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Campus electric as gameday nears

Notre Dame community furious with excitement, hopeful to see Irish shock USC Saturday

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

If you could find a way to bottle the hype and hoopla of the events surrounding this weekend's home football game, you could light up the universe — and then some.

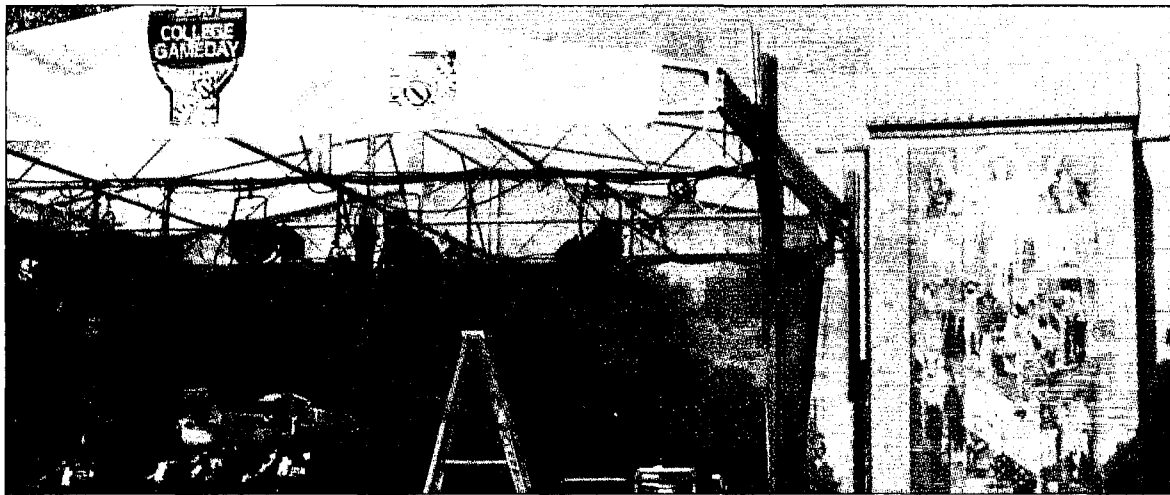
The zeal has been unavoidable. From the fliers that don nearly every campus doorway to the mug shots of USC

quarterback Matt Leinart that line campus walkways, from the "Trojans Break" T-shirts to the prematurely-situated ESPN College Gameday stage, nothing has been as pervasive on campus this week as football.

And although it was not the Irish but the Greek who ultimately caused the fall of Troy, students are primed and ready to file into Notre Dame Stadium — their surro-

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Above, College Gameday sets up in front of Touchdown Jesus. At left, a spirited flier marks a South Quad light post.

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TIM SULLIVAN AND
GEOFF MATTESON

Student proposes tax plan

Mendoza innovator aims for Katrina aid

By KATE ANTONACCI
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Like many Americans affected by the traumatic hurricanes that devastated the south in August and September, graduate student Dan Kelly wanted to help.

His solution, however, was not to donate large sums of money or collect food and clothing, but to create a new tax plan.

"This idea could potentially become a tax law for the years 2005 and 2006. It still has a long way to go but it is generating speed and encouragement," Kelly said.

Kelly, who is enrolled in a Tax Research graduate course offered in the M.S. in Accountancy program, has created a proposal that would give everyone who donates money to hurricane victims a deduction.

"At times like this it is very important to stop thinking about the bottom line and start thinking with our hearts," Kelly said. "These people need our help and it is our responsibility to step up and do whatever it is that we can to help."

Under the current tax system, Kelly said all taxpayers are allowed to itemize their deductions — which include some medical expenses, state and local taxes, charitable contributions and other miscellaneous items.

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BOT assesses relationship with South Bend

Trustees discuss ND community service

By MADDIE HANNA
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The presentation given Monday by student government and the Center for Social Concerns' (CSC) VOICE committee to the Board of Trustees drew applause and triggered dialogue on how to improve the relationship between Notre Dame and members of the South Bend

community.

The presentation, which was given by student body president Dave Baron, student body vice president Lizzi Shappell, chief executive assistant Liz Kozlow and VOICE committee members Peter Kravolec and Kate Distler, analyzed the dynamic between Notre Dame students and South Bend community members, highlighting recent changes in the relationship and the role of community service in promoting a healthy relationship.

It was this last section that provoked the most response

from trustees, who pressed VOICE members for details about service coordinated through the CSC and student participation.

"[Before deciding] to continue resource commitment, if not enhance it, we should know what that resource commitment is," one trustee said, after Kravolec said he did not have specific information on the CSC's budget. The Observer has a policy of not attributing information or quotes to specific members of the Board.

But trustees were receptive

to Kravolec and Distler's presentation on the need to further promote community-based learning and cement a partnership with the community.

"I think the key was when you said partnership," one trustee said. "I think we need to let the community partnership lead us to giving what they need."

In presenting the survey results on the frequency and location of student-community interactions, Shappell men-

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Students anticipate a week free of classes

By NICOLE ZOOK
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While students at schools around the nation are hitting the books and attending classes next week, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will have only one thing on their minds — break.

The mid-semester break from classes begins Monday and lasts through Friday, leaving students with more

than a week of free time. While spring break is usually seen as the best time for travel among college students, many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, like Saint Mary's junior Brittany Lee, say they will be hitting the road over fall break.

"I'm spending the week with my boyfriend, and he goes to Central Michigan University," Lee said. "He's not on break."

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'Passion' actor speaks at Grotto

By SARAH WHEATON
News Writer

Students filled the Grotto area and spilled into the adjoining sidewalks Thursday to hear Jim Caviezel, star of "The Passion of the Christ," say the rosary and speak about his faith.

Wearing a Notre Dame letterman jacket, Caviezel said he wanted to come to Notre Dame after he heard about Charlie Weis granting Montana Mazurkiewicz's dying wish to



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Jim Caviezel sports a Notre Dame letterman jacket while speaking to students about Catholic faith at the Grotto Thursday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Nick and Jessica Matt Sam

Some of you may have read the recent article in Sports Illustrated On Campus portraying the timely — and rather cozy — relationship that Matt Leinart has with Nick Lachey. This is absolute bologna. I am way closer to Nick Lachey than Matt Leinart will ever be.

Sam Pandolfo
Advertising Executive

Let me recall a phone conversation I had with Nick prior to the break up:

(Phone rings. Ringtone is "Holla Back Girl" by Gwen Stefani.)
 Sam: What's up Nick!?!?!
 Nick: Sam, I'm so glad you picked up. We need to talk.
 (You can already tell that we are way tighter than him and Matt Leinart. I'll continue...)
 Sam: What's up?
 Nick: I think Jessica is gonna dump me.
 Sam: (Hoping with all of my soul he's serious) No way!!!
 Nick: Yeah, I don't know what I'm going to do.
 Sam: Nick, just breathe, remember like the time you thought you spilled a mocha Frappuccino on your new white pants but it was only a bad dream?
 Nick: Right. I just really need to get away from all this. Can I come out to ND and play some LAX with you, bro?
 Sam: I don't know man, its midterm week here. Can't you call Matt Leinart or something? He's not doing anything productive these days.
 Nick: To tell you the truth, I only went to USC to try to meet rich girls. Then I met Jess and ... But now, I'm gonna be broke if Jessica dumps me. I had to book some lame interview with Matt Leinart just to pay my water bill!
 Sam: Fine. We can play some LAX, but only if you catch.

So you can see, in Nick's greatest time of need, he turned to me to comfort him. I'm not particularly proud of this fact, but even Matt Leinart has to recognize that I am way more important to Nick than he will ever be.
 So Matt, if by some off chance you get a copy of this paper and read my column, I want you to know that you will always be second place in the heart of Nick Lachey — and I mean it.
 He will never call you on your birthdays and holidays just to say he was thinking of you. You will never get surprise packages full of chocolates and DVDs from the Lifetime Classics Collection. And no matter what happens, you will never ever get to sword fight with pool noodles on long weekends.
 One last thing, Matt, Nick called me last night and said one thing: GO IRISH! BEAT TROJANS!

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR FALL BREAK?



Andrew Gim
freshman
Siegfried

"Bragging to my friends in Southern California."



Jackie Sias
sophomore
Holy Cross

"I'm going to Chicago for part of fall break."



Joseph Garlock
senior
off-campus

"Graduating."



Juan Muldoon
freshman
Siegfried

"Meeting my parents in Texas — halfway home to Mexico!"



Kevin J. Kelly
freshman
Siegfried

"Recuperating from the USC weekend."



Nora Holden-Crobert
freshman
Le Mans

"Going home after the USC game to play with my dog."



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Students flock to "Passion of the Christ" star Jim Caviezel at the Grotto Thursday. The actor spoke about his experience on the film set and the Catholic faith and as it pertains to Notre Dame students. The event was sponsored by the Right to Life club, Student Government, Children of Mary, Knights of Immaculata and the Orestes Brownson Council.

OFFBEAT

Man coughs up screw after operation

BRUSSELS — Four years ago, Etienne Verhees broke two vertebrae falling off a ladder, after which doctors put a metal plate in his neck to help heal the wound.

This week, the Belgian coughed up one of four screws used to hold the plate in place.

"I have had a cold for the past few days," Verhees told daily Gazet Van Antwerpen. "I had a terrible cough a few days ago. That's when I suddenly felt something in my mouth."

"It turned out to be a screw."

One of the doctors involved told the paper he assumed the screw had moved because of an infection Verhees suffered following a second operation, which caused his neck to swell

Nearly 100 runners turn out for underpants run

AILUA-KONA, Hawaii — Some 100 runners wearing nothing but their skivvies turned out Thursday for the Underpants Run, a fun run that has become an annual event in the days

leading up to Saturday's Ironman World Championship.

"It's pretty much 'the' event now," joked founder and former professional triathlete Paul Huddle. "People fly in Wednesday night just for this."

Not all triathletes would agree. More than 1,800 competitors from 80 countries are in Kona for the grueling Ironman, a 2.4-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bike leg through the lava fields and a full 26.2-mile marathon run.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Weather permitting, the football pep rally will be held at Notre Dame Stadium today. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the rally begins with student cheers at 6 p.m. Students are asked to enter through Gate E. The rain location for this event is the Joyce Center.

As a tradition of football weekends, today at 4:30 p.m., Notre Dame's marching band will march out from the front of the Main Building heading through campus to its practice in the Joyce Center Parking Lot.

Notre Dame's student yearbook "The Dome" celebrates its 100th anniversary this year and historic copies will be on display before all home football games this fall in the Dooley room of LaFortune from 10 a.m. until noon.

Composer and conductor Marvin Hamlisch will perform at the Leighton Concert Hall on tonight at 9:00 p.m. Tickets for this show are \$15 for all students.

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, secretary of the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education, will present the 2005 Terrence Keeley Vatican Lecture at 8 p.m. Oct. 31 in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

George O'Meara, associate director of the University of Florida's Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory, will present lectures on Oct. 25 and 26 as part of the George B. Craig Jr. Memorial Lecture Series.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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USC is first game of unusual home stretch

By ALICIA CONLEY
News Writer

Beginning this Saturday, the Notre Dame football team will embark on a rare five-game home stand over six successive weekends.

This weekend's USC game and next weekend's BYU game will be followed by a bye week, but starting Nov. 5 the last three home games will be played on three consecutive Saturdays. This clustered schedule is unusual for Notre Dame, as last year the most home games played in a row was three.

Senior Corinne Gabriel said this is the first time there have been so many games in a row since she arrived as a freshman in 2002.

"It seems really late to only be on the second home game," she said.

Most students showed excitement about the streak and eagerness to begin the home season, having attended only one game in Notre Dame Stadium this year.

"It'll be good to get the season started because campus has been pretty quiet," Gabriel said. "I think it'll be really fun."

Although many students are anxious to get the home season underway, some were concerned the home streak might be too busy and tiresome.

"I'm going to put off my work to go to the games and I'm not going

to get stuff done," freshman Kat Hake said. "Then I'll have to use sleep time to make it up."

Freshman Doug Schuda said although he is already tired now, he will "run on adrenaline" come kickoff Saturday.

"I think it'll be emotionally draining but I don't think physically it will be," freshman Greg Barr said.

Though it will be tough, some students would have the schedule no other way. Many students, like Schuda, said they don't care what the schedule is like — all they were concerned about is the competition.

"I think it's fine," Schuda said. "I'm sure grades will go down a bit, but it's Notre Dame football."

Freshman Meghan Keefe echoed Schuda's sentiments.

"I don't care," she said. "It's football."

Gabriel said the streak gives students the opportunity to host parents and friends for the weekend.

"I have someone coming for every weekend in November," she said. "It would have been nice to have my visitors spread out a little more but the company is always enjoyed."

Barr said both his parents plan to attend the Navy game.

"It's a big deal because they've never been to a Notre Dame game before," Barr said.

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Belles to embark on Catalyst Trip

14 from SMC will spend fall break at Grailville retreat center

By MEGAN OSBERGER
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As most students look forward to a week of relaxation, others are preparing to see women leaders at work in the community and to learn how to work for change during the upcoming fall break.

The fourth annual Catalyst Trip sponsored by Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Learning (CWIL) will leave Saturday with a goal to enrich and enlighten its 14 participants.

Director of Community Connection Bonnie Bazata had the original idea for the week-long program.

"The week is designed to create breakthroughs in how we see ourselves," she said. "It is an intellectual, relational, emotional and spiritual process that engages our whole selves. We learn from each other, from the history and people of the places we visit — and we come back with new eyes and a stronger commitment to take on complex problems like racism."

In the last three years the trip has become more focused.

"It was [Bazata's] idea to look at women as social change agents," CWIL Study Abroad Advisor Sarah DeMott said. "Now it has transformed into looking at white privilege and racism."

CWIL opened the trip to 30 staff, student and community

women. The program is free for students. Historically there have been more community women participants than students, but in the last two years the proportion has been half and half.

"We try to split it equally between community women and students," coordinator Lety Verduzco said. "Last year it was my job to get more students involved."

The trip centers on workshops, diversity training and actual community involvement.

"People think that it is a service learning trip, but it's not," Verduzco said. "After we go into the community we just try to process everything. We discuss, and think how they can help in their own communities."

The trip's activities have changed with its focus.

"We always stay at Grailville, but last year we were in Tennessee at the Highlander Research and Education Center part of the time," Verduzco said. "Now we'll be staying in Cincinnati the whole time."

Grailville is a retreat center started by lay Catholic women 70 years ago to support women transforming the world.

In Cincinnati participants will be meeting women from the community at the Peaslee Neighborhood Center and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center downtown.

"I am most looking forward to the Underground Railroad

Freedom Center," said Director of Intercultural Living Tracy Robison, who has been on the trip every year it has been offered. "I think it's a good opportunity to see intergenerational people interact together."

Senior Jacque Werling, who participated last year, agreed.

"It was the first time I interacted with such a diverse community," she said. "People of different religions, races and ages all came together to listen to each other's stories."

With a focus on racism, privilege and poverty, students and staff hope to grasp a new understanding of racism.

"It is so important to understand racism from other races' perspectives," Werling said. "Most people say they aren't racist, but you can be without knowing. The trip really was a good catalyst for changing your own perspective, and you have to do that before you can change the world, or even your own community."

DeMott said it is important for white women to examine their perspective and responsibility toward racism.

"It's fundamental to have a core realization of racism in America, to understand the whole power system of how oppression happens," she said. "Otherwise, you are going about change in a very backward way."

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gate wooden horse — twice this weekend in hopes of defeating the USC Trojans and ending an epic 27-game USC winning streak.

At 6 p.m. today, Notre Dame will hold its first pep rally in the stadium since the Irish's 2000 match-up against No. 1-ranked Nebraska. Coach Charlie Weis and other athletic officials decided to relocate the event to a larger venue after thousands of fans were turned away from the Joyce Center at the Michigan State pep rally.

The pep rally — which will be the fourth ever held in the stadium — induced a circus of hearsay earlier this week regarding rumored special events and appearances. Although reports have not been confirmed nor made official, students are buzzing with talk of Bruce Springsteen, Bon Jovi and John Mellencamp performing at the event.

"I think it's cool that John Mellencamp [might] be coming," freshman James Dubray said. "I think there's a chance. I've also heard through some friend of a friend who works here that Bon Jovi is coming too."

Earlier statements made by Weis only fueled lofty projections.

"I know one thing, I am not going to emcee this one because I am 0-1 when I have emceed," he said in an Oct. 11 Chicago Tribune article. "I have a plan for this one as you would expect I would."

Alumni Association Director Chuck Lennon said Thursday that he could not comment on the rumors.

"We were trying to keep it a surprise," he said.

But even if The Boss doesn't help celebrate Notre Dame's return to glory with "Glory Days" and Bon Jovi doesn't join the marching band for a heavenly rendition of "Livin' On A Prayer," students like senior Matt Fantazier said they would be excited nonetheless.

"I'm looking forward to the pep rally being in the stadium," he said. "I'm curious as to what they pull out for it, being such a rare occasion, I'm hopeful that it'll be one to remember."

Zach Fitter, a junior abroad in London this semester, won't be able to attend the pep rally but said he shares in the eagerness of Domers lucky enough to be in South Bend.

"The idea of having the pep rally in the stadium seems like a great one to me," he said. "I'd much rather it be there, where the game will take place the next day, than inside the [JACC]."

Other students, like junior Louie Cavadini, expressed ambivalence for the venue change.

"[I am looking forward to it] because it is so rare, but [I'm also not] because at the last pep rally there was so much energy in the atmosphere and I think a little of that could be

lost taking it outdoors to a bigger place," he said.

Despite the commotion of pep rally rumors and anticipation, students have not lost sight of the significance of Saturday's game.

Cavadini said the anxiousness for the game is in "a league of its own."

"We always get excited when we play high ranked teams thinking that something 'might happen,' or that 'we could beat them,' but this is a game [where] the team is prepared for an enemy that everyone wants to see toppled," he said.

Fitter said he hasn't been this excited for a Notre Dame football game since the first one he ever attended when the 8-0 Irish fell to Boston College in 2002.

"This is a completely different team so I expect better results,"

he said.

Fantazier also recalled the Boston College game of three seasons ago and said it was a "pretty exciting time" but still did not match the hype of this weekend's game.

"It wasn't the same [as this game] because it wasn't seen as a game that was going to be a battle," Fantazier said. "This game means a lot, especially for the seniors who have never seen ND beat USC, and we have a real shot this time around."

Fitter — who plans to watch the game from a London sports bar — said he "like[s] the Irish's chances."

"I think people are cautiously optimistic," he said. "Irish fans haven't been rewarded in the last few years for their optimism, but I think coach Weis and the players will be as ready as possible for the game."

Freshman James Dubray said many students are opti-

mistic.

"It seems more like Notre Dame football ... There's definitely an optimism," he said. "I think that contributes to the spirit of the school. I think if we play well and not like we have the past three years, the game will definitely live up to the hype."

In a Thursday San Jose Mercury News article, writer Mike Kern said he had no doubt the atmosphere at the game would be "insanity squared." Cavadini said students are especially keyed up.

"We cannot wait for this game to begin," he said. "Everyone is anticipating it as it [also] coincides with the end of midterms ... The stadium will be out of control on Saturday."

Between the observable campus decoration and a scramble for body paint, ribbons and other kickoff necessities, students are holding nothing back when it comes to demonstrating Irish spirit this weekend.

"We were going to sleep outside of Gameday," Dubray said. "I've heard a lot of people with that idea. Some friends and I were [also] planning on heckling Matt Leinart when the USC bus arrives on campus."

Cavadini promised his section of the stadium would be the loudest.

"My group of friends and I wear pink shirts to all of the games — it's basically the rowdiest section in the place," he said.

Fantazier said the eclectic fanfare is almost a norm for Notre Dame students.

"The only crazy things I've heard of are people going home early for break," he said. "The fans are excited, and have a lot to cheer for. We'll be there to support the team as always, hopefully with a little extra on top of it all."

The added excitement to the already high enthusiasm for

football can be traced to a number of factors, students said.

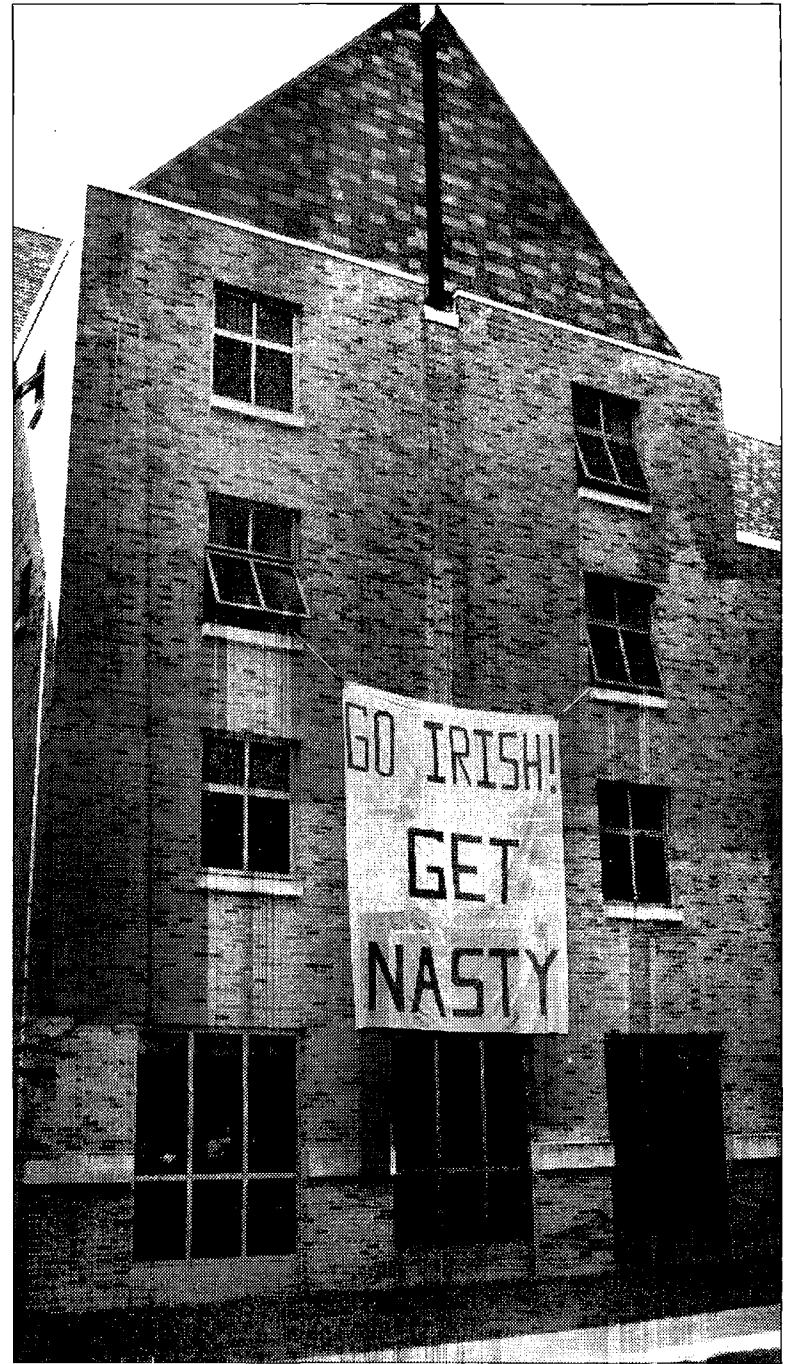
"I'd say a combination of a popular new coach, a successful season thus far, a top 10

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A sheet sign hangs on the side of O'Neill Hall Thursday. Students have been showing spirit all week in anticipation of Saturday's football game against the University of Southern California.

ranking and the chance to end the 27-game winning streak of our greatest rival is what makes this coming weekend so monumental in the eyes of Irish fans," Fitter said.

Many students, like Fantazier, said the success of this year's team thus far is responsible for the hype.

"If we didn't look as good as we do, then the expectations would be more of wishful thinking rather than truly thinking we can beat them," he said.

And students are in fact

predicting an Irish victory.

"USC is not unbeatable, just undefeated, and if anyone can find a way to knock off the top ranked Trojans, it will be this Notre Dame team," Fitter said.

Cavadini said eager Irish fans have a game plan of their own.

"We just have to carry the energy throughout the entire game, as USC is known for comebacks in the fourth quarter," he said.

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Hockey

Friday Oct. 14th
7:30pm vs. Waterloo

Free Admission with Student ID

Free Papa John's For Students

First 500 Fans will receive Schedule Glasses sponsored by

#7 WOMEN'S SOCCER

Friday Oct. 14th, 7:30pm vs. #13 Connecticut

First 200 fans receive Barbecue Aprons courtesy of Famous Dave's

Sunday Oct. 16th, Noon vs. Providence

First 200 fans receive stocking hats sponsored by McDonald Physical Therapy

Win two flights on Allegiant Air

ALSO THIS WEEKEND

MEN'S LACROSSE VS. JOHNS HOPKINS
10/14 ~ 7:30PM @ MOOSE KRAUSE

MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. USC
10/14 ~ 4:00PM @ ECK TENNIS CENTER

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chechen rebels attack Caucasus city

NALCHIK, Russia — Militants attacked police and government buildings in Russia's volatile Caucasus region Thursday, taking hostages and turning a provincial capital into a war zone wracked by gunfire and explosions that left at least 85 people dead, mostly insurgents.

Chechen rebels claimed responsibility for the offensive in Nalchik, the capital of the mostly Muslim republic of Kabardino-Balkariya, as a new front opened in the Kremlin's decade-old battle against Islamic insurgents.

The rebels' struggle against Russia, originally a separatist movement, increasingly has melded with Islamic extremism in the past decade and fanned out beyond Chechnya's borders to encompass the entire Caucasus region.

Helicopters needed for quake relief

UNITED NATIONS — Relief crews need helicopters and cash more than anything else to help the estimated 4 million people affected by the earthquake in the disputed Kashmir region, a U.N. official said Thursday.

While exact numbers aren't clear, it's believed there are about 50 helicopters ferrying food and supplies to the neediest victims of the quake, but the effort needs about three times that number, said Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, a senior U.N. humanitarian envoy.

"We need a major stepping up of air assets in a dramatic sense," Strohmeyer said. "We need those who can provide five or 10 helicopters at a time rather than those who can bring in one here and one there."

NATIONAL NEWS

Man cannot sue Manhattan hospital

NEW YORK — A divided state appeals court ruled Thursday that a man cannot sue a Manhattan hospital for malpractice in the death of his longtime partner, saying it could not provide tacit approval of same-sex marriages.

The court overturned a judge's 2003 decision that John Langan, of Vermont, could sue St. Vincent's Hospital for alleged malpractice in the death of Neil C. Spicehandler.

The appeals court, in a 3-2 vote, decided that Langan had no standing to sue the hospital despite the couple's 2000 civil union in Vermont. Attorneys for Langan claimed the civil union gave him standing as a spouse to sue the hospital under New York law.

DeLay's phone records subpoenaed

AUSTIN — A Texas prosecutor on Thursday subpoenaed the phone records for former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's home and campaign during the period he is accused of conspiring to launder illegal corporate donations to candidates.

Also subpoenaed by prosecutor Ronnie Earle were records for two phone numbers for DeLay's daughter, Danielle DeLay Ferro, and for a minivan that Earle alleged DeLay bought.

DeLay is facing charges of money laundering and conspiracy in a Texas campaign finance case.

LOCAL NEWS

Dad accused of shooting appears

David W. Brown, the father accused of shooting his son and daughter Sept. 19, appeared today in Marion Superior Court for an initial hearing on charges of murder and attempted murder.

Brown, 44, survived stab wounds apparently self-inflicted after the shootings and was released from the hospital. His pretrial hearing in Marion Superior Court Judge Robert Alice Jr.'s courtroom has been set for Dec. 28 and a jury trial has been scheduled for Jan. 9.

IRAQ

Iraqi city braces for critical vote

American forces wage public campaign to draw marginalized voters to political scene

Associated Press

HADITHA — U.S. Marines handed out thousands of fliers and copies of Iraq's new constitution Thursday, urging people to vote in this Sunni Arab town that only a week ago was the target of U.S. airstrikes.

But with the crucial referendum on the charter just two days away, many residents still did not know where to cast ballots. Across Iraq's insurgent heartland — the overwhelmingly Sunni Arab province of Anbar — fears of attacks have limited plans to only a handful of heavily fortified polling stations.

Even then, the sites were still unannounced Thursday for security reasons, officials said, and a ban on vehicle traffic will force many residents to walk miles to vote.

And American forces were not the only ones waging a public campaign: Insurgents had distributed fliers of their own before the U.S.-led offensive, Iraqi soldiers said, threatening that anyone who votes will be beheaded.

All these factors could depress turnout in a region key to whether the constitution is accepted or rejected.

The U.S. military hopes Sunni participation will draw those who feel marginalized into the political process and erode support for the insurgency.

It may not work that way in Anbar, a province of 1.3 million people. Almost the entire population is Sunni Arab, the minority that held power under Saddam Hussein. Many Sunnis believe the constitution will only solidify the domination of majority Shiites and the Kurds — a sentiment that could drive some to join



An Iraqi woman casts her vote early in the referendum on the new constitution at a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday.

those fighting the government and its U.S. backers.

And whether the final result on the constitution is "yes" or "no," Sunnis here may feel more alienated than ever if they didn't feel they were able to vote.

One Haditha resident, an engineer with four children who previously served in the Iraqi air force, stood aside as Marines searched his home for illegal weapons. He did not even know when the referendum was being held, but added that he wouldn't vote anyway because he sus-

pected the vote was rigged.

"There are many forces in Iraq and Haditha that prevent my voice from being heard," he said. "This constitution was not made under fair conditions, you know."

"There is no government in Haditha. Only the government of the fighters," he added, asking that his name not be used because of fear of insurgent reprisal.

Other Marines heard similar reluctance from residents as they handed out fliers about the referendum, though some people said they would con-

sider voting in the coming days.

On Oct. 4, Marines swept into the Euphrates River town of Haditha and two neighboring towns — Parwana and Haqlaniyah — in an offensive dubbed River Gate to force out insurgents and install a long-term Iraqi security presence. The operation started with a major air barrage and five Americans killed by roadside bombs and fighting. Then, troops moved into the towns to find little insurgent resistance, with most fighters hiding or having fled.

Bush talks via video to U.S. troops

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush sought to rally U.S. troops in Iraq ahead of Saturday's vote on new constitution on Thursday, saying the "enemy understands that a free Iraq would be a blow to their vision."

"We put in motion something that can't be stopped, and that is the march of freedom," Bush said in a video conference with soldiers from the Army's 42nd Infantry Division, based in Tikrit, hometown of deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Bush spoke two days before Iraqis vote on a new constitution. A com-

promise endorsed on Wednesday by the Iraqi parliament made key concessions to minority Sunni Arabs, increasing the chances that the document will be approved. Passage of the constitution would open the way to national elections in December.

"We're never going to back down, we're never going to give in, we'll never accept anything less than total victory," Bush said. "Thank you for all your work. When you back to the United States, if I'm hanging around, come by and say hello."

The president engaged in a question and answer sessions with 10 servicemen and women, who he saw

on a large video screen set up in a room of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building next to the White House.

"Do the Iraqis want to fight, and are they capable of fighting?" he asked. He was told they were.

And while polls show declining support for the war, Bush told the soldiers: "You've got tremendous support" among Americans.

"We need to stay on the offense, and we need to stay on the offense with well-trained Iraqi forces," the president said.

"You've got to know, the American people are standing strong with you," Bush said.

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tioned that some community members thought Notre Dame students had "elitist" or "holier-than-thou" attitudes when performing community service.

"There is a concern among community members that Notre Dame students are not integrating themselves with the purest of hearts," Shappell said in regards to the perception that some students participate in community service solely as a resume-building activity.

Trustees asked Kravolec if there was any way to determine the proportion of students who do community service solely for resume-building purposes. Kravolec, who previously cited the statistic that 85 percent of Notre Dame students participate in community service, said it would be difficult to gauge, since motives are not tracked.

Several trustees stressed the importance of encouraging students to participate in long-term, rather than one-time-only service activities.

"I'd like to call that transient community service TCS," one trustee joked. "Let's start tracking TCS versus CCS [continuous community service]."

The trustee acknowledged that only a certain degree of continuity could be achieved, since students graduate and move on after four years.

"The reality we have is there's a rotation of students here who do community service, and leave," the trustee said. "The bias in the community would [naturally] be, 'Here's the latest rotation from Notre Dame here to fill their resumes.'"

In order to protect the already established relationships, the trustee said, the next generation of students must pick up where the previous left off.

This emphasis on community-building through service by Notre Dame students was the primary way trustees proposed to alleviate town-gown tensions.

"I get the feeling that South Bend is a great labo-

ratory for Notre Dame, but how much are the students bringing back to Notre Dame and saying, 'This is a great community?'" one trustee asked.

Another trustee asked how community members were participating in the "process of reflection" promoted by the CSC.

Both Distler and Kravolec said the CSC had strong ties with community leaders. Distler mentioned that several "partway" CSC staff members who work at non-profits in South Bend encourage reflection on community service experiences, something which helps link Notre Dame students to the community.

Trustees were also responsive to the new TRANSPO bus routes between Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and downtown South Bend as well as rules that allow Notre Dame students, faculty and staff to ride free at all times.

