wide left on a 43-yarder with 6 1/2 minutes left in the fourth quarter that might have led to another Atlanta loss.

The Falcons rallied, throwing a fourth-down touchdown pass with 23 seconds remaining to pull out a 20-17 victory over the woeful Tampa Bay Buccaneers. But they couldn’t afford to cut the edge against a team not with vital games coming up against Philadelphia and unbeaten New Orleans.

“He just some, but unfortunately he missed some other kicks,” Falcons general manager Thomas Dimitroff told the AP. “We felt like we needed to make a move.”

Atlanta signed Matt Bryant, who has kicked with four NFL teams, most recently spending four seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He had been playing with Florida of the fledgling United Football League and was brought in for a tryout Tuesday, four days after his team lost in the inaugural UFL championship game.

“Matt came in and kicked very well at our indoor facility,” Dimitroff said. “He stroked it well, he had good pop and he showed some accuracy.”

Bryant has the third-longest field goal in NFL history, a 62-yarder in 2006, and he’s also endured personal tragedy: his 3-month-old son Matthew Tryson, died unexpectedly in 2008. One day after the funeral, Bryant returned to kicked the game-winner in Tampa Bay’s victory over the Green Bay Packers.

“You know he’s strong-willed, given what he’s gone through in his background,” Dimitroff said.

Elam wasn’t the only member of the field-goal unit to lose his job. Long snapper Bryan Pitman also was cut, replaced by Joe Zelenka.

While Elam said he’ll take a few days to decide on whether he wants to pursue a job with another team, he sure sounds as though he’s ready to call it a career.

“I just want to be remembered as a consistent kicker,” he said.
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really able to score inside, but I thought we could have gone inside [to them] a little bit more.’

The two teams exchanged leads three different times in the first half before the Irish’s 11-0 run gave them a 35-27 halftime advantage. However, Eastern Michigan didn’t flinch. The Eagles began the second half on an 11-1 run to take the lead.

“This was a game where, coming back from a three day turnout, I thought we were having our head, thinking about the paper that’s due and not getting enough rest,” McGraw said. “Overall I thought we just weren’t in a good place and it showed.”

The Irish finally retook the lead at 45-42 when freshman guard Skai Stovall converted a three pointer with 1:09 remaining and the team never looked back. Diggins had 14 points, 15 rebounds, and three steals, but was 0-for-4 from the three-point line.

“We weren’t there mentally,” McGraw said. “We were lucky to win the game.”

Tavelyn James led all scorers with 21 points on 8-of-21 shooting for the Eagles (5-2), who fell to 0-10 all-time against ranked opponents.

“I thought James played extremely well,” McGraw said. “We couldn’t catch her in transition. We didn’t run the floor with her and she was fantastic.”

The Eagles defense held the Irish to 25-of-62, or 40 percent, shooting from the floor and just 4-of-17 shooting from behind the arc.

“I thought their zone defense gave us problems,” McGraw said. “They slowed us down a little bit and we didn’t quite get the up-tempo points we usually get.”

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a 3-pointer from Sullivan and a series of layups by Murphy and senior forward Anna Kammrath but still trailed 42-29 at the break.

Saint Mary’s came back on the court hoping to close the gap, but the shots weren’t falling for the Belles as they tried free throws throughout the second period.

The Polar Bears went on a scoring drive at the start of the half, stretching their lead to 18 with 10 minutes remaining.

The Belles began shooting better, but weren’t able to find consistent success and Ohio Northern’s lead increased to 39-41. Each time the Bears had a scoring run, Ohio Northern would respond and pull away.

The Polar Bears outshot the Belles 52 percent to 32 percent from the floor, and out rebounded them 43-40. Each team had 26 turnovers, with the Belles scoring 23 points off of them and the Polar Bears 22.

Kammrath led Saint Mary’s in points with 13, and was tied for second in steals with three.