When asked how well TRANSPO had been utilized thus far, Baron said 6,000 IDs were swiped in September.

"I would think from TRANSPO's standpoint that would be very interesting to them," one trustee said, noting the potential buying power of students in the community.

There was one flash of last fall's Board of Trustees meeting where a SafeBus proposal presented by Baron, former student body president Adam Istvan and former student body president Karla Bell received harsh criticism from trustees.

"Didn't we have problems with that one for students getting sick on the bus?" one trustee asked.

But the reference was brief. Another trustee quickly responded with the history of what he termed the "party bus," which he said existed in different versions during a "10 to 15-year" period. He assured trustees that TRANSPO was not SafeBus.

"Well, that sounds outstanding to me," a trustee said.

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Tax

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"After itemizing a taxpayer compares their itemized deductions to the standard deduction and takes whichever is higher. Seventy percent of the taxpayers take the standard deduction, meaning only 30 percent really receive a tax break for their donations," Kelly said. "My plan offers a deduction for hurricane relief donations in addition to the standard deduction."

Kelly's proposal would impact millions of taxpayers if implemented, said professor of accountancy James Wittenbach, who teaches Kelly's Tax Research course.

"Dan's plan is unique in that it provides taxpayers who do not currently itemize their deductions a \$1,000 deduction for contributions to charitable organizations that help the victims of Katrina and Rita," Wittenbach said. "Seventy percent of taxpayers would be entitled to their regular standard deduction plus the amount they contributed to organizations that assist hurricane victims."

While Wittenbach's program focused solely on tax research methodology in the past, he said he introduced tax policy into the course this year.

"The first day of class this fall, I broke the students into teams of five and asked them to provide me with four or five tax credits that are currently not in the Internal Revenue Code but would be excellent additions," Wittenbach said. "I ask each group to not only come up with new tax credits, but explain the social, economic or political reason for why the tax credit should be enacted by Congress."

Kelly took the exercise seriously. About six weeks after the project was assigned, Kelly approached Wittenbach and said he had a developed a tax proposal that he felt

could significantly benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

"The actual idea took about five seconds. It took me maybe an hour to think it through and understand the impact, but the actual idea just popped in my head," Kelly said. "I was reading an article in the Wall Street Journal about the Hurricane Katrina Emergency Tax Act of 2005 ... I was interested to see what the federal government was doing to help the victims of the hurricanes."

Word of Kelly's proposal has spread outside of Notre Dame. On Oct. 4, Jim Jaeger, Deputy National Tax Managing Partner from Deloitte from Los Angeles and Schott Ecker, Senior Manager at Deloitte from Costa Mesa, attended Wittenbach's Tax Research class to make a presentation.

"Following their presentation I asked Dan Kelly if he would be willing to make a power point presentation on his tax proposal," Wittenbach said. "When Dan was finished both Jim and Scott were very impressed."

Kelly said it was complete luck that the men visited his class and were willing to hear his presentation.

"They were both impressed with the idea, and especially how this idea will shift a portion of the economic burden of this relief effort off the federal government and spread it out across the taxpayers without actually raising taxes," Kelly said.

Wittenbach said the men were most impressed by Kelly's understanding of the economics of the transaction.

"For example, a taxpayer in the 25 percent marginal tax bracket would save \$250 in taxes by making a \$1,000 contribution. However, as Dan explained, although the federal government will lose \$250 in tax revenue there is \$1,000 going to benefit hurricane victims that the government doesn't have to spend," Wittenbach said. "Put differently — the taxpayer, the federal government and the vic-

tims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita all win."

The men were so impressed by Kelly's presentation that they will be flying him to Washington, D.C. on Oct. 17, with classmate Katie Landsberg, to present to Deloitte's National Tax Policy office.

"Deloitte's National Tax Office monitors tax proposals and tax legislation on a daily basis. They work very closely with policy makers on Capital Hill," Wittenbach said. "The hope is that following Dan and Katie's presentation, the tax policy professionals at Deloitte will carry the proposal to Capital Hill where members of the Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee will get a chance to consider it."

Though Kelly said the idea is still a "long shot" at this point, he is trying to get the idea out so more people can learn about it.

"The impact if this did become law will be felt nationwide. First it will help generate more donations to the relief effort," Kelly said. "It will give all taxpayers who take the standard deduction a break for their donations. Finally, it will reduce the burden on the government to fund the relief efforts."

Even if Kelly's proposal does not become law, Wittenbach said the students are lucky to be traveling to Washington, D.C.

"[Kelly and Landsberg] will be getting an opportunity to see how tax legislation works in this country. Deloitte plans to take them to committee hearings in both the Senate and the House and will also be giving them an inside look at how Deloitte's National Tax Office works," Wittenbach said. "This is an opportunity few students would ever have." Kelly's classmates were equally impressed by his idea and helped to spread the idea by notifying newspapers and congressmen.

"All of the students in the M.S. in Accountancy class are sending Dan's proposal to their Senators and Representatives," Wittenbach said.

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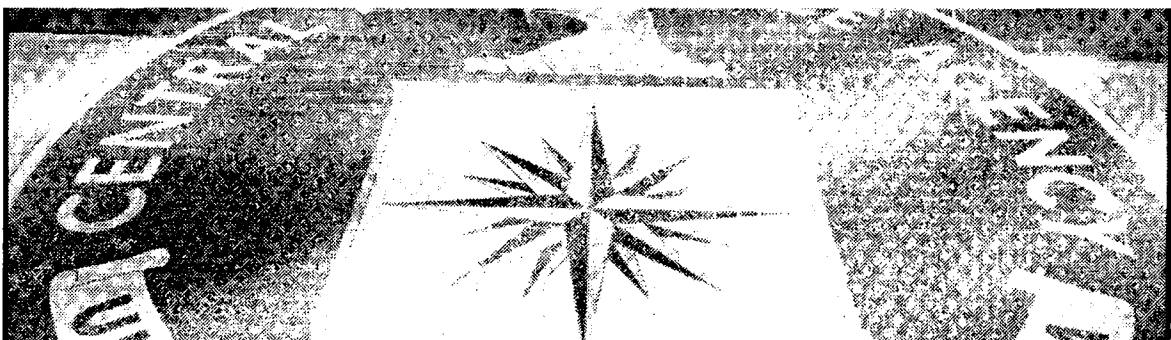
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Dow Jones	10,216.59	-0.32	
▲ Up: 1157	Same: 116	▼ Down: 2151	Composite Volume: 2,357,995,720
AMEX	1,594.79	-28.08	
NASDAQ	2,047.22	+9.75	
NYSE	7,322.74	0.00	
S&P 500	1,176.84	-0.84	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	13,449.24	0.00	
FTSE 100(London)	5,265.20	-77.00	
TREASURIES			
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INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.17	-0.04	23.20
APPLE COMPUTER (AAPL)	+9.12	+4.49	53.74
SIRIUS SATELLITE R (SIRI)	-3.02	-0.19	6.11
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PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-2.90		89.48
EXCHANGE RATES			
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EURO			0.8324
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Inflation fears dominate stocks

Uncertainty affects Wall Street as prices for import goods rise more than forecasted

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street remained mired in uncertainty Thursday, ending an erratic session narrowly mixed as investors' inflation worries worsened in the face of a sharp jump in import prices.

Investors found some encouragement after the Energy Department reported an increase in the nation's refining capacity, which had been severely disrupted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The nation's crude oil prices also rose, sending oil reserves lower. A barrel of light crude was quoted at \$63.08, down \$1.04, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

But the chronic fretting over inflation dominated the markets after the Commerce Department said prices for imported goods rose 2.3 percent in August — the biggest increase in 15 years, and far greater than the 0.9 percent hike economists had forecast.

"We're definitely at a hard point here, with inflation and interest rates kind of looming over everything," said Bryan Piskorowski, market analyst at Wachovia Securities. "We have a market that's had a very rough October so far, and while you've got earnings coming up, that's not going to be the silver bullet for the market that it was in the second quarter."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 0.32, nearly flat, to 10,216.59.

Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 0.84, or 0.07 percent, to 1,176.84, and the Nasdaq composite index climbed 9.75, or 0.48 percent, to 2,047.22.

Bonds continued their recent selloff, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.47 percent from 4.45 percent late Wednesday. The dollar advanced against most major currencies, while



A trader studies stock information displays during trading activity on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday.

gold prices fell.

The news on import prices overshadowed a report on the nation's trade deficit, which rose to \$59 billion in August, up from \$58 billion the month before but less than economists had expected. Much of that increase can be attributed to higher oil prices.

Investors also were disappointed by the latest employment picture from the Labor Department. First-time jobless claims fell to 389,000 last week from 391,000 the week before, but economists had predicted 360,000 claims for the week. Continued fallout from Hurricane Katrina was blamed for

the high number of people seeking unemployment benefits.

While the expected raft of corporate earnings reports due next week may not be a panacea for the stock market's troubles, strong fourth quarter profit forecasts could alleviate fears of a falloff in consumer spending heading into the holiday shopping season — and give stocks a much-needed boost.

"Earnings are the most likely catalyst in the short term," said Russ Koesterich, senior portfolio manager at Barclays Global Investments in San Francisco. "The market is very concerned about inflation and the consumer rolling over because

of higher prices. If the outlooks call for strong fourth-quarter sales, then you could see something good happen."

In company news, Google Inc. fell \$3.53 to \$297.44 on reports that the Internet company is in talks to acquire a sizable stake in America Online from Time Warner Inc., which rose 10 cents to \$17.59. Cable operator Comcast Corp. was also reported to be involved in the talks, potentially leading to a split of AOL, with Google absorbing its Web sites and services and Comcast taking over its Internet service customers. Comcast lost 72 cents to \$27.20.

IN BRIEF

Spielberg to make three video games

SAN JOSE — Coming soon to a game console near you: a Steven Spielberg video game.

The acclaimed film director and producer has agreed to develop three new games under a long-term exclusive deal with video game maker Electronic Arts Inc. The deal to be announced Friday reflects the increasingly intertwined interests of Hollywood and the video game industry.

Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed, but Redwood City-based EA, the world's largest game maker behind blockbusters such as "Madden NFL" and "The Sims," said it will own the intellectual property behind the Spielberg games and publish them.

The deal involves much more than the Hollywood director merely putting his stamp on a game or popping in for quick consultations, said Neil Young, vice president and studio head of EA's Los Angeles studio.

Instead, Spielberg will have an office in EA's studio. He plans to work side-by-side with game developers to create original gaming content beginning with the concept — not a game based on a movie, or vice versa, both of which are common practices nowadays.

Trade deficit soars as oil bill surges

WASHINGTON — The nation's oil bill surged to a record in August and so did goods imported from China, pushing the U.S. trade deficit to the third-highest level ever. And it is bound to get worse because hurricane-related increases for oil are still ahead.

The deficit rose to \$59 billion, about \$1.1 billion more than the previous month, the Commerce Department said Thursday. There was a big increase in export sales of commercial jetliners, but that was swamped by foreign oil imports.

The number of people put out of work by hurricanes Katrina and Rita climbed by 75,000 last week, the Labor Department reported. The six-week tally since Katrina slammed ashore stands at 438,000 hurricane-related claims.

In an encouraging sign, jobless claims outside of the region affected by the hurricanes have stayed low.

Amtrak board approves subsidiary

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Amtrak's chairman says splitting off the Northeast Corridor — the most heavily traveled portion of the system — under federal-state management is the only way to revitalize U.S. passenger rail service.

The railroad's board of directors approved a resolution authorizing joint management over service from Washington, D.C., to Boston. It would share maintenance costs while Amtrak operated the trains.

"We are ultimately headed toward an environment in which states will end up covering some portion of state [rail] operations,"

David M. Laney said Thursday in a telephone interview from his Dallas law office.

The plan, voted on Sept. 22 but not announced publicly, came as a surprise to state officials. The resolution was first reported Wednesday in the newsletter of the United Rail Passenger Alliance of Jacksonville, Fla., which has been critical of Amtrak's management.

"Tearing Amtrak to pieces won't solve anything, and I hope that's not what they're doing," said Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, a Democrat. "America's rail system needs to operate as an integrated whole so it can offer more and better service. Dividing it into smaller and smaller pieces will

only take us further from that goal.

"For Amtrak to take even an initial step towards breaking up the railroad without consulting with the governors in the Northeast Corridor calls into question their commitment to a partnership for better rail service in the future."

New Jersey's transportation commissioner, Jack Lettiere, said it would be unfair if Amtrak wanted the states to make capital contributions to a "system that is in a state of disrepair."

"I have grave concerns about this," he said.

But Maryland Transportation Secretary Robert Flanagan said "the status quo isn't working."

END THE WAR NORTHERN UGANDA

Right now, a two-decade-old war rages in northern Uganda that is being fought primarily by kidnapped children, a war that has forced more than a million people into camps of squalid conditions and trapped an entire generation in the throes of violence, hunger, and disease. Every night in northern Uganda, 50,000 children between the ages of three and seventeen walk by themselves up to ten miles from their homes to the relative safety of town centers, where they sleep on sidewalks, under verandas, and in makeshift tents. These children walk in order to avoid being abducted and forced into soldiering or sexual slavery by the rebel Lord's Resistance Army.

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call the first play in the Washington game. By using 10-year-old Montana's call, Caviezel said Weis "made an act of faith" — a theme used throughout his speech.

Caviezel said his experience playing Jesus Christ in the movie gave him "a glimpse of what it means to be forsaken, rejected and seen as a thing despised."

He described the pain he felt when he was accidentally whipped twice while filming a scene and when his shoulder was dislocated while carrying the cross. He said he suffered pneumonia, a lung infection, hypothermia and two lightning strikes while filming — all of which forced him "into the arms of my God."

Caviezel emphasized his calling to be an actor, which is something he has felt since his youth.

"God used me as his instrument," he said. "Anything good about the movie came from the fasting, the deep prayer and the daily Mass."

In his fervent speech, Caviezel disparaged the sin and indifference he sees in today's world.

"I came here to Notre Dame to tell you students to have the courage to step into this pagan world and shamelessly express your faith in public," he said. "We are in a more dangerous war now than ever before ... our world is entrenched in sin."

He also exhorted students to make an act of faith and "give Jesus the best seat" in their stadium.

Caviezel spoke about contro-

versial topics including abortion. While he said he wasn't here to antagonize pro-choice Catholics, he asked, "Do you think Our Lady is pro-choice?"

He implored students to look at the people they could potentially convert, and said the "gleaming souls" changed because of the film were worth more than any statuette.

When Caviezel asked if the students were ready to make an act of faith the crowd responded positively.

"I believe this University of Notre Dame is called to a major act of faith right now," he said.

He criticized the expansion of the football stadium that obscured the mural of Jesus painted on the side of the library.

"The image needs to be resurrected so everyone can see it," Caviezel said.

Caviezel told Notre Dame students to make Jesus a major part of their lives.

"You were not sent here simply to study or play ball, but to understand that you are a son or daughter of Notre Dame," he said. "This University is about saving your mortal soul."

He pleaded with students not to "lose sight of Our Lady while cramming for tests, playing ball and drinking Guinness."

As for the game Saturday, he asked students to "keep your hand on your rosary, lift Jesus in your heart, perform your act of faith, pass it right and let it rip."

Junior Jen Richard called the speech "a bizarre mix of football pep rally and God pep rally." She also said she didn't really understand what Caviezel meant when he criticized the expansion of the stadium.

"I feel like reflecting Jesus in

our lives is more important than having a reflection of Him on a building," Richard said.

Some of Caviezel's speech shocked listeners. Senior Trevor Turner said most Catholics are not prepared to see someone be that evangelical in a speech.

Justin Brandon, a 2004 Notre Dame alumnus, said he was surprised Caviezel was so lively and emphatic.

"Some of the things he said were shocking, but I agreed with everything he said," Brandon said. "I think it needed to be said."

Students were moved by Caviezel's painful experience while filming.

"He did have some powerful insight from experiencing even just a part of what Jesus must have gone through," Richard said.

Senior Trevor Turner said it "was the most spiritual part of the speech."

After his speech, students crowded around Caviezel hoping for an autograph or a picture. Freshman Jessica Hagemann compared the crowd around Caviezel to the crowds of people who try to get close enough to touch the pope.

"His speech was brilliant," he said. "I just sat there in awe."

Father James McDonald, senior executive assistant and counselor to University President Father John Jenkins, said Caviezel's trip was more of a private visit, although he indicated he would enjoy talking with students about his faith.

McDonald said Caviezel plans to stay for the football game.

Notre Dame's Right to Life club, Student Government, Children of Mary, Knights of Immaculata and the Orestes Brownson Council all sponsored the event.

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Break

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Lee said she was "excited for break" and happy to be leaving campus.

Other students, like seniors Anna Brennan and Angela Sauer, said that while they will be leaving campus, they are not leaving schoolwork behind.

"I have so much school-related work to do over break that it doesn't really feel like a break," Sauer said.

Both girls said they would spend the entire break researching and writing their senior comprehensive projects, intensive works required of Saint Mary's students to graduate.

"I'm researching surges in the youth vote in the 21st century," Brennan said. She also said she will spend almost her entire break working on the "senior comp."

Sauer, who is from Okemos, Mich., said she will at least be working on her project from the comforts of home — although there will be a little added work involved in the trip back home.

"I'm going home because there's a German foreign exchange student coming to my house, and my mom needs me to translate," she said.

Many students will be spending at least a portion

of their fall break at home — and most said the part of break not spent at home will be spent at their second home, Notre Dame.

"I'm going to go home and visit some state colleges," freshman Patrick Keating said. "But I am going to the two [football] games."

This weekend, the first of break, is the start of a series of five Notre Dame home football games in a row — which most students with season tickets are loathe to miss.

"I'm going home Sunday and coming back Friday [in order to see the games]," Keating said. "I'm pretty excited for the USC game especially."

Stanford sophomore Sean O'Toole, who said he usually travels "over fall break, spring break, and Christmas break," also said he was sticking around campus to watch Notre Dame take on USC before traveling.

"I'm going to be here until Tuesday, and then I'm going to Washington, D.C. on a base visit with Air Force ROTC," he said.

O'Toole said "of course" he would not want to miss the USC game, calling it "the game of the century."

Keating said he believes most students will stay on campus to watch at least the first football game.

"I think everybody's going to be at the USC game," he said. "BYU ... hopefully a lot of people will show up."

Even though he will be staying on campus for a good part of the week, Keating said he appreciated the opportunity to leave for a while.

"It's nice to have a break in the middle of the semester," he said.

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actor

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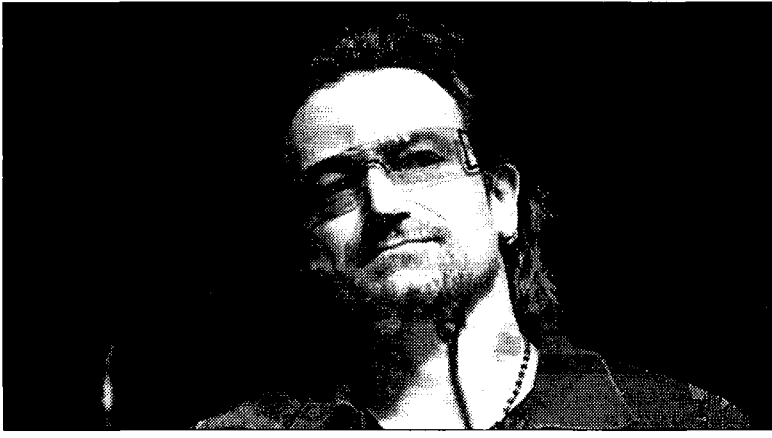
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Bono rejects U2 ties to fundraising concerts



Bono denied U2's involvement in efforts by U.S. lawmakers to use the band's live shows to raise campaign money.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U2's Bono says he is not involved in efforts by U.S. lawmakers to use his band's concerts to raise campaign money.

Sens. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Rick Santorum, R-Pa., and other politicians have scheduled fundraising events in private suites during shows for U2's North American Vertigo tour, which runs through the end of December.

Jamie Drummond, executive director of DATA, an Africa advocacy group that Bono helped found, said in a message posted on the band's Web site: "Neither DATA nor Bono are involved in these [fundraisers], and they cannot

be controlled. The U2 concerts are categorically not fundraisers for any politician; they are rock concerts for U2 fans."

Another DATA spokesman said Bono was speaking for himself and not for the rest of the Irish rock band.

Bono is a lobbyist for the world's poor and AIDS-stricken.

Santorum's press secretary, Robert Traynham, said Thursday that the decision by the Senate's third-ranking Republican to hold a fundraiser during Sunday's Philadelphia show is based on his "deep respect and admiration for Bono and their work together over the last few years to fight the global spread of HIV-AIDS."

New rules allow more pollution

Bush proposal loosens environmental regulations on power plants

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration proposed new regulations Thursday that could allow the nation's dirtiest power plants to release more air pollutants each year — and possibly undercut lawsuits aimed at forcing companies to comply with the Clean Air Act.

The proposal follows a June federal court ruling that said power plants can throw more pollutants into the air each year when they modernize to operate for longer hours.

It's the latest in a series of attempts by the Environmental Protection Agency to make the nearly 30-year-old Clean Air Act rules for coal-fired power plants more industry-friendly. Some changes were held up by lawsuits from environmentalists and state officials.

"We are now doing to smokestacks what we did to tailpipes," said EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson, who predicted the regulations would spur greater technology innovation.

"We want to remove any unnecessary regulatory obstacles," he said. "We're focused on practical, achievable results that don't get delayed by years of litigation."

The EPA proposal affects

the nation's 600 coal-burning power plants, which represent 55 percent of the nation's electric generating capacity. Industry officials say the plants are getting cleaner. But they continue to produce millions of tons of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide blamed for smog, acid rain and soot and other fine particles that lodge in people's lungs and cause asthma and other respiratory ailments. They also remain a big source of mercury, which works its way up the food chain after being absorbed by fish.

EPA "is embracing industry-backed loopholes that undermine basic protections for millions of Americans breathing harmful smokestack pollution," said Vickie Patton, an attorney who handles air quality issues for the advocacy group Environmental Defense.

Proponents say other EPA and state regulations would prevent that from happening.

"The heavy lifting of emissions control is already ensured by tough new EPA rules on interstate emissions and mercury control," said Scott Segal, director of the Electric Reliability Coordinating Council, which represents electric utilities.



Utilities are legally obligated to continue to cut their pollution, said Dan Riedinger, spokesman for the Edison

Electric Institute, another trade group. He said it was "a gross distortion of the facts" to conclude that power plants would increase pollution.

But an analysis of EPA data by Environmental Defense shows many East Coast power plants won't install new controls to clean up sulfur dioxide by 2015, despite EPA's predictions.

In June, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Duke Energy Corp. didn't need permission from EPA or states when it improved eight power plants in North Carolina and South Carolina from 1988 to 2000. But EPA seems to depart from another ruling in June, by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. In a challenge by New York to EPA's air programs, that court said "Congress directed the agency to measure emissions increases in terms of changes in actual emissions," not by hourly rates.

The Bush administration in 2002 and 2003 rewrote how EPA administers a Clean Air Act program that Congress approved in 1977. It was designed to ensure that aging power plants would have to install state-of-the-art equipment if they expanded or modernized in a way that results in significantly more air pollution in surrounding communities.






"Catholics, Concubines, and the Constitution: 19th-Century Battles over Church and State"

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"Catholics, Concubines, and the Constitution: 19th-Century Battles over Church and State," with Linda Przybyszewski, associate professor of history. While 21st-century Americans have experienced their share of arguments over church-state issues, Americans living during the 19th century fought even more passionately over the proper role of religion in public life. Two of the most dramatic battle — one over Mormon polygamy and the other over Bible reading in the schools — raised essential questions about the Republic's constitutional order. Przybyszewski, a historian specializing in legal history and Constitutional interpretation, will examine these compelling issues.







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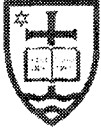
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Troubles at the Getty Museum ripple through art world

Former curator of Los Angeles museum will face trial next month over allegations that she received stolen antiques

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A plot fit for a Hollywood thriller has been unfolding at the venerable J. Paul Getty Museum, a gleaming hilltop refuge that Italian authorities claim houses pilfered art.

A decade after leading efforts against the illegal trade of artifacts, the museum's recently departed antiquities curator faces trial next month in Rome over allegations that she knowingly received dozens of stolen items.

The internationally renowned Getty finds itself deflecting a barrage of questions about how it amassed its world-class collection of Roman, Greek and Etruscan works. And the art world is left to wonder whether the museum's current dilemma will refocus attention on how art is acquired.

"We don't want to become associated with Enron-type institutions," said Selma Holo, director of the International Museum Institute at the University of Southern California. "We're all looking to our own gardens and making sure we've cultivated them properly."

Getty officials have denied any wrongdoing. The museum recently described the return of three objects, including an Etruscan bronze candelabrum Italian authorities allege was stolen from a private collection, as "demonstrating the Getty's interest in a productive relationship."

That hasn't slowed Italian prosecutors, who hope their trial of former antiquities curator Marion True will deter art

trafficking.

"The Getty case is so important that it will represent a milestone and completely change relations within the art world," Anna Maria Reggiani, director of archaeology at the Italian Culture Ministry, said.

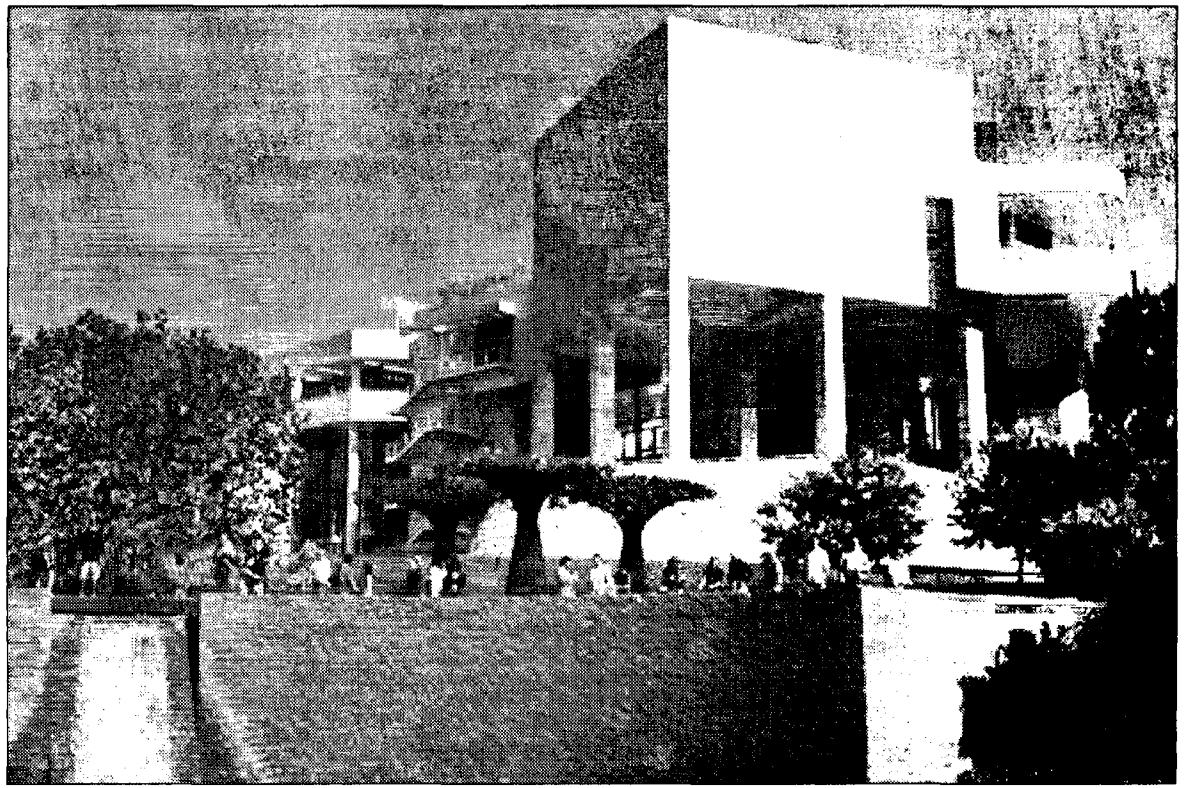
That attitude is a break with the past. With foreign authorities less aggressive than now, museums competing to build their collections might have been more willing to look the other way regarding the origins of high-dollar antiquities.

"The Getty was not acting alone in this way," said Steven Thomas, an art law expert and professor at the University of California at Los Angeles. "Many museums were doing this."

Greece has long sought the return of statues and fragments known as the Elgin Marbles from the British Museum, taken in the 19th century from the Parthenon by Lord Elgin, then British ambassador to the Ottoman Empire; Egypt wants to reclaim iconic artifacts including the Rosetta Stone from London and a Nefertiti bust from Berlin.

The opening of the \$1 billion Getty museum complex nearly eight years ago was heralded as one of the most important art events in recent U.S. history.

Funded by a multibillion-dollar endowment from the oil magnate, the museum for years had been housed at the intimate Getty Villa in Malibu. The new complex — a maze of marble buildings overlooking Los Angeles and the Pacific Ocean — let Getty trustees develop a campus featuring an eclectic mix of furniture, illuminated



Visitors walk in the gardens at the J. Paul Getty Museum Sunday in Los Angeles. The museum's recently departed antiquities curator will face trial in Rome over allegations she received stolen artifacts.

manuscripts and 17th-century Dutch paintings.

Boosters hoped it would silence skeptics who regarded Los Angeles as a cultural wasteland.

But while the museum has generated international acclaim, it also has attracted an international investigation.

In May, a judge in Rome ordered True tried on charges that she allegedly helped the museum acquire, between 1986 and the late 1990s, about 40 archaeological treasures stolen from private collections or dug up illicitly. They include a stone

sculpture representing Aphrodite and a marble statue of Tyche, the goddess of fortune, that both are more than 2,000 years old.

The charges surprised those who have considered True, 56, a pioneer in advocating for greater scrutiny of the provenance, or ownership record, of antiquities.

"She has been known to take the aggressive stance, instilling in everyone that they should only be acquiring established and well-documented objects," said Thomas, the art law expert.

Under True's leadership in

1995, the Getty was among the first museums to publicly detail a stricter policy for the acquisition of antiquities. In 1999, the Getty returned three pieces to Italy, including a fifth century B.C. drinking cup.

Antiquities are one hallmark of the museum, which also houses paintings, drawings, decorative arts and photographs. When the villa in Malibu reopens in January following a six-year, \$275 million renovation, it will be dedicated to the display of about 1,200 pieces from the extensive antiquities collection.

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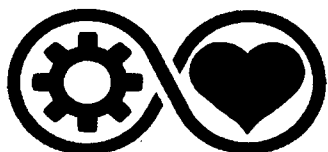


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ABC criticized for interns' story

Summer journalists draw fire for investigative report on nuclear plants

Associated Press

NEW YORK — ABC News is drawing fire for using college interns in an investigative report that alleges lax security at nuclear reactors on 25 U.S. college campuses.

The "Primetime Live" report examines how close those interns were able to get to the reactors, theorizing the facilities could be vulnerable to terrorists who could set off bombs that release radiation into the atmosphere.

ABC said its interns found unlocked doors, saw unmanned security booths and, in some cases, were given guided tours that gave them access to control rooms and reactor pools.

Officials at Kansas State and Ohio State universities expressed anger about the report before its scheduled airing Thursday.

"We are concerned that interns, college students, were placed in a position where they were dishonest about their roles and intentions," Terry King, dean of Kansas State's engineering school, said in a letter.

ABC said its interns were instructed not to lie. Two students each from Columbia, Northwestern, Harvard, Southern California and California-Berkeley universities were working at ABC News as part of an internship program financed by the Carnegie Corp. and the Knight Foundation. They were assigned to the project and supervised by reporter Brian Ross and his investigative team — and were picked, in part, because looked the part.

"The day has long since passed that I could pass as a college student," said Ross, 56.

They were told to go to the reactor facilities, say they were graduate students interested in nuclear power, and ask if they could look around. They carried regular cameras, not TV cameras, and did not say they were from ABC News. They weren't being untruthful, Ross said.

Ohio State and Kansas State officials say they give tours because, as educational facilities, it's their job to spread the word about how nuclear energy is being used.

Saying the interns were able to get close to the facility is "like coming to my driveway and saying, 'Guess what? I just got into McDonald's!'" said Earle Holland, Ohio State senior director for research communications.

At Ohio State, security procedures were correctly followed, and the interns had their bags searched and held during the tour. The tour was ended because one of the interns attempted to take a placard that listed security precautions in case of a bomb scare, he said.

At Kansas State, officials anticipated the visit; word had gotten around the small nuclear research community that reporters saying they were students had approached facilities. The students were given a tour anyway, even though this was later cited by ABC as an example of a potential security risk.

The interns flirted with security officers to try to get in, said Ken Shultis, Kansas State's nuclear energy program director. The guards flirted back, since they were trying to get the interns to pose for a picture they wanted to provide to the FBI.

Both university officials said the interns should have identified themselves as being from ABC News.

"I think the ethics is somewhat questionable," Shultis said. "It's a fine point when they were trying to misdirect or mislead."

But ABC said it's likely they would have been treated differently as reporters. The point was to show how a terrorist could pose as a student and easily be a threat, Ross said.

"We were students," said Dana Hughes, a Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism student who worked on the project. "We were interested in the programs. We did not hide our cameras. We were hiding in plain sight. It wasn't as sneaky as they were making it out to be."

If all it took to get into facilities was talking like a student or flirting, "some people could find that a questionable line of defense," she said.

Alex Jones, director of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard, which provided two of the interns, said he didn't want to prejudice ABC's report.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with finding out whether minimal security was being observed at nuclear facilities, providing you didn't misrepresent yourself," he said. "And from what I understand, none of these students did."

Ross said it wasn't a case of the interns being taught "gotcha" journalism instead of investigative journalism. The students did a great deal of research into the nuclear programs before going to the universities, he said.

The students didn't embark on the project with a specific result in mind. "A lot of them were hoping that they didn't find these stories," he said.

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ABC intern

Woman charged with stealing unborn baby



Pennsylvania State Police investigators walk out of the mobile home of Peggy Jo Conner Thursday in Ford City, Pa.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A woman clubbed her pregnant neighbor over the head with a baseball bat, drove her to the woods and cut her belly with a knife in an attempt to steal her baby, police said.

Police said Wednesday's attack on Valerie Oskin was stopped before her baby was taken after a teenager on an all-terrain vehicle came across the women.

Oskin, 30, later underwent an emergency Caesarean section at a hospital. State police Thursday said she was in critical condition and her baby in stable condition. She was believed to have been eight months pregnant, authorities said.

Peggy Jo Conner, 38, of Ford City, was arraigned Thursday on charges of attempted homicide and aggravated assault and was jailed without bail.

"It would appear from the defendant's statement that her goal was to get the victim's unborn child and take it as her own," District Attorney Scott Andreassi said in a statement.

Investigators found a bassinet, a baby swing and

other baby-related items in her trailer, authorities said.

"Clearly, she was expecting a child coming in shortly," Andreassi said. "There's nothing to indicate she was pregnant."

Thomas Wilks, who says he is Conner's husband but is separated from her, called the allegations against her "impossible" and said she truly was pregnant.

"I got a sonogram saying she is pregnant," Wilks told reporters. "I felt the baby kick in her stomach." He added that Conner is the mother of three children, ages 16, 14 and 11.

Conner and Oskin had a "close friendship," Wilks said. "It was getting closer as the days went by. They were pregnant together. They were helping each other out."

The assault began Wednesday morning, when Conner hit Oskin several times with a bat, Andreassi said. Conner then put Oskin and Oskin's 7-year-old son in her car, dropped the boy off at a family member's house and drove the pregnant woman about 15 miles to a secluded area about 50 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, Andreassi said.

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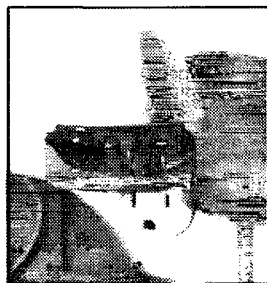
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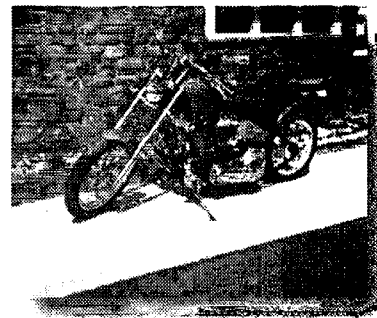
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Affleck urges aid for New Orleans

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Six weeks after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, Ben Affleck is urging continued contributions to the relief effort.

The actor has donated several items — including a "Good Will Hunting" script he and Matt Damon signed — to an online charity auction by Charity Folks and Citizens Helping Heroes.

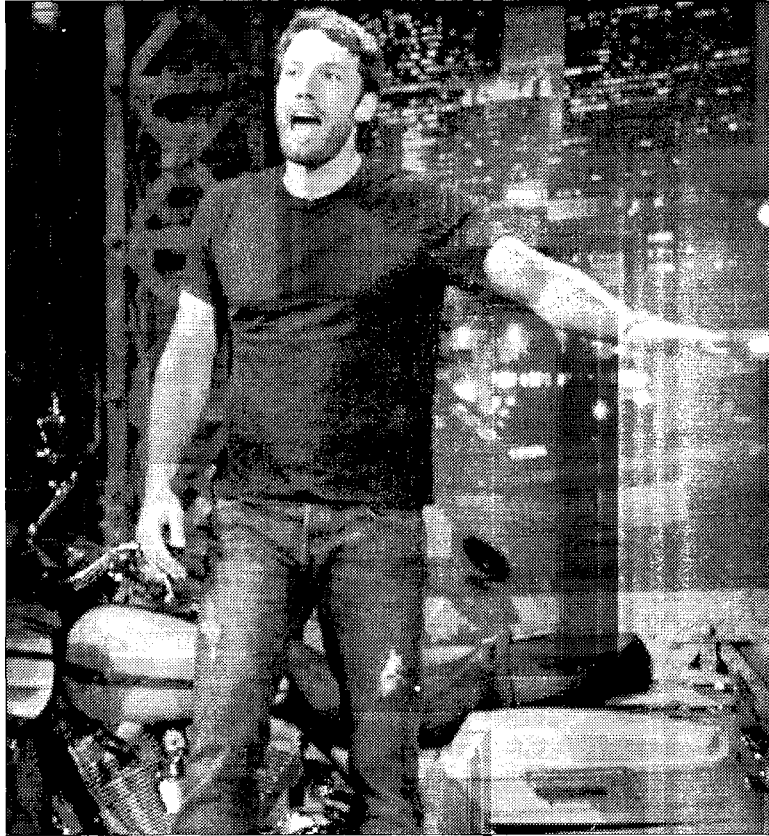
"I think one of the dangers of great tragedies like this is, once they fall away from the 24-hour news cycle, there's a tendency to think, 'Well that's dealt with,'" Affleck told The Associated Press by phone Thursday.

"It's not something that can be ameliorated with the one telethon we did the month afterward. It's a continuing process."

Affleck said he got involved with the auction, which began Wednesday and ends Oct. 27, after he received a call from former President Clinton's office. Proceeds will benefit the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund and the National Guard Family Program.

"One of the ways that I could contribute was to shill some memorabilia, and the other was to talk to you and try to get people to pay attention to this auction," Affleck said.

The auction also includes items from Jessica Simpson, Al Pacino, The Rolling Stones, Sting, Maroon 5, Derek Jeter and others.



AP
Actor Ben Affleck autographed a Harley-Davidson motorcycle that will be auctioned off to benefit those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The 33-year-old Affleck has shown political interest in the past, including an appearance at last year's Democratic National Convention.

Does the Katrina aftermath inspire him further to run for office?

"I'm interested in politics and like to be involved with them, and this is all I'm doing right now," he said. "But if

you want to be my campaign manager, you come over here and we'll talk about it."

Affleck was to begin filming "Smokin' Aces" in Lake Tahoe, Nev., on Friday. The movie, about a mob informant, also stars Jeremy Piven, Andy Garcia and Ray Liotta.

Damon and Affleck won a screenwriting Oscar for 1997's "Good Will Hunting."

Government probes terrorist threat leak

Homeland Security Department investigates

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Homeland Security Department is investigating whether department officials privately tipped off relatives or friends about last week's subway terrorism threat before the public was given the news, officials said Thursday.

The probe was announced as Gov. George Pataki and Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly raised concerns about the possible leak, first reported in the Daily News.

"Obviously it's disturbing; it's just not right," Pataki said after an official appearance in midtown Manhattan also attended by Kelly. "The public should know at the same time. ... There should not be limited public notification to a handful of people, or people who might be otherwise politically connected."

The Daily News reported Thursday that police had obtained copies of personal e-mails that alluded to an alleged al-Qaida plot, and had forwarded them to federal officials.

A Homeland Security spokesman in Washington, Russ Knocke, said an internal investigation was under way. "We take any potential leak of sensitive or classified information very seriously," he said.

When FBI and police officials went public with the threat Oct. 6, Homeland Security downplayed it, saying it was "of doubtful credibility." After four days of high alert, local officials announced Monday there was no clear evidence an attack would be carried out and scaled back the protection.

"It's ironic that on the one hand the department is saying this is not a credible threat and then, if these e-mails are true, people within the department with access to classified information felt it was worth contacting their own families," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

The e-mails began circulating Oct. 3 — three days before Kelly and Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced they were putting thousands of extra police officers on patrol in the subways in response to the possible plot to bomb the subway using briefcases or baby strollers packed with explosives.

The Daily News quoted one e-mail — purportedly penned by the unnamed son of a high-ranking Homeland Security official — in which he warns recipients: "The only information I can pass on to you is that everyone should at all costs not ride the subway for the next two weeks in major areas of NYC."

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TURKEY

Villages scoured for poultry after bird flu confirmed

Teams searched throughout Turkey after a case of the violent virus was detected in the western part of the country

Associated Press

KIZIKSA — A team in white, full-body protective suits scoured a village in western Turkey Thursday for any poultry farmers might be hiding or that could have escaped destruction after the European Union confirmed a virulent strain of bird flu had been detected in the region.

The Turkish government said it has contained the outbreak of the H5N1 virus, which scientists worry might mutate into a human virus and spark a pandemic.

Bird flu was detected after 1,800 turkeys died on a farm in Kiziksa, 80 miles southwest of Istanbul.

Authorities have destroyed some 8,600 turkeys and chickens in the area and placed the village under quarantine, but hundreds of poultry apparently escaped the destruction.

"Normally it would be over, but a few people are hiding their chickens," said one veterinary official, speaking on condition of anonymity because Turkish officials can only talk to reporters with prior authorization.

Farmer Aile Onat came to the truck with two white bags carrying two or three ducks each. The veterinary officials wore protective suits and face masks, but Onat wore only his street clothing. He was smoking a cigarette with one hand and pulled the animals with his other bare hand from the bags.

He said he found the killing of the animals pointless.

"There is nothing to be afraid

of," Onat said. "They are perfectly healthy."

The animals squawked loudly as they were forced into the small box in the back of the truck. A few seconds later the hissing of gas could be heard followed by silence. Onat appeared angry and quickly left.

Kiziksa Mayor Ekrem Gokturk said the government would pay farmers \$3.70 for each of their chickens and \$22 for a goose.

Many in the village were like Onat and seemed to brush aside the dangers.

"Normal life is going on, people are not afraid," Gokturk said.

But the veterinary official warned that "the people who

"Normal life is going on, people are not afraid."

Ekrem Gokturk
Kiziksa mayor



A Romanian health worker tries to catch turkeys before they are gassed in an eastern village of Romania on Thursday.

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For the past week, Kiziksa

has been under quarantine following the discovery of the dead turkeys. A Turkish laboratory tested samples from the birds and confirmed they had an H5 strain of bird flu. The samples were then sent to a laboratory in London to test for the feared H5N1 strain.

On Thursday, EU Health Commissioner Markos Kyprianou announced in Brussels that "we have received now confirmation that the virus found in Turkey is an avian flu H5N1 virus."

The H5N1 bird flu strain does not easily infect humans, but 117 people, mostly poultry workers, have caught it over the last two years and 60 have died. Scientists are tracking the spread of the virus in birds because it could mutate into a dangerous human pandemic strain.

Agriculture Minister Mehdi Eker said authorities were on alert for cases elsewhere in Turkey, which lies on the path of several migratory bird species.

Turkish authorities believe the turkeys contracted the disease from migratory birds that pass through the Manyas Bird Sanctuary outside of the village on their way to Africa from the Ural mountains in Russia.

Turkish paramilitary police set up three checkpoints outside the village, the first eight miles away.

All cars entering or exiting the village had to drive through a disinfectant pool several inches deep.

Turkey has asked the Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche Holding AG for 1 million boxes of a standard flu medicine as a precaution, said a Health Ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to speak to the media. Each box contains 10 capsules.

Kyprianou said the European Commission was proposing to set aside \$1.2 billion to help make and distribute anti-virals and vaccines "in case of a pandemic."

He advised EU countries to administer the standard flu vaccine to vulnerable populations: people over age 65, young children, those with weakened immune systems or chronic respiratory conditions and those living near the outbreak sites. There is no vaccine to protect against bird flu, but experts believe the standard flu vaccine could help.

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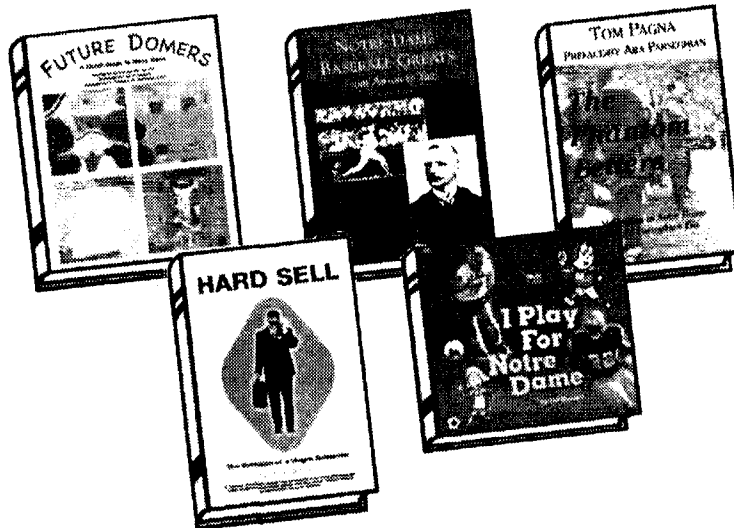
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FIGHTING IRISH

Viruses spread at jet speed in air

Aviation officials take steps to prevent bird flu breakout on airplanes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Planes provide the quickest way to get from one part of the world to another — for deadly contagious diseases as well as for people.

In the spring of 2003, the respiratory virus SARS journeyed to five countries in 24 hours after emerging in rural China. Airline and tourism industries lost billions of dollars worldwide because people were afraid to travel and governments ordered flights canceled.

With concerns about bird flu rising, U.S. health and aviation officials are taking steps to guard against a repeat.

More quarantine stations have been set up at airports. A better system is in place for tracking travelers who might have been exposed. Flight crews have instructions to report sick passengers.

Katherine Andrus, spokeswoman for the Air Transport Association, which represents major airlines, said the industry is concerned but doesn't want to overreact.

"We are taking all the appropriate measures to make sure that if it's a pandemic, we're prepared to respond," she said.

Bird flu generally spreads to people through contact with bird excretions. The fear, though, is that it will mutate into a disease that spreads from human to human.

The disease is most prevalent in Southeast Asia, to which only two U.S. airlines fly their own planes — United and Northwest. But officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, airlines and U.S. aviation officials are keeping a close eye as the disease spreads elsewhere.

"The best thing we always do in these situations is stay in close touch with CDC and as soon as we hear something, we

kick it out," said Steve van Beek, executive vice president of the Airports Council International, a trade group. By that he means letting airports know they should be prepared to make space available and tell staff and police that planes will need to be isolated and passengers quarantined.

Since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, most airports have contingency plans and crisis centers, van Beek said.

Planes provide a good environment for spreading disease. Passengers are in close quarters and confined for hours, and multiple people may sit in the same seat between cleanings as the jet makes different stops.

One way to limit the spread of disease is to force recirculated air through high-efficiency particulate filters,

which trap fungi and germs. HEPA filters are used on about three-fourths of all commercial airplanes, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Alison Duquette said.

"It's a standard industry practice for new aircraft," Duquette said.

Airlines also follow CDC guidelines calling for flight crew to separate a passenger with a contagious disease, if possible, and provide a surgical mask.

Pilots, by law, must notify the nearest quarantine station and quarantine workers will arrange for medical assistance, notify health departments and work with the airline to make sure the disease germs are killed, according to the CDC.

"Flu is pretty easy to kill with disinfectant," Andrus said.

An Orlando, Fla., company called AeroClave has developed equipment that modifies temperature and humidity inside airplanes so the air kills smallpox, SARS and bird flu. A giant white box and hose pump heated air through an airplane's

ventilation system for two hours, disinfecting parts of the plane that cleaning crews can't reach.

Company founder Dr. Ronald Brown said the FAA is in the process of certifying the system.

"When we started this two and a half years ago, people looked at us cross-eyed," Brown said. "SARS was just our two-minute warning. It showed how things can spread rapidly."

Brown said he's unaware of any standard for plane cleanliness. Airline cleaners wipe off stains and spills, and maintenance workers deep clean them during heavy maintenance checks, but Brown said he doesn't know of any airlines that disinfect seat belts, tray tables and overhead bins on a weekly basis.

Since the SARS outbreak in 2003, the CDC has added nine more quarantine stations to international airports for a total of 17. CDC workers can meet airplanes from countries affected by a disease and isolate anyone who shows symptoms. They can also tell anyone possibly exposed what to watch for and how to seek help.

Flight crews were reminded that they must notify health officials if a passenger shows suspicious symptoms. United Airlines spokeswoman Robin Urbanski said the airline has annual training for flight attendants on controlling infectious diseases and an airline doctor available around the clock.

Passengers sometimes don't show disease symptoms while traveling but are diagnosed later. In those cases, the CDC tracks people who were exposed to the infected passenger.

That turned out to be a challenge during the SARS epidemic, Andrus said, because so many people had to be contacted.

The airlines and the CDC came up with a passenger locator card that can be read by a machine. The CDC would direct airlines to distribute the card, most likely on flights coming from the part of the world where the disease is endemic, Andrus said.

"We are taking all the appropriate measures to make sure that if it's a pandemic, we're prepared to respond."

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spokeswoman
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"It troubles me because it does show this movement toward using a technology to track people."

Daniel Solove
professor
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Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Driving to work, you notice the traffic beginning to slow. And because you have your cell phone on, the government senses the delay, too.

A congestion alert is issued, automatically updating electronic road signs and Web sites and dispatching text messages to mobile phones and auto dashboards.

In what would be the largest project of its kind, the Missouri Department of Transportation is finalizing a contract to monitor thousands of cell phones, using their movements to map real-time traffic conditions statewide on all 5,500 miles of major roads.

It's just one of a number of initiatives to more intelligently manage traffic flow through wireless data collection.

Officials say there's no Big Brother agenda in the Missouri project — the data will remain anonymous, leaving no possibility to track specific people from their driveway to their destination.

But privacy advocates are uneasy nonetheless.

"Even though it's anonymous, it's still ominous," said Daniel Solove, a privacy law professor at George Washington University and author of "The Digital Person." "It troubles me, because it does show this movement toward using a technology to track people."

Cell phone monitoring already is being used by transportation officials in Baltimore, though not yet to relay traffic conditions to the public. Similar projects are getting underway in Norfolk, Va., and a stretch of Interstate 75 between Atlanta and Macon, Ga.

But the Missouri project is by far the most aggressive — tracking wireless phones across the whole state, including in rural areas with lower traffic counts, and for the explicit purpose of relaying the information to other travelers.

In fact, it would be the biggest system of its kind in the world, said Richard Mudge, a vice president at Delcan Corp., the Canadian company that won the Missouri bid.

The contract is expected to be completed within several weeks, and a cell phone monitoring system tested and implemented within six months after that. The cell phone provider for Missouri hasn't been disclosed, but Delcan uses data from Cingular Wireless LLC phones in the Baltimore project.

Governments have had the ability to measure traffic volumes and speeds for years. They can embed sensors in pavement, or mount scanners and cameras along the road. But those monitoring methods require the installation of equipment, which must be maintained, and can take only a snapshot of traffic at a particular spot.

In contrast, "almost everyone has a cell phone, so you have a

lot of potential data points, and you can track data almost anywhere on the whole (road) system," said Valerie Briggs, program manager for transportation operations at the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Although most new cell phones come equipped with Global Positioning System capabilities that can pinpoint their exact locations, the tracking technology used for transportation agencies does not depend on that.

Instead, it takes the frequent signals that wireless phones send to towers and follows the movement of the phones from one tower to another. Then it overlays that data with highway maps to determine where the phones are and how fast they are moving. Lumping thousands of those signals together can indicate traffic flow.

A Delcan demonstration Web site developed for Baltimore uses various shades of green, yellow and red to show block-by-block whether vehicles are moving at or below the speed limits. As rush hour started on a recent work day, observers could watch as green turned to yellow and then red on roads heading out of downtown.

The Baltimore project began this spring as a pilot program that monitors Cingular users over about 1,000 miles of road, but Maryland officials hope to eventually create a statewide version. (A Delcan competitor, Atlanta-based AirSage Inc., has an agreement with Sprint Nextel Corp. to monitor phones for its projects in Georgia and Virginia.)

Pete Rahn, director of the Missouri Department of Transportation, would like to make a similar Web site available to Missouri motorists, and to post estimated travel times on electronic road signs.

The Missouri and Maryland plans also assume that the contractor will market more detailed information to the private sector — automakers that offer onboard navigation systems, cell phone companies, shipping businesses or media that broadcast rush-hour traffic reports.

The private sector marketing helps drive down the states' cost. Missouri expects to spend less than \$3 million a year on the service, Rahn said, although the exact price won't be known until the contract is finalized. Maryland is spending just \$1.5 million, although the entire Baltimore project costs more than \$5 million, said Mike Zezeski, director of real-time traffic operations for the Maryland Department of Transportation.

By contrast, the San Francisco Bay area spent about \$35 million over several years to install roadside scanners and develop computer programs, Web sites and call centers for a real-time traffic service based on electronic toll passes, said Randy Rentschler, a spokesman for the region's Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

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Earning the mystique

The unparalleled NBC contract. The fervent subway alumni. The insatiable ESPN talking heads. There's no question Notre Dame football is used to being in the national spotlight. But does the program still deserve it?

As thousands of fans pour into South Bend, tickets hawk for \$2,000 and Lee Corso sets up shop under the gaze of Touchdown Jesus this weekend, that's a valid question to consider. The flood of attention is no surprise with the No. 1 Trojans in town — but in recent years, the Notre Dame-USC rivalry has been a decidedly one-sided affair.

Three consecutive 31-point embarrassments left the Irish hanging their heads, and this year's Southern California team, just as talented as its predecessors, poses a formidable challenge. Yet analyst after analyst is picking the Irish Saturday, drawing on a collection of intangibles that's most frequently packaged as the "Notre Dame mystique."

While each tweaks the definition of that mystique to his or her liking, it generally comes down to the unknown-Catholic-school, traveling-Rockne-draws-recognition, Navy-bails-us-out, Hesburgh-expands-from-just-a-football-school narrative. Cue the black and white photo montage and "Here Come the Irish."

One problem: Mystique doesn't win football games. And without a national championship since 1988, Notre Dame is moving further and further away from the concrete accomplishments that gave its mystique weight. Given that gap, it's entirely understandable that the first numbers many now highlight to describe the University are no longer seven Heisman trophies and 11 national titles, but a top 20 U.S. News and World Report ranking and a 1379 average SAT score. Notre Dame has-

n't been solely a football factory for 30 years, and the nation knows it.

And yet.

And yet campus is swarming with tourists, ticket scalpers and television cameras. And yet the recruits are signing up and stopping by at a frightening pace. And yet a win Saturday would result in more euphoria and exultation than any academic distinction could ever inspire.

Put it this way: cheap motel rooms weren't going for \$499 a night on University President Father John Jenkins' recent inauguration weekend.

That's no knock on Jenkins. It's no knock on academics, Catholicism, residential tradition or any of Notre Dame's other areas of distinction.

It's just an acknowledgment that — for now at least — no matter what the team's record, Notre Dame football still uniquely galvanizes a national audience.

Whether that audience has infinite patience for another national title is anyone's guess. But to prove the program deserves the hype surrounding this weekend, Notre Dame football has to be more than a tradition that runs deep in the University's veins. While the present can never match the past, it can certainly do some catching up — and coach Charlie Weis' attempts to build a proud, winning team and cohesive, intimidating fan base are a definite start.

Creating a present deserving of the glory heaped on the past will not be easy — but that challenge is far preferable to discovering what would happen to Notre Dame if the football mystique ran out.

The Observer Editorial

Notre Dame and USC: The perfect storm

It seems as if the entire sporting world has descended upon South Bend this weekend for the matchup between No. 1 University of Southern California and the ninth-ranked Fighting Irish tomorrow.

Some in the media have been quick to point out that Notre Dame has wallowed in mediocrity for the last decade. They have predicted that the Trojans will win in a blowout, and they question whether the intense hype surrounding the game is warranted. For all the nay-sayers out there, here's a little crash course as to why it might be a good idea to hold onto your ticket to tomorrow's game.

First, Notre Dame football is back. To be sure, it is true that the football program has been dormant for more than 10 years. (In fact, since Lou Holtz left the Irish sideline, it seems as if we have won little more than a handful of coin-tosses and a few games against Navy.) However, things are different this season. We come into tomorrow's game with a competent head coach who has transformed a sputtering offense into a well-oiled machine that can move the ball and score at will. Unlike our recent encounters with USC, our players will take the field knowing that they have coaches who can match wits with our opponents and exploit their weaknesses. Throw in the fact that Coach Weis had an extra week to prepare for the Trojans, and it seems like a given that the Irish will be ready for battle tomorrow.

Second, USC comes in toting a 27-game winning streak, the nation's longest. As we know, Notre Dame has traditionally

been a place where winning streaks go to die. In 1953, the Irish ended Oklahoma's 47 game streak, which remains the longest winning-streak in college football history. In 1988, the Miami Hurricanes entered Notre Dame Stadium having won 36 straight regular season games. After a hard-fought 31-30 Irish victory, the Canes' streak, as well as their No. 1 ranking, were a thing of the past. The history of the Irish snapping opponents' winning streaks is not limited to the gridiron. In 1974, the basketball team ended perhaps the most famous streak in all of college sports when it beat another team from Los Angeles, UCLA, and halted the Bruins' winning streak at 88 games.

Third, and most importantly, this is Notre Dame and USC, one of college football's oldest and greatest rivalries. As legend has it, the annual contest between the Irish and the Trojans can be attributed to Mrs. Knute Rockne. After Notre Dame played a road game at Nebraska in 1925, a USC employee told Mrs. Rockne that she would surely enjoy a trip to sunny Los Angeles more than a trek to Lincoln for an away game. Mrs. Rockne agreed, and she talked Knute into this idea. (Perhaps that is where we get the adage "the woman behind the man.") Thus began college football's greatest intersectional rivalry.

The Notre Dame-USC rivalry has become legendary not only because of the coaches and players who have taken the field against each other, but also for what it represents. The USC-Notre Dame rivalry pits titan against titan, tradition against tradition, legend against legend: Hollywood vs. the Heartland; Tommy Trojan vs. the Leprechaun; Yell Leaders vs. the Irish Guard; Fight On vs. The Victory March. It is unlike any other game in college football.

This is why the atmosphere will undoubtedly be electric this weekend.

Tickets are going for thousands of dollars, and a room at the Saint Mary's Inn costs more than a suite at the Ritz. Even tonight's pep rally has enjoyed a build-up unlike any other in my four years in South Bend. Not only because it will take place in the Stadium rather than the JACC, but also because of the countless rumors circulating. First I heard that Bon Jovi is going to surprise everyone with a concert. Now Bruce Springsteen will apparently play. This rumor is legit ... so people say. Bruce has a concert Thursday in Chicago and one Milwaukee Saturday. What rock n' roll star wouldn't want to come to South Bend on his Friday night off? Don't forget that the Boss and Coach Weis are both from Jersey. Clearly the rumors must be true.

It has also been circulating that former head coach Lou Holtz will be speaking at the pep rally. Joe Montana is also slated to speak, as is Rudy, Father Hesburgh, Tim Brown, Dick Vitale, Digger Phelps and Regis. (I even heard that Touchdown Jesus will be stepping down from the wall of the Library to address the crowd.)

It doesn't matter whether all these rumors turn out to be true. We should enjoy this weekend for the unique experience it presents. Tomorrow will not only be our biggest game this season, but also our biggest game since 1993. With a rejuvenated Notre Dame team, a 27-game Trojan winning streak, and the greatest intersectional rivalry in football, a perfect storm has arrived in South Bend this weekend. Now it's just a matter of Shaking Down the Thunder.

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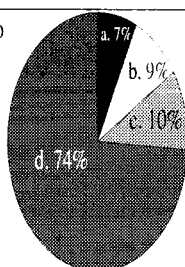
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What are you looking forward to most about USC weekend?

- a. Pep rally in the stadium
- b. Tailgating
- c. College Gameday on campus
- d. The game



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"An impossible dream is only impossible if all you do about it is dream."

Lou Holtz
former Notre Dame football coach

Don't forget the children of Northern Uganda

What have the children to do with it? Ivan, in Fyodor Dostoevsky's classic novel *The Brothers Karamazov*, asks, "If all must suffer to pay for eternal harmony, what have children to do with it?" Visiting the war-torn people of northern Uganda, we found ourselves sharing Ivan's philosophical fury. How can such innocent suffering of children persist with little cry from our own communities?

Michael Poffenberger and Peter Quaranto

Guest Columnists

For the last 19 years, a war has raged in northern Uganda, forgotten by most of the world. Since 1987, a rebel group known as the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), led by cult leader Joseph Kony, has been operating out of southern Sudan and fighting for power against the government of Uganda.

In this terrible war, children have suffered the most. Kidnapped by the LRA, tens of thousands of children have been

kidnapped, used by the LRA as child soldiers and sexual slaves. Their stories are harrowing and tell of an evil unimaginable.

Yet, for those children who escape abduction, their lives remain a living hell. The LRA typically hunts and preys upon children at night. To cope with this horror, children are nightly forced to brave treacherous weather conditions and unsafe roads and walk — by themselves — to towns as far as ten miles away. There, they sleep in makeshift camps and on street corners, only to wake at dawn to return to their homes and schools. This tragic trend, called "night commuting," has mushroomed and currently as many as 50,000 children walk each evening.

At the end of 2004, Mr. Jan Egeland, United Nations Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, declared the crisis in northern Uganda, "the world's biggest neglected humanitarian crisis."

On Oct. 22-23, together we are going to change that. In more than 40 cities around the world, people will walk with

the children of northern Uganda to demand the attention and action of the international community to end this war. Here at Notre Dame, we are organizing a walk on Sunday, Oct. 23 that will begin at 3 p.m. in Legends parking lot and end at Main Building. The "GuluWalk Day" will be the largest mobilization in history calling for peace in northern Uganda.

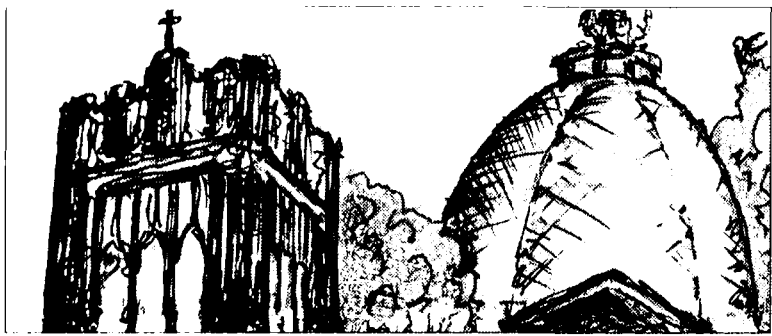
Our own government here in the United States has a special role to play in ending this war, especially given our historic relationship with the government of Uganda. Through financial, logistical and political assistance, we can bring visibility and support to the tireless work of Betty Bigombe, the chief peace negotiator, to catalyze a peace process. Through diplomatic pressure, we can hold the Government of Uganda accountable to the peace process, human rights standards and military professionalization. Finally, we can provide much-needed support to civilian protection and humanitarian relief.

Witnessing this gross assault on the integrity of God's creation, we cannot be silent. For far too long, the children of northern Uganda have been forgotten. Together, we are working to change that and to demand a foreign policy of hope that prioritizes and protects human life wherever it may be. Together with people all over the world on Oct. 22-23, we will raise our voices with the children of northern Uganda to ask our leaders to make human life in northern Uganda a priority. We ask you to join us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saint Mary's College: Separate and proud



I write today because many Saint Mary's students, myself included, have noticed a growing bite to The Observer's occasional jokes about the Saint Mary's and Holy Cross student bodies. We at Saint Mary's do not take ourselves so seriously that we fail to recognize the longstanding tradition of gentle back-and-forth teasing that has gone on throughout our joint history, and this letter is not meant to express some great outrage at any particular joke. It is meant, rather, to clarify that all joking aside, the women of Saint Mary's are proud of our history, tradition, mission, and accomplishments, different though they are than those of our more well-known neighbor.

Many of us chose after careful deliberation to attend Saint Mary's, and to be a part of an institution dedicated exclusively to the Catholic education of young women. We celebrate the courage and the faith of the Sisters of the Holy Cross who, while accompanying Father Sorin to assist him in the tasks necessary to found University of Notre Dame, took up as their own mission the founding of an institution for women, and who today continue their ministries for justice on four continents. Many of us, like many Notre Dame students, chose to continue a family tradition by attending the College, and many of us continue to have family ties across the road. In my own family, I followed in the tradition of my mother and my aunts as a Saint Mary's student, and my father, my uncles, and my sister, all of whom hold Notre Dame degrees, eagerly welcomed me to the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's family. That Notre Dame/Saint Mary's family is a real one, though like all families, it is composed of different and independent characters with independent goals and achievements, tied together in community.