Junior guard Liz Wade had eight assists and three steals in the game.

Sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney chipped in 10 points and five rebounds, sophomore guard Maggie Mahoney put in 10 points and seven rebounds.

Up next for the Belles is the start of MIAA competition as they host conference foe Trine Saturday at 3 p.m.

**NCAA Football**

**Pitt ready for high-powered Bearcats**

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Cincinnati’s undefeated Bearcats generate offense like they’re playing a video game, scoring 41 or more points three times in their last five games. Their starting quarterback goes down, and the backup plays even better than the regular.

No. 14 Pittsburgh couldn’t help but being impressed while watching No. 5 Cincinnati put up 711 yards behind backup quarterback Zach Collaros during a 47-45 victory over Connecticut, a team the Panthers trailed by 15 points before rallying to beat.

“They’re throwing the ball all over the place,” Pitt defensive lineman Gus Mustakas said.

Throw it all over Heinz Field on Saturday, and the No. 5 Bearcats (11-0, 6-0 in Big East) will be trying to unleash their daring-to-stop-us offense in a BCS bowl.

Regardless, Pitt (9-2, 6-1) hasn’t spent the week trying to rig up some gimmick defense to slow quarterback Tony Pike or wide receiver Mardy Gilyard, the players most responsible for Cincinnati’s 28-21 win over Illinois on Saturday. Pike has thrown eight TD passes in his last two games, six against Illinois on Friday, but Pitt knows there’s only one way to effectively control him.

“Don’t let him get the ball very often.”

While the Bearcats don’t give up a lot in yards and points as quickly as they produce them, they yield a lot — 1.338 yards and 102 points in their last three games.

If the Panthers avoid turnovers, get a big day from freshman running back Dion Lewis (1,446 yards) and Bill Stull (19 TD passes, 6 interceptions) spreads the ball among his receivers, their best defense against Cincinnati might not be a good offense.

“Every time we go on the field, we know we can score on every possession,” coach Dave Wannstedt said. “That’s the way it’s drawn up. That’s how we practice. That’s what our kids believe.”

The Panthers played their poorest game of the season effectively while losing to rival West Virginia 19-16 on Friday, dropping them from No. 8 to No. 14 in the AP poll and making Saturday’s de facto Big East championship game less-attractive nationally. Two Top 10 teams in a season-ending game would have been a showcase for the conference.

To avoid a second successive loss that would likely send a team that was in the Top 10 two weeks ago to a lower-tier bowl — a major disappointment given their 9-1 start — the Panthers know they must get their offense back in a hurry. They trail only Cincinnati in total offense in the conference.

“If it comes to a shootout, we think we can hang with anybody,” tight end Nate Byham said.

Cincinnati, which is trying to complete the first 12-0 regular season in school history, leads the Big East in scoring (39.4), total offense (472.7 yards per game) and passing offense (322 yards). The Bearcats have allowed only nine sacks while scoring better than 28 points only once — a 24-21 victory over West Virginia.

“We definitely can match them because we’re not going to let them come in here and do what they want to do,” Pitt tight end Dorin Dickerson said.

“We’re going to run our offense and run our defense and play our game. We’re going to be the better team at the end of the day. That’s what we’re striving for, and that’s what we have to do this week.”

Wannstedt wasn’t happy with his team’s preparation for West Virginia, although he didn’t blame it on any premature thoughts about playing Cincinnati.

“If Pitt needs any further incentive beyond the obvious, here’s something to ponder: Nine wins for Pitt, rather than their first 10-win regular season since 1981, could mean the Papajoiches.com Bowl in Birmingham, Ala. or the International Bowl in Toronto rather than, possibly, the Sugar Bowl.

“Coach Wannstedt hit on it,” linebacker Adam Gunn said.