The Saint Mary's student body is one of good humor, but it is also one filled with pride in our own heritage, separate from, but inseparably bound to, that of Notre Dame. We will gladly accept teasing, as long as it remains gentle back-and-forth teasing among friends. We hope that The Observer, "The Independent Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's," truly serves both campuses and our neighbors at Holy Cross College by holding firm to the conviction that any teasing worth printing must be born out of our tradition of mutual respect and affection.

Kellye Mitros
senior
Saint Mary's student body president
Oct. 12

Intelligent design yields confusion

There are a few matters which should be clarified about the issues raised by Professor Charles Rice in his Oct. 13 Viewpoint column ["Evolution and the evidence of reason"] concerning the teaching of evolution, and the trial taking place concerning Dover, Penn.

As Cardinal Schoenborn recently said, "Without a doubt, Darwin pulled off quite a feat with his main work and it remains one of the very great works of intellectual history."

One could get the impression from Rice's essay that there is some connection with the current popular advocacy of so-called "Intelligent Design" and faith in one's Creator. This connection is something that its advocates have been trying to avoid. Several of them have made a point of saying that their concept of "designers" is indistinguishable from "space aliens," just to take one of their examples.

One could get the impression that there is a "controversy" in biology regarding "Intelligent Design." However, the scientific literature is next-to-nonexistent. Of course, as with every active field of study, there are areas of investigation. But the existence of open questions in biology, or any other science, does not add a bit of support to "design," or any other supposed alternative.

One could get the impression that, for that matter, that there is a "competing theory" of "intelligent design." As to the advocacy of "intelligent design," not only does it avoid any specification of "intelligent designers," it does not say exactly what it is that has been "designed," nor when, where, why, or how. And there is little prospect for any investigation into these, or any other, basic questions. Some of the advocates even accept much of evolutionary biology.

The only result of bringing up "intelligent design" for K-12 biology students would seem to be confusion. Confusion about biology, confusion about God and confusion about the relationship between science and faith.

If anyone is interested in the current case in Dover, I recommend reading the transcripts of testimony and other material which is being posted online at: <http://www2.ncseweb.org/wp/>. The testimony of John Haught, professor of theology at Georgetown, may be particularly interesting.

Tom Scharle
alumnus
Class of 1960
Oct. 13

Ignoring the deeper texture

Many of the important moral issues of our day are embedded in a complex dynamic of competing ethical forces and weights that revolve around questions of fact, faith, reason, interpretation and conscience, in a broadly and spiritually human sense. Moral issues are also wide in compass. Just in the context of human life for instance, they range from abortion, to the death penalty, to war, to self defense, to the quality of life of the young and the poor. This, in brief, was my understanding of the essential point that Dean Mark Roche made in the New York Times op-ed piece of a year ago.

This brings me to the recent op-ed contribution in the defense of the right to life by Anthony J. Lauinger in The

Observer of Wednesday, Oct. 12, "Of Ray Siegfried, Mark Roche and the child we once were." Any cogent appeal that grows out of a sense of passion, conviction, insight, fairness and informed reason deserves respect and evaluation. Most unfortunately, Lauinger's effort fell short of this standard. Unable to resist the temptation to take aim at Dean Roche's reflection, he zeros in on a single sentence, "Those who view abortion as the most significant issue in this campaign may well want to supplement their abstract desire for moral rectitude with a more realistic focus on how best to ensure that fewer abortions take place... and pulls the trigger on "abstract desire for moral rectitude." What Lauinger engages in is a

quintessential example of a general and troublesome development in our country. It is a virus that has infected our civic and political discourse. It is visible in the media daily, and is a practice embedded in the "sound bite" and the "photo op." It consists of taking a differentiated discussion on a topic, narrowing in on a sentence and a phrase, spilling bile on a single frame, and ignoring or misunderstanding the deeper texture. This is precisely what this defender of the good and the just does in his piece and the large bold "Mark Roche" of its title.

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DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Hamlich's talents about

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Many people work their entire lives to win awards in the entertainment industry. In Hollywood, the Oscar, the Golden Globe and the Emmy are king, while on Broadway the Tony rules and in the media world everyone strives for a Pulitzer.

Few people possess the talent and diversity to win all of these awards, but every once in a while a rare individual comes along who manages to sweep all of them. Marvin Hamlich is one of these people. While his name may not be immediately recognizable to the average person, he has had a major impact on popular music with his extensive and diverse career.

The writer/conductor/composer/performer has worked in all areas of entertainment, and he will be performing some of his repertoire at Notre Dame tonight at 9 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall.

Hamlich, the child of an accordionist, was the youngest person admitted to Juilliard at the age of seven. He also earned his B.A. from Queens College in New York.

Hamlich's career has spanned many genres and included work in Broadway, film and on stage. His prolific career is not only notable for its diversity, but also for its success and the amount of recognition it has attained.

Broadway is just one of the



Marvin Hamlich is known not only for his musical talents as a composer and conductor, but also as a director. Hamlich will be playing an array of music at Notre Dame tonight.

Marvin Hamlich

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Venue: Leighton Concert Hall

Showtime: Friday at 9 p.m.

areas where Hamlich has found success, and shows that he has composed include "They're Playing Our Song," "The Goodbye Girl," "Sweet Smell of Success" and "Imaginary Friends." He won a Pulitzer Prize for his work on the musical play "A Chorus Line" in 1975.

Hollywood is a difficult place to find work, let alone find suc-

cess, but Hamlich has managed to find a lot of suc-

'The Way We Were' avo

By GRACE MYERS
Scene Critic

"The Way We Were" is, on the surface, typical romance movie: gorgeous guy meets gorgeous girl. But don't be fooled by this or the beach scene on the DVD cover — it's definitely not a typical chick flick.

This 1973 movie, directed by Sydney Pollack, was highly successful. It received two Academy Awards for Best Music and Best Song, as a result of Marvin Hamlich's superb compositions. It was also nominated in four categories, including Best Actress. The unique, striking characters, the turbulent political setting and highly original music make "The Way We Were" unforgettable. Its popularity has seen a recent resurgence because of Sex and the City's imitation of the movie in portraying Mr. Big and Carrie's melancholy goodbye scene in the second season's finale.

"The Way We Were" begins at the end of World War II during the characters' college years. Barbara Streisand plays Katie Morosky, a striking Jewish girl who can't control her zeal for liberal activism. She is initially nauseated by the beautiful, all-American athlete with an unexpected gift for fiction writing Hubble Gardiner, played by Robert Redford. But he begins one of his short stories, "Like his country, things had come too easily for him," which Katie strongly agrees with. Despite her intense political beliefs and Hubble's privileged background, the



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Pollack's "The Way We Were" stars Robert Redford as "American-ideal" Hubble Gardiner.

two find themselves enamored with each other.

Eight years later, the two unexpectedly reunite in a nightclub in New York City. Katie is a worker at a left-wing radio station and Hubble is a military officer. Of course, the two conquer their differences, Katie's political ambitions and Hubble's contemptible elitist network of friends, and fall madly in love. They marry and Hubble publishes his first novel, which fails,

The Way We Were

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songs like "I've Finally Found Someone" from "The Mirror has Two Faces," "Surprise, Surprise" from "A Chorus Line," and the Carly Simon-sung, "Nobody Does it Better" from "The Spy Who Loved Me." He won Oscars for his work on the score and title song for the Barbara Streisand movie, "The Way We Were," and for his adaptation of Scott Joplin's music for the Robert Redford film, "The Sting." The song, "The Entertainer," from the film is one of Hamlich's most well-known.

He worked as the musical director and arranger for Barbara Streisand's tour of the U.S. and England in 1994. He received two Emmys for his work on the television special based on this tour, "Barbara Streisand: The Concert." He also served as musical director and arranger for her Millennium concerts.

Hamlich works as the Principal Pops Conductor with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C., which is the first time a person has held this position with the National Symphony.

Hamlich will be performing a variety of songs from his extensive repertoire tonight. Tickets are available for \$54 dollars for regular admission, \$46 for faculty/staff/seniors and \$15 for students.

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on music for films. He has worked on scores for more than 40 movies, including "Sophie's Choice," "Ordinary People," "The Swimmer," "Three Men and a Baby," "Ice Castles," "Take the Money and Run," "Bananas" and "Save the Tiger." He even wrote music for the James Bond film, "The Spy Who Loved Me."

Hamlich was nominated for Oscars for Best Original Song for

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Barbra Streisand plays Katie Morosky, a liberal activist, in the 1973 film "The Way We Were."

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Hollywood becomes troublesome to Katie, who begins a crusade in defense of the Hollywood 10. At the HUAC meeting, Katie fights for her principles and for freedom of speech. Hubble, however, doesn't want to help her or be part of the trial in any way, believing that political fighting doesn't help anyone get anywhere. They cannot resolve their differences again and come to the understanding that they are too different to stay together. They split up without trying to resolve anything, knowing that they can't change each other.

"The Way We Were" is a beautiful romance story. It is somewhat disappointing that the couple does not stay together, but is more realistic and romantic in that their love is so strong that they remain fond of each other, even though they are not together. The greatest facet of the movie is Barbra Streisand's fantastic acting. She is fiercely energetic and intelligent, while also feminine and vulnerable.

The movie confronts a lot of issues, which is admirable, but not completely successful. The political implications presented and the portrayal of an impossible love are large tasks for a romance story to deal with. At times they seem a bit forced. However, the superb acting by Streisand, incredible music and intelligent and original writing redeem these flaws.

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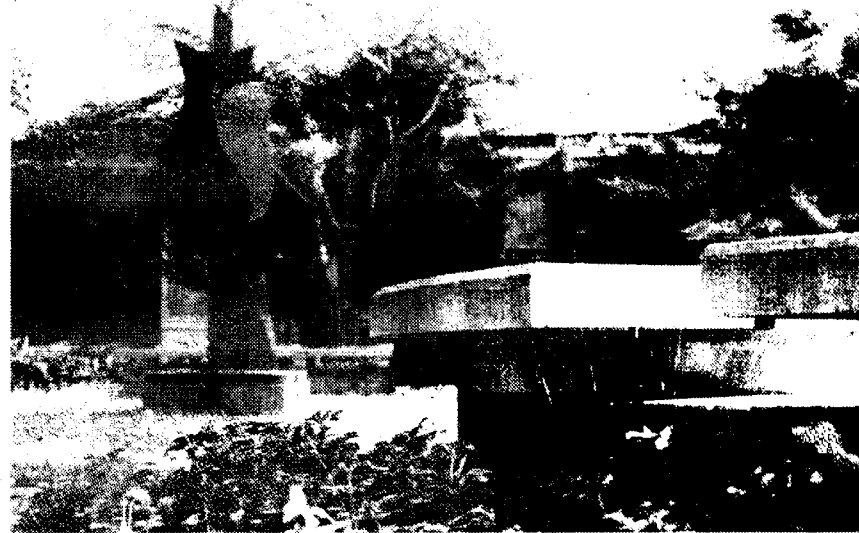
Hollywood so that he can pursue a career in screen-writing. Despite his great charm and beauty, Hubble is a weak character, drifting in and out of the strong and independent Katie's life. He jumps at the chance his friend gives him to sell out, working in Hollywood during the troublesome McCarthy era. The couple adjusts to their new home and Hubble becomes somewhat successful, but the intense hunt for communists in

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NBA PRESEASON

Hayes scores 19 as Wizards beat San Antonio

Pacers beat Jazz in Artest's first home game back; Nets blast Bobcats behind Jefferson; Billups leads Pistons over Bucks



Detroit Pistons guard Chauncey Billups drives past Mo Williams of the Milwaukee Bucks Thursday. The Pistons won, 95-88.

Associated Press

Jarvis Hayes scored 19 points and the Washington Wizards spoiled San Antonio star Tim Duncan's college homecoming with a 95-91 exhibition victory over the Spurs Thursday night.

Duncan, a three-time All-American and national player of the year at Wake Forest, was honored by city officials on "Tim Duncan Day." He received a key to the city, and had Deacon Drive, which runs by Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, renamed "Tim Duncan Drive."

However, Duncan struggled from the start, not scoring his first points until the 3:06 mark of the second quarter off a short, one-handed jumper from the baseline. He played just 23 minutes, and finished with four points and 13 rebounds.

"Just walking through these

doors and sitting in that locker room — every place in here has some memories," Duncan said. "It's fun to be back here in that respect, but I could never have imagined nine years later coming full circle, being back in here with everything I've done."

Caron Butler added 14 points for Washington, and Antonio Daniels and Awvee Storey each had 12.

Beno Udrih led the Spurs with 20 points, Sharrod Ford added 13 and Sean Marks 10.

Down 85-81 with four minutes remaining, Washington went on a 10-point run, capped by Peter Ramos' free throw that put the Wizards up 91-85 with less than a minute to play.

San Antonio rallied, cutting the Wizards' lead to 92-91 off Jawad Williams' 3-point play with 9.3 seconds left. Donell Taylor hit the first of two free throws to push Washington's lead back to two points, only to miss the second.

The Spurs had a chance to tie the game, but Billy Thomas stripped Melvin Sanders of the ball, then hit a pair of free throws with 4.7 seconds remaining to seal the game.

Pacers 99, Jazz 92

Rookie Sarunas Jasikevicius made Ron Artest's first home appearance a whole lot sweeter.

Jasikevicius, a 29-year-old Lithuanian who played college ball at Maryland, had 13 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter Thursday night as the Indiana Pacers came from behind and beat the Utah Jazz.

Artest, playing his first game at home since he was suspended following the brawl with Detroit fans last November, had 23 points, but Indiana still trailed by seven after a basket by Utah rookie Deron Williams early in the final period.

Two free throws each by Artest and Austin Croshere made it 77-74, then after Williams scored again, two more free throws by Croshere and a 3-pointer by Jasikevicius tied the game. There was one more tie before a basket by Stephen Jackson put the Pacers in front for good.

Jasikevicius and Jackson, who finished with 15 points, combined for 18 of Indiana's final 20 points.

The Jazz (1-1) pulled within 96-92 on a 3-pointer by Williams with 32 seconds to go, but Jasikevicius scored the final basket and free throw to clinch the win for the Pacers (1-1).

Williams, the third overall pick in the draft, led Utah with 17 points.

Artest, who missed the final 73 regular-season games and all of the playoffs because of his suspension by the league, was the focus of Indiana's offense at the beginning. He scored the Pacers' first two baskets and took five shots in the first four minutes of the game. His third basket put Indiana up 10-5 midway through the opening period.

The Jazz managed only three free throws in a stretch of almost eight minutes before a basket by Mehmet Okur cut Indiana's lead to 14-10 at the end of the quarter.

With reserves in the game, Utah came back in the second

quarter, tying the game seven times before two free throws by Williams put the Jazz up 35-33 with under two minutes left in the half. Indiana regained a 40-37 lead at the half, but Utah took control in the third quarter and had its biggest lead at 73-65 early in the final period.

For the second straight game, Indiana was without Jermaine O'Neal because of a bruise to his right thigh.

Nets 95, Bobcats 76

Richard Jefferson and Jason Kidd scored 10 points apiece to lead the New Jersey Nets over the shorthanded Charlotte Bobcats in a preseason game Thursday night.

The Nets, who held the Bobcats to 31 percent shooting, won despite committing 22 turnovers.

Antonio Meeking scored 14 points and fellow rookie Raymond Felton added 10 for Charlotte.

The Bobcats were without six players, including Emeka Okafor, who missed his second straight game with a sprained right ankle. Starting center Primoz Brezec (shin), Melvin Ely (ankle), Sean May (knee), Matt Carroll (bicep) and Alan Anderson (knee) also sat out.

The Bobcats were so thin in the front court that undrafted rookie D'or Fischer started at center. He had six points on 2-of-9 shooting.

The Nets were without forward Marc Jackson (strained groin), Jason

Collins (knee) and Jeff McInnis (strained back).

With Jackson out, 38-year-old Clifford Robinson started at power forward. He hit a 3-pointer in an 11-0 run that gave the Nets a 61-45 lead with 5:11 left in the third quarter.

Kidd blew past Felton with a crossover dribble and his ensuing layup made it 65-49 with 2:56 left in the third.

New Jersey led by as many as 20 points in the final period and Charlotte coach Bernie Bickerstaff was ejected for picking up two technical fouls with 2:09 left.

Pistons 95, Bucks 88
Chauncey Billups scored 16 points and Darko Milicic added 10 points and nine rebounds helping the Detroit Pistons beat the Milwaukee Bucks in a preseason game Thursday night.

Tayshaun Prince added 10 points for Detroit while Ben Wallace had eight points and 13 rebounds.

Maurice Williams led the Bucks with 19 points, while former Michigan State star Charlie Bell, who last played in the NBA in 2002, had 12.

Milwaukee was missing three key players to injury — Michael Redd (groin), T.J. Ford (hand) and Joe Smith (knee). Andrew Bogut, the top pick in this year's draft, started and scored three points in 21 minutes.

He had six rebounds and four fouls.

Detroit led early with its starters on the floor, but Milwaukee took a 44-39 half-time lead against the Pistons reserves.

Billups hit three 3-pointers early in the third quarter to help the Pistons lead 67-64 at period's end.

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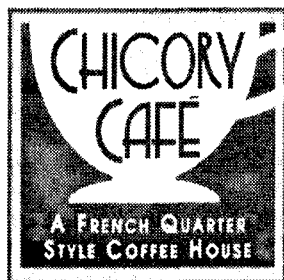
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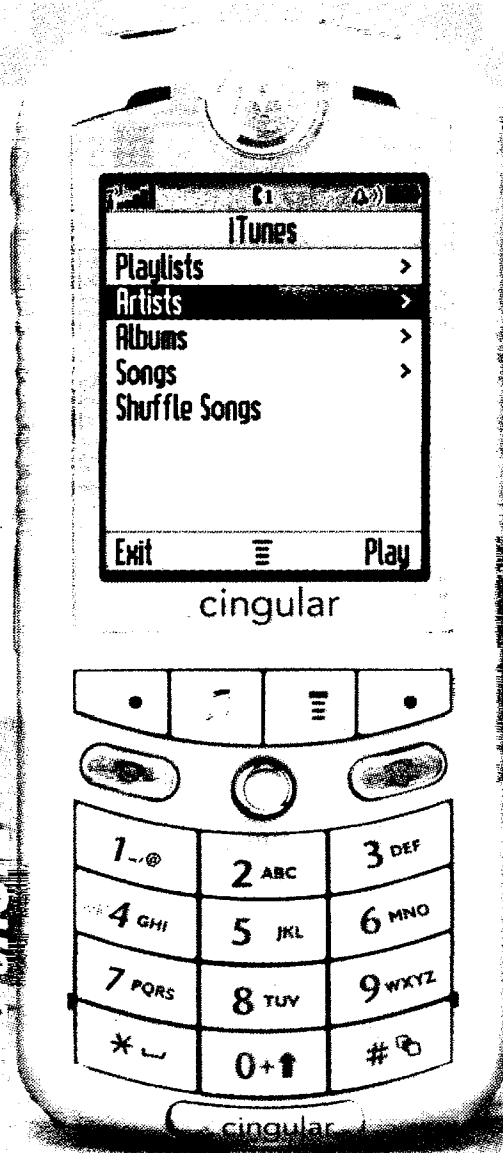
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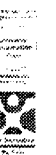
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish lament road trip, ready to face DePaul

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

With all the buzz surrounding Notre Dame's highly-anticipated football game against unbeaten USC this Saturday, Irish volleyball coach Debbie Brown was completely honest — she's disappointed for her players, disappointed because they will not get to experience the hype of such a huge football weekend.

"If I had my choice, I'd rather be here," she said, referring to her desire to play at home rather than on the road this weekend. "I just think it's a very exciting thing to be a part of, and I feel badly that we won't be here. I think that games that have that much on the line — national exposure — to be on campus for a game like that, I was here in '93 when Florida State was here, so it's really fun to be a part of."

"So if I had my choice I'd rather be here to let the [volleyball] team experience that."

But don't get her wrong — her team is still focused on winning its

2 p.m. volleyball match at DePaul Saturday. Only, after the match, Brown plans on building some off-court team chemistry.

"I think we're going to try to get to a place as soon as we can after our match, because we play at two as well, so we'll end up going to someplace in downtown Chicago," she said. "So we can watch as much as we can on TV."

Once again, the Irish do not know as much about their opponent as they'd like to. DePaul is in its first year in the Big East Conference and has not played too difficult of a schedule. Brown, as usual, says her team must simply be itself. And, she says, getting by a young but hungry DePaul team quickly would be a bonus.

"I think the key for the match is playing really well on our side of the net," she said. "I think they've [the Blue Demons] struggled a little bit in the conference."

"We have to pass well and defend well."

No. 10 Notre Dame (14-1, 5-0 Big East) is on a seven-match winning streak. DePaul, on the other hand, sits at 3-14 overall and 0-5

in the Big East. While the Demons are looking for their first conference win, the Irish are looking to stay undefeated in the conference. Still, as usual, the Irish respect their opponent but are more worried about their own play.

"One of the most important goals is to have a high hitting percentage," she said. "We just need to play well on our side."

In their last match, the Demons were swept by Wisconsin-Milwaukee 30-16, 30-17, 30-21. Their offensive struggles continued as they hit for a .200 percentage in one of the games against the Panthers Wednesday night.

Throughout their seven-match winning streak, the Irish chemistry has, no doubt, improved on the court. They know each other well. Seniors Lauren Brewster and Lauren Kelbley just know where sophomore setter Ashley Tarutis is going to set up their spikes. Defensive players Meg Henican and Danielle Herndon just know when to hustle after a ball and when to hold back, to let a teammate dive instead. After team dinners and study sessions, they



Sophomore Adrianna Stasiuk, right, jumps to block the ball in Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Valparaiso Oct 5.

know each other off the court as well.

Yet Saturday, they'll have an opportunity not many other top teams around the nation get — to become closer through watching their favorite football team.

So, despite leaving the campus on this bustling football weekend,

the Irish hope to make the most of their Chicago trip.

Already ranked No. 10 and on a long winning streak, they hope to return with a win and a tighter bunch.

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NFL

Bengals' Johnson eager to test Titans' 'Pacman' Jones

Two-time Pro Bowl receiver expects to have his hands full

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Chad Johnson is a talkative two-time Pro Bowl receiver known for his touchdown celebrations. Adam "Pacman" Jones is a brash rookie cornerback with plans on how he'll commemorate his first NFL touchdown.

It's a matchup seemingly tailor-made for lots of trash-talking.

But not until kickoff.

In the past, Johnson has called some of his upcoming opponents

and even sent boxes of Pepto-Bismol to pump them up, but he only had praise for Tennessee's top draft pick Wednesday.

"I talked with Pacman during the offseason and let him know I couldn't wait for this challenge and this opportunity to play against him. I'm really looking forward to it. He is a good friend of mine," Johnson said in a conference call.

"Rookie or not, he is a good player. First-round pick, sixth player taken overall, there is a reason he was taken that high, because he is a ballplayer. There is no licking your chops. I've got to go out and play him the same way I would play any 10-year veteran."

High praise indeed for a cor-

nerback who'll make only his third start Sunday when the Bengals (4-1) visit the Titans (2-3). Jones was deactivated for the season opener, then alternated with Tony Beckham for two games before moving into the starting lineup on Oct. 2.

Jones has 16 tackles and has defended only two passes officially. Still, Johnson piled on the praise.

"He is lightning-quick, and he is fast," he said. "That is a hard combination to find."

Johnson, who has led the AFC in yards receiving in each of the last two seasons, currently leads the AFC with 31 receptions and ranks second with 426 yards receiving. On Sunday, he'll be going for his 50th consecutive

game with at least one reception.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher said Jones has a good chance of lining up across from Johnson with the Bengals moving the receiver around the field. Fisher personally thinks Johnson puts more pressure on a defense's safeties than on cornerbacks because of his vertical speed.

Fisher isn't worried about Jones, quite a talker himself, getting caught up in a trash-fest with Johnson.

"He knows that he has got to do the best he can, stay focused and concentrate. Chad sometimes thinks he gets in people's heads. But most of the time, defensive players around this league line up and play," Fisher

said.

Jones and Johnson became almost instant friends about a year ago after meeting in Atlanta. The rookie considers Johnson a big brother figure and expects a phone call from the receiver before Sunday's game.

He isn't worried about getting a "No" check on Johnson's list of opposing cornerbacks this season for failing to make a play against the receiver. But Jones sounds as if he's learned something from watching Johnson's TD celebrations because he said he has something planned for his first touchdown.

"I can't tell you, but it's going to be very, very, very entertaining," Jones promised.

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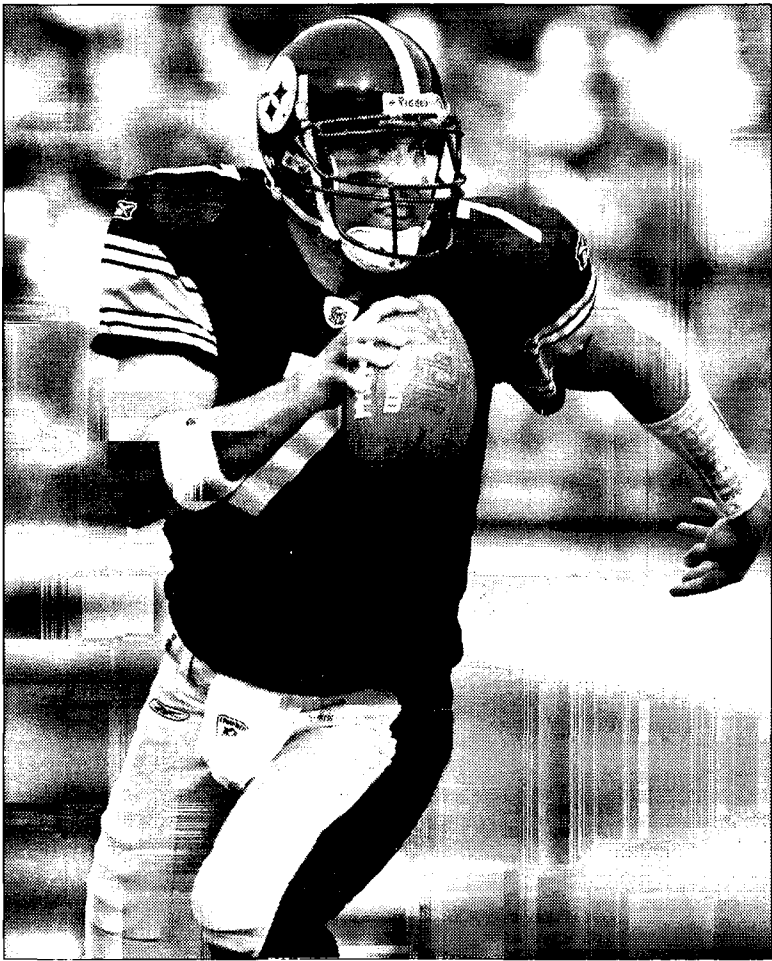
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NFL

Roethlisberger, Ward miss another practice



Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger rolls out of the pocket in the Steelers' 23-20 loss to the Patriots Sept. 25.

Absence of two stars concerns Pittsburgh

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger isn't the Pittsburgh Steelers' only injury worry with Sunday's game against Jacksonville approaching. Wide receiver Hines Ward missed practice for a second straight day Thursday with a nagging hamstring injury.

If Roethlisberger and Ward can't practice Friday — and neither player has been on the field since Monday night's 24-22 victory in San Diego — it seems unlikely they will play. Most weeks, the Steelers require a player to practice at least once before a game to play, though coach Bill Cowher said he does not have a blanket policy.

"It's case by case," Cowher said Thursday. "Obviously, if you have somebody who hasn't practiced all week, you have to take that into account. We are just going to look at all the circumstances and go from there."

Roethlisberger, whose left knee became hyperextended during the Steelers' game-win-

ning final drive Monday, did some light jogging and throwing but did not practice. Still, that was an improvement from Wednesday, when he was on crutches for most of the day.

Roethlisberger remains doubtful, meaning there is only a 25 percent chance that he will play, while Ward is questionable. Ward also was questionable leading into Monday's game, but played and made six catches for 83 yards.

But the short work week between games isn't helping Ward and, Cowher said, "It becomes a concern" when a player can't practice.

It wasn't Ward's day — even if it was.

He was honored Thursday during Hines Ward Day ceremonies in nearby Washington, Pa., which named him its honorary mayor and gave him the key to the city, an honor previously reserved for dignitaries such as former presidents John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton.

Cowher did get favorable injury news: Roethlisberger's backup, Tommy Maddox (calf), was upgraded from questionable to probable.

That means he could start

ahead of No. 3 quarterback Charlie Batch, who hasn't started a game in four years, if Roethlisberger can't go.

When Maddox was hurt in practice Friday, the Steelers expected him to be out for three to four weeks.

"He appears to be very good, and Ben feels a lot better than he did yesterday (Wednesday)," Cowher said.

Regardless of what happens in practice Friday, Cowher probably won't designate a starting quarterback until game time Sunday, if only to force the Jaguars to prepare for one of three possible starters.

Willie Parker will make his fifth consecutive start at running back, despite being replaced by Jerome Bettis during most of the second half in San Diego.

Bettis ran for 54 yards on 17 carries and a touchdown in his first game action since last season's playoffs, not counting the preseason.

Parker, who ran for 272 yards against the losing-record Titans and Texans to start the season, was limited to 26 yards on 10 carries by San Diego and has 81 yards on 27 carries in his last two starts.

MLB — AL

Yankees' Stottlemyre gone, pitcher Gordon could be next

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Besides a new pitching coach, the Yankees might have to find a setup man, too.

As the AL East champions dealt with their latest postseason disappointment, George Steinbrenner responded Thursday to Mel Stottlemyre's departure, and Tom Gordon said he would consider leaving the Bronx for the chance to be a closer again.

Changes are expected following New York's loss to the Angels in the division series, and they started with the resignation of Stottlemyre. The longtime pitching was critical of Steinbrenner's treatment of manager Joe Torre on Wednesday, when he said he didn't expect to return for an 11th season with the team.

Steinbrenner responded Thursday in a release issued by the team.

"Mel Stottlemyre will always be a Yankee. When I purchased the ballclub more than 30 years ago, he was one of the team's true stars and leaders and, during his 10 seasons as pitching coach, we won six American League pennants and four World Championships. While it is no secret that I can be a very difficult boss, Mel has always conducted himself as a professional and a gentleman. I wish he and (wife) Jean much success and happiness in the future."

Stottlemyre was at Yankee Stadium on Thursday but did not address the media.

The new pitching coach might be working with a replacement for Gordon, who is set to become a free agent.

Gordon has spent the last two years as the setup man for Mariano Rivera, but made it clear Thursday that he would be inter-

ested in returning to the role of closer.

"The Yankees will be first but I still would like to close," he said.

An All-Star in 2004, Gordon has pitched well in the regular season but has been a disappointment in the playoffs. He had an 8.10 ERA during last year's AL championship series against Boston, and allowed two runs in 2 1-3 innings in the loss to the Angels. Torre bypassed him in Game 4, when he used Rivera for two innings to finish with the Yankees facing elimination.

Gordon began his career as a starter before becoming a top closer. He led the AL with 46 saves in 1998 for Boston, and said saving games is something he wants to do again.

"I had a great time being a setup here," he said. "I enjoyed

every day with Mo. I still have in my mind that if I got an opportunity again to close that I want to do that. Closing's always going to be a first choice for me."

The Yankees also will have to make a decision on Tino Martinez. A member of their four World Series championship teams from 1996-00, he returned to the team this season and hit .241 with 17 homers in a part-time role.

Martinez said Thursday at Yankee Stadium that he would like to come back, but would understand if his role, too, is another one of the changes.

"That's just the way the Yankees are," he said. "Everyone knows when you come to the Yankees things can change from year to year. Everybody knows that."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Robinson's arm, legs could give Michigan fits



Penn State quarterback Michael Robinson breaks tackles in the Nittany Lions' 17-10 win over the Buckeyes last Saturday.

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Michael Robinson's right arm is laced with muscles and tattoos, but his legs attract just as much attention.

Penn State's quarterback has run for five touchdowns this season and thrown for nine, mostly on long passes to one of his fleet freshmen receivers. He's got an improving offensive line and mobility that helps keep drives alive and gets him out of trouble.

That might be trouble for Michigan (3-3, 1-3 Big Ten), which welcomes No. 8 Penn State (6-0, 3-0) on Saturday. The Wolverines have had some problems containing mobile quarterbacks.

"They have a quarterback who is really a running back with a quarterback's arm," Michigan defensive tackle Pat Massey. "He is somebody who can do it all."

In beating Michigan State earlier this season, Michigan did OK against the Spartans' mobile signal-caller, Drew Stanton. He ran for a TD but finished with zero yards rushing.

Stanton's passing did most of the damage. He was 20-for-30 for 282 yards with one TD pass for the Spartans, who have been less willing to let him run this year.

Last season, Stanton gave Michigan fits, as did dual-threats Troy Smith of Ohio State and Vince Young of Texas.

Now the Wolverines get

Robinson, a fifth-year senior who has helped lead the Nittany Lions to their best start since they won the first nine games in 1999.

"He is a great athlete and he runs like a tailback," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "I think he is really developed as a thrower."

This is Robinson's first full year as starting quarterback after playing often at running back and wide receiver earlier in his career. Zack Mills, who has graduated, started the majority of games at quarterback last season while Robinson also got starts at wideout.

"He's grown by gigantic leaps and bounds this season," Penn State quarterbacks coach Jay Paterno said. "I don't know if you can ask anybody who can do any more than he has for this team."

Robinson is the unquestioned leader on a balanced Penn State offense bursting with big-play potential. He has helped speedy freshmen Derrick Williams, Deon Butler and Justin King get adjusted at receiver and praised Tony Hunt for pacing a solid running game.

"We just take what the defense gives us," Robinson said. "If they give us running lanes, we'll take that. If it's passing lanes, we will take that."

Perhaps even more impressive is the fact that the offense hasn't had a turnover since the first half of the Northwestern game, a span of 10 quarters. Penn State had been tied for the Division I-A

lead in turnovers committed with 13 through the first four games.

Two games later into the season and they are still at 13.

"Turnovers are funny animals," coach Joe Paterno said. "The fact that we haven't had a turnover in the last two games doesn't mean a thing. We have to fight to make sure we don't get them."

The turnovers weren't solely Robinson's fault. Some of the interceptions were tipped at the line or bounced off receivers' hands.

But Robinson did have a problem with fumbles. Joe Paterno said that his quarterback had been careless with the ball while trying to gain extra yardage.

Robinson said that in recent games he was tucking the ball closer to his body and shifting to a running back's mentality after taking off.

He might also be helped by a contraption called "The Blaster" that he runs through in practice. It is mainly used by running backs to practice protecting the ball, but Robinson uses it, too.

Though his final stats against a tough Ohio State defense last week didn't look too impressive, he did run for a score, and Jay Paterno said his quarterback made excellent decisions down the stretch as Penn State went conservative on offense.

Despite the attention over Robinson's mobility, Carr is aware of the quarterback's ability to throw.

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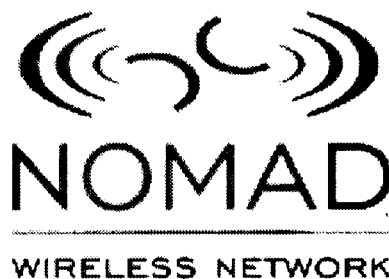
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LPGA

Wie begins pro career by chasing Sorenstam

16-year old ends first round with a 2-under 70, trails by six shots

Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Michelle Wie steadied her 6-foot frame over the ball, unleashed a powerful swing with a 3-wood and sent the ball soaring against the yellow-and-green backdrop of Bighorn Golf Club to embark on her professional career Thursday.

"I wasn't that nervous when I put the ball on the tee," the 16-year-old said. "I wasn't that nervous when I took my practice swings. But once I got over my tee shot, my heart was thumping. It was different."

But when the first round of the Samsung World Championship ended with a bogey for a 2-under 70 — six shots behind Annika Sorenstam — it was not much different from the previous 93 rounds Wie has played against the pros.

Not much different, either, was the name atop the leaderboard.

Watching the Michelle Wie Show unfold in the group ahead, Sorenstam went about her business with alarming precision on her way to an 8-under 64, a score that could have been even lower except for missing birdie putts inside 5 feet on the final two holes.

Asked if she was sending a message to the kid, Sorenstam said:

"Honestly, I didn't feel like I'm here to prove anything. I'm here to reach my own goals, play my own golf. I see this as an opportunity to win this tournament for the fifth time."

Sorenstam had a one-shot lead

over Gloria Park and Cristie Kerr, who played with Wie and welcomed her to the professional ranks with four birdies on her first five holes.

Kerr has been playing practice rounds with Wie since the Hawaii sensation was 13, and she knew what to expect — not just the prodigious tee shots, but the media hype around it. Even before she stepped onto the first tee, Kerr asked that a TV crew be moved outside the ropes. And though she was five shots better than Wie, she was impressed.

"I came out here straight out of high school," Kerr said. "My first shot, I think I shanked it, or I at least hit it poorly. She striped it down the middle. It was fun to watch."

Wie wound up in a tie for 12th among the 20-player field, dropping shots on two of the last five holes with a tee shot that caromed off the trees on the 14th, and hitting twice into bunkers on the closing hole.

It was steady, not spectacular. Even so, Wie showed she belongs.

"We have the best 20 players here, and she's one of them," Lorie Kane said after a 66.

Bighorn doesn't draw large galleries to the hilly course tucked in the foothills of the Santa Rosa, although most of them took their spot in the scrub brush and cacti to watch Wie launch her professional career.

It was a 3-wood, low and crisp in the middle of the fairway, and it was met with applause she has heard before.

Her entourage included just about everyone from her support group — mom and dad, swing coach David Leadbetter and his wife, three executives from William Morris Agency, agent

Ross Berlin and his wife, Nike chairman Phil Knight in a rare appearance, along with the three other Nike staff members.

The biggest difference comes Sunday, when Wie collects her first paycheck.

"I haven't thought about playing for money or more pressure," Wie said. "Once I started playing, it wasn't any different."

Wie played 24 times on the LPGA Tour, and competed five times against the men during an amateur career in which she spent more time playing against the pros. She joined them last week in Honolulu, signing lucrative deals with Nike and Sony, instantly making more endorsement money than even Sorenstam.

She showed poise, patience and the usual amount of frustration over her putting.

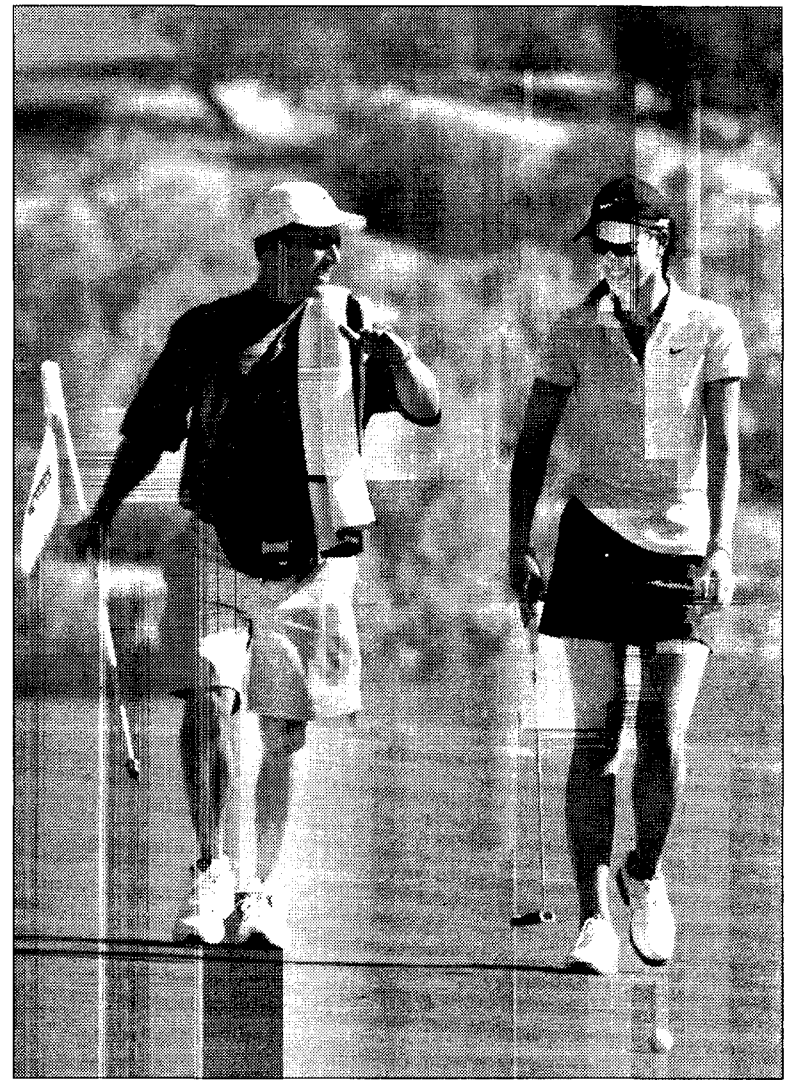
After a wedge into 18 inches for a tap-in birdie on her second hole, she faced her first test. Her drive on the par-5 third hole went right into a small piece of desert, the ball nestled in a tiny bush with a rock the size of a bowling ball possibly getting in the way of her next shot.

Rather than take a risk, Wie took a one-shot penalty to move it to the sand and punched out. She hit her fourth shot into 3 feet and escaped with par.

"I could have played it left-handed," Wie said. "But it was the third hole on the first day, so I thought I'd just take an unplayable. I made par anyway."

She made her share of birdies, too, twice on the par 5s by getting around the green in two, and an 18-foot birdie putt on the 10th hole, the longest putt she made all day.

Wie was three shots off the lead



Golfer Michelle Wie, right, talks with caddy Greg Johnston during her practice round Tuesday for the Samsung Challenge.

at that point, tied for fifth, until her two mistakes cost her.

"The most memorable thing was I hit the first fairway," she said. "Obviously, some things didn't go as well as I planned."

Sorenstam had few complaints,

although the atmosphere was different. Sorenstam is no stranger to low numbers, but it's rarely this quiet when she's making so many birdies. All the attention was in the group ahead, and that was OK with the 35-year-old Swede.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	OT	points
New Jersey	2-1	0	4
NY Rangers	1-1	2	4
Pittsburgh	0-1	3	3
Philadelphia	1-2	0	2
NY Islanders	1-2	0	2

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Ottawa	4-0	0	8
Montreal	4-1	0	8
Buffalo	3-1	0	6
Boston	2-2	0	4
Toronto	1-1	2	4

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Florida	3-1	0	6
Atlanta	2-2	0	4
Tampa Bay	2-2	0	4
Carolina	2-2	0	4
Washington	2-3	0	4

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	OT	points
Detroit	3-1	0	6
Nashville	3-0	0	6
St. Louis	1-3	0	2
Columbus	1-3	0	2
Chicago	1-3	0	2

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	OT	points
Edmonton	3-1	0	6
Minnesota	2-1	1	5
Vancouver	2-1	1	5
Colorado	2-2	0	4
Calgary	1-3	0	2

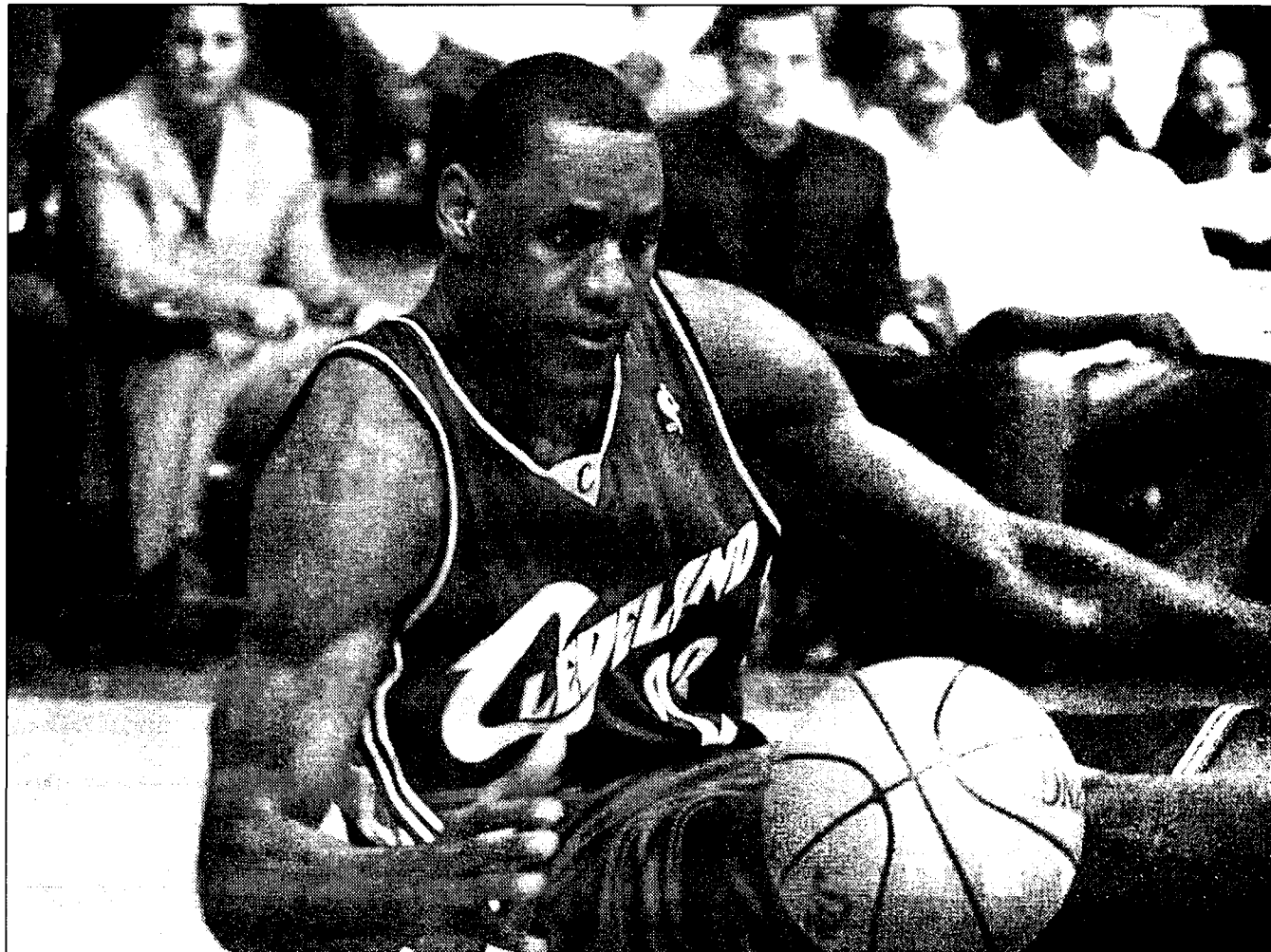
Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	OT	points
Los Angeles	3-1	0	6
Dallas	2-1	0	4
San Jose	2-2	0	4
Anaheim	1-1	1	3
Phoenix	1-3	0	2

Big East Men's Soccer

	team	record	points
1	USF	6-1-0	18
2	St. John's	5-0-2	17
3	Cincinnati	4-1-2	14
4	Connecticut	4-2-1	13
4	West Virginia	4-2-1	13
6	Seton Hall	3-2-2	11
7	NOTRE DAME	3-3-1	10
7	Providence	2-1-4	10
9	Villanova	3-3-0	9
9	Georgetown	3-4-0	9
11	Rutgers	2-4-1	7
11	Louisville	2-4-1	7
13	Pittsburgh	2-5-0	6
14	DePaul	1-4-1	4
14	Marquette	1-5-1	4

NBA



LeBron James, above, dives after a loose ball in a regular season game last year. James was diagnosed with a strained left pectoral muscle Thursday after being hospitalized in Cleveland for testing due to pains in his chest. AP

James hospitalized with chest pains

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cavaliers All-Star forward LeBron James remained hospitalized Thursday with pain in his chest from what the team called a strained muscle.

James was admitted to the Cleveland Clinic for tests Wednesday night, hours after he was wincing during practice. James said he doesn't know how he got the injury, which team doctors initially diagnosed as a strained left pectoral.

The Cavaliers did not reveal James' hospital stay until Thursday afternoon

when he missed practice.

General manager Danny Ferry said tests on James have not shown anything abnormal, and his understanding is that James' heart "is not an issue."

"They're going to test everything," Ferry said.

Following Wednesday's workout at Quicken Loans Arena, James continued to be bothered by stiffness and soreness. At the Cavaliers' urging, the 20-year-old was taken to the hospital, Ferry said.

"Just as a precaution, we wanted to have tests to make sure he checks out well," Ferry said. "All the

test results we have back so far have been good and there is nothing to be concerned about. Every indication is that it is a muscle injury."

The Cavaliers have a home preseason game Friday night against Philadelphia.

James sat out Cleveland's game Tuesday in Pittsburgh after waking up that morning in pain.

"I don't know where it came from," said James, who scored 16 points Monday night against Washington. "I don't remember getting elbowed in the chest or pushed. It

was something I never felt before."

With the season opener several weeks away, the Cavaliers aren't taking any chances with James, their franchise player.

"We just want to make sure our guys are healthy," Ferry said. "He's resting now, we told him to take it easy."

James has been remarkably durable during his first two seasons in the NBA.

As a rookie, he missed three games with a sprained right ankle. Last season, he missed only two games with a sprained left ankle.

IN BRIEF

Cowboys' Goodrich begins prison sentence

DALLAS — Former Dallas Cowboys player Dwayne Goodrich was ordered to start a 7 1/2-year prison sentence for the hit-and-run deaths of two good Samaritans in 2003.

Goodrich has exhausted his appeals since being convicted in August 2003, seven months after his car struck three men trying to free a trapped motorist inside a burning car on an interstate. The third man was seriously injured.

The 27-year-old Goodrich was convicted on two counts of criminally negligent homicide and fined \$20,000. He was ordered Wednesday to begin serving his sentence and was in custody Thursday, records show.

Witnesses said Goodrich was traveling more than 100 mph before he veered onto the freeway shoulder to avoid the burning car.

Goodrich, a defensive back, was the Cowboys' top pick in the 2000 draft, selected out of Tennessee in the second round.

Walton out six weeks with hamstring injury

HONOLULU — Lakers forward Luke Walton probably will begin the season on the injured list because of a strained left hamstring.

The third-year player was injured late in the fourth quarter Tuesday night when Los Angeles beat Golden State 101-93 in the exhibition opener for both teams. Lakers spokesman John Black said Walton would be sidelined two to six weeks.

"The trainers are saying probably closer to six weeks," Walton said before the Lakers and Warriors met again Wednesday night at the University of Hawaii. "They said it's different for everyone."

Walton said he's never had this kind of injury before. He was injured while cutting to the basket not long after making a 3-point play with 4:08 remaining that gave the Lakers an 89-84 lead.

"I felt a sharp pain shoot through it," he said. "As soon as I cut, it just popped."

Women invited to next year's British Open

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Women golfers could be playing at next year's British Open.

The Royal & Ancient Golf Club, the governing body for the sport outside the United States, said Thursday it was changing its entry rules to allow women to qualify for the oldest of the four majors.

The announcement came on the same day that 16-year-old Michelle Wie was making her pro debut at the Samsung World Championship at Bighorn Golf Club.

Past entry forms for the British Open restricted the event to "any male professional golfer" or "male amateur golfer whose playing handicap does not exceed scratch." The new rules state that entry "should be based on playing ability irrespective of gender."

Any woman finishing in the top five — including ties — in any of the four major tournaments this year can try for the Open through regional and final qualifying.

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Sabres start road trip with win over Islanders

Devils cross Hudson River, lose to Rangers in Madison Square Garden, 4-1; Islanders outscore Capitals in D.C., 5-3

Associated Press

Daniel Briere and Thomas Vanek scored in the shootout to give the Buffalo Sabres a 4-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

The Sabres won the shootout 2-0 as goalie Ryan Miller stopped Martin St. Louis and Brad Richards.

Maxim Afinogenov's waist-high deflection of Toni Lydman's shot got Buffalo even at 3 with 8:47 left in the third period. Briere and Paul Gaustad also scored for the Sabres, who began a three-game road trip.

Buffalo played the final 1:46 of overtime with a two-man advantage after the Lightning received three minor penalties. Buffalo got only one shot during the stretch.

Tampa Bay got goals from Richards, Vincent Lecavalier and Vinny Prospal. The Lightning (2-2-1) play their next three games on the road after opening the year with four of five at home.

Gaustad tied the game at 10:16 of the second period and Prospal gave the Lightning a 3-2 lead when he skated through the slot and scored on a wrist shot at 13:51.

Briere put the Sabres ahead 1-0 when he scored on a rebound of his own shot 5:15 into the first. Tampa Bay tied it on Richards' goal at 8:14.

Miller had 32 saves, two

more than Tampa Bay's John Grahame.

Rangers 4, Devils 1

Martin Rucinsky and Ville Nieminen scored 17 seconds apart in the first period and rookie goalie Henrik Lundqvist made 20 saves for his first NHL victory as the New York Rangers beat the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night.

Blair Betts and Jaromir Jagr also scored for the Rangers, who ended a three-game losing streak against their local rivals.

Brian Gionta scored for the Devils, who are 24-4-11 against the Rangers since the 1997-98 season.

Rucinsky got the Rangers rolling with a shot from the left circle that beat Martin Brodeur between the pads at 11:35. Nieminen split the Devils' defense soon after and lifted a backhander over Brodeur for a 2-0 lead.

Betts made it 3-0 at 16:02 of the opening period when he scored on a rebound of Martin Straka's shot.

The highlight of the scoreless second period came at the midpoint when Lundqvist preserved the shutout with a sprawling save on John Madden's short-handed breakaway.

In the third, the Devils broke through at 4:16 when Gionta scored with the teams skating four-on-four.

Jagr made it 4-1 with a power-play goal at 12:59.

Islanders 5, Capitals 3

Jason Blake and Petteri Nokelainen both had a goal and an assist and Oleg Kvasha added three assists to lead the New York Islanders to a victory over the Washington Capitals on Thursday night.

Alexei Yashin, Trent Hunter and Mark Parrish also scored for New York, which scored on its first two shots of the game. The Islanders, who have won two of three overall, had been 1-12-2 in their last 15 games at MCI Center.

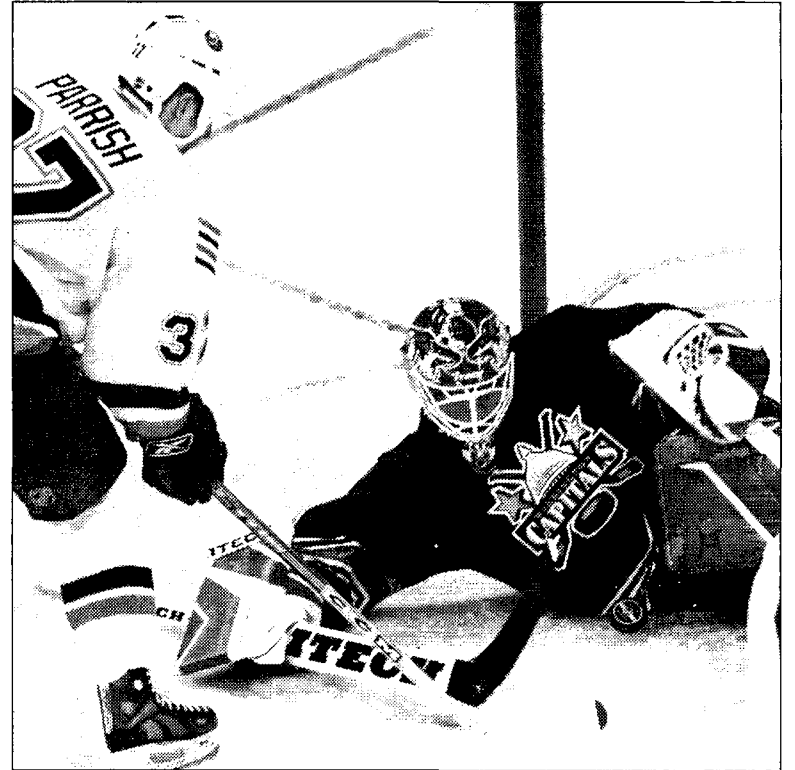
Matt Bradley scored twice and Steve Eminger added a goal for the Capitals, who were playing their sixth game in nine nights. Washington has lost two straight and four of five.

Alexander Ovechkin, the first pick in the 2004 draft, had an assist and has a point in each of the Capitals' six games.

Islanders goalie Rick DiPietro left the game 11:09 into the second period after being shaken up while making a headlong dive to stop a drive down the slot by Jeff Halpern.

Garth Snow replaced him and made 13 saves in his first action of the season, allowing Bradley's second goal with 37 seconds to play.

New York exploited a shaky start by goalie Brent Johnson, scoring on its first two shots —



Washington Capitals goalie Brent Johnson makes a save against the New York Islanders. The Islanders won 5-3.

and three of its first five — to build the early lead.

Yashin redirected a feed from Brad Lukowich past Johnson 2:10 into the game. Hunter scored 1:13 later, sweeping the puck from the left corner and bouncing it in off Johnson's right leg.

Blake made it 3-0 with a short-handed goal at 8:24.

Bradley circled the net,

pulled up near the left circle and wristed a shot past DiPietro at 9:42 to make it 3-1 and Eminger pulled the Capitals within a goal 7:52 into the second period, seven seconds after a Washington power play expired.

Nokelainen recorded his first NHL goal 1:03 into the third period and Parrish made it 5-2 1:13 later.

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MLB — NLCS

Astros knock off host Cardinals to even series

Houston ace Oswalt stymies St. Louis in second game of NLCS

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Yes, it is possible to win on the road in the NL championship series. Roy Oswalt showed the way for Houston, silencing the St. Louis Cardinals and all their red-clad fans.

Oswalt pitched seven stellar innings, closer Brad Lidge finished up and the Astros defeated the Cardinals 4-1 Thursday night, evening the best-of-seven series at one game apiece.

Houston scrounged for a couple of runs off Mark Mulder — one scoring on a passed ball, the other on Craig Biggio's groundout. The Astros added two more in the eighth off reliever Julian Taveras.

Division series hero Chris Burke came through again, scoring two runs and driving in another with a two-out single in the eighth — ending Houston's 0-for-14 drought with runners in scoring position.

"Well, I was hardly the hero tonight; Roy [Oswalt] was great; seven innings pitched and one run; he bailed us out quite a few times," Burke said. "Luckily, I was able to get a couple knocks."

Lidge came on for a two-inning save, closing out the six-hitter with three strikeouts.

Oswalt allowed only five hits, struck out six and didn't let a run-

ner past second base except for Albert Pujols, who led off the sixth with a 438-foot home run that cleared the Houston bullpen.

Otherwise, Oswalt made every big pitch he needed, improving his career postseason record to 3-0.

The Cardinals went 0-for-6 against the right-hander with runners in scoring position. Oswalt twice faced Jim Edmonds with two runners on — and came out on top both times against the dangerous left-handed hitter.

In the fifth, Edmonds took a called third strike on a 3-2 pitch. Two innings later, the crowd of 52,358 — nearly all of them adorned in red — was in an uproar after the Cardinals put runners at first and second with only one out.

But Oswalt retired David Eckstein with a fly ball to center, then got Edmonds on a grounder to first — the last of the starter's 108 pitches. Oswalt covered on the play, pumping his fist after he took the flip from Lance Berkman.

The Central Division rivals are meeting in the NLCS for the second year in a row, and their first eight games all went to the home team.

The 2004 series went the distance, with St. Louis advancing to the World Series by winning four games at Busch Stadium. The streak continued with the Cardinals winning 5-3 in Game 1 Wednesday.

Now, St. Louis has to win at least one game in Texas — something it couldn't do last year — to

bring the series back to soon-to-be demolished Busch.

The next three games are in Houston, beginning with Saturday's contest matching Roger Clemens of the Astros against St. Louis' Matt Morris.

"We're definitely pleased to take one game here and take the momentum," Burke said. "We're excited to get home to our fans and that place will be rocking."

Burke's run-scoring single off Taveras gave the Astros a 3-1 lead, and the runner came all the way around to score when Adam Everett tripled off the glove of left-fielder Reggie Sanders.

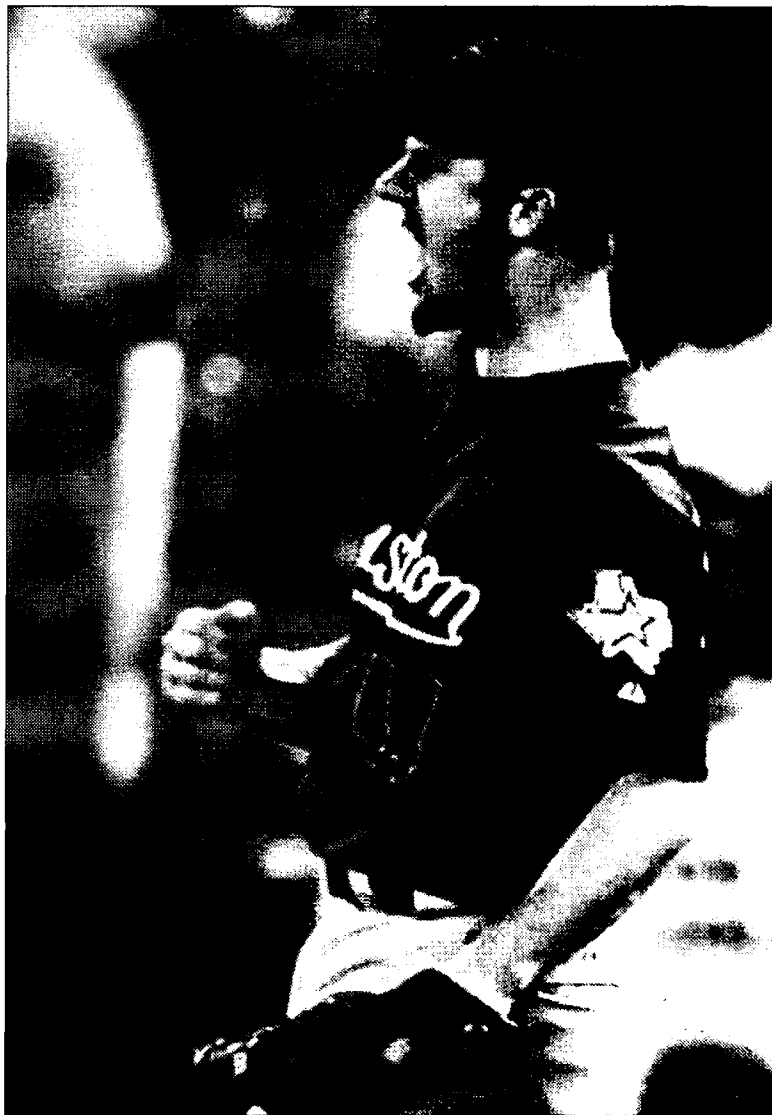
Sanders, the Cardinals' hottest postseason hitter with 12 RBIs, fell awkwardly on the warning track and left the game. He sustained a sprained lower back.

Houston started quickly against Mulder, beginning the game with singles by Biggio and Willy Taveras. But Berkman struck out and Morgan Ensberg hit into a comebacker to Mulder, who started an inning-ending double play.

St. Louis led the majors with 196 double plays during the regular season, and this was their ninth in five postseason games.

But the Cardinals fell behind for the first time in the playoffs when Houston pushed an unearned run across in the second.

Burke, who had an 18th-inning homer to clinch an opening-round victory over Atlanta and a pinch-hit homer in Game 1 against St. Louis, got the start in this one and kept up his hot streak.



Houston pitcher Roy Oswalt reacts after inducing Cardinals outfielder Jim Edmonds to ground out to end the seventh inning Thursday. AP

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NHL

Judge tosses lawsuit against Bertuzzi for hit

Physical forward was charged after catching and punching Moore

Associated Press

DENVER — Former Colorado Avalanche forward Steve Moore's lawsuit over a vicious hit by Todd Bertuzzi was dismissed Thursday, and the judge advised him to take the case to Canada.

Moore's claims would be better handled in Canada because that's where the hit happened and all the defendants are based there, Denver District Judge Shelley Gilman said. Her ruling was in agreement with attorneys for Bertuzzi, the Canucks and others.

"British Columbia bears the most significant relationship to Moore's claims," Gilman wrote. She also said a new state law prohibited her from allowing the case to continue.

Moore hasn't played since the March 8, 2004, game in which Bertuzzi grabbed him from behind, punched him in the head and drove his head into the ice. Moore, who suffered three fractured vertebrae in his neck, a concussion and other injuries, testified earlier this month that after months of physical therapy, he has begun training in hopes of rejoining the Avalanche.

He was seeking unspecified damages from the Canucks, team owner Orca Bay Hockey Limited Partnership, Bertuzzi, coach Marc Crawford, former general manager Brian Burke and former Canucks player Brad May.

Moore has the right to ask the

judge to reconsider or to appeal her ruling. Neither Moore's attorneys nor his agent returned calls seeking comment.

Moore's attorneys argued that he was a Colorado resident when he was injured and when he filed the lawsuit, giving him the right to seek damages in Colorado. They also said events leading up to Bertuzzi's hit started during a game in Denver on Feb. 16, 2004, when Moore hit Canucks captain Markus Nasland, leaving him with a concussion.

After the February game, Bertuzzi, May — who signed with the Avalanche this summer — Crawford and Burke met in Denver and planned Bertuzzi's hit as retaliation, according to Lee Foreman, Moore's attorney. The lawsuit accused Bertuzzi and the other defendants of civil conspiracy, assault, battery and negligence.

Foreman argued that the formation of the alleged conspiracy in Denver, and the fact that Moore received medical treatment in Denver, was enough to allow Moore to pursue his lawsuit in Colorado. The judge disagreed.

"The statements allegedly made by the defendants in Colorado do not rise to the level of tortious or unlawful acts," which would be required to prove a conspiracy, she wrote.

Attorney Mike O'Donnell, who represents the Canucks and Crawford, said the judge accepted all the arguments the defendants made.

"The team is pleased, and coach Crawford is pleased, that this case will go forward — if at all — in the Canadian courts," he said.