“Last year we were happy with nine wins, and we were excited to play in the Sun Bowl (a 3-0 loss to Oregon State). This year, we have nine wins, but we’re not happy at all.”
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Dealy and junior middle blocker Kellie Sciacca have both started 26 of the 27 matches this season and have played 93 and 91 total sets, respectively. The only match they did not start was the senior game against South Florida.
Dealy is currently second on the team with 3.30 kills per set and 93 total points. She is also tied for first in service aces with 23. Sciacca is second on the team with 90 total blocks.
Sophomore Stephanie French Silva and junior outside hitter Kristin Dealy have also seen significant playing time this season. Silva leads the team in defense with 3.42 digs per set and 308 total digs. Slatt, who specializes mostly in service, has 12 aces on the season.
Dealy said preparation this week has been different than it has been for regular season games.
“We talked about it on Tuesday and just made sure we’re all really focused. It’s a really fun atmosphere.”
The Irish (21-6) will take on Ohio (26-6) Friday in Ann Arbor, Mich., and the winner of that game will play the winner of No. 11-seed Michigan and Niagara Saturday.
The rest of the bracket includes No. 4-seed Stanford, Long Island, St. Mary’s (Calif.) and California-Santa Barbara. Notre Dame has lost its past two games, only its second losing streak all season. Before that, they had won 14 straight.
“I feel like with the last two losses, [the tournament] is a way to start fresh,” Dealy said.
She said that although the seniors have been to the NCAA’s before, they do not talk about it with the underclassman.
“We try not to talk too much about the past,” Dealy said. “But they’re just really excited and their energy feeds down to everybody.”
Dealy said that although the underclassmen are excited about their first tournament, the Irish will need to play the same way they have all season.
“It should be a challenge,” she said. “But I feel like if everybody connects like we should connect, like how we have been the whole season, we should be really successful.”
Kristin Dealy
Irish outside hitter

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they would vote on the issue Monday, and director of athletics Jack Swarbrick said the decision would be made later this week.
The team’s 6-6 records limits their bowl possibilities, essentially, to four: the Little Caesar’s Pizza Bowl in Detroit on Dec. 26, the EagleBank Bowl in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 29, the Humanitarian Bowl on the blue field in Boise, Idaho, on Dec. 30 or the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala. on Jan. 6. All four have unfulfilled conference obligations.
ESPN.com predicts the Irish to visit Mobile and so does cbssportsline.com.
Should the Irish go? Here are some effects to consider.

Pros:
◆ More money for the school.
◆ Always a good thing, even for a school that has struggled through the past.
◆ The locations and times of the bowls. Playing the day after Christmas isn’t ideal, and none of the locations are major upgrades from South Bend.

Cons:
◆ Notre Dame might get rocked. After Tyrone Willingham was fired in 2004, defensive coordinator Kent Baer took over as interim head coach for Notre Dame’s 38-21 Insight Bowl loss to Oregon State. The team has had trouble with teams it should beat and may want to avoid an embarrassing end to the season.
◆ The team may not have a coach, and even if it does he may not be here before Notre Dame’s bowl game due to his own coaching obligations. None of the offensive coaches have any experience calling plays.
◆ The locations and times of the bowls. Playing the day after Christmas isn’t ideal, and none of the locations are major upgrades from South Bend.

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“I’m just trying to concentrate on defense and rebounding, and letting the offense come to me, not trying to force too many things on offense,” Scott said. “My confidence is building a lot. Just everyday, taking a little bit every time, and we all feed off each other, and the guys are trusting me, so we’re just getting better every day.”
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Belles shooters go cold in loss to Polar Bears

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Football Commentary

Bowl bid has pros and cons

Depending on who you listen to, the coaching search is all but over. One story has you believing Bob Stoops is buying houses in Elkhart, while another makes you think Brian Kelly is in the Gug right now measuring his office for furniture.

These reports can fog over the issue of whether or not Notre Dame, who finished the season 6-6, will choose to go to a bowl game if invited. The players said they want to go to a bowl game to prove how good they can be.

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