Canucks forward Todd Bertuzzi arrives at Provincial Court in Vancouver, British Columbia, in December. Former Avalanche forward Steve Moore's lawsuit against Bertuzzi was dropped Thursday. AP

Gilman wrote that she was required to dismiss the case under a 2004 state law enacted in response to a large number of cases filed by nonresidents. The law was designed to ensure Coloradans have access to the courts by limiting access by nonresidents.

Factors she had to consider included Moore's residency and citizenship, the fact that he could file his case in Vancouver, the fact that the injury occurred in Canada and the fact that most witnesses are in Canada. She also had to consider whether

Colorado law would apply to Moore's claims, and concluded that was highly unlikely for most or all the claims.

Burke's attorney, Scott Barker, said his client was not in Denver when the alleged conspiracy was formed.

The ruling doesn't address the merits of the claims," Barker said. "But even taking the allegations of the complaint as true, they don't establish a sufficient connection with the state of Colorado."

Bertuzzi's attorney, Roger Tomasch, was out of the state

and unavailable for comment, his receptionist said.

Bertuzzi faced up to 18 months in prison after Vancouver authorities charged him with assault. He pleaded guilty, and was then sentenced to probation and community service.

Bertuzzi was reinstated to the NHL in August after being indefinitely suspended and missing 13 regular-season games and the Stanley Cup playoffs in 2004, giving up about \$502,000 in salary. He is due to earn about \$5.2 million this season.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — GOLD LEAGUE

Stanford can't hold lead, falls to Morrissey

By BECKI DORNOR and
CHRIS HINE
Sports Writers

Stanford came out strong against Morrissey Thursday with an early touchdown, but it was not enough to hold off the Manorites, who were firing on all cylinders in the last regular season game at RiehleWest, an 8-6 Morrissey win.

Stanford scored first on a half-back pass, yet failed on the two-point conversion. Afterwards, it appeared that the game was destined to become a defensive showdown with both teams holding their own until Steve Klein of Morrissey picked off a Stanford pass and returned it for a touchdown.

Captain Nick Klein of the Manorites then punched in the two-point conversion, which would be enough to earn the victory for Morrissey. But the win was not without a few close calls.

Stanford threatened to go ahead in the final minutes of the game, completing a long pass for first-and-goal, but the Morrissey defense held them for four plays.

Klein conveyed the final moments of the contest were espe-

cially tense.

"We had some flashbacks to last week, when we lost to Dillon on a last-minute touchdown, but this time, our defense came through," he said.

The Manorites will need that kind of last-minute intensity in the upcoming playoffs. They are ready to continue their success, but Klein said a lot is up in the air depending on placement.

"We will be interested to see how the seeding goes, with such a relatively even talent level in our division," he said.

Keenan 12, O'Neill 0

The Keenan defense had four interceptions while the offense capitalized on good field position to beat the Angry Mob of O'Neill Thursday night at Riehle Field.

Keenan solidifies its spot in the playoffs, while tie-breakers will determine the fate of O'Neill.

The Knights' offense was led by the quarterback/wide receiver combination of Rob Coly and Jim Zenker, who connected three times for 95 yards, and by the legs of Alex Staffieri, who had 11 carries for 50 yards, including two touchdowns.

On the first play of the fourth

quarter, Staffieri powered his way into the end zone from three yards to score his second touchdown.

The TD came after a 20-yard punt return by John Wood to the O'Neill 39, and a 36-yard Zenker reception to the 3-yard line.

On O'Neill's next offensive play, Wood intercepted quarterback Matt Hughey.

Keenan then went three-and-out, while its defense forced O'Neill to turn the ball over on downs. The teams traded interceptions (Robby Rhinesmith intercepted Coly while Brandon Paul picked off Hughey) before Keenan ran out the clock.

Trailing 6-0 after the half, O'Neill had the ball on the Keenan 35 thanks to an interception by Eric Papp.

But on third-and-one fourth-and-one, the Keenan line held and forced a turnover.

Neither team could kick field goals due to the fact that the field had no goal posts. Two possessions later, Staffieri scored his second touchdown to make it 12-0.

Through the first quarter the teams went scoreless.

Toward the end of the quarter, a Keenan interception allowed its offense to start on the O'Neill 26.

The Knights scored eight plays



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A Morrissey running back, center, cuts upfield as Stanford defenders pursue. The Manorites won the game, 8-6.

later early in the second quarter on a one-yard run by Staffieri to make it 6-0.

On the drive, he had five carries for 22 yards, with most of those yards coming after contact.

"He's a great runner," Keenan coach Richard Grant said. "When he gets stuffed, he can move the pile."

O'Neill seemed poised to score on the ensuing drive. Behind the legs of fullback Pat Connelly, (six carries for 44 yards), O'Neill took 11 plays to drive down to the Keenan 13. On third-and-goal

from the 6-yard line, Hughey was intercepted by Vince Lyzinski to conclude the half.

"Our team will work to sharpen things up and sharpen our intensity," Grant said.

Hughey was impressed with the the Keenan defense.

"They played big up front," Hughey said. "Towards the end of each drive, we had to pass and they had really good coverage."

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish hit the road for the Tyson/Embassy Suites Invite

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After setting a school record with three straight rounds under 300, but only

finishing fourth at the Shootout at the Legends, the Notre Dame women's golf team will turn around and head south to Rogers, Ark. for the Tyson/Embassy Suites Invitational Sunday, hosted

by the University of Arkansas.

Mid-October is the time of year when the golf schedule traditionally takes a southward turn, as weather conditions in northern states deter-

riorate.

"The number one thing I look for when making the schedule is a highly-ranked event and not so much the location, but obviously towards the late October and early November up here, it's not as good of conditions up here and northern teams aren't hosting tournaments, so we have to go down south," Irish head coach Debby King said.

Venturing to the south also means competing against southern teams, who, due to weather advantages, are usually at the top of collegiate golf.

"On average, the southern schools usually dominate the Top 50, but the northern schools do pretty well," King said. "Ohio State has been in the top 10 most of my career."

The Irish are looking to capitalize on their strong showing at the shootout, where Jane Lee and Katie Brophy both shot career-low 220s.

Noriko Nagazaki, who finished first for the Irish in their first two tournaments this year, shot a relatively subpar 229.

King hopes the entire team can put it together in Arkansas this weekend.

"Just think if Noriko had been on her usual game, we could have broken 290 [at the Shootout]. She just didn't have her A-game last week," King said. "That's the way golf is sometimes. If she's

back to form and everyone else is ready to go, this could be one of our better events."

Lauren Gebauer and Lisa Maunu will also compete for the Irish this weekend. Suzie Hayes will compete as an individual.

King said scores as low as those from the Shootout may be hard to come by.

"This course is a little more difficult than the Legends," King said. "There's a lot more emphasis on placement."

Still, King said the team is riding high after its record setting performance.

"Coming off our Legends performance where we had three rounds under 300, we're feeling really confident," King said. "We feel maybe that we're not ranked as high as we should be, so we're going to go there to maybe prove a point."

The field for the tournament will be very competitive, lead by No. 3 Arkansas. All in all, the field will host four golfstat.com

Top 50 teams, including the Razorbacks, the No. 45 Irish, No. 38 Augusta State and No. 40 Nebraska.

King said it will be the toughest field the Irish have faced so far this year.

"This will be a tough field," she said. "We've been warming up to this event. Arkansas is ranked No. 3 in the country. It will be tough to beat them on their home course."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles' toughest challenge yet is final six games on road

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Senior night usually signifies the end of the season.

Not so for the Saint Mary's volleyball team.

Following a four-game loss to Adrian College on Tuesday's senior night, the Belles find themselves with six games remaining on the schedule, all on the road.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said earlier this season that she feels her team is better on the road because it faces fewer distractions. Her theory will be put to the test Saturday when the final stretch begins with a tough match at Alma College.

The Scots are in second place in the MIAA and own an 8-3 conference. They are one of the only teams that has threatened undefeated Hope in the conference this year. Alma lost a five-game decision to Hope earlier this season.

Alma enters the match following a four-game loss to Calvin earlier this week. The Scots will be looking to rebound against a Saint Mary's team they defeated in three games earlier this season.

The Belles enter the game with confidence, knowing the loss to Alma was much closer than it seemed. The Belles lost the final two games of that match by scores of 30-28 and

31-29 and were a few points from extending, or even winning, that match.

Saint Mary's faced a number of matchup problems in the first game as the Scots are a much taller team than the Belles. The Belles allowed three Alma players to record 15 or more kills in the first contest. To combat these problems Saturday, the Belles will have to play a solid defensive game. Schroeder-Biek thinks her team is capable this type of defensive effort.

"We're getting closer and closer to becoming a really good defensive team," she said. "With a little more hustle and improvement we'll be there."

Libero Anne Cusack will

anchor the Belles defense. The junior leads the conference, averaging 5.83 kills per game.

Senior middle hitter Talia Matury-Vacaro will also help the Belles' net defense. Matury-Vacaro saw limited action in the teams' first meeting due to injury. Now healthy, the senior will provide crucial blocking in the middle of the Belles' defense.

Schroeder-Biek stressed the importance of having one of her two seniors back in the lineup.

"It's really nice to have Talia back," she said. "Now we just have to get her in with the right mix of players. We're still getting used to having her as a part of our lineup."

The Belles enter the toughest

part of their schedule with a 9-13 record, 3-7 in the MIAA, good enough for sixth place in the conference. If the Belles are to move up in the standings, they will need to pull off some upsets. Saint Mary's faces the top three teams in the conference — Hope, Alma and Calvin — over the course of its next four matches.

Despite the tough stretch ahead, Schroeder-Biek said her team's confidence was high.

"We're still very excited about our goals and we think we can finish the season strong," she said.

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SMC SOCCER

Season comes down to final three conference games

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

When most students have gone home to enjoy a relaxing Fall Break, the Belles will be hard at work against the best the MIAA conference can throw at them.

The Saint Mary's soccer team will play three games within the next week against Alma, Olivet and Calvin College. Alma and Calvin will travel to the Belles home turf on the next two consecutive weekends, while the women will make the trek to Olivet mid-week.

Calvin is the lone unbeaten

squad left in the MIAA with a 9-0 record. Calvin has allowed only one goal to break through its defense the entire season and has put 45 into the opposition's net.

The last time these two foes met, Calvin walked off its pitch with a 3-0 victory in hand. The Belles played tough but just could not find a way to push the ball past the wall also known as Calvin's backfield.

Junior midfielder Colleen Courtney said the Belles' aggressive attitude is straightforward.

"Plain and simple, beat them," she said. "Just give them a tough game. We are sticking to how we normally play and domi-

nate."

Olivet will prove a tough competitor for the Belles, as the women look to improve upon their 6-4 MIAA tally, 7-6 overall. Saint Mary's came from behind in late September to knock off Olivet, 2-1.

Olivet got on the board early in the first half, but two second half Belle goals propelled them into the win column. Olivet is currently nipping on Saint Mary's heels in the standings. The Belles' opponent holds fifth place with a 5-5 record, only a win away from moving into a tie with Saint Mary's.

One of the Belles biggest concerns for the Olivet game is the

close proximity it has to their prior game with Alma. They hope they will not be tired for the crucial match-up.

The first game of the three-game stretch will be the easiest for the Belles, but it will not be a cakewalk. Alma holds a 3-7 record and the seventh MIAA spot. In their last meeting, the Belles triumphed, 3-0, but Alma fought from start to finish against the superior Saint Mary's squad.

Alma has struggled on offense with only eight goals against league rivals. The Belles hope to exploit this flaw by getting to an early lead and force the inconsistent Alma attack to make the

mistakes in desperation.

"We've been having really good games lately," Courtney said. "We had the momentum coming off of Hope. Even though we didn't win, it was a really good game and we played the same [against Albion on Wednesday]. We had possession the majority of the time; it was good to have a road win."

The Belles will emerge from the three-game stretch to open their season-ending drive towards a MIAA title with games against Adrian, Tri-State and Kalamazoo College.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish travel to Terre Haute for Pre-Nationals

Van Ort returns to men's lineup after stress fracture injury; women look for someone to step up as fifth runner

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After two straight meets on the friendly confines of Burke Memorial Golf Course, the Notre Dame cross country teams will travel to Terre Haute, Ind. Saturday for the Pre-National Meet hosted by Indiana State.

The meet will feature several elite teams from around the

country, including defending men's and women's NCAA champion Colorado. The Buffaloes are currently ranked third on the men's side and 11th on the women's.

Just as important, the Irish will be running for the first time this season at the LaVern Gibson Course in Terre Haute, the home of this year's NCAA Championships.

"It's got a great field, but it's

also the same location as the NCAAs," Irish men's head coach Joe Piane said. "It's an opportunity for teams from around the country to race on the course where the NCAAs will be held. When you play football, it's going to be a hundred yards, when you play basketball, it's 10-foot baskets, but every cross country course is different"

Doing well in the Pre-Nationals is also important for at-large bids

to the NCAAs.

"Last year there wasn't an at large team in the country that qualified for the NCAAs that didn't run at the pre-national meet," Piane said. "Hopefully both of our teams will [qualify for the NCAAs] without needing an at-large bid, but still this weekend it is very important for us to beat a few teams. Then we have the Big East meet, and we need to get at-large points at our own Big East

meet. The next two meets are very important."

The No. 7 Irish men will send a lineup featuring every returning runner from last year's NCAA meet out for the first time this season. Junior Kurt Benninger and seniors Tim Moore and Sean O'Donnell will lead the way, as they have throughout their careers. Senior Kaleb Van Ort, junior Todd Placek, sophomore Dan Curran, and freshman Patrick Smyth will round out the Irish line up.

Van Ort, who last year ran with Benninger, Moore and O'Donnell in most meets, will be seeing his first action this season after returning from a stress fracture.

"It's going to be a new experience for Kaleb, but if he can run with Dan Curran, Patrick Smyth and Todd Placek, we'll be fine," Piane said. "We beat a lot of people without him, so hopefully we'll have a good chance to beat some people with him."

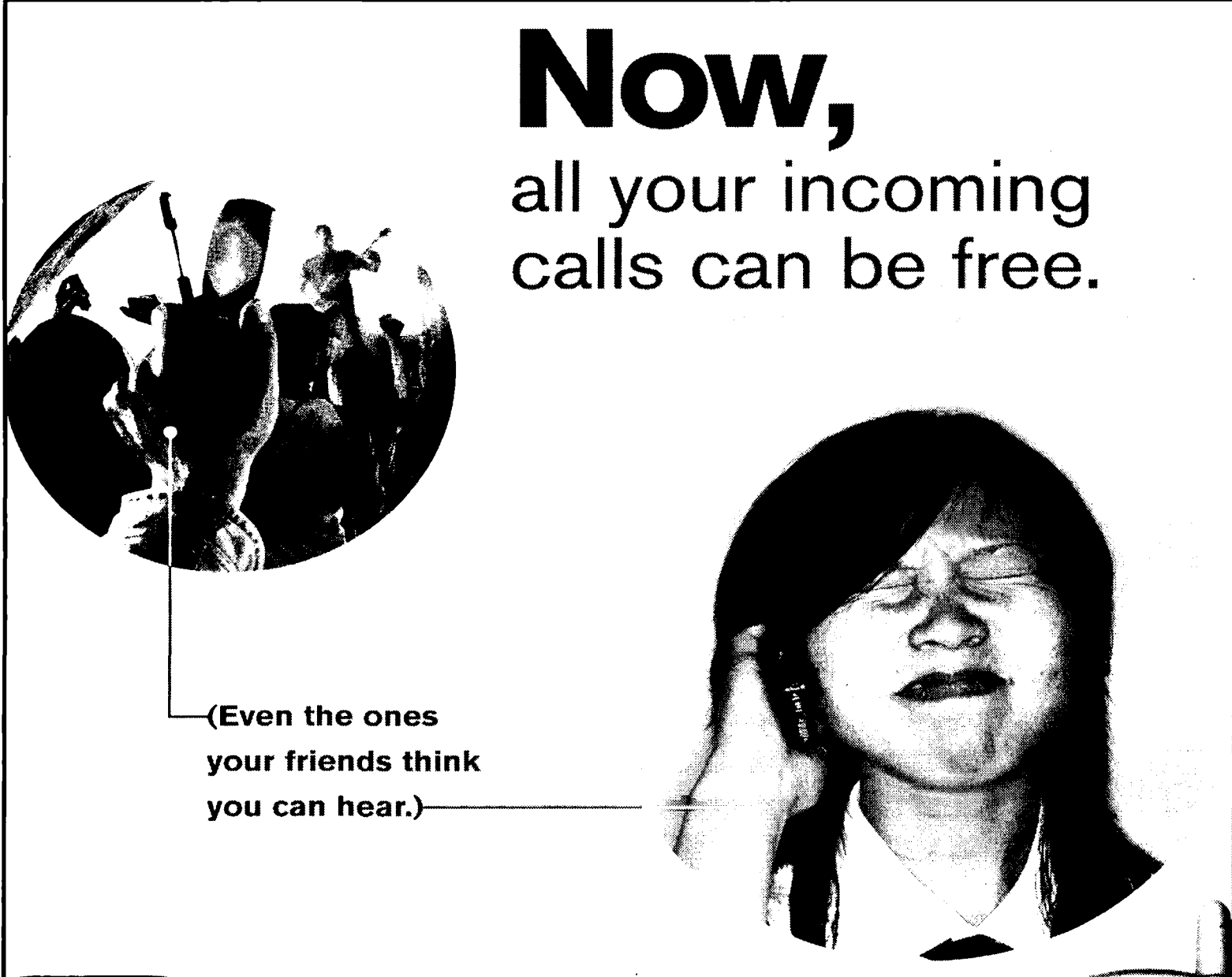
Smyth, who has been a pleasant surprise to Piane with his strong running this year, will race in the most important meet of his young career.

"He's tenacious competitor," Piane said. "He's a very quiet kid, but he competes very hard."

For the No. 8 Irish women, the blazing fast top four that all finished in the top 15 of the Notre Dame Invitational — senior All-American Stephane Madia, senior two-time All-American Molly Huddle, National Catholic Champion Sunni Olding and promising freshman Ramsey Kavan — will all be in the lineup for the Pre-Nationals.

The issue for the Irish remains finding a fifth runner who will be closer to the top four than the 68th place finish Jean Marinangeli ended up with at the Notre Dame Invitational. Senior Elizabeth Webster, junior Kaite DeRusso and Marinangeli will all try to close the gap with the top four and become the fifth runner the Irish need to compete for the national championship.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team faces tough test in visiting USC squad



Observer File Photo
Ryan Keckley offers a serve during a match against Michigan March 26. Notre Dame hosts USC this weekend.

Pivotal matches will determine outcome of Notre Dame's season

By KATE GALES
 Associate Sports Editor

As tough as the USC football team is, its their formidable counterparts on the tennis courts could provide just as much of a challenge to the Irish as the two teams face each other in an exhibition match with the women's squads on Friday night.

The Trojans bring a formidable history to the Eck Tennis Pavilion, with 15 NCAA Championships (most recently 1994), 16 singles championships and 20 doubles titles, the most in the nation.

"Their team is traditionally very strong," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "This year, I think we're better [than we were last year], and I think we can make it pretty darn competitive."

Notre Dame's Eric Langenkamp recently competed in the ITA Polo Ralph Lauren All-America Championships, upsetting the nation's No. 15 player in the consolation round before bowing out.

Langenkamp will play fourth on the Irish in singles. Stephen Bass leads the team, followed by Sheeva Parbhu and Brett Helgeson rounding out the top three. After Langekamp, Patrick Buchanan, Ryan Keckley, Andrew Roth and Yuichi Uda or Santiago Montoya will be on the courts for the Irish.

Veteran Irackli Akhvediani is sick and cannot pay for the Irish this weekend.

"There's a lot to see, we're pretty excited," Bayliss said. "We feel they have one of the great traditions in all of college tennis ... I feel like [USC head coach] Peter Smith is one of the best coaches in college tennis."

According to Bayliss, the USC tennis team has traveled with the football team to Notre Dame each fall to play an exhibition match the day before the football game.

Smith coming to South Bend is also a human-interest thread in the story.

"He was the coach at Pepperdine who mentored [current Irish assistant] Todd [Doebler], so it has a nice human element to it," Bayliss said.

Bayliss said that all the players have worked hard in the off-season to improve their particular weaknesses.

"Each player's areas for liability and strengths are different ... it would really vary [which changes are visible but] certainly those things are there," Bayliss said.

The team has matured together as each team works on individual improvement, but also on winning as a team.

Doubles is a focus for Bayliss. The top Notre Dame team of Langenkamp and Keckley has already registered two upsets of Top-25 teams this season, both at the Tom Fallon Invitational held at Notre Dame on Sept. 23-25.

Parbhu and Helgeson, Bass and Roth and Buchanan and Montoya round out the Irish doubles teams that will compete today.

"They have a well-balanced team and play very good doubles," Bayliss said. "We anticipate a really close match."

The bottom singles matches take the courts at 4 p.m., followed by the doubles matches and then the top singles matches. The matches will be played in conjunction with the Irish women taking on the USC women's tennis teams.

After the hard work of the off-season, the team is ready for competition.

"I think it will be highly competitive and we're looking to have a chance to win," Bayliss said.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Trojans challenge Irish in tennis

Coming off first ITA win, Notre Dame looks to topple No. 7 USC

By RYAN KIEFER
 Sports Writer

Before the Irish and Trojans clash on the football field this weekend, the two schools will take to the tennis courts in what is being called "The Battle before the War."

Today's match against Southern California marks the first dual meet on the women's tennis fall schedule.

The Irish will face tough competition this afternoon at the Eck Tennis Pavilion as the Trojans bring five ranked players to South Bend.

Coach Jay Louderback expects Southern California to field a tough squad this afternoon.

"They have a solid lineup, especially in singles," he said. "They are a very deep team."

The Irish will face several tough opponents in singles including the No. 9 in the country, Lindsay Nelson. The Trojans will also enter freshman Amanda Fink in the lineup against Notre Dame. Fink is coming off a semifinal showing at the first grand slam of the year, the All-American championships. After Fink, the rest of the Southern California lineup is comprised of upperclassmen.

Louderback said having experience brings an obvious advantage.

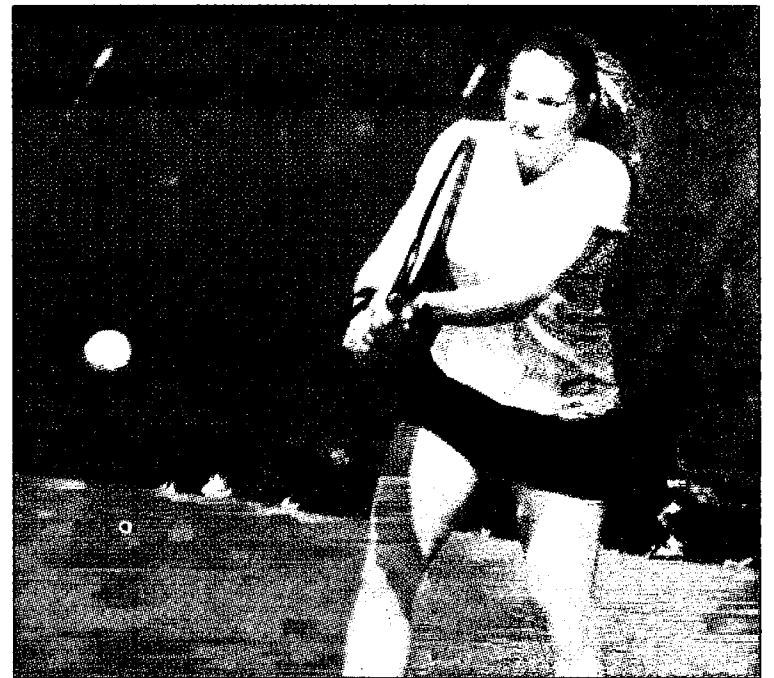
"They have a veteran team with a lot of girls who have played for a number of years," he said. "That makes them tough throughout the lineup."

Notre Dame has plenty of talent of its own to counter the Trojan attack.

Christian and Catrina Thompson will lead the Irish this afternoon. The twin sisters are coming off a gut-wrenching win in the finals of the All-American doubles championship. The win was the first grand slam title in Notre Dame women's tennis history.

In addition to filling the No. 1 doubles slot against the Trojans, the Thompsons will fill the top two singles spots as well, with Catrina expected to play No. 1 and Christian expected to play No. 2.

The Thompsons' early results in singles have been a pleasant surprise for the Irish. Both had strong showings in the All-American Championships, as they both advanced to the qualifying round. Christian compiled a 5-1 record with all wins coming against ranked opponents,



Observer File Photo
Notre Dame's Christian Thompson hits a backhand return against Purdue April 9. Thompson and the Irish face USC today.

while Catrina went 2-1 at the tournament.

The rest of the Irish squad will be excited to join the Thompsons for the first time in competition this season. While the Thompsons spent time at the All-Americans, the rest of the team competed in the Hoosier Invitational Oct. 1 in Bloomington.

Brook Buck and Kelsey Tefft highlighted the team's performance at that tournament as the two teamed up to win the doubles title. Buck and Tefft will play No. 2 doubles this weekend. The two will also be entered into the singles lineup, with Buck filling the No. 3 position and Tefft competing at No. 6.

The bottom of the Irish lineup will play a pivotal role in the Irish's success today. Solid play will be needed to combat Southern California's depth. Veterans Lauren Connelly and Kiki Stastny will play No. 3 doubles and No. 7 and No. 5 singles, respectively. Freshman Katie Potts will play No. 4 singles, and senior Kelly Nelson will round out the lineup at No. 8. Potts and Nelson will

complete the doubles lineup at No. 4.

Louderback knows the match will be very good competition, but is confident in his team's ability.

"I think we're a much stronger team in singles this year," he said. "I also think this match will be a good test for our doubles teams too. We were solid in doubles last year, but I think we're even better this year."

Louderback was also excited for the opportunity to play a dual match, the format most often used in the spring season.

"It's nice to play something that's similar to the spring," he said. "It's a lot different. There are such big momentum swings in dual matches. We need to get our girls, especially our freshmen, used to this type of competition."

Despite USC's prowess, Louderback felt his team could challenge the Trojans.

"We feel right now that we can compete with any team in the country," he said.

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play this year, as Irish defender Christie Shaner has led the backfield in its past three games, flanked by standouts Kim Lorenzen, Carrie Dew and others.

Waldrum said he prepared his team to face different looks than Connecticut has shown its other opponents.

"We expect [Connecticut junior] Nikki Cross will probably play up front," he said. "I know she usually plays in the back ... but they'll show us a few different looks."

Waldrum said another key to the game for the Irish will be feeding off the energy at Alumni Field.

"I think we always do well Friday nights under the lights,"

he said.

Waldrum noted that his team realizes that it will not just play Connecticut this weekend.

The Irish host Providence Sunday, in a game whose original starting time the athletic department moved to noon.

After five days off, the Irish return to action with another two-game set at Alumni Field beginning Friday, Oct. 21 with a match against Villanova. They finish their regular-season schedule Sunday, Oct. 23 against Georgetown.

Waldrum said the Irish will not take those two teams lightly.

The Irish enter this weekend with a lead of three points over Villanova and five points over Georgetown, with each team having played 7 of its 11 conference matches.

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Freshman forward Kerri Hanks sends a pass during Notre Dame's 6-0 victory over DePaul at Alumni Field on Sept. 16. Hanks leads the Irish with 18 goals on the season.



KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

Junior Tom Sawatske, left, and senior Chris Trick skate towards the puck during the annual Blue-Gold game Saturday.

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strategies worked on in ice situations and on the chalkboard.

The up-tempo style that Jackson is trying to initiate in an Irish squad that produced limited offense last season will take some time to implement, but he has been optimistic about its early results.

One goal scored in the Blue-Gold game particularly impressed Jackson, giving him a glimpse into the quickness with which his new team is catching on.

"One goal was a face-off goal that we just talked about this morning, we never even practiced it," he said. "They do retain things. That's a real positive thing to pick things up off the chalkboard."

Several freshmen gave a

strong showing last week and got in on several goals. Erik Condra and Garrett Regan found the back of the net once apiece, and Condra got in on another with an assist. Christian Hanson contributed with an assist of his own.

But don't expect Jackson to create a line of the future with these three young snipers — he wants to spread them amongst the older players to gain experience.

"There's two things that we have to have. We have to have guys that think the game, cerebral players as I call them or players with a high hockey I.Q.," Jackson said.

"The other thing is competitiveness; they have to compete. That's a huge factor to creating offense, you have to think the game, make good decisions with the puck, and guys have got to read off of each other. I think that that's an important factor to us scoring goals this

year and that's a huge factor to the power play, the special teams."

The Warriors are 2-1 in exhibition play so far this season. They knocked off the University of British Columbia 3-2 and the Guelph Gryphons 5-4 to take the Steel Blade Tournament Cup last week. The Rochester Institute of Technology took a 5-4 decision in its last game.

Junior Dave Brown will start in net for the Irish. Freshman Jordan Pierce will most likely substitute between the pipes for the second half.

"It's still in the evaluation stage for me," Jackson said of his plan to place players together for the future.

The Irish will take to the ice at 7:35 p.m. tonight, following the pep rally in Notre Dame Stadium.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles set for final 5,000-meter race

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

One last 5-K.

That's what the Manchester College Invitational is for the Belles.

Freshman runner Alicen Miller and senior standout Becky Feauto said Saint Mary's runners are hoping to set personal bests in their final five-kilometer race of the season and continue the team's momentum after a fourth-place finish in the 27-team Eagle Invitational.

"Since we found out that it's a 5-K, a lot of the girls are really excited to try and set personal bests," Feauto said.

The race will be last in Feauto's collegiate career at the distance, and she hopes to break the 20-minute mark.

Feauto said that strong individual races should help the Belles in the overall team competition.

Many of Saint Mary's top runners this year have been freshmen, and their times will be crucial in determining how the Belles fare.

After last Friday's race in Lisle, Ill., head coach Jackie Bauters said Miller and her fellow freshmen had shown steady improvement.

Miller said this weekend's five-kilometer race for the Belles offers them an easier course in their final race at that distance.

"I've heard this course is a good course to [set personal records] at," Miller said.

Despite the team's lack of a history at the course, Miller said the Belles are confident after last weekend's meet.

"Last weekend was huge for us," she said. "A lot of people stepped it up."

"We're really excited for this weekend."

Bauters had her team work this week and last on changing the groups in which the Belles run during the meet. Miller said that the regrouping is a work in process.

"In workouts, we've ... tried to switch up whose leading [the packs]," she said. "It's getting there. There's still improvement needed to be made."

Feauto and junior Sara Otto hope to finish close to, if not under, 20 minutes.

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means the team needs conference wins for favorable seeding in the Big East Tournament, which begins Nov. 1.

"I think everybody realizes the importance of the last five games," Clark said. "They're all very important. They'd all be nice to win."

Notre Dame returns home after the road trip to face Indiana and Seton Hall.

The season has been rocky at times as the Irish have struggled to find a rhythm.

"It's been a season that's ebbed and flowed a little bit," Clark said. "There's been some good and bad. It would be nice to hit a little run."

Georgetown is 3-4 in conference play and sixth in the Big East's Blue Division to Notre Dame's fourth. Providence boasts a record of 2-1-4, good for fifth place, and Pittsburgh is 2-5 for seventh. These

teams could be battling it out for a chance to play in the later rounds of the conference tournament and solidify a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Although the Irish have not been able to establish a long winning run, team leaders have stepped up in a year of rebuilding. Greg Dalby has shone as an anchor in the defense and midfield, and Chris Cahill has worked hard to become a leader in the net.

Defenders Ryan Miller and John Stephens are tied for the team lead in assists, with three (also tied with Joe Lapira).

In the midfield, players have not been hesitant to get involved in the scoring, with Nate Norman tied for the team lead in goals (three) with for-

wards Lapira and Justin McGeeney. Lapira leads the team with nine points and Norman adds eight.

Although the team is coming off a hard-fought tie, the Irish are relatively rested going into their road trip.

"A tie on the road at Michigan State wasn't the worst result," Clark said. "It's not going to hurt us if we can take something out these three games."

The Irish hope to bring wins home to South Bend for their final homestand.

"Winning's a habit and not winning's a habit," Clark said. "The important thing is to get back into that good habit of winning."

"I think everybody realizes the importance of the last five games."

Bobby Clark
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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer
Irish midfielder Matt Besler moves up the field against Bradley during Notre Dame's 1-0 victory Sept. 28.

Recruits

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"All of the guys coming in are big-time guys," Frank said. "They're guys that are wanted very much so by this coaching staff."

Quarterback Jimmy Clausen is the highest-profile junior coming in for the game. Frank expects him to be the No. 1 recruited signal-caller in the nation next season. Scout.com lists Southern California as another school that is showing interest in him besides Notre Dame.

Two of Notre Dame's top three defensive tackle prospects, Butch Lewis and Gerald McCoy, will be present. So will a couple of blue-chip linebackers in Toryan Smith and Anthony Lewis.

The main problem, according to Frank, with bringing in such marquee recruits for the USC game is there is a possibility the game will turn out like it has the past three seasons.

"It's a gamble — if they get blown out like they have the past three years I don't think [the game] will make a good impression in the slightest," Frank said. "They have to play well and look good while playing well. It's a gamble, but I think [Irish coach] Charlie Weis and his staff know what they're doing."

However, if tight end Paddy Mullen is right, Notre Dame should have nothing to worry about.

"I think their chances to win are very high," said Mullen, who verbally committed to Notre Dame in April. "I think the Irish are really confident coming in, and they should be."

For Mullen, the weekend will be a thrilling one. After his St. Louis-area high school plays tonight at 7 p.m., Mullen will drive with his parents part of the way. He will arrive in South Bend Saturday morning in time to get his tickets around 10 a.m.

"I can't wait," Mullen said. "It's going to be an unbelievable atmosphere."

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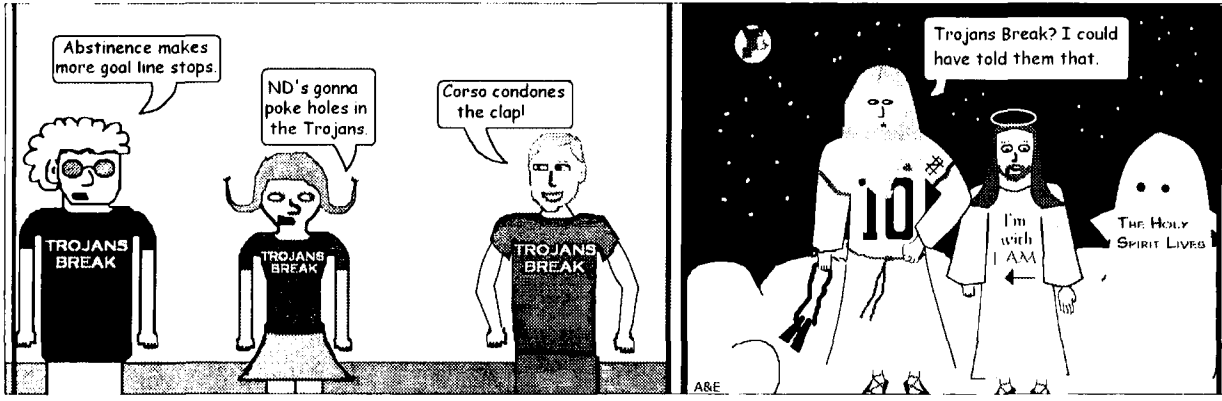
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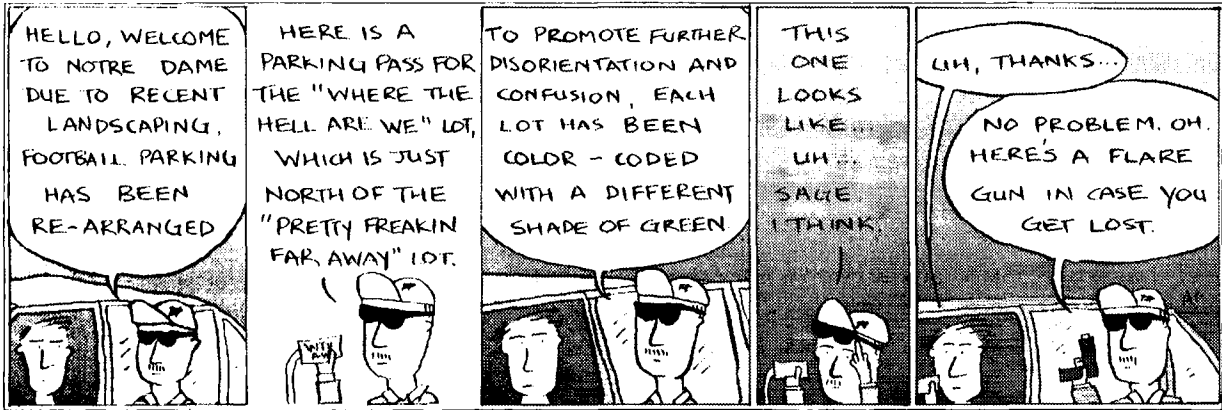
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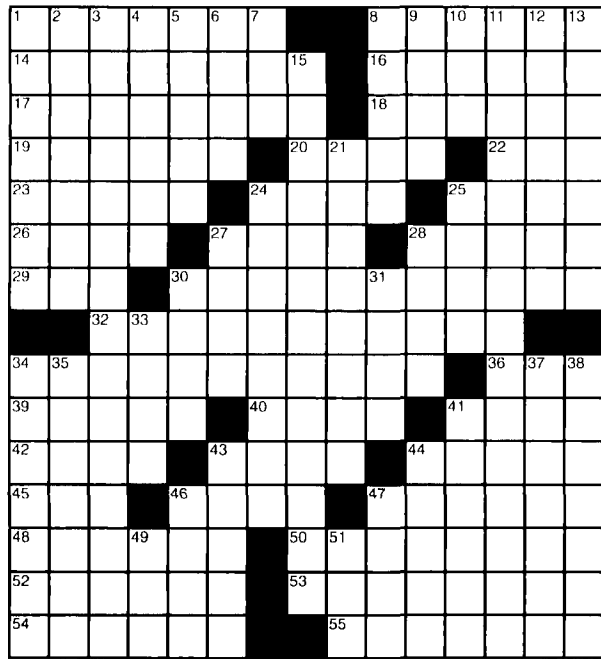
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 - 9 Start of a Mozart title
 - 10 Daughter of Hyperion
 - 11 Shipping charges?
 - 12 Exposure
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 - 15 Site of a pitchers' lineup?
 - 21 Easily-used people
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- 31 Pardner's mount
- 33 "_____ goes"
- 34 Bygone haircut
- 35 Old army stock
- 37 Adored
- 38 Causes of some domestic disturbances
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Rivals of their own

Top two teams in Big East ready to meet on Alumni Field tonight

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Rivalry weekend at Notre Dame kicks off Friday at 7:30 p.m. when the Irish host Connecticut in a Big East showdown on the same weekend as the Notre Dame-USC football game.

The No. 7 Irish (12-2-0, 6-1-0) and No. 15 Huskies (11-2-1, 7-0-0) lead their respective divisions in the realigned conference and each hope for a big win against a solidified opponent.

The soccer rivalry between UConn and Notre Dame is the biggest in the Big East in the course of the year, and Friday will be the only time the two schools play in the regular season.

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said the two teams have a history of excellence within the conference.

"Over the six years I've been here, it's been us and UConn," he said.

The Irish are coming off a 2-0 weekend in conference play in which they only allowed three shots on goal. They have posted three consecutive



Irish forward Katie Thorlakson dribbles past a Cincinnati player during Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over the Bearcats Sept. 23. The Irish host No. 15 tonight at Alumni Field.

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

shutouts since losing badly to Marquette, 4-1.

"I like the way that we've rebounded since the Marquette game," Waldrum said. "I think we're really confident about where we are."

Where the Irish are is atop the division and looking for a first-round bye in the upcoming conference tournament.

Notre Dame will likely have a distinct advantage going into the tournament if the Irish win, Waldrum said.

"We've got a great chance of getting a first-round bye and getting a home game in that second round," he said.

The Irish must win first, and that requires shutting down Connecticut's explosive

offense.

He attributed his team's past success against the Huskies to solid defensive play.

"Over the years, what we've been able to do [in wins] is be very good defensively," he said.

They have the talent to continue that strong defensive

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MEN'S SOCCER

No. 8 Irish ready for the Hoyas

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish will hit the road during fall break for three conference games that could have huge postseason implications.

Most recently tying Michigan State 0-0 on Tuesday, Notre Dame faces Georgetown on Saturday at 1 p.m., Providence on Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Pittsburgh on Oct. 22 at 1 p.m.

The Irish traditionally schedule a road trip to the East Coast during fall break in order to minimize missed classes.

"It's a lot, but it's one of the things we've got to do because of the class-missed policy," Irish head coach Bobby Clark said. "This is a way that gets us to play three games without too many classes missed."

The Irish are 7-4-2 on the season (3-3-1 Big East) with only five games remaining in the regular season.

A heartbreaking 2-1 home loss to Connecticut on Oct. 8

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HOCKEY

Preseason ends with Waterloo

Retoiled Notre Dame faces Golden Hawks in preparation game

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hockey coach Jeff Jackson is still in the early stages of rebuilding a program that went through a 2004 season that all would like to forget, but he is satisfied with the progress already made.

The 2005 Irish will measure themselves against their first opponent of the year tonight as they take on the University of Waterloo Warriors in a preseason exhibition. Last Saturday, the Irish icers played a split-squad season kickoff scrimmage that ended in thrilling fashion with an



Left wing Mike Walsh moves up ice Oct. 7, 2004 in Notre Dame's opener against Minnesota-Duluth. The teams tied, 2-2.

Observer File Photo

extra overtime period and a shootout.

Jackson stressed that his team is playing to win the exhibition without doubt, but

that the team is still coming together as a unit. He wants to see his team pick up on the

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Dozens of prospects to attend USC game

23 senior recruits, seven juniors arrive on campus visits

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

There is much at stake for No. 9 Notre Dame in its game Saturday with No. 1 Southern California. But it concerns more than Saturday's final score.

With 30 recruits on both unofficial and official visits to campus scheduled for this weekend, the Irish hope to give a good look to the 23 seniors and seven juniors in attendance.

"If Notre Dame wins, they'll have a huge impression on these guys," recruiting expert Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com said. "Even if the Irish lose, but play well, they'll have a positive impression."

Among the recruits who will be watching to see if the Irish can break a streak of three straight 31-point losses to the Trojans will be 11 players who have already verbally committed to Notre Dame. The group will be highlighted by quarterback Zach Frazer and running back James Aldridge. Both verbalized to the Irish last spring and are rated No. 10 and 7 in the nation by Scout.com at their positions, respectively.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC X-COUNTRY Manchester Invitational

The Belles hope to continue their success in final their five-kilometer race.

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MEN'S TENNIS USC at Notre Dame

The Irish and the Trojans have much at stake in this crucial match.

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ND X-COUNTRY

The men's and women's teams travel to Terre Haute for a national competition Saturday.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

The Belles face their final six games of the regular season on the road.

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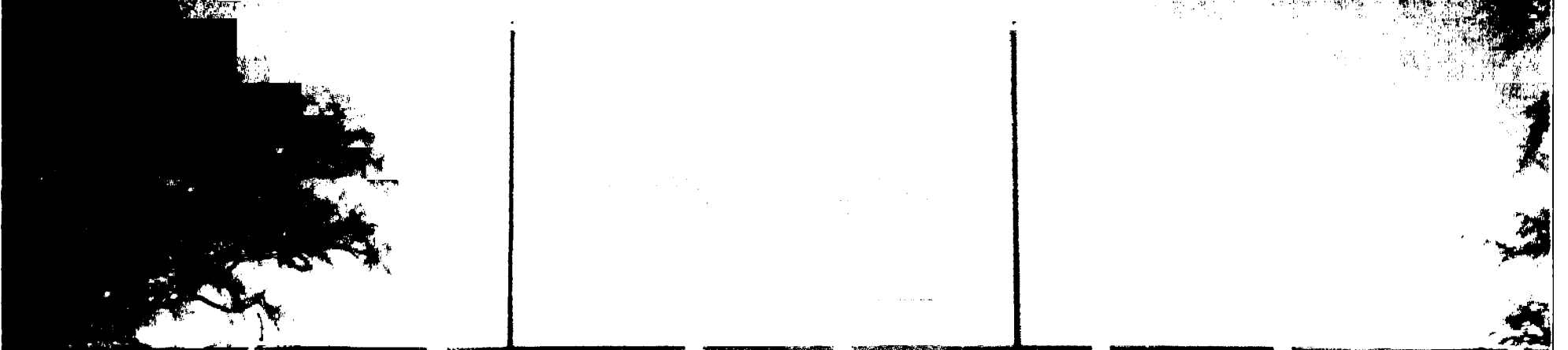
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NOTRE DAME AND USC WILL WRITE
ANOTHER CHAPTER THIS SATURDAY IN
ONE OF THE MOST STORIED RIVALRIES
IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL

1988, 1993 ... the Irish can do it

It was only yesterday. On second thought, it was six years ago.

No. 1 Nebraska had fallen on its heels, and on Sept. 9, 2000, the Irish were on the verge of toppling the best team in the country.

More than half of the fans in Notre Dame Stadium were draped in red. Some Notre Dame fans — you know who you are — had despicably sold their tickets to the trekking Husker faithful. And when Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch scampered into the left corner of the endzone for the overtime clincher, hearts sank.

Fans walked to their cars, heads down. I even remember saying to my father as I exited the Stadium, "We had 'em, Dad." People were furious, frustrated and perhaps most importantly, disappointed.

Why? Because Notre Dame was good enough to do it. They had the talent and the opportunity to beat — and be — the best.



Pat Leonard,
Sports Writer

That was six years ago. Now, on campus, in experts' predictions and in the rational thought of Irish fans everywhere, Notre Dame has a chance. The talent and opportunity are back.

"No team is unbeatable," Irish defensive end Chris Frome said.

The team believes. No matter how many answers Irish players give about Saturday's contest being "just another game," it's not. They know it's not.

On Saturday, a team Notre Dame uses as its barometer for success comes to town with a 27-game winning streak, the defending Heisman Trophy-winner and an attitude that says, "We know we're good."

When asked Tuesday about playing in Notre Dame Stadium, USC quarterback Matt Leinart said: "It's fun. I'm excited to go back."

It's fun? How the Irish detest losing to Southern California.

In 2003, Tyrone Willingham's team lost 38-0 to Michigan. Irish fans were distraught, but they had excuses: it's Michigan; they play well at home; the series always goes back and forth.

But on Oct. 18, 2003, when Southern California walked into Notre Dame Stadium and beat the pants off the Irish in a 45-14 clubbing,

seats emptied early. It had been the second year in a row USC had won by 31. So when it happened the next year, Willingham lost his job. And now, coach Charlie Weis has Notre Dame on the verge of accomplishing more than he promised in his first season.

"When I think about Charlie Weis, I think about confidence," defensive tackle Trevor Laws said.

"I think our team is starting to reflect the attitude of our head coach," defensive end Victor Abiamiri said. "We're buying into what he's trying to teach."

Not athletic director Kevin White, not Weis himself could have had expectations of greatness. Weis only promised his team would be prepared week-in, week-out.

If anything, though it sounds pessimistic, a 7-, 10- or even 20-point loss Saturday will be a stride in the right direction for a Notre Dame team that, for almost a decade, had lost its way.

USC is on pace to break the average yards per game record in Division-I college football by 15 yards. The Trojans average 52 points

per game. They are so good, Irish nose tackle Derek Landri said he believes they beat some teams before they even take the field.

But there will most likely be a large following of Notre Dame fans who will have their heads down in disappointment if the Irish lose Saturday.

"People hesitate to say that we're a great team this year, and ya know what?" said defensive end Chris Frome. "They have every right to be."

"They say, 'Oh, you know, Michigan is a three-loss team. They're not that great this year. Pittsburgh wasn't a great team.' They were ranked when we beat them ... We feel like this is our chance to put a lot of the naysayers down and prove that we belong in the top ten, where we are right now."

"And I believe we belong at the top."

For the first time in six years, the Irish have the opportunity to prove it.

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Weis has Notre Dame on the verge of accomplishing more than he promised in his first season.

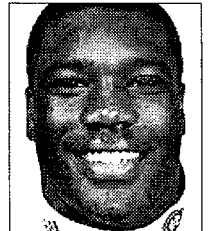
game hype



Charlie Weis
Irish head coach

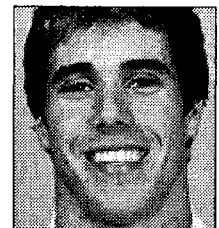
"We have a group of guys that are so hungry ... that are so dedicated to winning."

"Only a few times in life do you get those special opportunities ... you got to run with it."



Brandon Hoyte
Irish linebacker

"When it comes down to it, it's the biggest game of the year for us, as it is every week."



Brady Quinn
Irish quarterback

"This is about a bunch of kids that get to play in a great setting ... with memories to be made."



Pete Carroll
Trojans head coach



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Rivalry reinvigorated

Notre Dame and USC continue a series this weekend that began with Knute Rockne in 1926

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

For decades they've played each other. For decades, their games have been significant in the realm of college football. For decades, they've played games to remember.

Saturday's matchup between No. 1 USC and No. 9 Notre Dame is likely to be no different. The Irish sit at 4-1 and are trying to prove they are back at the top of college football once again. The Trojans, meanwhile take their 27-game winning streak to South Bend to prove they still belong at the top after winning back-to-back national championships. There's no doubt this is a big game.

"This is the reason why every guy on this team came here — is to play in a game like this," safety Tom Zbikowski said.

But just how big is Saturday's matchup?

The hype

Everyone across the country is talking about Saturday's contest. ESPN's GameDay crew arrived in South Bend a day earlier than usual after not making an appearance at Notre Dame since 2000 and backing out on the Irish last season for the Michigan game. ESPN's morning show *Cold Pizza* is broadcasting from campus, and ticket prices are skyrocketing on eBay, with tickets going for upwards of \$500 each.

Media access to players was limited to just one day, and the players were preselected to speak to the media. Even the pep rally, moved from the Joyce Center to Notre Dame Stadium for the extra seating, is being televised by ESPN-NEWS.

"This is definitely one of the bigger games of my career," junior defensive end Victor Abiamiri said. "So it's kind of one of the little special times around campus. You don't really get to play the No. 1 team in the country in your home stadium too much."

But the Irish are trying not to let the hype and media craze surrounding the game affect them, something passed down from Irish head coach Charlie Weis.

"I think I treat every week pretty much the same," Weis said. "I have always tried to profess having a very businesslike approach and treating each game as its own separate entity. I understand — I am not oblivious to the magnitude of the football game. But I think that you just set yourself up for emo-

tional highs and lows if you treat it any differently."

On the USC sideline, quarterback and reigning Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart downplayed the game, played at Notre Dame Stadium in its 75th year of existence.

"I think it's just how people make it," Leinart said. "We approach it like it's any other game. It is Notre Dame but we approach it like it was against Arizona last week. Obviously people are going to make a big deal about it, but we're just going to go about our business."

But at the same time, the Notre Dame players know it's a big deal that the defending champion and No. 1 team in the country is coming to town. They see it as an opportunity to see just how well they will stack up against a team most experts dub as the best in the country.

"Playing Southern Cal is exciting," Irish running back Darius Walker said. "It's a big deal. And playing the No. 1 team in the country I think speaks wonders for us because that's where we want to be. To be the best, you have to beat the best."

The history

The Notre Dame-USC rivalry dates back to the Knute Rockne era, when the Irish traveled to face the Trojans for the first time in 1926. This matchup was the beginning of what is now known as the "greatest intersectional rivalry." Since that game, which Notre Dame won 13-12, the Irish have beaten the Trojans 42 times and lost 29 times.

USC's first visit to Notre Dame Stadium resulted in the first ever sellout in 1931, a game the Irish lost, 16-14, after leading 14-0. This loss ended Notre Dame's 26-game win streak, which carried over from Rockne's tenure.

The rivalry includes many games of significance, including the 1964 game in which Notre Dame saw its national title hopes shattered and the more famous Green Jersey game of 1977. In 1964, under the leadership of head coach Ara Parseghian, the Irish went to Los Angeles as the top-ranked team and fell, 20-17, to the Trojans in the final game of the season after leading 17-0.

In the Green Jersey game, the Irish, coached by Dan Devine, warmed up in their regular blue uniforms and came out in green. Notre Dame defeated USC 49-19 and went on to win the National Championship. Weis, a 1978 graduate of Notre Dame, vividly

remembers that game as a student.

"It was a pretty wild experience," he said. "Watching the team come out there and warm up in blue and didn't think too much of it to tell you the truth. And they came out, and I remember the big Trojan Horse, and I remember the team coming out there in those green jerseys and knowing this was going to be something special."

The Green Jersey game is just one of many USC-Notre Dame matchups that was one to remember. Most recently, the Trojans have dominated the Irish, and many have speculated that big wins in 2002 and 2004 helped spur USC quarterbacks and Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer (2002) and Leinart (2004) to win the award. Under those quarterbacks, USC has won each of the last three meetings by 31 points, and the 44-13 loss in 2002 helped push the 10-1 Irish out of contention for a BCS bowl bid. But the Irish say this year's team isn't like the ones that lost by 31 points three years in a row.

"This game feels a lot different from the '02 game, and here's why," defensive end Chris Frome said. "Our defense obviously, we had an amazing defense that year, great d-backs. Our offense wasn't nearly as developed as it is now, and a lot of people have a lot more faith in our offense than they did then. Our whole team does."

"We really feel like we can put some points on the board against USC and hold them scoring, so we feel pretty confident going into this game."

Saturday's game is another opportunity for the Irish to prove they belong at the top of college football once again.

"We're motivated right now just because we're trying to build something new," Irish linebacker Maurice Crum said. "We're trying to get us back to where we used to be, and that's our motivation."

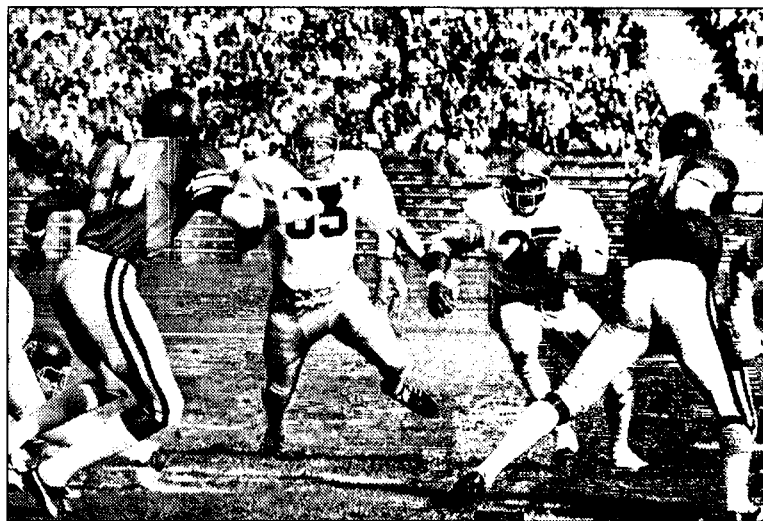
Heisman watch

Besides the tradition of the Notre Dame-USC rivalry, recent games have had more implications than just a win or loss. Two of the past three years, the Notre Dame-USC game has helped decide the Heisman Trophy winner, and both times it was a Trojan quarterback. When Palmer tore apart the Irish secondary in 2002, many believed it solidified his chances at college football's highest honor. Last year, it was Leinart who tore apart the Irish secondary to solidify his place in the award voting. However, this year, there may be three Heisman candidates in Saturday's game.

Leinart has thrown for 1,646 yards on 108-for-166 passing, including 12 touchdowns and three interceptions. All-purpose back Reggie Bush has 621 yards rushing, 191 yards receiving and 180 punt/kick return yards.

"If it wasn't for Leinart, he probably would have won the Heisman last year," Irish defensive tackle Derek Landri said of Bush. "I'm sure he's a top candidate to win it this year. The kid is just an awesome player. Everytime he touches the ball, it's like a highlight reel."

On the Notre Dame sideline, quarterback Brady Quinn has slowly snuck up Heisman watch lists, flourishing in Weis' offense. Quinn's numbers are similar to Leinart's thus far—1,621 yards on 124-for-190 passing, with 13 touchdowns and three interceptions. But Quinn is just focused on beating the Trojans, not winning



Irish running back Al Hunter makes his way through USC's defense during the Trojans' 17-13 win on Nov. 29, 1976.

the award.

"I don't think we focus on individual accolades at all," Quinn said. "As long as the team is winning and doing well those things will come with it."

And if the Irish win, Quinn's stock could soar, much like Palmer's and Leinart's did.

Matchup of minds

Not only is Saturday a showdown between two of the nation's most prolific quarterbacks, it is also a showdown of two coaches who left the NFL ranks for college football. Trojans head coach Pete Carroll has led his team to back-to-back national titles at USC, while Weis came to the Irish with four Super Bowl rings from the NFL.

"We don't know each other very well," Carroll said. "I've only talked to him a couple times. It's all been football."

Carroll took over as the head coach of the NFL's New England Patriots in 1996, the year Weis and his staff departed. Weis went to the New York Jets with Bill Parcells, and Carroll was the head coach of the Patriots until Bill Belichick took over in 2000, when Carroll left for USC.

That's when Weis returned to the Patriots up until this year.

But Weis said there were no hard feelings from the turnover during which he ended up going to the Jets.

"Because we were in that north-east corridor together, we had a chance to compete," Weis said. "I think he is a really good coach. He has been good for college football. He came in there when that program was a little down. Obviously, they are the bar now. They are the level of performance that everyone is trying to get to."

And Carroll, who is also the Trojans' defensive coordinator is looking forward to facing Weis who calls all the plays for the Irish.

"What Charlie has been able to do ... he is that offense," Carroll said. "What they were able to do in New England is what they are now doing at Notre Dame, you can see it clearly and he's the one that brought it. I have great respect for what he's done."

"I think it's really cool that we have this chance to match up again and see what we do."

And the Irish want to take advantage of the opportunity they have to make another mark in the storied Notre Dame-USC rivalry.

"We look at this as an opportunity to beat Southern Cal," offensive lineman Ryan Harris said. "Obviously ... we would love to play a great game and to win. Our goal is always to win."

"But it would be extra special if we could win this game."

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by the numbers

USC's margin of victory over Notre Dame each of the past three seasons. Also, the number of points the Irish have scored the previous two times they have defeated a No. 1 ranked opponent in Notre Dame Stadium.

31

291.2 The Trojans' average rushing yards per game, No. 1 in the nation. LenDale White leads USC with 123.2 yards per game and 10 rushing touchdowns.

USC running back Reggie Bush's average yards per carry. He has racked up 601 yards on the ground this season and scored two touchdowns.

8.5

27 Consecutive games USC has won. The streak covers 13 wins over top 25 teams, two national titles and three victories over the Irish.

Player, Ohio State RB Archie Griffin, who has won two Heismans. Trojan QB Matt Leinart will try to duplicate the feat this year.

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1926 Year of first meeting between Notre Dame and USC. Knute Rockne's Irish won 13-12 over Howard Jones' Trojans.

Heisman Trophy winners who played for Notre Dame. Matt Leinart won USC's sixth Heisman last season.

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Oct. 15 1988, the day No. 4 Notre Dame beat No. 1 Miami. The Hurricanes had defeated the Irish by 31 in each of their previous three meetings.



Students celebrate on Notre Dame Stadium's field with a Trojan horse after a 49-19 Irish win over USC in the 1977 'Green Jersey' game.

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Charlie Weis head coach

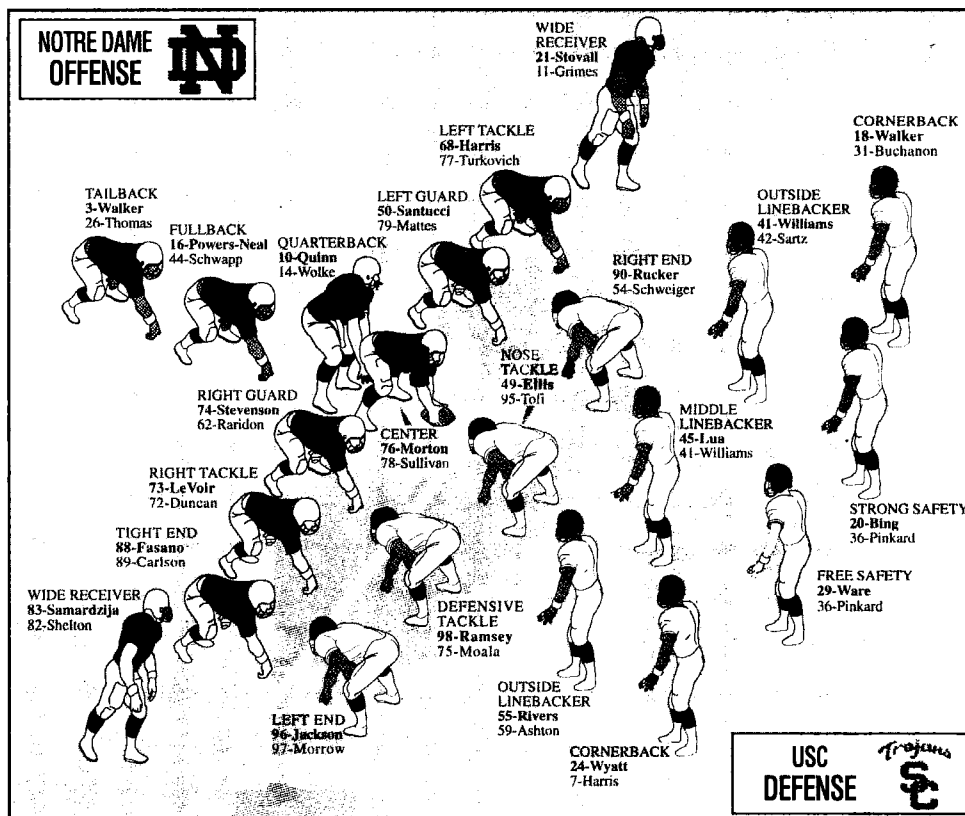
Charlie Weis first season at Notre Dame career record: 4-1 at Notre Dame: 4-1 against USC: 0-0

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3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	200	SO
4	Anthony Vernaglia	DB	6-3	221	SO
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	215	SR
6	Ray Herring	DB	6-0	199	FR
7	Darrin Bragg	WR	6-1	192	SO
8	Junior Jabbie	RB	6-0	188	SO
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	JR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	231	JR
11	David Grimes	WR	6-0	170	FR
12	Marty Mooney	QB	6-2	207	SR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	207	FR
14	David Wolke	QB	6-2	196	FR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	186	SO
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	RB	6-3	238	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	186	SR
17	Dan Gorski	QB	6-3	196	FR
18	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	219	JR
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-2	206	SR
20	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	188	SO
21	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	222	SR
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	197	JR
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	203	JR
23	W. David Williams	DB	5-10	170	SO
24	Brandon Erickson	WR	6-0	178	SO
25	Nate Schiccatano	DL	6-2	237	SR
26	Wade Iams	DB	5-9	188	SO
26	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	215	JR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	187	FR
27	John Lyons	RB	6-1	205	JR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-0	189	FR
29	LaBrose Hedgemon	DB	5-9	190	JR
30	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	193	SR
31	Jake Carney	DB	6-0	187	SR
32	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	232	SR
32	Alvin Reynolds Jr.	DB	5-10	180	SO
33	Justin Hoskins	RB	5-10	186	SO
34	Tommie Lee	DB	6-2	200	JR
35	Ashley McConnell	RB	6-0	247	JR
35	Tim Kenney	DB	6-0	180	JR
36	Brandon Harris	DB	6-0	198	SR
37	Matt Mitchell	DB	5-8	187	SR
38	Nick Possley	WR	6-1	183	SO
39	Brandon Hoyte	LB	6-0	236	SR
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	220	SO
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	234	FR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	231	FR
43	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	233	SR
44	Asaph Schwapp	RB	6-0	250	FR
45	Carl Gioia	K	5-10	183	JR
45	Rich Whitney	DB	6-2	213	JR
46	Corey Mays	LB	6-1	234	SR
47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	240	JR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	220	JR
49	Matt Augustyn	FB	6-3	220	JR
50	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	290	SR
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	212	JR
53	Joseph Boland	LB	6-2	242	SR
54	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	293	SR
56	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-4	238	JR
57	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	252	JR
58	Abdel Banda	LB	6-1	220	SO
59	James Bent	OL	6-2	265	SR
60	Casey Cullen	DL	6-1	238	JR
61	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	SO
62	Scott Raridon	OL	6-7	304	SR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-3	305	FR
66	Derek Landri	DL	6-3	263	SR
68	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	288	JR
69	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	260	SR
71	James Bonelli	OL	6-5	280	SR
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	292	FR
73	Mark LeVoi	OL	6-7	311	SR
74	Dan Stevenson	OL	6-6	292	SR
75	Chris Frome	DL	6-5	268	SR
76	Bob Morton	OL	6-4	292	SR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	290	FR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	298	JR
79	Brian Mattes	OL	6-6	285	SR
81	Rob Woods	WR	6-2	208	SR
82	Matt Shelton	WR	6-0	172	SR
83	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-5	216	JR
84	Michael O'Hara	WR	5-10	180	SR
85	Joey Hiben	TE	6-4	253	FR
86	Mike Taleric	TE	6-5	245	SO
87	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-3	245	SR
88	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-5	255	SR
89	John Carlson	TE	6-5	255	SR
90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-3	294	SR
91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	174	JR
92	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	301	FR
93	Dan Chervanick	DL	6-1	259	SR
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	247	SO
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-4	260	JR
96	Bobby Renkes	K	6-0	195	JR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-2	267	FR
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	293	JR
99	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	261	SO

NOTRE DAME 2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	at Pittsburgh - W
Sept. 10	at Michigan - W
Sept. 17	MICHIGAN ST. - L
Sept. 24	at Washington - W
Oct. 01	at Purdue - W
Oct. 15	USC
Oct. 22	BYU
Nov. 5	TENNESSEE
Nov. 12	NAVY
Nov. 19	SYRACUSE
Nov. 26	at Stanford



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NOTRE DAME

While Weis has earned the respect of many for his quick turnaround of the Irish program, he is still yet to win a home game. That's a reminder of the Notre Dame coach's inexperience. But his play calling will have the Irish poised for a win.

Brady Quinn arguably is the most improved player for the Irish in 2005. He has thrown for 1,621 yards, 13 TDs and three interceptions. He was named Sporting News player of the week for his performance in the 49-28 Notre Dame win over Purdue Oct. 1.

After rushing for 786 yards as a freshman in 2004, Darius Walker is on pace for 1,000 yards this season, with 528 through five games. Rashon Powers-Neal has six touchdowns from his spot at fullback, while Travis Thomas has two scores as Walker's backup.

Jeff Samardzija and Maurice Stovall lead the Irish receiving corps. Samardzija has hauled in eight scoring passes and Anthony Fasano is tied with Stovall for second on the team with 23 catches. The injured Rhema McKnight's return against USC is questionable.

USC

Pete Carroll has led the Trojans to 27 wins in a row and two straight national titles. His career at USC began in 2001 with a 2-5 start. Since then he has turned USC into the premier football program in America and has it ready for a third consecutive national title.

Matt Leinart won the Heisman Trophy in 2004 and is a favorite to win again in 2005. He has tossed 12 touchdowns to only three interceptions while racking up 1,646 yards. Backup John David Booty has the ability to start for most Division I teams.

Carroll is also the USC defensive coordinator and has built the No. 11 rush defense in the nation, surrendering just 90.8 yards per contest. Defensive end Frostee Rucker has seven tackles for loss. Linebacker Oscar Lua has a team-leading 32 tackles.

Safety Darnell Bing is averaging 1.5 pass break ups per game. He leads a USC defense allowing 246.2 passing yards per game. The unit returns only two starters from 2004 in Bing and CB Justin Wyatt. CB John Walker is No. 4 on the team with 21 tackles.

ANALYSIS

Carroll has restored USC's luster, while Weis is trying to do the same in South Bend. Both will have their teams ready emotionally. But the Trojans have won 13 straight games against top 25 teams, and Carroll has been a head coach much longer.

Quinn and Leinart have almost identical statistics and both are garnering attention in the Heisman race. Leinart is completing 65.1 percent of his throws with 12 scores. He is 30-1 as a starter while Quinn has yet to beat USC.

Walker is racking up a nice season statistically. But he hasn't shown an ability yet to break free for a big play. Carroll's defensive mind will give the Irish the biggest test yet this season, and Rucker will pressure the Irish offensive tackles all afternoon.

USC's secondary, like the rest of its defense, is solid. However, only two starters return from last season. Quinn has a load of good, talented receivers led by Fasano and Samardzija. For Notre Dame to win, the Irish must exploit this Trojan weakness.

Irish experts



Pat Leonard Managing Editor

Everyone is picking the upset. Everyone believes it's a possibility. And Notre Dame does have a shot, but USC is just too good to lose this one. They have too much to lose if they drop to the Irish. Notre Dame will stay in the game, but they won't stop the Trojan offense, and though Quinn will continue to thrive in Weis' system, all USC is needs is a few more stops than Notre Dame to win it.

FINAL SCORE: USC 57 Notre Dame 52



Heather Van Hoegarden AME

For the first time in three years the Irish won't get blown out by USC. Notre Dame will keep it close, but Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush will be too much firepower for the Irish defense to handle. Notre Dame has a chance to win arguably the biggest home game since 1993, but the Irish aren't quite good enough to beat the Trojans. However, this game will show that, unlike three years ago, the Irish are on their way up.

FINAL SCORE: USC 42 Notre Dame 34

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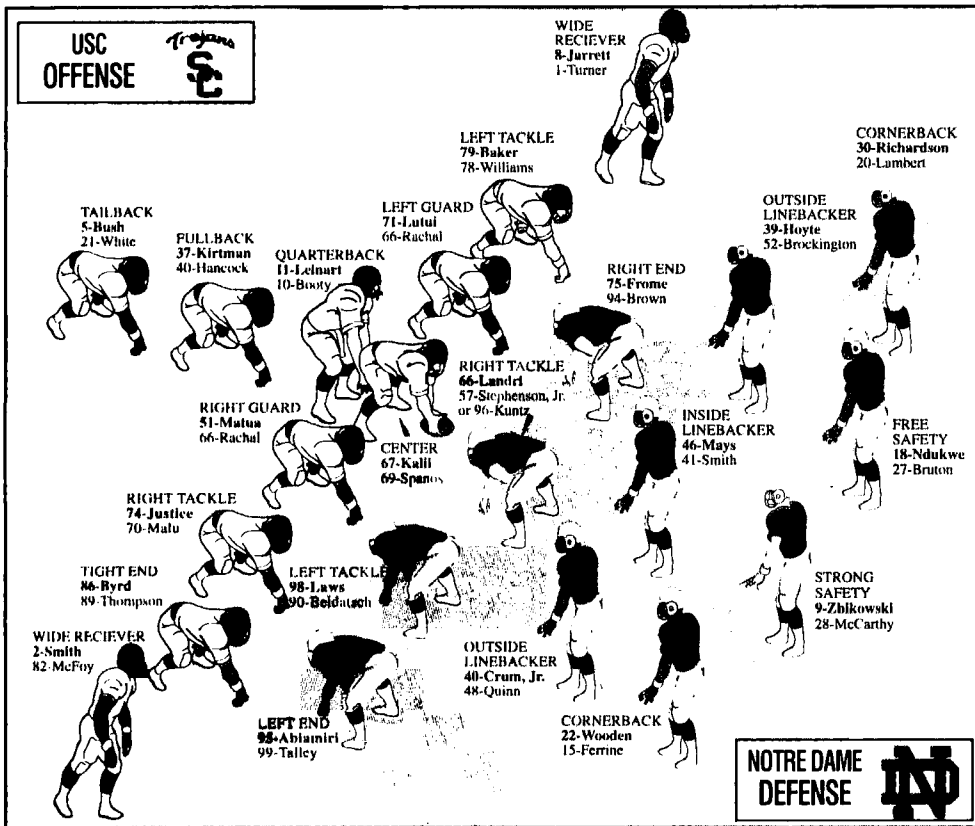
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Pete Carroll
fifth season at USC
career record:
47-9
at USC:
47-9
against Notre
Dame: 3-1



Pete Carroll
head coach



USC 2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	at Hawaii - W
Sept. 17	ARKANSAS - W
Sept. 24	at Oregon - W
Oct. 1	at Arizona State - W
Oct. 8	ARIZONA - W
Oct. 15	at Notre Dame
Oct. 22	at Washington
Oct. 29	WASHINGTON ST.
Nov. 5	STANFORD
Nov. 12	at California
Nov. 19	FRESNO STATE
Dec. 3	UCLA

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Patrick Turner	WR	6-5	220	FR
2	Steve Smith	WR	6-0	195	JR
4	Whitney Lewis	WR	6-1	225	SO
4	Kevin Ellison	S	6-1	220	FR
5	Reggie Bush	TB	6-0	200	JR
6	Mark Sanchez	QB	6-4	215	FR
7	Cary Harris	CB	6-1	180	FR
8	Dwayne Jarrett	WR	6-5	210	SO
9	Mozique McCurtis	CB	6-1	225	SO
9	Phil Mellinger	PK	6-0	170	FR
10	John David Booty	QB	6-3	195	SO
10	Brian Cushing	LB	6-4	235	FR
11	Matt Leinart	QB	6-5	225	SR
13	Tom Harwood	QB	6-3	170	SO
14	Tom Malone	P	6-0	205	SR
15	Kevin Thomas	CB	6-1	190	FR
16	Chase McWhorter	S	5-8	190	SO
16	Michael McDonald	QB	6-2	185	SO
17	Troy Van Blarcom	PK	6-3	210	FR
18	John Walker	CB	6-1	200	SR
19	Greg Carlson	WR	5-10	190	SR
19	Mario Danelo	PK	5-10	185	SO
20	Darnell Bing	S	6-2	220	JR
21	LenDale White	TB	6-2	235	JR
22	Desmond Reed	TB	5-9	180	SO
22	Jim Abbott	CB	5-10	175	FR
23	Chauncey Washington	TB	6-1	205	SO
24	Justin Wyatt	CB	5-10	185	FR
25	Taylor Odegaard	P	5-9	170	FR
26	Will Harris	CB-S	6-2	200	FR
26	Wil Smith	WR	6-1	200	SR
27	Michael Coleman	TB	6-1	235	FR
28	Terrell Thomas	CB	6-1	195	SO
28	Andre Woodert	TB	6-0	220	SR
29	Scott Ware	S	6-0	215	SR
29	John Griffin	TB	6-0	195	SO
30	Mike Brittingham	FB	6-1	205	JR
30	Jerry Williams	CB	5-10	170	JR
31	William Buchanan	CB-WR	6-3	185	SR
31	Jamel Williams	CB	5-10	170	JR
34	Hershel Dennis	TB	5-11	200	SR
34	Jody Adewale	FB	6-0	230	SO
35	Justin Hart	S	6-0	165	FR
36	Josh Pinkard	S	6-1	200	SO
37	David Kirtman	FB	6-0	230	SR
38	Brandon Ting	S	5-10	180	JR
39	Ryan Ting	S	5-10	180	JR
40	Brandon Hancock	FB	6-1	230	JR
41	Thomas Williams	LB	6-3	230	SO
42	Dallas Sartz	LB	6-5	240	SR
43	Kaluka Maiaya	LB	6-0	220	FR
44	Rashaad Goodrum	DE	6-3	245	JR
45	Oscar Lua	LB	6-1	240	JR
46	Alex Gomez	CB	5-10	180	SR
46	Sean Limahelu	P	6-2	175	FR
47	Sean Kelly	FB	6-0	195	SO
47	Clay Matthews	LB	6-3	225	FR
48	Matthew Jordan	CB	5-8	175	FR
48	Brad Walker	WR	6-2	200	SO
49	Sedrick Ellis	DT	6-1	285	SO
50	Will Collins	SNP	6-2	220	SO
51	Fred Matua	OG	6-2	305	JR
52	Luther Brown	LB	6-3	235	FR
53	Jeff Byers	OG	6-3	300	SO
54	Jeff Schweiger	DE	6-4	260	SO
55	Keith Rivers	LB	6-0	220	SO
56	Ryan Powdrell	LB	6-1	225	JR
57	Nick Garratt	LB	6-1	225	FR
58	Ray Mauauga	LB	6-3	250	FR
59	Collin Ashton	LB	6-1	220	SR
60	Drew Radovich	OG	6-5	300	SO
61	Ross Burruel	C	6-2	290	JR
62	Dominique Wise	OT	6-4	250	JR
63	Travis Draper	DT	6-4	295	FR
64	Mike Davis	DT	6-0	280	JR
65	Jeff Tola	DE	6-0	220	SO
66	Chilo Rachal	OG	6-5	300	FR
67	Ryan Kalil	C	6-3	285	JR
69	Matt Spanos	C	6-5	300	SO
70	Alatini Malu	OG	6-4	340	SO
71	Taitusi Lutui	OT	6-6	365	SR
72	John Lanza	OG	6-3	255	JR
73	Jonathan Richert	OT	6-4	290	JR
74	Winston Justice	OT	6-6	300	JR
75	Fili Moala	DT	6-4	300	FR
76	Nick Howell	OT	6-6	265	FR
77	Thomas Herring	OT	6-6	335	FR
78	Kyle Williams	OT	6-6	295	JR
79	Sam Baker	OT	6-5	305	SO
80	John Zilka	WR	6-4	200	SR
82	Chris McFoy	WR	6-1	200	JR
83	Fred Davis	TE	6-4	225	FR
84	Kyle Moore	DE	6-7	265	FR
86	Charles Brown	TE	6-3	250	FR
86	Dominique Byrd	TE	6-3	260	SR
87	Nick Vanderboom	TE	6-4	245	JR
88	Jimmy Miller	TE	6-4	250	FR
89	Dale Thompson	TE	6-4	255	SO
90	Frostee Rucker	DE	6-3	260	SR
91	Chris Barrett	DE	6-5	265	SO
93	Lawrence Miles	DT	6-2	265	FR
94	Jermiah Graves	DT	6-0	325	JR
95	Travis Tofi	DT	6-4	255	JR
96	Lawrence Jackson	DE	6-5	265	SO
97	Alex Morrow	DE	6-6	265	SO
98	Lajuan Ramsey	DT	6-3	290	SR
99	Averell Spicer	DT	6-2	265	FR

Trojans Rushing

Linebacker Brandon Hoyte buys an Irish rush defense allowing only 116 yards per game. Hoyte has 10.5 tackles for loss while defensive tackles Derek Landri, Brian Beidatsch and Trevor Laws anchor a unit ranked No. 31 nationally against the run.

The Trojans lead the nation in rushing with 291.2 yards per game. LenDale White and Reggie Bush each have run for 100 yards in the past three games and have combined for 16 rushing touchdowns this season. Bush is averaging 8.5 yards per carry.

One of Notre Dame's strengths the past few seasons has been its defensive line. However, the Trojans are better than Purdue, Pitt and Washington. White and Bush are a potent mix of power and flash. USC has the ability to run all over the Irish.

Trojans Passing

The Irish secondary is vulnerable, allowing an average of 305.6 yards per game. Michigan State, Washington and Purdue threw for 327, 408 and 350 yards respectively in Notre Dame's last three games. The secondary has one interception in each of those three games.

Leinart is throwing for 329.2 yards per game as Dwayne Jarrett and Steve Smith lead the receivers. Jarrett has nine scoring grabs this season while Smith is averaging 21.3 yards per catch. Bush has 13 catches for a pair of touchdowns from his taiback spot.

The major weakness of Notre Dame's defense is its secondary. This will be a problem facing Leinart, Smith, Jarrett and Bush. Last season, the Trojans sliced past the Irish defensive backs. There is a good possibility for more of the same in this season's matchup.

Special Teams

Kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick is perfect on PATs this season. He also handles punting duties, averaging 40.7 yards per kick. Tom Zbikowski has taken over the punt return job but has yet to break a return longer than 25 yards. Chase Anastasio blocked a punt during a 36-17 win at Washington.

Punter Tom Malone was named All-American in 2004. He is high on the lists of pro scouts this year by tallying 42.8 yards per punt on only 12 kicks. Troy Van Blarcom handles kickoff duties. Bush has yet to score on either a kickoff or punt return this season after 15 combined attempts.

Malone might be the best punter in America. He just rarely gets the chance to show off his talent. Bush is a threat to return a kick for a touchdown every time he gets the ball. Fitzpatrick is consistent, but USC's returners give it the edge.

Intangibles

This is the most hyped game in Notre Dame Stadium since the No. 2 Irish beat No. 1 Florida State 31-24 on Nov. 13, 1993. The crowd will be loud and electric as Weis goes for his inaugural home win and the first Irish win over USC since 2001.

USC is the best team in the nation and also the most confident. It has the most dominant run game along with a Heisman quarterback. The Trojans have had decisive victories over the Irish the past three years and are eager for another blowout.

USC will not be short on motivation for this matchup. It wants a third national title badly. But the atmosphere in Notre Dame Stadium will reach levels not seen since the Florida State game in 1993. That game went well for the Irish, as they won, 31-24.

NOTRE DAME

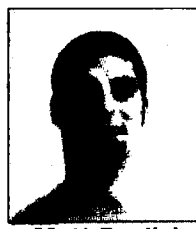
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ANALYSIS



Mike Gilloon
Sports Editor

USC should win this game. It has the best offense in America, a brilliant defensive coach in Pete Carroll and a fantastic leader in Leinart. But the Trojans aren't invincible. Weis believes Notre Dame can win this game. He's right. The Irish get a little help from the energetic home crowd and Brady Quinn carries Notre Dame to its biggest win since the quarterback was in third grade.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 45 USC 43



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Associate Sports Editor

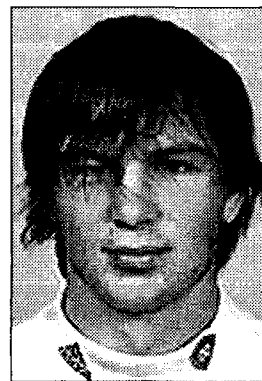
Finally, amidst understandably great fanfare, the most important game at Notre Dame Stadium in over a decade has arrived. In a contest that can go any direction, the Irish must continue to play rock solid, opportunistic red-zone defense to knock off the Trojans. The defense steps up, Weis' offense excels and Notre Dame squeaks out a monumental victory.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31 USC 27

Irish experts

Sizing up the Irish and the Trojans

AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE VS USC'S DEFENSE		USC'S OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE	
	total yards gained	504.2	640.4	total yards allowed
total yards allowed	337.0	422.2	rushing yards gained	291.2
rushing yards gained	174.4	291.2	rushing yards allowed	116.6
rushing yards allowed	90.8	116.6	passing yards gained	349.2
passing yards gained	329.8	349.2	passing yards allowed	305.6
passing yards allowed	246.2	305.6	kick return yards gained	24.6
kick return yards gained	23.8	24.6	kick return yards allowed	19.5
kick return yards allowed	26.6	19.5	punt return yards gained	5.0
punt return yards gained	13.6	5.0	punt return yards allowed	5.4
punt return yards allowed	17.0	5.4	yards per punt	42.5
yards per punt	41.2	42.5	punts blocked	1
punts blocked	0	1	turnovers lost	6
turnovers lost	6	6	turnovers recovered	12
turnovers recovered	12	12	total points scored	51.6
total points scored	37.0	51.6	total points allowed	24.0
total points allowed	19.2	24.0	Notre Dame yards penalized	61.4
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KEY MATCHUP



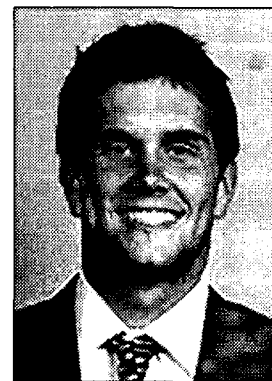
**NOTRE DAME
SECONDARY**

Irish cornerbacks Ambrose Wooden and Mike Richardson have performed above the low expectations many Irish followers held at the beginning of the season. Yet, the secondary is still the weakest unit on the field for Notre Dame.

Strong safety Tom Zbikowski, above, has provided timely big hits and interceptions so far this season.

Chinedum Ndukwe has accounted for five total turnovers this season — four fumble recoveries and one interception.

Richardson nabbed a key interception in the end zone at Purdue.



**USC
PASSING GAME**

Matt Leinart, above, is an All-American quarterback with a fleet of speedy receivers to throw to.

Dwayne Jarrett is the leader of the group with 35 receptions this season — nine going for touchdowns.

Steve Smith has averaged 21.3 yards per catch and leads the Trojans with 115 receiving yards per game.

Leinart has several dangerous weapons in his backfield as well. Reggie Bush has 13 grabs and two scores while David Kirtman adds sure hands at the fullback position with 12 receptions.

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Trojan receivers will test Irish defense

Smith, Jarrett have combined for a total of 62 catches in 2005

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

USC's 41-10 blowout of Notre Dame last season showed two teams seemingly spiraling in opposite directions.

The Trojans, led by Heisman winning quarterback Matt Leinart, rolled through a porous Irish defense that looked helpless against the USC receivers.

But despite the hiring of head coach Charlie Weis and a 4-1 Irish record, Notre Dame is still surrendering 305.6 yards per game. The Irish feel, though, that they aren't the same team that faced the Trojans last season. They feel they have a chance.

"Last year in the second half USC started passing the ball more, they started spreading us out, and I don't think we had the correct defensive calls or coverages all the time last year and I think that exploited our weaknesses," Irish defensive

end Chris Frome said. "But obviously this year I think we are a different team on defense. I think we're a much better team."

The Irish will need to be better. Leinart is completing 65.1 percent of his passes and leading an offense that scores an average of 51.6 points per game.

According to Irish defensive backs coach/assistant head coach Bill Lewis, Leinart's accuracy is what makes him such a threat.

"We've studied every play this season," Lewis said. "There's one word as you look at the whole package: he's accurate. He gets the ball out on time, he anticipates and he gets the ball in the right spot."

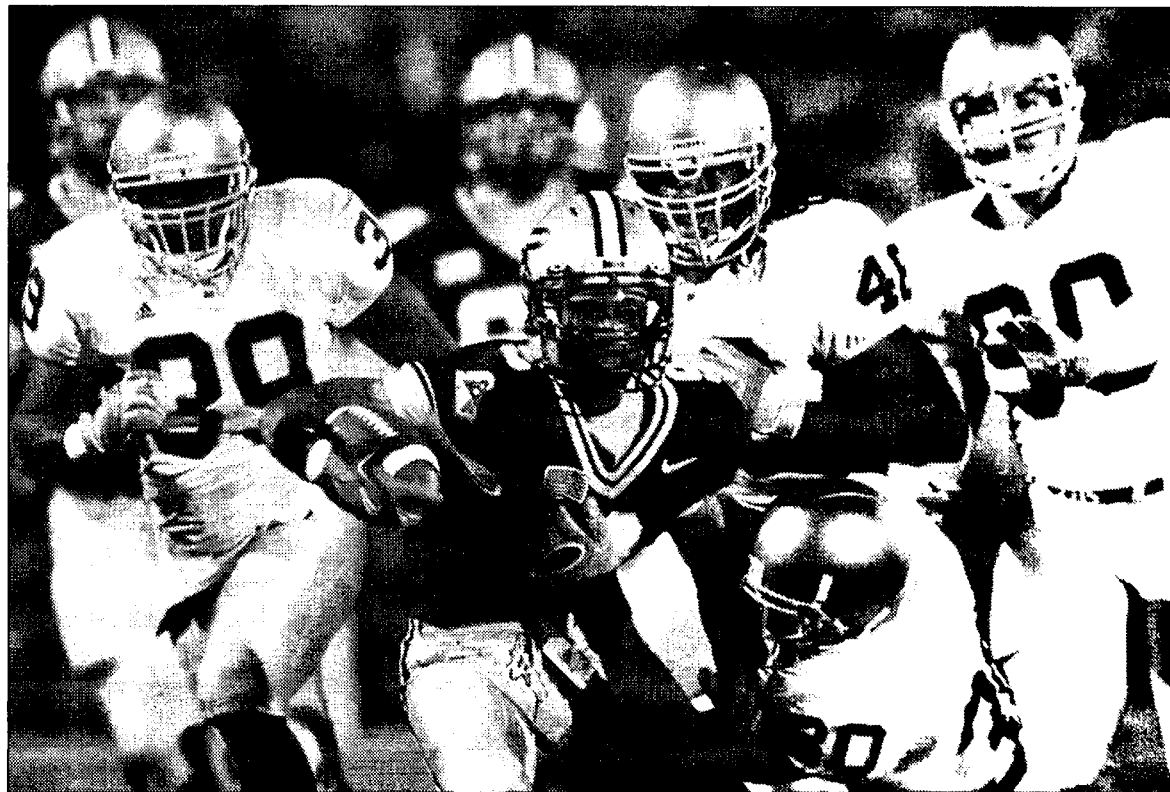
Irish free safety Chinedum Ndukwe, who was on the field last season when USC burned Notre Dame for 405 yards through the air, is certainly wary of Leinart's and his teammates' abilities.

"With Michigan we had three guys we were keying on — [wide receiver Steve] Breaston, [quarterback Chad] Henne and [running back

Mike] Hart," Ndukwe said. "But [now] we've got six guys that can score at any time, so it's a little bit different.

"When you look at their receivers, they all run well. They're also big, physical people ... they are extremely well-coached ... in every game tape that you watch."

Bill Lewis
Irish assistant coach



Irish cornerback Mike Richardson brings down Bollembakers' receiver Dorfen Bryant as linebackers Brandon Hoyte, left, and Corey Mays, center, give chase during Notre Dame's 49-28 win over Purdue Oct. 1.

They've got a whole bunch of different options to go to and different angles you have to always make sure you cover."

Besides running back Reggie Bush, who has 13 receptions this season, USC's Dwayne Jarrett and Steve Smith are the two most dangerous receivers on the team. Jarrett has 35 grabs and nine touchdowns, while Smith is averaging 21.3 yards per catch.

"It's not just Bush you have

to be aware of," Ndukwe said. "You got to be aware of ... everybody. They've got a lot of different players."

Even fullback David Kirtman is averaging 14.1 yards per catch on 12 receptions. Thirteen different Trojans have caught passes through five games.

The variety of weapons in the Trojans' arsenal is impressive to Lewis. But he also believes what pushes USC

above its competition is its talent plus the coaching it receives.

"When you look at their receivers, they all run well," Lewis said. "They're also big, physical people. But the third thing is ... they are extremely well coached, and that is very obvious in every game tape that you watch."

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USC reaping benefits of Bush's decision

By MATT PUGLISI
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Notre Dame's 44-13 loss to Southern California in Nov. 2002 hurt the Irish in more ways than one. Not only was the Trojan pounding the first of three straight 31-point Notre Dame losses to rival USC, but it also gave the Trojans the edge in a tight recruiting battle for the services of Helix High School running back Reggie Bush.

South Bend's distance from home — sunny San Diego —

Notre Dame's struggles and Southern California's success at the end of 2002 combined to put the Trojans over the top.

The Irish have since experienced firsthand the skill of a player they almost had their hands on. On only six carries in USC's 45-14 throttling of the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium in 2003, Bush tore up the Irish run defense to the tune of 89 yards, including an untouched 58-yard touchdown gallop on a brilliant cutback.

While he didn't have the same success on the ground in his second game in 2004 against

Notre Dame — Bush picked up just 25 yards on eight attempts — he managed to hurt the Irish in the passing game, snagging a 69-yard touchdown pass late in the third quarter to put the Trojans ahead 27-10. USC would go on to win the contest, 41-10.

Bush's ability to burn the opposition in a wide variety of ways makes him particularly dangerous.

"Everyone knows about Bush," Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said. "He can line up at receiver, line up at running back and hurt you in various

different positions.

"He's a great running back. He's powerful. He's also got that speed and that burst where he can make a long run."

Notre Dame right tackle Derek Landri knows Bush has the potential to change the complexity of the game with every carry.

"Every time he touches the ball, it turns into a highlight reel," Landri said.

Bush garnered national attention as a sophomore, recording 908 yards (6.3 yards per carry) on the ground and 509 yards and through the air. He found the end zone 13 times last season, nearly doubling his total from freshman year.

Through five games in 2005, Bush is on pace to obliterate the marks he set sophomore year, posting 601 rushing yards (8.5 yards per carry), 191 receiving yards and eight touchdowns.

Irish free safety Chinedum Ndukwe points to Bush's unparalleled drive as the root of his success.

"He plays so hard," Ndukwe said. "He has so much passion for the game it seems."

"I've never spoken to him in my life, but the intensity he plays the game with is so fierce and so competitive — I've never even met him — but I respect him."

As effective as Bush has been in shredding opposing defenses this season, fellow junior running back LenDale White — the thunder to Bush's lightning — has been equally, if not more impressive.

While White doesn't offer the same versatility as Bush, his

powerful running style coupled with Bush's quick cutting ability can exhaust defenses.

"Looking at it, a lot of their yards are coming in the third, fourth quarter, wearing down teams, beating up teams," Zbikowski said. "That's kind of what we're preparing for."

After recording more rushing yards and touchdowns than Bush as both a freshman and sophomore — White ran for 754 yards and 13 touchdowns his freshman year, followed by 1,103 yards and 15 scores as a sophomore — he's once again leading Bush in both categories, pounding out 616 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"He's been an integral part of our offense for a few years," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "Always when we've been effective offensively, we've had a guy who's real physical running the ball. He compliments what we do with Reggie and what we do with the passing game."

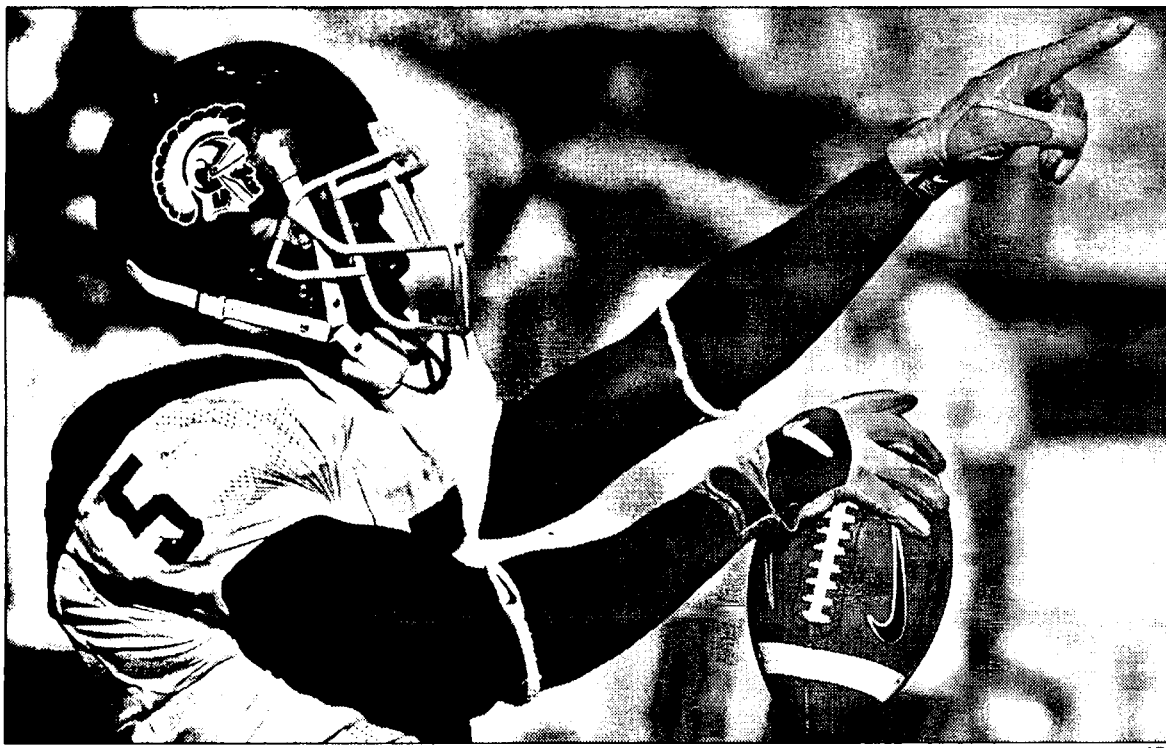
The USC rushing game is currently No. 1 in the country at 291.2 yards per game.

Factor in a potent passing attack led by Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart, and the Trojans have more offensive weapons than any team in college football.

But, in the end, the running game is the key.

"It seems like they start out trying new things on offense in the first half and if those things don't seem to go well ... they try to go back to the run," Irish defensive end Chris Frome said.

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Southern California running back Reggie Bush reacts after scoring the go-ahead touchdown during the fourth quarter of USC's 38-28 victory over Arizona State Oct. 1.

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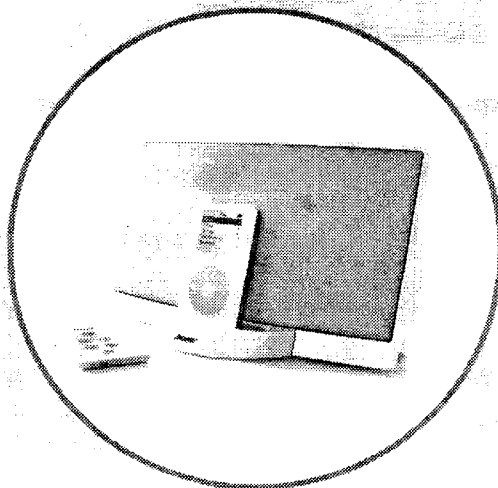
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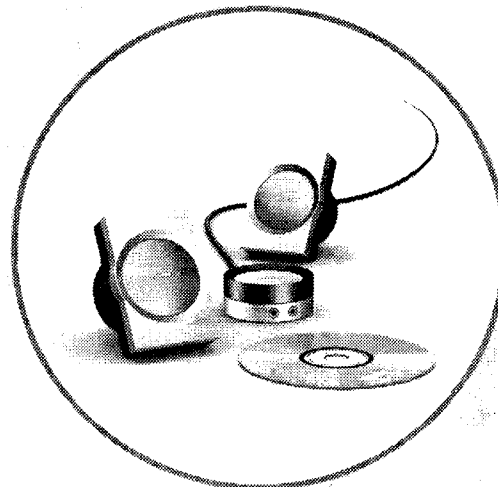
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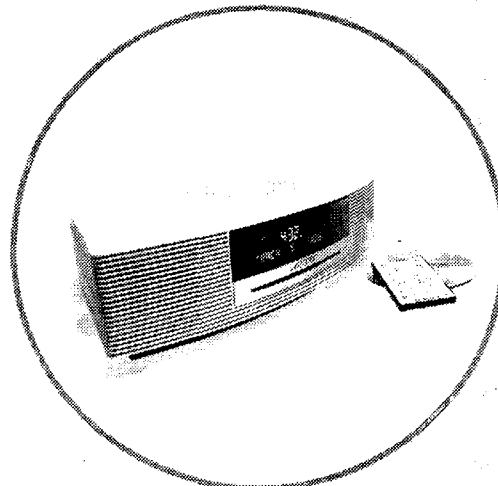
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